

18. Witches' Brew

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Dead leaves, seaweed, rotten eggs, too
Stir them in my Witches' Brew
I got magic, Alakazamakazoo
Spider web, moldy bread, mucky mud, too
Stir them in my Witches' Brew
I got magic! Alakazamakazoo

Ooo - My Witches' Brew - Ooo
What's it gonna do to you? Boo!

Floor wax, thumb tacks, purple paint, too
Stir them in my Witches' Brew
I got magic, Alakazamakazoo
Finger nails, lunch pails, apple cores, too
Stir them in my Witches' Brew
I got magic, Alakazamakazoo

Ooo - My Witches' Brew - Ooo
What's it gonna do to you? Boo!

Wrinkled prunes, mushrooms, motor oil, too
Stir them in my Witches' Brew
I got magic, Alakazamakazoo
Yeah, yeah! I got magic, Alakazamakazoo



This updated version of the Halloween favorite "Witches' Brew," features a lively children's chorus that encourages listeners to sing along. Each verse ends with the same line, "Stir them in my witches' brew; I got magic, al-a-ka-zam-a-ka-zoo." We call this the "instant sing line" because children can learn it easily and can begin singing right away. As they are participating, children are hearing and learning the rest of the song. Hand motions add to the fun! Imagine there is a large black cauldron in front of you and pretend you are making a magical "Witches' Brew." Here are some possible motions:

Dead leaves, seaweed, rotten eggs, too

As ingredients are named pretend to throw them into a cauldron.

Stir them in my Witches' Brew

Do a stirring motion.

I got magic, Alakazamakazoo

Shake hands over an imaginary cauldron.

Ooo - My Witches' Brew - Ooo

Sing a scary soft "ooh" sound while making flying motions with your hands and arms.

What's it gonna do to you? Boo!

Make a sudden scary movement and shout "Boo!"

You can repeat these motions for each verse or make up your own movements.

Follow up: *You can make up your own list of ingredients for the witches' brew.*

Start with the question, "If you were making a witches' brew, what would you put in it?" Make a list and sing this song with your ideas, accompanied by the instrumental version.

Note: *It's important to emphasize that witches are imaginary and not real. If you are not comfortable with the idea of witches, feel free to change the lyric and substitute the words "Halloween Stew" for "Witches' Brew." For example:*

Dead leaves, seaweed, rotten eggs, too

Stir them in my Halloween stew

I got magic, Alakazamakazoo

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