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The Age of Reason

I am magic, my skin is glued to my flesh
and though I drag my nails in it
it will not come off, and though I drag
my nails below the surface,
seeking the young skin below,
the old will not come off

I am a witch, I grow daily more wizened
begin to chant in my sleep, and wake the neighbours
with my drums and my spells;
the rich odour of potions
seeps, I know, through the walls
to the young who sleep oblivious
to the cause of it all

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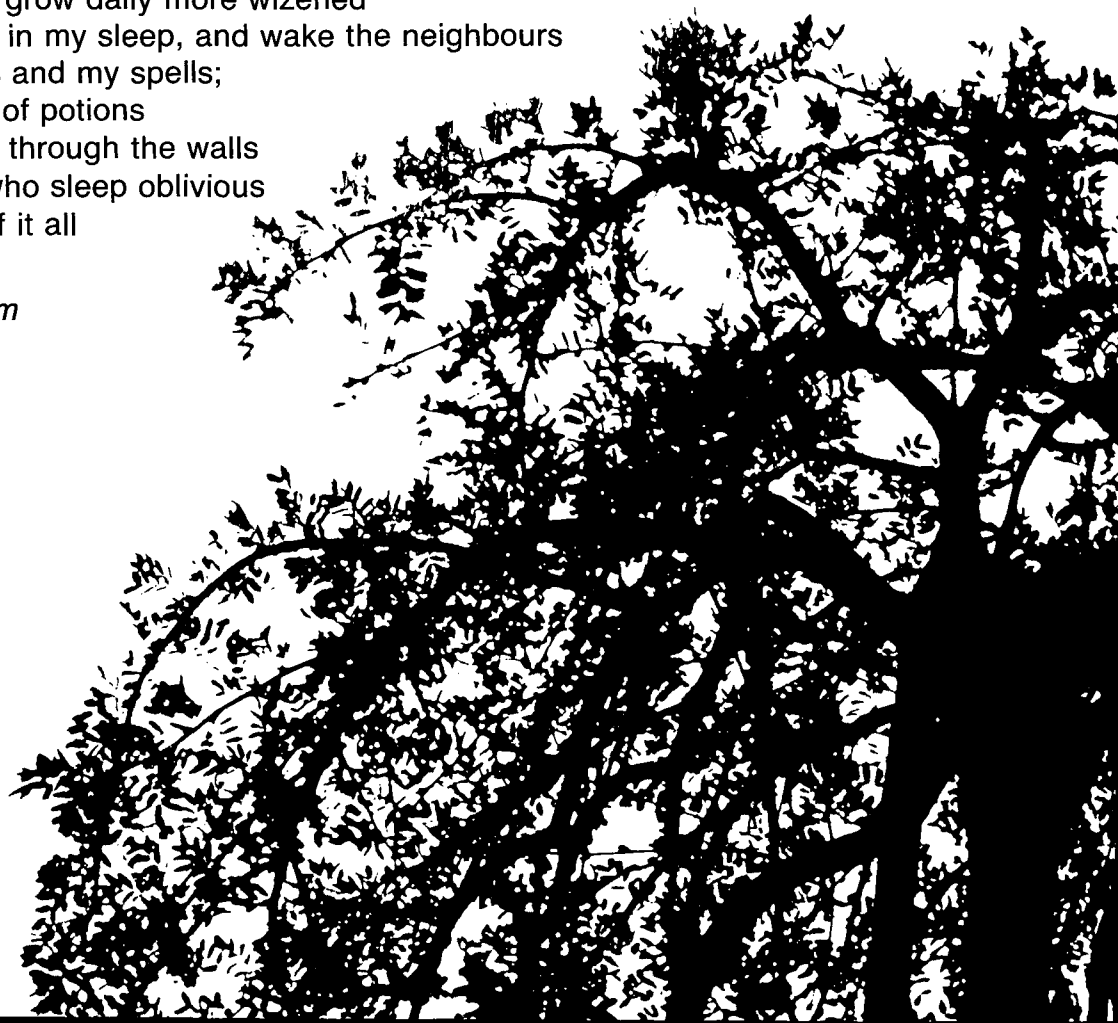


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