

Antony and Cleopatra

4.6

Flourish. Enter Agrippa, Caesar, with Enobarbus and Dollabella

CAESAR

Go forth, Agrippa, and begin the fight.
Our will is Antony be took alive.
Make it so known.

AGRIPPA Caesar, I shall.

Exit

CAESAR

The time of universal peace is near.
Prove this a prosp'rous day, the three-nooked world 5
Shall bear the olive freely.

Enter a Messenger

MESSENGER

Antony

Is come into the field.

CAESAR

Go charge Agrippa

Plant those that have revolted in the van,
That Antony may seem to spend his fury
Upon himself. 10

*Exeunt Messenger [at one door], Caesar and
Dolabella [at another]*

ENOBARBUS

Alexas did revolt, and went to Jewry on
Affairs of Antony; there did dissuade
Great Herod to incline himself to Caesar
And leave his master, Antony. For this pains,
Caesar hath hanged him. Camidius and the rest 15
That fell away have entertainment but
No honourable trust. I have done ill,
Of which I do accuse myself so sorely
That I will joy no more.

Enter a Soldier of Caesar's

SOLDIER

Enobarbus, Antony

Hath after thee sent all thy treasure, with 20
His bounty overplus. The messenger
Came on my guard, and at thy tent is now

Unloading of his mules.

ENOBARBUS I give it you.

SOLDIER Mock not, Enobarbus, 25

I tell you true. Best you safed the bringer
Out of the host. I must attend mine office,
Or would have done't myself. Your Emperor
Continues still a Jove.

Exit

ENOBARBUS

I am alone the villain of the earth, 30
And feel I am so most. O Antony,
Thou mine of bounty, how wouldst thou have paid
My better service, when my turpitude
Thou dost so crown with gold! This blows my heart.
If swift thought break it not, a swifter mean 35
Shall outstrike thought; but thought will do't, I feel.
I fight against thee? No, I will go seek
Some ditch wherein to die. The foul'st best fits
My latter part of life.

Exit