

BOMBUS

The Bumblebee



Created, just like you and me!



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With thanks and much affection
to my long-time friend Patricia Jane Hershiser,
who always encourages me to “take-off and fly.”

— E. L.



To the other three in our family beehive:

Helen, Jonathan, and Paul.

Without their unsolicited opinions
this book would have been easier, but not as good.

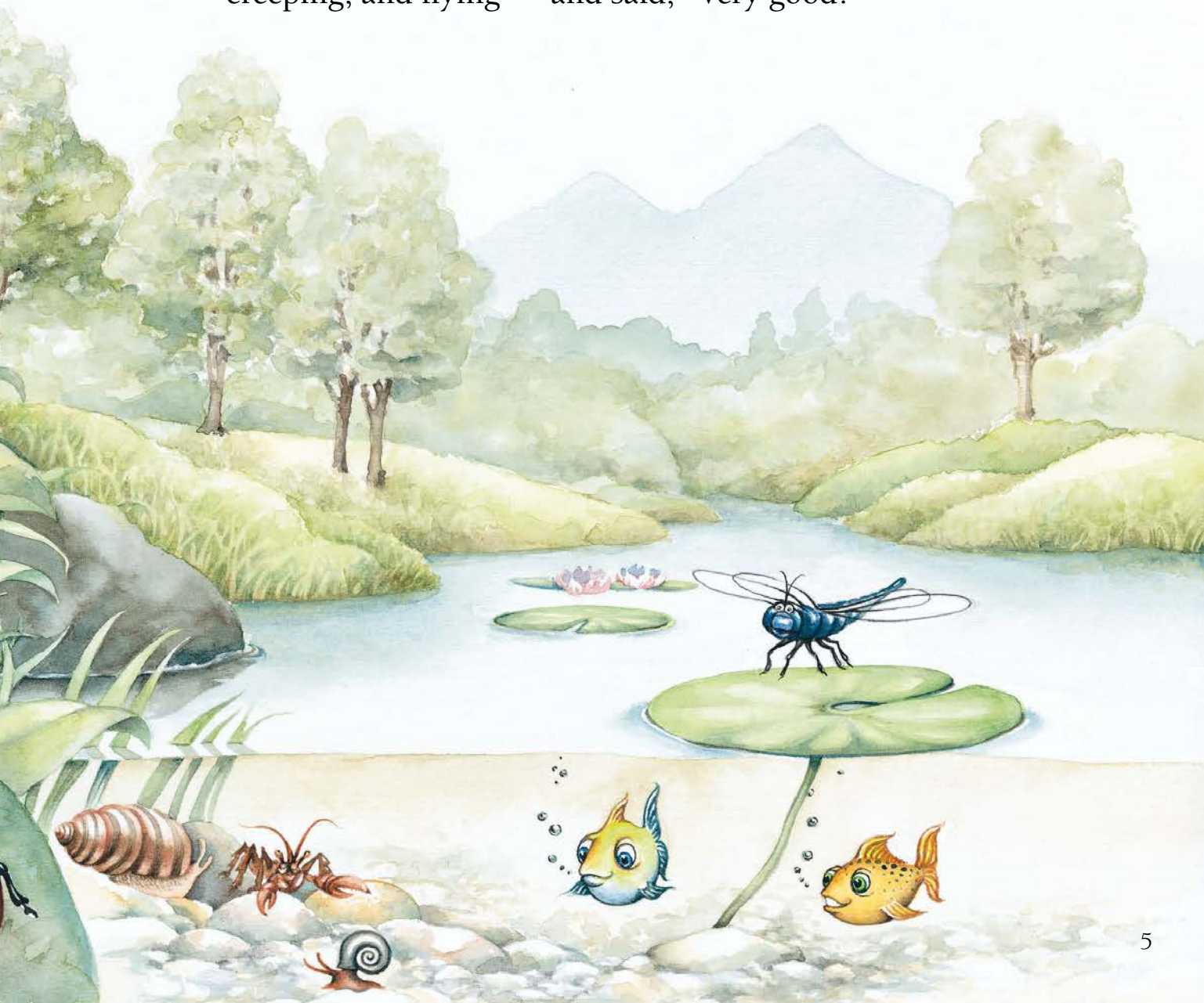
— D. H. & E. H.



God spoke and there was earth and sea and sky.

God spoke again and created all kinds of animals, birds, fish, and insects. Each creature, great or small, was different from any other one.

God watched them all — swimming, swooping, leaping, creeping, and flying — and said, “Very good!”





Bombus, one of the bumblebees God created, bobbed among the flowers of the new earth. Like the honeybees, he drank nectar for breakfast, lunch, supper, and snacks. Unlike the honeybees, however, he could barely squeeze his big, fat body into some of the blossoms.



Bombus was big, and he was noisy. Other bees buzzed. The bumblebee rumbled. Also, he was clumsy. While the honeybees darted in straight flight, he lurched from side to side, bumping stems and leaves.



