

## Lake of the Dead

Brodequin

Searched for the devils mark cord wrenched around the  
head chained to the wall of the cell witches bridle  
forced  
inside, prevented from rest a bodkin inserted  
hung up by the thumbs burned between the toes  
asked of conspirators judgement passed down  
taken to the waters edge priests prepare a lost soul  
on a quest to cleanse the land  
left foot fastened to the right hand strung between  
the shore and boat swung and pelted with stones  
introduced to the lake  
a guilty witch to float retrieved and quickly hanged  
an innocent is sure to sink and cleared of past  
mistakes, church officials watch for an sign of  
pain to prove guilt, murdering allowed by their lord