

Macbeth abbreviated

Act 4, Scene 3

Inspiration

Situation: Malcolm pledges his support to Macduff to lead their effort to unseat Macbeth. Macduff had passed Malcolm's loyalty test.

MACDUFF: O Scotland, Scotland.

MALCOLM: If such a one be fit to govern, speak. I am as I have spoken.

MACDUFF: Fit to govern? Fare thee well. These evils thou repeat'st upon thyself hath banished me from Scotland. O my breast, thy hope ends here!

MALCOLM: Macduff, this noble passion, child of integrity, hath from my soul wiped the black scruples.

Malcolm to Macduff, No. 2

Macduff, from my soul thou hath settled my
Thoughts to thy good honor. Vile Macbeth by
Deceit hath sought to trick me, and modest
Wisdom plucks me from yielding to my
Haste. Here pledge I to thy command and wrest
My words as strangers to my nature. I
Am unknown to woman and never say
Falsely till now. Never would I betray
My faith nor forswear an oath; do delight
No less in truth than life. We are truly
Thine; Siward with ten thousand men is right
Behind. May God above deal between thee
And me; may the goodness in this moral
Moment serve us in our warranted quarrel.

MALCOLM: Why are you silent?

MACDUFF: Such welcome and unwelcome things at once 'tis hard to reconcile.