**APPENDIX: The Witches' Song**

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RICHARD JOHN SAMUEL STEVENS (1757-1837)

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day looking after A raven, feeding upon a quarter; And

soon as she turn'd her beak to the south I snatch'd this morsel

out of her mouth, out of her mouth, out of her mouth, I

snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth. Out of her mouth,

Out of her mouth, out of her mouth, out of her mouth.

Out of her mouth, out

Out of her mouth, out

Out of her mouth, out

Out of her mouth, out

Out of her mouth, out
out of her mouth, I snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth.

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of her mouth, she snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth.

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out of her mouth, she snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth.

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of her mouth, she snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth.

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I last night lay all alone

On the ground, to hear the mandrake groan, And pluck'd him up, though he
grew full low, And, as I had done, the cock did crow, And

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As she had done, the

cock did crow.

As she had done, the

cock did crow.

As she had done, the

cock did crow.

And I have been choos-

ing
out this skull From channel houses that were full, From

private grots and public pits, And frightened a sexton

out of his wits, frightened a sexton out of his wits.

CHORUS

Frightened a sexton out of his wits, she frightened a sexton

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Frightened a sexton out of his wits, she frightened a sexton
out of his wits.

FIRST WITCH SOLO

Under a cradle I did creep
By day, and

when the child was asleep
At night, I suck'd the breath, and

rose,
And pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose,
SECOND WITCH SOLO

By the nose,
nose, by the nose, We
pluck'd her by the nose. We

CHORUS

pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose. We
pluck'd her by the nose. We

pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose, We
pluck'd her by the nose. We

pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose, We
pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose, We
FOURTH WITCH SOLO

nurse by the nose.

murderer yonder was hung in chains,
The sun and the wind had
tasted solo

shrunk his veins; I bit off a sinew, I clipp'd his hair, I

brought of his rags that danced in the air, I brought of his rags that
CHORUS

We brought of his rags that danc'd in the air.

She brought of his rags that danc'd in the air.
We have brought, to

We have brought, to

We have brought, to

We have brought, to

Tasto Solo

aid our vows, Horned poppy, cypress

aid our vows, Horned poppy, cypress

aid our vows, Horned poppy, cypress

aid our vows, Horned poppy, cypress

aid our vows, Horned poppy, cypress

aid our vows, Horned poppy, cypress

aid our vows, Horned poppy, cypress
boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on
boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on
boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on
boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on
boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on
boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on
boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on
boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on
boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on
tombs, And juice that from the larch tree
tombs, And juice that from the larch tree
tombs, And juice that from the larch tree
tombs, And juice that from the larch tree
tombs, And juice that from the larch tree
tombs, And juice that from the larch tree
tombs, And juice that from the larch tree
tombs, And juice that from the larch tree
tombs, And juice that from the larch tree

Tasto Solo
comes, juice that from the larch tree

comes, juice that from the larch tree

comes, juice that from the larch tree

comes, juice that from the larch tree

comes, juice that from the larch tree

CHORUS

comes, The basilisk's blood, the viper's

comes, The basilisk's blood, the viper's

comes, The basilisk's blood, the viper's

comes, The basilisk's blood, the viper's

comes, The basilisk's blood, the viper's

comes, The basilisk's blood, the viper's
Now our orgies let's begin.
CHORUS

We have brought, to aid our vows, horned poppy,

cypress boughs, horned poppy, cypress boughs;

cypress boughs, horned poppy, cypress boughs,
Now our orgies

horned poppy, cypress boughs; Now our orgies

horned poppy, cypress boughs; Now our orgies

horned poppy, cypress boughs; Now our orgies

horned poppy, cypress boughs; Now our orgies

let's begin with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin,

let's begin with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin,

let's begin with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin,

let's begin with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin,
now our orgies let's begin, with the basilisk's blood and the

vi-\per's skin.

vi-\per's skin.

vi-\per's skin. Now our orgies,

vi-\per's skin. Now our orgies,
Now our orgies, now our orgies.
Now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies.
Now our orgies, now, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies.
Now our orgies, our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies.
Now our orgies, now, now, now our orgies, now, now, now our orgies, now our orgies.
gin, now our orgies let's begin, Now our orgies

or-gies let's begin, now, our orgies
let's be - gin, now, be - gin.

let's be - gin, now, be - gin.

let's be - gin, now, be - gin.

let's be - gin, now, be - gin.

let's be - gin, now, be - gin.

let's be - gin, now, be - gin.

Now our or - gies let's be - gin, with the bas - il - isk's blood and the

Now our or - gies let's be - gin, with the bas - il - isk's blood and the

Now our or - gies let's be - gin, with the bas - il - isk's blood and the

Now our or - gies let's be - gin, with the bas - il - isk's blood and the

Now our or - gies let's be - gin, with the bas - il - isk's blood and the
Now our orgies let's begin, with the viper's skin.

Now our orgies let's begin, with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin.
or-gies let's be-gin, now our or-gies let's be-

now be-gin, now our or-gies, our or-gies let's be-

or-gies let's be-gin, now our or-gies, our or-gies let's be-

or-gies let's be-gin, now our or-gies, our or-gies let's be-

now be-gin, now our or-gies, our or-gies let's be-

7 6 6 ¾ 6 36 4 3
our or - gies let's be -

now our or - gies let's be -

now our or - gies let's be -

now our or - gies let's be -

now our or - gies let's be -

gin, now, begin.

gin, now, begin.

gin, now, begin.

gin, now, begin.

gin, now, begin.

now, begin.
FIRST WITCH SOLO

I have been all
day looking after A raven, feeding upon a quarter; And soon as she turn'd her
beak to the south I snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth, out of her mouth,
out of her mouth, snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth. Out of her mouth,
out of her mouth, I snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth.

As she had done, the cock did crow,
as she had done, the cock did crow.

Fright-ed a sexton out of his wits, she fright-ed a sexton
out of his wits.
FIRST WITCH SOLO

Under a cra-dle I did creep
By day, and when the child was a sleep
At night, I suck'd the breath, and rose,
And pluck'd the nod-ding nurse by the nose,
By the nose, by the nose.

We pluck'd the nod-ding nurse by the nose.
We pluck'd the nod-ding nurse by the nose.

We brought of his rags that danc'd in the air,
We have brought, to aid our vows,
Pop-py, cy-press boughs,

Chorus

Horn-ed pop-py, cy-press boughs,
The fig-tree wild, that grows on tombs,
And juice that from the larch tree comes,
Juice that from the larch tree comes,
The bas-il-isk's blood,
The vip-er's skin,
The bas-il-isk's blood and the vip-er's skin;
Now our orgies let's begin,

CHORUS

We have brought, to aid our vows, horned poppy, cy-press boughs,

horned poppy, cy-press boughs;

Let's begin with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin, now our orgies

let's begin, with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin.
Now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies,

- now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies,

- now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies

- let's begin, Now our orgies, now our orgies, now

- our orgies let's begin, Now our orgies, now our orgies, now

- our orgies let's begin, now, begin, Now our orgies, now our orgies, now begin, now our orgies, now our orgies

begin, now our orgies let's begin, Now our orgies let's begin, now

- our orgies let's begin, now, begin, Now our orgies, now our orgies, now

- our orgies let's begin, now, begin, Now our orgies, now our orgies, now

- our orgies let's begin, now our orgies, now our orgies, now

- our orgies let's begin, now our orgies, now our orgies, now begin, now our orgies, now our orgies
gin, now our or-gies let's be-gin, now
our or-gies let's be-gin, now__

our or-gies let's be-

gin, now,______ be-gin.
Out of her mouth, out of_____

her mouth, she snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth.

As she had done, the cock did crow,______ as she had done, the

cock did crow.

And I have been choosing

out this skull from charnel-houses that were full, from private grots and_____

public pits, and frightened a sexton out of his wits, and frightened a sexton

out of his wits.

Frightened a sexton out of his wits, she frightened a sexton

out of his wits.

By the nose,______
by the nose, pluck'd her by the nose. We pluck'd the nod-ding nurse by the nose.

We pluck'd the nod-ding nurse by the nose. We pluck'd the nod-ding nurse by the nose.

We brought of his rags that danc'd in the air, she brought of his rags that danc'd in the air.

We have brought, to aid our vows, Horn-ed pop-py, cy-press boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on tombs. And juice that from the larch tree comes, juice that from the larch tree comes, The basilisk's blood, the viper's skin.

The basilisk's blood, the viper's skin; now our orgies let's be-gin, now our orgies let's be-gin.
let's begin, now let's begin.

We have brought, to aid our vows, horn-ed pop-py, cy-press boughs,

horn-ed pop-py, cy-press boughs, horned pop-py, cy-press boughs; Now our or-gies

let's begin with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin, now our or-gies

let's be-gin, with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin. Now our

or-gies, now our or-gies, now our or-gies, now our

or-gies, now our or-gies, now our or-gies let's be-

gin, let's be-gin, now our or-gies be-gin, now, now be-gin, now our or-gies, our

or-gies let's be-gin, now our or-gies, our or-gies let's be-gin, now, now our V.S.
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or-gies let's be-gin, now,____ be-gin.

200

Now our or-gies let's be-gin, with the bas-ilisk's blood and the vi-per's skin, Now our or-gies

205

let's be-gin, with the bas-ilisk's blood and the vi-per's skin. Now our

212

or-gies, now our or-gies, now our or-gies, now our

219

or-gies, now____ our or-gies, now our or-gies let's be-

225

gin, let's be-gin, now our or-gies be-gin, now, now be-gin, now our or-gies, our

229

or-gies let's be-gin, now our or-gies our or-gies let's be-gin, now, now our

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or-gies let's be-gin, now,____ be-gin.
Out of her mouth, out of her mouth she snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth.

As she had done, the cock did crow, as she had done, the cock did crow.

Fright-ed a sexton out of his wits, she fright-ed a sexton out of his wits.

We pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose, We pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose.
We brought of his rags that danc'd in the air, she brought of his rags that
danc'd in the air. We have brought, to aid our vows, Horn-ed
pop-py, cy-press boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on tombs, And
juice that from the larch tree comes, juice that from the larch tree
comes, The basilisk's blood, the viper's skin the basilisk's
blood and the viper's skin;
Now our orgies let's begin,
now our orgies let's begin, now our orgies
let's begin, now let's begin.
We have brought, to aid our vows, horned poppy, cypress boughs,
horned poppy, cypress boughs; Now our orgies,
let's begin with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin, now our orgies,
now our orgies, now, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies,
orgies, now our orgies, let's begin, let's begin, now our orgies begin, now our orgies begin, now our orgies begin, now our orgies begin, now our orgies begin, now, now our orgies let's begin, now, now our orgies let's begin, Now our orgies let's begin, with the V.S.
bas-ilisk's blood and the vi-per's skin, Now our or-gies let's be-gin, with the

bas-ilisk's blood and the vi-per's skin. Now our or-gies, now our or-gies,

now our or-gies, now our or-gies, now our or-gies

or-gies, now our or-gies now our or-gies, now our or-gies

let's be-gin, let's be-gin, now our or-gies be-gin, now, our or-gies let's be-

let's be-gin, now our or-gies, our or-gies let's be-gin, now, our or-gies, our or-gies let's be-gin, now,

now our or-gies, let's be-gin, now our or-gies, our or-gies let's be-gin, now,
Out of her mouth, she snatch'd this morsel out of her mouth.

As she had done, the cock did crow,
as she had done the cock did crow.

Frighted a sexton out of his wits, she frighted a sexton
out of his wits.

We pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose, We
pluck'd the nodding nurse by the nose.
FOURTH WITCH SOLO

A murder-er yon-der washung in chains, The sun and the wind had shrunk his veins; I bit off a sin-ew, I clipp'd his hair, I brought of his rags that danc'd in the air, I brought of his rags that danc'd in the air, she brought of his rags that danc'd in the air.

We have brought, to aid our vows, Horn-ed pop-py, cy-press boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on tombs, And juice that from the larch tree comes, juice that from the larch tree comes, The bas-il-isk's blood, the vi-per's skin the bas-ilisk's blood and the vi-per's skin;

Now our or-gies let's be-gin, now our or-gies let's be-gin,
let's be-gin, now let's be-gin.

We have brought, to aid our vows, horn-ed pop py, cy-press boughs,

horn-ed poppy cy-press boughs, horned pop-py, cy-press boughs; Now our or-gies

let's be-gin with the bas- il-sk's blood and the vi-per's skin, now our or-gies

let's be-gin, with the bas-il-sk's blood and the vi-per's skin. Now our or-gies,

or-gies, now our or-gies, now our or-gies,

or-gies, now, now, now our or-gies, now our or-gies

let's be-gin, let's be-gin, now our or-gies be-gin, now our or-gies let's be-

V.S.
gin, now our orgies let's begin, now our orgies let's begin, now,

now our orgies let's begin, now, begin.

Now our orgies, let's begin, with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin, Now our orgies let's begin, with the basilisk's blood and the viper's skin. Now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies. Now our orgies let's begin, now our orgies begin, now, our orgies let's begin, now our orgies let's begin, now, begin.
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Out of her mouth, out of her mouth. I last night lay all alone On the ground, to hear the man-drake groan, And pluck'd him up, though he grew full low, And, as I had done, the cock did crow, And as I had done, the cock did crow. As she had done, the cock did crow, as she had done the cock did crow.

Fright-ed a sexton out of his wits, she fright-ed a sexton out of his wits.
We pluck'd the nod-ding nurse by the nose, We pluck'd the nod-ding nurse by the nose.

We brought of his rags that danc'd in the air, she brought of his rags that danc'd in the air.

We have brought, to aid our vows, Horn-ed pop-py, cy-press boughs, The fig-tree wild, that grows on tombs, And juice that from the larch tree comes, juice that from the larch tree comes, The bas-ilisk's blood, the vi-per's skin the bas-ilisk's blood and the vi-per's skin; Now our or-gies let's be-gin,

now our or-gies let's be-gin, now our or-gies let's be-gin.
We have brought to aid our vows, horn-ed pop py, cy press boughs,

horn-ed pop-py cy-press boughs, horn-ed pop-py, cy-press boughs; Now our orgies

let's be-gin with the bas-il-isk's blood and the vi-mer's skin, now our orgies

let's be-gin, with the bas-il-isk's blood and the vi-per's skin. Now our orgies,
or-gies, now our orgies, our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies,

orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies,

orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies begin, now our orgies be-gin, now, now be-gin, now our orgies let's be-

gin, now our or-gies let's be-gin, now our or-gies let's be-V.S.
gin, now, begin. Now our orgies let's begin, with the

bas-illisk's blood and the viper's skin, Now our orgies let's begin, with the

bas-illisk's blood and the viper's skin. Now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies, now our orgies let's begin, now our orgies begin, now, now begin, now our orgies let's begin, now our orgies let's be-
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