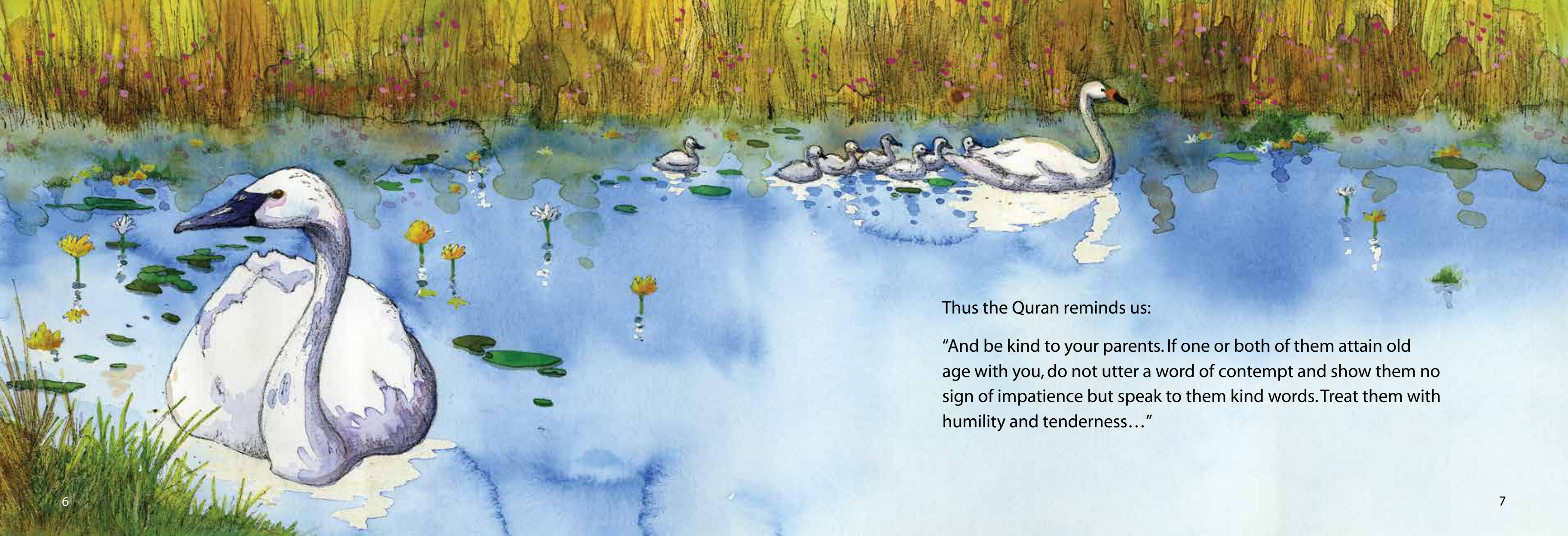
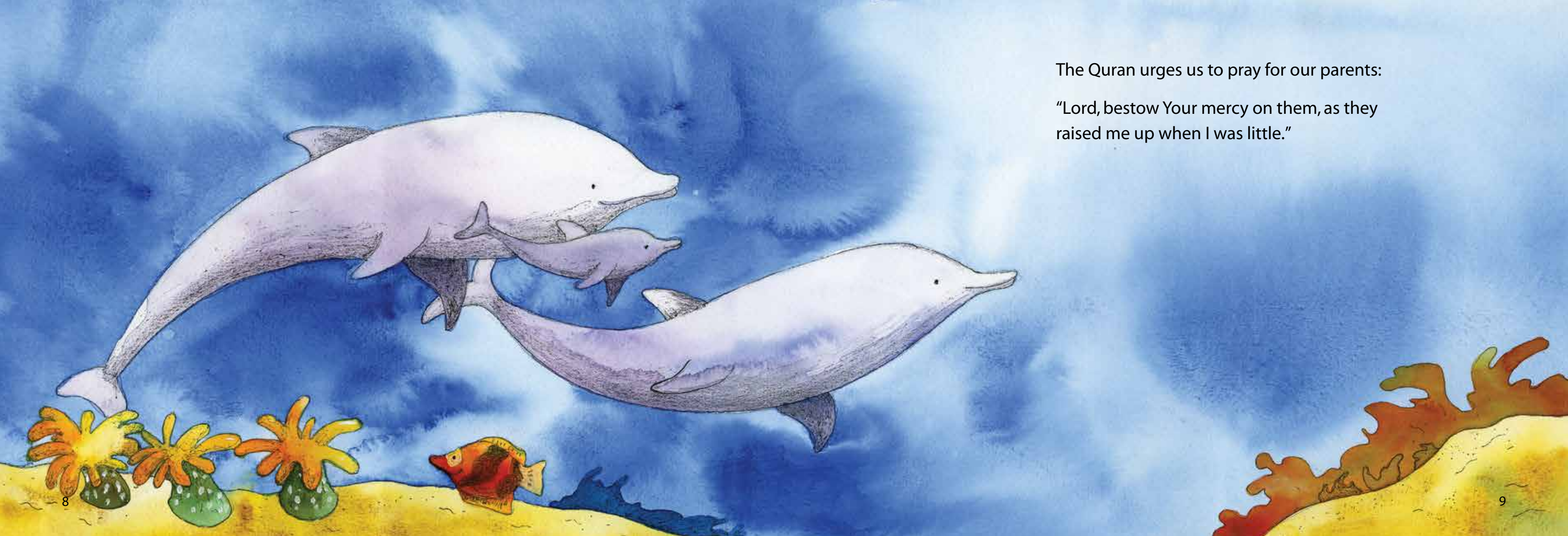


After his duty towards his Lord, the first duty of an individual is towards his parents. Numerous passages in the Quran and sayings of the Prophet Muhammad enjoin the believer to be good and courteous to his parents. This duty is an even greater necessity when the parents enter upon old age.



Thus the Quran reminds us:

“And be kind to your parents. If one or both of them attain old age with you, do not utter a word of contempt and show them no sign of impatience but speak to them kind words. Treat them with humility and tenderness...”



The Quran urges us to pray for our parents:
“Lord, bestow Your mercy on them, as they raised me up when I was little.”

We are reminded of our parents' painstaking care in our upbringing, especially that of our mother:

"We enjoined man to show kindness to his parents, for with much pain his mother bears him, and he is not weaned before he is two years of age."

