



## Night Song

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Bernardo loves the birdsong that heralds dawn; he wishes he could sing rather than croak. After trying and failing to be like the birds he admires, Bernardo slumps back to his pond, defeated—until a friend reminds him that he's part of a song all his own. Colored pencils are layered over watercolors in intricate illustrations that evoke the chill of misty mornings, the golden light of afternoons, and the gentle hush of twilight in this picture book about self-acceptance and belonging.

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