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First witch
Second witch
Third witch
Macbeth
Banquo
Lady Macbeth
Duncan
Macduff
Messenger
Murderer
Some soldiers and courtiers

First Witch

When shall we three meet again
In thunder, lightning, or in rain?

First Witch

Where the place?

Second Witch

Upon the heath.

Third Witch

There to meet with Macbeth.

ALL WITCHES

Fair is foul, and foul is fair:
Hover through the fog and filthy air.

Third Witch

A drum, a drum!
Macbeth doth come.

[Enter Macbeth and Banquo]

Third Witch

All hail, Macbeth, thou shalt be king hereafter!

BANQUO

[To Macbeth] Macbeth, why do you start?

[To the witches] Speak then to me!

First Witch

Hail!

Second Witch

Hail!

Third Witch

Hail!

Second Witch

Thou shalt get kings, though thou be none.

Third Witch

So all hail, Macbeth and Banquo!

[The witches exit quickly]

BANQUO

Whither are they vanished?

MACBETH

Into the air.

[Enter DUNCAN]

DUNCAN

O worthiest cousin!

Welcome hither.

Noble Banquo! Let me enfold thee

And hold thee to my heart. *[He hugs them]*

[They all exit together]

[Enter Lady Macbeth]

LADY MACBETH *[reading a letter]*

'These weird sisters saluted me, and referred me to the coming on of time, with "Hail, king that shalt be!" My dearest love, Duncan, the king comes to our home tonight. Lay it to thy heart, and farewell.'

Thy letters have transported me!

[Enter Duncan, Macbeth, Banquo and Macduff]

DUNCAN

See, see, our honoured hostess!

[Everyone greets Lady Macbeth and then they go into the corner to talk amongst themselves]

MACBETH *[To Lady Macbeth]*

We will speak further.

LADY MACBETH

Leave all the rest to me.

[Lady Macbeth goes to the others and leads them off. Exit everyone except Macbeth]

MACBETH *[To the audience]*

If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well
It were done quickly.

[Re- enter lady Macbeth]

LADY MACBETH

He has almost supped.

MACBETH

Hath he asked for me?

LADY MACBETH

Know you not he has?

MACBETH

We will proceed no further in this business!

LADY MACBETH

Art thou afeard?

MACBETH

Prithee, peace.

I dare do all that may become a man.

LADY MACBETH

When Duncan is asleep and his two chamberlains in deep slumber,

What cannot you and I perform upon

The unguarded Duncan?

His spongy officers shall bear the guilt!

MACBETH

I am settled.

*[Everyone enters to wish Macbeth and Lady Macbeth goodnight.
Macbeth follows them out]*

LADY MACBETH *[To the audience]*

Hark! Peace!

The doors are open and I have drugged the grooms.

I laid their daggers ready.

[Enter Macbeth with two bloody daggers]

MACBETH

I have done the deed. Didst thou not hear a noise?

LADY MACBETH

Why did you bring these daggers from the place?

They must lie there! Go carry them and smear

The sleepy grooms with blood.

MACBETH

I'll go no more!

I am afraid to think what I have done!

LADY MACBETH

Give me the daggers!

[Lady Macbeth takes the daggers and gets blood on her hand]

My hands are now of your colour.

[She exits]

MACBETH

Macbeth does murder sleep.
Macbeth shall sleep no more.

[There is a knock and Macduff enters]

MACDUFF

Is the king stirring?

MACBETH

I'll bring you to him. *[They walk to the other side of the stage and Macbeth points]*
This is the door.

[Macduff exits]

MACBETH *[to the audience]*

'Twas a rough night.

[Re-enter MACDUFF in a panic]

MACDUFF

O horror, horror, horror!

MACBETH

What is 't you say?

MACDUFF

Awake, awake!
Ring the alarm-bell. Murder and treason!

[Enter LADY MACBETH and BANQUO]

LADY MACBETH

What's the business?

MACDUFF

O gentle lady,
O Banquo,
Our royal master 's murdered!

BANQUO

Most likely
The sovereignty will fall upon Macbeth.

[Everyone looks at Macbeth. Lady Macbeth places a crown upon his head and everyone bows to him and then they walk to the back of the stage, leaving Banquo at the front]

BANQUO *[to the audience]*

Thou art now king.
Just as the witches promised.

[Banquo goes off and Macbeth notices and grows suspicious. Everyone exits except for Macbeth]

MACBETH

I fear Banquo.
I have murdered Duncan, and for this Banquo's heirs will be king!
I will not have it so!
[He calls to someone off stage] You there! Come hither.

[Enter Murderer]

Murderer

So please your highness.

MACBETH

Have you considered my speeches?
You know Banquo was your enemy.

Murderer

True, my lord.

MACBETH

Dispatch him straight and with

Fleance his son, that keeps him company.

Murderer

I am resolved, my lord.

[Exit murderer]

[Enter Lady Macbeth]

LADY MACBETH

How now, my lord! why do you keep alone?

MACBETH

O, full of scorpions is my mind, dear wife!

[The ghost of Banquo appears]

See there! behold! look! lo!

LADY MACBETH

My worthy lord!

MACBETH

Away and quit my sight!

Thy bones are fleshless, thy blood is cold!

Away!

[Exit Ghost of Banquo]

LADY MACBETH

What's done cannot be undone.

MACBETH

Come, we'll to sleep.

[They both exit]

[Enter three witches]

ALL WITCHES

Double, double toil and trouble,

Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.

Something wicked this way comes.

[Enter MACBETH]

MACBETH

How now, you secret, black, and midnight hags!

First Witch

Macbeth! Macbeth! Macbeth! Beware Macduff.

Second Witch

Macbeth! None of woman born
Shall harm Macbeth.

Third Witch

Seek to know no more.

[Witches all exit quickly]

MACBETH

Where are they? Gone?
The castle of Macduff I will surprise.
I will use my sword on
His wife, his babes, and all unfortunate souls
Of his line.

[Macbeth draws his sword and exits]

[Enter Macduff with Messenger]

MESSENGER

Macduff, I have words
That would be howled out in the desert air,
So that no ear could hear their news.

MACDUFF

What concern they?

MESSENGER

Your castle was attacked by Macbeth.
Your wife and babes savagely slaughtered.

MACDUFF

My children too?

MESSENGER

Wife, children, servants, all that could be found.

MACDUFF

Macbeth has no children. All my pretty ones?
Did you say all? O hell-kite! All?

MESSENGER

Let grief convert to anger. Blunt not the heart, enrage it.

MACDUFF

Gentle heavens,
Bring thou this fiend of Scotland and myself
Face to face! *[He draws his sword]*

[They all exit]

[Enter Lady Macbeth sleepwalking and rubbing her hands]

LADY MACBETH

Out, damned spot! out, I say! Here's the smell of the blood still! All the
perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand. Oh, oh, oh!
To bed, to bed! there's knocking at the gate.
What's done cannot be undone. To bed, to bed, to bed!

[Exit Lady Macbeth]

[Enter Macbeth ready for war with his soldiers]

MACBETH

Hang out our banners on the outward walls.

[Enter Messenger]

MESSENGER

The queen, my lord, is dead.

MACBETH

She should have died hereafter.
There would have been a time for such a word.

Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow.
[to the soldiers]
Arm, arm, and out!
Ring the alarum-bell! Blow, wind! come, wrack!
At least we'll die with harness on our back.

[Exit all]

[Enter Macduff with his sword drawn]

MACDUFF

Tyrant, show thy face!
If I do not kill thee
My wife and children's ghosts will haunt me still.

[Enter MACBETH]

Turn, hell-hound, turn!

MACBETH

Of all men else I have avoided thee.

[They fight]

MACBETH

I bear a charmed life, which must not yield,
To one of woman born.

MACDUFF

Despair thy charm!
Macduff was from his mother's womb
Untimely ripped!

MACBETH

Accursed be that tongue that tells me so.
Lay on, Macduff!
[They both fight and Macduff stabs Macbeth who dies]

MACDUFF *[to the audience]*

Behold, where stands
The usurper's cursed head.

We shall not spend a large expense of time
On this dead butcher and his fiend-like queen.
Receive what cheer you may,
The night is long that never finds the day.

[Enter three witches]

ALL WITCHES

Fair is foul, and foul is fair:
Hover through the fog and filthy air
Double, double toil and trouble,
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.
Something wicked this way comes!

[End]