

Richard Duke of York

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*Enter Richard Duke of Gloucester, Lord Hastings,
and Sir William Stanley, [with soldiers]*

RICHARD OF GLOUCESTER

Now my lord Hastings and Sir William Stanley,
Leave off to wonder why I drew you hither
Into this chiefest thicket of the park.
Thus stands the case: you know our King, my brother,
Is prisoner to the Bishop here, at whose hands 5
He hath good usage and great liberty,
And, often but attended with weak guard,
Comes hunting this way to disport himself.
I have advertised him by secret means
That if about this hour he make this way 10
Under the colour of his usual game,
He shall here find his friends with horse and men
To set him free from his captivity.

Enter King Edward and a Huntsman with him

HUNTSMAN

This way, my lord—~~for~~ this way lies the game.

KING EDWARD

Nay, this way, man—~~see~~ where the huntsmen stand. 15
Now, brother of Gloucester, Lord Hastings, and the
rest,

Stand you thus close to steal the Bishop's deer?

RICHARD OF GLOUCESTER

Brother, the time and case requireth haste.
Your horse stands ready at the park corner.

KING EDWARD But whither shall we then? 20

HASTINGS To Lynn, my lord,
And shipped from thence to Flanders.

RICHARD OF GLOUCESTER *[aside]*

Well guessed, believe me—~~for~~ that was my meaning.

KING EDWARD

Stanley, I will requite thy forwardness.

RICHARD OF GLOUCESTER

But wherefore stay we? 'Tis no time to talk. 25

KING EDWARD

Huntsman, what sayst thou? Wilt thou go along?

HUNTSMAN

Better do so than tarry and be hanged.

RICHARD OF GLOUCESTER

Come then, away±±let's have no more ado.

KING EDWARD

Bishop, farewell±±shield thee from Warwick's frown,
And pray that I may repossess the crown.

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