

## Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare The Tempest – Language – Rhythm and rhyme transcript

### STEPHANO

Come on your ways. Open your mouth; here is that which will give language to you, cat. Open your mouth; this will shake your shaking, I can tell you, and that soundly. You cannot tell who's your friend: open your chaps again.

### TRINCULO

I should know that voice. It should be - but he is drowned, and these are devils. O defend me!

### STEPHANO

Four legs and two voices; a most delicate monster! His forward voice now is to speak well of his friend; his backward voice is to utter foul speeches, and to detract. If all the wine in my bottle will recover him, I will help his ague. Come. Amen. I will pour some in thy other mouth.

### TRINCULO

Stephano!

### STEPHANO

Doth thy other mouth call me? Mercy, mercy! This is a devil, and no monster. I will leave him; I have no long spoon.

### TRINCULO

Stephano! If thou beest Stephano, touch me, and speak to me; for I am Trinculo - be not afeard - thy good friend Trinculo.

### STEPHANO

If thou beest Trinculo, come forth! I'll pull thee by the lesser legs. If any be Trinculo's legs, these are they. Thou art very Trinculo indeed! How cam'st thou to be the siege of this moon-calf? Can he vent Trinculos?

### TRINCULO

I took him to be killed with a thunder-stroke. But

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art thou not drowned, Stephano? I hope now thou art  
not drowned. Is the storm over-blown? I hid me  
under the dead moon-calf's gaberdine for fear of  
the storm. And art thou living, Stephano? O  
Stephano, two Neapolitans 'scaped!