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MACBETH,
A
TRAGÆDY.

With all the
ALTERATIONS,
AMENDMENTS,
ADDITIONS,
AND
NEW SONGS.

As it's now Acted at the Dukes Theatre.

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The Argument.

Duncan, King of the Scots, had two Principal Men, whom he Employed in all Matters of Importance, Macbeth and Banquo. These two Traveling together through a Forrest, were met by three Fairie Witches (Weirds the Scots call them) whereof the first making Obeysance unto Macbeth, saluted him, Thane (a Title unto which that of Earl afterwards succeeded) of Glamis, the second Thane of Cowder, and the third King of Scotland: This is unequal dealing, saith Banquo, to give my Friend all the Honours, and none unto me: To which one of the Weirds made Answer, That he indeed should not be a King, but out of his Loyns should come a Race of Kings; that should for ever Rule the Scots. And having thus said, they all suddenly Vanished. Upon their Arrival at the Court, Macbeth was immediately Created Thane of Glamis; and not long after some new Service of his, requiring new Recompence, he was Honoured with Title of Thane of Cowder. Seeing then how happily the Prediction of the three Weirds fell out, in the former he Resolved not to be wanting to himself in fulfilling the third; and therefore first he Killed the King, and after by reason of his Command among the Souldiers and Common People, he Succeeded in his Throne. Being scarce warm in his Seat, he called to mind the Prediction given to his Companion Banquo: Whom hereupon suspected as his Supplanter, he caused to be Killed, together with his Posterity: Fleane one of his Sons, Escaped only, with no small difficulty into Wales, Freed as he thought from all fear of Banquo and his Issue; he Built Dunsinan Castle, and made it his Ordinary Seat: And afterwards on some new Fears, Consulted with certain of his Wizards about his future Estate: Was told by one of them, that he should never be Overcome, till Birnam Wood (being some Miles distant) came to Dunsinan Castle; and by another, that he should never be Slain by any Man which was Born of a Woman. Secure then as he thought, from all future Dangers; he omitted no kind of Libidinous Cruelty for the space of 18 Years; for so long he Tyrannized over Scotland. But having then made up the Measure of his Iniquities, Macduff the Governor of Fife, associating to himself some few Patriots (and being assisted with Ten Thousand English) equally hated by the Tyrant, and abhorring the Tyranny, met in Birnam Wood, taking every one of them a Bough in his hand (the better to keep them from discovery) Marching early in the Morning towards Dunsinan Castle, which they took by Scalado. Macbeth escaping, was pursued by Macduff, who having overtaken him, urged him to the Combat; to whom the Tyrant, half in scorn, returned this Answer: That he did in Vain attempt to Kill him, it being his Destiny never to be Slain by any that was Born of Woman. Now then said Macduff, is thy fatal end drawing fast upon thee, for I was never Born of Woman, but violently Cut out of my Mothers Belly: Which words so daunted the cruel Tyrant, though otherways a Valiant man and of great Performances, that he was very easily slain; and Malcolm Commer, the true Heir, Seated in his Throne.



The Persons Names.

King of Scotland,
 Malcolm *his Son*,
 Prince of Cumberland }
 Donalbain.
 Lenox,
 Ross,
 Angus,
 Macbeth,
 Banquo,
 Macduff,
 Monteth,
 Cathnes,
 Seyward *and his Son*.
 Seyton,
 Doctor.
 Feance Boy to Banquo.
 Porter, Old man, 2 Mur-
 derers.
 Macbeth's Wife.
 Macduff's Wife
 Her Son.
 Waiting Gentlewoman.
 Ghost of Banquo,
 Heccatte.
 Three Wittches.
 Servants and Attendants.

Mr. Lee.
 Mr. Norris,
 Mr. Cademan,
 Mr. Medbourn.

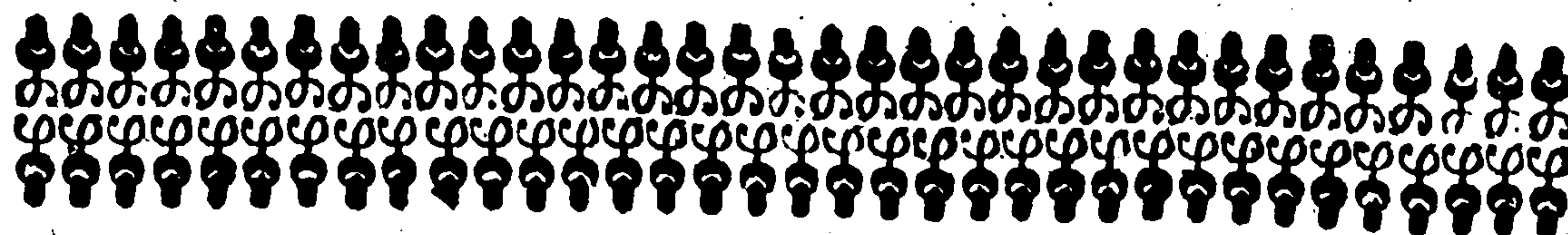
Mr. Batterton.
 Mr. Smith.
 Mr. Harris.

Mrs. Batterton.
 Mrs. Long.

Mr. Sanford.

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ACT.



ACT, I. SCENE, I.

Thunder and Lightning.

Enter three Wittches.

1 *Witch.* **W**HEN shall we three meet again,
 In Thunder, Lightning, and in Rain?
 2. When the Hurly-burly's done,
 When the Battle's lost and won.
 3. And that will be ere set of Sun.
 1. Where's the place?
 2. Upon the Heath.
 3. There we resolve to meet *Macbeth*. . . . [*A shriek like an Owl.*
 1. I come Gray *Malkin*.
All. raddock calls!

To us fair weather's foul, and foul is fair!
 Come hover through the foggy, filthy Air. [*Ex. flying.*
Enter King, Malcolm, Donalbain and Lenox, with Attendants
meeting Seyton wounded.

King. What aged man is that? if we may guess
 His message by his looks, He can relate the
 Issue of the Battle!

Malc. This is the valiant *Seyton*,
 Who like a good and hardy Souldier fought
 To save my liberty. Hail, Worthy Friend,
 Inform the King in what condition you
 Did leave the Battle?

Seyton. It was doubtful;

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As two spent swimmers, who together cling
 And choak their Art: the merciless *Macdonald*
 (VWorthy to be a Rebel, to which end
 The multiplying Villanies of Nature
 Swarm'd thick upon him) from the western Isles:
 VWith Kernes and Gallow-glasses was supply'd.
 VVhom Fortune with her smiles oblig'd a-while;
 But brave *Macbeth* (who well deserves that name)
 Did with his frowns put all her smiles to flight:
 And Cut his passage to the Rebels person:
 Then having Conquer'd him with single force,
 He fixt his Head upon our Battlements.

King. O valiant Cousin! VWorthy Gentleman!

Seyton. But then this Day-break of our Victory
 Serv'd but to light us into other Dangers
 That spring from whence our hopes did seem to rise;
 Produc'd our hazard: for no sooner had
 The justice of your Cause, Sir, (arm'd with valour,)
 Compell'd these nimble Kernes to trust their Heels.
 But the *Norwegian* Lord, (having expected
 This opportunity) with new supplies
 Began a fresh assault.

King. Dismaid not this our Generals, *Macbeth*
 And *Banquo*?

Seyton. Yes, as sparrows Eagles, or as hares do Lions;
 As flames are heighten'd by access of fuel,
 So did their valours gather strength, by having
 Fresh Foes on whom to exercise their Swords:
 VW hose thunder still did drown the dying groans
 Of those they slew, which else had been so great,
 Th' had frighted all the rest into Retreat.
 My spirits faint: I would relate the wounds
 VVhich their Swords made; but my own silence me.

King. So well thy wounds become thee as thy words:
 Th' are full of Honour both: Go get him Surgeons

[*Ex. Cap. and Attendants.*]

Enter Macduff.

But, who comes there?

Malc.

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Malc. Noble *Macduff*!

Lenox. VW hat haste looks through his eyes!

Donal. So should he look who comes to speak things strange.

Macd. Long live the King!

King. VW hence com'st thou, worthy *Thane*?

Macd. From *Fife*, Great King; where the *Norwegian* Banners
 Darkned the Air; and fann'd our people cold:

Norway himself, with infinite supplies,

(Assisted by that most disloyal *Thane*

Of *Cawdor*) long maintain'd a dismal Conflict,

Till brave *Macbeth* oppos'd his bloody rage,

And check'd his haughty spirits, after which

His Army fled: Thus shallow streams may flow

Forward with violence a-while; but when

They are oppos'd, as fast run back again.

In brief, the Victory was ours.

King. Great Happiness!

Malcol. And now the *Norway* King craves Composition.

VVe would not grant the burial of his men,

Until at *Colems-Inch* he had disburs'd

Great heaps of Treasure to our Generals use.

King. No more that *Thane* of *Cawdor* shall deceive

Our confidence: pronounce his present Death;

And with his former Title greet *Macbeth*.

He has deserv'd it.

Macd. Sir! I'll see it done.

King. What he has lost, Noble *Macbeth* has won. . . . *Exeunt.*

Thunder and Lightning.

Enter three Witches flying.

1 *Witch.* Where hast thou been, Sister?

2. Killing Swine!

3. Sister; where thou?

1. A Sailor's wife had Chestnuts in her lap,
 And mounch'd, and mounch'd, and mounch'd; give me quoth I;

Anoint thee, Witch, the rump-fed Ronyon cry'd,

Her Husband's to the *Baltick* gone, Master o'th' Tyger.

But in a sieve I'll thither sail,

And like a Rat without a tail

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I'll do, I'll do, and I will do.

2. I'll give thee a wind.

1. Thou art kind.

3. And I another.

1. I my self have all the other.

And then from every Port they blow ;
From all the points that Sea-men know :
I will drain him dry as hay ;
Sleep shall neither night nor day
Hang upon his pent-house lid ;
My charms shall his repose forbid,
Weary ten-nights nine times nine,
Shall he dwindle, waste, and pine.
Though his Bark cannot be lost,
Yet shall be Tempest-tost.

Look what I have.

2. Shew me, shew me, ----

1. Here I have a Pilot's thumb
Wrack'd, as homeward he did come!

3. A Drum, a Drum :
Macbeth does come.

1. The weyward Sisters hand in hand,
Posters of the Sea and Land.

Thus do go about, about
Thrice to thine,

2. And thrice to mine ;

3. And thrice agen to make up nine.

2. Peace, the Charms wound up.

Enter Macbeth and Banquo with Attendants.

Macb. Command ; they make a halt upon the Heath. ----
So fail, and foul a day I have not seen !

Banq. How far is't now to *Soris* ? what are these
So wither'd, and so wild in their attire ?
That look not like the Earths Inhabitants,
And yet are on't ? Live you ? or are you things
Crept hither from the lower World to fright
Th' Inhabitants of this ? You seem to know me
By laying all at once your choppy fingers

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Upon your skinny-lips ; you shou'd be women,
And yet your looks forbid me to interpret
So well of you. ----

Macb. Speak, if you can, what are you ?

1 *Witch.* All hail, *Macbeth*, Hail to thee *Thane of Glamis* ;

2. All hail, *Macbeth*, Hail to thee *Thane of Cawdor*.

3. All hail, *Macbeth*, who shall be King hereafter ?

Banq. Good Sir, what makes you start ? and seem to dread
Events which sound so fair ? I'th' name of Truth
Are you fantastical ? or that indeed
Which outwardly you shew ? my noble Partner,
You greet with present Grace,
And strange prediction
Of noble Fortune, and of Royal hope ;
With which he seems surpriz'd : To me you speak not.
If you can look into the seeds of Time,
And tell which grain will grow, and which will not,
Speak then to me ; who neither beg your favour,
Nor fear your hate. ----

1. Hail !

2. Hail !

3. Hail !

1. Lesser than *Macbeth*, and greater.

2. Not so happy, yet much happier.

3. Thou shalt get Kings, thou shalt ne'r be one.

So all Hail *Macbeth* and *Banquo*. ----

1. *Banquo* and *Macbeth*, all Hail.

[*Exeunt.*]

Macbeth. Stay ! you imperfect Speakers ! tell me more ;
By *Sinel's* death I know I am *Thane of Glamis* ;
But how of *Cawdor*, whilst that *Thane* yet lives ?
And, for your promise, that I shall be King,
'Tis not within the prospect of belief,
No more than to be *Cawdor* : say from whence
You have this strange Intelligence : or why
Upon this blasted Heath you stop our way
With such prophetick greeting ? Speak, I charge you.

[*Witches vanish.*]

Ha ! gone !

Banq.

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Banq. The earth has Bubbles like the water:
And these are some of them: how soon they are vanish'd!

Macb.... Th' are turn'd to Air; what seem'd Corporeal
Is melted into nothing; would they had staid.

Banq.... Were such things here as we discours'd of now?
Or have we tasted some infectious Herb
That captivates our Reason?

Macb. Your Children shall be Kings.

Banq. You shall be King.

Macb. And Thane of *Cawdor* too, went it not so?

Banq. Just to that very tune! who's here?

Enter Macduff.

Macd. *Macbeth* the King has happily receiv'd
The news of your success: And when he reads
Your pers'nal venture in the Rebels fight,
His wonder and his praises then contend
Which shall exceed: when he reviews your worth,
He finds you in the stout *Norwegian*-ranks;
Not starting at the Images of Death
Made by your self: each Messenger which came
Being loaden with the praises of your Valour;
Seem'd proud to speak your Glories to the King;
VWho, for an earnest of a greater Honour
Bad me, from him, to call you *Thane of Cawdor*:
In which Addition, Hail, most Noble *Thane*!

Banq. What, can the Devil speak true?

Macb. The *Thane of Cawdor* lives!

Why do you dress me in his borrow'd Robes?

Macd. 'Tis true, Sir; He, who was the *Thane*, lives yet;
But under heavy judgment bears that life
VWhich he in justice is condemn'd to lose,
VWhether he was combin'd with those of *Norway*,
Or did assist the Rebel privately;

Or whether he concurr'd with both, to cause
His Country's danger, Sir, I cannot tell:

But, Treasons Capital, confess'd, and prov'd,
Have over-thrown him.

Macb. *Glamis* and *Thane of Cawdor*!

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The greatest is behind; my noble Partner!
Do you not hope your Children shall be Kings?
VWhen those who gave to me the *Thane of Cawdor*
Promis'd no less to them.

Banq. If all be true,
You have a Title to a Crown, as well
As to the *Thane of Cawdor*. It seems strange;
But many times to win us to our harm,
The Instruments of darkness tell us truths,
And tempt us with low trifles; that they may
Betray us in the things of high concern.

Macb. Th' have told me truth as to the name of *Cawdor*, [*aside*.
That may be prologue to the name of King.
Less Titles shou'd the greater still fore-run,
The morning Star doth usher in the Sun.
This strange prediction in as strange a manner
Deliver'd: neither can be good nor ill,
If ill; 'twou'd give no earnest of success,
Beginning in a truth: I'm *Thane of Cawdor*;
If good? why am I then perplext with doubt?
My future bliss causes my present fears,
Fortune, methinks, which rains down Honour on me,
Seems to rain blood too: *Duncan* does appear
Clowded by my increasing Glories: but
These are but dreams.

Banq. Look how my Partner's rap'd!

Macb. If Chance will have me King; Chance may bestow
A Crown without my stir.

Banq. His Honours are surprizes, and resemble
New Garments, which but seldom fit men well,
Unless by help of use.

Macb. Come, what come may;
Patience and time run through the roughest day.

Banq. VVorthy *Macbeth*! we wait upon your leisure.

Macb. I was reflecting upon past transactions;
VVorthy *Macduff*; your pains are registred
VWhere every day I turn the leaf to read them.
Let's hasten to the King: we'll think upon

These:

These accidents at more convenient time.
 When w' have maturely weigh'd them, we'll impart
 Our mutual judgments to each others breasts.

Banq. Let it be so.

Macb. Till then, enough. Come Friends. [Exeunt.

Enter King, Lenox, Malcolme, Donalbine, Attendants.

King. Is execution done on *Cawdor* yet?
 Or are they not return'd, who were employ'd
 In doing it?

Malc. They are not yet come back;
 But I have spoke with one who saw him die,
 And did report that very frankly, he
 Confess'd his Treasons; and implor'd your pardon,
 With signs of a sincere and deep repentance.
 With signs of a sincere and deep repentance.
 He told me, nothing in his life became him
 so well, as did his leaving it. He dy'd
 As one who had been study'd in his Death,
 Quitting the dearest thing he ever had,
 As 'twere a worthless trifle.

King. There's no Art
 To find the minds construction in the face:
 He was a Gentleman on whom I built
 An absolute trust.

Enter Macbeth, Banquo, and Macduff.

O worthy't Cozen!
 The sin of my Ingratitude even now
 Seem'd heavy on me. Thou art so far before,
 That all the wings of recompence are slow
 To overtake thee: would thou hadst less deserv'd,
 That the proportion both of thanks and payment
 Might have been mine: I've only left to say,
 That thou deserv'st more than I have to pay.

Macb. The service and the loyalty I owe you,
 Is a sufficient payment for it self:
 Your Royal part is to receive our Duties;
 Which Duties are, Sir, to your Throne and State,
 Children and Servants; and when we expose
 Our dearest lives to save your Interest,

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We do but what we ought.
King. Y'are welcome hither;
 I have begun to plant thee, and will labour
 Still to advance thy growth: And noble *Banquo*,
 (Who ha'st no less deserv'd; nor must partake
 Less of our favour,) let me here enfold thee,
 And hold thee to my heart.

Banq. There if I grow,
 The harvest is your own.

King. My joys are now
 Wanton in fulness; and wou'd hide themselves
 In drops of sorrow. Kinsmen, Sons, and *Thanes*;
 And you, whose places are the nearest, know
 We will establish our estate upon
 Our Eldest, *Malcolm*, whom we name hereafter
 The Prince of *Cumberland*: nor must he wear
 His Honours unaccompany'd by others,
 But marks of nobleness, like Stars shall shine
 On all deservers. Now we'll hasten hence
 To *Enverness*: we'll be your guest, *Macbeth*,
 And there contract a greater debt than that
 Which I already owe you.

Macb. That Honour, Sir,
 Out-speaks the best expression of my thanks:
 I'll be my self the Harbinger, and bless
 My wife with the glad news of your approach.
 I humbly take my leave.

King. My worthy *Cawdor*! . . . *Macbeth going out, stops, and speaks*
whilst the King talks with Banq. &c.

Macb. The Prince of *Cumberland*! that is a step
 On which I must fall down, or else o're-leap;
 For in my way it lies. Stars! hide your fires,
 Let no light see my black and deep desires.
 The strange Idea of a bloody act
 Does into doubt all my resolves distract.
 My eye shall at my hand connive, the Sun
 Himself should wink when such a deed is done. . . . [Exit.

King. True, Noble *Banquo*, he is full of worth;
 And with his Commendations I am fed;

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It is a Feast to me. Let's after him,
Whose care is gone before to bid us welcome:
He is a matchless Kinsman. . . .

Enter Lady Macbeth, and Lady Macduff. Lady Macbeth
having a Letter in her hand. [Exeunt.]

La. Macb. Madam, I have observ'd since you came hither,
You have been still disconsolate. Pray tell me,
Are you in perfect health?

La. Macd. Alas! how can I?
My Lord, when Honour call'd him to the War,
Took with him half of my divided soul,
Which lodging in his bosom, lik'd so well
The place, that 'tis not yet return'd.

La. Macb. Methinks
That should not disorder you: for, no doubt
The brave *Macduff* left half his soul behind him,
To make up the defect of yours.

La. Macd. Alas!
The part transplanted from his breast to mine,
(As 'twere by sympathy) still bore a share
In all the hazards which the other half
Incurr'd, and fill'd my bosom up with fears.

La. Macb. Those fears, methinks, should cease now he is safe.

La. Macd. Ah, Madam, dangers which have long prevail'd
Upon the fancy; even when they are dead
Live in the memory a-while.

La. Macb. Although his safety has not power enough to put
Your doubts to flight, yet the bright glories which
He gain'd in Battel might dispel those Clouds.

La. Macd. The world mistakes the glories gain'd in war,
Thinking their Lustre true: alas, they are
But Comets, Vapours! by some men exhal'd
From others blood, and kindl'd in the Region
Of popular applause, in which they live
A-while; then vanish: and the very breath
Which first inflam'd them, blows them out agen.

La. Macb. I willingly would read this Letter; but
Her presence hinders me; I must divert her.

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If you are ill, repose may do you good;
Y'had best retire; and try if you can sleep.

L. Macd. My doubtful thoughts too long have kept me waking,
Madam! I'll take your Counsel. . . . [Ex. *La. Macd.*]

L. Macb. Now I have leisure, peruse this Letter.
His last brought some imperfect news of things
Which in the shape of women greeted him
In a strange manner. This perhaps may give
More full intelligence. [She reads.]

Reads. They met me in the day of success; and I have been told
they have more in them than mortal Knowledg. When I desir'd to
question them further; they made themselves air. Whilst I enter-
tain'd my self with the wonder of it, came Missives from the King,
who call'd me Thane of Cawdor: by which Title, these weyward
Sisters had saluted me before, and referr'd me to the coming on of
time; with, Hail King that shall be. This have I imparted to thee,
(my dearest partner of Greatness) that thou might'st not lose thy
rights of rejoicing, by being ignorant of what is promis'd. Lay it
to thy heart, and farewell.

Glamis thou art, and *Cawdor*, and shalt be
What thou art promis'd: yet I fear thy Nature
Has too much of the milk of humane kindness
To take the nearest way: thou would'st be great:
Thou do'st not want ambition: but the ill
Which should attend it: what thou highly covet'st
Thou covet'st holily! alas, thou art
Loth to play false; and yet would'st wrongly win!
Oh how irregular are thy desires?
Thou willingly, Great *Glamis*, would'st enjoy
The end without the means! Oh haste thee hither,
That I may pour my spirits in thy ear:
And chastise with the valour of my tongue
Thy too effeminate desires of that
Which supernatural assistance seems
To Crown thee with. What may be your news?

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*Enter Servant.**Macb. Servant.* The King comes hither to night.*La. Macb.* Th'art mad to say it:
Is not thy Master with him? were this true,
He would give notice for the preparation.*Macb. serv.* So please you, it is true: our *Thane* is coming;
One of my fellows had the speed of him;
Who, almost dead for breath, had scarcely more
Than would make up his Message.*L. Macb.* See him well look'd too: he brings welcome news.
There wou'd be musick in a Raven's voice,
Which should but croke the Entrance of the King
Under my Battlements. Come all you spirits
That wait on mortal thoughts: unsex me here:
Empty my Nature of humanity,
And fill it up with cruelty: make thick
My bloud, and stop all passage to remorse;
That no relapses into mercy may
Shake my design, nor make it fall before
'Tis ripen'd to effect: you murdering spirits,
(Where ere in sightless substances you wait
On Natures mischief) come, and fill my breasts
With gall instead of milk: make haste dark night,
And hide me in a smoak as black as hell;
That my keen steel see not the wound it makes:
Nor Heav'n peep through the Curtains of the dark,
To cry, hold! hold!*Enter Macbeth.*Great *Glamis!* worthy *Camdon!*
Greater than both, by the all-Hail hereafter;
Thy Letters have transported me beyond
My present posture; I already feel
The future in the instant.*Macb.* Dearest Love,
Duncan comes here to night.*La. Macb.* When goes he hence?*Macb.* To morrow, as he purposes;*La. Macb.* O never!

Never

Never may any Sun that morrow see.
Your face, my *Thane*, is as a book, where men
May read strange matters to beguile the time.
Be chearful, Sir; bear welcome in your eye,
Your hand, your tongue: Look like the innocent flower,
But be the serpent under't: He that's coming
Must be provided for: And you shall put
This nights great bus'ness into my dispatch;
Which shall to all our future nights and daies
Give sovereign Command: we will with-draw,
And talk on't further: Let your looks be clear,
Your change of Count'nance docs betoken fear. [Exeunt.
Enter King, Malcolme, Donalbine, Banquo, Lenox,
*Macduff, Attendants.**King.* This Castle has a very pleasant seat;
The air does sweetly recommend it self
To our delighted senses.*Banq.* The Guest of Summer,
The Temple-haunting *Martin* by his choice
Of this place for his Mansion, seems to tell us,
That here Heavens breath smells pleasantly. No window,
Buttrice, nor place of vantage; but this Bird
Has made his pendant bed and cradle where
He breeds and haunts. I have observ'd the Air,
'Tis delicate.*Enter Lady Macbeth.**King.* See, see our honoured Hostess,
By loving us, some persons cause our trouble;
Which still we thank as love: herein I teach
You how you should bid us welcome for your pains,
And thank you for your trouble.*La. Macb.* All our services
In every point twice done, would prove but poor
And single gratitude, if weigh'd with these
Obliging honours which
Your Majesty confers upon our house;
For dignities of old and later date
(Being too poor to pay) we must be still:

Your

Your humble debtors.

Macd. Madam, we are all joyntly, to night, your trouble ;
But I am your trespasser upon another score.
My wife, I understand, has in my absence
Retir'd to you.

L. Macb. I must thank her : for whilst she came to me
Seeking a Cure for her own solitude,
She brought a remedy to mine : her fears
For you, have somewhat indispos'd her, Sir,
She's now with-drawn, to try if she can sleep :
VWhen she shall wake, I doubt not but your presence
VWill perfectly restore her health.

King. VWhere's the *Thane of Cawdor* ?
VVe cours'd him at the heels, and had a purpose
To be his purveyor : but he rides well,
And his great love (sharp as his spur) has brought him
Hither before us. Fair and Noble Lady,
VVe are your Guests to night.

L. Macb. Your servants
Should make their Audit at your pleasure, Sir,
And still return it as their debt.

King. Give me your hand.
Conduct me to *Macbeth* : we love him highly,
And shall continue our affection to him.

Enter Macbeth.

Macb. If it were well when done ; then it were well
It were done quickly ; if his Death might be
VWithout the Death of nature in my self,
And killing my own rest ; it wou'd suffice ;
But deeds of this complexion still return
To plague the doer, and destroy his peace :
Yet let me think ; he's here in double trust.
First, as I am his Kinsman, and his Subject,
Strong both against the Deed : then as his Host,
VWho should against his murderer shut the door,
Not bear the sword my self. Besides, this *Duncan*
Has born his faculties so meek, and been
So clear in his great Office ; that his Vertues,

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Like Angels, plead against so black a deed ;
Vaulting Ambition ! thou o're-leap'st thy self
To fall upon another : now, what news ?

Enter L. Macbeth.

L. Macb. H' has almost supp'd: why have you left the chamber?

Macb. Has he enquir'd for me ?

L. Macb. You know he has !

Macb. VVe will proceed no further in this business :
H' has honour'd me of late ; and I have bought
Golden opinions from all sorts of people,
VWhich should be worn now in their newest glos,
Not cast aside so soon.

L. Macb. VWas the hope drunk
VWherein you dress'd your self ? has it slept since ?
And wakes it now to look so pale and fearful
At what it wish'd so freely ? Can you fear
To be the same in your own act and valour,
As in desire you are ? would you enjoy
VWhat you repute the Ornament of Life,
And live a Coward in your own esteem ?
You dare not venture on the thing you wish :
But still wou'd be in tame expectance of it.

Macb. I prithee peace : I dare do all that may
Become a man ; he who dares more, is none.

L. Macb. What Beast then made you break this Enterprize
To me ? when you did that, you were a man :
Nay, to be more than what you were, you would
Be so much more the man. Nor time nor place
Did then adhere ; and yet you wish'd for both ;
And now th' have made themselves ; how you betray
Your Cowardize ? I've given suck, and know
How tender 'tis to love the Babe that milks me :
I would, whilst it was smiling in my face,
Have pluck'd my Nipple from his boneless gums,
And dash'd the brains out, had I so resolv'd,
As you have done for this.

Macb. If we should fail : ----

L. Macb. How, fail ! ---

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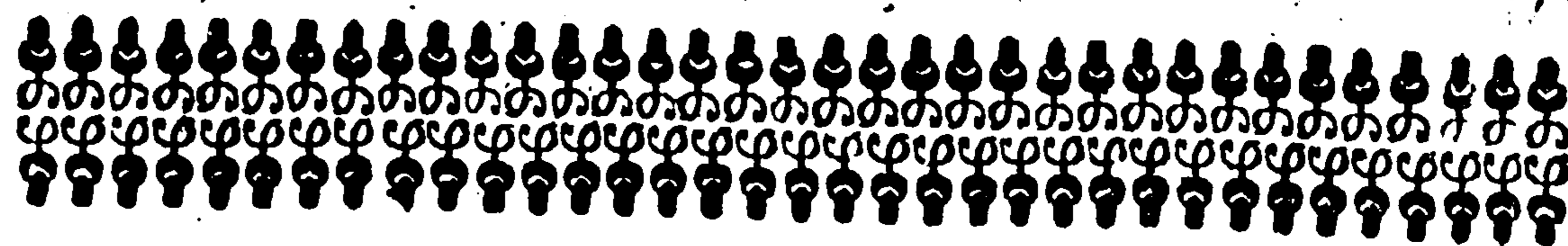
Bring but your Courage to the fatal place,
 And we'll not fail; when *Duncan* is a-sleep,
 (To which, the pains of this daies journey will
 Soundly invite him) his two Chamberlains
 I will with wine and wassel so convince;
 That memory (the centry of the brain)
 Shall be a fume; and the receipt of reason,
 A limbeck only: when, in swinish sleep,
 Their natures shall lie drench'd, as in their Death,
 What cannot you and I perform upon
 His spongy Officers? we'll make them bear
 The guilt of our black Deed.

Macb. Bring forth men-children only;
 For thy undaunted temper should produce
 Nothing but males: but yet when we have mark'd
 Those of his Chamber (whilst they are a-sleep)
 With *Duncan's* blood, and us'd their very daggers;
 I fear it will not be, with ease, believ'd
 That they have don't.

L. Macb. Who dares believe it otherwise,
 As we shall make our griefs and clamours loud
 After his death?

Macb. I'm setl'd, and will stretch up
 Each fainting sinew to this bloody act.
 Come, let's delude the time with fairest show,
 Fain'd looks must hide what the false heart does know.

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ACT, II. SCENE, I.

Enter Banquo and Fleame.

Banq. **H**OW goes the night, Boy?
Fleame. I have not heard the Clock,
 But the Moon is down.

Banq. And she goes down at twelve.

Flea. I take't 'tis late, Sir,

[*Ex. Fleam.*]

Banq. An heavy summons lies like lead upon me;
 Nature wou'd have me sleep, and yet I fain wou'd wake:
 Merciful powers restrain me in these cursed thoughts
 That thus disturb my rest.

Enter Macbeth and Servant.

Who's there? *Macbeth*, a friend.

Banq. What, Sir, not yet at rest? the King's a-bed;
 He has been to night in an unusual pleasure:
 He to your servants has been bountiful,
 And with this Diamond he greets your wife
 By the obliging name of most kind Hostess.

Macb. The King taking us unprepar'd, restrain'd our power
 Of serving him; which else should have wrought more free.

Banq. All's well.

I dream'd last night of the three weyward Sisters
 To you they have shewn some truth.

Macb. I think not of them;
 Yet, when we can intreat an hour or two,

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We'll

We'll spend it in some wood upon that business.

Banq. At your kindest leisure.

Macb. If when the Propheſie begins to look like truth
You will adhere to me, it ſhall make honour for you.

Banq. So I loſe none in ſeeking to augment it, but ſtill
Keeping my boſom free, and my Allegiances dear,
I ſhall be counſell'd.

Macb. Good reſoſe the while.

Banq. The like to you, Sir.

[*Ex. Banquo.*]

Macb. Go bid your Miſtreſs, when ſhe is undreſt,
To ſtrike the Cloſet-bell; and I'll go to bed.

Is this a dagger which I ſee before me?

The hilt draws towards my hand; come, let me graſp thee:

I have thee not, and yet I ſee thee ſtill;

Art thou not fatal Viſion, ſenſible

To feeling as to ſight? or, art thou but

A dagger of the mind, a falſe creation

Proceeding from the brain, oppreſt with heat.

My eyes are made the fools of th'other ſenſes;

Or elſe worth all the reſt: I ſee thee ſtill,

And on thy blade are ſtains of reeking blood.

It is the bloody buſineſs that thus

Informſ my eye-ſight; now, to half the world

Nature ſeems dead, and wicked dreams infect

The health of ſleep; now witchcraft celebrates

Pale Heccate's Offerings; now murder is

Alarm'd by his nights Centinel: the wolf,

Whoſe howling ſeems the watch-word to the dead:

But whiſt I talk, he lives: hark, I am ſummon'd;

O *Duncan*, hear it not, for 'tis a bell

That rings my Coronation, and thy Knell.

[*Exit.*]

Enter Lady Macbeth.

La Macb. That which made them drunk, has made me bold;
What has quenched them, hath given new fire to me.

Heark; oh, it was the Owl that ſhriek'd;

The fatal Bell-man that oft bids good night

To dying men, he is about it; the doors are open,

And whiſt the ſurfeited Grooms neglect their charges for ſleep,
Nature

Nature and death are now contending in them.

Enter Macbeth.

Macb. Who's there?

La Macb. Alas, I am afraid they are awak'd,
And 'tis not done; the attempt without the deed
Would ruine us. I laid the daggers ready,
He could not miſs them; and had he not reſembl'd
My Father, as he ſlept, I would have don't
My Husband.

Macb. I have done the deed, didſt thou not hear a noiſe?

La Macb. I heard the Owl ſcream, and the Crickets cry,
Did dot you ſpeak?

Macb. When?

La Macb. Now.

Macb. Who lies i'th' Anti-chamber?

La Macb. Donalbain.

Macb. This is a diſmal ſight.

La Macb. A fooliſh thought to ſay a diſmal ſight:

Macb. There is one did laugh as he ſecurely ſlept,
And one cry'd Murder, that they wak'd each other.
I ſtood and heard them; but they ſaid their Prayers,
And then addreſt themſelves to ſleep again.

La Macb. There are two lodg'd together.

Macb. One cry'd, Heaven bleſs us, the other ſaid, *Amen*:
As they had ſeen me with theſe Hang-mans hands,
Silenc'd with fear, I cou'd not ſay *Amen*
When they did ſay, Heaven bleſs us.

La Macb. Conſider it not ſo deeply.

Macb. But, wherefore could not I pronounce, *Amen*?
I had moſt need of bleſſing, and *Amen*
Stuck in my throat.

La Macb. Theſe deeds ſhou'd be forgot as ſoon as done,
Leſt they diſtract the doer.

Macb. Methoughts I heard a noiſe cry, ſleep no more:
Macbeth has murder'd ſleep, the innocent ſleep;
Sleep, that locks up the ſenſes from their care;
The death of each daies life; tir'd labours bath;
Balm of hurt; minds great natures ſecond courſe;

Chief nourisher in life's feast.

La. Macb. What do you mean?

Macb. Still it cry'd, sleep no more, to all the house.

Glamis hath murder'd sleep, and therefore *Cawdor*
Shall sleep no more; *Macbeth* shall sleep no more.

La. Macb. Why do you dream thus? go, get some water,
And cleanse this filthy witness from your hands.
Why did you bring the daggers from the place?
They must be there, go carry them, and stain
The sleepy Grooms with blood.

Macb. I'll go no more;
I am afraid to think what I have done.

What then, with looking on it, shall I do?

La. Macb. Give me the daggers, the sleeping and the dead
Are but as pictures; 'tis the eye of childhood
That fears a painted Devil: with his blood
I'll stain the faces of the Grooms; by that
It will appear their guilt.

[*Ex. La. Macbeth*
Knock within.

Macb. What knocking's that?
How is't with me, when every noise affrights me?
What hands are here! can the Sea afford
Water enough to wash away the stains?
No, they would sooner add a tincture to
The Sea, and turn the green into a red.

Enter Lady Macbeth.

La. Macb. My hands are of your colour; but I scorn
To wear an heart so white. Hark,
I hear a knocking at the Gate: to your Chamber;
A little water clears us of this deed.
Your fear has left you unman'd; heark, more knocking.
Get on your Gown, lest occasions call us,
And shews us to be watchers; be not lost
So poorly in your thoughts.

[*Knock.*

Macb. Disguis'd in blood, I scarce can find my way.
Wake *Duncan* with this knocking, wou'd thou could'st.

[*Exit.*

Enter Lenox and Macbeth's servant.

Lenox. You sleep soundly, that so much knocking

Could

Could not wake you.

Serv. Labour by day causes rest by night.

Enter Macduff.

Len. See the Noble *Macduff.*

Good morrow, my Lord, have you observ'd
How great a mist does now possess the air;
It makes me doubt whether't be day or night.

Macd. Rising this morning early, I went to look out of my
Window, and I cou'd scarce see farther than my breath:
The darkness of the night brought but few objects
To our eyes, but too many to our ears.
Strange claps and creekings of the doors were heard;
The *Screech-Owl* with his screams, seem'd to foretell
Some deed more black than night.

Enter Macbeth.

Macd. Is the King stirring?

Macb. Not yet.

Macd. He did command me to attend him early;
I have almost slip'd the hour.

Macb. I'll bring you to him.

Macd. I know this is a joyful trouble to you.

Macb. The labour we delight in, gives;
That door will bring you to him.

Macd. I'll make bold to call; for 'tis my limited service. [*Ex. Macd.*

Len. Goes the King hence to day?

Macb. So he designs.

Len. The night has been unruly;

Where we lay, our chimneys were blown down;
And, as they say, terrible groanings were heard i'th' air:
Strange screams of death, which seem'd to prophesie
More strange events, fill'd divers
Some say the Earth shook.

Macb. 'Twas a rough night.

Len. My young remembrance cannot recollect its fellow.

Enter Macduff.

Macd. Oh horror! horror! horror!
Which no heart can conceive, nor tongue can utter.

Macb. }
Len. } What's the matter?

Macd.

Macd. Horror has done its worst :
Most sacrilegious murder has broke open
The Lord's anointed Temple, and stole thence
The life o'th' building.

Macb. What is't you say ; the life ?

Len. Meaning his Majesty.

Macd. Approach the Chamber, and behold a sight
Enough to turn spectators into stone.

I cannot speak, see, and then speak your selves :
Ring the Alarm-bell. Awake, awake, [Ex. *Macb. and Len.*
Murther, Treason ; *Banquo, Malcom, and Donalbain,*
Shake off your downy sleep, Death's counterfeit ;
And look on Death it self ; up, up, and see,
As from your Graves, rise up, and walk like spirits
To countenance this horror : ring the bell. [Bell rings.

Enter Lady Macbeth.

La. Macb. VVhat's the business, that at this dead of night
You alar'm us from our rest ?

Macd. O, Madam !

'Tis not for you to hear what I can speak :
The repetition in a womans ear
VVould do another murther.

Enter Banquo.

Oh *Banquo, Banquo,* our Royal Master's murther'd !

La. Macb. Ah me ! in our house ?

Banq. The deed's too cruel any where, *Macduff* ;
Oh, that you could but contradict your self,
And say it is not true.

Enter Macbeth and Lenox.

Macb. Had I but dy'd an hour before this chance,
I had liv'd a blessed time ; for, from this instant,
There's nothing in it worth a good mans care ;
All is but toys, Renown and Grace are dead.

Enter Malcolm, and Donalbain.

Donal. VVhat is amiss ?

Macb. You are, and do not know't :
The spring, the head, the fountain of your blood
Is stop'd ; the very source of it is stop'd.

Macd. Your Royal Father's murther'd.

Malc.

Malc. Murther'd ! by whom ?

Len. Those of his Chamber, as it seem'd, had don't ;
Their hands and faces were all stain'd with blood :
So were their Daggers, which we found unwip'd,
Upon their pillows. VVhy was the life of one,
So much above the best of men, entrusted
To the hands of two, so much below
The worst of beasts.

Macb. Then I repent me I so rashly kill'd e'm.

Macd. VVhy did you so ?

Macb. VVho can be prudent and amaz'd together ;
Loyal and neutral in a moment ? no man.
Th' expedition of my violent love
Out-ran my pausing reason ; I saw *Duncan,*
Whose gaping wounds look'd like a breach in nature,
VVhere ruine enter'd there. I saw the murtherers
Steep'd in the colours of their trade ; their Daggers
Being yet unwip'd, seem'd to own the deed,
And call for vengeance ; who could then refrain,
That had an heart to love ; and in that heart
Courage to manifest his affection.

La. Macb. Oh, oh, oh.

[Faints.]

Macd. Look to the Lady.

Mal. VVhy are we silent now, that have so large
An argument for sorrow ?

Donal. VVhat should be spoken here, where our fate may rush
Suddenly upon us, and as if it lay
Hid in some corner ; make our death succeed
The ruine of our Father e're we are aware.

Macd. I find this place too publick for true sorrow :
Let us retire, and mourn : but first,
Guarded by Vertue, I'm resolv'd to find
The utmost of this business.

Banq. And I.

Macb. And all.

Let all of us take manly resolution ;
And two hours hence meet together in the Hall
To question this most bloody fact.

Banq.

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Banq. We shall be ready, Sir, [Ex. all but Malc. & Donalb.]

Malc. What will you do?

Let's not consort with them:

To shew an unfelt-sorrow, is an office

Which false men do with ease.

I'll to England.

Donal. To Ireland I'm resolv'd to steer my course;

Our separated fortune may protect our persons

Where we are: Daggers lie hid under mens smiles,

And the nearer some men are allied to our blood,

The more, I fear, they seek to shed it.

Malc. This murtherous shaft that's shot,

Hath not yet lighted; and our safest way

Is, to avoid the aim: then let's to horse,

And use no ceremony in taking leave of any.

SCENE the fourth.

Enter Lenox and Seaton.

Seaton. I can remember well,

Within the compass of which time I've seen

Hours dreadful, and things strange; but this one night

Has made that knowledge void.

Len. Thou seest the Heavens, as troubled with mans act,

Threaten'd this bloody day: by th'hour 'tis day,

And yet dark night does cover all the skie,

As if it had quite blotted out the Sun.

Is't nights predominance, or the daies shame

Makes darkness thus usurp the place of light.

Seat. 'Tis strange and unnatural,

Even like the deed that's done; on Tuesday last,

A Falcon towering in her height of pride,

Was by a mousing Owl hawk'd at, and kill'd.

Len. And Duncan's Horses, which before were tame,

Did on a sudden change their gentle natures,

And became wild; they broke out of their Stables,

As if they would make war with mankind.

Seat. 'Tis said they eat each other.

Len. They did so,

To th'amazement of those eyes that saw it.

[Exeunt.]

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Enter Macduff.

Here comes the good Macduff:

How goes the world, Sir, now?

Len. Is't known who did this more than bloody deed?

Macd. Those that Macbeth hath slain, are most suspected.

Len. Alas, what good could they pretend?

Macd. It is suppos'd they were suborn'd.

Malcolm and Donalbain, the Kings two Sons,

Are stoln away from Court,

Which puts upon them suspicion of the deed.

Len. Unnatural still.

Could their ambition prompt them to destroy

The means of their own life.

Macd. You are free to judge

Of their deportment as you please; but most

Men think e'm guilty.

Len. Then 'tis most like the Sovereignty will fall
Upon Macbeth.

Macd. He is already nam'd, and gone to Scone
To be invested.

Len. Where's Duncan's body?

Macd. Carried to Colmehill,

The sacred Store-house of his Predecessors.

Len. Will you to Scone?

Macd. No, Cousin, I'll to Fife:

My wife and children frighted at the Alar'm

Of this sad news, have thither led the way,

And I'll follow them: may the King you go

To see invested, prove as great and good

As Duncan was; but I'm in doubt of it.

New Robes ne're as the old so easie fit.

[Exeunt.]

SCENE 3. An Heath.

Enter Lady Macduff, Maid, and Servant.

La. Macd. Art sure this is the place my Lord appointed
Us to meet him?

Serv. This is the entrance o'th' Heath; and here
He order'd me to attend him with the Chariot.

La. Macd. How fondly did my Lord conceive that we

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Should

Should shun the place of danger by our flight
From *Everness*? The darkness of the day
Makes the Heath seem the gloomy walks of death:
VVe are in danger still: they who dare here
Trust Providence, may trust it any where.

Maid. But this place, Madam, is more free from terror:
Last night methoughts I heard a dismal noise
Of shrieks and groanings in the air.

La. Macd. 'Tis true, this is a place of greater silence;
Not so much troubled with the groans of those
That die; nor with the out-cries of the living.

Maid. Yes, I have heard stories, how some men
Have in such lonely places been affrighted
VVith dreadful shapes and noises. *[Macduff hollows.]*

La. Macd. But heark, my Lord sure hollows;
'Tis he; answer him quickly.

Serv. Illo, ho, ho, ho.

Enter Macduff.

La. Macd. Now I begin to see him: are you a foot,
My Lord?

Macd. Knowing the way to be both short and easie,
And that the Chariot did attend me here,
I have adventur'd. VVhere are our children?

La. Macd. They are securely sleeping in the Chariot.

First Song by Witches.

1 Witch. Speak, Sister, speak; is the deed done?

2 Witch. Long ago, long ago:
Above twelve glasses since have runt:

3 Witch. Ill deeds are seldom slow;
Nor single: following crimes on former wait:

The worst of creatures fastest propagate.
Many more murders must this one ensue,
As if in death were propagation too,

2 Witch. He will.

1 Witch. He shall.

3 Witch. He must spill much more bloud;
And become worse, to make his Title good.

1 Witch. Now let's dance.

2 Witch.

2 Witch. Agreed.

3 Witch. Agreed.

4 Witch. Agreed.

Chorus. VVe shou'd rejoyce when good Kings bleed.
VVhen cattel die, about we go,
What then, when Monarchs perish, should we do?

Macd. VVhat can this be?

La. Macd. This is most strange: but why seem you affraid?
Can you be capable of fears, who have
So often caus'd it in your enemies?

Macd. It was an hellish Song: I cannot dread
Ought that is mortal; but this is something more.

Second Song.

Let's have a dance upon the Heath;
VVe gain more life by *Duncan's* death.
Sometimes like brinded Cats we shew,
Having no musick but our mew.
Sometimes we dance in some old mill,
Upon the hopper, stones, and wheel.
To some old saw, or Bardish Rhime,
VVhere still the Mill clack does keep time.
Sometimes about an hollow tree,
A round, a round, a round dance we.
Thither the chirping Cricket comes,
And Beetle, singing drowsie hums.
Sometimes we dance o're Fens and Furs,
To howls of wolves, and barks of curs.
And when with none of those we meet,
VVe dance to th' ecchoes of our feet.
At the night-Raven's dismal voice,
VVhilst others tremble, we rejoyce;
And nimbly, nimbly dance we still
To th' ecchoes from an hollow Hill.

Macd. I am glad you are not affraid.

La. Macd. I would not willingly to fear submit:
None can fear ill, but those that merit it.

Macd. Am I made bold by her? how strong a guard
Is innocence? if any one would be

Reputed valiant, let him learn of you;
Vertue both courage is, and safety too.

[A dance of witches.

Enter two Witches.

Macd. These seem foul spirits; I'll speak to e'm.
If you can any thing by more than nature know;
You may in those prodigious times fore-tell
Some ill we may avoid.

1 Witch. Saving thy blood will cause it to be shed;

2 Witch. He'll bleed by thee, by whom thou first hast bled.

3 Witch. Thy wife shall shunning danger, dangers find,
And fatal be, to whom she most is kind. [Ex. witches.

La. Macd. Why are you alter'd, Sir? be not so thoughtful:
The Messengers of Darkness never spake
To men, but to deceive them.

Macd. Their words seem to fore-tell some dire predictions.

La. Macd. He that belieues ill news from such as these,
Deserves to find it true. Their words are like
Their shape; nothing but fiction.
Let's hasten to our journey.

Macd. I'll take your counsel; for to permit
Such thoughts upon our memories to dwell,
Will make our minds the Registers of Hell. [Exeunt omnes.

ACT, III. SCENE, I.

Enter Banquo.

Banq. **T**Hou hast it now, King, Cawdor, Glamis, all,
As the three Sisters promis'd; but I fear
Thou plaid'st most foully for't: yet it was said
It should not stand in thy Posterity:
But that my self should be the Root and Father
Of many Kings; they told thee truth.
Why, since their promise was made good to thee,
May they not be my Oracles as well.

Enter Macbeth, Lenox, and Attendants.

Macb. Here's our chief Guest, if he had been forgotten, It

It had been want of musick to our Feast.
To night we hold a solemn supper, Sir;
And all request your presence.

Banq. Your Majesty layes your command on me,
To which my duty is to obey.

Macb. Ride you this afternoon?

Banq. Yes, Royal Sir.

Macb. We should have else desir'd your good advice,
(Which still hath been both grave and prosperous)
In this daies Counsel; but we'll take to morrow.
Is't far you ride?

Banq. As far, Great Sir, as will take up the time:
Go not my Horse the better,
I must become a borrower of the night,
For a dark hour or two.

Macb. Fail not our Feast.

Banq. My Lord, I shall not.

Macb. We hear our bloody Cousins are bestow'd
In England, and in Ireland; not confessing
Their cruel Parricide; filling their hearers
With strange invention. But, of that to morrow.
Goes your Son with you?

Banq. He does; and our time now calls upon us.

Macb. I wish your Horses swift, and sure of foot.
Farewel. [Ex. Banquo.

Let every man be master of his time;
Till seven at night, to make society
The more welcome; we will our selves withdraw,
And be alone till supper. [Exeunt Lords.

Macduff departed frowningly, perhaps
He is grown jealous; he and Banquo must
Embrace the same fate.

Do those men attend our pleasure?

Serv. They do; and wait without.

Macb. Bring them before us. [Ex. Servant.

I am no King till I am safely so.
My fears stick deep in Banquo's successors;
And in his Royalty of Nature reigns that

Which.

Which wou'd be fear'd. He dares do much;
 And to that dauntless temper of his mind,
 He hath a wisdom that doth guide his valour
 To act in safety. Under him
 My genius is rebuk'd: he chid the Sisters
 When first they put the name of King upon me,
 And bade them speak to him. Then, Prophet like,
 They hail'd him Father to a line of Kings.
 Upon my head they plac'd a fruitless Crown,
 And put a barren Scepter in my hand:
 Thence to be wrested by anothers race;
 No son of mine succeeding: if't be so;
 For *Banquo's* Issue, I have stain'd my soul
 For them: the gracious *Duncan* I have murder'd:
 Rather than so, I will attempt yet further,
 And blot out, by their blood, what e're
 Is written of them in the book of Fate.

Enter Servant, and two Murtherers.

Wait you without, and stay there till we call. *[Ex. Servants]*

Was it not yesterday we spoke together?

1 Murth. It was; so please your Highness.

Macb. And have you since consider'd what I told you?

How it was *Banquo*, who in former times
 Held you so much in slavery;
 Whilst you were guided to suspect my innocence.
 This I made good to you in your last conference;
 How you were born in hand; how cross:
 The Instruments, who wrought with them.

2 Mur. You made it known to us.

Macb. I did so; and now let me reason with you:

Do you find your patience so predominant
 In your nature,
 As tamely to remit those injuries?
 Are you so Gospell'd to pray for this good man,
 And for his Issue; whose heavy hand
 Hath bow'd you to the Grave, and begger'd
 Yours for ever?

1. Mur. We are men, my Liege.

Macb.

Macb. Ay, in the catalogue you go for men;
 As hounds, and grey-hounds, mungrels, spaniels, curs,
 Shoughs, water-rugs, and demi-wolves, are all
 Call'd by the name of dogs: the list of which
 Distinguishes the swift, the slow, the subtil,
 The house-keeper, the hunter, every one
 According to the gift which bounteous Nature
 Hath bestow'd on him; and so of men.
 Now, if you have a station in the list,
 Nor i'th' worst rank of manhood; say't,
 And I will put that business in your bosoms,
 Which, if perform'd, will rid you of your enemy,
 And will endear you to the love of us.

2 Mur. I am one, my Liege,
 Whom the vile blows, and malice of the Age
 Hath so incens'd, that I care not what I do
 To spight the VWorld.

1 Mur. And I another,
 So weary with disasters, and so inflicted by fortune,
 That I would set my life on any chance,
 To mend it, or to lose it.

Macb. Both of you know *Banquo* was your enemy.

2 Mur. True, my Lord.

Macb. So is he mine; and though I could
 With open power take him from my sight,
 And bid my will avouch it: yet I must not;
 For certain friends that are both his and mine;
 Whose loves I may not hazard; would ill
 Resent a publick process: and thence it is
 That I do your assistance crave, to mask
 The business from the common eye.

2 Mur. We shall, my Lord, perform what you command us.

1 Mur. Though our lives-----

Macb. Your spirits shine through you.
 VWithin this hour, at most,
 I will advise you where to plant your selves;
 For it must be done to night:
 And something from the Palace; alwaies remember'd,
 That you keep secrecy with the prescribed Father.

Fleam:

Flean, his Son too, keeps him company ;
Whose absence is no less material to me
Than that of *Banquo's* : he too must embrace the fate
Of that dark hour. Resolve your selves apart.

both Mur. We are resolv'd, my Liege.

Macb. I'll call upon you streight.

[*Ex. Murth.*

Now, *Banquo*, if thy soul can in her flight
Find Heaven, thy happiness begins to night.

[*Ex.*

Enter Macduff, and Lady Macduff.

Macd. It must be so. Great *Duncan's* bloody death
Can have no other Author but *Macbeth*.

His Dagger now is to a Scepter grown ;
From *Duncan's* Grave he has deriv'd his Throne.

La. Macd. Ambition urg'd him to that bloody deed :
May you be never by Ambition led :
Forbid it Heav'n, that in revenge you shou'd
Follow a Copy that is writ in blood.

Macd. From *Duncan's* Grave, methinks, I hear a groan
That call's a loud for justice.

La. Macd. If the Throne
Was by *Macbeth* ill gain'd, Heavens may,
Without your Sword, sufficient vengeance pay.
Usurpers lives have but a short extent,
Nothing lives long in a strange Element.

Macd. My Countreys dangers call for my defence
Against the bloody Tyrants violence.

L. Macd. I am affraid you have some other end,
Than merely *Scotland's* freedom to defend :
You'd raise your self, whilst you wou'd him dethrone ;
And shake his Greatness, to confirm your own.
That purpose will appear, when rightly scan'd,
But usurpation at the second hand.

Good Sir, recall your thoughts.

Macd. What if I shou'd
Assume the Scepter for my Countrey's good ?
Is that an usurpation ? can it be
Ambition to procure the liberty
Of this sad Realm ; which does by Treason bleed ?
That which provokes, will justify the deed.

La. Macd.

Lady Macd. If the Design should prosper, the Event
May make us safe, but not you Innocent :
For whilst to set our fellow Subjects free
From present Death, or future Slavery.
You wear a Crown, not by your Title due,
Defence in them, is an Offence in you ;
That Deed's unlawful though it cost no Blood,
In which you'll be at best unjustly Good.
You, by your Pitty which for us you plead,
Weave but Ambition of a finer thread.

Macd. Ambition do's the height of power affect,
My aim is not to Govern, but Protect :
And he is not ambitious that declares,
He nothing seeks of Scepters but their cares.

Lady Md. Can you so patiently your self molest,
And lose your own, to give your Countrey rest !
In *Plagues* what sound Physician wou'd endure
To be infected for another's Cure.

Macd. If by my troubles I cou'd yours release,
My Love wou'd turn those torments to my ease :
I shou'd at once be sick and healthy too,
Though Sickly in my self, yet Well in you.

Lady Md. But then reflect upon the Danger, Sr.
Which you by your aspiring wou'd incur
From Fortunes Pinnacle, you will too late
Look down, when you are giddy with your height :
Whilst you with *Fortune* play to win a Crown,
The Peoples Stakes are greater than your own.

Macd. In hopes to have the common Ills redrest,
Who wou'd not venture single interest.

Enter Servant.

Ser. My Lord, a Gentleman, just now arriv'd
From Court, has brought a Message from the King :

Macd. One sent from him, can no good Tidings bring ?

Lady Md. What wou'd the Tyrant have ?

Macd. Go, I will hear
The News, though it a dismal Accent bear ;

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Those

Those who expect and do not fear their Doom,
May hear a Message though from Hell it come.

[Exit.]

Enter Macbeth's Lady and Servant.

Lady Mb. Is *Banquo* gone from Court?

Ser. Yes Madam, but returns again to night.

Lady Md. Say to the King, I wou'd attend his leisure
For a few words.

[Exit Ser.]

Where our desire is got without content,
Alas, it is not Gain, but punishment!
Tis safer to be that which we destroy,
Then by Destruction live in doubtful joy.

Enter Macbeth.

How now my Lord, why do you keep alone?
Making the worst of Fancy your Companions,
Conversing with those thoughts which shou'd ha' dy'd
With those they think on: things without redress
Shou'd be without regard: what's done, is done.

Macb. Alas, we have but scorch'd the Snake, not kill'd it,
She'll close and be her self, whilst our poor malice
Remains in danger of her former Sting.

But let the frame of all things be disjoyn't
E're we will eat our bread in fear; and sleep
In the affliction of those horrid Dreams
That shake us mightily! Better be with him
Whom we to gain the Crown, have sent to peace;
Then on the torture of the Mind to lye
In restless Agony. *Duncan* is dead;
He, after life's short season, now sleeps; Well:
Treason has done it's worst; nor Steel, nor Poyson,
No Ferreign force, nor yet Domestick Malice
Can touch him further.

Lady Mb. Come on, smooth your rough brow:
Be free and merry with your guest to night.

Macb. I shall, and so I pray be you but still,
Remember to apply your self to *Banquo*:
Present him kindness with your Eye and Tongue,
In how unsafe a posture are our honors
That we must have recourse to flattery,

And

And make our Faces Vizors to our hearts.

Lady Mb. You must leave this.

Macb. How full of Scorpions is my mind? Dear Wife
Thou know'st that *Banquo* and his *Flean* lives.

Ld. Mb. But they are not Immortal, there's a comfort yet in that.

Macb. Be merry then, for e're the *Bat* has flown
His Cloyster'd flight; e're the black *Hexate's* Summons,
The sharp brow'd Beetle with his drowlie hums,
Has rung night's second Peal:

There shall bee done a deed of dreadful Note.

Lady Mb. What is it?

Macb. Be innocent of knowing it, my Dear,
Till thou applaud the deed, come dismal Night
Close up the Eye of the quick sighted Day
With thy invilible and bloody hand.

The Crow makes wing to the thick shady Grove,
Good things of day grow dark and overcast,
Whilst Night's black Agent's to their Preys make hast,
Thou wonder'st at my Language, wonder still,
Things ill begun, strengthen themselves by ill.

[Exit.]

Enter three Murderers.

1. *Mur.* The time is almost come,
The *West* yet glimmers with some streaks of day,
Now the benighted Traveller spurs on,
To gain the timely Inn.

2. *Mur.* Hark, I hear Horses, and saw some body alight
At the Park gate.

3. *Mur.* Then tis he; the rest
That are expected are i'th' Court already.

1. *Mur.* His Horses go about almost a Mile,
And men from hence to th' *Pallace* make it their usual walk. [Exit.]

Enter Banquo and Flean.

Banquo, It will be Rain to night.

Flean, We must make hast;

Banq. Our hast concerns us more then being wet.
The King expects me at his feast to night,
To which he did invite me with a kindness,
Greater then he was wont to expres.

[Exit.]

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Reenter

Re-enter Murderers with drawn Swords.

1. *Mur.* Banquo, thou little think'st what bloody feast
Is now preparing for thee.

2. *Mur.* Nor to what shades the darkness of this night,
Shall lead thy wandering spirit. [*Exeunt after Banquo.*

[*Clashing of Swords is heard from within.*

Re-enter Flean pursu'd by one of the Murderers.

Flean. Murder, help, help, my Father's kill'd. [*Exe. running.*

SCENE opens, a Banquet prepar'd.

Enter Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Seaton, Lenox, Lords, Attendants.

Macb. You know your own Degrees, sit down.

Seat. Thanks to your Majesty.

Macb. Our Self will keep you company,
And Play the humble Host to entertain you:
Our Lady keeps her State; but you shall have her welcome too.

Lady Mb. Pronounce it for me Sir, to all our Friends.

Enter first Murderer.

Macb. Both sides are even; be free in Mirth, anon
Wee'l drink a measure about the Table.
There's blood upon thy face.

Mur. 'Tis Banquo's then.

Macb. Is he dispatch'd?

Mur. My Lord, his Throat is cut: that I did for him.

Macb. Thou art the best of Cut-throats;
Yet he is good that did the like for *Flean*.

Mur. Most Royal Sir he scap'd.

Macb. Then comes my fit again, I had else been Perfect,
Firm as a Pillar founded on a Rock!

As unconfin'd as the free spreading Air.

But now I'm check'd with sawcy Doubts and Fears.

But *Banquo's* safe?

Mur. Safe in a Ditch he lies,
With twenty gaping wounds on his head,
The least of which was Mortal.

Macb. There the ground Serpent lies; the worm that's fled
Hath Nature, that in time will Venom breed.
Though at present it wants a Sting, to morrow,
To morrow you shall hear further.

[*Exit. Mur.*
Lady Mb.

Lady Mb. My Royal Lord, you spoil the Feast,
The Sauce to Meat is cheerfulness.

Enter the Ghost of Banquo and sits in Macbeth's place.

Macb. Let good digestion wait on Appetite,
And Health on both.

Len. May it please your Highness to sit.

Macb. Had we but here our Countrys honor;
Were the grac'd person of our *Banquo* present,
Whom we may justly challenge for unkindness.

Seat. His absence Sir,
Lays blame upon his promise; please your Highness
To grace us with your Company?

Macb. Yes, I'll sit down. The Table's full

Len. Here is a place reserv'd Sir:

Macb. Where Sir?

Len. Here. What is 't that moves your Highness?

Macb. Which of you have done this?

Lords, Done what?

Macb. Thou can'st not say I did it; never shake
Thy goary Locks at me.

Seat. Gentlemen rise, his Highness is not well.

Lady Mb. Sit worthy Friends, my Lord is often thus,
And hath been from his youth: pray keep your Seats,
The fit is ever sudden, if you take notice of it,
You shall offend him, and provoke his passion
In a moment he'll be well again.

Are you a Man?

Macb. Ay, and a bold one; that dare look on that
Which wou'd distract the Devil

Lady Mb. O proper stuff:

This is the very painting of your fear:
This is the Air-drawn Dagger, which you said
Led you to *Duncan*. O these Fits and Starts,
(Impostors to true fear) wou'd well become
A womans story, authoriz'd by her Grandam,
Why do you stare thus? when all's done
You look but on a Chair.

Macb. Prethee see there, how say you now?

Why

Why, what care I, if thou can't nod; speak too.
If Charnel-houses and our Graves must send
Those that we bury, back; our Monuments
Shall be the maws of Kites.

Lady Mb. What quite unman'd in folly? [*the Ghost descends.*

Macb. If I stand here, I saw it:

Lady Mb. Fye, for shame.

Macb. 'Tis not the first of Murders; blood was shed
E're humane Law decreed it for a sin.

Ay, and since Murthers too have been committed
Too terrible for the Ear. The times has been,
That when the brains were out, the man wou'd dye;
And there lye still; but now they rise again
And thrust us from our seats.

Lady Mb. Sir, your noble Friends do lack you.

Macb. Wonder not at me my most worthy Friends,
I have a strange Infirmary; tis nothing
To those that know me. Give me some Wine,
Here's to the general Joy of all the Table,
And to our dear friend *Banquo*, whom we miss,
Wou'd he were here: to all, and him, we drink.

Lords, Our Duties are to pledge it. [*the Ghost of Banq. rises at his feet.*

Macb. Let the Earth hide mee: my blood is cold,
Thou halt no use now of thy glaring Eyes.

Lady Mb. Think of this good my Lords, but as a thing
Of Custom: tis no other,
Only it spoils the pleasure of the time.

Macb. What Man can dare, I dare:
Approach thou like the rugged *Russian* Bear,
The Armed *Rhinoceros*, or the *Hircanian* Tigre:
Take any shape but that; and my firm Nerves
Shall never tremble; Or revive a while,
And dare me to the Desert with thy Sword;
If any Snew shrink, proclaim me then
The Baby of a Girl. Hence horrible shadow.
So, now I am a man again: pray you sit still.

Lady Mb. You have disturb'd the Mirth;
Broke the glad Meeting with your wild disorder.

Ex. Ghost.

Macb.

Macb. Can such things be without Astonishment.
You make me strange,
Even to the disposition that I owe,
When now I think you can behold such sights,
And keep the Natural colour of your Checks,
Whilst mine grew pale with fear.

Scat. What sights?

Lady Mb. I pray you speak not, he'l grow worse and worse;
Questions enrages him, at once good night:
Stand not upon the Order of your going.

Len. Good night, and better health attend his Majesty.

Lady Mb. A kind good night to all. [*Exeunt Lords.*

Macb. It will have Blood they say. Blood will have blood.
Stones have been known to move, and Trees to speak.

Augures well read in Languages of Birds
By *Magpyes*, *Rooks*, and *Dames*, have reveal'd
The secret Murther. How goes the night?

Lady Mb. Almost at odds with morning, which is which.

Macb. Why did *Macduffe* after a solemn Invitation,
Deny his presence at our Feast?

Lady Mb. Did you send to him, Sir?

Macb. I did; But I'll send again,
There's not one great *Thane* in all *Scotland*,
But in his house I keep a Servant,
He and *Banquo* must embrace the same fate.
I will to morrow to the *Weyward Sisters*,
They shall tell me more; for now I am bent to know:
By the worst means, the worst that can befall me:
All Causes shall give way; I am in Blood
Stept in so far, that should I wade no more,
Returning were as bad, as to go o're.

Lady Mb. You lack the season of all Natures, sleep.

Macb. Well I'll in
And rest; if sleeping I repose can have,
When the Dead rise and want it in the Grave.

Enter Macduffe and Lady Macduffe.

Lady Md. Are you resolv'd then to be gone?

Macd. I am:

[*Exeunt.*

I know my Answer cannot but inflame
The Tyrants fury to pronounce my death;
My life will soon be blasted by his breath.

Lady Md. But why so far as *England* must you fly?

Macd. The farthest part of *Scotland* is too nigh.

Lady Md. Can you leave me, your Daughter and young Son,
To perish by that Tempest which you shun.

When Birds of stronger VVing are fled away,
The Ravenous *Kite* do's on the weaker Prey.

Macd. He will not injure you, he cannot be
Posselt with such unmanly cruelty;

You will your safety to your weakness owe

As Grass escapes the Syth by being low.

Together we shall be too slow to fly:

Single, we may outride the Enemy.

I'll from the *English* King such Succours crave,

As shall revenge the Dead, and Living save.

My greatest misery is to remove,

With all the wings of haste from what I love.

Lady Md. If to be gone seems misery to you,
Good Sir, let us be miserable too.

Macd. Your Sex which here is your security,

Will by the toys of flight your Danger be.

What fatal News do's bring thee out of breath?

[Enter Messengers]

Mess. Sir, *Banquo's* kill'd.

Macd. Then I am warn'd of Death.

Farewell; our safety, Us, a while must sever:

Lady Md. Fly, fly, or we may bid farewell for ever.

Macd. Flying from Death, I am to Life unkind,

For leaving you, I leave my Life behind.

[Exit.]

Lady Md. O my dear Lord, I find now thou art gone,

I am more Valiant when unsafe alone.

My heart feels man-hood, it does Death despise,

Yet I am still a Woman in my eyes.

And of my Tears thy absence is the cause,

So falls the Dew when the bright Sun withdraws.

Exeunt.

Enter Lenox and Seaton.

Len. My former speeches have but hit your thoughts

Which

Which can interpret further; Only I say
Things have been strangely carry'd.

Duncan was pitti'd, but he first was dead.

And the right Valiant *Banquo* walk'd too late:

Men must not walk so late: who can want Sence

To know how Mostrous it was in Nature,

For *Malcolme* and *Donalbain*, to kill

Their Royal Father; horrid Fact! how did

It grieve *Macbeth*, did he not straight

In Pious rage the two *Delinquents* kill,

That were the slaves of Drunkenness and Sleep.

Was not that Nobly done?

Seat. Ay, and wisely too:

For 'twou'd have anger'd any Loyal heart

to hear the men deny it.

Len. So that I say he has born all things well:

And I do think that had he *Duncan's* Sons

Under his power (as may please Heaven he shall not)

They shou'd find what it were to kill a Father.

So shou'd *Flean*: but peace; I hear *Macdusse*

Deny'd his presence at the Feast: For which

He lives in disgrace. Sir, can you tell

Where he bestowes himself?

Seat. I hear that *Malcolme* lives i'th' *English* Court,

And is receiv'd of the most Pious *Edward*,

With such Grace, that the Malevolences of Fortune

Takes nothing from his high Respect; thither

Macduff is gone to beg the Holy King's

Kind aid, to wake *Northumberland*

And VVarlike *Seyward*, and by the help of these,

To finish what they have so well begun.

This report

Do's so Exasperate the King, that he

Prepares for some attempt of VVar.

Len. Sent he to *Macdusse*?

Seat. He did, his absolute Command.

Len. Some Angel fly toth' *English* Court, and tell

His Message e're he come; that some quick blessing,

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To

To this afflicted Country, may arrive
Whilst those that merit it, are yet alive.

[*Exennt.*]

Thunder, *Enter three Witches meeting Hecat.*

1. *Witch.* How, *Hecat*, you look angerly?

Hecat. Have I not reason *Beldams*?

Why did you all Traffick with *Macbeth*
'Bout Riddles and affairs of Death,
And cal'd not me; All you have done
Hath been but for a Weyward Son:
Make some amends now: get you gon,
And at the pit of *Acheron*
Meet me i'th' morning: Thither he
Will come to know his Destiny.
Dire business will be wrought e're Noon,
For on a corner of the Moon,
A drop my Spectacles have found,
I'le catch it e're it come to ground.
And that distil'd shall yet e're night,
Raile from the Center such a Spright:
As by the strength of his Illusion,
Shall draw *Macbeth* to his Confusion

Musick and Song.

Heccate, *Heccate*, *Heccate*! Oh come away:
Hark, I am call'd, my little Spirit see,
Sits in a foggy Cloud, and stays for me.

Sing within.

[*Machine descends.*]

Come away *Heccate*, *Heccate*! Oh come away:

Hec. I come, I come, with all the speed I may,
With all the speed I may.

Where's *Stadling*?

2. Here.

Hec. Where's *Puckle*?

3. Here, and *Hopper* too, and *Helway* too.

1. We want but you, we want but you:
Come away make up the Count,

Hec. I will but Noint, and the I mount,
I will but, &c.

1. Here

1. Here comes down one to fetch his due, a Kiss,
A Call, a sip of blood.

And why thou stait so long, I muse,
Since th' Air's so sweet and good.

2. O art thou come; What News?

All goes fair for our delight,
Either come, or else refuse,
Now I'm furnish'd for the flight
Now I go, and now I flye,
Making my sweet Spirit and I.

3. O what a dainty pleasure's this,
To sail i'th' Air

While the Moon shines fair;
To Sing, to Toy, to Dance and Kiss,
Over Woods, high Rocks and Mountains;
Over Hills, and misty Fountains:
Over Steeples, Towers, and Turrets;
We flye by night 'mongst troops of Spirits.
No Ring of Bells to our Ears sounds,
No howles of VVolves, nor Yelps of Hounds;
No, nor the noise of VVaters breach,
Nor Cannons Throats our Height can reach.

1. Come let's make hast she'll soon be back again:

2. But whilst she moves through the foggy Air,
Let's to the Cave and our dire Charms prepare.

Finis Actus 3.

A C T the 4th. SCENE the 1st.

1. *Witch.* **T**hrice the brinded Cat hath Mew'd.

2. Thrice, and once the Hedge-Pig whin'd,
Shutting his Eyes against the Wind.

3. *Harpier* cries, tis time, tis time.

1. Then round about the *Cauldron* go,
And poyson'd Entrals throw.

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This

This Toad which under Mossy stone,
Has days and nights lain thirty one:
And swelter'd Venom sleeping got,
We'l boyl in the Inchanted Pot.

All. Double double, toyl and trouble;
Fire burn, and *Cauldron* bubble.

2. The Fillet of a Fenny Snake
Of Scuttle Fish the vomit black.
The Eye of New't, and Toe of Frog,
The wool of Bat, and tongue of Dog.
An Adders fork and blind Worms sting,
A Lizzard's leg, and Howlets wing,
Shall like a Hell-broth boil and bubble.

All. Double, double, &c.

3. The scale of Dragon, tooth of Wolf,
A Witches mummy: Maw and Gulf
Of Cormorant and the Sea Shark,
The root of Hemlock dig'd i'th' dark.
The liver of blaspheming Jew,
With gall of Goats, and slips of Yew,
Pluckt when the *Moon* was in Eclips,
With a *Turks* nose, and *Tarters* lips
The finger of a strang'd Babe
Born of a Ditch deliver'd Drab,
Shall make the Greuel thick and slab.
Adding thereto a fat *Dutchman's* Chawdron,
For the ingredients of our Cawdron.

All. Double, double, &c.

2. I'll cool it with a Baboones blood,
And so the Charm is firm and good.

Enter Hecate and the other three witches.

Hec. Oh well done, I commend your pains,
And every one shall share the Gains.
And now about the *Cauldron* sin
Like *Elves* and *Fairies* in a ring.

Musick

Musick and Song.

Hec. **B**lack Spirits, and white,
Red Spirits and gray;
Mingle, mingle, mingle,
You that mingle may.

1. *Witch.* *Tiffin, Tiffin,* keep it stiff in,
Fire drake *Puckey,* make it lucky:
Lyer Robin, you must bob in.

Chor. A round, a round, about, about,
All ill come running in, all good keep out.

1. Here's the blood of a Bat!

Hec. O put in that, put in that.

2. Here's Lizards brain,

Hec. Put in a grain.

1. Here's Juice of Toad, here's oyl of Adder
That will make the Charm grow madder.

2. Put in all these, 'twill raise the stanch;

Hec. Nay here's three ounces of a red-hair'd Wench.

Chor. A round, a round, &c.

2. I by the pricking of my Thumbs,
Know somthing Wicked this way comes,
Open Locks, whoever knocks.

Enter Macbeth.

Macb. How now you Secret, black and mid-night Hagg,
What are you doing?

All. A deed without a name.

Macb. I conjure you by that which you profess.
How e're you come to know it, answer me.
Though you let loose the raging Winds to shake whole Towns,
Though bladed Corn be lodg'd, and Trees blown down.
Though Castles tumble on their Warders heads;
Though Palaces and towring Pyramids
Are swallowed up in Earth-quakes. Answer me.

1. Speak.

2. Pronounce.

3. Demand.

4. I'll answer thee

Macb.

Macb. What Destinie's appointed for my Fate?

Hec. Thou double *Thane* and King; beware *Macduffe*:
Avoiding him, *Macbeth* is safe enough.

Macb. What e're thou art for thy kind Caution, Thanks.

Hec. Be bold and bloody, and man's hatred scorn,
Thou shalt be harm'd by none of *Woman* born'd.

Macb. Then live *Macduffe*; what need I fear thy power:
But none can be too sure, thou shalt not live,
That I may tell pale hearted fear it lies,
And sleep in spite of Thunder.

Hec. Be Confident, be Proud, and take no care
Who wages War, or where Conspirers are,
Macbeth shall like a lucky Monarch Raign,
Till *Birnam* Wood shall come to *Dunsenain*.

Macb. Can Forrests move? the Prophecie is good,
If I shall never fall till the great Wood
Of *Birnan* rise; thou may't presume *Macbeth*,
To live out Natures Lease, and pay thy breath
To Time and mortal Custom. Yet my heart
Longs for more Knowledge: Tell me if your Art
Extends so far: shall *Banquo's* Issue o're
This Kingdom raign?

All. Enquire no more,

Macb. I will not be deny'd. Ha! [*Cauldron sinks.*
An eternal Curse fall on you; let me know
Why sinks that *Cauldron*, and what noise is this.

1. *Witch.* Appear. 2. appear, 3. appear.
Wound through his Eyes, his harden'd Heart,
Like Shaddows come, and straigh depart.

[*A shadow of eight Kings, and Banquo's Ghost*
after them pass by.

Macb. Thy Crown offends my sight. A second too like the first.
A third resembles him: a fourth too like the former:
Ye filthy Hags, will they succeed
Each other still till Dooms-day?
Another yet; a seventh? I'll see no more:
And yet the eighth appears.
Ha! the bloody *Banquo* smiles upon me,

And

And by his smiling on me, seems to say
That they are all Successors of his race.

Hec. Ay, Sir, all this is so: but why
Macbeth, stand'st thou amazedly:
Come Sisters, let us hear his heart,
And shew the pleasures of our Art;
I'll charm the Air to give a sound
While you perform your Antick round.

[*Musick. The Witches Dance and Vanish.*
The Cave sinks.

Macb. Where are they? Gone?
Let this pernicious hour stand
Accurs'd to all eternity. [*without there.*

Enter Seyton.

Seyt. What's your Graces will?

Macb. Saw you the Wayward Sisters?

Seyt. No my Lord.

Macb. Came they not by you?

Seyt. By me Sir?

Macb. Infected be the Earth in which they sunk,
And Damn'd all those that trust 'em. Just now
I heard the galloping of Horse; who was't came by?

Seyt. A Messenger from the *English* Court, who
Brings word *Macduff* is fled to *England*.

Macb. Fled to *England*?

Seyt. Ay my Lord.

Macb. Time thou 'Anticipat'st all my Designes;
Our Purposes seldom succeed, unless
Our Deeds go with them.
My Thoughts shall henceforth into Actions rise,
The Witches made me cruel, but not wise.

[*Exeunt.*

Enter Macduffe's wife, and Lenox.

Lady Md. I then was frighted with the sad alarm
Of *Banquo's* Death, when I did counsel him.

To

To fly, but now alas! I much repent it,
What had he done to leave the Land? *Macbeth*
Did know him Innocent.

Len. You must have patience Madam.

Lady Md. He had none.

His flight was madness. When our Actions do not;
Our fears oft make us Traytors.

Len. You know not whether it was his VVisdom or his Fear.

Lady Md. Wisdom? to leave his Wife and Children in a place
From whence himself did fly; he loves us not.

He wants the natural touch: For the poor *Wren*

(The most diminutive of Birds) will with
The Ravenous *Owl*, fight stoutly for her young ones.

Len. Your Husband, Madam;

Is Noble, Wise, Judicious, and best knows

The fits o'th' Season. I dare not speak much further,

But cruel are the Times; when we are Traytors,

And do not know our selves; when we hold Rumor,

From what we fear, yet know not what we fear;

But float upon a wild and violent Sea.

Each way, and more, I take my way of you:

'T shall not be long but I'll be here again.

Things at the worst will cease, or else climb upwards

To what they were before. Heaven protect you.

Lady Md. Farewell Sir.

Enter

Enter a Woman.

Wom. Madam, a Gentleman in haste desires
To speak with you.

Lady Md. A Gentleman, admit him. [Enter *Seyton*.

Seyton. Though I have not the honour to be known
To you, Yet I was well acquainted with
The Lord *Macduff* which brings me here to tell you
There's danger near you, be not found here,
Fly with your little one; Heaven preserve you,
I dare stay no longer. *Exit Seyton.*

Lady Md. Where shall I go, and whither shall I fly?

I've done no harm; But I remember now

I'm in a vicious world, where to do harm

Is often prosperous, and to do good

Accounted dangerous folly; Why do I then

Make use of this so womanly defence?

I'll boldly in, and dare this new Alarm:

What need they fear whom Innocence doth arm?

[*Exit*.

{*Enter Malcolm, and Macduff.*}
{The Scene *Birnam Wood.*}

Macd. In these close shades of *Birnam Wood* let us
Weep our sad Bosoms empty.

Malcolm. You'll think my Fortunes desperate,
That I dare meet you here upon your summons.

Macd. You should now
Take Arms to serve your Country. Each new day
New Widows mourn, new Orphans cry, and still
Changes of sorrow reach attentive Heaven.

Malc. This Tirant whose foul Name blisters our Tongues,
Was once thought honest. You have lov'd him well.
He has not toucht you yet.

Macd. I am not treacherous.

Malc. But *Macbeth* is.

And yet *Macduff* may be what I did always think him,
Just, and good.

Macd. I've lost my hopes.

Malc. Perhaps even there where I did find my doubts;

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But

But let not Jealousies be your Dishonours,
But my own safeties.

Macd. Bleed, Bleed, poor Country.
Great Tyranny, lay thy Foundation sure,
Villains are safe when good men are suspected.
I'll say no more; Fare thee well young Prince,
I would not be that Traytor which thou thinkst me:
For twice *Macbeths* reward of Treachery.

Malc. Be not offended:
I speak not as in absolute fear of you:
I think our Countrey sinks beneath the Yoak,
It weeps, it bleeds, and each new day a gash
Is added to her wounds. I think withall
That many hands would in my Cause be active:
And here from gracious *England* have I offer
Of goodly Thousands. But for all this,
When I shall tread upon the Tirants head,
Or wear it on my Sword; yet my poor Country
Will suffer under greater Tyranny
Than what it suffers now.

Macd. It cannot be.

Malc. Alas I find my Nature so inclin'd
To Vice, that foul *Macbeth* when I shall rule,
Will seem as white as Snow.

Macd. There cannot in all ranfackt Hell be found
A Devil equal to *Macbeth*.

Malc. I grant him bloody false, deceitful malicious,
And participating in some sins too horrid to name;
But there's no bottom, no depths in my ill appetite,
If such a one be fit to govern; speak?

Macd. O *Scotland, Scotland*, when shalt thou see day again?
Since that the truest Issue of thy Throne,
Disclaims his Virtue to avoid the Crown?
Your Royal Father
Was a most Saint-like King; the Queen that bore you,
Oftner upon her Knees, than on her Feet,
Dy'd every day she liv'd. Fare thee well,
These Evils thou repeat it upon thy self,

Hath

Hath banisht me from *Scotland*. O my breast!
Thy hope ends here.

Malc. *Macduff* this Noble Passion
Child of Integrity hath from my Soul
Wip'd the black scruples, reconcil'd my Thoughts
To thy good truth and honour. *Macbeth*
By many of these Trains hath sought to win me
Into his Power: And modest wisdom plucks me
From over-credulous haste. But now
I put my self to thy direction, and
Unspeak mine own Detraction. I abjure
The taunts and blames I laid upon my self,
For strangers to my Nature. What I am truly
Is thine, and my poor Countreys to command.
The gracious *Edward* has lent us *Seymour*,
And ten thousand Men. Why are you silent?

Macd. Such welcom and unwelcom things at once
Are Subjects for my Wonder not my Speech,
My grief and Joy contesting in my bosom,
I find that I can scarce my tongue command,
When two Streams meet the Water's at a stand.

Malc. Assistance granted by that pious King
Must be successful, he who by his touch,
Can cure our Bodies of a foul Disease,
Can by just force suddue a Traitors Mind,
Power supernatural is unconfin'd.

Macd. If his Compassion does on Men Diseas'd
Effect such Cures; What Wonders will he do,
When to Compassion he ads Justice too?

[*Exeunt.*]

Enter *Macbeth* and *Seaton*.

Macb. *Seaton*, go bid the Army March.

Seat. The posture of Affairs requires your Presence:

Macb. But the Indosposition of my Wife
Detains me here.

Seat. Th'Enemy is upon our borders, *Scotland's* in danger:

Macb. So is my Wife, and I am doubly so.
I am sick in her, and my Kingdom too.

Seaton.

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Seat.

Seaton. Sir,

Macb. The Spur of my Ambition prompts me to go
And make my Kingdom safe, but Love which softens me
To pity her in her distress, curbs my Resolves.

Seat. He's strangely disorder'd.

Macb. Yet why should Love since confin'd, desire
To controul Ambition, for whose spreading hopes
The world's too narrow, It shall not; Great Fires
Put out the Less; *Seaton* go bid my Grooms
Make ready; Ile not delay my going.

Seat. I go.

Macb. Stay *Seaton*, stay, Compassion calls me back.

Seaton. He looks and moves disorderly.

Macb. Ile not go yet.

*Enter a Servant,
Who whispers Macbeth*

Seat. Well Sir.

Macb. Is the Queen asleep?

Seat. What makes 'em whisper and his countenance change?
Perhaps some new design has had ill success.

Macb. *Seaton*, Go see what posture our Affairs are in.

Seat. I shall, and give you notice Sir. [Exit *Seat.*]

[Enter *Lady Macbeth.*]

Macb. How does my Gentle Love?

Lady Mb. *Duncan* is dead.

Macb. No words of that.

Lady Mb. And yet to Me he Lives.
His fatal Ghost is now my shadow, and pursues me
Where e're I go.

Macb. It cannot be My Dear,
Your Fears have misinform'd your eyes:

Lady Mb. See there; Believe your own.
Why do you follow Me? I did not do it.

Macb. Methinks there's nothing.

Lady Mb. If you have Valour force him hence:
Hold, hold, he's gone. Now you look strangely.

Macb. 'Tis the strange error of your Eyes.

Lady Mb. But the strange error of my Eyes.

Proceeds

Proceeds from the strange Action of your Hands.
Distraction does by fits possess my head,
Because a Crown unjustly covers it.
I stand so high that I am giddy grown:
A Mist does cover me, as Clouds the tops
Of Hills. Let us get down apace.

Macb. If by your high ascent you giddy grow,
'Tis when you cast your Eyes on things below.

Lady Mb. You may in Peace resign the ill gain'd Crown:
Why should you labour still to be unjust?
There has been too much Blood already spilt.
Make not the Subjects Victims to your guilt.

Macb. Can you think that a crime, which you did once
Provoke me to commit, had not your breath
Blown my Ambition up into a Flame
Duncan had yet been living.

Lady Mb. You were a Man:
And by the Charter of your Sex you shou'd
Have govern'd me, there was more crime in you
When you obey'd my Councils, then I contracted
By my giving it. Resign your Kingdom now,
And with your Crown put off your guilt.

Macb. Resign the Crown, and with it both our Lives.
I must have better Councillors.

Lady Mb. What, your Witches?
Curse on your Messengers of Hell. Their Breath
Infected first my Breast: See me no more.
As King your Crown sits heavy on your Head,
But heavier on my Heart: I have had too much
Of Kings already. See the Ghost again. [Ghost appears.]

Macb. Now she relapses.

Lady Mb. Speak to him if thou canst.
Thou look'st on me, and shew'st thy wounded breast.
Shew it the Murderer.

Macb. Within there, Ho.

Lady Mb. Am I ta'ne Prisoner? then the Battle's lost. [Exit.]

*Lady Macbeth led out
by Women.*

Macbeth.

Macb. She does from *Duncons* death to sickness grieve,
And shall from *Malcons* death her health receive.
When by a Viper bitten, nothing's good
To cure the venom but a Vipers blood.

Enter *Malcom*, *Macduff*; and *Lenox*,
Meeting them.

Macd. See who comes here!

Malc. My Countrey-man; but yet I know him not:

Macd. My ever Gentle Couzin! Welcom.

Malc. I know him now.

Kind Heaven remove the Means that makes us strangers.

Len. Amen.

Macd. What looks does *Scotland* bear?

Len. Alas poor Countrey, almost afraid to know it self.
It can't be call'd our Mother but our Grave; where nothing,
But who knows nothing is once seen to smile?

Where sighs, and groans, and shrieks that rend the air,
Are made, not mark'd, where violent sorrow seems
A Modern Extasie: there Bells

Are always ringing, and no Man asks for whom;
There good Mens lives expire ere they sicken.

Macd. Oh Relation! too nice, and yet too true.

Malc. What's the newest grief?

Len. That of an hours age is out of date,
Each Minute brings a new one.

Macd. How does my Wife?

Len. Why well.

Macd. And all my Children?

Len. Well too.

Macd. The Tirant has not quarrell'd at their peace?

Len. No, they were well at peace when I left 'em.

Macd. Be not so sparing of your speech. How goe'st?

Len. When I came hither to transport the tidings,
Which I have heavily born, there ran a rumour
Of many Worthy Men that rose into a head,
Which was to my Belief; witness the rather,
For that I saw the Tirants Power a foot.
Now, is the time of help; your Eye in *Scotland*
Would create Soldiers, and make Women fight.

Malc.

Malc. Be't their Comfort,
We are coming thither: Gracious *England* hath
Lent us good *Seymour*, and ten thousand Men.

Len. Wou'd I cou'd answer this comfort with the like;
But I have words,

That would be utter'd in the desert air,
Where no Mans ear should hear'em.

Macd. What concern they? the general cause,
Or is't a grief due to some single breast?

Len. All honest Minds must share in't;
But the main part pertains to you.

Macd. If it be mine, keep it not from Me.

Len. Let not your ears condemn my tongue for ever,
When they shall possess them with the heaviest sound
That ever yet they heard.

Macd. At once I guess, yet am afraid to know,

Len. Your Castle is surpriz'd, your Wife and Children.
Savagely Murder'd: to relate the Manner,
Were to increase the Butchery of them,
By adding to their fall the Death of You.

Malc. Merciful Heaven! Noble *Macduff*
Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak,
Whispers the o're charg'd heart, and bids it break.

Macd. My Children too?

Len. Your Wife, and both your Children,

Macd. And I not with them dead? Both, both my Children
Did you say; my Two?

Len. I have said,

Macd. Be comforted;
Let's make us Cordials of our great Revenues,
To cure this deadly Grief.

Macd. He has no Children, nor can he feel
A fathers Grief: Did you say all my Children?
Oh hellish ravenous Kite! all three at one swoop!

Malc. Dispute it like a Man.

Macd. I shall,

But I must first too feel it as a Man.
I cannot but remember such things were,

And:

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And were most precious to me : Did Heaven look on,
And would not take their part? sinful *Macduff*,
They were all struck for thee; for thee they fell :
Not for their own offences; but for thine.

Malc. Let this give Edges to our Swords; let your tears
Become Oyl to our kindled Rage.

Macd. Oh I could play the Woman with my Eyes,
And brag on't with my tongue; kind Heavens bring this
Dire Friend of *Scotland*, and my self face to face,
And set him within the reach of my keen Sword.
And if he outlives that hour, may Heaven forgive
His sins, and punish Me for his escape.

Malc. Let's hasten to the Army, since *Macbeth*
Is ripe for fall.

Macd. Heaven give our quarrel but as good success
As it hath Justice in't : Kind Powers above
Grant Peace to us, whilst we take his away;
The Night is long that never finds a Day. [Exit:

ACT. V. Scen. I.

[Enter *Seaton*, and a *Lady*.]

Lady. I have seen her rise from her bed, throw
Her Night-Gown on her, unlock her Closet,
Take forth Paper, fold it, write upon't, read it,
Afterwards Seal it, and again return to Bed,
Yet all this while in a most fast sleep.

Seat. 'Tis strange she should receive the Benefit
Of sleep, and do the Effects of waking.
In this disorder what at any time have
You heard her say?

Lady. That Sir, which I will not report of her.

Seat. You may to Me; and 'tis most meet you should.

Lady. Neither to You, nor any one living;
Having no witness to confirm my Speech.

Enter

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[Enter *Lady Macbeth*.]

See here she comes : observe her, and stand close.

Seat. You see her eyes are open.

Lady. Ay, But her Sense is shut.

Seat. What is't she does now? look how she rubs her hands :

Lady. It is an accustom'd action with her to seem

Thus washing her hands : I have known
Her continue in this a quarter of an hour.

Lady Mb. Yet out, out, here's a spot.

Seat. Heark, she speaks.

Lady Mb. Out, out, out I say. One, two : Nay then
'Tis time to do't : Fy my Lord, fy, a Soldier,
And affraid? what need we fear? who knows it?
There's none dares call our Power to account;
Yet who would have thought the old Man had
So much Blood in him.

Seat. Do you mark that?

Lady Mb. *Macduff* had once a Wife; where is she now?
Will these Hands n'ere be clean? Fy my Lord,
You spoil all with this starting : Yet here's
A smell of blood; not all the perfumes of *Arabia*
Will sweeten this little Hand. Oh, Oh, Oh.

[Exit.

Scen. II.

Enter *Donalbain* and *Flean*, met by *Lenox*.

Len. Is not that *DONALBAIN* and young *Flean*, *Banquo's* Son.

Don. Who is this my worthy Friend?

Len. I by your presence feel my hopes full blown,
Which hitherto have been but in the Bud.
What happy gale has brought you here to see
Your Fathers Death Reveng'd?

Don. Hearing of aid sent by the *English* King,
To check the Tirants Insolence; I am come
From *Ireland* :

Flea. And I from *France*, we are but newly met.

Don. Where's my Brother?

I

Len

Len. He and the Good *Macduff* are with the Army
Behind the Wood.

Don. What do's the Tyrant now?

Len. He strongly Fortifies in *Dunsmine*;
Some say he is Mad, others who Love him less,
Call it a Valiant Fury; but what e're
The matter is, there is a Civil War
Within his Bosom; and he finds his Crown
Sit loose about him: His Power grows less,
His Fear grows greater still.

Don. Let's haste and meet my Brother,
My Interest is Grafted into his,
And cannot Grow without it.

Len. So may you both Out-grow unlucky Chance,
And may the Tyrant's Fall that Growth Advance.

[Exit.]

Scene III.

Enter *Macbeth*, *Seal*, and *Attendants*.

Macb. Bring me no more Reports: Let 'em flie all
Till *Byrnam* Wood remove to *Dunsmine*
I cannot fear. What's the Boy *Malcome*? What
Are all the *English*? Are they not of Women
Born? And t' all such I am Invincible,
Then flie false *Thanes*,
By your Revolt you have inflam'd my Rage,
And now have Borrowed *English* Blood to quench it.

Enter a Messenger.

Now Friend, what means thy change of Countenance?

Mess. There are Ten Thousand, Sir,

Macb. What, Ghosts?

Mess. No, Armed men.

Macb. But such as shall be Ghosts e're it be Night.
Art thou turn'd Coward too, since I made thee Captain:
Go Blush away thy Paleness, I am sure
Thy Hands are of another Colour; thou hast Hands
Of Blood, but Looks of Milk.

Mess.

Mess. The *English* Force so please you —

Macb. Take thy Face hence.

He has Infected me with Fear

I am sure to die by none of Woman morn.

And yet the *English* Drums beat an Alarm,

As fatal to my Life as are the Crokes

Of *Ravens*, when they Flutter about the Windows

Of departing men.

My Hopes are great, and yet me-thinks I fear

My Subjects cry out Curses on my Name,

Which like a North-wind seems to blast my Hopes:

Seal. That Wind is a contagious Vapour exhal'd from Blood.

Enter Second Messenger.

What News more?

Mess. All's confirm'd my Leige, that was Reported.

Macb. And my Resolves in spite of Fate shall be as firmly.

Send out more Horse; and Scour the Country round.

How do's my Wife?

Seal. Not so Sick, my Lord, as She is Troubled
With disturbing Fancies, that keep Her from Her rest.

Macb. And I, me-thinks, am Sick of her Disease:

Seaton send out; Captain, the *Thanes* flie from thee:

Wou'd she were well, I'de quickly win the Field.

Stay *Seaton*, stay, I'll bear you company,

The *English* cannot long maintain the Fight;

They come not here to Kill, but to be Slain;

Send out our Scouts.

Seal. Sir, I am gone.

[*Aside*] Not to Obey your Orders, but the Call of Justice.

I'll to the *English* Train whose Hopes are built

Upon their Cause, and not on Witches Prophecies.

[Exit.]

Macb. Poor *Thanes*, you vainly hope for Victory:

You'll find *Macbeth* Invincible; or if

He can be O'recome, it must be then

By *Birnam Oaks*, and not by English-men.

[Exit.]

Scen. IV.

Enter *Malcom, Donalbain, Seymor, Macduff, Lenox, Flean, Souldiers.*

Malc. The Sun shall see us Drain the Tyrants Blood
And Dry up Scotlands Tears: How much we are
Oblig'd to *England*, which like a kind Neighbour
Lift's us up when we were Fall'n below
Our own Recovery.

Seym. What Wood is this before us?

Malc. The Wood of *Birnam*.

Seym. Let every Souldier hew him down a Bough,
And bear't before him: By that we may
Keep the Number of our Force undiscover'd
By the Enemy.

Malc. It shall be done. We Learn no more then that
The Confident Tyrant keeps still in *Dunstrane*,
And will endure a Seige.

He is of late grown Conscious of his Guilt,
Which makes him make that City his Place of Refuge:

Macd. He'll find even there but little Safety;
His very Subjects will aginst him Rise.
So Travellers Flic to an Aged Barn

For Shelter from the Rain; when the next Shock
Of Wind throws Down that Roof upon their Heads,
From which they hop'd for Succour.

Len. The wretched Kernes which now like Boughs are ty'd
To forc'd Obedience; will when our Swords
Have Cut those Bonds, start from Obedience.

Malc. May the Event make good our Guess:

Maod. It must, unless our Resolutions fail
They'll kindle, Sir, their just Revenge at ours:
Which double Flame will Singe the Wings of all
The Tyrants hopes; depriv'd of those Supports,
He'll quickly Fall!

Seym. Let's all Retire to our Commands; our Breath

Spent

Spent in Discourie does but defer his Death,
And but delays our Vengeance,

Macd. Come let's go:

The swiftest hast is for Revenge too slow.

[Exeunt.]

Enter *Macbeth*, and *Souldiers*.

Macb. Hang out our Banners proudly o're the Wall,
The Cry is still, they Come: Our Castles Strength
Will Laugh a Siege to Scorn: Here let them lie
Till Famine eat them up: Had *Seaton* still
Been ours, and others who now Increase the Number
Of our Enemies, we might have met 'em
Face to Face.

What Noise is that?

[Noise within.]

Ser. It seems the Cry of Women.

Macb. I have almost forgot the Taste of Fears,
The time has been that Dangers have been my Familiars,
Wherefore was that Cry?

Ser. Great, Sir, the Queen is Dead.

Macb. She should have Di'd hereafter,
I brought Her here, to see my Victines, not to Die:
To Morrow, to Morrow, and to Morrow,
Creeps in a stealing pace from Day to Day,
To the last Minute of Recorded Time:
And all our Yesterdays have lighted Fools
To their Eternal Homes: Out, out that Candle,
Life's but a Walking Shaddow, a poor Player
That Struts and Frets his Hour upon the Stage,
And then is Heard no more. It is a Tale
Told by an Ideot, full of Sound and Fury
Signifying Nothing.

[Enter a Messenger.]

Thou comest to use thy Tongue: Thy Story quickly.

Mess. Let my Eyes speak what they have seen,
For my Tongue cannot.

Macb. Thy Eyes speak Terror, let thy Tongue expound
Their Language, or be for ever Dumb.

Mess. As I did stand my Watch upon the Hill,
I lookt towards *Birnam*, and anon me thoughts

The.

The Wood began to move:

Macb. Lyar and Slave.

Meff. Let me endure your Wrath if't be not so:
Within this three Mile may you see it coming,
I say, a moving Grove.

Macb. If thou speakest False, I'll send thy Soul
To th' other World to meet with moving Woods,
And walking Forrests;
There to Possess what it but Dreamt of here,
If thy Speech be true, I care not if thou doest
The same for me. I now begin
To doubt the Equivocation of the Fiend,
They bid me not to fear till *Birnam* Wood
Should come to *Dansmane*: And now a Wood
Is on its March this way; Arm, Arm,
Since thus a Wood do's in a March appear,
There is no Flying hence, nor Tarrying here:
Methinks I now grow weary of the Sun,
And with the Worlds great Glass of Life were run.

[*Exeunt*:]

Scene. VI.

Enter *Malcome*, *Seymour*, *Macduff*, *Lenox*, *Flean*, *Seaton*,
Donalbain, and their Army with Boughs.

Malc. Here we are near enough; throw down
Your Leafie Screens
And shew like those you are. You worthy Uncle
Shall with my Brother and the Noble *Lenox*,
March in the Van, whilst Valiant *Seymour*
And my Self, make up the Gross of the Army,
And follow you with speed.

Sey. Fare well; the Monster has forsook his hold and comes
To offer Battle.

Macd. Let him come on; his Title now
Sits Loose about him, like a Giants Robe
Upon a Dwarfish Thief.

Enter

Enter *Macbeth*:

Macb. 'Tis too Ignoble, and too base to Flie;
Who's he that is not of a Woman Born,
For such a one I am to fear, or none.

Enter *Lenox*:

Len. Kind Heaven, I thank thee; have I found thee here;
Oh *Scotland! Scotland!* mayst thou owe thy just
Revenge to this sharp Sword, or this blest Minute.

Macb. Retire fond Man, I wou'd not Kill thee.
Why should *Faulcons* prey on Flies?
It is below *Macbeth* to Fight with Men.

Len. But not to Murder Women.

Macb. *Lenox*, I pity thee, thy Arm's too weak.

Len. This Arm has hitherto found good Success
On your Ministers of Blood, who Murder'd
Macduff's Lady, and brave *Banquo*:
Art thou less Mortal than they were? Or more
Exempt from Punishment? Because thou most
Deserv'st it. Have at thy Life.

Macb. Since then thou art in Love with Death, I will
Vouchsafe it thee.

Thou art of Woman Born, I'm sure.

Len. Oh my dear Country, Pardon me that I,
Do in a Cause so great, so quickly Die.

Enter *Macduff*.

Macd. This way the Noise is, Tyrant shew thy Face,
If thou be'st Slain and by no hand of Mine,
My Wife and Childrens Ghosts will haunt me for't:
I cannot Strike
At wretched Slaves, who sell their Lives for Pay;
No, my Revenge shall seek a Nobler Prey.

Through

Through all the Paths of Death, I'll search him out:
Let me but find him, *Fortune*. [Exit.]

Enter *Malcolm*, and *Seymour*.

Sey. This way, Great Sir, the Tyrants People Fight
With Fear as great as is his Guilt.

Malc. See who Lies here; the Noble *Lenox* slain,
What Storm has brought this Blood over our
Rising hopes.

Sey. Restrain your Passion, Sir, let's to our Men,
Those who in Noble Causes fall, deserve
Our Pity, not our Sorrow.
I'll bid some Body bear the Body further hence.

[Exeunt.]

Enter *Macbeth*.

Macb. Why should I play the *Roman* Fool and Fall,
On my own Sword, while I have living Foes
To Conquer; my Wounds shew better upon them.

Enter *Macduff*.

Macd. Turn Hell-Hound, Turn.

Macb. Of all Men else, I have avoided Thee;
But get thee back, my Soul is too much clog'd
With Blood of thine already.

Macd. I'll have no Words, thy Villanies are worse
Then ever yet were Punisht with a Curse.

Macb. Thou mayst as well attempt to Wound the Air,
As me; my Destiny's reserv'd for some Immortal Power,
And I must fall by Miracle; I cannot Bleed.

Macd. Have thy black Deeds then turn'd thee to a Devil.

Macb. Thou wouldst but share the Fate of *Lenox*.

Macd. Is *Lenox* slain? and by a Hand that would Damn all it kills,
But that their Cause preserves 'em.

Macb. I have a Prophecy secures my Life.

Macd. I have another which tells me I shall have his Blood,
Who first shed mine.

Macb.

Macb. None of Woman born can spill my Blood.

Macd. Then let the Devils tell thee, *Macduff*
Was from his Mothers Womb untimely Ript.

Macb. Curst be that Tongue that tells me so,
And double Damn'd be they who with a double sence
Make Promises to our Ears, and Break at last
That Promise to our sight: I will not Fight with thee.

Macd. Then yield thy self a Prisoner to be Led about
The World, and Gaz'd on as a Monster, a Monster
More Deform'd then ever Ambition Fram'd,
Or Tyrannie could shape.

Macb. I scorn to Yield. I will in spite of Enchantment
Fight with thee, though *Birnam* Wood be come
To *Dunsinane*:

And thou art of no Woman Born, I'll try,
If by a Man it be thy Fate to Die.

{ They Fight, *Macbeth*
{ falls. They shout within

Macd. This for my Royal Master *Duncan*,
This for my dearest Friend my Wife,
This for those Pledges of our Loves, my Children.
Hark I hear a Noise, sure there are more
Reserves to Conquer.

[Shout within]

I'll as a Trophy bear away his Sword,
To witness my Revenge.

[Exit *Macduff*.]

Macb. Farewell vain World, and what's most vain in it,

[Ambition Dies.]

Enter *Malcolm*, *Seymour*, *Donalbain*, *Fleance*, *Seaton*,
and *Soldiers*.

Malc. I wish *Macduff* were safe Arriv'd, I am
In doubt for him; for *Lenox* I'm in grief.

Seym. Consider *Lenox*, Sir, is nobly Slain:
They who in Noble Causes fall, deserve

Our Pity, not our Sorrow. Look where the Tyrant is.

Seaton. The Witches, Sir, with all the Power of Hell,
Could not preserve him from the Hand of Heaven.

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Enter

Enter *Macduff* with *Macbeths* Sword.

Macd. Long Live *Malcolm*, King of *Scotland*, so you are;
And though I should not Boast, that one
Whom Guilt might easily weigh down, fell
By my Hand; yet here I present you with
The Tyrants Sword, to shew that Heaven appointed
Me to take Revenge for you, and all
That Suffered by his Power.

Malc. *Macduff*, we have more Ancient Records
Then this of your successful Courage.

Macd. Now *Scotland*, thou shalt see bright Day again,
That Clouds remov'd that did Eclipse thy Sun,
And Rain down Blood upon thee. As your Arms
Did all contribute to this Victory;
So let your Voices all concur to give
One joyful Acclamation.

Long Live *Malcolm*, King of *Scotland*.

Malc. We shall not make a large Expence of time
Before we Reckon with your several Loves,
And make us even with you: *Thanes* and Kinsman,
Henceforth be Earls, the first that ever *Scotland*
Saw Honour'd with that Title: And may they still Flourish
On your Families; though like the Laurels
You have Won to Day; they Spring from a Field of Blood;
Drag his Body hence, and let it Hang upon
A Pinnacle in *Dunsinane*, to shew
To shew to future Ages what to those is due,
Who others Right, by Lawless Power pursue.

Macd. So may kind Fortune Crown your Reign with Peace,
As it has Crown'd your Armies with Success;
And may the Peoples Prayers still wait on you,
As all their Curses did *Macbeth* pursue:
His Vice shall make your Virtue shine more Bright,
As a Fair Day succeeds a Stormy Night.

FINIS. ACTUS V.