

MARCELLUS

Bernardo!

BERNARDO

Welcome, Horatio. Welcome, good Marcellus.

Horatio

What, has this thing appeared again tonight?

BARNARDO

I have seen nothing.

MARCELLUS

Horatio says 'tis but our fantasy,
And will not let belief take hold of him
Touching this dreaded sight twice seen of us.
Therefore I have entreated him along
With us to watch the minutes of this night,
That, if again this apparition come,
He may approve our eyes and speak to it.

HORATIO

Tush, tush, 'twill not appear.

MARCELLUS

Peace. Look where it comes again.

BARNARDO

In the same figure like the king that's dead.

MARCELLUS

Thou art a scholar; speak to it, Horatio.

BARNARDO

Looks a not like the king? Mark it, Horatio.

HORATIO

Most like. It harrows me with fear and wonder.

MARCELLUS

Speak to it, Horatio.

HORATIO

What art thou that usurp'st this time of night
Together with that fair and warlike form
In which the majesty of buried Denmark

Did sometimes march? By heaven I charge thee, speak.

MARCELLUS

It is offended.

BARNARDO

See, it stalks away.

HORATIO

Stay. Speak, speak. I charge thee, speak.

Exit GHOST.

MARCELLUS

'Tis gone and will not answer.

BARNARDO

How now, Horatio? You tremble and look pale.
Is not this something more than fantasy?
What think you on't?

HORATIO

Before my God, I might not this believe
Without the sensible and true avouch
Of mine own eyes.

MARCELLUS

Is it not like the king?

HORATIO

As thou art to thyself.
Such was the very armor he had on
When he the ambitious Norway combated.
This bodes some strange eruption to our state.
Break we our watch up, and Let us impart what we have seen
tonight Unto young Hamlet, for upon my life
This spirit, dumb to us, will speak to him.

CLAUDIUS

Though yet of Hamlet our dear brother's death
The memory be green, and that it us befitted
To bear our hearts in grief, and our whole kingdom
To be contracted in one brow of woe,
Yet so far hath discretion fought with nature
That we with wisest sorrow think on him
Together with remembrance of ourselves.
Therefore our sometime sister, now our queen,