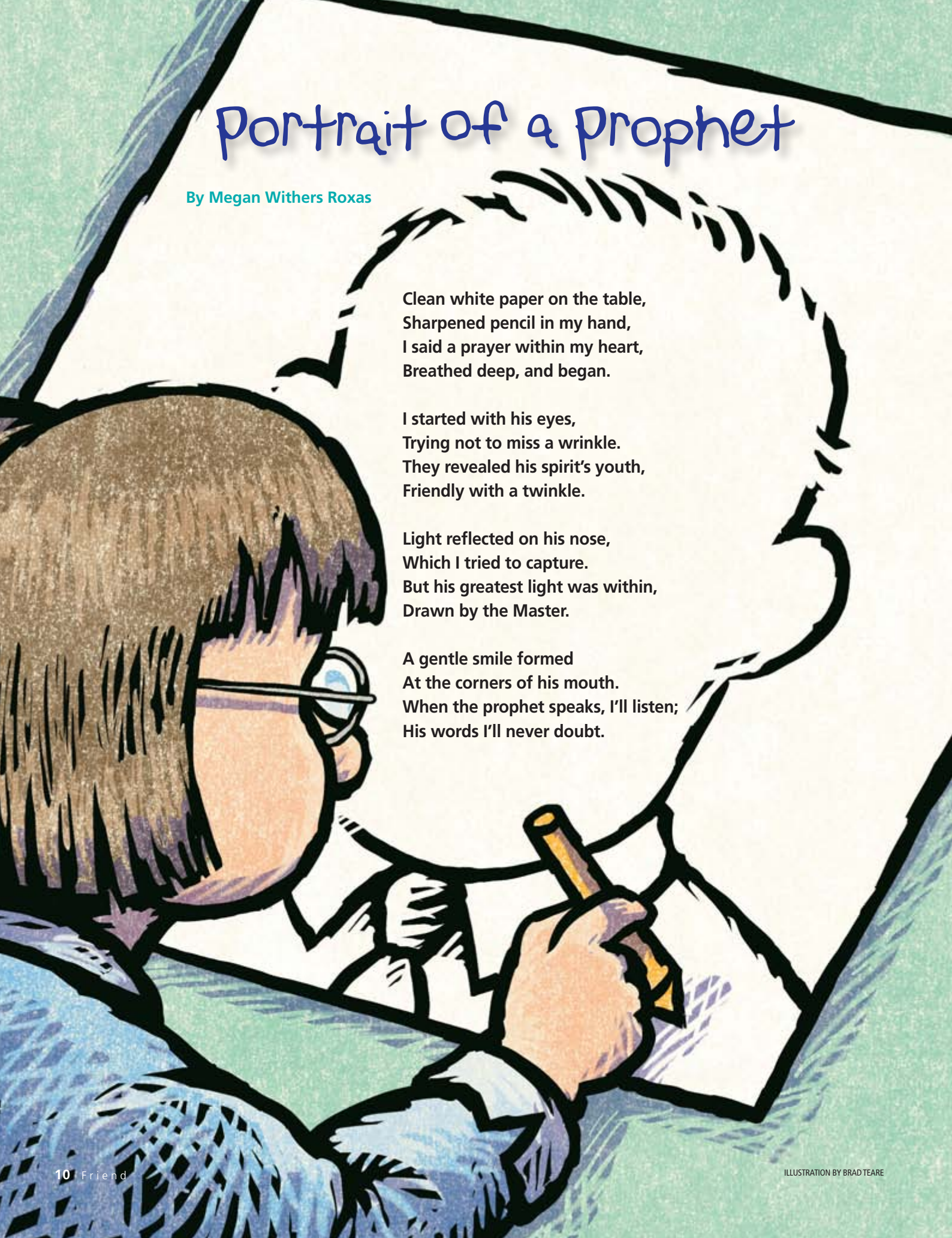


# Portrait of a prophet

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An illustration of a person with short brown hair and glasses, seen from the side, drawing a portrait on a white sheet of paper. The person is holding a pencil and is focused on their work. The background is a simple green and blue wash. The portrait being drawn is a simple line drawing of a person's head and shoulders, with a large, open mouth as if speaking.

Clean white paper on the table,  
Sharpened pencil in my hand,  
I said a prayer within my heart,  
Breathed deep, and began.

I started with his eyes,  
Trying not to miss a wrinkle.  
They revealed his spirit's youth,  
Friendly with a twinkle.

Light reflected on his nose,  
Which I tried to capture.  
But his greatest light was within,  
Drawn by the Master.

A gentle smile formed  
At the corners of his mouth.  
When the prophet speaks, I'll listen;  
His words I'll never doubt.