

“Round the Cauldron” from *Macbeth*

In this scene, three witches are making a magic potion in their cauldron. Decide how the witches will move around the cauldron and the stage as they say their lines. To make this scene really spooky, have three groups of people make the background sound effects listed below. The column on the right of the text tells you which sound effects go with which lines.

Characters:

First Witch
Second Witch
Third Witch

Sound Effects:

Group 1: Wind Sounds
Group 2: Owls Hooting
Group 3: Dogs Howling

| Act 4, scene 1 (cut) | | Background Effects |
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| FIRST WITCH: | Thrice the brinded cat hath mewed. | 1 |
| SECOND WITCH: | Thrice, and once the hedge-pig whined. | 1 |
| THIRD WITCH: | Harpier cries “‘Tis time, ‘tis time!” | 1 |
| FIRST WITCH: | Round about the cauldron go; | 2 |
| | In the poisoned entrails throw. | 2 |
| SECOND WITCH: | Toad, that under cold stone | 2 |
| | Days and nights has thirty-one | 3 |
| THIRD WITCH: | Sweltered venom sleeping got | 3 |
| | Boil thou first i’ th’ charmèd pot. | 3 |
| ALL: | Double, double toil and trouble; | 1 & 3 |
| | Fire burn, and cauldron bubble. | 1 & 3 |
| FIRST WITCH: | Fillet of a fenny snake | 2 |
| | In the cauldron boil and bake. | 2 |
| SECOND WITCH: | Eye of newt and toe of frog, | 2 |
| | Wool of bat and tongue of dog, | 1 |
| THIRD WITCH: | Adder’s fork and blindworm’s sting, | 1 |
| | Lizard’s leg and howlet’s wing, | 1 |
| FIRST WITCH: | For a charm of powerful trouble, | 2 |
| | Like a hell-broth boil and bubble. | 1 |
| ALL: | Double, double toil and trouble; | 2 & 3 |
| | Fire burn, and cauldron bubble. | 2 & 3 |
| SECOND WITCH: | Scale of dragon, tooth of wolf, | 3 |
| THIRD WITCH: | Witch’s mummy, maw and gulf | 3 |
| FIRST WITCH: | Of the ravined salt-sea shark, | 1 |
| SECOND WITCH: | Root of hemlock, digged i’ th’ dark | 1 |
| THIRD WITCH: | Add thereto a tiger’s chaudron | 2 |
| | For th’ ingredience of our cauldron. | 2 |
| ALL: | Double, double toil and trouble; | 1-2-3 |
| | Fire burn, and cauldron bubble. | 1-2-3 |