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The witch had a cat  
and a hat that was black,  
And long ginger hair  
in a braid down her back.  
How the cat purred  
and how the witch grinned,  
As they sat on their broomstick  
and flew through the wind.

But how the witch wailed  
and how the cat spat,  
When the wind blew so wildly,  
it blew off the hat.





"Down!" cried the witch,  
and they flew to the ground.  
They searched for the hat,  
but no hat could be found.



Then out of the bushes  
on thundering paws  
There bounded a dog  
with the hat in his jaws.

He dropped it politely,  
then eagerly said  
(As the witch pulled the hat  
firmly down on her head),  
“I am a dog, as keen as can be.  
Is there room on the broom  
for a dog like me?”



“Yes!” cried the witch,  
and the dog clambered on.  
The witch tapped the broomstick and  
whoosh! they were gone.

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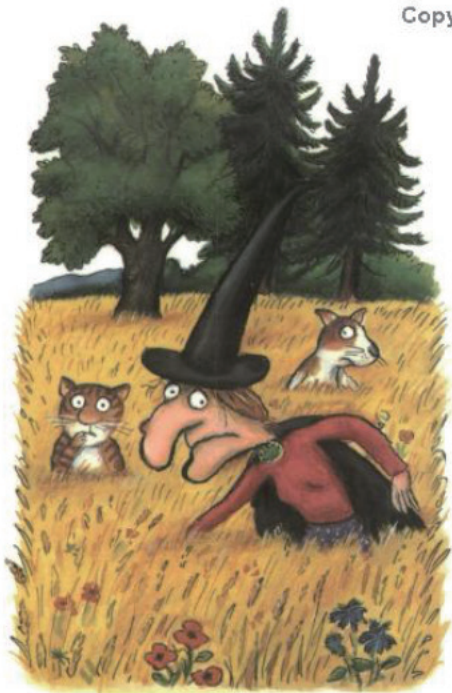


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Over the fields and the  
forests they flew.  
The dog wagged his tail  
and the stormy wind blew.  
The witch laughed out loud  
and held on to her hat,  
But away blew the bow  
from her braid—just like that!



Then out from a tree,  
with an ear-splitting shriek,  
There flapped a green bird  
with the bow in her beak.  
She dropped it politely  
and bent her head low,



“Down!” cried the witch,  
and they flew to the ground.  
They searched for the bow,  
but no bow could be found.

