**“The Old Witch,” by The Brothers Grimm   
(Classic Halloween Story For Kids)**

**Directions: add in the missing puctuation**

There was once a little girl who was very willful and who never obeyed when her elders spoke to her so how could she be happy

One day she said to her parents 'I have heard so much of the old witch that I will go and see her. People say she is a wonderful old woman and has many marvelous things in her house and I am very curious to see them.'

But her parents forbade her going saying 'The witch is a wicked old woman who performs many godless deeds and if you go near her you are no longer a child of ours.'

The girl however would not turn back at her parents command but went to the witch s house. When she arrived there the old woman asked her

'Why are you so pale   
'Ah she replied trembling all over I have frightened myself so with what I have just seen.'

'And what did you see inquired the old witch.   
'I saw a black man on your steps

'That was a collier replied she

Then I saw a gray man.'

'That was a sportsman said the old woman.   
 After him I saw a blood-red man

'That was a butcher replied the old woman.

'But oh I was most terrified continued the girl when I peeped through your window and saw not you but a creature with a fiery head

'Then you have seen the witch in her proper dress said the old woman For you I have long waited and now you shall give me light

So saying the witch changed the little girl into a block of wood and then threw it on the fire When it was fully alight she sat down on the hearth and warmed herself saying

'How good I feel The fire has not burned like this for a long time