

ACT 2 SCENE (4) - [VARIES WITH EDITIONS]

NO OF LINES: 69

TIME ^(approx): 4 min 50 sec*St Martin's-le-Grand, Adlersgate, London**Year 1517***CROWD** *(of the prevailing mood)*

1-76: Remove the strangers !

SHERIFF MORE

77: Grant them remov'd, and grant that this your noise
 78: Hath chid down all the majesty of England ; ¹¹
 79: Imagine that you see the wretched strangers ¹¹
 80: (Their babies at their backs and their poor luggage)
 81: Plodding to th' ports and coasts for transportation ; ¹¹
 82: And that you sit as kings in your desires,
 83: Authority quite silenc'd by your brawl,
 84: And you in ruff of your opinions clothed ; ^{11x}
 85: What had you got? ⁴
 85: I'll tell you : you had taught
 86: How insolence and strong hand should prevail,
 87: How order should be quell'd ; and by this pattern ¹¹
 88: Not one of you should live an agèd man—
 89: For other ruffians (as their fancies wrought) ^{11x}
 90: With self same hand, self reasons, and self right,
 91: Would shark on you ; and men like rav'nous fishes ¹¹
 92: Would feed on one another. ⁷

DOLL

93: Before God, that's as true as the Gospel.

LINCOLN

94: Nay, this is a sound fellow, I tell you—let's mark him.

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95: Let me set up before your thoughts, good friends,

96: On supposition ; which if you will mark,

97: You shall perceive how horrible a shape

98: Your insurrection bears. ⁶

98: First, 'tis a sin !

99: Which oft the apostle did forewarn us of,

100: Urging obedience to authority ; ^{11x}

101: And 'twere no error, if I told you all,

102: You were in arms against your God Himself !

ALL

103: Marry, God forbid that ! ^{6a}

SHERIFF MORE

104: Nay, certainly you are ; ^{6b}

105: For to the king God hath his office lent

106: Of dread, of justice, power and command ;

107: Hath bid him rule, and willed you to obey ;

108: And—to add ampler majesty to this—

109: He hath not only lent the king His figure, ¹¹

110: His throne, His sword, but giv'n him his own name,

111: Calls him 'a god on earth'. ⁶

111: What do you then—

112: Rising 'gainst him that God Himself installs—

113: But rise 'gainst God? ⁴

113: What do you to your souls

114: In doing this? ⁴

114: O desp'rate as you are,

115: Wash your foul minds with tears ; and those same

hands—

116: That you like rebels lift against the peace—

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- 117: Lift up for peace ; and your unrev'rent knees
 118: Make them your feet to kneel to be forgiven ! ¹¹
- 119: Tell me but this : what rebel captain—^{9 x}
 120: As mut'nies are like to hap—by his name
 121: Can still the rout? Who will obey a traitor? ¹¹
- 122: Or how can well that proclamation sound
 123: When there is no addition but a 'rebel' ¹¹
 124: To qualify a rebel? ^{7e > 6}
- 124: You'll put down strangers, ^{(11 > 10) x}
 125: Kill them, cut their throats, possess their houses, ^{(10 > 11) x}
 126: And lead the majesty of law on leash
 127: To slip him like a hound. ⁶
- 127: Say now the king
 128: (As he is clement if th' offender mourn)
 129: Should so much come too short of your great trespass ¹¹
 130: As merely t' banish you—whith'r would you go?
 131: What country—by the nature of your error—¹¹
 132: Should give you harbor? ^{5e > 4}
- 132: Go you to France or Flanders ; ¹¹
 133: To any German province ; Spain or Portugal ; ¹²
 134: Nay, anywhere that not adheres to England—¹¹
 135: Why, you must needs be strangers. ^{7e > 6}
- 135: Would you be pleased
 136: To find a nation of such barb'rous temper, ¹¹
 137: That breaking out in hideous vi-o-lence ^{11x (9-10)}
 138: Would not afford you an abode on earth?
 139: Whet their detested knives across your throats?
 140: Spurn you like dogs? and like as if that God
 141: Owne not, nor made not you ? ⁶

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Nor that the elements ¹²142: Were not all appropri'ate to your comforts, ^{10x}143: But charter'd unto them? ⁶

143:

What would you think

144: To be thus used? ⁴

144:

This is the strangers' case ;

145: And this your mountanish inhumanity. ^{11x}

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