

Measure for Measure abbreviated

Act 2, Scene 4

Acceptance

Situation: Isabella now understands Angelo's motive. She makes a decision. She says "My brother's life to me is dear, but dearer is my honor kept."

ISABELLA: To whom should I complain?

Isabella to herself

If I told this, who would believe me? O
Perilous mouths, bearing a tongue so low
That they can condemn or approve, making
The law curtsy to their will. I'll to my
Brother, the passion of his blood having
This day trapped him, yet in his mind doth lie
Such honor, that had he twenty heads to
Tender on bloody blocks; that he would do
Before his sister's body should accept
Such pollution. My brother's life to me
Is dear, but dearer is my honor kept.
More than our brother is our chastity.
I'll tell him soon of Angelo's request,
So with death, he may put his soul to rest.