



## **The Withered Corpse**

### **How to Play this Halloween Game**

In a darkened room, pass around the prepared cups described below while you recite the spooky poem. Each person playing the game must FEEL what's inside the cups. When you turn on the lights, hand each person a list of the body parts and have them write down what they think was really in each cup.

**Once upon a Halloween night  
Living in this spooky town  
Was a man who died of fright  
Bearing the name of Brown.**

**Many and many a year has passed  
Since they buried Brown away,  
But his withering corpse we've here amassed  
Dug up from his tomb today!**

**Here is his brain, which feels no pain.**

*Pass around a cup with something like a  
wet squishy tomato inside it.*

**Here are his eyes, frozen in surprise.**

*Pass the second cup which hold two frozen  
peeled grapes.*

**Here is his heart, nevermore to start!**

*Pass around a cup with a large lump of  
uncooked liver.*

**Here is his hair, once so fair!**

*This cup contains a handful of corn silk or  
wet fur or yarn.*

**A few drops of blood, the rest turned to mud!**

*A cup with a little catsup thinned with  
warm water.*

**One hand all alone, rotting flesh and bone.**

*A damp plastic glove filled with mud or ice.*

**Now touch his ear, which does not hear!**

*Pass around a cup holding a dried apricot*

**And here is his nose, cold in his repose.**

*Use a soft piece of chicken bone.*

**All that's left of his skin are these worms within!**

*Pass around a cup filled with wet, cooked spaghetti noodles.*

**Poor Brown is dead and withered away,  
Can you guess what we really felt today?**

After the lights are back on and everyone has finished writing down their guesses, collect the papers. As you check their guesses, you can show everyone what was really in the cups. The person with the most correct answers wins the game.