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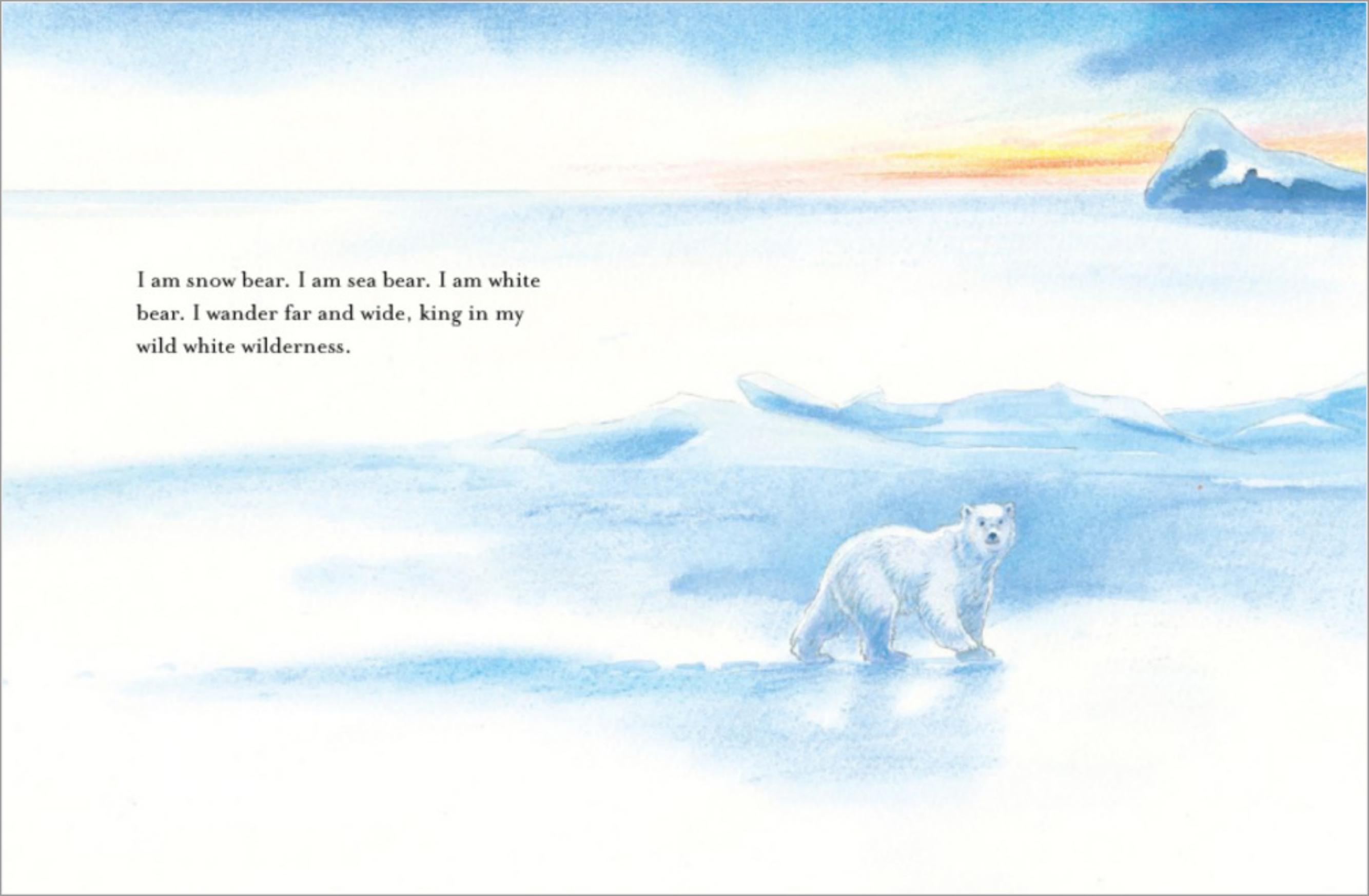
## The Rainbow Bear

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## Little Albatross

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A soft-focus illustration of a polar bear standing on a snowy, icy landscape. The bear is white with dark markings around its eyes and on its ears. It stands on a light blue surface, possibly ice or snow. In the background, there are several large, jagged icebergs of various shades of blue and white. The sky above is a warm, hazy orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall atmosphere is serene and cold.

I am snow bear. I am sea bear. I am white  
bear. I wander far and wide, king in my  
wild white wilderness.



The snow has darkened around me again. I have dug my den deep into the mountainside. Here I am warm. Here I shall dream away the winter . . .

There will be plenty of hopping hares to pounce on. But hares are tricky. Plenty of frisking foxes. But foxes are fast. Plenty of wallowing walruses. But walruses are big.



Seals are slow. Seals are best. I stalk them silently. Silently. I am snow bear in a world of white and they cannot see me coming. But one sound, and a seal slips away into the sea.



A seal in the sea is slippery quick. Narwhals and beluga whales are strong, too strong.

