

# 1 Henry VI

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*Enter Joan la Pucelle, disguised, with four French Soldiers with sacks upon their backs*

**JOAN**

These are the city gates, the gates of Rouen,  
Through which our policy must make a breach.  
Take heed. Be wary how you place your words.  
Talk like the vulgar sort of market men  
That come to gather money for their corn. 5  
If we have entrance, as I hope we shall,  
And that we find the slothful watch but weak,  
I'll by a sign give notice to our friends,  
That Charles the Dauphin may encounter them.

**A SOLDIER**

Our sacks shall be a mean to sack the city, 10  
And we be lords and rulers over Rouen.  
Therefore we'll knock.

*They knock*

**WATCH** *(within)*

*Qui lá?*

**JOAN**

*Paysans, la pauvre gens de France:*

Poor market folks that come to sell their corn.

**WATCH** *(opening the gates)*

Enter, go in. The market bell is rung. 15

**JOAN** *(aside)*

Now, Rouen, I'll shake thy bulwarks to the ground.  
*Exeunt*