

Shards in the Yard





Dr Can Do
starts a windmill
in the yard.

Jill stands with
her pick, but
she is not glad.

The sun sets,
and Jill has hot
food.

Dr Can Do is
far up, hard at
it on the sails.





It is dark in the
yard. A big
thing plods past.
Dr Can Do looks
up at it and
shrugs.

Morning. The sails
are smashed, and
torn planks are all
around.

Dr Can Do
groans. Jill picks
up a scrap.





The barn is not
harmed, and the
garden is not
harmed.

Jill scans the
land. Did a storm
do this?

Dr Can Do
mends it all, and
at sunset the
windmill stands.
But he is not
carefree. He
clasps his hands.





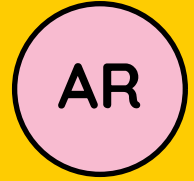
Whoosh! A hard wind starts in the dark.

Dr Can Do runs out. The sails spin fast, and he gasps.

The wind stops,
and a man in
dark garb grins.

He spins the
sails for fun. Dr
Can Do gasps.





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Dr Can Do starts a windmill in the yard, sure Jill will admire his masterpiece. But in the dark, something creaks and groans outside, and by morning the sails lie smashed while the barn and garden stand untouched. What could tear apart only the windmill and leave everything else fine? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Group 7: ar /ar/), this book practices words like 'dark', 'yard', 'hard', 'around', 'barn'.

Phonics Focus: <ar>

around, barn, carefree, dark, far, garb, garden, hard, harmed, starts, yard

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