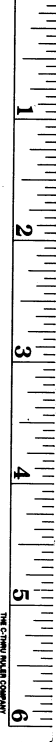


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Julius Cæsar.
A
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Women.

Calphurnia	Madam Slingsby.
Portia	Mrs. Cook.

Guards and Attendants.

Scene R O M E.

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THE
TRAGEDY.
OF
JULIUS CÆSAR.

Actus Primus. Scena Prima.

Enter Flavius, Caska, and certain Commoners over the Stage.

Flavius.

Hence: home you idle Creatures, get you home:
Is this a Holiday? What, known you not
(Being Mechanical) you ought not walk
Upon a labouring day, without the sign
Of your Profession? Speak, what Trade art thou?
Car. Why Sir, a Carpenter.
Cas. Where is thy Leather Apron, and thy Rule?
What dost thou with thy best Apparel on?
You sir, what Trade are you?
Cobl. Truly Sir, in respect of a fine Workman, I am but as you
would say, a Cobler.
Cas. But what Trade art thou? Answer me directly.
Cobl. A Trade Sir, that I hope I may use, with a safe Conscience,
which is indeed Sir, a Mender of bad soles.
Fla. What Trade thou knave? Thou naughty knave, what Trade?
A 2 *Cobl.* Nay

Cob. Nay I beseech you Sir, be not out with me: but if you be out Sir, I can mend you.

Cas. What mean'st thou by that? Mend me, thou sawcy Fellow?

Cob. Why Sir, Cobble you.

Fla. Thou art a Cobler, art thou?

Cob. Truly Sir, all that I live by is with the Aul: I meddle with no Tradesmans matters, nor womens matters; but withal I am indeed Sir, a Surgeon to old shoes: when they are in great danger, I recover them. As proper men as ever trod upon Neats Leather, have gone upon my handywork.

Fla. But wherefore art not in thy Shop to-day?

Why do'st thou lead these men about the streets?

Cob. Truly Sir, to wear out their shoes, to get my self into more work. But indeed Sir, we make Holyday to see *Cæsar*, and to rejoyce in his Triumph.

Cas. Wherefore rejoyce?

What Conquest brings he home?

What Tributaries follow him to *Rome*?

To grace in Captive bonds his Chariot Wheels?

You Blocks, you Stones, you worse then senseless things:

O you hard hearts! you cruel men of *Rome*,

Knew you not *Pompey* many a time and oft?

Have you climb'd up to Walls and Battlements,

To Towers and Windows? Yea, to Chimney tops,

Your Infants in your Arms, and there have fate

The live-long day, with patient expectation,

To see great *Pompey* pass the Streets of *Rome*:

And when you saw his Chariot but appear,

Have you not made an Universal shout,

That *Tyber* trembled underneath her banks

To hear the replication of your sounds,

Made in her Concave Shores?

And do you now put on your best attyre?

And do you now cull out a Holyday?

And do you now strew Flowers in his way?

That comes in Triumph over *Pompey's* blood?

Be gone,

Run to your houses, fall upon your knees,

Pray to the Gods to intermit the plague

That needs must light on this Ingratitude.

Fla. Go, go, good Countrymen, and for this fault

Assemble all the poor men of your sort;

Draw them to *Tyber* banks, and weep your tears

Into the Channel, till the lowest stream

Do kiss the most exalted Shores of all.

Exeunt all the Commoners.

See

See where their basest mettle be not mov'd,
They vanish tongue-tyed in their guiltiness:
Go you down that way towards the Capitol,
This way will I: Disrobe the Images,
If you do find them deckt with Ceremonies.

Cas. May we do so?

You know it is the Feast of *Lupercales*.

Fla. It is no matter, let no Images

Be hung with *Cæsar's* Trophies: I'll about,

And drive away the Vulgar from the Streets;

So do you too, where you perceive them thick.

These growing Feathers, pluck't from *Cæsar's* wing,

Will make him fly an ordinary pitch,

Who else would soar above the view of men,

And keep us all in servile fearfulness.

Exeunt.

Enter *Cæsar*, *Antony* for the Course, *Calphurnia*, *Portia*,
Decius, *Cicero*, *Brutus*, *Cassius*, *Caska*, a Soothsayer:
after them *Murellus* and *Flavius*.

Cæs. *Calphurnia*.

Cask. Peace ho, *Cæsar* speaks.

Cæs. *Calphurnia*.

Calph. Here my Lord.

Cæs. Stand you directly in *Antonio's* way,

When he doth run his course, *Antonio*.

Ant. *Cæsar*, my Lord.

Cæs. Forget not in your speed *Antonio*,

To touch *Calphurnia*: for our Elders say,

The Barren touched in this holy chace,

Shake off their sterile curse.

Ant. I shall remember,

When *Cæsar* says, Do this, it is perform'd.

Cæs. Set on and leave no Ceremony out.

Sooth. *Cæsar*.

Cæs. Ha! Who calls?

Cask. Bid every noyse be still: peace yet again.

Cæs. Who is it in the press, that calls on me?

I hear a Tongue shriller then all the Musick

Cry, *Cæsar*: Speak, *Cæsar* is turn'd to hear,

Sooth. Beware the *Ides of March*.

Cæs. What man is that?

Br. A Sooth sayer bids you beware the *Ides of March*.

Cæs. Set him before me, let me see his face.

Cask. Fellow, come from the throng, look upon *Cæsar*.

Cæs. What say'st thou to me now? Speak once again.

Sooth. Beware the *Ides of March*.

Cæs. He

Cas. He is a dremmer, let us leave him : Pass.

Sennet. Exeunt. Manet Brut. & Cass.

Cass. Will you go see the order of the course?

Brut. Not I.

Cass. I pray you do.

Brut. I am not Gamefom : I do lack some part

Of that quick Spirit that is in *Antony* :

Let me not hinder *Cassius* your desires,

I'll leave you.

Cass. *Brutus*, I do observe you now of late :

I have not from your eyes, that gentleness

And shew of love, as I was wont to have :

You bear too stubborn, and to strange a hand

Over your Friend, that loves you.

Brut. *Cassius*,

Be not deceiv'd : If I have veil'd my look,

I turn the trouble of my Countenance

Meerly upon my self. Vexed I am

Of late, with passions of some difference,

Conceptions only proper to my self,

Which give some foyl (perhaps) to my behaviour :

But let not therefore my good Friends be griev'd

(Among which number *Cassius* be you one)

Nor construe any further my neglect,

Then that poor *Brutus* with himself at War,

Forgets the shews of Love to other men :

Cass. Then *Brutus*, I have much mistook your passion,

By means whereof, this Brest of mine hath buried

Thoughts of great value, worthy Cogitations.

Tell me, good *Brutus*, can you see your face?

Brutus. No *Cassius* :

For the eye sees not it self but by reflection,

By some other things.

Cassius. 'Tis just,

And it is very much lamented, *Erutus*,

That you have no such Mirrors, as will turn

Your hidden worthiness into your eye,

That you might see your shadow :

I have heard,

Where many of the best respect in *Rome*,

(Except immortal *Cesar*) speaking of *Brutus*,

And groaning underneath this Ages yolk,

Have wish'd, that Noble *Brutus* had his eyes.

Brut. Into what dangers, would you

Lead me *Cassius*?

That you would have me seek into my self,

For

For that which is not in me?

Cas. Therefore good *Brutus*, be prepar'd to hear :

And since you know, you cannot see your self

So well as by Reflection; I your Glafs;

Will modestly discover to your self

That of your self, which you yet know not of.

And be not jealous on me, gentle *Brutus*.

Were I a common Laughter, or did use

To stale with ordinary Oaths my love

To every new Protefter: if you know,

That I do fawn on men, and hugg them hard,

And after scandal them : Or if you know,

That I profess my self in Banqueting

To all the Rout, then hold me dangerous.

Flourish, and Shout.

Brut. What means this Shouting?

I do fear, the People choose *Cesar*

For their King.

Cass. I, do you fear it?

Then must I think you would not have it so.

Brut. I would not *Cassius*, yet I love him well :

But wherefore do you hold me here so long?

What is it, that you would impart to me!

If it be ought toward the general good,

Set Honour in one eye, and Death i'th' other

And I will look on both indifferently :

For let the Gods so speed me, as I love

The name of Honour, more then I fear death.

Cass. I know that vertue to be in you *Brutus*,

As well as I do know your outward favour.

Well, Honour is the subject of my Story :

I cannot tell, what you and other men

Think of this life: But for my single self,

I had as lief not be, as live to be

In awe to such a thing, as I my self.

I was born free as *Cesar*, so were you,

We both have fed as well, and we can both

Endure the Winters cold, as well as he.

For once upon a Raw and Gusty day,

The troubled *Tyber*, chafing with her Shores,

Cesar said to me, dar'st thou *Cassius* now

Leap in with me into this angry Flood,

And swim to yonder Point? Upon the word,

Accounted as I was, I plunged in,

And

And bad him follow: so indeed he did.
 The Torrent roar'd, and we did buffer it
 With lusty Sinews, throwing it aside,
 And stemming it with hearts of Controverfie.
 But ere we could arrive the Point propos'd,
Caesar cry'd, Help me *Cassius*, or I sink.
 I (as *Aeneas*, our great Ancestor,
 Did from the Flames of *Troy*, upon his shoulder
 The old *Anchises* bear) so, from the waves of *Tyber*
 Did I the tyred *Caesar*: And this Man,
 Is now become a God, and *Cassius* is
 A wretched Creature, and must bend his body,
 If *Caesar* carelessly but nod on him.
 He had a Fever when he was in *Spain*,
 And when the Fit was on him, I did mark
 How he did shake: 'Tis true, this God did shake,
 His Coward lips did from their colour fly,
 And that same Eye, whose bend doth awe the World,
 Did lose his Lustre: I did hear him grone:
 I, and that Tongue of his, that had the *Romans*
 Mark him, and write his Speeches in their Books,
 Alas, it cryed, Give me some drick *Titinius*,
 As a sick Girl: Ye Gods, it doth amaze me,
 A man of such a feeble temper should
 So get the start of the Majestick World,
 And bear the Pa'm alone.

Shout.

Flourish.

Bru. Another general shout?
 I do believe, that these applauses are
 For some new Honours, that are heap'd on *Caesar*.
Cass. Why man, he doth beset the narrow World?
 Like a *Colossus*, and we petty men
 Walk under his huge legs, and peep about
 To find our selves dishonourable Graves.
 Men at some time, are Master of their Fates.
 The fault (dear *Brutus*) is not in our Stars,
 But in our selves, that we are underlings.
Brutus and *Caesar*: What should be in that *Caesar*?
 Why should that name be sounded more than yours?
 Write them together: Yours, is as fair a Name:
 Sound them, it doth become the mouth as well.
 Weigh them, it is as heavy: Conjure with 'em,
Brutus will start a Spirit as soon as *Caesar*.
 Now in the names of all the Gods at once,
 Upon what meat doth this our *Caesar* feed,
 That he is grown so great? Age, thou art sham'd.

Rome,

Rome, thou hast lost the breed of Noble Bloods.
 When went there by an Age, since the great Flood,
 But it was fam'd with more than with one man?
 When could they say (till now) that talk'd of *Rome*,
 That her wide Walks incompart but one man?
 Now is it *Rome* indeed, and *Rome* enough
 When there is in it but one only man.
 O! you and I, have heard our Fathers say,
 There was a *Brutus* once, that would have brook'd
 Th' eternal Devil to keep his State in *Rome*,
 As easily as a King.

Bru. That you do love me, I am nothing jealous:
 What you would work me too, I have some aim:
 How I have thought of this, and of these times,
 I shall recount hereafter. For this present,
 I would not so (with love I might intreat you)
 Be any further mov'd: What you have said
 I will consider: what you have to say
 I will with patience hear, and find a time
 Both meet to hear, and answer such high things.
 Till then, my Noble Friend, chew upon this:
Brutus had rather be a Villager,
 Than to repute himself a Son of *Rome*
 Under these hard Conditions, as this time
 Is like to lay upon us,

Cass. I am glad that my weak words
 Have struck but thus much shew of fire from *Brutus*.

Enter Caesar and his Train.

Bru. The Games are done,
 And *Caesar* is returning.
Cass. As they pass by,
 Pluck *Caska* by the Sleeve,
 And he will (after his four fashion) tell you
 What hath proceeded worthy note to day.

Bru. I will do so: But look you *Cassius*,
 The angry spot doth glow on *Caesars* brow,
 And all the rest, look like a chidden Train;
Calphurnia's Cheek is pale, and *Cicero*
 Looks with such Ferret, and such fiery eyes,
 As we have seen him in the Capitol
 Being cross'd in Conference, by some Senators.

Cass. *Caska* will tell us what the matter is.

Cass. *Antonio.*

Ant. *Caesar.*

Cass. Let me have men about me, that are fat,
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Sleek-

Sleek-headed men, and such as sleep a nights:
Yond *Cassius* has a lean and hungry look,
He thinks too much: such men are dangerous;
He is a Noble Roman, and well given.

Cæs. Would he were fatter; But I fear him not:
Yea: if my name were lyable to fear,
I do not know the man I should avoide
So soon as that spare *Cassius*. He reads much,
He is a great Observer, and he looks
Quite through the Deeds of men. He loves no Plays:
As thou dost *Antony*: he hears no Musick;
Seldom he smiles, and smiles in such a sort.
As if he mock'd himself, and scorn'd his spirit
That could be mov'd to smile at any thing.
Such men as he be never at their ease,
Whiles they behold a greater then themselves,
And therefore are they very dangerous.
I rather tell thee what is to be fear'd,
Then what I fear: for always I am *Cæsar*.
Come on my right hand, for this ear is deaf,
And tell me truly what thou think'st of him.

Senit.

Exeunt Cæsar and his Train.

Cæs. You put me by the Cloak, would you speak with me?

Bru. I *Caska*, tell us what hath chanc'd to day

That *Cæsar* looks so sad.

Cæs. Why you were with him, were you not?

Bru. I should not then ask *Caska* what had chanc'd.

Cæs. Why there was a Crown offer'd him; and being offer'd him,
he put it by with the back of his hand thus, and then the people fell
a shouting.

Bru. What was the second noyse for?

Cæs. Why for that too.

Cæs. They shouted thrice, what was the last cry for?

Cæs. Why for that too.

Bru. Was the Crown offer'd him thrice?

Cæs. I marry was't, and he put it by thrice, every time gentler
than other; and at every putting by, mine honest Neighbours shouted.

Cæs. Who offer'd him the Crown?

Cæs. Why *Antony*.

Bru. Tell us the manner of it, gentle *Caska*.

Cæs. I can as well be hang'd as tell the manner of it: It was meer
Foolery, I did not mark it. I saw *Mark Antony* offer him a Crown,
yet 'twas not a Crown neither, 'twas one of these Coronets, and
as I told you he put it by once; but for all that, to my thinking,
he would fain have had it. Then he offer'd it to him again; then

he

he put it by again: But to my thinking, he was very loath to lay his
fingers off it: And then he offer'd it the third time; he put it the
third time by, and still as he refus'd it, the rabblement howl-
ed, and clapp'd their chopp'd hands, and threw up their sweaty Night-
caps, and utter'd such a deal of stinking breath, because *Cæsar*
refus'd the Crown, that it had (almost) choaked *Cæsar*; For he
fwoounded, and fell down at it: And for my own part, I durst not
laugh, for fear of opening my Lips, and receiving the bad Air.

Cæs. But soft I pray you: what did *Cæsar* fwoound?

Cæs. He fell down in the Market-place, and foam'd at mouth,
and was speechless.

Bru. 'Tis very like he hath the Falling-sickness.

Cæs. I know not what you mean by that, but I am sure *Cæsar* fell
down. If the tag-rag people did not clap him, and hiss him, accord-
ing as he pleas'd, and displeas'd them, as they use to do the Players
in the Theatre, I am no true man.

Bru. What said he, when he came unto himself?

Cæs. Marry, before he fell down, when he perceiv'd the Com-
mon Herd was glad he refus'd the Crown, he pluckt me ope his
Double, and offer'd them his Throat to cut, and I had been a man
of any Occupation, if I would not have taken him at a word,
I would I might go to Hell among the Rogues, and so he fell. When
he came to himself again, he said, If he had done, or said any
thing amiss, he desired their Worships to think it was his in-
firmity. Three or Four Wenches where I stood, cryed, Alas
good Soul, and forgave him with all their hearts; But there's no
heed to be taken of them; if *Cæsar* had stab'd their Mothers,
would have done no less.

Bru. And after that, he came thus sad away.

Cæs. I

Cæs. Did *Cicero* say any thing?

Cæs. I, he spoke Greek.

Cæs. To what effect?

Cæs. Nay, and I tell you that, He ne're look you i'th' face again.
But those that understood him, smil'd at one another, and shook
their heads; but for mine own part, it was Greek to me. I could
tell you more news too: *Murrellus* and *Flavius*, for pulling Scarfs
off *Cæsars* Images, are put to silence, Fare you well. There was
more Foolery yet, if I could remember it.

Cæs. Will you sup with me to Night, *Caska*?

Cæs. No I am promis'd forth,

Cæs. Will you dine with me to morrow?

Cæs. I, if I be alive, and your mind hold, and your Dinner worth
the eating.

Cæs. Good, I will expect you,

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Cæs.

Cas. Do so: farewell both.

Brut. What a blunt fellow is this grown to be?
He was quick Mettle when he went to School.

Cass. So he is now, in execution
Of any bold, or Noble Enterprize,
However he puts on his tardy form:
This Ruddiness is a Sawce to his good Wit,
Which gives men stom ck to digest his words,
With better Appetite.

Brut. And so it is:
For this time will leave you:
To morrow, if you please to speak with me,
I will come home to you; or if you will,
Come home to me, and I will wait for you.

Cass. I will do so: till then, think of the World.

Exit. Brutus.

Well *Brutus*, thou art Noble; yet I see,
Thy Honourable Mettle may be wrought
From that it is dispos'd; therefore it is meet,
That Noble minds keep ever with their likes:
For who so firm, that cannot be seduc'd,
Caesar doth bear me hard, but he loves *Brutus*.
If I were *Brutus* now, and he were *Cassius*,
He should not humour me. I will this Night,
In several Hands, in at his Windows throw,
As if they came from several Citizens,
Writings, all tending to the great opinion
That *Rome* holds of his Name wherein obscurely
Caesar's Ambition shall be glanced at.
And after this, let *Caesar* set him sure,
For we will shake him, or worse days endure.

Exit.

*Thunder, and Lightning. Enter Cassa,
and Trebonius.*

Treb. Good even, *Cassa*; brought you *Caesar* home?
Why are you breathless, and why stare you so?

Cas. Are not you mov'd, when all the sway of Earth
Shakes like a thing unfirm? O *Cicero*,
I have seen Tempests, when the scolding Winds
Have riv'd thy knotty Oaks, and I have seen
Th ambitious Ocean swell, and rage, and foam,
To be exalted with the threatening Clouds:
But never till to Night, never till now,
Did go through a Tempest-dropping fire,
Either there is a Civil strife in Heaven,

Or

Or else the World too saucy with the Gods
Incenses them to send destruction

Treb. Why, saw you any thing more wonderful?

Cas. A common slave, you know him well by sight
Held up his left Hand, which did flame and burn
Like twenty Torches joyn'd, and yet his Hand
Not sensible of fire, remain'd unscorch'd.
Besides, I ha' not since put up my Sword,
Against the Capital; I met a Lyon,
Who glaz'd upon me, and went furly by,
Without anoying me. And there were drawn
Upon a heap, a hundred gaskly Women,
Transform'd with their fear, who swor, they saw
Men, all in fire, walk up and down the streets.
And yesterday, the Bird of Night did sit,
Even at Noon-day, upon the Market place,
Howling, and shrieking. When these Prodiges
Do so conjoyntly meet, let not men say
These are their Reasons, they are Natural;
For I believe, they are portentous things
Unto the Climate, that they point upon.

Treb. Indeed, it is a strange dispos'd time:
But men may construe things after their fashion,
Clean from the purpose of the things themselves.
Comes *Caesar* to the Capitol to-morrow?

Cas. He doth for he did bid *Antonio*
Send word to you, he would be there to-morrow.

Treb. Good-night then, *Cassa*:
This disturbed Sky is not to walk in.

Cas. Farewell *Trebonius*.

Exit Cicero.

Enter Cassius.

Cass. Who's there?

Cas. A Roman.

Cass. *Cassa*, by your Voice.

Cas. Your Ear is good.

Cassius, what Night is this?

Cass. A very pleasing Night to honest men.

Cas. Who ever knew the Heavens menace so?

Cass. Those that have known the Earth so full of faults.

For my part, I have walk'd about the streets

Submitting me unto the perilous Night;

And thus unbraced, *Cassa*, as you see,

Have bar'd my Bosom to the Thunder-stone

And when the cross-blew Lightning seem'd to open

Thy Breast of Heaven, I did present my self

Even in the aim, and very flash of it.

Cassa.

Cas. But wherefore did you so much tempt the Heavens?
It is the part of men, to fear and tremble,
When the most mighty Gods, by tokens send
Such dreadful Heralds, to astonish us.

Cass. You are dull *Caska*;
And those sparks of Life, that should be in a Roman,
You do want, or else you use not.
You look pale, and gaze, and put on fear,
And cast your self in wonder.

To see the strange impatience of the Heavens:
But if you would consider the true cause,
Why all these Fires, why all these gliding Ghosts,
Why Birds and Beasts, from quality and kind,
Why old men, Fools, and Children calculate,
Why all these things change from their Ordinance
Their Natures, and pre-formed Faculties,
To monstrous quality, why you shall finde,
That Heaven hath infused them with these Spirits,
To make them Instruments of fear, and warning,
Upon some monstrous Sate.

Now could I (*Caska* name to thee a man,
Most like this dreadful Night,
That Thunders, Lightens, opens Graves, and roars,
As doth the Lyon in the Capitol:
A man no mightier then thy self, or me,
In personal action; yet prodigious grown,
And fearfull, as these strange eruptions are.

Cas. 'Tis *Cesar* that you mean:
Is it not *Cassius*?

Cass. Let it be who it is: for *Romans* now
Have Thewes, and Limbs, like to their Ancestors;
But woe the while our Fathers minds are dead,
And we are govern'd with our Mothers Spirits,
Our yoaik, and sufferance shew us Womanish,
Cas. Indeed, they say, the Senators to morrow
Mean to establish *Cesar* as a king
And he shall wear his Crown by Sea, and Land,
In every place, save here in *Italy*.

Cass. I know where I will wear this Dagger then?
Cassius from Bondage will deliver *Cassius*:
Therein, ye Gods, you make the weak most strong;
Therein, ye Gods, you Tyrants do defeat.
Nor Stony Tower, nor Walls of beaten Brasse,
Nor air-lesse Dungeon, nor stronge Links of Iron,
Can be retentive to the strength of spirit:
But Life being weary of these worldly Barrs,

Never

Never lacks power to dismiss it self
If I know this, know all the World besides.
That part of Tyranny that I do bear,
I can shake off at pleasure,

Thunder fill.

Cas. So can I:

So every Bond-men in his own hand bears
The power to cancell his Captivity

Cass. And why should *Cesar* be a Tyrant then?
Poor man, I know he would not be a Wolf.
But that he sees the *Romans* are but Sheep:
He were no Lyon were not *Romans* *Hinds*.
Those that with haste will make a mighty fire,
Begin it with weak Straws. What trash is *Rome*?
What Rubbish, and what Offal? when it serves
For the base matter, to illuminate
So vile a thing as *Cesar*. Put oh Grief,
Where hast thou led me? I (perhaps) speak this
Before a willing Bond-man: then I know
My answer must be made. But I am arm'd,
And dangers are to me indifferent.

Cas. You speak to *Caska* and to such a man;
That is no feearing Tell-tale. Hold, my Hand;
Be factious for redress of all these Grievs,
And I will set this foot of mine as far,
As who goes farthest.

Cass. There's Bargain made.
Now know you, *Caska*, I have mov'd already
Some certain of the Noblest minded *Romans*
To undergo, with me, an Enterprize,
Of Honourable dangerous consequence;
And I do know by this, they stay for me
In *Pompeys* Porch; for now this fearful Night,
There is no stir, or walking in the streets;
And the Complexion of the Element
Is Favours, like the Work we have in hand,
Most bloody, fiery, and most terrible.

Enter Cinna.

Caska. Stand close a while, for here comes one in haste.

Cass. 'Tis *Cinna*: I do know him by his Gate,
He is a friend *Cinna*, where haste you to?

Cinna. To find out you; Who's that, *Metellus Cymbel*?

Cas. No, it is *Caska*, one incorporate
To our Attempts. Am not stay'd for, *Cinna*?

Cinna.

Cinna. I am glad on't.
What a fearful Night is this?
There's two or three of us have seen strange sights

Cass. Am I not stay'd for? tell me.

Cinna. Yes you are. O *Cassius*,
If you could but win the Noble *Brutus*
To our party—

Cass. Be you content. Good *Cinna*, take this Paper,
And look you lay it in the Pretors Chair,
Where *Brutus* may but find it: and throw this
In at in at his Window; set this up with Wax
Upon old *Brutus* Statue: all this done,
Repair to *Pompeys* Porch, where you shall find us.
Is *Decius Brutus* and *Trebonius* there?

Cinna. All, but *Metellus Cymbel*, and he's gone
To seek you at your house. Well, I will hie,
And so bestow these Papers as you bid me.

Cass. That done, repair to *Pompeys* Theatre.

Exit *Cinna*.

Come *Caska*, you and I will yet, ere day,
See *Brutus* at his house: three parts of him
Is ours already, and the man entire

Upon the next encounter, yields him ours.
Caska. O, he sits high in all the Peoples hearts
And that which would appear Offence in us,
His Countenance, like richest *Alchemy*,
Will change to Vertue, and to Worthiness.

Cass. Him, and his worth, and our great need of him
You have right well conceited: let us go,
For it is after Mid-night, and ere day,
We will awake him and be sure of him.

Exeunt.

Actus Secundus.

Enter *Brutus* in his Orchard.

Brut. What *Lucius*, ho?
I cannot, by the progress of the Stars,
Give guess how near to day—*Lucius*, I say?
I would it were my fault to sleep so soundly.
When, *Lucius*, when? awake, I say: what *Lucius*.

Enter

Enter *Lucius*.

Luc. Call'd you, my Lord?

Brut. Get me a Taper in my Study, *Lucius*:
When it is lighted come and call me here:

Luc. I will, my Lord. Exit.

Brut. It must be by his death: and for my part,
I know no personal cause, to spurn at him,
But for the general. He would be Crown'd:
How that might change his nature, there's the question?
It is the bright day, that brings forth the Adder,
And that craves wary walking: Crown him that,
And then I grant we put a Sting in him,
That at his will he may do danger with.
Th'abuse of Greatness, is, when it dis-joyns
Remorse from Power: and to speak truth of *Cæsar*,
I have not known, when his Affections sway'd
More than his Reason. But 'tis a common proof,
That Lowliness is young Ambitious Ladder,
Whereto the Climber upwards turns his Face:
But when he once attains the utmost Round,
He then unto the Ladder turns his Back,
Looks in the Clouds, scorning the base degrees
By which he did ascend: so *Cæsar* may;
Then least he may, prevent. And since the Quarrel
Will bear no colour, for the thing he is,
Fashion it thus; that what he is, augmented,
Would run to those, and these extremities:
And therefore think him as a Serpents Egg,
Which hatch'd, would as his kind grow mischievous;
And kill him in the shell.

Enter *Lucius*.

Luc. The Taper burneth in your Closet, Sir:
Searching the Window for a Flint, I found
This Paper, thus seal'd up and I am sure
It did not lye there when I went to Bed.

Gives him the Letter.

Brut. Get you to Bed again, it is not day:
Is not to morrow (Boy) the first of March?

Luc. I know not Sir.

Brut. Look in the Calender, and bring me word.

Luc. I will, Sir.

Exit.

Brut

Brut. The exhalations, whizzing in the air,
Give so much light, that I may read by them.

Opens the Letter and reads.

Brutus, thou sleepest; awake, and see thyself; shall Rome &c. speak strikes, redress,

Brutus, thou sleepest: awake,

Such instigations have been often dropt,

Where I have took them up;

Shall Rome, &c. Thus must I piece it out,

Shall Rome, stand under one mans awe? What Rome?

My Ancestors did from the streets of Rome

The Tarquin drive, when he was call'd a King,

Speak strike, redress. Am I entreated

To speak and strike? O Rome, I make thee promise,

If the redress will follow, thou receivest

Thy full Petition at the hand of *Brutus.*

Enter Lucius.

Luc. Sir, March is wafted Fifteen days.

Knock within.

Brut. 'Tis good. Go to the Gate, some body knocks.

Since *Cassius* first did whet me against *Caesar*,

I have not slept.

Between the setting of a dreadful thing,

And the first motion, all the *Interim* is

Like a *Phantasma*, or hideous Dream:

The *Genius*, and the mortal instruments

Are then in council and the state of man,

Like to a little Kingdom, suffers then

The nature of an Insurrection.

Enter Lucius.

Luc. Sir, 'tis your Brother *Cassius* at the Door,
Who desire to see you.

Brut. Is he alone?

Luc. No, Sir, there are more with him.

Brut. Do you know them?

Luc. No, Sir, their Hats are pluckt about their Ears,

And half their Faces buried in their Cloacks,

That by no means I may discover them,

By any mark of favour.

Brut. Let 'em enter:

They are the Faction. O Conspiracy,
Sham'st thou to shew thy dangerous Brow by Night;

When

When evils are most free? O then, by day
Where wilt thou find a Cavern dark enough,
To mask thy monstrous Visage? Seek none Conspiracy,
Hide it in Smiles, and affability:
For if thou path thy Native semblance on,
Not Erebus it self were dim enough,
To hide thee from prevention.

*Enter the Conspirators Cassius, Caska, Decius, Ciana,
Metellus and Trebonius.*

Cass. I think we are too bold upon your Rest:

Good morrow *Brutus*, do we trouble you?

Brut. I have been up this hour, awake all Night:

Know I these men, that come along with you?

Cass. Yes, every man of them; and no man here

But honours you: and every one doth wish,

You had but that opinion of your self,

Which every Noble Roman bears of you.

This is *Trebonius*.

Brut. He is welcome hither,

Cass. This, *Decius Brutus*.

Brut. He is welcome too.

Cass. This, *Caska*; this, *Cinna*; and this, *Metellus Cymbel*.

Brut. They are all welcome.

What watchful Cares do interpose themselves

Betwixt your Eyes, and Night?

Cass. Shall I intreat a word?

They whisper.

Decius. Here lyes the East; doth not the Day break here?

Cask. No.

Cin. O pardon, Sir, it doth, and yon grey Lines,

That fret the Clouds, are Messengers of Day.

Cass. You shall confess, that you are both deceiv'd?

Here, as I point my Sword, the Sun ariseth,

Which is a great way growing on the South,

Weighing the youthful Season of the Year,

Some two Months hence, up higher toward the North

He first presents his Fire, and the high East

Stands as the Capitol, directly here.

Brut. Give me your hands all over, one by one.

Cass. And let us swear our Resolution.

Brut. No, not an Oath; if not the Face of Men,

The Sufferance of our Souls, the times Abuse;

If these Motives weak, break off betimes,

And every Man hence to his idle Bed?

So let high-sighted Tyranny range on,

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Till

Till each Man drop by Lottery. But if these
 (As I am sure they do) bear Fire enough
 To kindle Cowards, and to steal with Valour
 The melting Spirits of Women. Then Countrymen,
 What need we any Spur, but our own Cause,
 To prick us to redress? What other Blood
 Then secret Romans, that have spoke the Word,
 And will not palter? And what other Oath
 Than Honesty to Honesty engag'd,
 That this shall be, or we will fall for it.
 Swear Priests and Cowards, and such cautelous
 Old feeble Carrions, and such suffering Souls
 That welcome Wrongs: Unto bad Causes, swear
 Such Creatures as Men doubt; but do not stain
 The even vertue of our Enterprise,
 Nor th' insuppressive Mettle of our Spirits,
 To think, that, or our Cause, or our Performance,
 Did need an Oath. When every drop of Blood
 That every Roman bears, and Nobly bears,
 Is guilty of a several Bastardy,
 If he do break the smallest Particle
 Of any Promise that hath pass'd from him.
Cas. But what of *Cicero*? Shall we sound him?
 I think he will stand very strong with us.
Cas. Let us not leave him out.
Cin. No, by no means.
Metel. O let us have him! for his Silver Hairs
 Will purchase us a good opinion:
 And buy Mens Voyces, to commend our Deeds:
 It shall be said, his Judgment rul'd our Hands,
 Our Youths, and Wildness, shall no whit appear,
 But all be buried in his Gravity.
Bru. O name him not; let us not break with him,
 For he will never follow any thing
 That other Men begin.
Cas. Then leave him out.
Cas. Indeed, he is not fit.
Decius. Shall no Man else be touch'd, but only *Cesar*?
Cas. *Decius* well urg'd: I think it is not meet,
Mark Antony, so well belov'd of *Cesar*,
 Should out-live *Cesar*, we shall find of him
 A threwd Contriver. And you know, his means
 If he improve them, may well stretch so far,
 As to annoy us all: which to prevent,
 Let *Antony* and *Cesar* fall together.

Bru. Ous.

Bru. Our Course will seem too bloody, *Caius Cassius*,
 To cut the Head off, and then hack the Limbs:
 Like Wrath in Death, and Envy afterwards:
 For *Antony* is but a Limb of *Cesar*.
 Let's be Sacrificers, but no Butchers, *Caius*:
 We all stand up against the Spirit of *Cesar*,
 And in the Spirit of Men there is no Blood:
 O that we then could come by *Cesar's* Spirit,
 And not dismember *Cesar*! But (alas!)
Cesar must bleed for it. And gentle Friends,
 Let's kill him Boldly, but not Wrathfully:
 Let's crave him, as a Dish fit for the Gods,
 Not hew him as a Carcass fit for Hounds;
 And let our Hearts, as subtle Masters do,
 Stir up their Servants to an act of Rage,
 And after seem to chide 'em. This shall make
 Our Purpose necessary, and not envious.
 With so appearing to the common Eyes,
 We shall be call'd Purgers, not Murderers,
 And for *Mark Antony*, think not of him:
 For he can do no more than *Cesar's* arm,
 When *Cesar's* Head is off.
Cas. Yes, I fear him,
 For in the ingrafted Love he bears to *Cesar*.
Bru. Alas! good *Cassius*, do not think of him:
 If he love *Cesar*, all that he can do
 Is to himself; take thought, and dye for *Cesar*,
 And that were much he should; for he is given
 To Sports and Wildness, and much company.
Treb. There is no fear in him; let him not dye,
 For he will live, and laugh at this hereafter.

Clock strikes.

Bru. Peace, count the Clock.
Cas. The Clock hath striken Three.
Treb. 'Tis time to part.
Cas. But it is doubtful yet,
 Whether *Cesar* will come forth to day, or no:
 For he is Superstitious grown of late,
 Quite from the main Opinion he held once,
 Of Fantasie, of Dreams, and Ceremonies:
 It may be these apparant Prodiges,
 The unaccustom'd Terror of this Night,
 And the Perswasion of his Augurers,
 May hold him from the Capitol to day.
Decius. Never fear that: if he be so resolv'd,
 I can o're-sway him: For he loves to hear,

That

That Unicorns may be betray'd with Trees,
And Bears with Glaffes, Elephants with Holes,
Lyons with Toyls, and Men with Flatterers,
But, when I tell him he hates Flatterers,
He fays, he does; being then moft flattered.

Let me work:

For I can give his Humour the true bent;
And I will bring him to the Capitol.

Caf. Nay, we will all of us be there to fetch him.

Bru. By the eighth Hour, is that the uttermoft?

Cin. Be that the uttermoft: and fail not then.

Met. *Caius Ligarius* doth bear *Caesar* hard,
Who rated him for speaking well of *Pompey*,
I wonder none of you have thought of him.

Bru. Now good *Metellus* go along by him:
He loves me well, and I have given him Reason,
Send him but hither, and I'll fashion him.

Caf. The Morning comes upon's:

We'll leave you, *Brutus*;

And Friends difperfe your felves; but all remember

What you have faid, and fhew your felves true *Romans*.

Bru. Good Gentlemen, loo' fresh and merrily.

Let not our Looks put on our Purpofes,

But bear it as our *Roman* Aftors do,

With unty'd Spirits, and formal Conftancy.

And for good morrow to you every one.

Exeunt.

Manet Brutus.

Boy: *Lucius*: Fast afleep? It is no matter.

Enjoy the honey-heavy Dew of Slumber:

Thou haft no Figures, nor no Fantasies,

Which bufie Care draws in the Brains of Men;

Therefore thou fleep'ft fo found.

Enter *Portia*.

Por. *Brutus*, my Lord.

Bru. *Portia*, What mean you? wherefore rife you now?

It is not for your Health, thus to commit

Your weak Condition to the raw cold Morning.

Por. Nor for yours neither. Y'have ungently, *Brutus*,

Stole from my Bed: and yesternight at Supper

You fuddenly arofe, and walk'd about,

Mufing, and fighing, with your arms a-crofs:

And when I ask'd you what the matter was,

You ftar'd upon me, with ungentle Looks,

I urg'd you further; then you fcrach'd your Head,

And

And too impatiently ftamp'd with your Feet:

Yet I infid; yet you anfwer'd not,

But with an angry Watter of your hand,

Gave fign for me to leave you; So I did,

Fearing to ftrengthen that Impatience

Which feem'd too much unkindled; and withal,

Hoping it was but an Aff of Humour,

Which fometime hath his hour with every Man.

It will not let you eat, nor talk, nor fleep;

And could it wor' fo much upon your Shape,

As it hath much prevail'd on your Condition,

I fhould not know you, *Brutus*. Dear my Lord,

Make me acquainted with your caufe of Grief.

Bru. I am not well in Health, and that is all.

Por. *Brutus* is wife, and were he not in Health,

He would embrace the means to come by it.

Bru. Why fo I do: good *Portia* go to bed.

Por. Is *Brutus* fick? And is it Physical

To walk unbraced, and fuck up the humours

Of the dank Morning? What, is *Brutus* fick?

And will he ftal out of his whofome Bed

To dare the vile Contagion of the Night?

And tempt the rheumy, and unpurg'd Air,

To add unto his Sicknefs? No, my *Brutus*,

You have fome fick Offence within your Mind,

Which by the Right and Verue o' my place,

I ought to know of: And upon my Knees,

I charm you, by my once commended Beauty,

By all your Vows of Love, and that great Vow

Which did incorporate and make us one,

That you unfold to me, your felt, your half

Why you are heavy, and what Men to night

Have had Refort to you; for here have been

Some fix or feven, who did hide their Faces

Even from darknefs.

Bru. Kneel not, gentle *Portia*.

Por. I fhould not need, if you were gentle *Brutus*:

Within the Bond of Marriage, tell me *Brutus*,

Is it excepted, I fhould know no Secrets

That apperation to you? Am I your Self,

But as it were in Sort, or Limitation?

To keep with you at Meals, comfort your Bed,

And talk to you fometimes? Dwell I but in Suburbs

Of your good Pleafure? If it be no more,

Portia is *Brutus* Harlot, not his Wife.

Bru.

Bru. You are my true and honourable Wife,
As dear to me, as are the ruddy Drops
That visit my sad Heart.

Por. If this were true, then should I know this Secret:
I grant I am a Woman; but withal,
A Woman that Lord *Brutus* took to Wife;
I grant I am a Woman; but withal,
A Woman well reputed: *Cato's* Daughter.
Think you, I am no stronger than my Sex,
Being so Father'd, and so Husbanded?
Tell me your Counsels, I will not disclose 'em:
I have made strong Proof of my Constancy,
Giving my self a voluntary Wound
Here, in the Thigh: Can I bear that with Patience,
And not my Husband's Secrets?

Bru. O ye Gods!
Render me worthy of this Noble Wife. *Knock.*
Hark, hark, one knocks: *Portia* go in a while,
And by and by thy Bottom shall partake
The Secrets of my Heart.
All my Engagements I will construe to thee,
All the Characters of my sad Brows:
Leave me with haste. *Exit. Portia.*

Enter Lucius and Ligarius.

Lucius, Who's that knocks?

Luc. Here is a sick Man that would speak with you.

Bru. *Caius Ligarius,* that *Metellus* spake of.

Bov. Stand a de. *Caius Ligarius,* how?

Cai. Vouchsafe Good Morrow from a feeble Tongue:

Bru. O what a time have you chose out, brave *Caius,*
To wear a Kerchief? Would you were not sick.

Cai. I am not sick if *Brutus* have in hand
Any Exploit worthy the Name of Honour.

Bru. Such an Exploit have I in hand, *Ligarius,*
Had you a healthful Ear to hear of it.

Cai. By all the Gods that *Romans* now before,
I here discard my sickness. Soul of *Rome,*
Brave Son, deriv'd from Honourable Loins,
Thou like an Exorcist, hast conjur'd up
My mortified Spirit. Now bid me run,
And I will strive with things impossible,
Yea get the better of them. What's to do?

Bru. A piece of Work,
That will make sick Men whole.

Cai. But

Cai. But are not some whole, that we must make sick?
Bru. That must we also. What it is, my *Caius,*
I shall unfold to thee, as we are going,
To whom it must be done.

Cai. Set on your Foot,
And with a Heart new-fir'd, I follow you,
To do I know not what: but it sufficeth,
That *Brutus* leads me on.

Bru. Follow me then.

Thunder.
Excum.

Thunder and Lightning.

Enter Julius Cæsar in his Night Gown.

Cæsar. Nor Heaven nor Earth,
Have been at Peace to night:
Thrice hath *Calphurnia,* in her sleep cryed out,
Help, ho: They murder *Cæsar.* Who's within?

Enter a Servant.

Ser. My Lord.
Cæsar. Go bid the Priests do present Sacrifice,
And bring me their Opinions of Success.

Ser. I will, my Lord.

Exit.

Enter Calphurnia.

Cal. What mean you *Cæsar,* think you to walk fosh?
You shall not stir out of your house to day.

Cæsar. *Cæsar* shall forth; the things that threaten'd me,
Ne're look'd but on my Back: When they shall see
The Face of *Cæsar,* they are vanish'd.

Calp. Cæsar. I never stood on Ceremonies,
Yet now they fright me: There is one within,
Besides the things that we have heard and seen,
Recounts most horrid Sight's seen by the Watch:
A Lions's hath whelped in the Streets,
And Graves have yawne and yielded up their dead
Fierce fiery Warriours fight upon the Clouds
In Ranks and Squadrons, and right form of War,
Which drizel'd Blood upon the Capitol:
The noise of Battle hurried in the Air;
Horses do neigh, and dying Men did groan,
And Ghosts did thrick and squeal about the Streets:
O *Cæsar,* these things are beyond all use,
And I do fear them.

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Cæsar. What

Caesar. What can be avoided
Whose End is purpos'd by the mighty Gods?
Yet *Caesar* shall go forth: for these Predictions
Are to the World in general as to *Caesar*.

Calp. When beggars dye, there are no Comets seen,
The Heavens themselves blaze forth the Death of Princes.

Caes. Cowards dye many times before their Deaths,
The valient never taste of Death but once:
Of all the Wonders that I yet have heard,
It seems to me most strange that Men should fear,
Seeing that Death, a necessary End,
Will come when it will come.

Enter a Servant.

What say the Augures?

Ser. They would not have you to stir forth to day.
Plucking the Intraills of an Offering forth,
They could not find a Heart within the beast.

Caes. The Gods do this in shame of Cowardise:

Caesar should be a Beast without a Heart
If he should stay at home to day for fear;
No, *Caesar* shall not; Danger knows full well,
That *Caesar* is more dangerous than he.
We hear two Lyons litter'd in one day,
And I the Elder and more terrible,
And *Caesar* shall go forth.

Calp. Alas my Lord,
Your Wisdom is consum'd in Confidence:
Do not go forth to day: call it my Fear,
That keeps you in the House, and not your own.
We'll send *Mark Antony* to the Senate-house,
And he shall say, you are not well to day:
Let me upon my Knee, prevail in this.

Caes. *Mark Antony* shall say I am not well,
And for thy Humour, I will stay at home.

Enter Decius.

Here's *Decius Brutus* he shall tell them so,
Deci. Caes., all hail: Good morrow worthy *Caesar*,
I come to fetch you to the Senate-house.

Caes. And you are come in very happy time,
To bear my greeting to the Senators,
And tell them that I will not come to day:
Cannot, is false; and that I dare not, falser:
I will not come to day, tell them so *Decius*.

Calp.

Calp. Say he is sick.

Caes. Shall *Caesar* send a Lye?
Have I in Conquest stretch'd mine Arme so far;
To be afraid to tell Gray-beards the Truth;
Decius, go tell them, *Caesar* will not come.

Deci. Most mighty *Caesar*, let me know some cause:
Left I be laugh'd at when I tell them so.

Caes. The Cause is in my will, I will not come,
That is enough to satisfy the Senate.

But for your private Satisfaction,
Because I love you, I will let you know.

Calphurnia, here my Wife stays me at home:
She dream'd to night, she saw my Statue,
Which like a Fountain, with an hundred Spouts,
Did run pure Blood; and many lusty Romans
Came smiling, and did bath their Hands in it;
And these does she apply, for Warnings and Portents,
And Evils imminent; and on her Knee
Hath begg'd, that I will stay at home to day.

Deci. This Dream is all amifs interpreted,
It was a Vision, fair and fortunate:

Your Statue spouting Blood in many Pipes,
In which so many smiling Romans bath'd,
Signifies, that from your great Rome shall suck
Reviving Blood, and that great Men shall press
For Tinctures, Stains, Reliques, and Cognifance.
This by *Calphurnia's* Dream is signified.

Caes. And this way have you well expounded it.

Deci. I have, when you have heard what I can say:
And know it now. the Senate have concluded
To give this day a Crown to mighty *Caesar*.
If you shall send the word you will not come,
Their minds may change. Besides it were a mock
Apt to be render'd, for some one to say,
Break up the Senate, till another time:
When *Caesar's* Wife shall meet with better Dreams.
If *Caesar* hide himself, shall they not whisper
Lo *Caesar* is afraid?

Pardon me *Caesar*, for my dear, dear Love
To your proceedings, bids me tell you this:
And Reason to my love is liable.

Caes. How foolish do your Fears seem now *Calphurnia*?
I am ashamed I did yield to them.
Give me my Robe, for I will go.

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Enter

Enter Brutus, Ligarius, Metellus, Caska, Trebonius,
Cynna, and Publius.

And look where Publius is come to fetch me.

Pub. Good morrow Caesar.

Ces. Welcome Publius.

What Brutus, are you stirr'd so early too?

Good morrow Caska; Caius Ligarius,

Caesar was ne're so much your Enemy,

As that same Ague which hath made you lean.

What is't a Clock?

Bru. Caesar, 'tis frucken Eight.

Ces. I thank you for your Pains and Courtisies.

Enter Antony.

See, Antony that reveals long a nights

Is notwithstanding up. Good morrow Antony.

Ant. So to most Noble Caesar.

Ces. Bid them prepare within:

I am to blame to be thus waited for.

Now Cynna, now Metellus; what Trebonius

I have an hours talk in store for you;

Remember that you call on me to day;

Be near me, that I may remember you.

Treb. Caesar I will: and so near will I be,

That your best Friends shall with I had been further.

Ces. Good Friends go in, and taste some Wine with me.

And we: (like Friends) will straightway go together.

Bru. That every like is not the same, O Caesar,

The Heart of Brutus earns to think upon. *Exeunt.*

Enter Artemidorus.

Caesar, beware of Brutus, take heed of Cassius, come not near Caska,
have an eye to Cynna, trust not Trebonius, mark well Metellus Cymber,
Decius Brutus loves thee not: Thou hast wrong'd Caius Ligarius.
There is but one Mind in all these Men, and it is bent against
Caesar: If thou beest not Immortal, look about you. Security gives way
to Conspiracy. The mighty Gods defend thee. Thy Love, Artemidorus.

Here will I stand till Caesar pass along,

And as a Saitor will I give him this:

My heart laments, the Vertue cannot live

Out of the teeth of Emulation.

If thou read this, O Caesar, thou mayest live,

If not, the Fates with Traitors do contrive.

Exit.

Enter.

Enter Portia and Lucius.

Por. I prethee Boy, run to the Senate-house,

Stay not to answer me, but get thee gone.

Why doest thou stay?

Luc. To know my Errand, Madam.

Por. I would have had thee there and here agen

'Ere I can tell the what thou should'st do there:

O Constancy, be strong upon my side.

Set a huge Mountain 'tween my Heart and Tongue:

I have a Mans Mind, but a Womans Might:

How hard it is for Women to keep Counsel.

Art thou here yet?

Luc. Madam, what should I do?

Run to the Capitol, and nothing else?

And so return to you, and nothing else?

Por. Yes, bring me word Boy, if thy Lord look well,

For he went sickly forth: and take good note

What Caesar doth, what Sutors prefs to him.

Hark Boy, what Noise is that?

Luc. I hear none, Madam.

Por. Prithee listen well:

I heard a busling Rumour like a Fray,

And the Wind brings it from the Capitol.

Luc. Soth Madam, I hear nothing.

Enter the Soothsayer.

Por. Come hither Fellow, which way hast thou been?

Sooth. At mine own Houle, good Lady.

Por. What is't a Clock?

Sooth. About the ninth hour I say.

Por. Is Caesar yet gone to the Capitol?

Sooth. Madam, not yet, I go to take my Sead.

To see him pass on to the Capitol.

Por. Thou hast some Suit to Caesar, hast thou not?

Sooth. That I have Lady, if it will please Caesar.

To be so good to Caesar, as to hear me:

I shall beseech him to befriend himself.

Por. Why know'st thou any harm's intended towards him?

Sooth. None that I know will be.

Much that I fear may chance:

Good morrow to you; here the street is narrow.

The throng that follows Caesar at the heels,

Of Senators, of Priests, of common Sutors,

Exit.

JULIUS

Will crowd a feeble man almost to Death;
I'll get me to a place more void, and there
Speak to great *Caesar* as he comes along.

Por. I must go in;

Aye me How weak a thing
The Heart of Woman is O *Brutus*,
The Heavens speed thee in thine enterprize.
Sure the Boy heard me; *Brutus* hath a suit
That *Caesar* will not grant. O, I grow faint;
Run *Lucius*, and commend me to my Lord,
Say I am merry; Come to me again,
And bring me word what he doth say to thee.

Exit

Exeunt.

Aulus Tertius.

Flourish.

Enter *Caesar*, *Brutus*, *Cassius*, *Caska*, *Decius*, *Metellus*, *Trebonius*, *Cynna*, *Antony*, *Lepidus*, *Artimedorus*, *Publius*, and the Soothsayer.

Cas. The *Ides of March* are come.

Sooth. I *Caesar*, but not gone.

Art. Hail *Caesar*; Read this Scedule

Deci. *Trebonius* doth desire you to o're-read

(At your best leisure this his humble suit.

Art. O *Caesar*, read mine first; for mine's a suit
That touches *Caesar* nearer, Read it great *Caesar*;

Cas. What touches us our self, shall be last serv'd.

Art. Delay not *Caesar*, read it instantly

Cas. What is the Fellow mad?

Pub. Sirrah, give place.

Cass. What, urge you your Petitions in the Street?
Come to the Capitol.

Popil. I wish your Enterprize to day may thrive.

Cass. What Enterprize, *Popillius*?

Popil. Fare you well.

Brut. What said *Popillius Lena*?

Cass. He wisht to day our Enterprize might thrive;
I fear our Purpose is discovered.

Brut. Look how he makes to *Caesar*; mark him.

Cass.

CAESAR.

Cass. *Caska* be sudden, for we fear Prevention.
Brutus, what shall be done? if this be known,
Cassius or *Caesar* never shall turn back,
For I will slay my self.

Brut. *Cassius* be constant:

Popillius Lena, speaks not of our Purposes,
For look he smiles, and *Caesar* doth not change.

Cass. *Trebonius* knows his time; for look you *Brutus*,
He draws *Mark Antony* out of the way.

Deci. Where is *Metellus Cymbere*, let him go,
And presently prefer his suit to *Caesar*.

Brut. He is address'd: press near and second him.

Cin. *Caska*, you are the first that rears your hand.

Cas. Are we all ready? what is now amis,
That *Caesar* and his Senat must redress?

Metel. Most high, most mighty, and most puissant *Caesar*,
Metellus Cymbere throws before thy Seat
An humble Heart.

Cas. I must prevent thee *Cymbere*:

These Couchings, and these lowly Courtesies

Might fire the Blood of ordinary Men

And turn pre-Ordinance, and first Decree,

Into the Lane of Children. Be not fond

To think that *Caesar* bears such Rebel blood

That will be thaw'd from the true Quality

With that which melteth Fools, I mean sweet words,

Low-crook'd curtesies, and base Spaniel Fawning:

Thy Brother by decree is banished

If thou doest bend, and pray, and fawn for him,

I spurn thee like a Curr out of my way:

Know, *Caesar* doth not wrong, nor without cause

Will he be satisfied.

Metel. Is there no Voice more worthy than my own.

To sound more sweetly in great *Caesar*'s ear,

For the repealing of my banish'd Brother?

Brut. Kiss thy Hand but not in flattery *Caesar*:

Desiring thee, that *Publius Cymbere* may

Have an immediate freedom of repeal.

Cas. What *Brutus*?

Cass. Pardon *Caesar* *Caesar* pardon;

As low as to thy foot doth *Cassius* fall,

To beg enfranchisement for *Publius Cymbere*.

Cas. I could be well mov'd, if were as you,

If I could pray to move, prayers would move me:

But I am constant as the Northern Star,
Of whose true fixt, and resting quality,

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There is no fellow in the Firmament,
The Skies are painted with unnumber'd Sparks,
They are all Fire, and every one doth shine:
But, there's but one in all doth hold his place:
So, in the World; 'Tis furnish'd well with Men,
And Men are Flesh and Blood, and apprehensive;
Yet in the number, I do know but One
That unassailable holds on his Rank,
Unshak'd of Motion: and that I am he,
Let me a little shew it, even in this:
That I was constant *Cyber* should be banish'd,
And constant do remain to keep him so.

Cinna. O *Cesar*.

Ces. Hence: Wilt thou lift up *Olympus*?

Decius. Great *Cesar*.

Ces. Doth not *Brutus* bootless kneel?

Cas. Speak hands for me

They stab Cesar.

Ces. Et tu *Brute*?—Then fall *Cesar*. *Dyes.*

Cin. Liberty, Freedom, Tyranny is dead,
Run hence, proclaim, cry it about the Streets.

Cas. Some to the common Pulpits, and cry out
Liberty, Freedom, and Enfranchisement.

Brut. People and Senators, be not affrighted:
Fly not, stand still: Ambitious debt is paid.

Cas. Go to the Pulpit *Brutus*.

Dec. And *Cassius* too.

Brut. Where's *Publius*?

Cin. Here, quite confounded with this mutiny.

Met. Stand fast together, lest some Friend of *Cesar's* Should chide

Brut. Talk not of standing: *Publius*, good cheer,

There is no harm intended to your person,

Nor to no *Roman* else: so tell them *Publius*.

Cas. And leave us *Publius*, lest that the people

Rushing on us, should do your Age some mischief.

Brut. Do so, and let no man abide this deed,
But we the Doers.

Enter Trebonius.

Cas. Where is *Antony*?

Treb. Fled to his House amaz'd:

Men, Wives, and Children, stare, cry out, and run,

As it were Doomsday.

Brut. Fates, we will know your pleasures:

That we shall dye we know, 'tis but the time

And

And drawing days out, that men stand upon:

Cas. Why he that cuts off twenty years of life,
Cuts off so many years of fearing death.

Brut. Grant that, and then is death a benefit:
So are we *Cesar's* Friends, that have abridg'd
His time of fearing death. Stoop *Romans*, stoop,
And let us bath our hands in *Cesar's* blood.

Up to the Elbows, and besmear our Swords:
Then walk we forth even to the Market place
And waving our red Weapons o're our heads,
Let's all cry Peace, Freedom, and Liberty.

Cas. Stoop then, and wash. How many Ages hence
Shall this our lofty Scene be acted over,
In State unborn, and Accents yet unknown?

Brut. How many times shall *Cesar* bleed in sport?

That now on *Pompey's* Basis lye along,

No worthier then the dust?

Cas. So oft as that shall be,

So often shall the knot of us be call'd,

The Men that gave their Country Liberty.

Dec. What, shall we forth?

Cas. I, every man away.

Brutus shall lead, and we will grace his heels
With the most boldest, and best hearts of *Rome*.

Enter a Servant.

Brut. Soft, who comes here? A friend of *Antony's*.

Ser. Thus *Brutus* did my Master bid me kneel;

Thus did *Mark Antony* bid me fall down,

And being prostrate, thus he bad me say:

Brutus is Noble, Wise, Valiant, and Honest;

Cesar was Mighty, Bold, Royal, and Loving:

Say, I love *Brutus*, and I honour him;

Say, I fear'd *Cesar*, honour'd him, and lov'd him.

If *Brutus* will vouchsafe, that *Antony*

May safely come to him, and be resolv'd

How *Cesar* hath deserv'd to lye in death,

Mark Antony shall not love *Cesar* dead

So well as *Brutus* living; but will follow

The Fortune and Affairs of Noble *Brutus*,

Through the hazards of this untrod State,

With all true Faith. So says my Master *Antony*.

Brut. Thy Master is a Wife Valiant *Roman*,

I never thought him worse:

Tell him, so please him come unto this place

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He shall be satisfied: and by my Honour
Depart untouched.

Ser. Ile fetch him presently.

Exit Servant.

Bru. I know that we shall have him well to Friend.

Cass. I wish we may: But yet have I a mind
That fears him much: and my misgiving still
Falls shrewdly to the purpose.

Enter Antony.

Bru. But here comes Antony:
Welcome Mark Antony.

Ant. O mighty Caesar! Dost thou lye so low?
Are all thy Conquests, Glories, Triumphs, Spoils,
Shrunk to this little Measure? Fare thee well.
I know not Gentlemen what you intend,
Who else must be let blood, who else is rank:
If I my self, there is no hour so fit.
As *Caesar's* deaths hour; nor no Instrument
Of half that worth, as those your Swords; made rich
With the most Noble blood of all this World.
I do beseech yee, if you bear me hard,
Now, whilst your purpled hands do reek and smok,
Fulfill your pleasure. Live a Thousand years,
I shall not find my self so apt to dye.
No place will please me so, no mean of death,
As here by *Caesar*, and by you cut off,
The Choice and Master Spirits of this Age.

Bru. O Antony! Beg not your death of us:
Though now we must appear bloody and cruel,
As by our hands, and this our present Act
You see we do: Yet see you but our hands,
And this, the bleeding business they have done,
Our hearts you see not, they are pittifull.
And pity to the general wrong of *Rome*,
As fire drives out fire, so pittie, pittie
Hath done this deed on *Caesar*: For your part,
To you, our Swords have leaden points *Mark Antony*:
Our Arms in strength of malice, and our hearts
Of Brothers temper, do receive you in,
With all kind love, good thoughts, and reverence.

Cass. Your voyce shall be as strong as any mans,
In the disposing of new Dignities.

Bru. Only be patient, till we have appeas'd
The Multitude, besides themselves with fear,
And then, we will deliver you the cause,

Why

Why I, that did love *Caesar* when I strook him,
Have thus proceeded.

Ant. I doubt not of your Wisdom.

Let each man render me his bloody hand:
First *Marcus Brutus* will I shake with you;
Next *Caius Cassius* do I take your hand;
Now *Decius Brutus* yours? now yours *Metellus*;
Yours *Cinna*; and my valiant *Caska*, yours;
Though last, not least in love, yours good *Trebonius*.
Gentlemen all: Alas, what shall I say?
My credit now stands on such slippery ground,
That one of two bad ways you must conceit me,
Either a Coward or a Flatterer.
That I did love thee *Caesar*, O 'tis true:
If then thy Spirit look upon us now,
Shall it not grieve the dearer then thy death,
To see thy *Antony* making his peace,
Shaking the bloody fingers of thy Foes?
Most Noble, in the presence of thy Coarse,
Had I as many eyes, as thou hast wounds,
Weeping as fast as they stream forth thy blood,
It would become me better, then to close
In terms of Friendship with thine enemies.
Pardon me *Julius*, here wast thou bay'd brave *Hart*,
Here didst thou fall, and here thy Hunters stand
Sign'd in thy Spoil, Crimson'd in thy Lethree.
O World! thou wast the Forrest to this Hart,
And this indeed, O World, the Hart of thee,
How like a Deer, stroken by many Princes,
Dost thou here lye?

Cass. Mark Antony,

Ant. Pardon me *Caius Cassius*:
The Enemy of *Caesar* shall say this:
Then, in a Friend, it is cold Modesty.

Cass. I blame you not for praising *Caesar* so,
But what compact mean you to have with us?
Will you be prick'd in number of our Friends,
Or shall we on, and not depend on you?

Ant. Therefore I took your hands, but was indeed
Sway'd from the point, by looking down on *Caesar*.
Friends am I with you all, and love you all,
Upon this hope, that you shall give me Reasons,
Why and wherehin, *Caesar* was dangerous.

Bru. Or else were this a savage Spectacle,
Our Reasons are so full of good regard,
That were you *Antony*, the Son of *Caesar*,
You shall be satisfied.

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Ant. That's all I seek,
And am moreover sutor, that I may
Produce his body to the Market place.
And in the Pulpit as becomes a Friend,
Speak in the Order of his Funerall.

Bru. You shall *Mark Antony*.

Cass. *Brutus*, a word with you:

You know not what you do; Do not consent
That *Antony* speak in his Funerall:
Know you how much the people may be mov'd
By that which he will utter?

Bru. By your pardon:

I will my self into the Pulpit first,
And shew the reason of our *Cesar* death.
What *Antony* shall speak, I will protest
He speaks by leave, and by permission:
And that we are contented *Cesar* shall
Have all true Rites, and lawful Ceremonies,
It shall advantage more, than do us wrong.

Cass. I know not what may fall, I like it not.

Bru. *Mark Antony*, here take you *Cesar's* body;
You shall not in your Funerall speech blame us,
But speak all good you can devise of *Cesar*,
And say you do't by our permission;
Else shall you not have any hand at all
About his Funerall. And you shall speak
In the same Pulpit whereto I am going,
After my speech is ended.

Ant. Be it so:

I do desire no more.

Bru. Prepare the body then, and follow us. *Exeunt.*

Manet Antony.

O pardon me thou bleeding piece of Earth:
That I am meek and gentle with these Butchers;
Thou art the Ruins of the Noblest man
That ever lived in the Tide of Times.
Woe to the hand that shed this costly Blood:
Over thy wounds, now do I Prophesie,
(Which like dumb mouths do ope their Ruby lips,
To beg the voice and utterance of my Tongue)
A Curse shall light upon the limbs of men;
Domestick Fury, and fierce Civil strife,
Shall cumber all the parts of *Italy*:
Blood and destruction shall be so in use,
And dreadful Objects so familiar,
That Mothers shall but smile, when they behold

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Their Infants quartered with the hands of War:
All pity choak'd with custom of fell deeds,
And *Cesar's* Spirit ranging for Revenge,
With *Ase* by his side, come hot from Hell,
Shall in these Confines with a Monks voice,
Cry havock, and let slip the Dogs of War,
That this foul deed, shall smell above the Earth
With Carrion men, groaning for Burial.

Enter Octavio's Servant.

You serve *Octavius Caesar*, do you not?

Ser. I do *Mark Antony*.

Ant. *Cesar* did write for him to come to *Rome*.

Ser. He did receive his Letters, and is coming,
And bid me say to you by word of mouth
O *Cesar*!

Ant. Thy heart is big: get thee a-part and weep:
Passion I see is catching from mine eyes,
Seeing those Beads of sorrow stand in thine,
Begin to water. Is thy Master coming?

Ser. He lies to night within seven Leagues of *Rome*.

Ant. Post back with speed,
And tell him what hath chanc'd:
Here is a mourning *Rome*, a dangerous *Rome*.
No *Rome* of safety for *Octavius* yet,
Hye hence, and tell him so. Yet stay a while,
Thou shalt not back, till I have born this coarse
Into the Market place: There shall I try
In my Oration, how the People take
The cruel issue of these bloody men,
According to the which thou shalt discourse
To young *Octavius*, of the state of things.

Lend me your hand.

Exeunt.

*Enter Brutus and goes into the Pulpit, and Cassius,
with the Plebeians.*

Ple. We will be satisfied: let us be satisfied,

Bru. Then follow me, and give me Audience friends.

Cassius go you into the other street,

And part the Numbers:

Those that will hear me speak, let 'em stay here,

Those that will follow *Cassius*, go with him,

And publick Reasons shall be rendred
Of *Cesar's* death.

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1. *Pl.* I will hear *Brutus* speak.
2. I will hear *Cassius*, and compare their Reasons, When severally we hear them rendred.
3. The Noble *Brutus* is attended: Silence.

Bru. Be patient till the last.

Romans, Country-men, and Lovers, hear me for my cause, and be silent that you may hear. Believe me for mine Honour, and have respect to mine Honour, that you may believe. Centure me in your Wisdom, and awake your Senses, that you may the better Judge. If there be any in this Assembly, any dear Friend of *Cæsars*, to him I say, that *Brutus* love to *Cæsar*, was no less then his. If then that Friend demand, why *Brutus* rose against *Cæsar*, this is my Answer: Not that I lov'd *Cæsar* less, but that I lov'd *Rome* more. Had you rather *Cæsar* were living, and dye all Slaves; then that *Cæsar* were dead, to live all Free-men? As *Cæsar* lov'd me, I weep for him; as he was Fortunate, I rejoyce at it; as he was Valiant, I honour him: But, as he was Ambitious, I slew him. There is Tears, for his love: Joy, for his Fortune: Honour, for his Valour: And Death for his Ambition. Who is here so base, that would be a Bondman? If any, speak, for him have I offended. Who is here so rude, that would not be a Roman? If any, speak, for him have I offended. Who is here so vile, that will not love his Country? If any, speak, for him have I offended. I pause for a Reply.

All. None *Brutus*, none.

Brutus. Then none have I offended. I have done no more to *Cæsar*, then you shall do to *Brutus*. The Question of his death, is inroll'd in the Capitoll: his Glory not extenuated, wherein he was worthy; nor his offences enforc'd, for which he suffered death.

Enter *Mark Antony*, with *Cæsars* body.

Here comes his Body, mourn'd by *Mark Antony*, who though he had no hand in his death, shall receive the benefit of his dying, a place in the Common-wealth, as which of you shall not? With this I depart, that as I slew my best Lover for the good of *Rome*, I have the same Dagger for my self, when it shall please my Country to need my death.

All. Live *Brutus*, live, live!

1. Bring him with Triumph home unto his house.
2. Give him a Statue with his Ancestors.
3. Let him be *Cæsar*.
4. *Cæsars* better parts

Shall be Crown'd in *Brutus*.

1. We'll bring him to his House, With Shows and Clamors.

Bru. My Country-men.

2. Peace, Silence, *Brutus* speaks.

1. Peace ho.

Bru. Good

Bru. Good Countrymen, let me depart alone, And (for my sake) stay here with *Antony*: Do grace to *Cæsars* Corps, and grace his Speech Tending to *Cæsars* Glories, which *Mark Antony* (By our permission) is allow'd to make. I do intreat you, not a man depart, Save I alone till *Antony* have spoke.

Exit

1. Stay ho, and let us hear *Mark Antony*
2. Let him go up into the publick Chair, We'll hear him: Noble *Antony* go up.
- Ant.* For *Brutus* sake, I am beholding to you.
4. What does he say of *Brutus*?
3. He says, for *Brutus* sake He finds himself beholding to us all.
4. 'Twere best he speak no harm of *Brutus* here?
1. This *Cæsar* was a Tyrant.
3. Nay that's certain:

We are blest that *Rome* is rid of him.

2. Peace, let us hear what *Antony* can say.

Ant. You gentle *Romans*.

All. Peace ho, let us hear him.

Ant. Friends, *Romans*, Countrymen, lend me your ears, I come to bury *Cæsar*, not to praise him: The evil that men do, lives after them; The good is oft entered with their bones, So let it be with *Cæsar*. The Noble *Brutus*, Hath told you *Cæsar* was Ambitious: If it were so it was a grievous Fault, And grievously hath *Cæsar* answer'd it. Here under leave of *Brutus*, and the rest (For *Brutus* is an Honourable man, So are they all; all Honourable men) Come I to speak in *Cæsars* Funerall. He was my Friend, faithful, and just to me; But *Brutus* says, he was Ambitious, And *Brutus* is an Honourable man. He hath brought many Captives home to *Rome*, Whose Ransoms did the general Coffers fill: Did this in *Cæsar* seem Ambitious? When that the Poor have cry'd, *Cæsar* hath wept: Ambition should be made of sterner stuff, Yet *Brutus* says, he was Ambitious: And *Brutus* is an Honourable man. You all did see, that on the *Lupercall*, I thrice presented him a Kingly Crown, Which he did thrice refuse. Was this Ambition?

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Yet *Brutus* says, he was Ambitious,
And sure he is an Honourable man,
I speak not to disprove what *Brutus* spoke,
But here I am to speak what I do know;
You all did love him once, not without cause,
What cause with-holds you then, to mourn for him?
O Judgment! thou art fed to brutish Beasts,
And Men have lost their Reason. Bear with me
My heart is in the Coffin there with *Cæsar*,
And I must pause, till it come back to me.

1. Methinks there is much reason in his sayinge.
2. If thou consider rightly of the matter,

Cæsar has had great wrong.

3. Has he Masters? I fear there will a worfe come in his place
4. Mark'd ye his words? he would not take the Crown,
Therefore 'tis certain, he was not Ambitious.

1. If it be found so, some will deer abide it.
2. Poor Soul, his eyes are red as fire with weeping,
3. There's not a Nobler man in *Rome* then *Antony*.
4. Now mark him, he begins again to speak.

Ant. But yesterday, the word of *Cæsar* might
Have stood against the World: Now lies he there,
And none so poor to do him reverence.

O Masters! if I were disposed to stir
Your hearts and minds to Mutiny and Rage,
I should do *Brutus* wrong, and *Cassius* wrong:
Who (you all know) are Honourable men.
I will not do them wrong: I rather choose
To wrong the dead, to wrong my self and you,
Then I will wrong such Honourable men.
But here's a Parchment, with the Seal of *Cæsar*,
I found it in his Closet, 'tis his Will:
Let but the Commons hear this Testament:
(Which pardon me) I do not mean to read,
And they would go and kiss dead *Cæsars* wounds,
And dip their Napkins in his Sacred Blood;
Yea, beg a hair of him for Memory,
And dying, mention it within their Wills,
Bequeathing it as a rich Legacy
Unto their Issue.

4. We'll hear the Will, read it *Mark Antony*,

All. The Will, the Will; we will hear *Cæsars* Will.

Ant. Have patience gentle Friends, I must not read it.

It is not meet you know how *Cæsar* lov'd you:
You are not Wood, you are not Stones, but men:
And being men, hearing the Will of *Cæsar*

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It will inflame you, it will make you mad,
'Tis good you know not that you are his Heirs,
For if you should, O what will come of it?

4. Read the Will, we'll hear it *Antony*:
- You shall read us the Will, *Cæsars* Will.

Ant. Will you be patient? Will you stay a while
I have o're shot my self to tell you of it,
I fear I wrong the Honourable men,
Whose Daggers have stab'd *Cæsar*: I do fear it.

4. They were Traitors: Honourable men?

All. The Will, the Testament.

2. They were Villains, Murderers: the Will, read the Will.

Ant. You will compell me then to read the Will:

Then make a Ring about the Corps of *Cæsar*.
And let me show you him that made the Will:
Shall I descend? And will you give me leave?

All. Come down.

2. Descend.

3. You shall have leave.

4. A King, stand Round.

1. Stand from the Hearse, stand from the Body.

2. Room for *Antony*, most Noble *Antony*.

Ant. Nay press not upon me, stand far off.

All. Stand back: room; bear back.

Ant. If you have tears, prepare to shed them now.

You all do know this Mantle I remember
The first time ever *Cæsar* put it on,
'Twas on a Summers Evening in his Tent,
That Day he overcame the *Nervii*.
Look, in this place ran *Cassius* Dagger through:
See what a rent the envious *Caska* made:
Through this, the well beloved *Brutus* stab'd,
And as he pluck'd his curst Steel away:
Mark how the blood of *Cæsar* followed it,
As rushing out of doors, to be resolv'd
If *Brutus* so unkindly knock'd or no:
For *Brutus*, as you know, was *Cæsars* Angel;
Judge, O ye Gods, how dearly *Cæsar* lov'd him.
This was the most unkind cut of all,
For when the Noble *Cæsar* saw him stab,
Ingratitude, more strong then Traitors arms,
Quite vanquish'd him: then burst his Mighty heart,
And in his Mantle, Muffling up his face,
Even at the Base of *Pompeys* Statue
(Which all the while ran Blood) great *Cæsar* fell.
O what a fall was there, my Countrymen?

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Then I, and you, and all of us fell down,
 Whil'ft bloody Treason flourish'd over us,
 O now you weep, and I perceive you feel
 The dint of pittie: These are gracious drops.
 Kind Souls, what weep you, when you but behold
 Our *Cæsars* Vesture wounded? Look you here,
 Here is Himself, mar'd as you see with Traitors.

1 O pittious spectacle!

2 O Noble *Cæsar*!

3 O woful day!

4 O Traitors, Villains!

1 O most bloody fight!

2 We will be reveng'd: Revenge

About, seek, burn, fire, kill, slay,

Let not a Traitor live.

Ant. Stay Country men.

1 Peace there, hear the Noble *Antony*

2 We'll hear him, we'll follow him, we'll die with him.

Ant. Good Friends, sweet Friends, let me not stir you up.

To such a sudden Flood Mutiny:

They that have done this Deed, are Honourable.

What privat griefs they have, alas I know not.

That made them do it: They are Wife, and Honourable,

And will no doubt with Reasons answer you.

I come not (Friends) to steal away your hearts,

I am no Orator, as *Brutus* is?

But (as you know me all) a plain blunt man

That love my Friend, and that they know full well

That gave me publick leave to speak of him:

For I have neither writ, nor words, nor worth,

Action, nor Utterance, nor the power of speech;

To stir mens Blood. I only speak right on:

I tell you that, which you your selves do know,

Shew you sweet *Cæsar* wounds, poor, poor, dumb mouths

And bid them speke for me: But were I *Brutus*,

And *Brutus Antony*, there were an *Antony*

World ruffle your Spirits, and put a Tongue

in every wound of *Cæsar*, that should move

The stones of *Rome*, to rise and Mutiny.

All. We'll Mutiny.

1 We'll burn the house of *Brutus*.

3 Away then come, seeke the Conspirators.

Ant. Yet hear me Countrymen, yet hear me speak.

All. Peace ho, hear *Antony*, most noble *Antony*.

Ant. Why Friends, you go to do you know not what:

Wherein hath *Cæsar* thus deserv'd your loves?

Alas you know not, I must tell you then:
 You have forgot the Will I told you of.

All. Most true, the Will, let's stay and hear the Will.

Ant. Here is the Will, and under *Cæsars* Seal:

To every *Roman* Citizen he gives,

To every severall man, seventy five *Drachmaes*.

2. *Ple.* Most Noble *Cæsar*, we'll revenge his death.

3. *Ple.* O Royal *Cæsar*.

Ant. Hear me with patience.

All. Peace ho.

Ant. Moreover, he hath left you all his Walks,

His private Arbors, and new-planted Orchards,

On this side *Tyber*, he hath left them you,

And to your Heirs for ever: common pleasures

To walk abroad and Recreate your selves.

Here was a *Cæsar*: when comes such another?

1. *Ple.* Never never come, away, away:

We'll burn his body in the Holy Place,

And with the Brands fire the Traitors houses.

Take up the Body

2. Go fetch fire.

3. Pluck down Benches.

4. Pluck down Formes, Windows any thing. *Exeunt*

Ant. Now let it work: Mischief thou art a-foot,

Take thou what course thou wilt.

How now Fellow?

Enter Servant.

Ser. Sir, *Octavius* is already come to *Rome*.

Ant. Where is he?

Ser. He and *Lepidus* are at *Cæsars* house.

Ant. And thither will I straight, to visit him:

He comes upon a wish. Fortune is merry,

And in this mood will give us any thing.

Ser. I heard him say, *Brutus* and *Cassius*

Are rid like Madmen through the Gates of *Rome*.

Ant. Belike they had some notice of the People,

How I had moved them. Bring me to *Octavius*. *Exeunt.*

Enter *Cinna* the Poet, and after him the Plebians.

Cinna I dreamt to night, that I did feast with *Cæsar*.

And things unluckily charge my Fantasie:

I have no will to wander forth of doors,

Yet something leads me forth

1. What is your name?
2. Whether are you going?
3. Where do you dwell?
4. Are you a married Man or a Batchellor?
2. Answer every man directly.
 1. I, and briefly.
 4. I, and wisely.
 3. I, and truly, you were best.
- Cin.* What is my Name? Whether am I going? Where do I dwell? Am I a married man or a Batchellor? Then to answer every Man, directly and briefly, wisely and truly: wisely I say I am a Batchellor.
 2. That's as much as to say, they are Fools that marry: you'll bear me a Bang for that I fear: proceed directly.
- Cinna.* Directly I am going to *Cesar's* Funeral.
 1. As a Friend, or an Enemy?
- Cinna.* As a Friend.
 2. That matter is answered directly.
 4. For your dwelling; briefly.
- Cinna.* Briefly, I dwell by the Capitol.
 3. Your Name Sir, truly.
- Cinna.* Truly, my Name is *Cinna*.
 1. Tear him to pieces, he's a Conspirator.
- Cin.* I am *Cinna* the Poet, I am *Cinna* the Poet.
 1. Tear him for his bad Verses, tear him for his bad Verses.
- Cin.* I am not *Cinna* the Conspirator.
 4. It's no matter, his name's *Cinna*, pluck but his Name out of his Heart, and turn him going.
 3. Tear him, tear him; Come, Brands ho, Firebrands: to *Brutus*, to *Cassius*, I turn all. Some to *Decius* House, and some to *Caska's*; some to *Ligarius*. Away, go. *Exeunt all the Plebeians.*

Actus Quartus.

Enter Antony, Octavius, and Lepidus.

- Ant.* These man then shall dye, their Names are prick'd.
Oct. Your Brother too must dye; consent you *Lepidus*?
Lep. I do consent.
Oct. Prick him down *Antony*.
Lep. Upon Condition *Publius* shall not live,
 Who is your Sisters Son, *Mark Antony*.

Ant. He

Ant. He shall not live, look, with a Spot I dam him,
 But *Lepidus* go you to *Cesar's* house:
 Fetch the Will hither, and we shall determine
 How to cut off some charge in Legacies.

Lep. What? shall I find you here?

Oct. Or here, or at the Capitol.

Exit. Lepidus

Ant. This is a slight unmeritable man,
 Meant to be sent on Errands: is it fit
 The three-fold World divided, he should stand
 One of the three to share it?

Oct. So you thought him,

As he took his Voice who should be prick'd to dye
 In our black Sentence and Proscription

Ant. *Octavius*, I have seen more days than you;
 And though we lay these Honours on this Man,
 To ease our selves of divers stand'rous Loads,
 He shall but bear them, as the Ass bears Gold,
 To groan and sweat under the Business;
 Either led or driven, as we point the way:
 And having brought our Treasure, where we will,
 Then take we down his Load, and turn him off.
 (Like to the empty Ass) to shake his Ears,
 And graze in Common.

Oct. You may do your Will:

But he's a tryed, and valiant Souldier.

Ant. So is my Horse *Octavius*, and for that
 I do appoint him store of Provender.
 It is a Creature that I teach to fight,
 To wind, to stop, to run directly on:
 His corporal motion, govern'd by my Spirit,
 And in some taste, is *Lepidus* but so:
 He must be taught, and train'd, and bid go forth:
 A barren spirited Fellow; one that feeds
 On Objects, Arts and Imitations:
 Which out of use, and stall'd by other men
 Begin his Fashion. Do not take of him,
 But as a Property: and now *Octavius*,
 Listen great things. *Brutus* and *Cassius*
 Are levying Powers; We must straight make head:
 Therefore let our Alliance be combin'd,
 Our best Friends made, our means stretch'd,
 And let us presently go sit in Council,
 How covert matters may be best disclos'd
 And open Perils surest answered.

Oct. Let us do so: for we are at the Stake,
 And bayed about with many Enemies,

And

And some that smile have in their Hearts I fear
Millions of mischiefs.

Drum. Enter Brutus, Lucillius, and the Army. Titinius
and Pindarus meet them. *Exeunt.*

Bru. Stand ho.

Lucil. Give the Word ho, and stand.

Bru. What now Lucillius, is Cassius near?

Lucil. He is at hand, and Pindarus is come
To do you Salutation from his Master.

Bru. He greets me well. Your Master Pindarus
In his own Change, or by ill Officers,
Hath given me some worthy cause to wish
Things done, undone: But if he be at hand
I shall be satisfied.

Pin. I do not doubt

But that my Noble Master will appear
Such as he is, full of Regard and Honour.

Bru. He is not doubted. A word Lucillius
How he receiv'd you: let me be resolv'd.

Lucil. With Courtesie: and with Respect enough,
But not with such familiar Instances,
Nor with such free and frindly Conference
As he hath us'd of old.

Bru. Thou hast describ'd
A hot Friend, cooling: Ever note Lucillius,
When Love begins to sicken and decay
It useth an enforced Ceremony.

There are no Tricks, in plain and simple Faith:
But hollow men, like Horses hot at hand,
Make gallant shew, and promise of their Mettle:

Low March within.

But when they should endure the bloody Spurs,
They fall their Crests, and like deceitful Jades
Sink in the Tiyal. Come his Army on?

Lucil. They mean this Night in Sardis to be quarter'd:
The great part, the Horse in general
Are come with Cassius,

Enter Cassius and his Powers.

Bru. Haik, he is arriv'd;
March gently on to meet him.

Cass. Stand ho.

Bru. Stand ho, speak the Word along.

Stand.

Stand.

Stand.

Cass.

Cass. Most Noble Brother, you have done me wrong.
Bru. Judge me you Gods, wrong I mine Enemies?
And if not so, how should I wrong a Brother?—

Cass. Brutus, this sober Form of yours hides Wrongs,
And when you do them—

Bru. Cassius, be content:

Speak your griefs softly, I do know you well.
Before the Eyes of both our Armies here
(Which should perceive nothing but Love from us)
Let us not wrangle. Bid them move away:
Then in my Tent Cassius enlarge your Grief,
And I will give you Audience.

Cass. Pindarus,
Bid our Commanders lead their Charges off
A little from this Ground.

Bru. Lucillius, do you the like, and let no Man
Come to our Tent, till we have done our Conference.
Let Lucius and Titinius guard our door

Manet Brutus and Cassius

Exeunt.

Cass. That you have wrong'd me, doth appear in this:
You have condemn'd, and noted Lucius Pella
For taking Bribes here of the Sardians;
Wherein my Letters, praying on his side,
Because I knew the Man was slighted off.

Bru. You wrong'd your self to write in such a Case.

Cass. In such a time as this, it is not meer
That every nice Offence should bear his Comment.

Bru. Let me tell you Cassius, you your self
Are much condemn'd to have an itching Palm,
To fell, and mart your Offices for Gold
To Undeservers.

Cass. I an itching Palm?

You know that you are Brutus that speaks this,
Or by the Gods, this Speech were else your last.

Bru. The Name of Cassius honours this Corruption,
And Chastisement doth therefore hide his Head.

Cass. Chastisement?

Bru. Remember March, the Ides of March remember:
Did not great Julius bleed for Justice sake?

What Villain touch'd his Body, that did stab,
And not for Justice? What? Shall one of Us,
That struck the fore-most man of all this World,
But for supporting Robbers, shall we now,
Contaminate our Fingers, with base Bribes?
And sell the mighty Space of our large Honours,
For so much Trash, as may be grasp'd thus?

I had rather be a Dog, and bay the Moon,
Than such a Roman.

Cassi. Brutus, halt not me,
I'll not indure it: you forget your self
To hedge me in I am a Souldier, I,
Older in Practice, abler than your self
To make Conditions.

Bru. Go too: you ate not *Cassius*.

Cassi. I am.

Bru. I say, you are not.

Cassi. Urge me no more, I shall forget my self;
Have mind upon your Health: Tempt me no farther.

Bru. Away slight man.

Cassi. It's possible;

Bru. Hear me, for I will speak.

Must I give way and room to your rash Choler?
Shall I be frighted when a Mad-man stares?

Cassi. O ye Gods, ye Gods, Must I endure all this?

Bru. All this? Imore: Fret till your proud Heart break.

Go shew your Slaves how cholericke you are,
And make your Bondmen tremble. Must I bow?

Must I observe you? Must I stand and crouch

Under your testy Humour? By the Gods,

You shall digest the Venom of your Spleen

Though it do split you. For, from this day forth,

I'll use you for my Mirth, yea for my Laughter

When you are Waspish.

Cassi. Is it come to this?

Bru. You say, you are a better Souldier:

Let it appear so; make your vaunting true,

And it shall please me well. For mine own part,

I shall be glad to learn of Noble-men.

Cassi. You wrong me every way:

You wrong me *Brutus*:

I said, an Elder Souldier, not a Better.

Did I say Better?

Bru. If you did, I care not.

Cassi. When *Cesar* liv'd, he durst not thus have moy'd me:

Bru. Peace, Peace, you durst not so have tempted him:

Cassi. I durst not?

Bru. No.

Cassi. What? durst not tempt him?

Bru. For your Life you durst not.

Cassi. Do not presume too much upon my Love,

I may do that I shall be sorry for.

Bru. You

Bru. You have done that you should be sorry for.

There is no Terror *Cassius* in your Threats:

For I am arm'd so strong in Honesty,

That they pass by me, as the idle Wind,

Which I respect not. I did send to you

For certain Sums of Gold, which you deny'd me.

For I can ear raise no money by vile means:

By Heaven, I had rather coin my Heart,

And drop my Blood for Drachmaes, than to wring

From the hard hands of Peasants, their vile Trash

By any Indirection. I did send

To you five Gold to pay my Legions,

Which you deny'd me: was that done like *Cassius*,

Should I have answer'd *Caius Cassius* so?

When *Marcus Brutus* grows so covetous,

To lock such kaffal Counters from his Friends,

Be ready Gods with all your Thunder-bolts,

Dash him to pieces.

Cassi. I deny'd you not.

Bru. You did.

Cassi. I did not. He was but a Fool

That brought my Answer back. *Brutus* hath riv'd my heart:

A Friend should bear his Infirmities;

But *Brutus* makes mine greater than they are.

Bru. I do not, till you practice them on me.

Cassi. You love me not.

Bru. I do not like your Faults.

Cassi. A friendly Eye could never see such Faults.

Bru. A Flatterers would not, though they do appear

As huge as high *Olympus*.

Cassi. Come *Antony*, and young *Octavius* come,

Revenge your selves alone on *Cassius*,

For *Cassius* is a-weary of the World:

Hated by one he loves, brav'd by his Brother,

Cheek'd like a bond-man, all his Faults observ'd,

Set in a Note Book, learn'd, and con'd by roat

To cast into my Teeth, O I could weep

My Spirit from mine Eyes. There is my Dagger,

And here my naked Breast: Within, a Heart

Dearer than *Pluto's* Mine, richer than Gold:

If that thou bee'st a Roman, take it forth.

I that deny'd the Gold, will give my Heart;

Strike as thou did'st at *Cæsar*; For I know,

When thou didst hate him worst, thou lov'd'st him better

Than ever thou lov'd'st *Cassius*.

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Bru.

Bru. Sheath your Dagger:
Be angry when you will; it shall have Scope:
Do what you will, Dishonour shall be Honour.
O Cassius, you are yoked with a Lamb
That carries Anger, as the Flint bears Fire,
Who much enforced, shews a hasty Spark,
And fraite is cold agen.

Cass. Hath *Cassius* liv'd
To be but Mirth and Laughter to his *Brutus*.
When Grief and Blood ill temper'd vexeth him?

Bru. When I spoke that, I was ill temper'd too.

Cass. Do you confess so much? Give me your Hand.

Bru. And my heart too.

Cass. O *Brutus*.

Bru. What's the matter?

Cass. Have not you Love enough to bear with me,
When that rash Humour which my Mother gave me
Makes me forgetful?

Bru. Yes *Cassius*, and from henceforth
When you are over-earnest with your *Brutus*,
He'll think your Mother chidés, and leave you so.

Enter a Poet.

Poet. Let me go in to see the Generals,
There is some Grudge between 'em, 'tis not meet
They be alone.

Lucil. You shall not come to them.

Poet. Nothing but Death shall stay me.

Cass. How now? What's the matter?

Poet. For shame you Generals; what do you mean?
Love and be Friends, as to such Men should be,
For I have seen more years I'm sure than ye.

Cas. Ha, ha, how vilely doth this *Cynick* rhyme?

Bru. Get you hence Sirrah: Sawcy Fellow, hence.

Cas. Bear with him *Brutus*, 'tis his Fashion;

Bru. I'll know his humour, when he knows his time?
What should the Wars do with these Jigging Fools?
Companion, hence.

Cas. Away, away, be gone.

Bru. *Lucillius* and *Titinius* bid the Commanders
Prepare to lodge their Companies to night.

Cas. And come your selves, and bring *Messala* with you
Immediately to us.

Bru. *Lucius*, Bowl of Wine:

Exit Poet.

Cas.

Cas. I did not think you could have been so angry.

Bru. O *Cassius*, I am sick of many Griets.

Cas. Of your Philosophy you make no use,
If you give place to accidental Evils.

Bru. No man bears Sorow better. *Portia* is dead:

Cas. Ha? *Portia*?

Bru. She is dead.

Cas. How scap'd I killing, when I crost you so?
O insupportable and touching loss!

Upon what Sicknes?

Bru. Impatient of my absence.

And grief, that young *Octavius* with *Mark Antony*,

Have made themselves so strong: For with her death

That Tydings came. With this she fell distraet,

And (her Attendants absent) swallow'd fire.

Cas. And dy'd so?

Bru. Even so.

Cas. O ye immortal Gods!

Enter Boy with Wine and Tapers.

Bru. Speak no more of her; Give me a Bowl of Wine,
In this I bury all Unkindness *Cassius*. *Drinks.*

Cas. My heart is thirsty for that noble pledge.
Fill *Lucius*, till the Wine o're-swells the Cup,
I cannot drink to much of *Brutus* Love.

Enter Titinius and Messala.

Bru. Come in *Titinius*;

Welcome good *Messala*;

Now sit we close about this Taper here,

And call in question our Necessities.

Cas. *Portia*, art thou gone?

Bru. No more I pray you.

Messala, I have here received Letters,

That young *Octavius*, and *Mark Antony*,

Come down upon us with a mighty Power,

Bending their Expedition toward *Philippi*.

Mess. My self have Letters of the self-same Tenure:

Bru. With what Addition?

Mess. That by Proscription, and bills of Outlary

Octavius, *Antony*, and *Lepidus*,

Have put to death an hundred Senators.

Bru. Therein our Letters do not well agree;

Mine speak of seventy Senators that dy'd

By their Procriptions, *Cicero* being one.

Cass.

Cassi. *Cicero* one?

Messa. *Cicero* is dead, and by that order of Proscription
Had you your Letters from your Wife, my Lord?

Bru. No *Messala*.

Messa. Nor nothing is your Letters writ of her?

Bru. Nothing *Messala*.

Messa. That methinks is strange.

Bru. Why ask you?

Hear you ought of her in yours?

Messa. No my Lord.

Bru. Now as you are a *Roman* tell me true.

Messa. Then like a *Roman*, bear the Truth I tell,
For certain she is dead, and by strange manner.

Bru. Why farewell *Portia*. We must dye *Messala*:

With meditating that she must dye once,
I have the Patience to endure it now.

Messa. Even so great Men great Losses should endure.

Cassi. I have as much of this in Art as you,

But yet my Nature could not bear it so.

Bru. Well, to our Work aliv. What do you think

Of marching to *Philippi* presently?

Cassi. I do not think it good.

Bru. Your reason?

Cassi. This it is.

'Tis better that the Enemy seek us,
So shall he waste his Means, weary his Souldiers,
Doing himself offence, whilst we lying still,
Are full of Rest, Defence, and Nimbleness.

Bru. Good Reasons must of force give place to better:

The People twixt *Philippi* and this Ground,

Do stand but in a forc'd affection:

For they have grudg'd us Contribution.

The Enemy, marching along by them,

By them shall make a fuller number up,

Come on refresh'd, new added, and encourag'd:

From which advantage shall we cut him off.

If at *Philippi* we do face him there,

These People at our back.

Cassi. Hear me good Brother.

Bru. Under your pardon You must note beside,

That we have try'd the utmost of our Friends:

Our Legions are brim full, our Cause is ripe,

The Enemy encreaseth every day,

We at the height, are ready to decline.

There is a tide in the Affairs of Men

Which taken at the Flood, leads on to Fortune;

Omitted,

Omitted, all the Voyage of their Life
Is bound in Shallows, and in Milleries.
On such a full Sea are we now a-boat,
And we must take the Current when it serves,
Or lose our Ventures.

Cassi. Then with your Will go on we'll along
Our selves, and meet them at *Philippi*.

Bru. The deep of Night is crept upon our Talk,
And Nature must obey Necessity.

Which we will niggard with a little Rest:

There is no more to say.

Cassi. No more, good night,

Early to morrow will we rise, and hence.

Enter *Lucius*.

Bru. *Lucius*, my Gown farewell good *Messala*,

Good night *Titius*; Noble *Cassius*,

Good night, and good repose.

Cassi. O my dear Brother;

This was an ill beginning of the Night;

I ever come such Division 'twixen our Souls:

Let it not *Brunus*.

Enter *Lucius* with the Gown.

Bru. Every thing is well.

Cassi. Good night my Lord.

Bru. Good night good Brother.

Tit. *Messa.* Good night Lord *Brunus*.

Bru. Farewel every one.

Exeunt.

Give me the Gown. Where is thy Instrument?

Luc. Here in the Tent

Bru. What, thou speakest drowsily;

Poor Knave, I blame thee not, thou art o're-watch'd.

Call *Claudio*, and some other of my Men,

I'll have them sleep on Cushions in my Tent.

Luc. I *arrus*, and *Claudio*.

Enter *Varras* and *Claudio*

Varr. Calls my Lord?

Bru. I pray you Sirs, lye in my Tent and sleep,

It may be I shall raise you by and by

On business to my Brother *Cassius*.

Varr. So

Var. So please you, we will stand,
And watch your Pleasure.

Bru. I will not have it so: Lye down good Sirs,
It may be I shall otherwise bethink me.
Look *Lucius*, here's the Book I fought for so:
I put it in the Pocket of my Gown.

Luc. I was sure your Lordship did not give it me.

Bru. Bear with me, good Boy, I am much forgetful.
Canst thou hold up thy heavy eyes a while,
And touch thy Instrument a Strain or two?

Luc. My Lord, can't please you.

Bru. It does, my Boy:

I trouble thee too much, but thou art willing.

Luc. It is my Duty, Sir.

Bru. I should not urge thy Duty past thy Might,
I know young Bloods look for a time of rest.

Luc. I have slept my Lord already.

Bru. It was well done, and thou shalt sleep again:
I will not hold thee long. If I do live,
I will be good to thee.

Musick and a Song.

This is a sleepy Tune: O murtherous Slumber!
Layest thou thy leaden Mace upon my Boy,
That plays the Musick? Gentle Knave good night:
I will not do thee so much wrong to wake thee:
If thou do'st nod, thou break'st thy Instrument,
I'll take it from thee, and (good Boy) good night.
Let me see, let me see, is not the Leaf turn'd down
Where I left reading? Here it is, I think.

Enter the Ghost of Cæsar.

How ill this Taper burns. Ha! Who comes here?
I think it is the wings of mine Eyes
That shapeth this monstrous Apparition,
It comes upon me: Art thou any thing?
Art thou some God, some Angel, or some Devil?
That mak'st my Blood cold, and my Hair to stare?
Speak to me, what thou art.

Ghost. Thy evil Spirit *Brutus*.

Bru. Why com'st thou?

Ghost. To tell thee thou shalt see me at *Philippi*.

Bru. Well: then I shall see thee again?

Ghost. I, at *Philippi*.

Bru. Why I will see thee at *Philippi* then:
Now I have taken Heart thou vanishest.

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Ill Spirit, I would hold more talk with thee:
Boy, Lucius, Varrus, Claudio, Sirs: Awake:
Claudio.

Luc. The Strings, my Lord, are false.

Bru. He thinks he still is at his Instrument
Lucius, awake.

Luc. My Lord.

Bru. Didst thou dream *Lucius*, that thou so cryed'st out?

Luc. My Lord, I do not know that I did cry.

Bru. Yes that thou didst: Didst thou see any thing?

Luc. Nothing my Lord.

Bru. Sleep again *Lucius: Sirra Claudio, Fellow,*
Thou: Awake.

Var. My Lord.

Claudio. My Lord.

Bru. Why did you so cry out Sirs, in your Sleep?

Both. Did we, my Lord?

Bru. I: saw you any thing?

Var. No my Lord, I saw nothing.

Claudio. Nor I my Lord.

Bru. Go, and commend me to my Brother *Cassius*:
Bid him set on his Powers betimes before,
And we will follow.

Both. It shall be done my Lord.

Exeunt.

Actus Quintus.

Enter Octavius, Antony, and their Army.

Oct. Now *Antony*, our hopes are answered,
You said the Enemy would not come down,
But keep the Hills and upper Regions:
It proves not so: their Battles are at hand,
They mean to warm us at *Philippi* here:
Answering before we do demand of them.

Ant. Tut, I am in their Bofoms, and I know
Wherefore they do it: They could be content
To visit other places, and come down
With fearful Bravery: thinking by this Face
To fatten in our Thoughts that they have Courage;
But 'tis not so.

Enter a Messenger.

Mes. Prepare you Generals,
The Enemy comes on in gallant shew:

There

Their bloody Sign of Battel is hung out,
And something to be done immediately.

Ant. Octavius, lead your Battail softly on
Upon the left hand of the even Field.

Octa. Upon the right hand I, keep thou the left.

Ant. Why do you cross me in this Exigent?

Octa. I do not cross you; but I will do so.

Drum. Enter Brutus, Cassius, and their Army.

Bru. They stand, and would have Parley.

Cass. Stand fast *Titinius*, we must out and talk.

Octa. Mark Antony, shall we give sign of Battel?

Ant. No *Cesar*, we will answer on their Charge.
Make forth, the Generals would have some Words.

Octa. Stir not until the Signal.

Bru. Words before blows: is it so Countrymen?

Octa. Not that we love Words better, as you do.

Bru. Good Words are better than bad Strookes: *Octavius*

Ant. In your bad Strookes *Brutus*, you give good Words,
Witness the hole you made in *Cesar's* heart,
Crying long live, Hail *Cesar*.

Cass. Antony,

The posture of your blows are yet unknown;
But for your words, they rob the *Hibla Bees*
And leave them Honey-less,

Ant. Not stings too.

Bru. O yes, and foundless too:
For you have stolen their buzzing, *Antony*,
And very wisely threat before you sting.

Ant. Villains: you did not so, when your vile daggers
Hackt one another in the sides of *Cesar*:

You shew'd your teeth like Apes,

And fawn'd like Hounds,

And bow'd like Bondmen, kissing *Cesar's* feet;

Whil'ft damned *Cassius*, like a Cur, behind

Strook *Cesar* on the neck. O you Flatterers.

Cass. Flatterers: Now *Brutus* thank your self,

This tongue had not offended so to day,

If *Cassius* might have rul'd.

Octa. Come, Come, the cause. If arguing make us sweat

The proof of it will turn to redder drops:

Loek, I draw a Sword against Conspirators,

When think you that the Sword goes up again?

Never till *Cesar's* three and thirty wounds

Be well aveng'd; or till another *Cesar*

Have

Have added slaughter to the Sword of Traitors:

Bru. Cesar, thou shalt not dye by Traitors hands;
Unless thou bring st them with thee.

Octa. So I hope

I was not born to dye on *Brutus* Sword.

Bru. O if thou wert the Noblest of the Strain,

Young-man, thou could'st not dye more honourable.

Cass. A peevish School boy; worthless of such Honour;

Joyn'd with a Masker, and a Reveler;

Ant. Old *Cassius* still.

Octa. Come *Antony's* away:

Defiance Traytors, hurl we in your teeth.

If you dare fight to day, come to the Field,

If not when you have Rom'd.

Exit Octavius, Antony, and Army.

Cass. Why now blow wind, swell Billow,

And swim Bark:

The storm is up, and all is on the hazard.

Bru. Ho! *Lucillus*, hark, a word with you.

Lucillus and Messala stand forth.

Luc My Lord:

Cass. *Messala*.

Messa. What says my General?

Cass. *Messala*, this is my Birth-day: as this very day

Was *Cassius* born. Give me thy hand *Messala*:

Be thou my witness that against my will

(As *Pompey* was) am I compell'd to set

Upon one Battle all our Liberties;

You know, that I held *Epicurus* strong,

And his Opinion: Now I change my mind,

And partly credit things that do presage.

Coming from *Sardis* on our former Ensign

Two mighty Eagles felt, and there they perch'd;

Gorging and feeding from our Souldiers hands,

Who to *Phillipi* here comforted us:

This Morning are they fled away, and gone,

And in their steads, do Ravens, Crows, and Kites

Fly o're our heads, and downward look on us:

As we were sickly prey; their shadows seem

A Canopy most fatal, under which

Our Army lies, ready to give up the Ghost.

Messa. Believe not so.

Cass. I but believe it partly,

For I am fresh of spirit, and resolv'd

To meet all perils, very constantly.

Bru. Even so *Lucillus*.

H.

Cass.

Cass. Now most Noble *Brutus*,
The Gods to day stand friendly, that we may
Lovers in peace, lead on our days to Age.
But since the affairs of men rest still incert
Let's reason with the worst that may befall.
If we do lose this Battail, then is this
The very last time we shall speake together:
What are you then determined to do?

Bru. Even by the rule of that Philosophy,
By which I did blame *Cato*, for the death
Which he did give himself, I know not how:
But I do find it Cowardly, and vile,
For fear of what might fall, so to prevent
The time of life, arming my self with patience,
To stay the providence of some high Powers,
That govern us below.

Cass. Then, if we lose this Battail,
You are contented to be led in Triumph
Thorow the Streets of *Rome*.

Bru. No *Cassius*, no:
Think not, thou Noble *Roman*,
That ever *Brutus* will go bound to *Rome*,
He hears too great a mind. But this same day
Must end that work, the *Lies of March* begun
And wether we shall meet again, I know not:
Therefore our everlasting farewell take:

For ever, and for ever, farewell *Cassius*,
If we do meet again, why we shall smile:
If not, why then this parting was well made.

Cass. For ever, and for ever, farewell *Brutus*
If we do meet again, we'll smile indeed;
If not 'tis true, this parting was well made.

Bru. Why then lead on. O that a man might know
The end of this days business, ere it come:
But it sufficeth, that the day will end,
And then the end is known. Come ho, away.

Alarums. Enter *Brutus* and *Messala*:

Bru. Ride, ride *Messala*, ride and give these Bills
Unto the Legions, on the other side.

Let them set on at once, for I perceive
Ere cold demeanor in *Octavius's* wing:
And sudden push gives them the overthrow:
Ride, ride *Messala*, let them all come down.

Exeunt.

Lowd Alarum.

Exeunt.

Alarums.

Alarums. Enter *Cassius* and *Titinius*,

Cass. O look *Titinius*, look the Villains fly:
My self have to mine own turn'd Enemy:
This Ensign he of mine was turning back,
I flew the Coward, and did take it from him.

Tit. O *Cassius*, *Brutus* gave the word too early,
Who having some advantage on *Octavius*,
Took it too eagerly: his Souldiers fell to spoil,
Whilst we by *Antony* are all inclos'd.

Enter *Pindarus*.

Pind. Fly further off my Lord: fly further off,
Mark Antony is in your Tents my Lord:
Fly therefore Noble *Cassius*, fly a far off.

Cass. This Hill is far enough. Look look *Titinius*
Are these my Tents where I perceive the fire?

Tit. They are my Lord.
Cass. *Titinius*, if thou lovest me,
Mount thou my horse; and hide thy spurs in him,
Till he have brought thee up to yonder Troops
And here again, that I may rest assur'd

Whether yond Troops, are Friend or Enemy
Tit. I will be here again, even with a thought. *Exit.*

Cass. Go *Pindarus*, get higher on that hill,
My sight was ever thick: regard *Titinius*,
And tell me what thou not'st about the Field,
This day I breathed first, time is come round,
And where I did begin, there shall I end,
My life is run his compass. Sirrah, what news?

Pind. Above. O my Lord.

Cass. What news?
Pind. *Titinius* is inclosed round about
With horsemen, that make to him on the spurr,
Yet he spurs on. Now they are almost on him
Now *Titinius* Now some light: O he lights too,
Hee's tane. *Shout.*

And bark, they shout for joy.

Cass. Come down, behold no more:
O Coward that I am, to live so long,
To see my Friend tane before my face.

Enter *Pindarus*.

Come hither sirrah: In *Parthia* did I take thee Prisoner,
And then I swore thee, saving of thy life,

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That whatsoever I did bid thee do,
Thou should'st attempt it. Come now keep thine Oath,
Now be a Free-man, and with this good Sword
That ran through *Cæsars* bowels, search this bosom.
Stand not to answer: Here, take thou the Hilt,
And when my face is cover'd, as 'tis now,
Guide thou the Sword———*Cæsar*, thou art reveng'd
Even with the Sword that kill'd thee.

Pin. So, I am free,
Yet would not so have been
Durst I have done my will. *O Cassius*,
Far from this Country *Pindarus* shall run,
Where never *Roman* shall take note of him.

Enter *Titinius* and *Messala*.

Messa. It is but change, *Titinius*, for *Octavius*
Is overthrown by Noble *Brutus* power,
As *Cassius* Legions are by *Antony*.

Titin. These tidings will well comfort *Cassius*.

Messa. Where did you leave him.

Titin. All discomfate,

With *Pindarus* his Bondman, on this Hill.

Messa. Is not that he that lies upon the ground?

Titin. He lies not like the Living. O my heart!

Messa. Is not that he?

Titin. No, this was he *Messala*,

But *Cassius* is no more. O setting Sun,
As in thy red Rays thou doest sink to night,
So in his red blood *Cassius* day is set.
The Sun of *Rome* is set. Our day is gone,
Clouds, Dews, and Dangers come; our deeds are done
Mistrust of my success hath done this deed.

Messa. Mistrust of good success hath done this deed;
O hateful Error, Melancholies Child:

Why do'st thou shew to the apt thoughts of men
The things that are not? O Error soon conceiv'd,
Thou never com'st unto a happy birth,
But kill'st the Mother that engendered thee.

Tit. What *Pindarius*? Where art thou *Pindarius*?

Messa. Seek him *Titinius*, whilst I go to meet
The Noble *Brutus*, thrusting this report
Into his ears; I may say thrusting it:
For piercing Steell, and Darts invenomed,
Shall be as welcome to the ears of *Brutus*,
As tidings of this fight.

Tit.

Tit. Hye you *Messala*,
And I will seek for *Pindarus* the while:
Why did'st thou send me forth brave *Cassius*?
Did I not meet thy Friends, and did not they
Put on my Brows this wrath of Victory,
And bid me give it thee? Did'st thou not hear there shouts?
Alas, thou hast misconstrued every thing.
But hold thee, take this Garland on thy Brow,
Thy *Brutus* bid me give it thee, and I
Will do his bidding. *Brutus*, come apace,
And see how I regarded *Caius Cassius*:
By your leave Gods: This is a *Roman* part,
Come *Cassius* Sword, and find *Titinius* heart.

Alarum. Enter *Brutus*, *Messala*, young *Cato*,
Srato, *Volumnius*, and *Lucillius*.

Bru. Where, where *Messala*, doth his body lye?
Messa. Loe yonder, and *Titinius* mourning it.

Bru. *Titinius* face is upward.

Cato. He is slain.

Bru. O *Julius Cæsar*, thou art mighty yet,
Thy Spirit walks abroad, and turns our Swords
In our own proper Entrails: *Loe Alarum.*

Cato Brave *Titinius*.

Look where he have not Crown'd dead *Cassius*.

Bru. Are yet two *Romans* living such as these?

The last of all the *Romans*, far the well:

It is impossible, that ever *Rome*

Should breed thy fellow. Friends I own no tears

To this dead man, then you shall see me pay.

I shall find time, *Cassius*: I shall find time.

Come therefore, and to *Tharfus* send his body,

His Funeris shall not be in our Camp,

Left it discomfote us. *Lucillius* come,

And come young *Cato*, let us to the Field,

Labi and *Flavio* set our Battails on,

'Tis three a clock, and *Romans* yet ere night,

We shall try Fortue in a second fight. *Exeunt.*

Alarum. Enter *Brutus*, *Messala*, *Cato*, *Lucillius*,
and *Flavius*.

Bru. Yet Country-men: O yet, hold up your heads.

Cato. What Bastard doth not? Who will go with me
I will proclaim my name about the Field.

I am

I am the Son of *Marcus Cato*, ho.
A Foe of Tyrants, and my Countries Friend:
I am the Son of *Marcus Cato*, ho.

Exeunt.

Enter Souldier, and fight.

Bru. And I am *Brutus, Marcus Brutus*, I
Brutus my Countries Friend: Know me for *Brutus*.

Luc. O young and Noble *Cato*, art thou down?
Why now thou dyest, as bravely as *Titinius*,
And may'st be honour'd being *Cato's* Son.

Sold. *Yield*, or thou diest.

Luc. Only I yield to die:

There is so much, that thou wilt kill me straight:
Kill *Brutus*, and be honour'd in his death.

Sold. We must not: A Noble Prisoner.

Enter Antony.

2. *Sold.* Room ho: tell *Antony*, *Brutus* is tane.

1. *Sold.* I'll tell the news. Here comes the General.

Brutus is tane *Brutus* is tane my Lord.

Ant. Where is he?

Luc. Safe *Antony*, *Brutus* is safe enough.

I dare assure thee, that no Enemy

Shall ever take alive the Noble *Brutus*:

The Gods defend him from so great a shame.

When you do find him, or alive, or dead;

He will be found like *Brutus*, like himself.

Ant. This is not *Brutus* friend, but I assure you,

A prize no less in worth; keep this man safe,

Give him all kindness. I had rather have

Such men my Friends, then Enemies. Go on,

And see where *Brutus* be alive or dead.

And bring us word, unto *Octavius* Tent:

How every thing is chanc'd.

Enter Brutus, Dardanius, Clitus, Sireto,
and Volumnius.

Bru. Come poor remains of friends, rest on this Rock.

Clit. *Statilius* shew'd the Torch-light, but my Lord,
He came not back: he is or tane, or slain.

Luc. Sit thee down, *Clitus*: slaying is the word,

It is a deed in fashion. Hark thee, *Clitus*.

Clit. What I, my Lord? No, not for all the World:

Bru.

Bru. Peace then, no words.

Clit. Me rather kill my self.

Bru. Hark thee, *Dardanius*.

Dard. Shall I do such a deed?

Clit. O *Dardanius*

Dard. O *Clitus*.

Clit. What ill request did *Brutus* make to thee?

Dard. To kill him, *Clitus*: look he meditates.

Clit. Now is that Noble Vessel full of grief,

That it runs over even at his eyes.

Bru. Come hither, good *Volumnius*, list a word.

Volum. What says my Lord?

Bru. Why this, *Volumnius*:

The Ghost of *Caesar* hath appear'd to me

Two several times by Night: at *Sardis*, once;

And this last Night, here in *Philippi* Fields:

I know my hour is come.

Volum. Not so, my Lord.

Bru. Nay, I am sure it is, *Volumnius*.

Thou see'st the World, *Volumnius*, how it goes,

Our Enemies have beat us to the Pit:

It is more worthy, to leap in our selves,

Then tarry till they push us. Good *Volumnius*,

Thou know'st, that we two went to School together:

Even for that our love of old, I prethee

Hold thou my Sword Hilt, whilst I run on it.

Vol. That's not an Office for a friend, my Lord.

Alarum still.

Clit. Fly, fly my Lord, there is no tarrying here.

Bru. Farewel to you, and you, and you *Volumnius*.

Strato, thou hast been all this while a sleep:

Farewel to thee, to *Strato*, Countrymen:

My heart doth joy, that yet in all my life,

I found no man, but he was true to me.

I shall have glory by this losing day

More then *Octavius*, and *Mark Antony*,

By this vile Conquest shall attain unto.

So fare you well at once, for *Brutus* tongue

Hath almost ended his lives history:

Night hangs upon mine eyes, my Bones would rest,

That have but labour'd, to attain this hour.

Alarum. Cry within, Fly, fly, fly.

Clit. Fly my Lord, fly.

Bru. Hence: I will follow:

I prethee *Strator*, stay thou by the Lord,

Thou art a Fellow of a good respect:

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Thy life hath had some smatch of Honour in it,
Hold then my Sword, and turn away thy face,
While I do run upon it. Wilt thou *Strato*?

Strato. Give me your hand first. Fare you well my Lord.

Bru. Farewel good *Strato*. — *Cesar*, now be still,
I kill'd not thee with half so good a will. *Dyes.*

D. D. *Alarm*. *Retreat*. Enter *Antony*, *Octavius*, *Messala*,
Lucilius, and the Army.

Octa. What man is that?

Messa. My Masters man. *Strato*, where is thy Master?

Strato. Free from the Bondage you are in *Messala*,
The Conquerors can but make a fire of him.

For *Brutus* only overcame himself,
And no man else hath Honour by his death.

Lucil. So *Brutus* should be found. I thank thee *Brutus*,
That thou hast prov'd *Lucilius* saying true,

Octa. All that serv'd *Brutus*, I will entertain them,
Fellow, wilt thou bestow thy time with me?

Strato. I, if *Messala* will prefer me to you.

Octa. Do so, good *Messala*.

Messa. How dyed my Master *Strato*?

Strato. I held the Sword, and he did run on it,

Messa. *Octavius* then take him to follow thee,
That did the latest service to my Master.

Ant. This was the Noblest Roman of them all:

All the Conspirators save only he,
Did that they did in envy of great *Cesar*:

He, only in a general honest thought,
And common good to all, made one of them.

His life was gentle, and the Elements
So mixt in him, that Nature might stand up,

And say to all the World; This was a man.

Octa. According to his Virtue, let us use him

With all Respect, and Rites of Burial.

Within my Tent his bones to night shall lye,

Most like a Soldier ordered Honourably:

So call the Field to rest, and let's away,

To part the glories of this happy day.

Exeunt omnes.

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