

# 1 Henry IV

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*Enter the Archbishop of York, and Sir Michael*

**ARCHBISHOP** *(giving letters)*

Hie, good Sir Michael, bear this seale  
With winged haste to the Lord Marshal,  
This to my cousin Scrope, and all the rest  
To whom they are directed. If you knew  
How much they do import, you would make haste.

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**SIR MICHAEL** My good lord,  
I guess their tenor.

**ARCHBISHOP** Like enough you do.

Tomorrow, good Sir Michael, is a day  
Wherein the fortune of ten thousand men  
Must bide the touch; for, sir, at Shrewsbury,  
As I am truly given to understand,  
The King with mighty and quick-raised power  
Meets with Lord Harry. And I fear, Sir Michael,  
What with the sickness of Northumberland,  
Whose power was in the first proportion,  
And what with Owain Glyndwr's absence thence,  
Who with them was a rated sinew too,  
And comes not in, overruled by prophecies,  
I fear the power of Percy is too weak  
To wage an instant trial with the King.

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**SIR MICHAEL**

Why, my good lord, you need not fear; there is  
Douglas  
And Lord Mortimer.

**ARCHBISHOP** No, Mortimer is not there.

**SIR MICHAEL**

But there is Mordake, Vernon, Lord Harry Percy;  
And there is my lord of Worcester, and a head  
Of gallant warriors, noble gentlemen.

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**ARCHBISHOP**

And so there is; but yet the King hath drawn  
The special head of all the land together  
The Prince of Wales, Lord John of Lancaster,

The noble Westmorland, and warlike Blunt,  
And many more corrivals, and dear men 30  
Of estimation and command in arms.

**SIR MICHAEL**

Doubt not, my lord, they shall be well opposed.

**ARCHBISHOP**

I hope no less, yet needful 'tis to fear;  
And to prevent the worst, Sir Michael, speed.  
For if Lord Percy thrive not, ere the King 35  
Dismiss his power he means to visit us,  
For he hath heard of our confederacy,  
And 'tis but wisdom to make strong against him;  
Therefore make haste. I must go write again  
To other friends; and so farewell, Sir Michael. 40  
*Exeunt [severally]*