

The Hippocrump

1. In lines 5 to 9, what sound does his mouth make?
2. In lines 5 to 9, what word describes the spikes?
3. In lines 9 to 13, what 3 words describe his hair?
4. In lines 9 to 13, how are his claws described?
5. In lines 13 to 17, why do bold (brave) men falter (pause)?
6. In line 13 to end, where does the baneful weed grow?
7. In line 13 to end, what happens when the Hippocrump eats the weed?

- 1 Along the valley of the Ump
Gallops the fearful Hippocrump.
His hide is leathery and thick;
His eyelids open with a Click!
- 5 His mouth he closes with a Clack!
He has three humps upon his back;
On each of these there grows a score
Of horny spikes, and sometimes more.
- 9 His hair is curly, thick and brown;
Beneath his chin a beard hangs down.
He has eight feet with hideous claws;
His neck is long – and O his jaws!
- 13 The boldest falters in his track
To hear those hundred teeth go Clack!
The Hippocrump is fierce indeed,
But if he eats the baneful weed
- 17 That grows beside the Purple Lake,
His hundred teeth begin to ache.