

Antony and Cleopatra

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Enter Agrippa at one door, Enobarbus at another

AGRIPPA What, are the brothers parted?

ENOBARBUS

They have dispatched with Pompey; he is gone.
The other three are sealing. Octavia weeps
To part from Rome, Caesar is sad, and Lepidus
Since Pompey's feast, as Menas says, is troubled 5
With the green-sickness.

AGRIPPA 'Tis a noble Lepidus.

ENOBARBUS

A very fine one. O, how he loves Caesar!

AGRIPPA

Nay, but how dearly he adores Mark Antony!

ENOBARBUS

Caesar? Why, he's the Jupiter of men.

AGRIPPA

What's Antony±±the god of Jupiter? 10

ENOBARBUS

Spake you of Caesar? How, the nonpareil?

AGRIPPA

O Antony, O thou Arabian bird!

ENOBARBUS

Would you praise Caesar, say `Caesar'; go no further.

AGRIPPA

Indeed, he plied them both with excellent praises.

ENOBARBUS

But he loves Caesar best; yet he loves Antony±± 15
Hoo! Hearts, tongues, figures, scribes, bards, poets,
cannot

Think, speak, cast, write, sing, number±±hoo!±±

His love to Antony. But as for Caesar±±

Kneel down, kneel down, and wonder.

AGRIPPA

Both he loves.

ENOBARBUS

They are his shards, and he their beetle.

[Trumpet within]

So, 20
This is to horse. Adieu, noble Agrippa.

AGRIPPA

Good fortune, worthy soldier, and farewell.

Enter Caesar, Antony, Lepidus, and Octavia

ANTONY (to Caesar) No further, sir.

CAESAR

You take from me a great part of myself.

Use me well in't. Sister, prove such a wife 25

As my thoughts make thee, and as my farthest bond

Shall pass on thy approof. Most noble Antony,

Let not the piece of virtue which is set

Betwixt us as the cement of our love

To keep it builded, be the ram to batter 30

The fortress of it; for better might we

Have loved without this mean if on both parts

This be not cherished.

ANTONY Make me not offended

In your distrust.

CAESAR I have said.

ANTONY You shall not find,

Though you be therein curious, the least cause 35

For what you seem to fear. So, the gods keep you,

And make the hearts of Romans serve your ends.

We will here part.

CAESAR

Farewell, my dearest sister, fare thee well.

The elements be kind to thee, and make 40

Thy spirits all of comfort. Fare thee well.

OCTAVIA (*weeping*) My noble brother!

ANTONY

The April's in her eyes; it is love's spring,

And these the showers to bring it on. Be cheerful.

OCTAVIA

Sir, look well to my husband's house, and±± 45

CAESAR

What, Octavia?

OCTAVIA I'll tell you in your ear.

She whispers to Caesar

ANTONY

Her tongue will not obey her heart, nor can

Her heart inform her tongue±±the swan's-down
feather,

That stands upon the swell at full of tide,
And neither way inclines. 50

ENOBARBUS (*aside to Agrippa*) Will Caesar weep?

AGRIPPA (*aside to Enobarbus*) He has a cloud in's face.

ENOBARBUS (*aside to Agrippa*)

He were the worse for that were he a horse;
So is he, being a man.

AGRIPPA (*aside to Enobarbus*) Why, Enobarbus,
When Antony found Julius Caesar dead 55
He cried almost to roaring, and he wept
When at Philippi he found Brutus slain.

ENOBARBUS (*aside to Agrippa*)

That year indeed he was troubled with a rheum.
What willingly he did confound he wailed,
Believe't, till I wept too.

CAESAR No, sweet Octavia, 60
You shall hear from me still. The time shall not
Outgo my thinking on you.

ANTONY Come, sir, come,
I'll wrestle with you in my strength of love.
Look, here I have you (*embracing Caesar*) ; thus I let
you go,
And give you to the gods.

CAESAR Adieu, be happy. 65

LEPIDUS

Let all the number of the stars give light
To thy fair way.

CAESAR Farewell, farewell.
He kisses Octavia

ANTONY Farewell.

Trumpets sound. Exeunt Antony, Octavia, and
Enobarbus at one door, Caesar, Lepidus, and
Agrippa at another