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Abstract patterns overlay a swirling storm of cool tones giving way to a warm celebration in this potent story about how, despite appearances, none of us are weathering storms alone. Little Mouse is adrift in a roiling sea, “more than a little scared” and “very alone.” In the distance, he spies another boat, then another and another. Though the storm still rages and he is still afraid, Little Mouse draws strength from his companions as they wait to be reunited at storm’s end.

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