

### Going to School in India

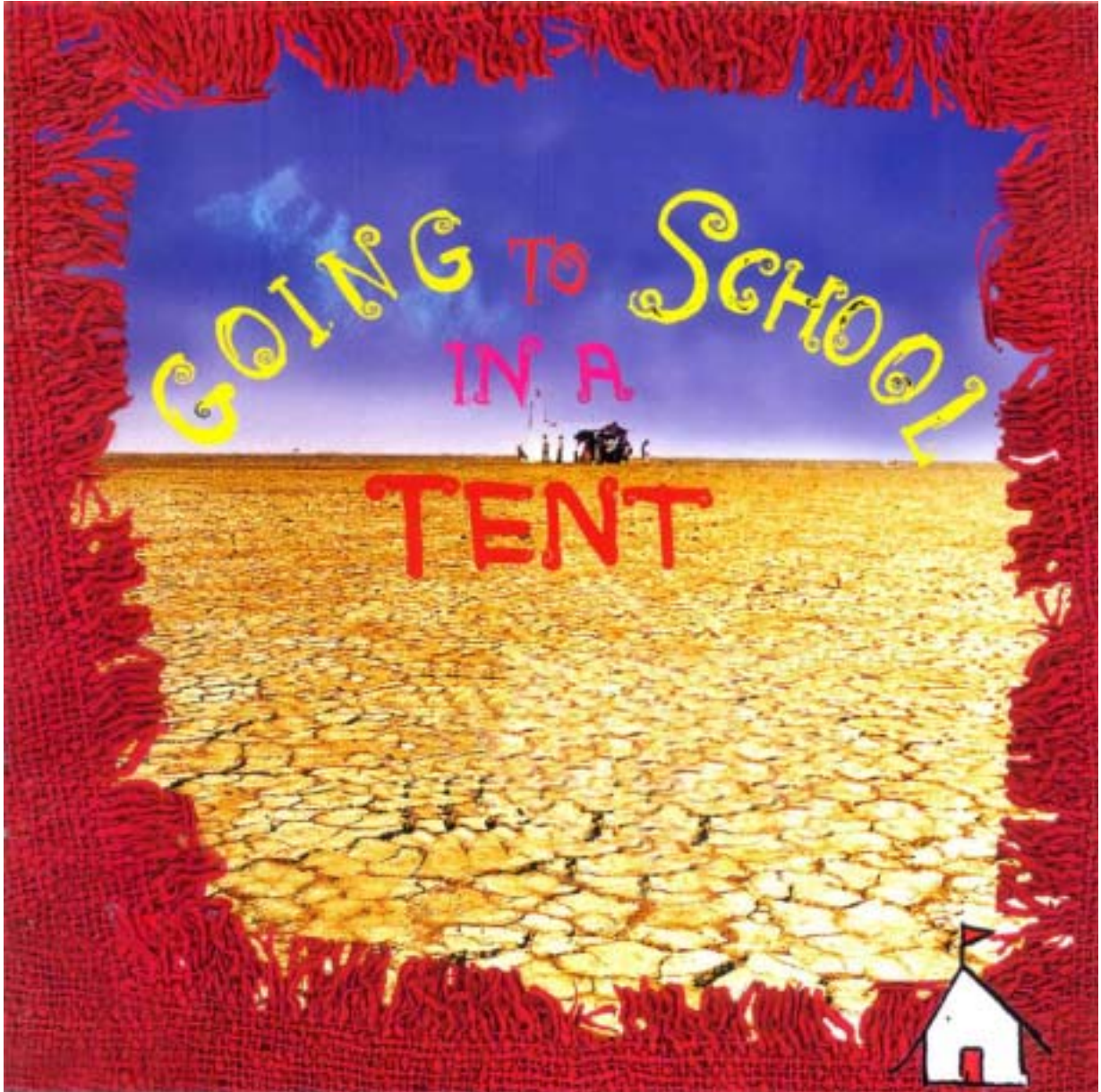
10 mini books celebrate what going to school can be

10 mini books tell the story of going to school in India through the eyes of a child who goes to school in places as unusual as a mud desert, in the dark, on a mountaintop and by wheelchair.

Going to School books are a celebration of what school can be.

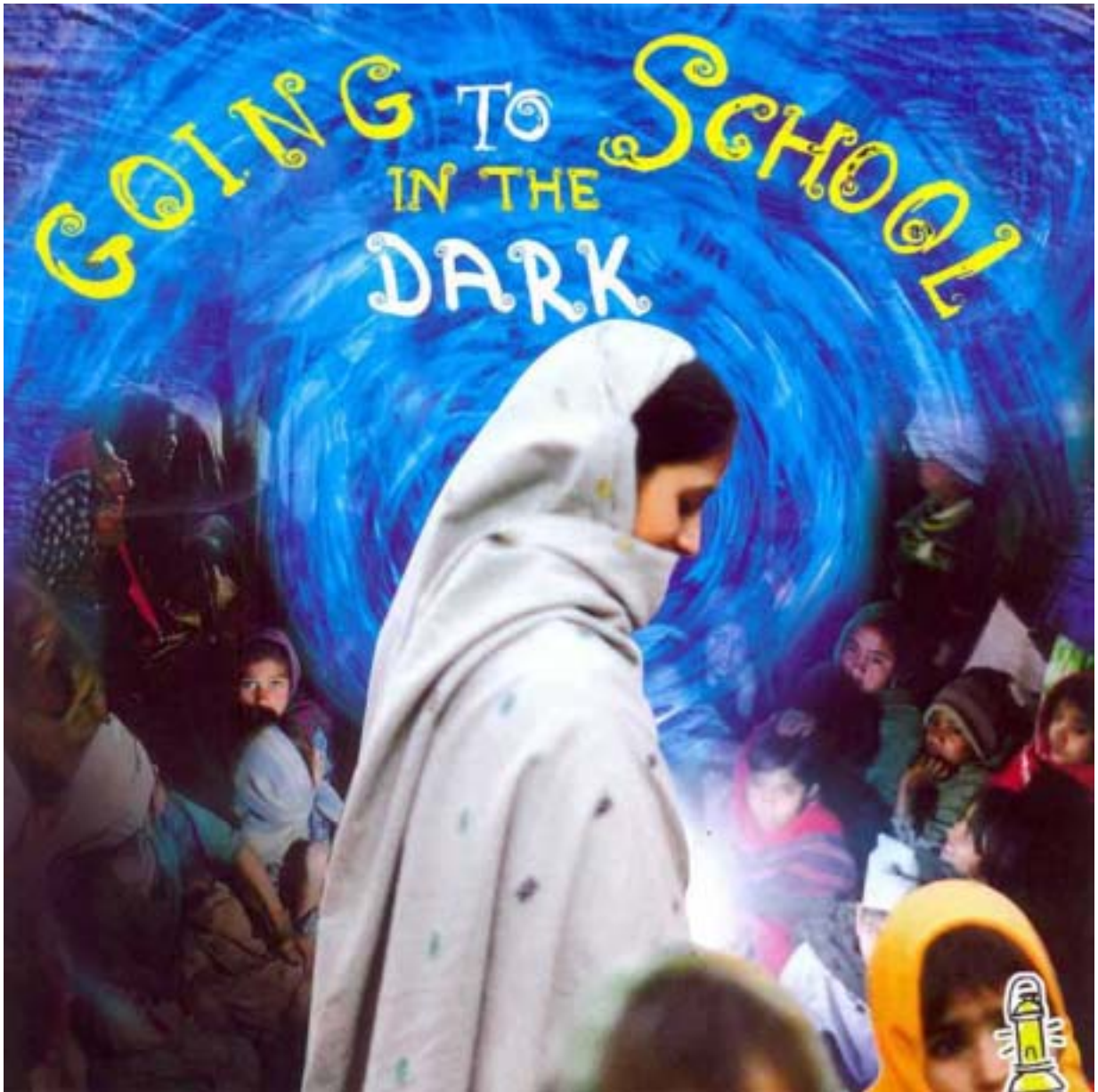
Going to School primary audience is children of age 8 to 14 years of age.

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#### Going to School in a Mud Desert

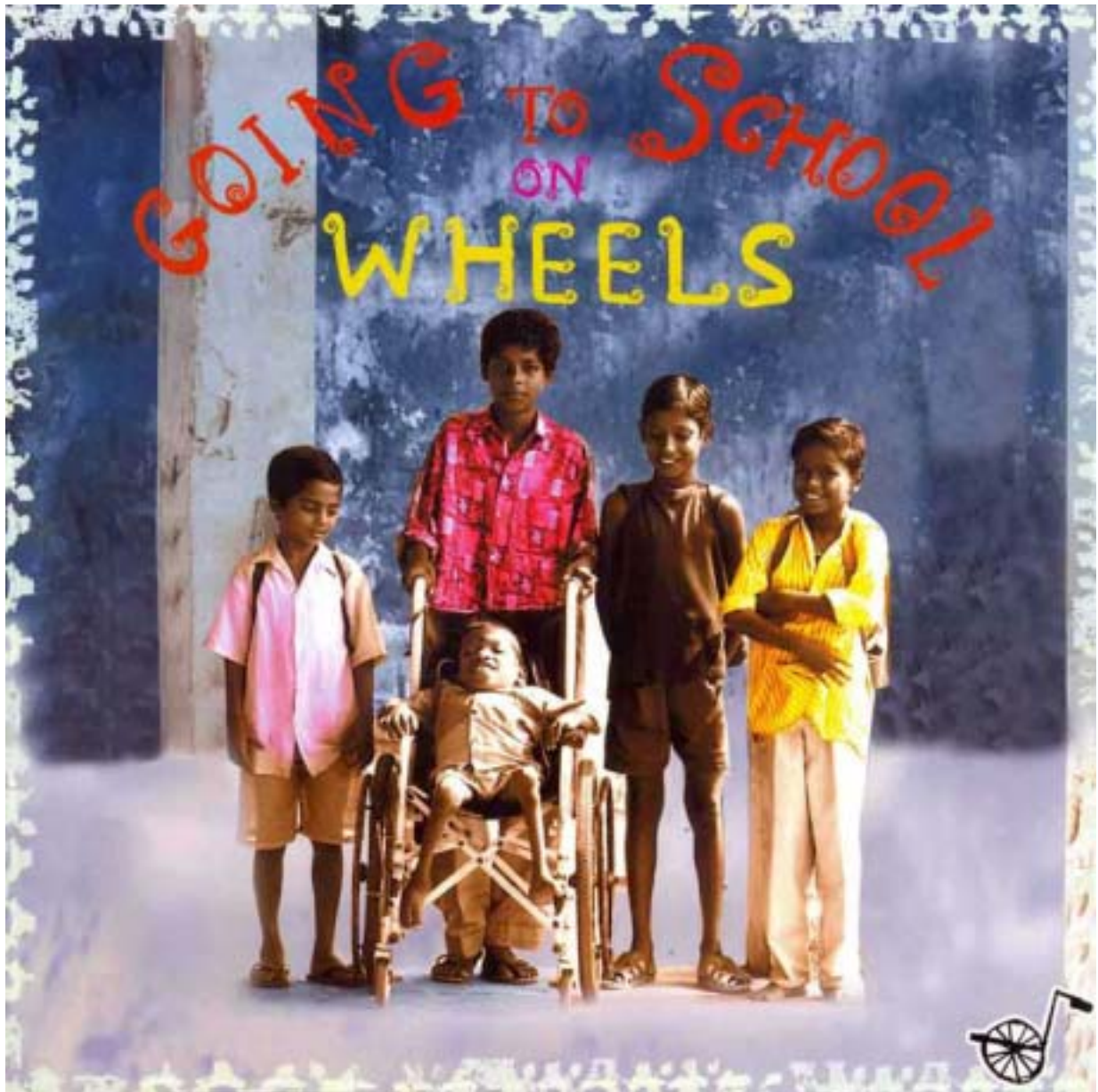
In the middle of a cracked, mud desert of mirages, Ramesh and his friends go to school. Every year, the monsoon turns this desert into a sea. Water levels rise as high as you or me. When the rain stops, the water slowly sinks into the ground, leaving salt behind. Saltpan workers and their families move into the desert to make salt. Children move into the desert with their families and while their families work, they go to school.



### **Going to School in the Dark**

In the dusty villages of Rajasthan, Gamlesh and her friends work during the day and go to school at night.

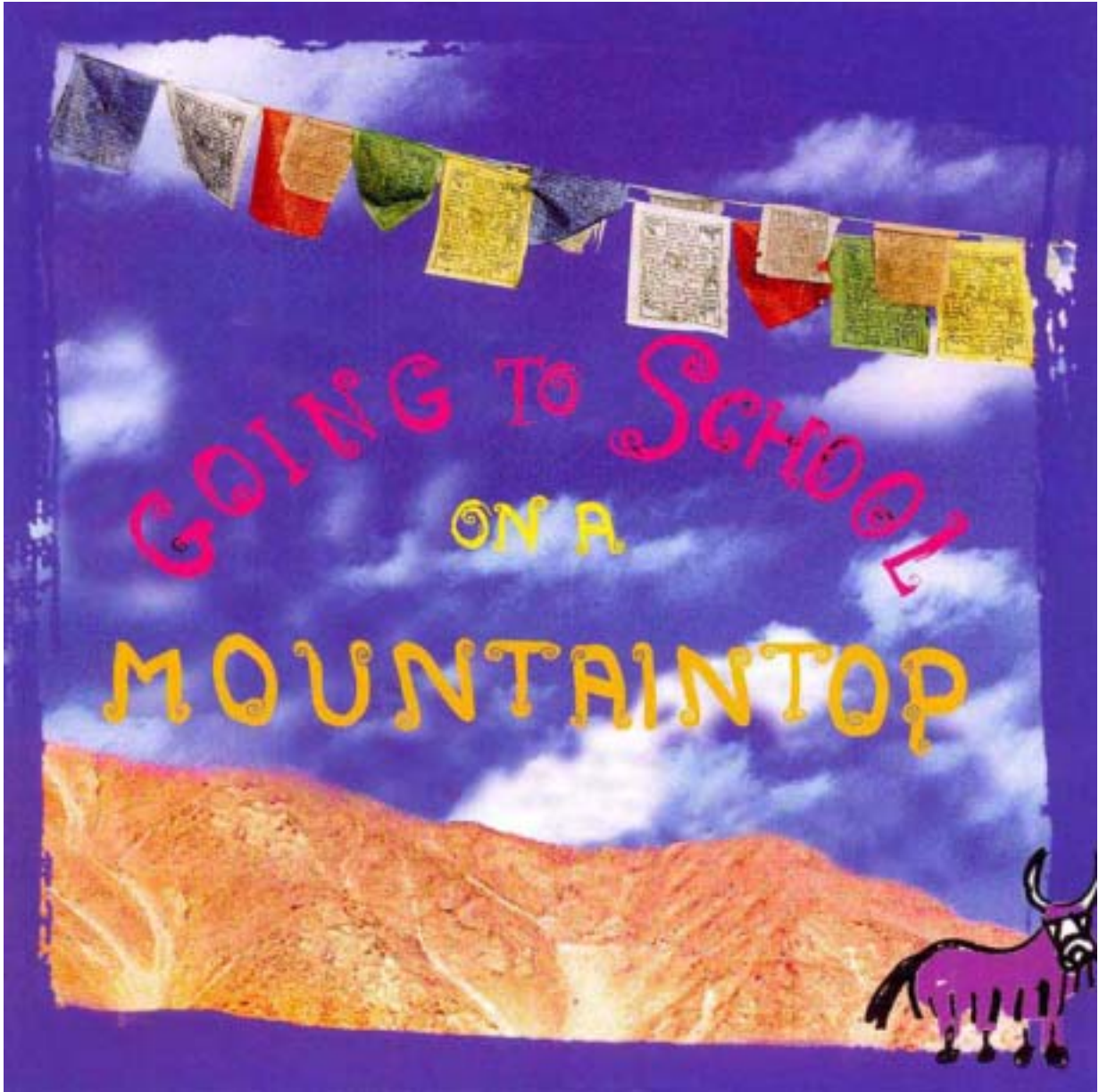
When other children go to school, many girls in India stay home to look after younger brothers and sisters; they help with housework and in the fields. As the sun sets and their household work ends, they emerge from their houses to walk each other to school in the fading light. Electricity here is erratic at best, and so the girls go to school lit by the light of solar lanterns. All the girls who go to school here are members of an elected children's parliament – the girls run their own schools and decide what their school can be.



### **Going to School on Wheels**

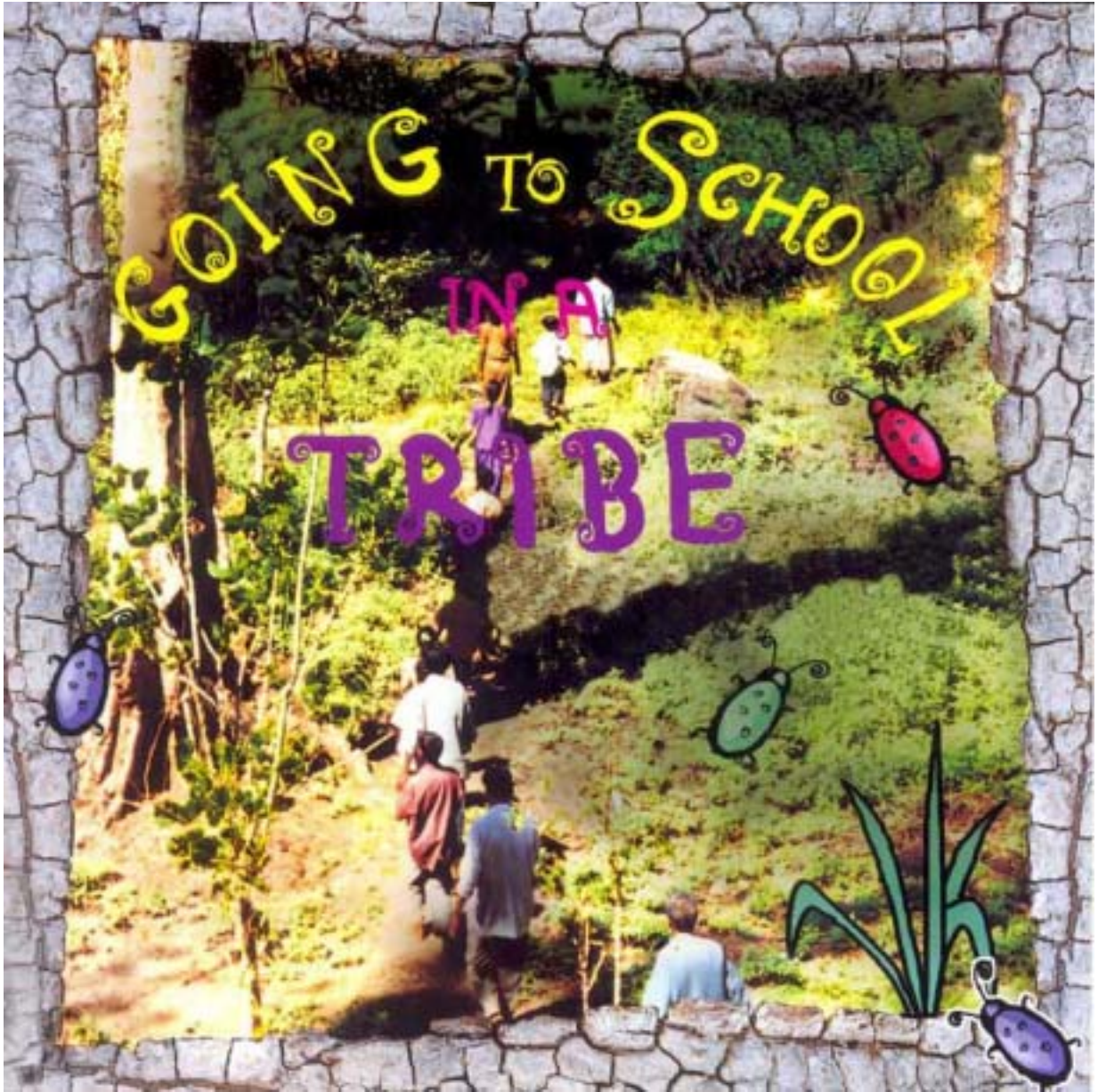
Haider goes to school in his wheelchair. Every morning, Haider's friends arrive at his house 30 minutes before school begins. Deciding who gets to push Haider today, they tip the wheelchair back onto its two big black wheels and are away.

Haider lives one kilometre away from Rasputja Free Primary School. One kilometre was a long way for Haider without wheels. In fact, one kilometre was so far that Haider didn't go to school until he was given a wheelchair. Now he wheels wherever the boys take him, and they take him everywhere.



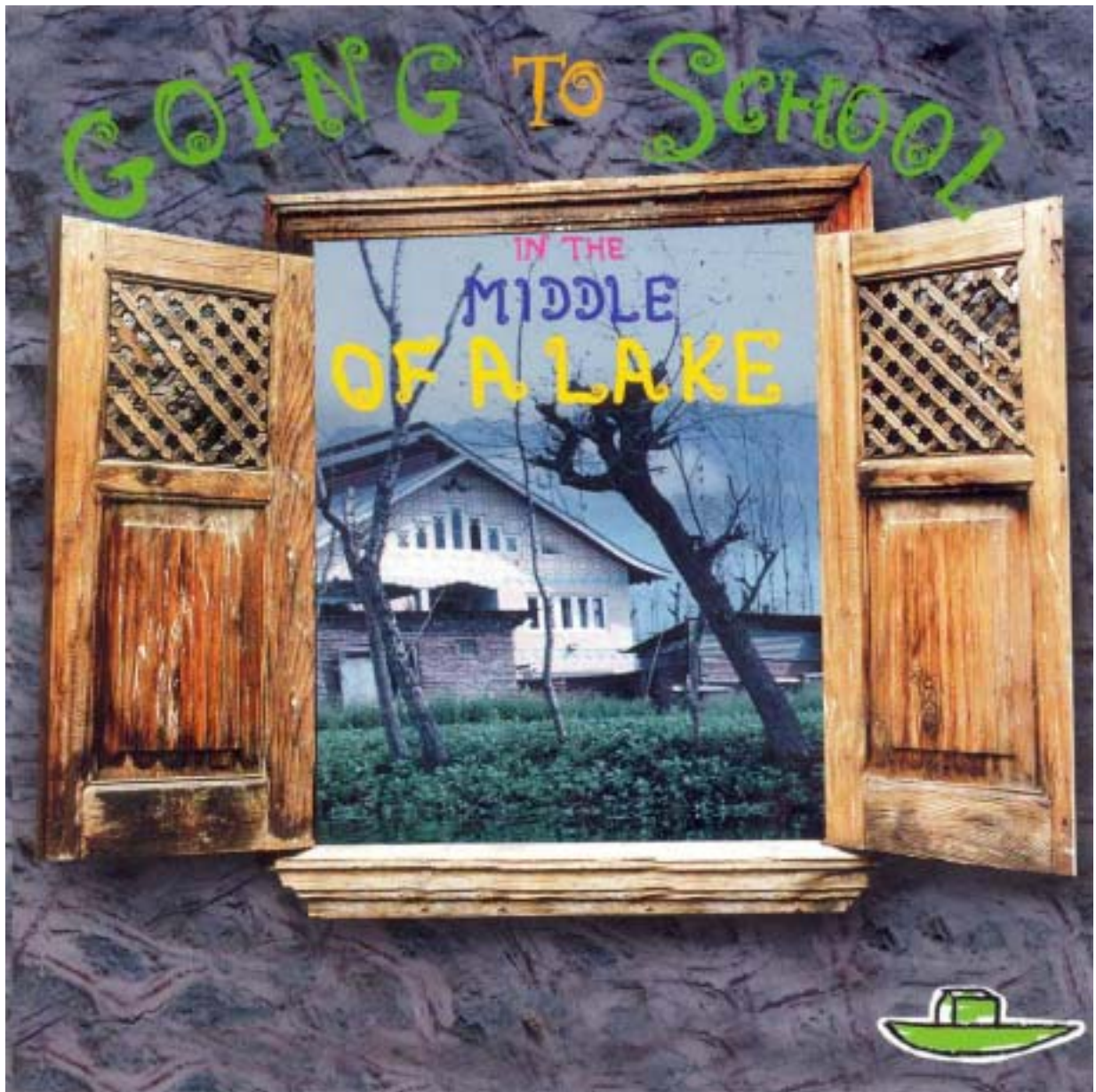
### **Going to School on a Mountaintop**

Going to school on a mountaintop means you have to be able to climb. Skarma knows how to climb, so does his friend Sonam, it is how they get to school. You have to be able to climb if your school is nestled in the mountains. There is no electricity in this school or in the village, but in the summer months this does not matter – school moves outside where there is plenty of light. Today, high in the mountains where India touches Tibet, 29 children are learning about their world and playing hide-and-seek in the bright, cold sunlight.



### **Going to School in a Tribe**

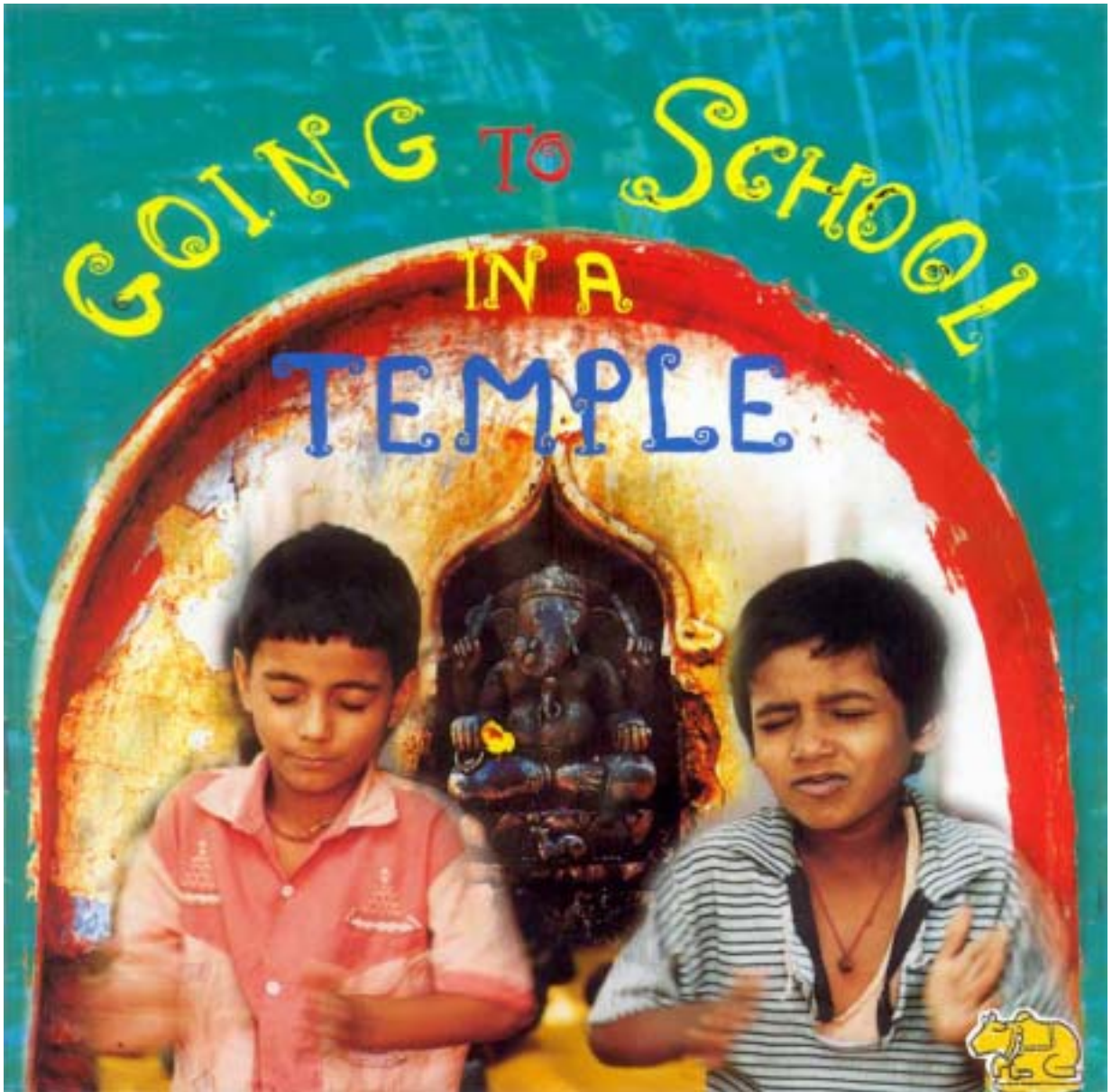
Children living in the Gudalur Hills in Tamil Nadu go to school in a tribe. They along with their teacher walk in the woods to learn more about the forest.



### **Going to School in the Lake**

Zahida lives on an island in the middle of a lake and her school is also in the middle of a lake, in a small village.

Everyday Zahida goes to school with her sister Masarat in a Shikara. They learn how to keep the lake clean and about things in water. They even have Shikara races in school.



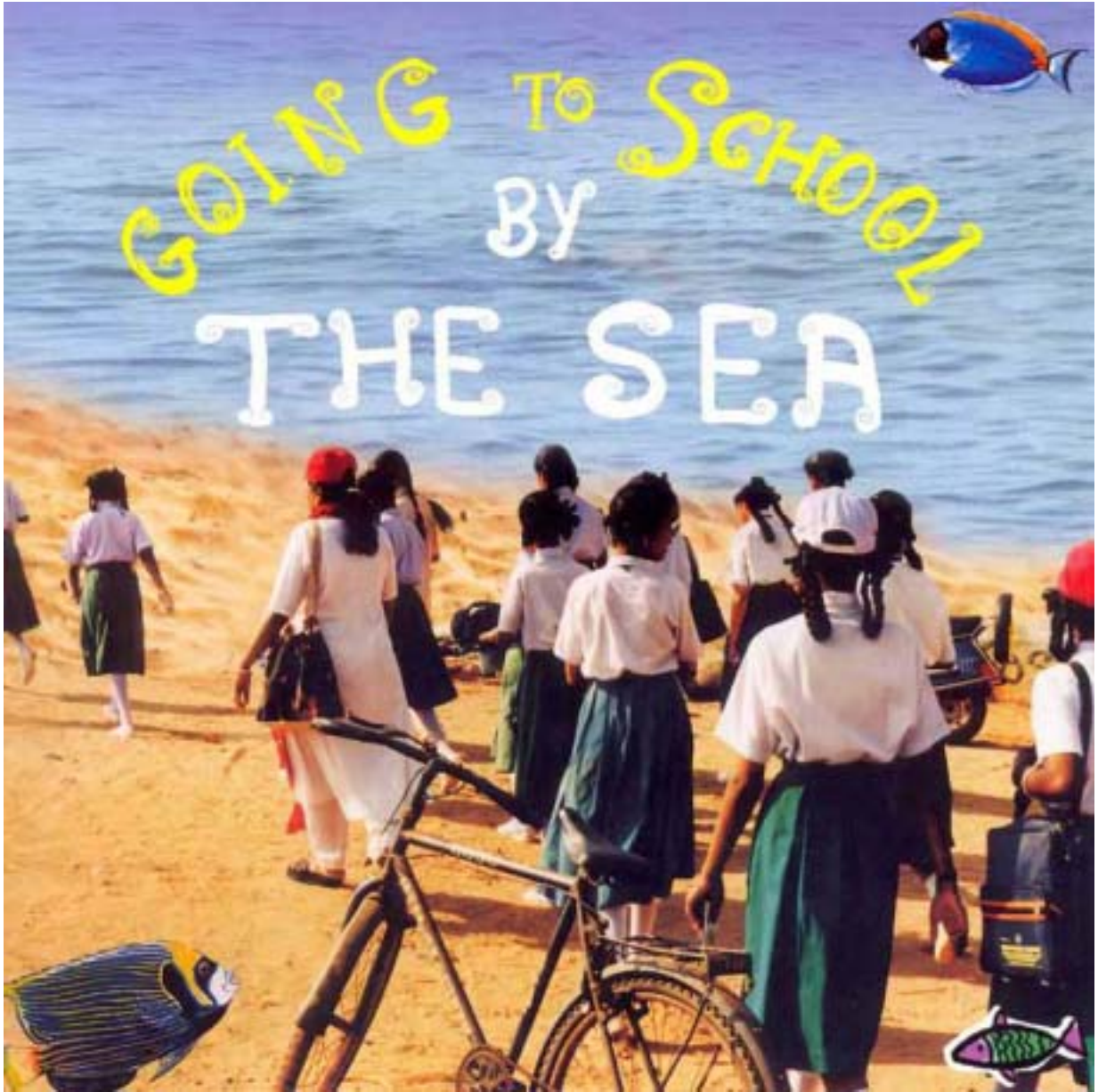
### **Going to School in a Temple**

Children in Patna, Bihar go to school in a temple to learn more about yoga, they learn rain- making yoga in the school. Muslim kids also come to this temple school.



### **Going to School under a Mango Tree**

In Mirzapur District, Uttar Pradesh kids run their own children's parliament under a mango tree to solve the daily issues of their community.



### Going to School by the Sea

Girls in Pondicherry go to school by the sea to ask the fishermen more about the fish in their textbooks.



### **Going to School on a Railway Station Platform**

Children living on a crowded railway platform in Bhubneswar, Orissa go to school on the platform. The teacher carries a box with puppets sitting in that box to teach the children about their lives and everyday things through puppets.