

Julius Caesar abbreviated

Act 3, Scene 2.2

Honor

Situation: Brutus delivers his eulogy at Caesar's memorial service, descends from the pulpit and leaves the area. Antony then steps up into the pulpit, prepared to address the crowd.

ANTONY: For Brutus' sake, I am beholding to you.

He goes into the pulpit.

FIRST PLEBEIAN: This Caesar was a tyrant.

THIRD PLEBEIAN: Nay that's certain. We are blest that Rome is rid of him.

SECOND PLEBEIAN: Peace, let us hear what Antony can say.

Antony to Plebeians, No. 1

Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears.
I come not to praise good that was Caesar's,
But to bury him. The evil that men
Do lives after them; good is oft interred
With their bones. Caesar was my friend, but then
Brutus says it was ambition that blurred
Caesar's vision and you know Brutus is
A just and honorable man. When his
Poor have cried, Caesar hath wept. Ambition
Should be of sterner stuff. He refused to
Accept the crown. This ambition? As one,
You loved him, with just cause; what cause holds you
To mourn for him? O judgment, thou hath run
To brutish beasts. Men have lost their reason!

ANTONY: Bear with me; my heart is in the coffin there with Caesar, and I must pause till it come back to me.