

**Come,
Clouds,
Come!**



Kay sings from sunrise. He sings the same **phrase** to each dry scrub and each dusty rock on the plain. 'Send rain!' he calls, waving his cane at the sky. 'I can tell the clouds get me up there!' The sky is still. No boom, no drop. But Kay hikes on. Today feels lucky.





Kay sings with more **oomph**. 'Come, clouds! Come to me, rain! Drip, drop, and splash!' He punches the sky with each line. One thin cloud drifts by. It will not come down. 'Not that way!' Kay yells. 'Come down here!' The cloud just drifts on. **Phew**, this is a hard trek!

Thump. Thump. Thump.
Kay spins around fast.
A big thing stomps
down the trail. A big
green thing with a grin,
and a tail that can split
a tree.

'Good day!' says the big
happy beast. 'I am Max.
That song came to me
from over the hill. It is
phenomenal! Can I sing
it too?'

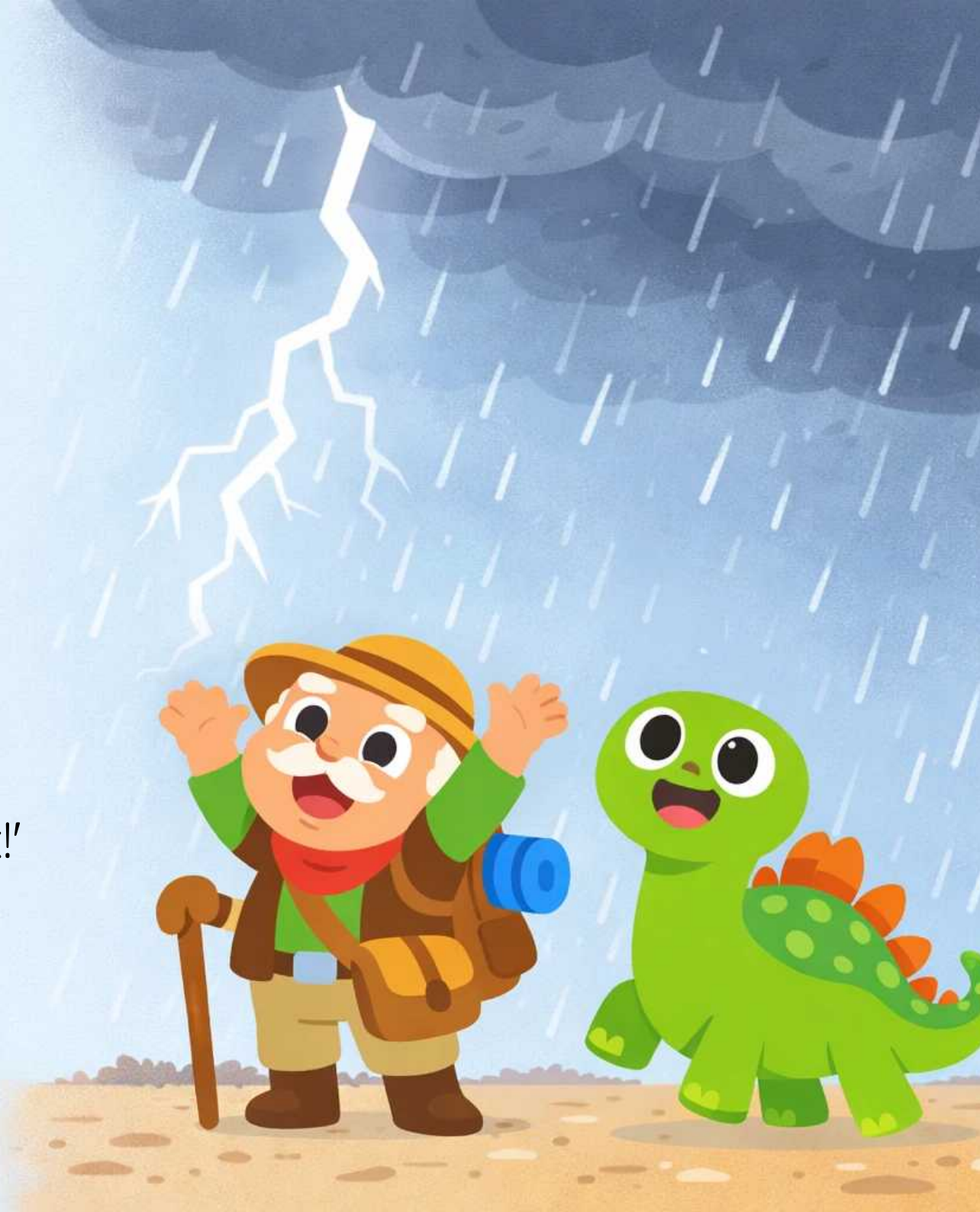




'A pal to help me call the rain!' Kay grins so wide his hat tips back. 'Then sing, Max! Sing with big, big **oomph!**' And Max can sing! He is as loud as ten **elephants.** The ground shakes. The scrub shakes. They stomp and sway across the plain, and they chant the rain song. 'Give us the clouds! Give us the rain! Spill it all down on this dry plain!'

The sky flickers. Then it growls! Dark clouds pile in from all sides, **morphing** into one big black mass.

A bolt splits the sky, and one fat raindrop lands right on Kay's nose. 'Max!' Kay yells. 'The rain is coming! The song did it!'





Rain gushes down. **Phew**, what a splash! Kay grips his hat and does a jig. Max sings so loud the clouds shake. 'We did it!' Kay yells, with raindrops on his chin. 'My song did it at last!' Max stomps in a big pool. Then Max has an **epiphany**. 'No, no! We both sang it!' They grin with glee and yell, 'We made it rain!'



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Kay sings his rain song from sunrise, but the sky stays silent. When a huge grinning stegosaurus stomps out of the hills and asks to sing along, will two voices finally be loud enough to call down the clouds? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 3, Unit 1: ph as in phone), this book practices words like 'oomph', 'pew', 'elephants', 'phenomenal', 'morphing'.

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