

Macbeth

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Enter three Murderers

FIRST MURDERER *(to Third Murderer)*

But who did bid thee join with us?

THIRD MURDERER

Macbeth.

SECOND MURDERER *(to First Murderer)*

He needs not our mistrust, since he delivers
Our offices and what we have to do
To the direction just.

FIRST MURDERER *(to Third Murderer)* Then stand with us.

The west yet glimmers with some streaks of day.

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Now spurs the lated traveller apace

To gain the timely inn, and near approaches

The subject of our watch.

THIRD MURDERER

Hark, I hear horses.

BANQUO *(within)*

Give us a light there, ho!

SECOND MURDERER

Then 'tis he. The rest

That are within the note of expectation

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Already are i'th' court.

FIRST MURDERER

His horses go about.

THIRD MURDERER

Almost a mile; but he does usually,

So all men do, from hence to th' palace gate

Make it their walk.

Enter Banquo and Fleance with a torch

SECOND MURDERER *(aside)*

A light, a light.

THIRD MURDERER *(aside)*

'Tis

he.

FIRST MURDERER *(aside)*

Stand to't.

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BANQUO

It will be rain tonight.

FIRST MURDERER

Let it come down.

*First Murderer strikes out the torch. The others
attack Banquo*

BANQUO

O, treachery! Fly, good Fleance, fly, fly, fly!

Thou mayst revenge.±±O slave!

He dies. Exit Fleance

THIRD MURDERER Who did strike out the light?

FIRST MURDERER Was't not the way? 20

THIRD MURDERER

There's but one down. The son is fled.

SECOND MURDERER

We have lost best half of our affair.

FIRST MURDERER

Well, let's away and say how much is done.

Exeunt with Banquo's body