

Julius Caesar

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Enter Artemidorus, reading a letter

ARTEMIDORUS `Caesar, beware of Brutus. Take heed of
Cassius. Come not near Casca. Have an eye to Cinna.
Trust not Trebonius. Mark well Metellus Cimber. Decius
Brutus loves thee not. Thou hast wronged Caius
Ligarius. There is but one mind in all these men, and
it is bent against Caesar. If thou beest not immortal,
look about you. Security gives way to conspiracy.
The mighty gods defend thee!

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Thy lover,

Artemidorus.'

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Here will I stand till Caesar pass along,

And as a suitor will I give him this.

My heart laments that virtue cannot live

Out of the teeth of emulation.

If thou read this, O Caesar, thou mayst live.

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If not, the fates with traitors do contrive.

Exit