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***“When will I grow?”***  
asks Layo.



***“I don’t know,”*** replies Baba.  
***“Soon,”*** says Mama.

***“When you are ready,”***  
says Grandma.



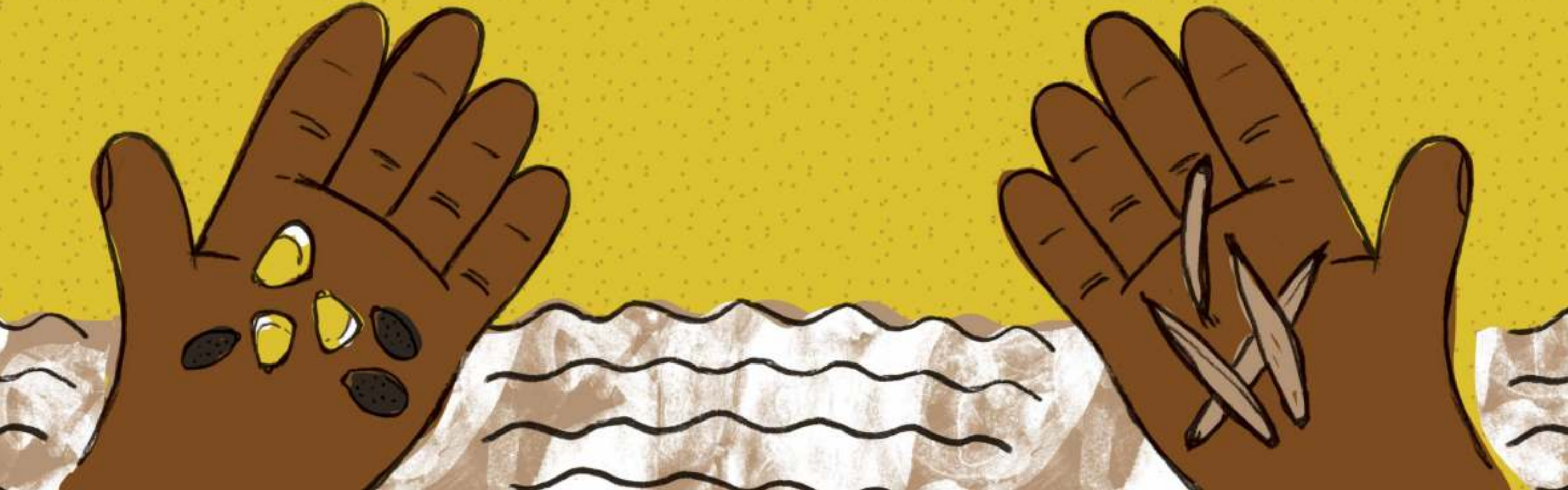


Grandma takes Layo  
to the farm.  
***“Let us plant some seeds.”***

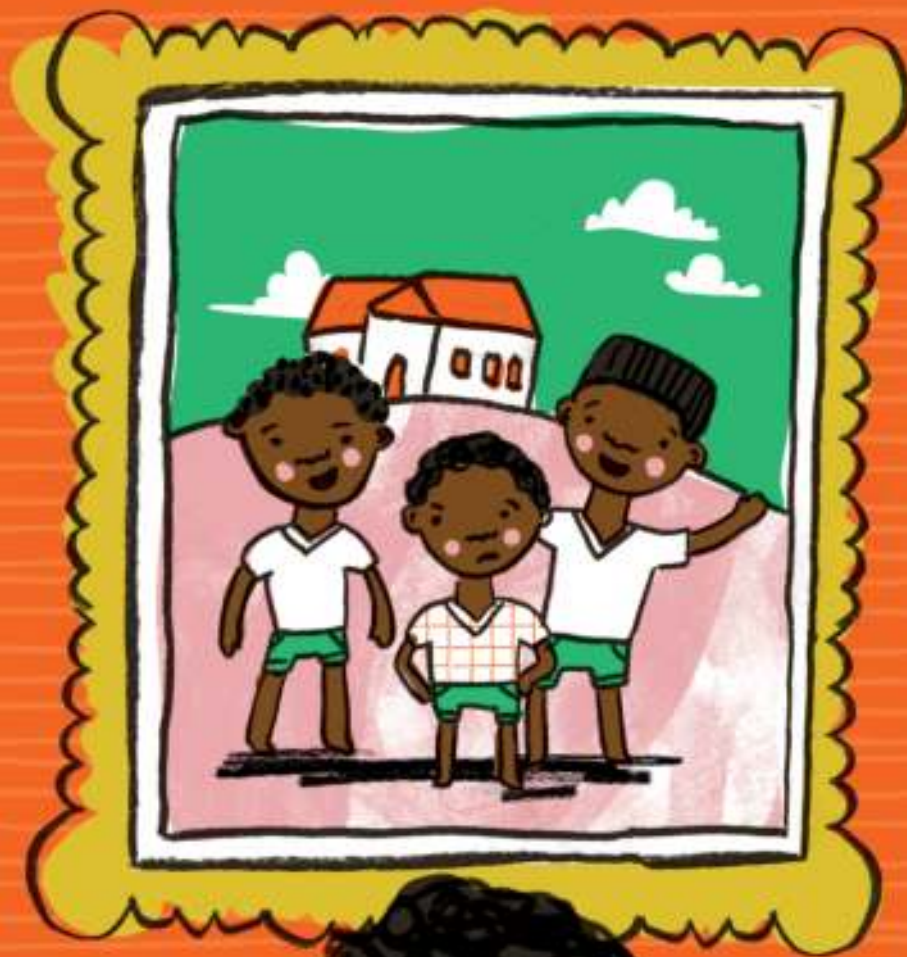


In one field they plant corn,  
and in another, melon.

**“What are these?”** asks Layo.  
**“Bamboo seeds,”** replies Grandma.







***“The corn and melon have grown well,”*** says Grandma.

***“What about the bamboo?”***  
asks Layo.

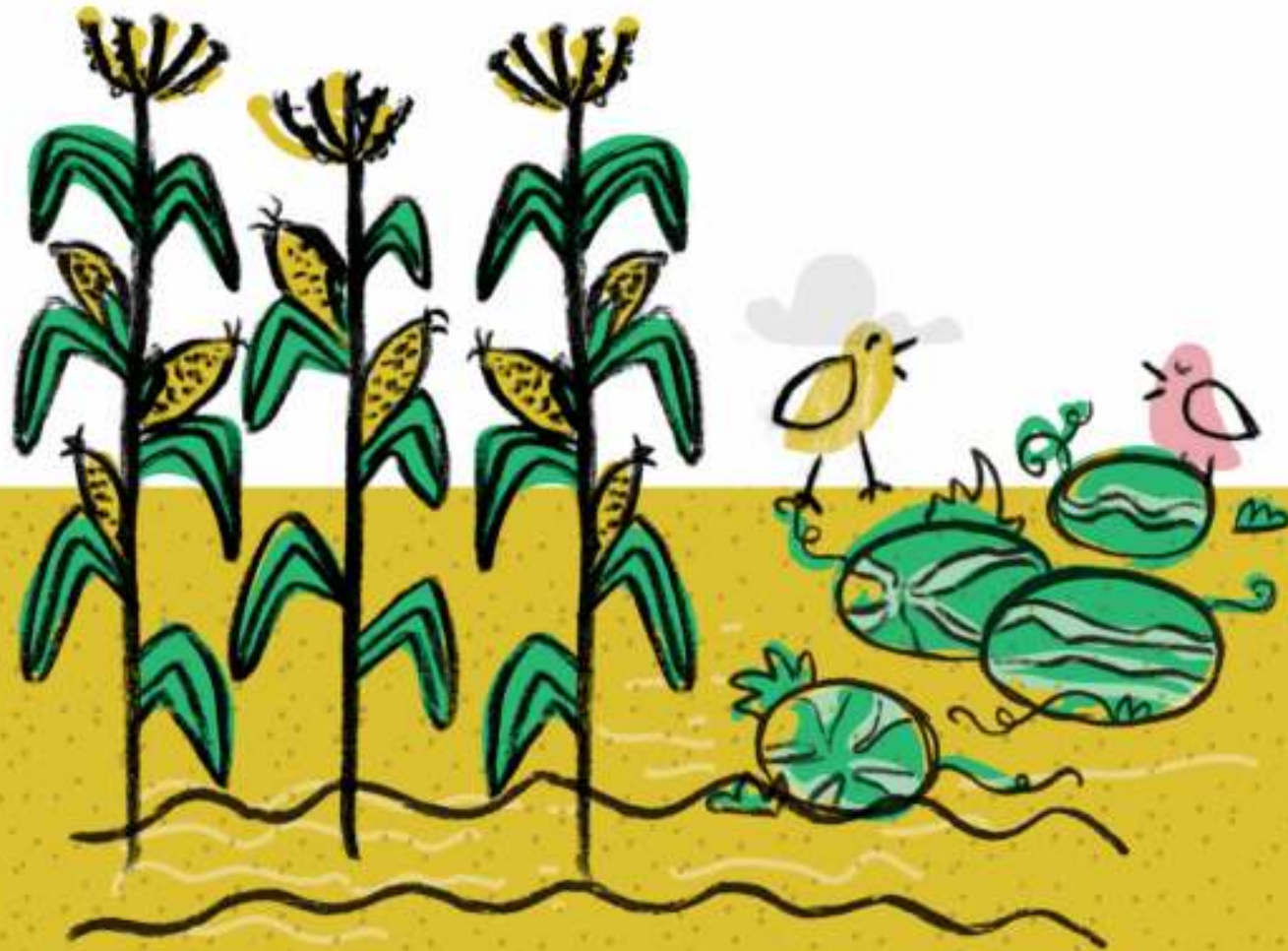


***“They will grow when they are ready.”***





***“Everything grows in its own time,”***  
says Grandma.







***“They have grown well,”***  
says Grandma.





***“You have grown well.”***

