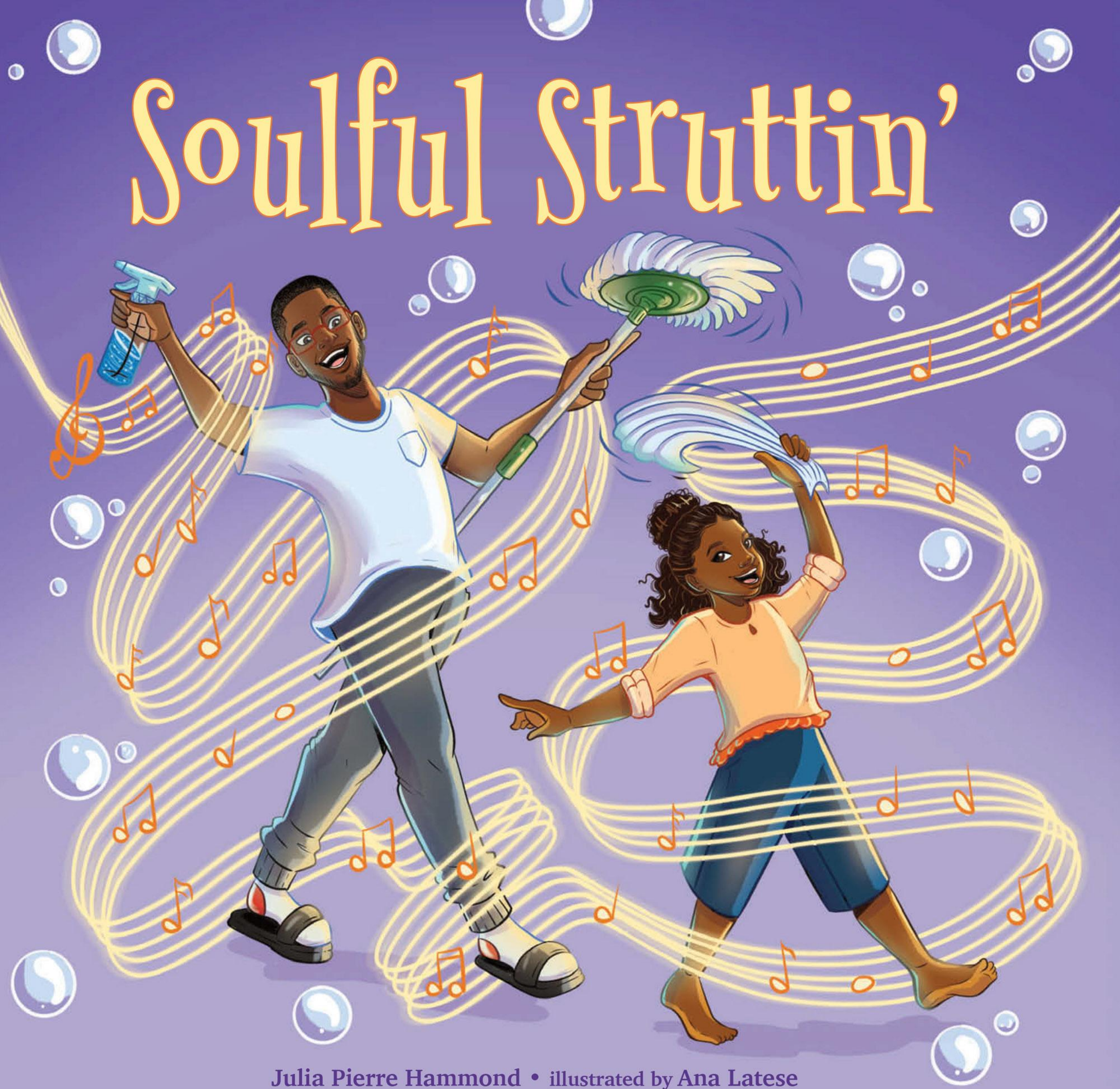
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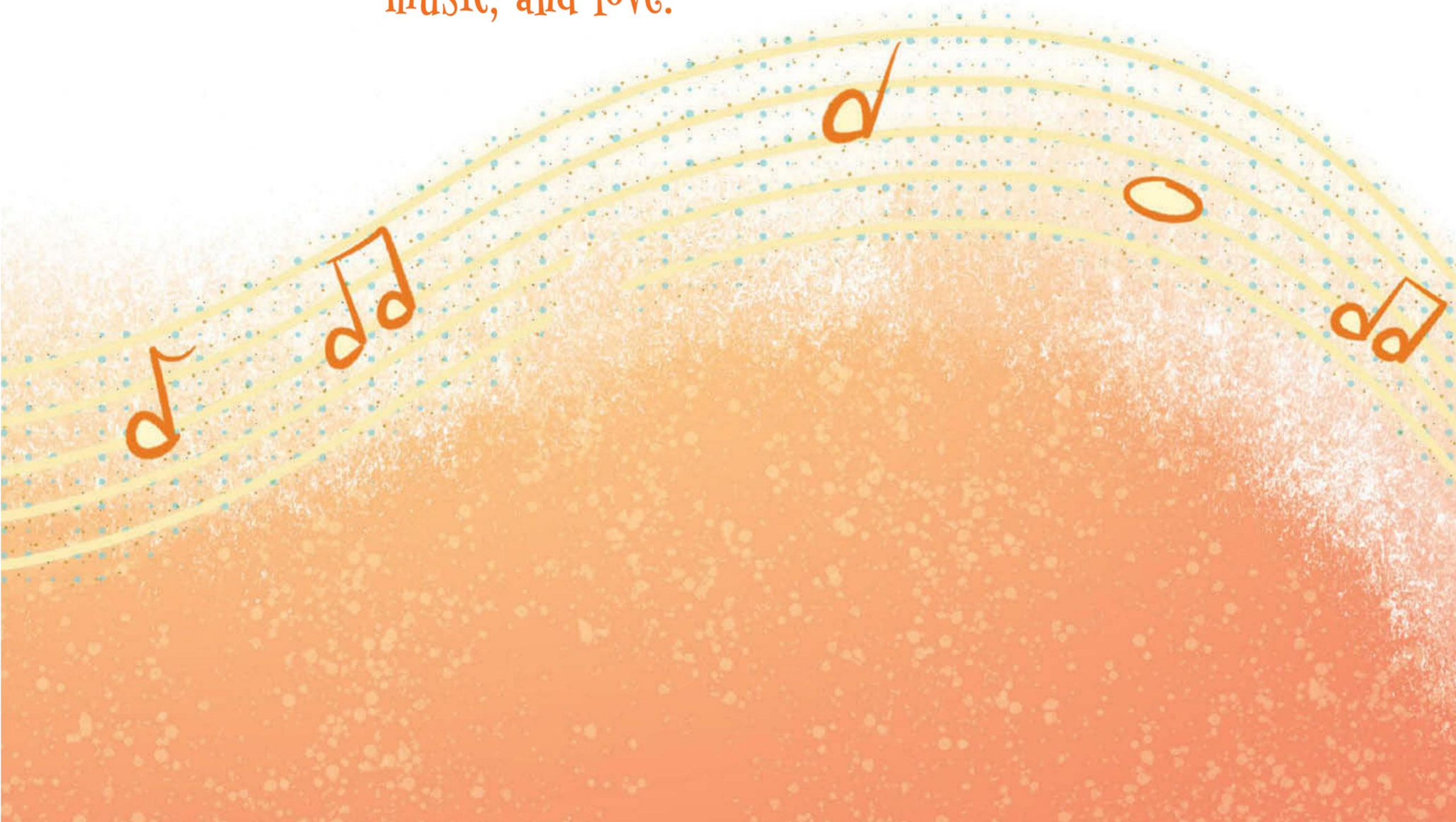
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To Dad and Mom—
for a house full of gumbo,
music, and love.



There are two Sunday traditions Dad never skips: singing and cleaning.



There is one Sunday tradition
I always try to avoid:
cleaning.



"Hold the broom like this, Clara," Dad says while sweeping through the hallway. "Dance like a trombonist down the street in N'Orleans."



"When the tuba comes near, put your hands in the air and *swaaaaay,* baby."

Garbage duty. Ugh!
I back away from
the trash bag.



Dad cuts a rug and says he's the king of jazz. But the way he's dancing, *I* think he might be the jester.



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