

Macbeth III. 3: A park near the palace.

[Enter three MURDERERS]

FIRST MURDERER But who did bid thee join with us?

THIRD MURDERER Macbeth.

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

FIRST MURDERER Then stand with us.
The west yet glimmers with some streaks of day:
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
Already are i' the court.

FIRST MURDERER His horses go about.

THIRD MURDERER Almost a mile: but he does usually,
So all men do, from hence to the palace gate
Make it their walk.

SECOND MURDERER A light, a light!

[Enter BANQUO, and FLEANCE with a torch]

THIRD MURDERER 'Tis he.

FIRST MURDERER Stand to't.

BANQUO It will be rain to-night.

FIRST MURDERER Let it come down.

[They set upon BANQUO]

BANQUO O, treachery! Fly, good Fleance, fly, fly, fly!
Thou mayst revenge. O slave!

[Dies. FLEANCE escapes]

THIRD MURDERER Who did strike out the light?

FIRST MURDERER Wast not the way?

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]