

*Song of the Witches*  
By William Shakespeare

Double, double toil and trouble;  
Fire burn and caldron bubble.  
Fillet of a fenny snake,  
In the caldron boil and bake;  
Eye of newt and toe of frog,  
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,  
Adder's fork and blind-worm's sting,  
Lizard's leg and howlet's wing,  
For a charm of powerful trouble,  
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.

Double, double toil and trouble;  
Fire burn and caldron bubble.  
Cool it with a baboon's blood,  
Then the charm is firm and good.

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Checking for Understanding

1. How does the author use rhythm in the poem?
2. How does the author use repetition and rhyme in the poem?
3. How does the title contribute to your understanding of the poem?

Vocabulary

- toil
- fillet
- caldron

<http://shakespeare.mit.edu/macbeth/macbeth.4.1.html>