
“The Witches’ Spell”

Shakespeare

Macbeth, Act 4, Scene 1

Background Effects

1 Witch	Thrice the brinded cat hat mew’d	1
2 Witch	Thrice: and once the hedge-pig whin’d.	1
3 Witch	Harpier cries: -- ‘tis time, ‘tis time.	1
1 Witch	Round about the caldron go;	2
	In the poison’d entrails throw.--	2
	Days and nights hast thirty-one	2
	Swelter’d venom sleeping got,	3
	Boil thou first i’ the charmed pot!	3
All	Double, double toil and trouble;	3
	Fire, burn; and, caldron, bubble.	1 & 3
2 Witch	Fillet of a fenny snake,	2
	In the caldron boil and bake;	2
	Eye of newt, and toe of frog,	2
	Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,	1
	Adder’s fork, and blind-worm’s sting,	1
	Lizard’s leg, and howlet’s wing,--	1
	For a charm of powerful trouble,	1, 2 & 3
	Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.	3
All	Double, double toil and trouble;	3
	Fire, burn; and, caldron, bubble.	3
3 Witch	Scale of dragon, tooth of wolf,	1 & 2
	Witches’ mummy, maw and gulf	3
	Of the ravin’d salt-sea shark,	3
	Root of hemlock, digg’d i’ the dark	1 & 2
All	Double, double toil and trouble;	3
	Fire, burn; and, caldron, bubble.	1, 2 & 3

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| 1. Wind | <i>Group 1 = Sounds of wind</i> |
| 2. Dogs (wolves & the like) | <i>Group 2 = Wild dogs howling &c.</i> |
| 3. Birds (owls & the like) | <i>Group 3 = Owls hooting, birds of prey &c.</i> |

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