

1. Susanna Martin was a witch  
who dwelt in Amesbury  
with brilliant eye and saucy tongue  
she worked her sorcery  
and when into the judges court  
the sheriffs brought her hither  
the lilacs drooped as she passed by  
and then were seen to wither.
2. A witch she was, though trim and neat  
with comely head held high  
it did not seem that one as she  
with Satan so would vie  
and when in court when the afflicted ones  
proclaimed her evil ways  
she laughed aloud and boldly then  
met Cotton Mathers gaze.
3. "Who hath bewitched these maids" he asked  
and strong was her reply  
"If they be dealing in black arts  
ye know as well as I"  
and then the stricken ones made moan  
as she approached near  
they saw her shaped upon the beam  
so none could doubt 'twas there.
4. The neighbors 'round swore to the truth  
of her Satanic powers  
that she could fly o'er land and stream and come  
dry shod through showers  
at night 'twas said she had appeared  
a cat of fearsome mien  
"avoid she-devil" they had cried  
to keep their spirits clean.
5. The spectral evidence was weighed  
then stern the parson spoke  
"thou shalt not suffer a witch to live  
'tis written in the Book"  
Susanna Martin so accused  
spoke with flaming eyes  
"I scorn these things for they are naught  
but filthy gossips lies."
6. Now those bewitched they cried her out  
and loud their voice did ring  
they saw a bird above her head  
an evil yellow thing  
and so beneath a summer sky  
Susanna Martin died  
and still in scorn she faced the rope  
her comely head held high.