

## Julius Caesar abbreviated

Act 3, Scene 2.2

### Persuasion

**Situation:** In speaking to the public from the pulpit, Antony brings up the subject of Caesar's will. The plebeians demand he read it.

SECOND PLEBEIAN: They were villains, murderers. The will! Read the will.

ANTONY: You will compel me, then, to read the will? Then make a ring about the corpse of Caesar, and let me show you him that made the will.

Antony descends.

PLEBEIANS: Stand back! Room! Bear back!

### Antony to Plebeians, No. 3

'Twas a summer's evening when Caesar wore  
First this cloak. Here, Cassius' dagger tore  
Through. See the rip envious Casca made.  
And through here the well beloved Brutus thrust.  
Now mark how as he plucked the cursed blade  
Away, Caesar's blood rushed out in distrust  
That it could be Brutus, for Brutus was  
His angel. It the least kind cut, because  
Caesar loved him. The ingratitude, when  
Great Caesar saw him stab, burst his mighty  
Heart, and noble Caesar fell, a fall then  
Heard by peaceful men throughout the country,  
While you and I and others fell useless,  
While bloody treason flourished over us.

Antony lifts Caesar's cloak.

ANTONY: Here is himself, marred as you see with traitors.