

1 Henry VI

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Enter the Master Gunner of Orleans with his Boy

MASTER GUNNER

Sirrah, thou know'st how Orleans is besieged,
And how the English have the suburbs won.

BOY

Father, I know, and oft have shot at them;
Howe'er, unfortunate, I missed my aim.

MASTER GUNNER

But now thou shalt not. Be thou ruled by me. 5
Chief Master Gunner am I of this town;
Something I must do to procure me grace.
The Prince's spials have inform'd me
How the English, in the suburbs close entrenched,
Wont, through a secret grate of iron bars 10
In yonder tower, to overpeer the city,
And thence discover how with most advantage
They may vex us with shot or with assault.
To intercept this inconvenience,
A piece of ordnance 'gainst it I have placed, 15
And even these three days have I watched, if I could
see them.

Now do thou watch, for I can stay no longer.
If thou spy'st any, run and bring me word,
And thou shalt find me at the governor's.

BOY

Father, I warrant you, take you no care±± 20
[Exit Master Gunner at one door]
I'll never trouble you, if I may spy them.
Exit [at the other door]