

## Henry VI Part 2 abbreviated

Act 3, Scene 2.1

### Love

**Situation:** With Warwick having directly accused Suffolk of Gloucester's murder, and the "common men" calling for Suffolk's head, a frustrated king gives Suffolk three days to leave England permanently.

All exit but the Queen and Suffolk.

QUEEN: Mischance and sorrow go along with you! Heart's discontent and sour affliction be playfellows to keep you company!

SUFFOLK: Cease, gentle queen, and let thy Suffolk take his heavy leave.

QUEEN: Hast thou not spirit to curse thine enemy?

SUFFOLK: A plague upon them! Wherefore should I curse them? Would curses kill my tongue should stumble in mine earnest words; mine eyes should sparkle like the beaten flint-----.

QUEEN: Enough, sweet Suffolk, thou tormentest thyself. These dread curses, like an overcharged gun, recoil and turn the force of them upon thyself.

SUFFOLK: You bade me ban, and will you bid me leave?

QUEEN: Oh, let me entreat thee cease.

### Queen to Suffolk, No. 2

Give me thy hand that with my tears I may  
Dew it, and let not the rain wash away  
My dreams. If only this kiss could let you  
Know that through this seal a thousand signs would  
Be breathed for thee. What hard news, yet I woo  
Suffolk, my soul's treasure. Get thee far, should  
I better alone bear grief missing you.  
Ay, me! What a world this is where we, two  
Friends condemned, embrace and kiss, loath to quell  
The fire. Go, now be gone: speak not to me.  
Oh, go not yet! Yet farewell and farewell  
Life with thee. Get thee hence; thou knowst the  
King is coming; before a word be said  
If thou art found by me thou art but dead.