

Charmes

By Robert Herrick

Bring the holy crust of Bread,
Lay it underneath the head;
'Tis a certain Charme to keep
Hags away, while Children sleep.

Another

Let the superstitious wife
Neer the childs heart lay a knife:
Point be up, and Haft be downe;
(While she gossips in the towne)
This 'mongst other mystick charmes
Keeps the sleeping child from harms.

Another Charme for Stables

Hang up Hooks, and Sheers to scare
Hence the Hag, that rides the Mare,
Till they be all over wet,
With the mire, and the sweat;
This observ'd, the Manes shall be
Of your horses, all knot-free.