Wolfie's Magical Song

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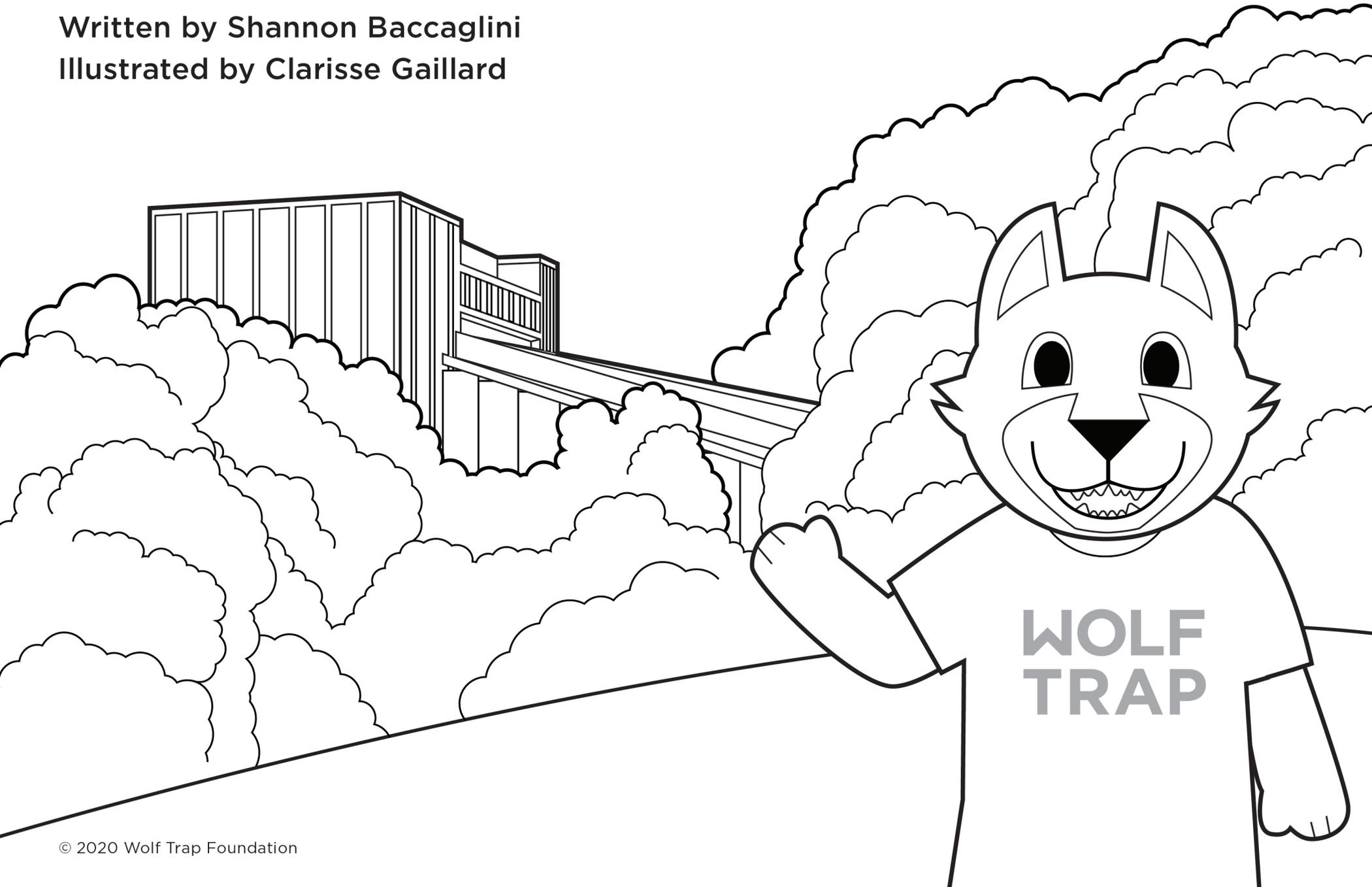
Wolfie lived at Wolf Trap,
A beautiful national Park,
Where every summer, dance and music
Would visit this landmark.

Wolfie loved this time of year,
When all his friends came out to play,
They'd sing all night under the stars,
And practice their ballet.
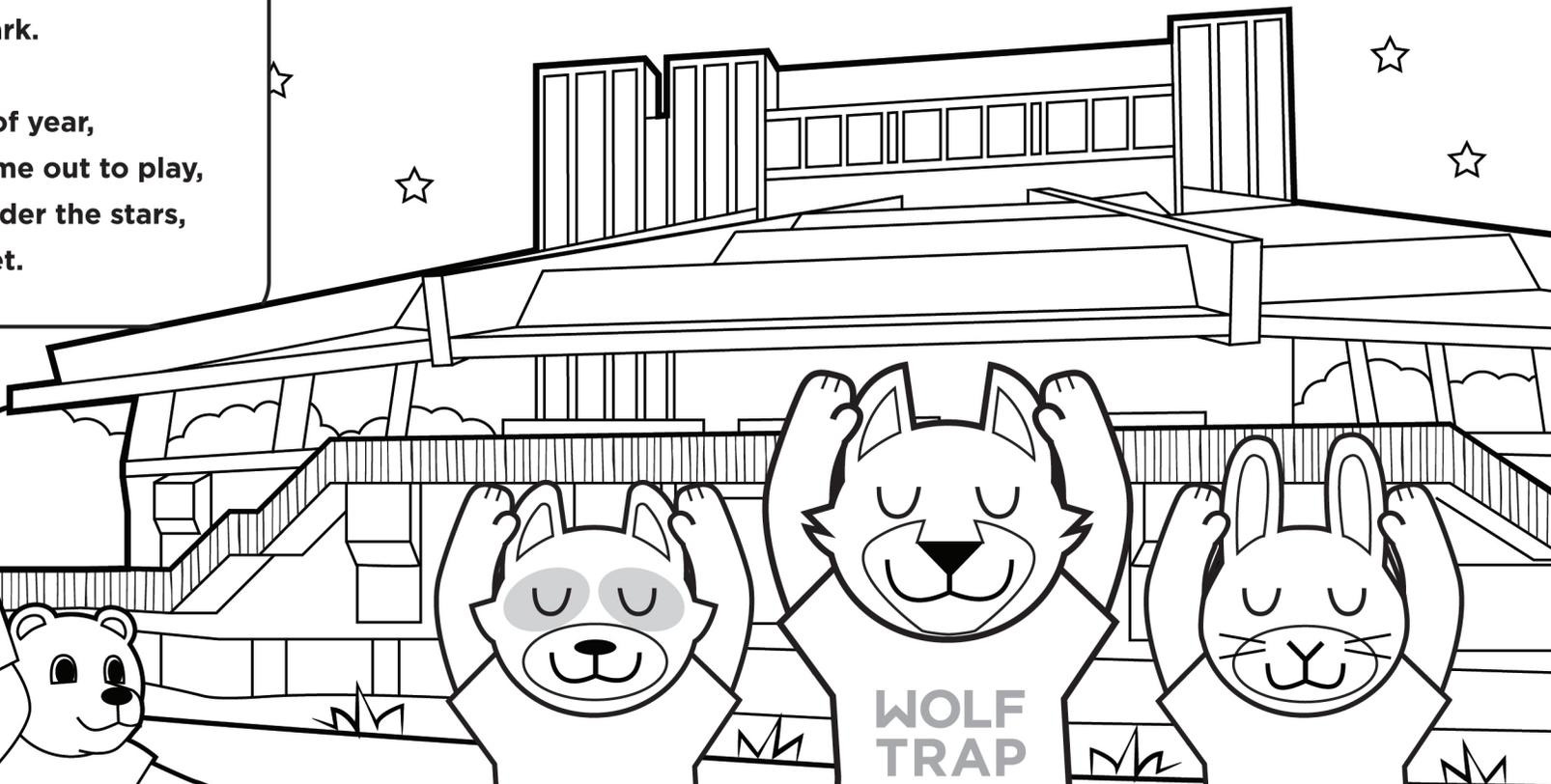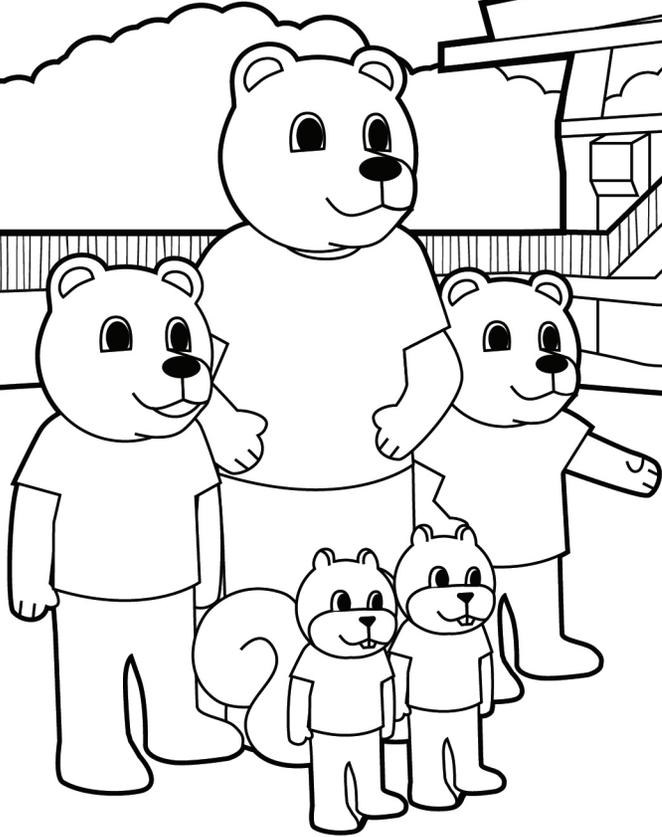
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But this time it was quiet,
No dancers and no bands,
No country, pop, or R&B,
No artists or stagehands.

The Park had fallen silent,
The world felt upside down,
And Wolfie was so lonely,
That he couldn't help but frown.

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What is Wolf Trap without opera?
Without field trips, without fun?
Where will people go for picnics
To enjoy the lawn and sun?

Wolfie sat down and remembered
All the music that he loved,
So to make himself feel better,
He sang to the sky above.

He danced across the Meadow,
And he splashed around the creek,
And he just kept right on singing,
So he didn't feel so bleak.

And just then—something happened!
A quiet humming from the forest,
A golden flurry in mid-air,
The bees had formed a chorus!
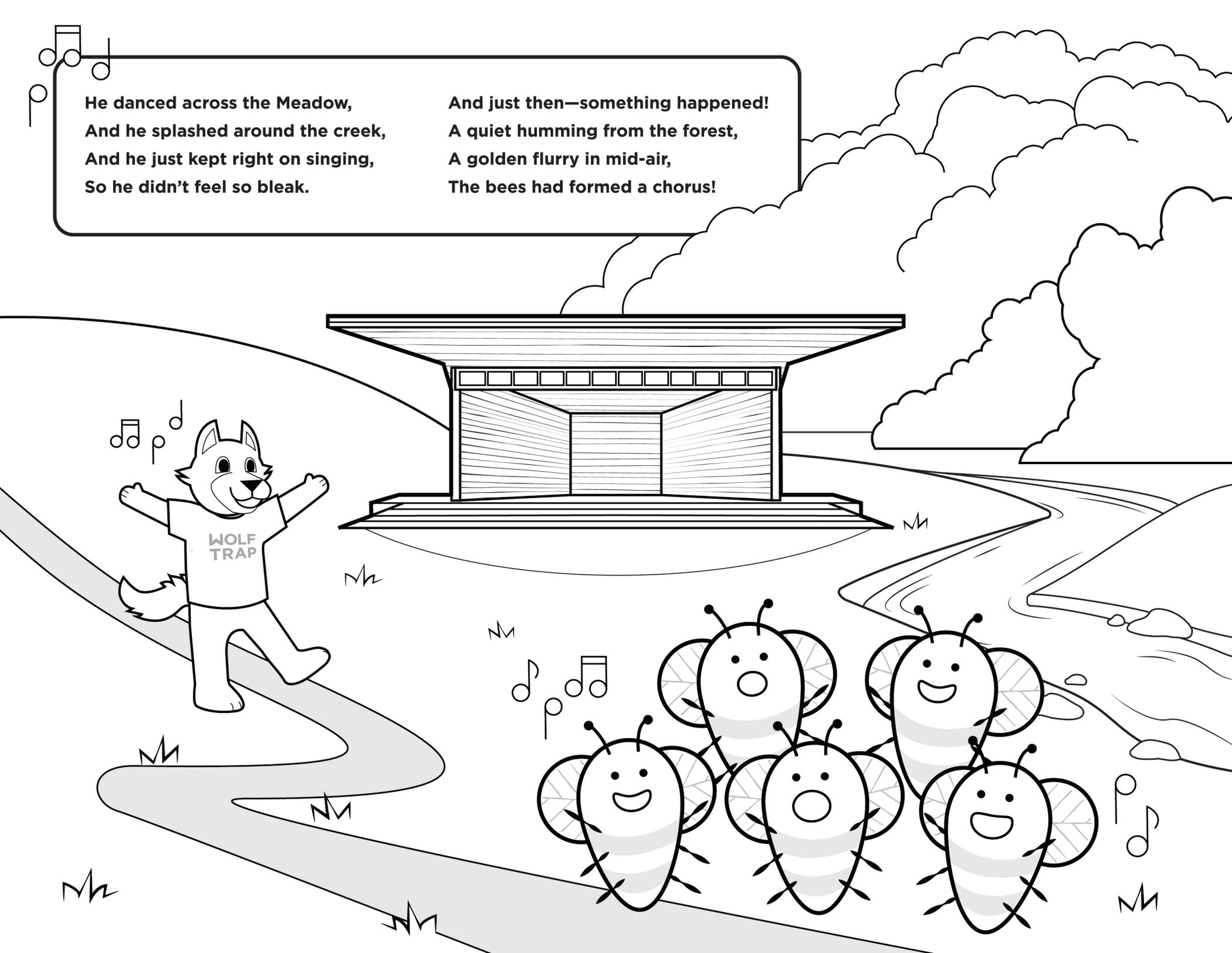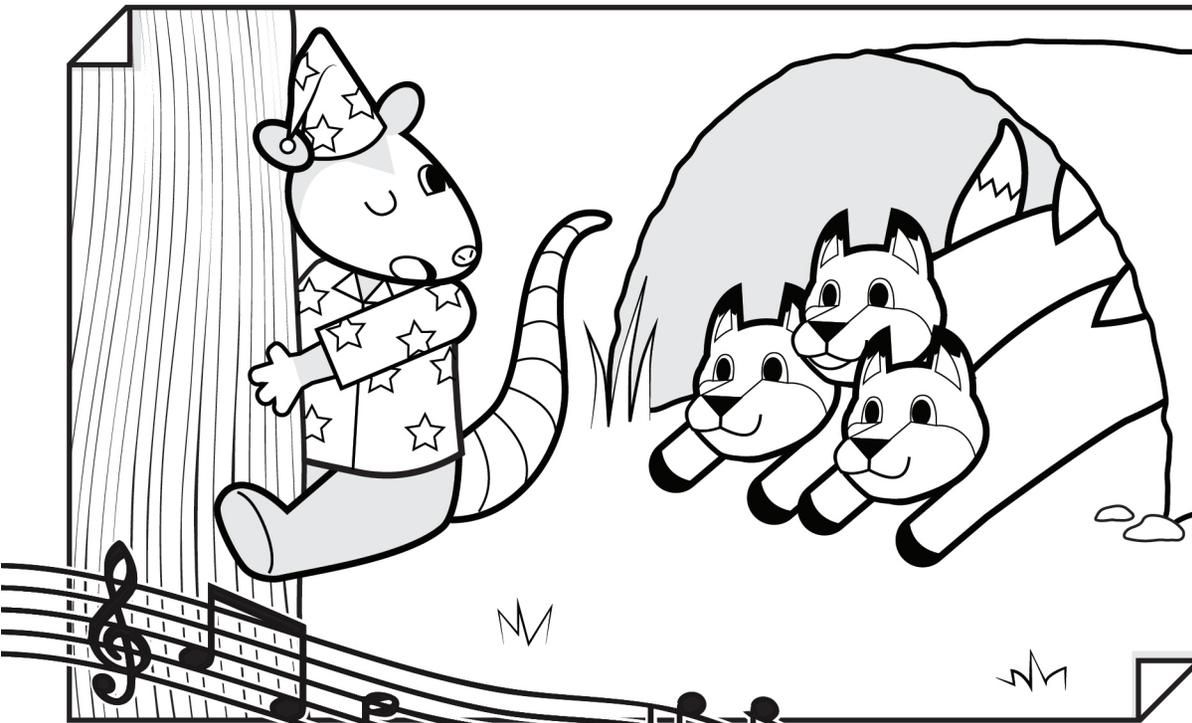
The foxes emerged from their den,
(...and awakened an opossum!)
"The music keeps us together!" thought Wolfie,
"And that is totally awesome!"

He heard the turtles from the pond,
And some birds atop a tree,
And the deer across the river,
Joined along in harmony!
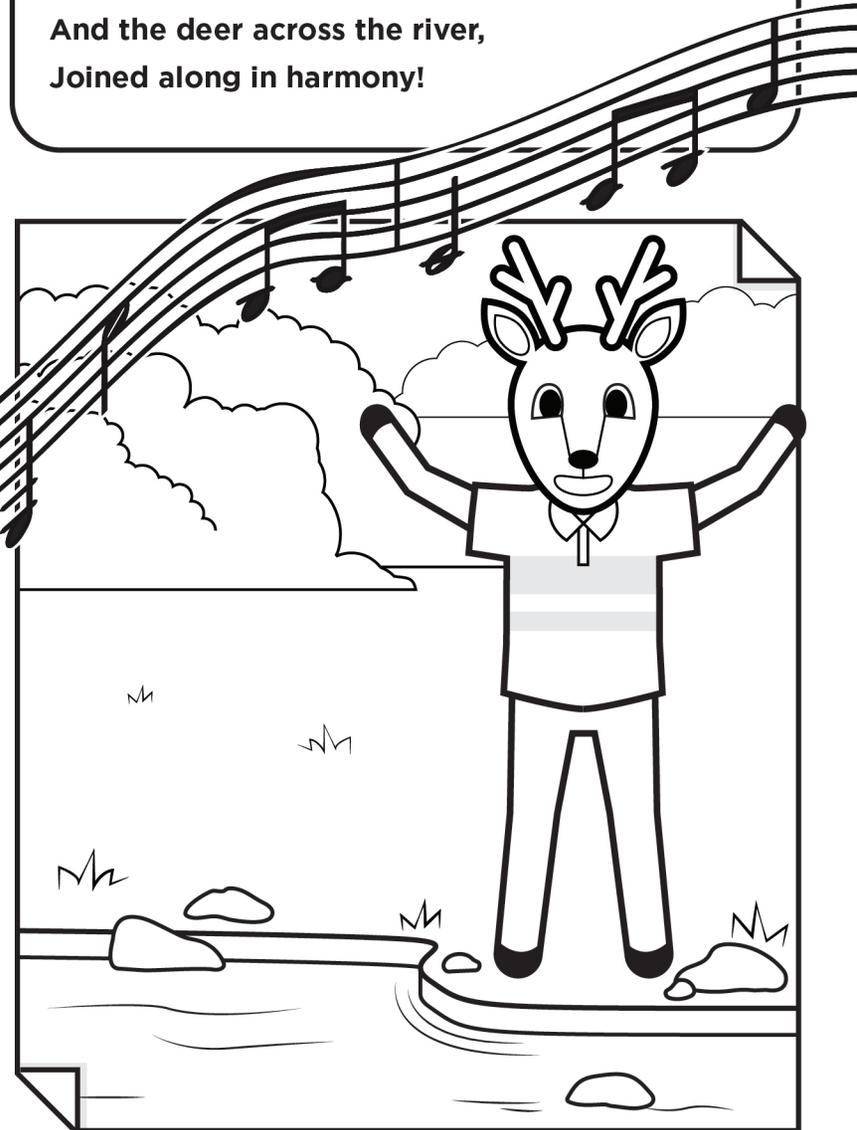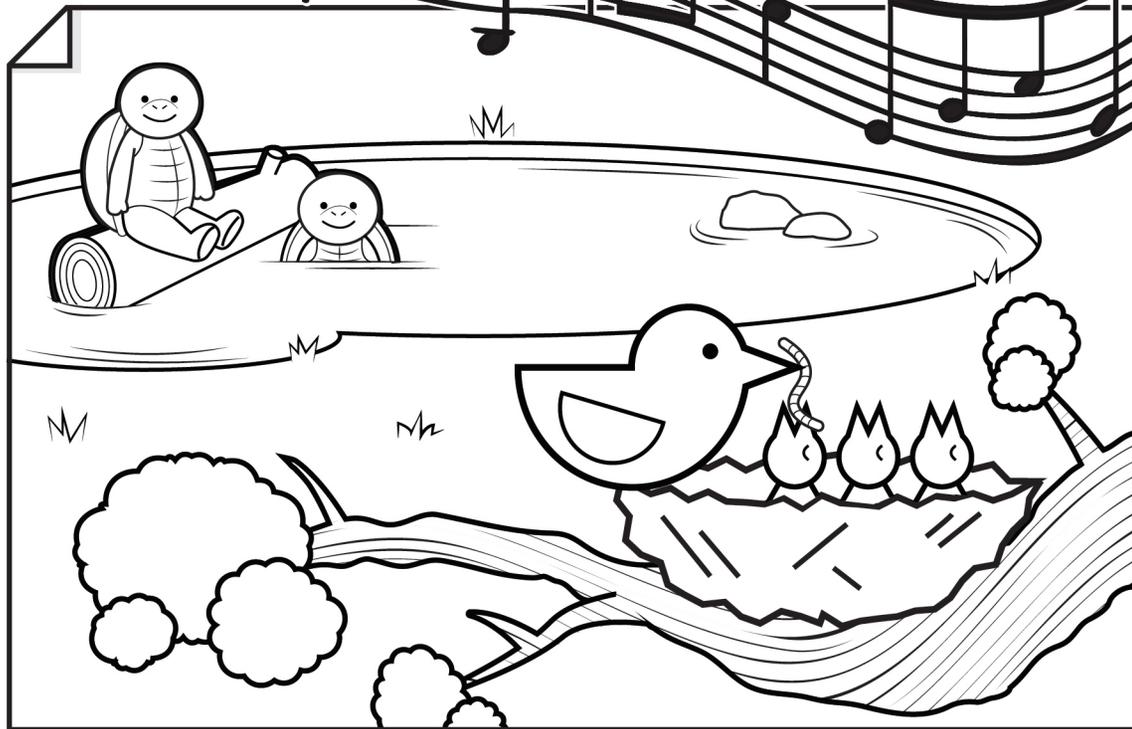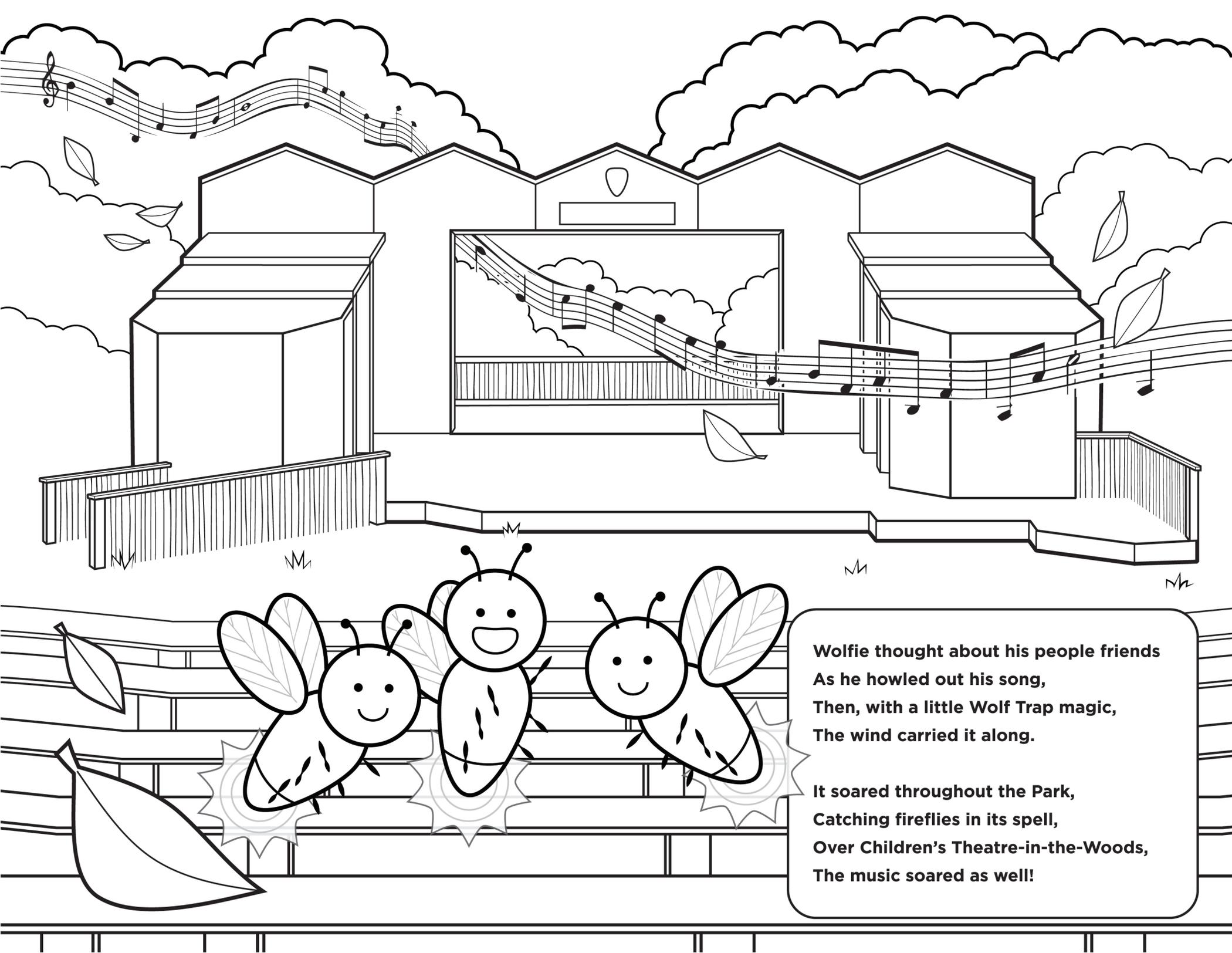
Wolfie thought about his people friends
As he howled out his song,
Then, with a little Wolf Trap magic,
The wind carried it along.

It soared throughout the Park,
Catching fireflies in its spell,
Over Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods,
The music soared as well!

Wolfie's song traveled through Virginia,
To Maryland and D.C.,
And since music is in our nature,
Its spell caught you and me!

Wolfie's heart grew happy,
As the music moved and twirled,
This one little song from one little wolf,
Could start to change the world.

Wolf Trap's spirit isn't quiet,
That's what Wolf Trap's all about,
Because the music moves us every day,
And its light never goes out.

And with that, Wolfie discovered
That even when we're apart,
That Wolf Trap is still living,
It's here within our hearts. ♡

ABOUT WOLF TRAP

Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts is a non-profit organization in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area dedicated to creating excellent performing arts experiences for the enrichment, education, and enjoyment of diverse audiences and annually presents approximately 200 performances across all genres. **Wolf Trap Foundation** serves as the official partner to the **National Park Service** in providing concert and performance programming within **Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts**, which is home to the architecturally-stunning **Filene Center** and charming **Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods**. The Foundation also presents year-round performances at **The Barns at Wolf Trap**, an intimate and acoustically excellent concert venue.

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Wolf Trap's online education programs offer a variety of digital resources for early learning at home, including a **Parent Resources** page that contains videos of Wolf Trap Teaching Artists leading arts-integrated education activities.

NATURE AROUND US

Did you know Wolf Trap is home to more than 40 different types of mammals, 30 varieties of fish, and nearly 130 species of birds? Among the native fauna, you'll find foxes, white-tailed deer, chipmunks, and opossums, along with majestic flora like oaks, red cedar, azalea, and dogwood to name a few.

What nature do you have around you? Whether you have squirrels and birds in your backyard or even just a few houseplants growing inside, you'll find that nature is always all around. Share your nature with us using #WolfTrap!

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