



**Written and Illustrated
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I wonder ...



*I wonder why my mind
keeps on wondering*



*About so many things
in third grade.*





Is it that I am
so excited -

Or is it that I am
actually afraid?

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I wonder why my sister
won't eat her breakfast

And why cursive letters
are so squiggly.

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*I wonder why my friends
aren't always friendly*

*And if it's really
best just being me.*





*I wonder why some
people have so
many freckles*

*And why some
are short and
others tall.*



*I wonder when I'm
inside the classroom,*



*Why are people singing
in the hall?*





I wonder why my mom
is allergic to all pets,

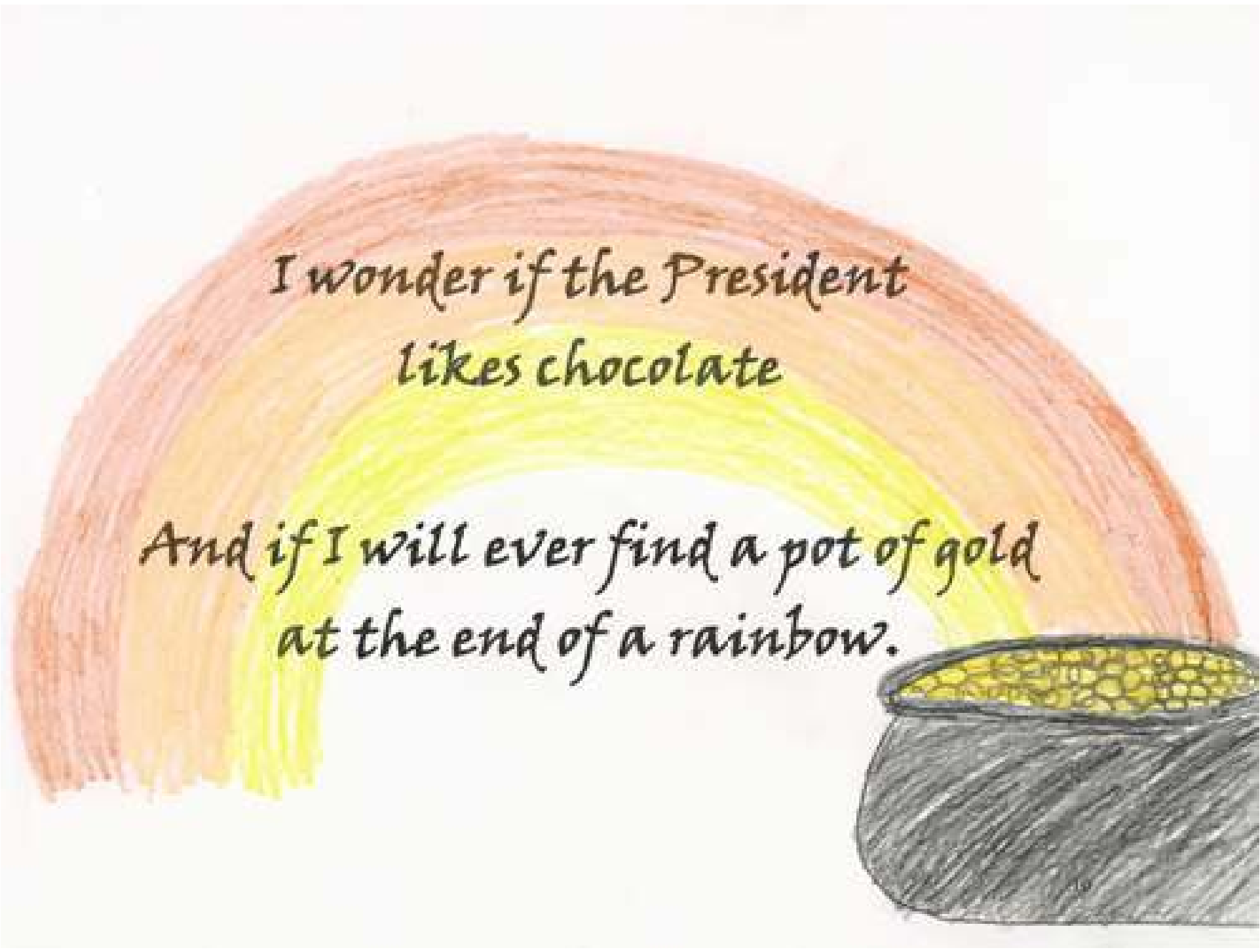
And why my dad
has to work
every day.



*I wonder why people
fight in wars*

*And why winter
won't seem to
go away.*



A hand-drawn illustration featuring a large, multi-colored rainbow arching across the upper half of the frame. The colors transition from red at the top to yellow in the middle, and then to orange and red at the bottom. Below the rainbow, on the right side, is a grey, textured pot filled with yellow, coin-like objects representing gold. The background is a plain, light color.

*I wonder if the President
likes chocolate*

*And if I will ever find a pot of gold
at the end of a rainbow.*



I wonder which
season

actually comes first



And how
electricity makes
light glow.



I wonder what I will be
when I grow up

And if my life will
always be okay.





*I wonder if I will always
keep on wondering*

As I'm growing older every day.

