

# Richard Duke of York

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*With the drummer playing and trumpeter sounding,  
enter the Earl of Warwick, the Duke of Somerset,  
and the rest bringing King Edward out in his gown,  
sitting in a chair. Richard Duke of Gloucester and  
Lord Hastings flies over the stage*

**SOMERSET** What are they that fly there?

**WARWICK**

Richard and Hastings±±let them go. Here is the Duke.

**KING EDWARD**

`The Duke! Why, Warwick, when we parted,  
Thou calledst me king.

**WARWICK** Ay, but the case is altered.

When you disgraced me in my embassy, 5  
Then I degraded you from being king,  
And come now to create you Duke of York.  
Alas, how should you govern any kingdom  
That know not how to use ambassadors,  
Nor how to be contented with one wife, 10  
Nor how to use your brothers brotherly,  
Nor how to study for the people's welfare,  
Nor how to shroud yourself from enemies?

**KING EDWARD** (*seeing George*)

Yea, brother of Clarence, art thou here too?  
Nay, then, I see that Edward needs must down. 15  
Yet, Warwick, in despite of all mischance,  
Of thee thyself and all thy complices,  
Edward will always bear himself as king.  
Though fortune's malice overthrow my state,  
My mind exceeds the compass of her wheel. 20

**WARWICK**

Then, for his mind, be Edward England's king.  
*Warwick takes off Edward's crown*  
But Henry now shall wear the English crown,  
And be true king indeed, thou but the shadow.  
My lord of Somerset, at my request,  
See that, forthwith, Duke Edward be conveyed 25

Unto my brother, Archbishop of York.  
When I have fought with Pembroke and his fellows,  
I'll follow you, and tell what answer  
Louis and the Lady Bona send to him.  
Now for a while farewell, good Duke of York.

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*They begin to lead Edward out forcibly*

**KING EDWARD**

What fates impose, that men must needs abide.  
It boots not to resist both wind and tide.

*Exeunt some with Edward*

**OXFORD**

What now remains, my lords, for us to do  
But march to London with our soldiers?

**WARWICK**

Ay, that's the first thing that we have to do±± 35  
To free King Henry from imprisonment  
And see him seated in the regal throne.

*Exeunt*