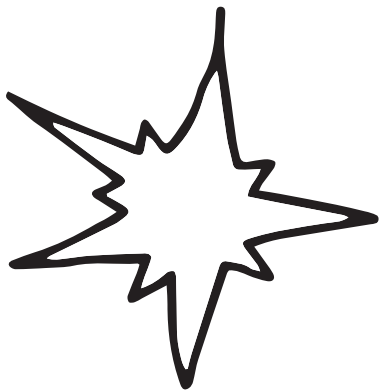
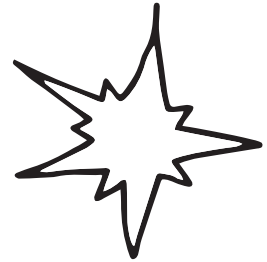
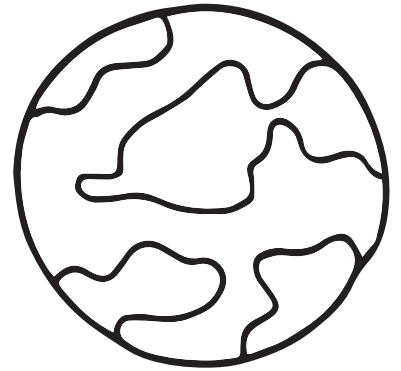


The Earth reminded us of a
Christmas tree
ornament

hanging in the blackness
of space. As we got
farther and farther away
it diminished in size.



Finally, it shrank to
the size of a marble,
the most beautiful marble
you can imagine.



That beautiful, warm,
living object looked so fragile,
so delicate, that if you touched
it with a finger it would
crumble and fall apart.

- James IRwin

