



Halloween Poems



Pumpkins

When you see me in the fields,
My orange glowing in the sun,
It's time to say goodbye to summer
And hello to autumn fun!!

Jack O'Lantern

The Jack O'Lantern chuckled
Then winked his funny eye,
"I would rather be a pumpkin-face
Than be inside a pie!"



What Do I See?

I see a big ghost
I see a bat,
I see a little witch,
I see a cat.

Look at the jack-o'-lantern,
Look at the owl,
Look at the skeleton
He is on the prowl!

To 'I'm a Little Teapot'
I'm a little pumpkin
Short and stout
Chock full of seeds that you can scoop out
When I am already I will be
The cutest jack'o'lantern you ever did see!

Halloween's Coming

(Tune: London Bridge)

Halloween will soon be here,
Soon be here, soon be here.
Halloween will soon be here
Look out, eeeeeek!
Witches riding on a broom,
On a broom, on a broom.
Witches riding on a broom,
Look out, eeeeeek!

Black cats howling on a fence,
On a fence, on a a fence.
Black cats howling on a fence,
Look out, eeeeeek!

Goblins hiding in the dark,
In the dark, in the dark.
Goblins hiding in the dark,
Look out, eeeeeek!

Skeletons clanking in a line,
In a line, in a line.
Skeletons clanking in a line,
Look out, eeeeeek!

Trick-or-treaters everywhere,
Everywhere, everywhere.
Trick-or-treaters everywhere,
Look out, eeeeeek!

Strange things happening all around,
All around, all around
Strange things happening all around,
Look out, eeeeeek!

Ghost and Goblins

Ghosts and Goblins, cats and bats,
Cats and bats, cats and bats,
Witches in their funny hats,
It is Hallowe'en!

Halloween Witches (Tune: Ten Little Indians)

One little, two little, three little witches
Fly over haystacks
Fly over ditches
Slide down moonbeams without any hitches
Hey! Ho! Halloween's here.

Stand on your head with a lop-sided wiggle
Tickle your little black cats till they giggle
Swish through the clouds with a higgledy-piggie
Hey! Ho! Halloween's here.



Jack-O-Lantern

(Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie?)
Oh, once I had a pumpkin, a pumpkin, a pumpkin
Oh, once I had a pumpkin, with no face at all
With no eyes and no nose and no mouth and no
teeth
Oh, once I had a pumpkin with no face all

So I made a jack-o-lantern, jack-o-lantern,
jack-o-lantern
So I made a jack-o-lantern with a big funny face
With big eyes and a big nose and big mouth
and big teeth
So I made a jack-o-lantern with a big funny face.

What Will We Be?

Aidan will be an astronaut
Bill will be a bat.
Megan's a ballerina
And Pat's a pussy cat.
Vic will be a vampire
And he will give a scare
Joan will be a princess
With flowers in her hair.
Michael is still thinking
And Sally can't decide
Will Michael be a monster
And Sally be a bride?
Hallowe'en is lots of fun
With many costumes made.
They all will be for you to see
In the Hallowe'en parade!

Three Ghostesses

Three little ghostesses,
Sitting on postesses,
Eating buttered toastesses,
Greasing their fistesses,
Up to their wristesses,
Oh, what beastesses
To make such feastesses!

Trick or Treat

Witches, ghosts, and goblins.
Stealing down the street,
Knock on every door way,
Trick or treat!
When your door is opened,
This is what you meet,
Scary creatures shouting,
Trick or treat!

Witches Brew

_____, _____, _____, too.
Stir them in my witches brew.
I've got magic - Ala-kala-ma-zoo!
OooooMy witches brew
OooooWhat's it going to do to you?
Boo!

Have the children give you 2 words to go in each space, such as: dead leaves, rotten eggs, spider webs, moldy bread, mucky mud, purple paint, finger nails, lunch pails, apple cores, wrinkled prunes, etc.



Ghosts

I think I'll wear a sheet,
A big, white, ghostly sheet;
And go about on Halloween
To scare the folks I meet.
I'll be entirely covered up -
All white from head to feet,
And I don't think they'll ever guess
That I'm inside that sheet.

Five little jack-o-lanterns sitting on a gate,
The first one said, "Oh, my! It's
getting late."
The second one said, "There's witches
in the air."
The third one said, "We don't care."
The fourth one said, "Let's run, let's run."
The fifth one said, "Let's stay and
have some fun!"

Monsters

There are monsters everywhere,
Monsters wandering in my hair,
Monsters on the corner stair,
Monsters in the rocking chair,
Monsters going up the wall,
Monsters that are very tall,
If I caught them in a bunch,
I'd have monster stew for lunch.

I made a funny pumpkin face
For everyone to see.
It looked so very big and cross
It even frightened me.

I love...

a just right
stormy night
shutters banging
webs hanging
doors squeaking
floors creaking
goose-bumping
strange thumping
candles flickering
witches snickering
groans and moans
and bunches of bones
shadows creeping
lightening leaping
bats flying
ghosts sighing
ghouls mumbling
castles crumbling
a scary ending. . .
but just pretending!

Countdown

There are ten ghosts in the basement,
There are nine upon the stairs,
There are eight ghosts in the attic,
There are seven on the chairs.
There are six ghosts in the kitchen,
There are five along the hall,
There are four upon the ceiling,
There are three up on the wall.
There are two ghosts on the carpet,
What **are** we going to do?
There is one ghost right behind you,
Who is so quiet.....
BOO!

I laugh at my Jack O'Lantern,
I think he is fun to see.
He must be thinking the same thing,
Because he is laughing at me!



Pumpkin

We bought a fat orange pumpkin
The plumpest sort they sell.
We neatly scooped the inside out
And only left the shell.
We carved a funny funny-face
Of silly shape and size,
A pointy nose, a jagged mouth,
And two enormous eyes.
We set it in a window
And we put a candle in,
Then lit it up for all to see
Our Jack O'Lantern grin!

It's getting scarier all about,
You're starting to wish
you'd never went out.
Panic now, what will you do?
Then something jumps right out at you.
BOO!

What Witches Do

The witches don their pointed hats,
The witches croak and croon,
The witches ride their broomsticks,
Away beyond the moon.
The witches don their flowing cloaks,
The witches stir their brew.
The witches chant their magic spells,
All the dark hours through.
The witches stroke their big black cats,
They comb their locks of gray,
Yet when the first faint daylight comes.
The witches hide away.

The Monster Teacher Scared Me

She frightened me so much today.
She said, 'There is no 'A' in they!'
She said it so meanly,
So veryHallowe'enly!

'Students!' she said,
As she took off her head --
'There is an 'E' in they.
It has the sound of 'A'.'

Write down 'the', then add 'Y',
It's as simple as eyeball pie.
Just be very sure you spell it right.
It will save you from an awfulfright!

THERE IS NO 'A' IN THEY!!!!!!'

The Pumpkin Poem

One day I found two pumpkin seeds.
I planted one and pulled the weeds.
It sprouted roots and a big, long vine.
A pumpkin grew; I called it mine.
The pumpkin was quite round and fat.
(I really am quite proud of that.)
But there is something I'll admit
That has me worried just a bit.
I ate the other seed, you see.
Now will it grow inside of me?
(I'm so relieved since I have found
That pumpkins only grow in the ground!)

Happy Hallowe'en

It's late and we are sleepy,
The air is cold and still.
Our jack-o-lantern grins at us
Upon the window sill.

We're stuffed with cake and candy
And we've had a lot of fun,
But now it's time to go to bed
And dream of all we've done.

We'll dream of ghosts and goblins
And of witches that we've seen,
And we'll dream of trick or treating
On this Happy Hallowe'en.



Look where you go on Halloween night,
Some scary things will give you a fright!
There's ghosts and goblins here and there,
Scary things are everywhere!

A Pumpkin

We have a pumpkin
A big orange pumpkin.
We gave him two eyes
To see where he goes.

We gave him a mouth,
We gave him a nose,
We put a candle in it
To see how it glows.

Pumpkin, Pumpkin

Pumpkin, pumpkin, big and fat.
Turn into a jack-o-lantern just like that.
Pumpkin, Pumpkin, sitting on a wall.
Pumpkin, pumpkin, tip and fall.
Pumpkin, pumpkin rolling down the street.
Pumpkin, pumpkin, good to eat!

My old black cat
hates Halloween.
He shakes and quakes and cries.
He should be good
on Halloween,
but much to my surprise,
he stays in bed
and hides his head.
Now why does he do that?
'Meow,' he says,
'Meow,' he says,
I'm just a scaredy cat!

Hallowe'en

The dogs bark
The night is dark
And spooky things are seen.
The witches ride
The children hide
Tonight is Hallowe'en!

Tune: I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a happy scarecrow made out of straw,
Listening for the noisy crows to caw.
I watch the fields all day and all night too.
If a crow comes by I just say, 'BOO!'

Scarecrow, scarecrow, what do you see,
Alone at night by the old oak tree?
Some old black cats and pumpkins three.
That's what I see by the old oak tree.

Cat,
Cat,
Your eyes are bright and green,
Where have you been
What have you done
So skittery-scary this Hallowe'en?

And where did you get
that pointed hat?
Tell me that,
Cat!

The Witch

There once was a witch of Willoughby Wood,
And a weird wild witch was she;
With her hair that was snarled,
And hands that were gnarled,
And a rickety, kickety knee.
She could jump they say
To the moon and back,
But this I never did see.



The Hallowe'en Surprise

Dad and I shopped for a pumpkin
To carve for Halloween.
The one we bought was round and fat,
The best we'd ever seen.
We took it home, and carefully
My dad cut off the top.
We scooped the gloppy seeds all out
Onto paper - plop, plop, plop!
Next, Dad cut out the eyes and mouth,
Then he cut out the nose.
He winked at me and then he said,
'He'll be bald, I suppose.'
I laughed and said, 'Oh, Daddy,
Jack-o-lanterns' heads are bare.
I've never seen a single one
That had a head of hair!'
Then we took our pumpkin outside
With a candle for its light.
Our jolly jack-o-lantern glowed
So brightly in the night.
Long after I had gone to bed,
Snowflakes began to fall.
They covered up the bushes
And the garden and the wall.
In the morning I ran out to see
If my pumpkin was still there.
I found him sitting on the porch -
But now he had white hair!

Bobbing for Apples

Watch us bobbing for an apple
For an apple apple apple,
But no apple apple apple
Not an apple can I get.

Oh, I cannot catch an apple
Not one apple apple apple,
Though my sister got an apple,
All I got was soaking wet!

Last of October

Hooting owls
Big black cats
Witches wearing
Pointed hats.

Ghosts and goblins
In the street
Are really children
Wearing sheets.

Jack O'Lanterns
Shining out
Scary noises
All about.

Hallowe'en has
Brought some friends
To help October
As it ends.

Hallowe'en Sounds

This is the way the witches fly, witches fly,
witches fly,
This is the way the witches fly,
Swish, swish, swish.
This is the way the ghosts go by, ghosts go by,
ghosts go by,
This is the way the ghosts go by,
Ooh, ooh , ooh.
This is the way the black cats howl, black cats howl,
black cats howl,
This is the way the black cats howl,
Meow! Meow! Meow!
This is the way the pumpkins laugh, pumpkins laugh,
pumpkins laugh,
This is the way the pumpkins laugh,
Hee! Hee! Hee!
This the way the night owls cry, night owls cry,
night owls cry,
This is the way the night owls cry,
Hoo, hoo, hoo.

Halloween Is Coming

Halloween is coming,
What will you be?
I might be a pirate
On the deep blue sea.

Halloween is coming,
What will you do?
I might go trick or treating,
How about you?

Halloween is coming,
Who will you meet?
I might meet a princess
Skipping down the street.

Halloween is coming,
What will you wear?
I might wear a blanket
And be a brown bear.

Halloween is coming,
What will you see?
I might see a jack-o-lantern
Winking at me.

Halloween is coming,
What will you be?
It's a SECRET,
So wait and see!



I'm a Little Pumpkin

I'm a Little Teapot

I'm a little pumpkin
Round and stout
Packed full of seeds
That you can scoop out
When I get all carved up
Then I'll be
The cutest Jack-o-Lantern
You ever did see!

They chose me from my brothers,
"That's the nicest one!" they said.
And they carved me out a face,
And put a candle in my head.
Then they set me on the doorstep,
Oh, the night was dark and wild.
When they lit the candle,
Then I smiled!



Five Little Witches

Five little witches
On a Halloween night
Made a very spooky sight. The first witch danced
On her tippy tiptoes.
The second witch tumbled And bumped her nose.
The third witch flew
High up in the air.
The fourth witch combed Her fuzzy hair.
The fifth witch sang
A Halloween song.
Five witches played
The whole night long!

In masks and gowns
We haunt the street
And knock on doors
For trick or treat.

Hallowe'en Night

Come on along
The moon is shining bright
There are goblins and witches
And black cats out tonight.

Those ghosts and pumpkins
Gave me a fright.
Oh, but it's scary
On Hallowe'en night!

Hallowe'en Poem

I'm not afraid on Hallowe'en
Because my mother (teacher) said
I should not fear those funny things
But laugh at them instead.

For yellow faces in the night
That stare with eyes so wide
Are only pumpkins on the step
With candle light inside.

I will not fear a single thing
On this All Hallows Eve,
Because I know just what they are
Not what they seem to be.

A Safe Hallowe'en

Halloween night
Is a scary fun time,
With goblins and ghosts
And lanterns that shine.
But don't use a candle,
A flashlight is right
To light up your pumpkin
On Halloween night!

Black and Gold

Everything is black and gold,
Black and gold tonight;
Yellow pumpkins, yellow moon,
Yellow candle-light.

Jet-black cat with golden eyes,
Did you see him blink?
Black bats flying overhead
Shadows black as ink.

Black and gold, black and gold,
Nothing in between,
When the world turns black and gold,
Then it's Hallowe'en.

What Will I Be?

Should I be a hula dancer,
Should I be a clown?
I could be a robot
Or a lady in a gown.

I could be Frankenstein
He was really mean,
Or I could be a cowboy
On this Hallowe'en.

Should I be a devil
Or a ghost in a big sheet?
When I go door to door
Asking "Trick or treat?"



Surprise!

What a funny seed I found.
I wondered what would grow?
So I planted it in the ground
And now I know!
Little leaves were first to sprout
Growing in a line,
Then golden blossoms opened out
Along the vine.
And then something grew and Grew AND GREW!
The biggest ever seen!
And now I have a pumpkin-
Just in time for Halloween!

(To the tune of "Found a Peanut")

I had a pumpkin, a big fat pumpkin
It was growing on a vine.
Than I carved a jack-O-lantern
and it turned out just fine."

I had a pumpkin, a little pumpkin,
I gave it two big round eyes.
I cut a round and tiny nose
and a great big mouth that smiles.
Now I hide behind a bush and
I wait until it's dark.
Then when someone comes along
UP I JUMP!
BOO I SHOUT!
What a surprise!

Ghost's Night Out

Ghosts go out
On Halloween night.
They play tricks on people
And give them a fright.

They rattle their chains
And moan 'till its light.
They have so-o-o much fun
On Halloween night.

One Night a Year

One night a year the goblins take flight,
And all the ghosts go bump in the night
While skeletons rattle their bones 'till it's light.
But don't be afraid...it's just Halloween night!

Midnight

The clock strikes twelve on Halloween night.
The goblins are ready to take off in flight!
The bats are all circling the bell tower light.
Don't forget it's Halloween night!

We Three

We three went out on Halloween.

A Pirate
An Ape
A Witch between.

We went from door to door.

By the light of the moon
these shadows were seen.

A Pirate
An Ape
A Witch between
and--

Say, how did we get to be FOUR?



What to be for Halloween
A hobo or a bride?
A witch or scary goblin,
Its not easy to decide.

October means it's Hallowe'en
When pumpkins don their faces,
And mans and groans and rattling bones
Are heard in haunted places.

When witches in their pointed hats
Go riding on their brooms,
And nighttime wears a velvet cloak
Of mystery and doom.

When graveyards start to come alive
With spirits of the dead,
It's such a lovely time of year
I think I'll stay in bed.

The Goblin

A goblin lives in our house,
In our house, in our house,
A goblin lives in our house,
All the year round.

He bumps, he jumps,
And he stumps,
He knocks and he rocks,
And he rattles at the locks.

A goblin lives in our house,
In our house, in our house,
A goblin lives in our house
All the year round.

Do You Know It's Halloween?

Oh, do you know it's Halloween,
Halloween, Halloween?
Oh, Do you know it's Halloween,
This October day?

Ghosts and goblins are at play,
Are at play, are at play.
Ghosts and goblins are at play,
This October day.

Once I had a Pumpkin

(tune: Did you ever see a Lassie)

Oh, once I had a pumpkin, a pumpkin, a pumpkin
Oh, once I had a pumpkin, with no face at all.
With no eyes and no nose
And no mouth and no teeth
Oh, once I had a pumpkin with no face at all.

So, I made a jack o lantern, jack o lantern,
jack o lantern
So, I made a jack o lantern with a big funny face
With big eyes and big nose
And big mouth and big teeth
So, I made a jack o lantern with a big funny face.



Hallowe'en Pumpkin

Carve your pumpkin with a face really mean.
Set it outside in a place to be seen,
For it scares away ghosts, goblins, and more.
You might want to put it right next to your door!
Most important of all on this Halloween night,
Have lots of fun and turn on the light!

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