

## Henry IV Part 1 abbreviated

Act 3, Scene 2

### Son to Father

**Situation:** Following perhaps Shakespeare's greatest father-to-son conversation, Prince Harry assures his father that he will mend his ways and will deal with Hotspur appropriately when the time comes. It is about to.

Prince Harry to Henry IV, No. 1

I will redeem all this, and, some day, be  
Bold to say I'm your son, when you shall see  
My bloody mask, which, washed away, shall scour  
My shame with it. And that shall be the day,  
Where'er it lights, this gallant knight, and our  
Unthought-of Harry chance to meet. I say  
Some day I'll make this northern youth exchange  
His glorious deeds for my lesser range  
Of indignities. To our God I have  
Promised my redemption in this instance  
Matter here. I do beseech thee may salve  
The long grown wounds of my intemperance.  
A hundred thousand deaths to me allow  
Ere break the smallest parcel of this vow.

HENRY IV: Thou shalt have charge and sovereign trust herein.

Sir Walter Blunt enters.

HENRY IV: Thy looks are full of speed.

BLUNT: So hath the business that I come to speak of. Lord Mortimer of Scotland hath sent word that Douglas and the English rebels met the eleventh of this month at Shrewsbury. A might and a fearful head they are.

HENRY IV: The earl of Westmoreland set forth today, with him my son, Lord John of Lancaster, for this advertisement is five days old. On Wednesday next, Harry, you shall set forward. On Thursday we ourselves will march. Our hands are full of business. Let's away. Advantage feeds him fat while men delay.