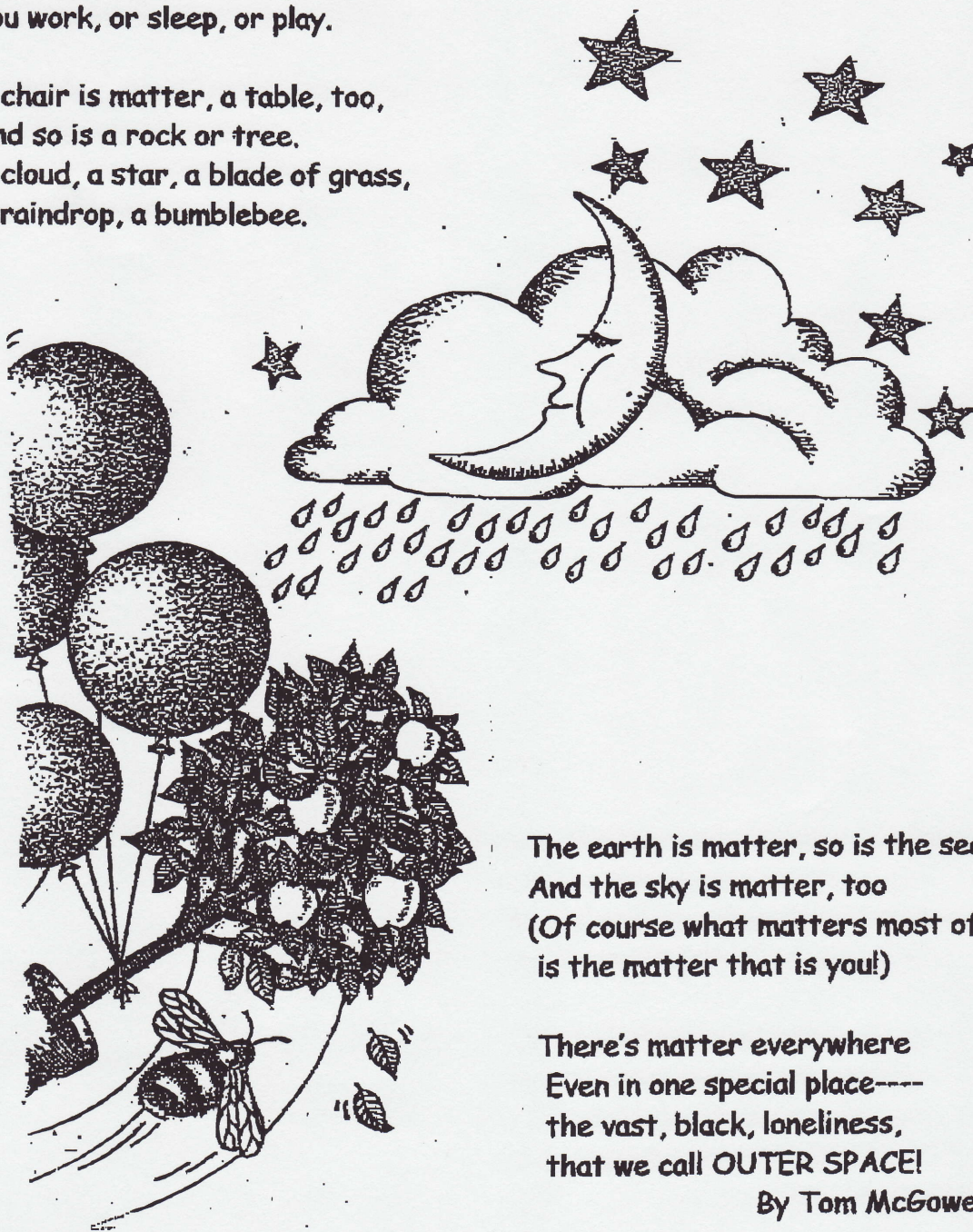


What's the Matter?

What's the matter, do you ask?  
I'll tell you right away.  
It's everything around you, as  
You work, or sleep, or play.

A chair is matter, a table, too,  
And so is a rock or tree.  
A cloud, a star, a blade of grass,  
A raindrop, a bumblebee.



The earth is matter, so is the sea  
And the sky is matter, too  
(Of course what matters most of all  
is the matter that is you!)

There's matter everywhere  
Even in one special place----  
the vast, black, loneliness,  
that we call OUTER SPACE!

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