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Hello, Earth! Poems to Our Planet

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The free verse micropoems of Joyce Sidman's new collection praise the blue planet for its geography, geology, and diversity, congratulating Earth for the cleverness of her ecosystems and wondering "What is it like / to feel / the cool sweep / of the moon?" Beautiful illustrations feature tiny humans against broad celestial and earthbound landscapes; in them, dinosaurs roam, a boy holds up the moon, and a hot air balloon circles in space, a piquing reminder that we all share this one great, interconnected place.

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