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My many friends who shared my confinement.





1. *Witch.* Round about the cauldron go;  
In the poison'd entrails throw.

2. *Witch.* For a charm of powerful trouble,  
Like a hell-broth boil and bubble.

3. *Witch.* Scale of dragon, tooth of wolf,  
Liver of blaspheming Jew,  
Gall of goat, and slips of yew  
Sliver'd in the moon's eclipse,  
Nose of Turk and Tartar's lips,  
Mind of sadist, hangman's heart,  
To make the gruel thick and tart.  
Add thereto a tiger's chaudron  
For the ingredients of our cauldron.

*All.* Double, double, toil and trouble;  
Fire burn and cauldron bubble.

2. *Witch.* By the pricking of my thumbs,  
Something wicked this way comes.  
Ah, how it doth reek!  
Apparition, speak.

*Apparition.* I conjure you,  
By that which you profess,  
My secret you keep dark.  
The world must ne'er know  
How from hell's broth I 'merged.  
I am man without a soul;  
With warped mind, and nerves quite foul.  
Love and ethics I know not,  
And what care I; man may rot.

*All.* Show us, tell of what thou art.  
Then to Acheron depart.

*Apparition.* Could I treat with normal man,  
Doctoring would be my plan.  
Why hiss, you secret, black, and midnight bags?  
Lo, I am *Psychiatry*.  
Of *ego* and *id* I'll say.  
Thou birthed me; I'm here to stay.

*All.* Then hide 'neath words, sham and fear;  
Persuade men that they, not thou, art queer.  
Fair is foul, and foul is fair;  
Hover through the fog and filthy air.

*Shakespeare*  
*With variations*



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True names are recorded of:

Psychiatrists  
Army Medical Officers  
Veterans Administration Officials  
Members of the United States Congress

Names of all other persons have been changed.