

Dramatis Perfonae
Масветн
Lady Macbeth
Banquoh
FLEANCE
King Malcolme
Donalbaine
Macduff
Lady Macduff
Macduff's son
LENOX
Ross
MENTEITH
Angus
Caithness Siward
Young Siward
Three Witches
THREE WITCHES

Actus Primus. Scœna Prima.

Thunder and lightning. Enter three Witches.

I.

WHEN fhall we three meet againe?
In Thunder, Lightning, or in Raine?

- 2. When the Hurley-Burley's done, When the Battaile's loft, and wonne.
 - 3. That will be ere the fet of Sunne.
 - *I.* Where the place?
 - 2. Vpon the Heath,
 - 3. There to meet with Macbeth.
 - I. I come, Gray-Malkin.

All. Padock calls anon: faire is foule, and foule is faire, Houer through the fogge and filthie ayre. Exeunt.

Scena Secunda

Alarum within. Enter King Malcome, Donalbaine, Lenox, with attendants, meeting a bleeding Captaine.

King. What bloody man is that? he can report, As feemth by his plight, of the Reuolt The newest state.

Cap. Doubtfull it flood, as two spent Swimmers, that doe cling together, And choake their Art: The mercilesse Macdonwald (Worthie to be a Rebell, for to that The multiplying Villanies of Nature Doe swarme vpon him) from the Westerne Isles Of Kernes and Gallowgrosses is supply'd, And Fortune on his damned Quarry smiling, Shew'd like a Rebells Whore: but all's too weake: For braue Macbeth (well hee deserues that Name) Disdayning Fortune, with his brandisht Steele, Which smoak'd with bloody execution (Like Valours Minion) caru'd out his passage, Till hee fac'd the Slaue: Which neu'r shooke hands, nor bad farwell to him,

Till he vnfeam'd him from the Naue toth' Chops, And fix'd his Head vpon our Battlements.

King. O valiant Coufin, worthy Gentleman.

Cap. As whence the Sunne 'gins his reflection, Shipwracking Stormes, and direfull Thunders: So from that Spring, whence comfort feem'd to come,

Discomfort swells: Marke King of Scotland, marke, No sooner Iustice had, with Valour arm'd, Compell'd these skipping Kernes to trust their heeles, but the Norweyan Lord, surueying vantage, With surbusht Armes, and new supplyes of men, Began a fresh assault.

King. Difmay'd not this our Captaines, Macbeth and Ban-auoh?

Cap. Yes, as Sparrowes, Eagles;

Or the Hare, the Lyon:

If I fay footh, I must report they were

As Cannons ouer-charg'd with double Cracks,

So they doubly redoubled stroakes vpon the Foe:

Except they meant to bathe in reeking Wounds,

Or memorize another Golgotha,

I cannot tell: but I am faint,

My gashes cry for helpe.

King. So well thy words become thee, as thy wounds, They fmack of Honor both: Goe get him Surgeons.

Enter Rosse and Angus

Who comes here?

Mal. The worthy Thane of Rosse.

Lenox. What a hafte lookes through his eyes?

So should he looke, that seemes to speake things strange.

Rosse. God faue the King.

King. Whence cam'st thou, worthy Thane?

Rosse. From Fiffe, great King,

Where Norweyan Banners flowt the Skie,

And fanne our people cold.

Norway himselfe, with terrible numbers

Affisted by that most disloyall Traytor,

The *Thane* of Cawdor, began a difmall Conflict,

Till that Bellona's Bridegroome, lapt in proofe,

Confronted him with felfe-comparisons,

Point against Point, rebellious Arme 'gainst Arme,

Curbing his lauish spirit: and to conclude,

The Victorie fell on vs.

King. Great hapinesse.

Rosse. That now, Sweno, the Norwayes King,

Craues composition:

Nor would we deigne him buriall of his men,

Till he disbursed, at Saint Colmes ynch,

Ten thousand Dollars, to our generall vse.

King. No more that *Thane* of Cawdor shall decieue Our Bosome interest: Goe pronounce his present death, And with his former Title greet *Macbeth*.

Rosse. Ile see it done.

King. What he hath loft, Noble Macbeth hath wonne. Exeunt.

Scena Tertia.

Thunder. Enter the three Witches.

- I. Where hast thou beene, Sifter?
- 2. Killing Swine.
- 3. Sifter, where thou?
- 1. A Saylors Wife had Chestnuts in her Lappe,

And mouncht, &mouncht, and mouncht:

Giue me, quoth I.

Aroynt thee, Witch, the rumpe-fed Ronyon cryes.

Her Husband's to Aleppo gone, Master o'th' Tiger:

But in a Syue Ile thither fayle,

And like a Rat without a tayle,

Ile doe, Ile doe, and Ile doe.

- 2. Ile giue thee a Winde.
- I. Th'art kinde.
- 3. And I another.
- *I.* I my felfe haue all the other,

And the very Ports they blow,

All the Quarters that they know,

I'th'Ship-mans Card.

Ile dreyne him drie as Hay:

Sleepe shall neyther Night nor Day

Hang vpon his Pent-house Lid:

He shall liue a man forbid:

Wearie Seu'nights, nine times nine,

Shall he dwindle, peake, and pine:

Though his Barke cannot be loft,

Yet it shall be Tempest-tost.

Looke what I haue.

- 2. Shew me, shew me.
- I. Here I have a Pilots Thumbe,

Wrackt, as homeword he did come.

Drum within.

3. A Drumme, a Drumme:

Macbeth doth come.

All. The weyward Sifters, hand in hand,

Posters of the Sea and Land,

Thus doe goe, about, about,

Thrice to thine, and thrice to mine,

And thrice againe, to make vp nine.

Peace, the Charme's wound vp.

Enter Macbeth and Banquo.

Macb. So foule and faire a day I have not feene.

Banquo. How farre if't call'd to Soris? What are thefe, So wither'd, and fo wilde in their attyre,

That looke not like th' Inhabitants o'th' Earth,

And yet are on't? Liue you, or are you aught

That man may question? you seeme to vnderstand me,

By each at once her choppie finger laying

Vpon her skinnie Lips: you should be Women,

And yet your Beards forbid me to interprete

That you are fo.

Mac. Speake if you can: what are you?

- I. All haile Macbeth, haile to thee Thane of Glamis.
- 2. All haile Macbeth, haile to thee Thane of Cawdor.
- 3. All haile *Macbeth*, that shalt be King hereafter.

Banq. Good Sir, why doe you start, and seeme to feare

Things that doe found fo faire? i'th' name of truth

Are ye fantasticall, or that indeed

Which outwardly ye fhew? My Noble Partner

You greet with prefent Grace, and great prediction

Of Noble hauing, and of Royall hope,

That he feemes wrapt withall: to me you speake not.

If you can looke into the Seedes of Time,

And fay, which Graine will grow, and which will not,

Speake then to me, who neyther begge, nor feare

Your fauors, nor your hate.

- I. Hayle.
- 2. Hayle.
- 3. Hayle.
- I. Leffer than Macbeth, and greater.
- 2. Not fo happy, yet much happyer.
- 3. Thou shalt get Kings, though thou be none:

So all haile *Macbeth*, and *Banquo*.

I. Banquo, and Macbeth, all haile.

Macb. Stay you imperfect Speakers, tell me more:

By Sinells death, I know I am Thane of Glamis,

But how, of Cawdor? the Thane of Cawdor liues

A prosperous Gentleman: And to be King,

Stands not within the prospect of beleefe,

No more then to be Cawdor. Say from whence

Two more then to be cawdor. Say from when

You owe this strange Intelligence, or why

Vpon this blafted Heath you ftop our way

With fuch Prophetique greeting?

Speake, I charge you. Witches vanish.

Banq. The Earth hath bubbles, as the Water ha's,

And these are of them: whither are they vanish'd? *Macb.* Into the Ayre: and what seem'd corporall,

Melted, as breath into the Winde.

Would they had stay'd.

Banq. Were fuch things here, as we doe speake about? Or haue we eaten on the infane Root,

That takes the Reason Prisoner?

Macb. Your Children shall be Kings.

Banq. You shall be King.

Macb. And Thane of Cawdor too: went it not fo?

Banq. Toth' felfe-fame tune and words: who's here?

Enter Rosse and Angus.

Rosse. The King hath happily receiu'd, Macbeth, The newes of thy fuccesse: and when he reades Thy personall Venture in the Rebels sight, His Wonders and his Prayses doe contend, Which should be thine, or his: silenc'd with that, In viewing o're the rest o'th' selfe-same day, He sindes thee in the stout Norweyan Rankes, Nothing afeard of what thy selfe didst make Strange Images of death, as thick as Tale Can post with post, and every one did beare Thy prayses in his Kingdomes great defence, And powr'd them downe before him.

Ang. Wee are fent,
To giue thee from our Royall Master thanks,
Onely to harrold thee into his fight,
Not pay thee.

Rosse. And for an earnest of a greater Honor, He bad me, from him, call thee *Thane* of Cawdor: In which addition, haile most worthy *Thane*, For it is thine.

Banq. What, can the Deuill speake true? Macb. The Thane of Cawdor liues: Why doe you dresse me in borrowed Robes?

Ang. Who was the *Thane*, liues yet, But vnder heauie Iudgement beares that Life, Which he deferues to loofe.

Whether he was combin'd with those of Norway, Or did lyne the Rebell with hidden helpe, And vantage; or that with both he labour'd In his Countreyes wracke, I know not: But Treasons Capitall, confess'd, and prou'd, Haue ouerthrowne him.

Macb. Glamys, and Thane of Cawdor: The greatest is behinde. Thankes for your paines. Doe you not hope your Children shall be Kings, When those that gaue the *Thane* of Cawdor to me, Promis'd no lesse to them.

Banq. That trusted home,
Might yet enkindle you vnto the Crowne,
Besides the Thane of Cawdor. But 'tis strange:
And oftentimes, to winne vs to our harme,
The Instruments of Darknesse tell vs Truths,
Winne vs with honest Trisles, to betray's
In deepest consequence.
Cousins, a word, I pray you.

Macb. Two Truths are told, As happy Prologues to the fwelling Act Of the Imperiall Theame. I thanke you Gentlemen: This fupernatural folliciting Cannot be ill; cannot be good. If ill? why hath it given me earnest of successe, Commencing in a Truth? I am Thane of Cawdor. If good? why doe I yeeld to that fuggestion, Whose horrid Image doth vnfixe my Heire, And make my feated Heart knock at my Ribbes, Against the vse of Nature? Present Feares Are leffe then horrible Imaginings: My Thought, whose Murther yet is but fantasticall, Shakes fo my fingle state of Man, That Function is fmother'd in furmife, And nothing is, but what is not.

Banq. Looke how our Partner's rapt.

Macb. If Chance will haue me King,

Why Chance may Crowne me, Without my stirre.

Banq. New Honors come vpon him Like our strange Garments, cleaue not to their mould, But with the aid of vse.

Macb. Come what come may,Time, and the Houre, runs through the roughest DayBanq. Worthy Macbeth, wee stay vpon your leyfureMacb. Giue me your fauour:

My dull Braine was wrought with things forgotten. Kinde Gentlemen, your paines are registred, Where euery day I turne the Leafe, To reade them.

Let vs toward the King: thinke vpon What hath chanc'd: and at more time, The *Interim* hauing weigh'd it, let vs speake Our free Hearts each to other.

Banq. Very gladly.

Macb. Till then enough:

Come friends.

Exeunt.

Scena Quarta.

Flourish. Enter King, Lenox, Malcolme, Donalbaine, and Attendants.

King. Is execution done on Cawdor? Or not those in Commission yet return'd? Mal. My Liege, they are not yet come back. But I haue spoke with one that saw him die: Who did report, that very frankly hee

Confess'd his Treasons, implor'd your Highnesse Pardon, And set forth a deepe Repentance:
Nothing in his Life became him,
Like the leauing it. Hee dy'de,
As one that had beene studied in his death,
To throw away the dearest thing he ow'd,
As 'twere a carelesse Trisse.

King. There's no Art.

King. There's no Art,
To finde the Mindes construction in the Face.
He was a Gentleman, on whom I built
An absolute Trust.

Enter Macbeth, Banquo, Rosse, and Angus.
O worthyest Cousin,
The sinne of my Ingratitude euen now
Was heavie on me. Thou art so farre before,
That swiftest Wing of Recompence is slow,
To overtake thee. Would thou hadst lesse deserved,
That the proportion both of thanks, and payment,
Might have beene mine: onely I have lest to say,
More is thy due, then more then all can pay.

Macb. The feruice, and the loyaltie I owe, In doing it, payes it felfe. Your Highneffe part, is to receive our Duties: And our Duties are to your Throne, and State, Children, and Seruants; which doe but what they should, By doing euery thing safe toward your Loue And Honor.

King. Welcome hither: I have begun to plant thee, and will labour To make thee full of growing. Noble Banquo, That hast no lesse deserved, nor must be knowne No lesse to have done so: Let me enfold thee, And hold thee to my Heart.

Banq. There if I grow, The Haruest is your owne.

King. My plenteous Ioyes,
Wanton in fulnesse, seeke to hide themselues
In drops of forrow. Sonnes, Kinsmen, Thanes,
And you whose places are the nearest, know,
We will establish our Estate vpon
Our eldest, Malcolme, whom we name hereaster,
The Prince of Cumberland: which Honor must
Not vnaccompanied, inuest him onely,
But signes of Noblenesse, like Starres, shall shine
On all deservers. From hence to Envernes,
And binde vs further to you.

Macb. The Rest is Labor, which is not vs'd for you: Ile be my selfe the Herbenger, and make ioyfull The hearing of my Wife, with your approach: So humbly take my leaue.

King. My worthy Cawdor.

Macb. The Prince of Cumberland: that is a step,
On which I must fall downe, or else o're-leape,
For in my way it lyes. Starres hide your fires,
Let not Light see my black and deepe desires:
The Eye winke at the Hand: yet let that bee,
Which the Eye seares, when it is done to see.

King. True worthy Banquo: he is full so valiant,
And in his commendations, I am fed:
It is a Banquet to me. Let's after him,

Whose care is gone before, to bid vs welcome:

It is a peerelesse Kinsman.

Scena Quinta.

Flourish

Exeunt.

Enter Macbeths Wife alone with a Letter.

Lady. They met me in the day of successe: and I have learn'd by the perfect'st report, they have more in them, then mortall knowledge. When I burnt in desire to question them further, they made themselues Ayre, into which they vanish'd. Whiles I stood rapt in the wonder of it, came Missiues from the King, who allhail'd me Thane of Cawdor, by which Title before, these weyward Sisters saluted me, and referr'd me to the comming on of time, with haile King that shalt be. This have I thought good to deliuer thee (my dearest Partner of Greatnesse) that thou might'st not loose the dues of reioycing by being ignorant of what Greatnesse is promif'd thee. Lay it to thy heart and farewell. Glamys thou art, and Cawdor, and shalt be What thou art promif'd: yet doe I feare thy Nature, It is too full o'th' Milke of humane kindnesse, To catch the neerest way. Thou would'st be great, Art not without Ambition, but without The illnesse should attend it. What thou would'st highly, That would'st thou holily: would'st not play false, And yet would'st wrongly winne. Thould'st haue, great Glamys, that which cryes, Thus thou must doe, if thou haue it; And that which rather thou do'ft feare to doe, Then wishest should be vndone. High thee hither, That I may powre my Spirits in thine Eare, And chastife with the valour of my Tongue All that impeides thee from the Golden Round, Which Fate and Metaphyficall ayde doth feeme To have thee crown'd withall. Enter Messenger. What is your tidings?

Mess. The King comes here to Night.

Lady. Thou'rt mad to fay it.

Is not thy Master with him? who, wer't so,

Would have inform'd for preparation.

Mess. So please you, it is true: our *Thane* is comming: One of my fellowes had the speed of him; Who almost dead for breath, had scarcely more Then would make vp his Message.

Lady. Giue him tending,

He brings great newes. Exit Messenger.

The Rauen himfelfe is hoarfe,

That croakes the fatall entrance of Duncan

Vnder my Battlements. Come you Spirits,

That tend on mortall thoughts, vnfex me here,

And fill me from the Crowne to the Toe, top-full

Of direst Crueltie: make thick my blood,

Stop vp th' accesse, and passage to Remorse,

That no compunctious vifitings of Nature

Shake my fell purpofe, nor keepe peace betweene

Th' effect, and hit. Come to my Womans Brests,

And take my Milke for Gall, you murth'ring Ministers,

Where-euer, in your fightleffe fubstances,

You wait on Natures Mischiefe. Come thick Night,

And pall thee in the dunnest smoake of Hell,

That my keene Knife fee not the Wound it makes,

Nor Heauen peepe through the Blanket of the darke,

To cry, hold, hold. Enter Macbeth.

Great Glamys, worthy Cawdor,

Greater then both, by the all-haile hereafter,

Thy Letters have transported me beyond

This ignorant prefent, and I feele now

The future in the instant.

Macb. My dearest Loue,

Duncan comes here to Night.

Lady. And when goes hence?

Macb. To morrow, as he purpofes.

Lady. O neuer,

Shall Sunne that Morrow fee.

Your Face, my Thane, is as a Booke, where men

May reade strange matters, to beguile the time.

Looke like the time, beare welcome in your Eye,

Your Hand, your Tongue: looke like th' innocent flower,

But be the Serpent vnder't. He that's comming,

Must be prouided for: and you shall put

This Nights great Businesse into my dispatch,

Which shall to all our Nights, and Dayes to come,

Giue folely foueraigne fway, and Masterdome.

Macb. We will speake further.

Lady. Onely looke vp cleare:

To alter fauor, euer is to feare:

Leaue all the rest to me. Exeunt.

Scena Sexta

Hoboyes, and Torches. Enter King, Malcolme, Donalbaine, Banquo, Lenox, Macduff, Rosse, Angus, and Attendants.

King. This Caftle hath a pleafant feat, The ayre nimbly and fweetly recommends it felfe Vnto our gentle fences.

Banq. This Guest of Summer,
The Temple-haunting Barlet does approue,
By his loued Mansonry, that the Heauens breath
Smells wooingly here: no Iutty frieze,
Buttrice, nor Coigne of Vantage, but this Bird
Hath made his pendant Bed, and procreant Cradle,
Where they must breed, and haunt: I haue observed
The ayre is delicate.

Enter Lady.

King. See, fee our honor'd Hostesse: The Loue that followes vs, sometime is our trouble, Which still we thanke as Loue. Herein I teach you, How you shall bid God-eyld vs for your paines, And thanke vs for your trouble.

Lady. All our feruice,

In euery point twice done, and then done double, Were poore, and fingle Bufinesse, to contend Against those Honors deepe, and broad, Wherewith your Maiestie loades our House: For those of old, and the late Dignities, Heap'd vp to them, we rest your Ermites.

King. Where's the Thane of Cawdor? We courft him at the heeles, and had a purpose To be his Purueyor: But he rides well, And his great Loue (sharpe as his Spurre) hath holp him To his home before vs: Faire and Noble Hostesse We are your guest to night.

La. Your Seruants euer, Haue theirs, themfelues, and what is theirs in compt, To make their Audit at your Highnesse pleasure, Still to returne your owne.

King. Giue me your hand: Conduct me to mine Host we loue him highly, And shall continue, our Graces towards him. By your leave Hostesse.

Exeunt

Scena Septima.

Ho-boyes. Torches.

Enter a Sewer, and divers Servants with Dishes

and Service over the Stage. Then enter Macbeth.

Macb. If it were done, when 'tis done, then 'twer well, It were done quickly: If th' Affaffination Could trammell vp the Confequence, and catch With his furceafe, Succeffe: that but this blow Might be the be all, and the end all. Heere, But heere, vpon this Banke and Schoole of time, Wee'ld iumpe the life to come. But in these Cases, We still have judgement heere, that we but teach Bloody Instructions, which being taught, returne To plague th' Inuenter, this euen-handed Iustice Commends th' Ingredience of our poyfon'd Challice To our owne lips. Hee's heere in double trust; First, as I am his Kinsman, and his Subject, Strong both against the Deed: Then, as his Host, Who should against his Murtherer shut the doore, Not beare the knife my felfe. Besides, this Duncane Hath borne his Faculties fo meeke; hath bin So cleere in his great Office, that his Vertues Will pleade like Angels, Trumpet-tongu'd against The deepe damnation of his taking off: And Pitty, like a naked New-borne-Babe, Striding the blaft, or Heauens Cherubin, horf'd Vpon the fightleffe Curriors of the Ayre, Shall blow the horrid deed in euery eye, That teares shall drowne the winde. I have no Spurre To pricke the fides of my intent, but onely Vaulting Ambition, which ore-leapes it felfe, And falles on th' other. Enter Lady. How now? What Newes?

La. He has almost supt: why have you left the chamber? Mac. Hath he ask'd for me?

La. Know you not, he ha's?

Mac. We will proceed no further in this Businesse: He hath Honour'd me of late, and I have bought Golden Opinions from all forts of people, Which would be worne now in their newest glosse, Not cast aside so soone.

La. Was the hope drunke, herein you drest your selfe? Hath it slept since? And wakes it now to looke so greene, and pale, At what it did so freely? From this time, Such I account thy loue. Art thou affear'd To be the same in thine owne Act, and Valour, As thou art in desire? Would'st thou haue that Which thou esteem'st the Ornament of Life, And liue a Coward in thine owne Esteeme? Letting I dare not, wait vpon I would, Like the poore Cat i'th'Addage.

Macb. Prythee peace: I dare do all that may become a man,

Who dares do more, is none.

La. What Beast was't then
That made you breake this enterprize to me?
When you durst do it, then you were a man:
And to be more then what you were, you would
Be so much more the man. Nor time, nor place
Did then adhere, and yet you would make both:
They haue made themselues, and that their fitnesse now
Do's vnmake you. I haue giuen Sucke, and know
How tender 'tis to loue the Babe that milkes me,
I would, while it was smyling in my Face,
Haue pluckt my Nipple from his Bonelesse Gummes,
And dasht the Braines out, had I so sworne
As you haue done to this.

Macb. If we should faile?

Lady. We faile?

But screw your courage to the sticking place, And wee'le not sayle: when *Duncan* is asleepe, (Whereto the rather shall his dayes hard Iourney Soundly inuite him) his two Chamberlaines Will I with Wine, and Wassell, so conuince, That Memorie, the Warder of the Braine, Shall be a Fume, and the Receit of Reason A Lymbeck onely: when in Swinish sleepe, Their drenched Natures lyes as in a Death, What cannot you and I performe vpon Th' vnguarded *Duncan*? What not put vpon His spungie Officers? who shall beare the guilt Of our great quell.

Macb. Bring forth Men-Children onely: For thy vndaunted Mettle should compose Nothing but Males. Will it not be received, When we have mark'd with blood those sleepie two Of his owne Chamber, and vs'd their very Daggers, That they have don't?

Lady. Who dares receive it other, As we shall make our Griefes and Clamor rore, Vpon his Death?

Macb. I am fettled, and bend vp Each corporall Agent to this terrible Feat. Away, and mock the time with fairest show, False Face must hide what the false Heart doth know.

Exeunt.

Actus Secundus. Scena Prima.

Enter Banquo, and Fleance, with a Torch before him.