

## Macbeth abbreviated

Act 4, Scene 3

### Chivalry

**Situation: Malcolm, King Duncan's older son, who fled to England following his father's murder at Inverness, wants to team-up with Macduff, the young Scottish nobleman, both of them hoping to bring a better sense of security and hope to Scotland. But Malcolm remains suspect of Macduff's motives and allegiance, Malcolm having been his father's named successor to Scotland's crown.**

MALCOLM: Let us seek out some desolate shade and there weep our sad bosoms empty.

MACDUFF: Let us like good men bestride our downfall'n birthdom. Each new morn new widows howl, new orphans cry, new sorrows strike heaven on the face.

#### Malcolm to Macduff, No. 1

What you have spoke may be so. This once thought  
Chaste tyrant hath touched you not, but I ought  
Be cautious as an innocent lamb, for  
You may please him through me to appease an  
Angry god. Though things foul try to look more  
Like grace, grace is always gracious. A man  
Of doubtful honors leaves his wife and child  
Unsecured. Your self may not be defiled,  
Whatever I think. Be not offended.  
I not all in fear of you. We need salve  
Our country's gashed wounds; England has offered  
Goodly men. Him that shall succeed shall have  
More vices, and more people will suffer  
Harshly in more sundry ways than ever.

MACDUFF: I am not treacherous.

MALCOLM: But Macbeth is.

MACDUFF: I have lost my hopes.