

It happened near here, Denver, and it's about six veggies that go after the birds on their migration down south.

Once upon a time, there were six vegetables: a broccoli, a tomato, a corn cob, a purple cabbage, a potato, and a carrot. "Why can't you stay?" the veggies asked the hummingbird.

"We need to go down south for the winter." He replied.

Then, Carrot had an idea! "What if we go with you?" He asked.

"I don't think you can." said the hummingbird. "So long!"

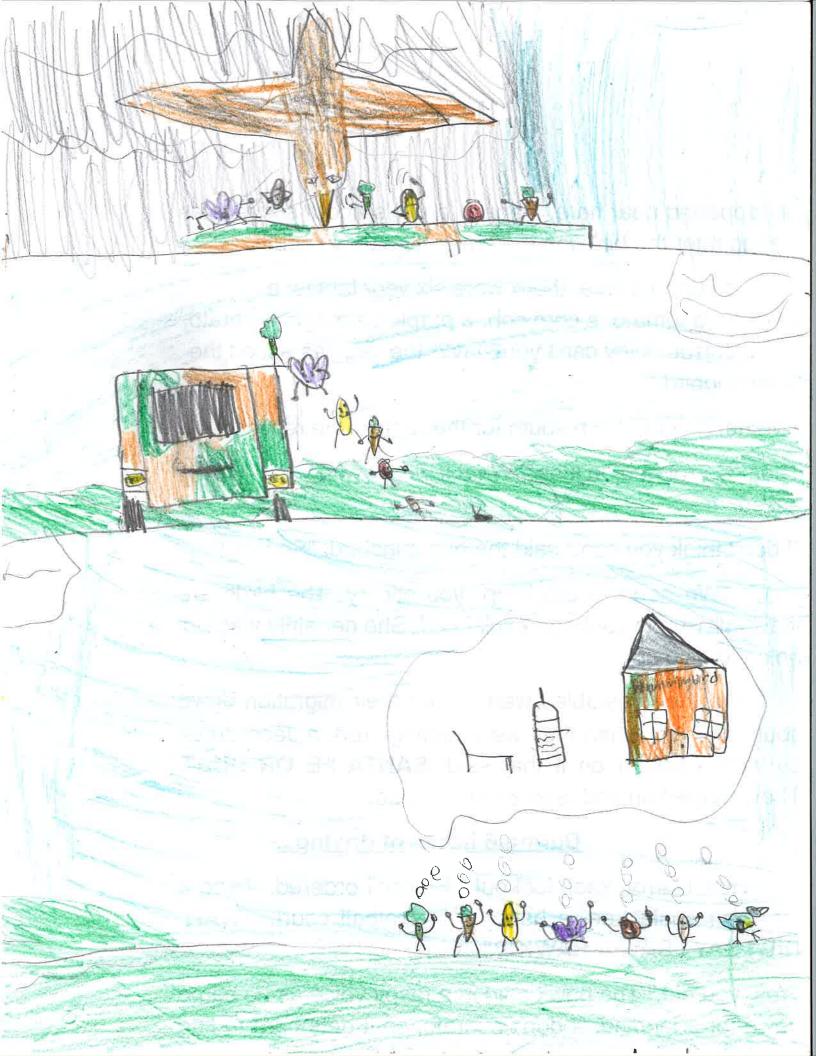
"We need to catch up, you stir fry! The birds are leaving!" Purple cabbage exclaimed. She certainly was *not* going to give up.

So, the vegetables went on for their migration down south and just when they were getting tired, a Jeep drove by with a sticker on it that said: **SANTA FE OR BUST.** They hopped on and relaxed for the ride.

### **During 6 hours of driving...**

"Hey, Carrot, keep lookout." Broccoli ordered. "I see a farm, an apple tree, a hawk, a basketball court... WAIT, DID I SAY I SAW A HAWK!?"

"Yes, you did." The hawk said in a raspy voice as he came down for a landing. "I don't migrate, so it gets hard to find



- food, w-w-w-h-h-h-i-i-i-i-i-ch is why I'm going to store you all in my nest for food in the winter."
- "Oh, man," Tomato said worriedly."
- "Charge!" Purple cabbage shouted.

I'll leave the fighting part out of the book because of this: It would be very violent and inappropriate in a little kid's book.

"Wewf, we fought off that angry bird brain," Corn cob said in relief.

#### After that...

"The car stopped, so we're here" Broccoli, Corn cob, and Tomato said.

- "Aaaaaaaaahhh! A Ilama!" Potato pointed at an ant as he said that.
- "Potato, that's an ant." the other five said.
- "Oh, I knew that." Potato said sarcastically. He looked at the ant and shivered.
- "Hey, how'd you get here?" a familiar voice asked.
- "Hummingbird!" All of the veggies except Potato shouted. Instead, as the others cheered 'Hummingbird,' he said 'Crow'!
- "PO-TA-TO," everyone said.
- "What, what?" Potato demanded. "What, what did I do? I demand an answer!"
- Everyone laughed. "Let's go get some shakes and relax." Hummingbird said. "We can stay at my new care place."



"Yyyyyaaaaaaaaaayyy!" All of the veggies cheered. They all walked to Pets Ave to get the shakes and suddenly Potato shouted, "Cowww!"

"Potato, we're NOT falling for it," The others said.

"No, seriously!" Potato exclaimed.

The others looked and there really was a cow! "Rrrrrrruuuuuunnnnn!" Tomato and Hummingbird shouted.

The cow ran after them until the fence stopped it. "I'll catch you next time." The cow said angrily.

"That was close." Corn cob said. Then, just when they were about to cross the street, a gigantic *monster* sped by, saying: VVVVVVRRRRRRRRRRRROOOOOOOOOMMM.
"Look out!"

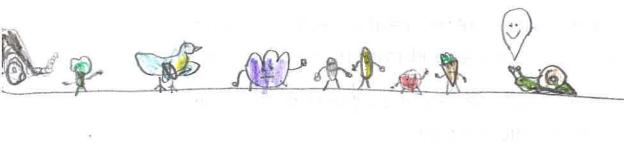
Hummingbird said. "Okaaaayyyy, maybe we should cross carefully." So, they looked both ways on the street and crossed. Soon enough, they got to Hummingbird's house. All but Potato. "Where's Potato?" They said.

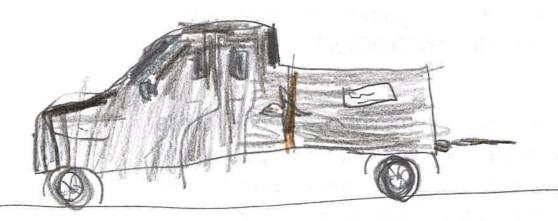
Just then, they all heard a raspy *c-caww c-caaw*. They looked up, and Carrot said: "Hey, it's that mean ol' hawk, and he's got Potato!"

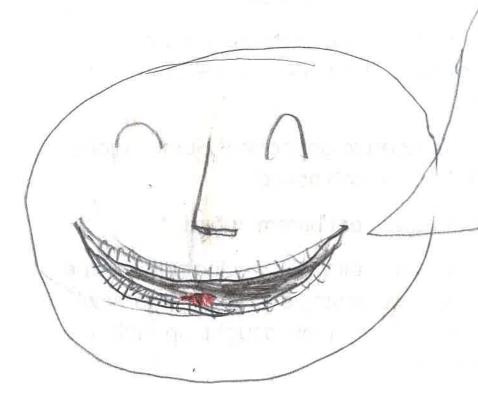
The others gasped. "We need to get potato! Hummingbird, can you give us a ride?" Corn cob asked.

"I guess," he said. "But hawks eat hummingbirds."

While they flew, Hummingbird was having a hard time dodging clouds. So, they kept losing and finding the hawk. But when the sky cleared up, they caught up with the hawk, and they got Potato.







Such a happy ending!

Unfortunately, Hummingbird's wings got too tired to fly when they were halfway there. Hummingbird crashed down and then he said: "I think I strained my wing, so I might be a little slow."

"No one is too slow for us but snails." The veggies said cheerfully.

Just then, a snail scootched over. "Oh, no offence." They said to the snail.

"III aaamm nnooott oooffeeennddeeedd." The snail said super-slowly.

#### 15 minutes later...

"We're heeeeeerrrrre." Hummingbird said. "Yyyaaaay yyy!" The vegetables exclaimed. So, they all had their shakes, played games, and had a wonderful time.

Although, I'm sure you're wondering: <u>What happened to</u> <u>the hawk?</u> Well, he got trapped in a cave back in Colorado because the hummingbird dropped and tied him to a truck that had a sticker that said: **COLORADO MINES OR BUST.** Oh, yeah, and the hummingbird went to the vet and the veterinarian made Hummingbird's wing better.

The end, well it happened near here, Santa Fe.

## THE END

# (HAPPY ENDING!)