

## **Expending Pendle**

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Heaving Pendle Hill on the emblem of Burnley,  
Bewitched forgotten chronicles dark and eerie,  
Guilty verdicts saw ten witches hanged,  
Witchcraft wanders Pendle's feral land.

In Lancaster Castle's pit beneath 'Well Tower',  
Fate sealed by Clergy and magisterial powers,  
1612 trials witness footsteps flourished,  
Unjust decrees ensnared and embellished.

Witch Tourism recounts our darkest tapestries,  
Heritage bays for late suffering and atrocities,  
Witches' relics hampered in despair,  
Spectral *Others* whispering beware.

Expending death through gaze and expression,  
Neglected signifiers for feminist subjugation,  
Igniting violent legacies now re-drawn,  
Of pastimes and present in brutal form.