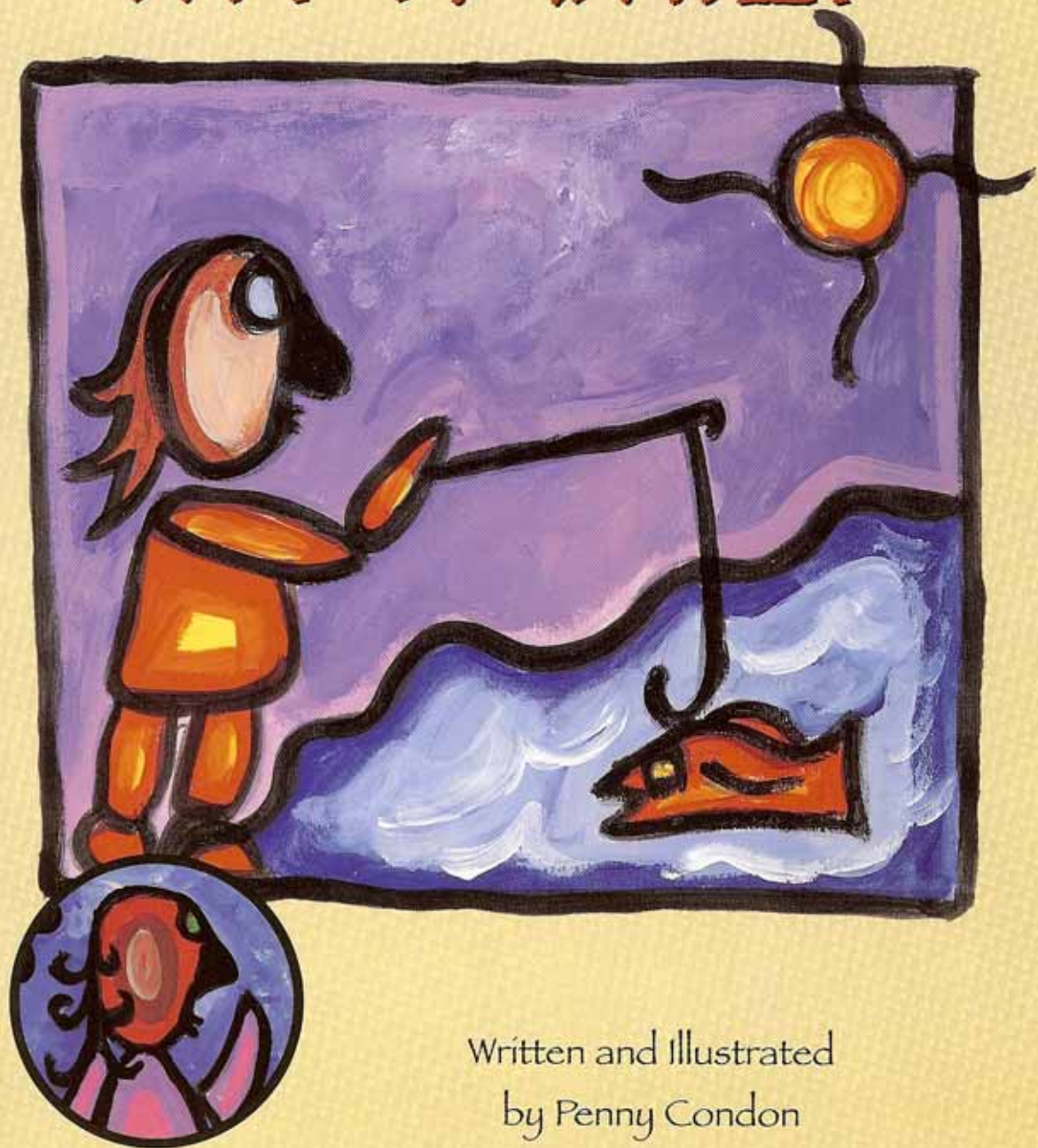


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My name is Kona and this is my family.
Tonight is special
because we are having a feast.



I am going to visit my grandfather.
He is going hunting. He has a gun.



Where is grandfather?



Grandfather!



He is in the bush.
He shoots a deer.



Where is grandmother?



Grandmother!



She is in the kitchen.
Grandmother loves to bake bannock.



Where is brother?



Brother!



He is gone fishing.
He loves to catch fish.



Where is sister?



Sister!



She is cleaning and smoking the fish.



I am going berry picking.
I fill the pail. I love berries.



Grandfather



Brother



Kona



Grandmother



Sister



Where is mother?



Mother!



Mother is cooking the berries.



Where is father?



Father!



Father chops the wood.



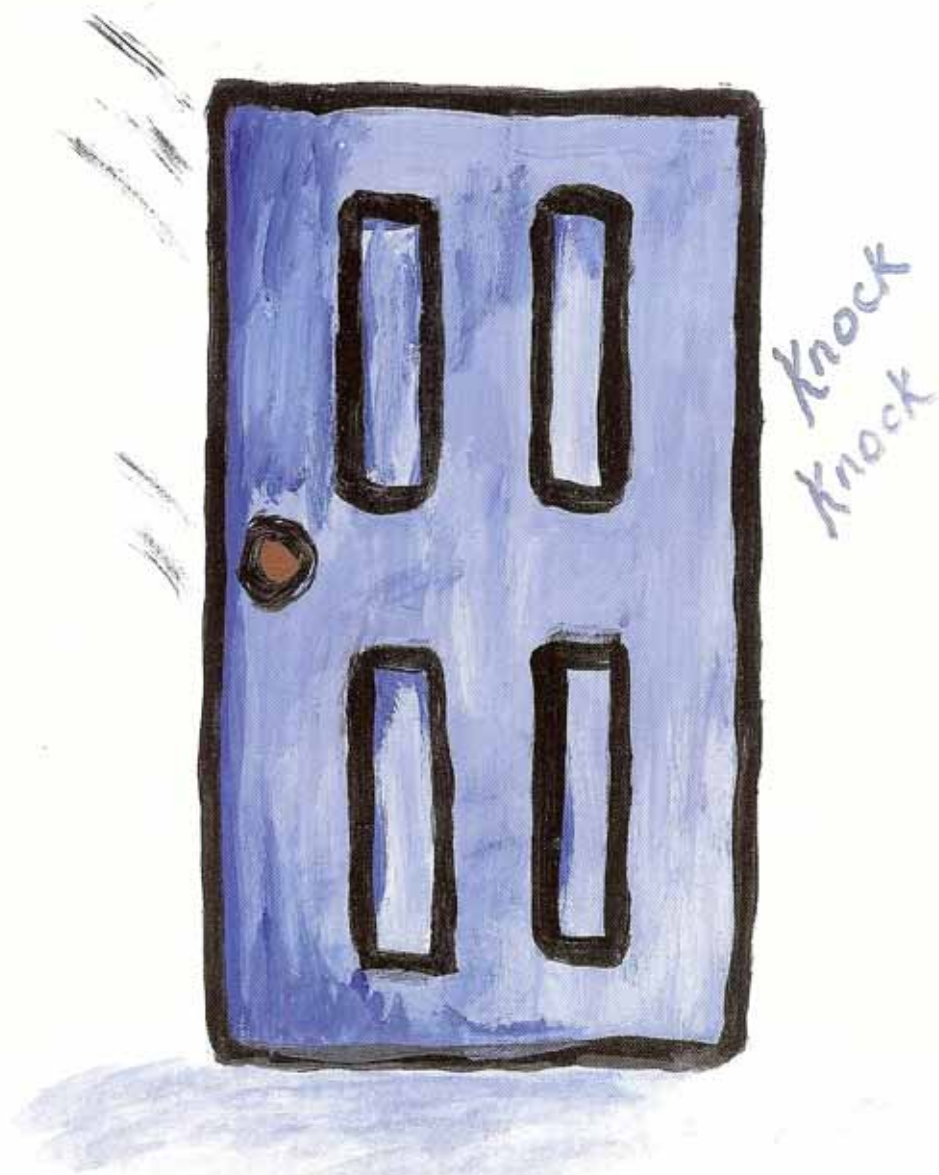
Where is the cat?



Cat!



He is outside hiding from the dog.



"Knock, Knock" Who could that be?
It is the rest of my family.



Aunties, uncles and cousins are coming
to join the feast.



"Let's eat!"

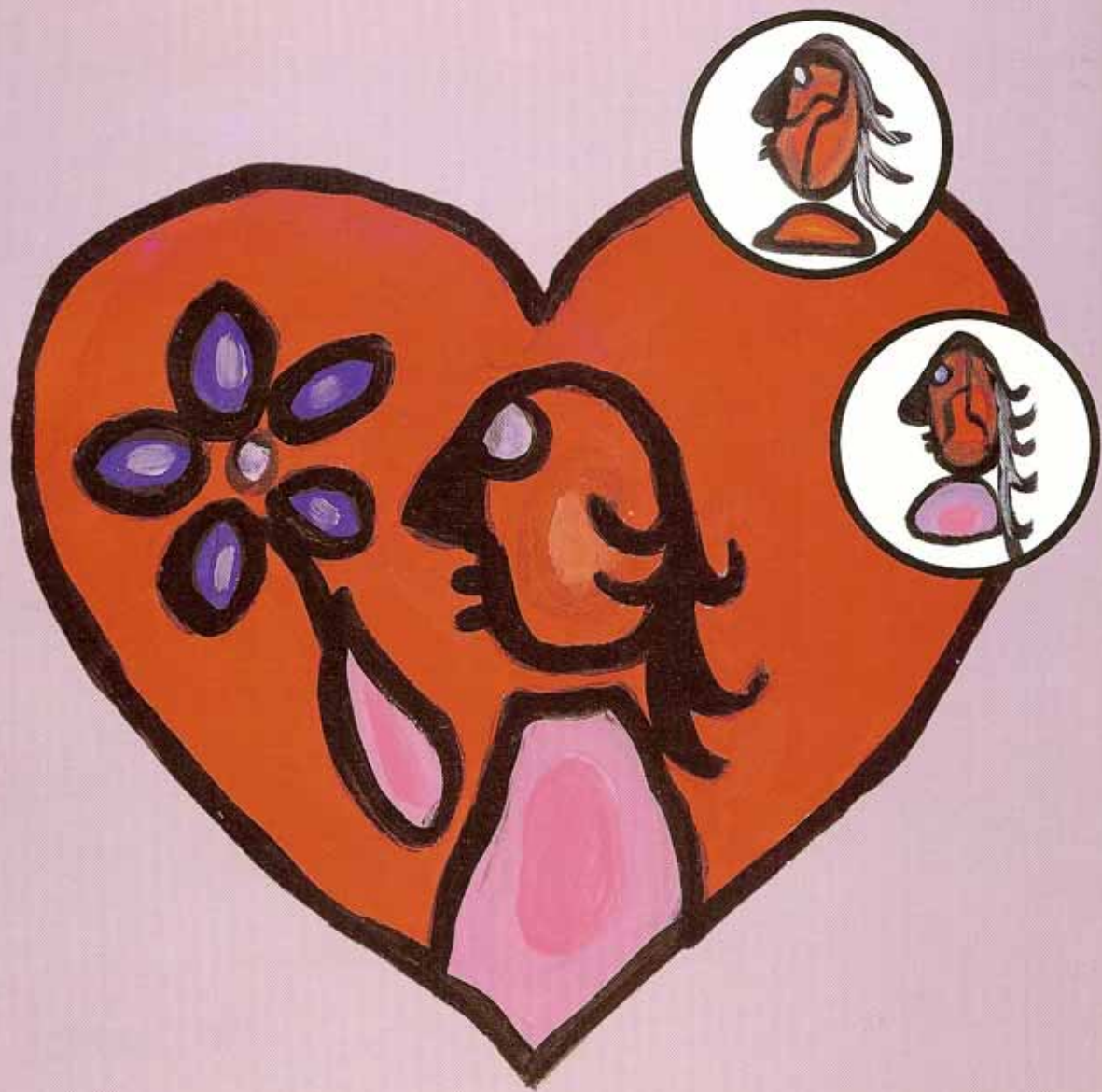
My cousins and I set out the food.



We like to eat.
We eat the berries, deer meat, fish
and bannock.



After the feast, uncle plays the fiddle.
We love jigging.



I love my family.



Glossary:

Bannock: Is a traditional Métis bread made from lard and flour. It is still enjoyed today by many Métis people.

Feast: A feast is an organized gathering of family and friends in order to celebrate and visit while enjoying specially prepared food. Sometimes feasts are more casual social gatherings other times they are ceremonial and carefully planned.

Jigging: Is a type of traditional dance done by many Métis people. It is usually danced to fiddle tunes.

Kona: Kona means snow in the Cree language.

About the Story

Join a Métis family gathering for a feast as told through the eyes of a young child named Kona. *My Family* tells about the roles of different family members while they prepare to have the feast. You will meet Kona's grandparents, parents, siblings, uncles, aunts and cousins as they each get ready for the family gathering.

This book is ideal for grades K-3.

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