

Henry VI Part 2 abbreviated

Act 3, Scene 2.2

Love

Situation: Learning that Cardinal Beaufort is near death, the queen asks a messenger to let the king know of Beaufort's current condition, leaving her alone with Suffolk. Suffolk lets her know how much he cares for her, as he is about to leave the country, his having been banned from England by the king.

QUEEN: Go tell this heavy message to the King.
The Messenger exits.

SUFFOLK: If I depart from thee, I cannot live.

Suffolk to Queen

There is no joy in a world without you.
The world is populous enough if two,
And I have thy company. Joy is naught
If thou not livest, for where thou art, there
Is the world itself; and where thou art not,
Nothing. If I depart I would but stare
Aimlessly; I could not live. If I leave
Thee, I should be raging mad; here I breathe
My soul to the air, as gentle and mild
As the cradle babe. I cry that thee come
To me, and with thy lips stop my beguiled
Mouth. Draw in this soul; to die away from
Thee were torture more than facing death's gall.
Oh, let me stay, befall what may befall.

QUEEN: Away! To France, sweet Suffolk. Let me hear from you.

SUFFOLK: I go.

QUEEN: And take my heart with thee.