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## Characters



ANT



GRASSHOPPER ONE



GRASSHOPPER TWO



GRASSHOPPER THREE



READER



**READER.** Three grasshoppers were singing and dancing in the sun. Along came Ant carrying some corn.

**GRASSHOPPER ONE.** Hello, Ant. It's a lovely summer's day today. Come and dance with us.

**ANT.** No thank you, Grasshopper. Winter is coming. I must take this corn home for the winter.

*ANT goes off carrying the corn.*

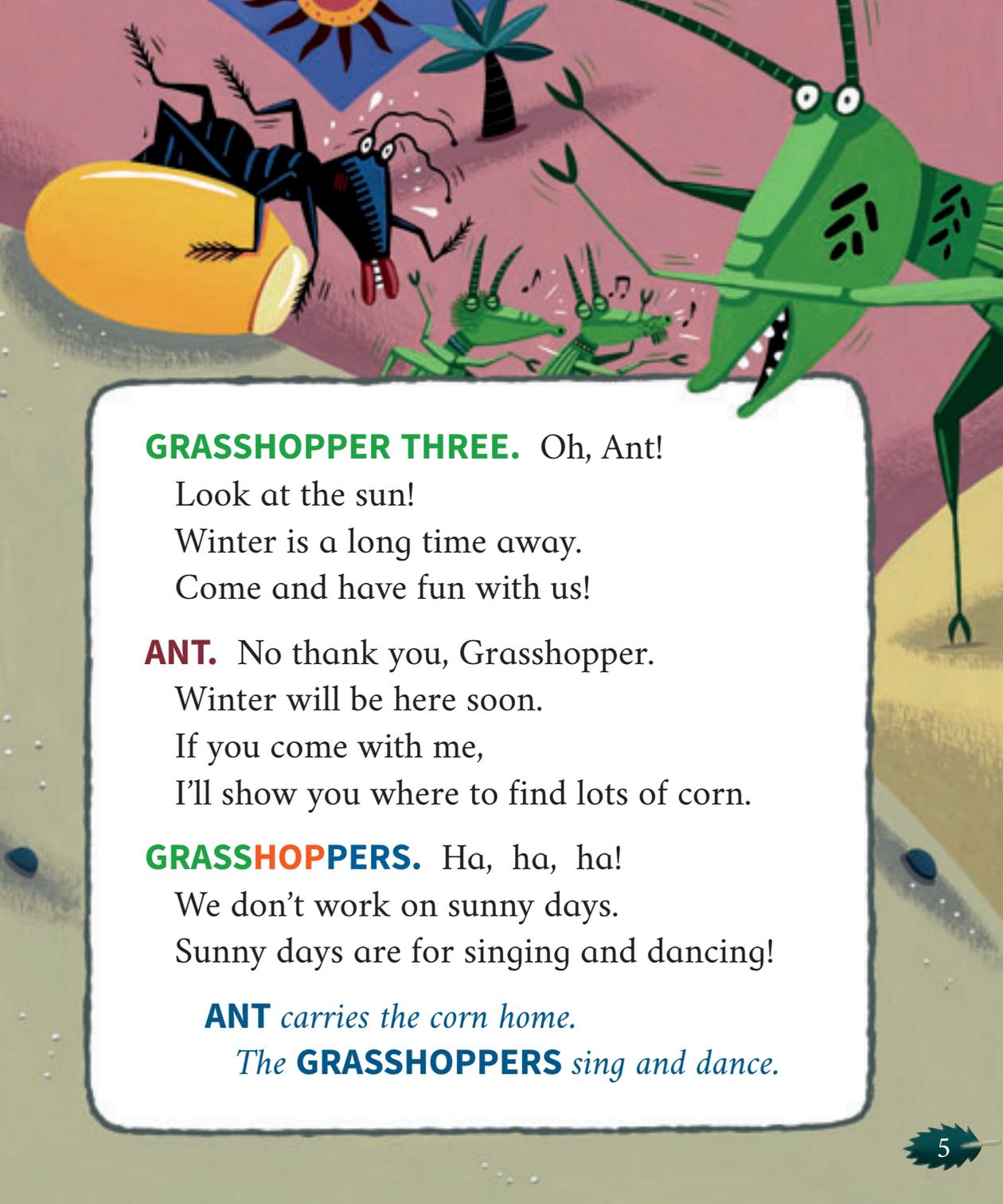


A colorful illustration of a grasshopper on a large green leaf. In the background, an ant is carrying a large yellow corn cob. The scene is set in a sunny outdoor environment with a tree and a blue sky.

**READER.** The next day,  
the grasshoppers were singing  
and dancing in the sun.  
Along came Ant  
with some more corn.

**GRASSHOPPER TWO.** Ant! Ant!  
Come and dance with us!

**ANT.** No thank you, Grasshopper.  
I'm taking this corn home  
for the winter.

A colorful illustration of an ant carrying a large yellow corn cob. In the background, several grasshoppers are dancing and singing in a sunny outdoor setting with a tree and a blue sky.

**GRASSHOPPER THREE.** Oh, Ant!  
Look at the sun!  
Winter is a long time away.  
Come and have fun with us!

**ANT.** No thank you, Grasshopper.  
Winter will be here soon.  
If you come with me,  
I'll show you where to find lots of corn.

**GRASSHOPPERS.** Ha, ha, ha!  
We don't work on sunny days.  
Sunny days are for singing and dancing!

**ANT** carries the corn home.  
The **GRASSHOPPERS** sing and dance.



**READER.** Day after day,  
the grasshoppers sang  
and danced. Day after day,  
Ant took corn to her home.  
The days got colder  
and colder.



**GRASSHOPPER ONE.** Oh! Winter is here,  
and I'm so hungry!

**GRASSHOPPER TWO.** Come on, we'll have to  
find some food.

**GRASSHOPPER THREE.** Where's Ant? She'll help  
us to find some corn.



**READER.** The grasshoppers looked everywhere for food. They looked everywhere for Ant, but they didn't find her. Ant was at home. She was warm and happy.

**ANT.** Corn pancakes for dinner today. Oh, I *do* like winter!

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