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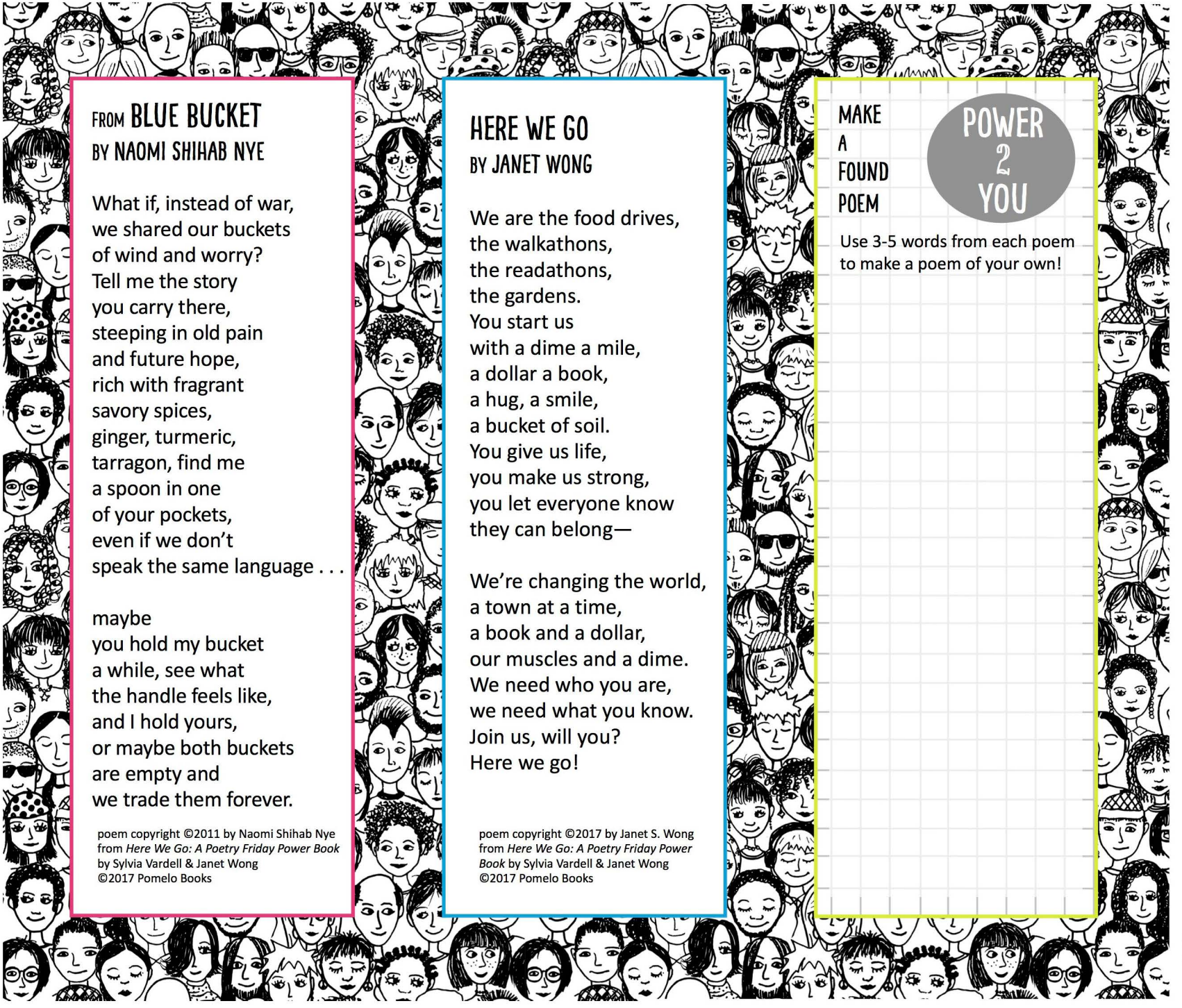

FROM BLUE BUCKET
BY NAOMI SHIHAB NYE

What if, instead of war,
we shared our buckets
of wind and worry?
Tell me the story
you carry there,
steeping in old pain
and future hope,
rich with fragrant
savory spices,
ginger, turmeric,
tarragon, find me
a spoon in one
of your pockets,
even if we don't
speak the same language . . .

maybe
you hold my bucket
a while, see what
the handle feels like,
and I hold yours,
or maybe both buckets
are empty and
we trade them forever.

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HERE WE GO
BY JANET WONG

We are the food drives,
the walkathons,
the readathons,
the gardens.
You start us
with a dime a mile,
a dollar a book,
a hug, a smile,
a bucket of soil.
You give us life,
you make us strong,
you let everyone know
they can belong—

We're changing the world,
a town at a time,
a book and a dollar,
our muscles and a dime.
We need who you are,
we need what you know.
Join us, will you?
Here we go!

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