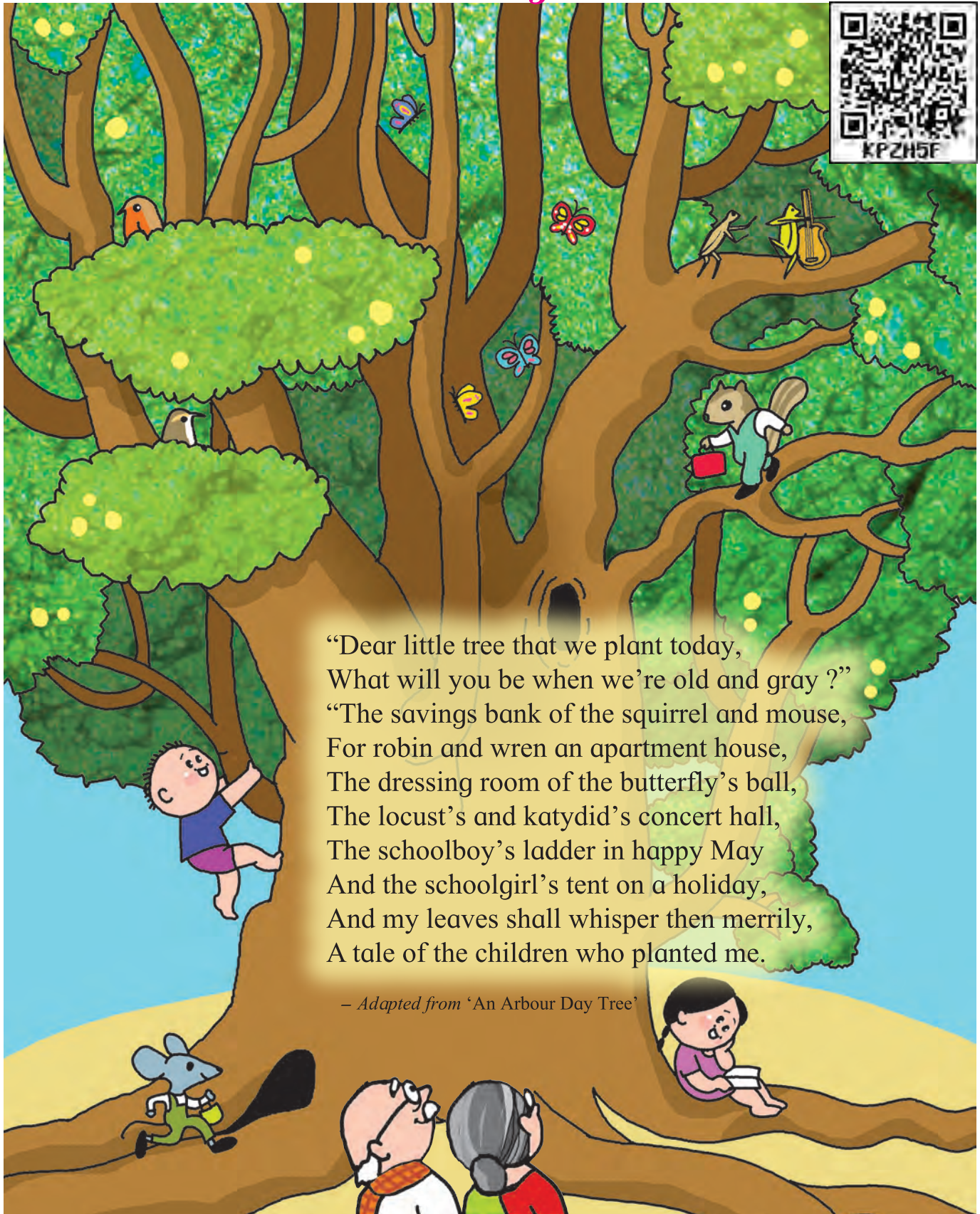


33. On Planting a Tree



“Dear little tree that we plant today,
What will you be when we’re old and gray ?”
“The savings bank of the squirrel and mouse,
For robin and wren an apartment house,
The dressing room of the butterfly’s ball,
The locust’s and katydid’s concert hall,
The schoolboy’s ladder in happy May
And the schoolgirl’s tent on a holiday,
And my leaves shall whisper then merrily,
A tale of the children who planted me.

– Adapted from ‘An Arbour Day Tree’

- * How do the various birds, animals and children make use of the tree ?
Write about it in short.