

Henry IV Part 2 abbreviated

Act 4, Scene 3.2

Father to Son

Situation: Having taken the crown from the pillow on his father's bed and walked into the next room to look in the mirror to see how he would look with the crown, Prince Harry finds himself in trouble, and the subject of a classic father-son discussion.

WARWICK: My lord, I found the prince in the next room, washing with kindly tears his gentle cheeks, with such a deep demeanor in great sorrow. He is coming hither.

KING: But wherefore did he take away the crown?

The prince enters with the crown.

KING: Come hither to me, Harry. Depart the chamber. Leave us here alone.

Clarence, Gloucester, Warwick and others exit.

PRINCE: I never thought to hear you speak again.

Henry IV to Prince Harry, No. 4

The wish was father, Harry, to that thought.
Doth thou so seek mine chair that thou here sought
My crown before thy hour ripe? Thou seek'st
The greatness that will soon overwhelm thee.
Thou loved'st me not, thou having hid'st
Daggers in thy thoughts honed in thy stony
Heart to stab in this last half-hour. Harry
The Fifth is crowned. Up idle vanity,
Here old sins committed in new ways; wince
Councilors as ruffians cast a pall
Over a land sick with civil blows. Since
I could not withhold riots and with all
My care I could not my poor kingdom spare,
What wilt thou do when riot is thy care?