Moutushi's Song

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Little Moutushi is very busy today.
She flies from one branch to another on the big neem tree.
On the big neem tree is a big beehive. Bees buzz around, collecting nectar.

“I want nectar too,” Moutushi says to herself.
“Let me look around and see if I can find some nectar,” Moutushi thinks.
It is a cold winter afternoon. In a big house by the neem tree, Didima is enjoying the afternoon sun. Flowers are blooming in the pots on the balcony.
Phat Phat Phat!
Moutushi flies down to a pretty red flower. She drinks nectar with her needle-like beak.
“Aah, my tummy is full!” Moutushi is feeling sleepy. “I will rock myself to sleep on the branch of this tree.”
Two mynahs come flying to the balcony. They start fighting with each other.
Oh no, Moutushi’s sleep flies away. She hates fighting. Moutushi decides to fly away as well. Phat Phat Phat!
Before she goes, she sings a little song for Didima.

“Didima calls, ‘Where are you?’
I am here.
Tui, tui, tuu.
Didima says, ‘Are you lost, are you?’
No, I am right here.
Tui, tui, tuu.
Didima asks, ‘Did you drink the nectar, did you?’
Yes, my tummy is full.
Tui, tui, tuu.”
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Moutushi is a little sunbird who loves brightly-coloured flowers. Didima has lots of them growing in her flower pots. Moutushi drinks nectar from the flowers, and in return gives Didima a beautiful gift. What could this gift be?

This is a Level 1 book for children who are eager to begin reading.

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