

Henry IV Part 2 abbreviated

Act 4, Scene 3

Introspection

Situation: With his sons and his lords gathered around him, providing him with good news and offering comfort, Henry IV asks to be carried to his bed, at which point all those around him exit, except Prince Harry.

THOMAS: Let us withdraw into the other room.

WARWICK: Will 't please your Grace to go along with us?

PRINCE: No, I will set and watch here by the king.

All but the prince and king exit.

Prince Harry to himself, No. 2

Why doth the crown lie there on his pillow
When so troublesome as a bedfellow,
When it the cause of disturbance that keeps
The ports of slumber open on many
Watchful nights? This tormenting crown that reaps
Safety doth scald the bearer like heavy
Armor. His sleep the sound of angel's wings
That hath divorced this crown from English kings.
I shall with heavy tears and filial
Tenderness honor the plenteously
In grief of the blood. This imperial
Crown which by birth derives itself to me
Shall not by force be taken. This from thee
Will I to mine leave, as 'tis left to me.

Prince Harry puts on the crown.

PRINCE: This from thee will I to mine leave, as 'tis left to me.

He exits with the crown. The king rises up in bed.

KING: Warwick! Gloucester! Clarence!

Warwick, Gloucester, Clarence and others enter.

KING: Why did you leave me here alone, my lords?