

# The History of King Lear

## Sc.23

*Alarum. The powers of France pass over the stage  
[led by] Queen Cordelia with her father in her hand.  
Then enter Edgar disguised as a peasant, guiding the  
blind Duke of Gloucester*

**EDGAR**

Here, father, take the shadow of this bush  
For your good host; pray that the right may thrive.  
If ever I return to you again  
I'll bring you comfort.

*Exit*

**GLOUCESTER**

Grace go with you, sir.

*Alarum and retreat. Enter Edgar*

**EDGAR**

Away, old man. Give me thy hand. Away. 5  
King Lear hath lost, he and his daughter ta'en.  
Give me thy hand. Come on.

**GLOUCESTER**

No farther, sir. A man may rot even here.

**EDGAR**

What, in ill thoughts again? Men must endure 10  
Their going hence even as their coming hither.  
Ripeness is all. Come on.

*Exit Edgar guiding Gloucester*