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Cartwright's distinctive illustrative style fleshes out this picture book with its circular tale sparingly told in just 59 words presented as rhyming couplets. The action progresses from a peaceful hearth and home, to the farm outside and the wider countryside beyond where two armies are lined up for battle. But the opposing generals are brought down by a salvo of acorns rather than bullets, and pigs, rather than blows. Their discomfiture brings laughter -'Soldiers roar./End war.' - and the soldiers return, to the hearth and home where the story began. Each double page spread is built up with crisply defined blocks of colour and has an order and formality that fascinates. Children will enjoy exploring them while older readers will also reflect on the book's antiwar message.

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