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The Night Before Christmas

To my little helpers, Jay and Ben.

Happy Christmas! Love Daddy

~ MM



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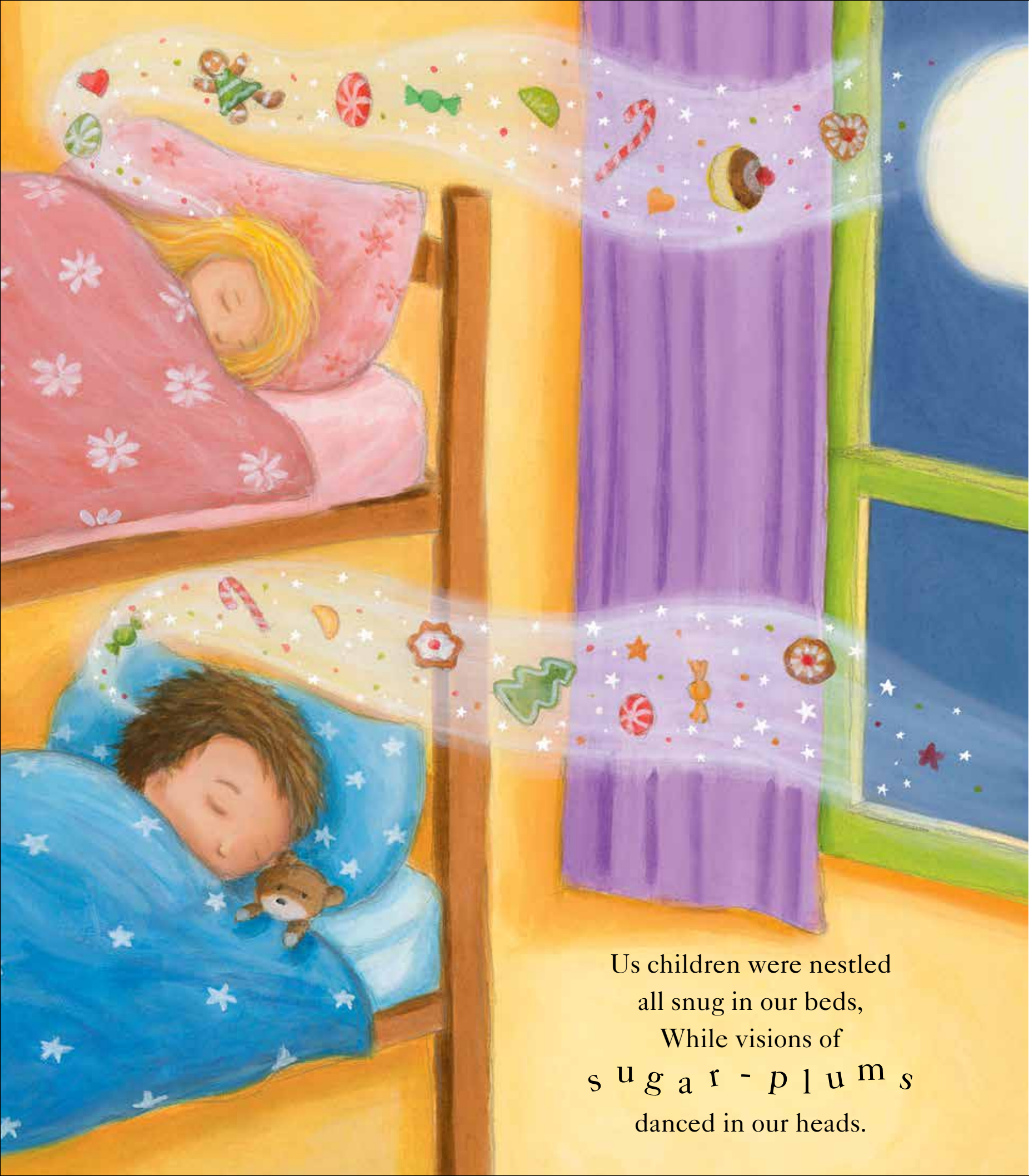
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'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse.



The stockings were hung
by the chimney with care,
In hopes that
St Nicholas
soon would be there.





Us children were nestled
all snug in our beds,
While visions of
s u g a r - p l u m s
danced in our heads.

And Mamma in her 'kerchief, and Dada in his cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.





When out on the lawn
there arose such a
clatter,
I sprang from the bed
to see what was the matter.

Away to the window
I flew like a **flash**,
Tore open the shutters
and threw up the **sash**.

