

When the wind blows  
Coats flap, scarves flutter.

When the wind blows  
Branches groan, leaves mutter.

When the wind blows  
Curtains swish, papers scatter.

When the wind blows  
Gates creak, dustbins clatter.

When the wind blows  
Doors slam, windows rattle.

When the wind blows  
Inside is a haven  
Outside is a battle.

John Foster

### Do you remember?

Copy these sentences.

Choose a word from the box to fill each gap.

scatter   mutter   flutter   clatter

1. When the wind blows scarves \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When the wind blows leaves \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When the wind blows papers \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When the wind blows dustbins \_\_\_\_\_.

### More to think about

1. Find a word from the poem that rhymes with each of these words.  
a) mutter  
b) scatter  
c) battle
2. The poet uses words that describe sounds.  
What makes these sounds in the poem? One has been done to help you.

Sound	Describes
groan	branches
creak	
slam	
clatter	
rattle	

### Now try these

1. What else happens on windy days?  
Make a list of your ideas.
2. What is your favourite weather?  
Say why you like it best.
3. Write three words to describe your favourite weather.

