

'When the battle's lost and won...There to meet with Macbeth'

The play opens with three witches gathering during a thunder and lightening storm. They plan to meet with Macbeth that evening.

Act 1



Act 2



'brave Macbeth--well he deserves that name'

King Duncan is told that 'brave Macbeth' has fought against the rebel forces led by Macdonald and gives Macbeth the title 'Thane of Cawdor'.

'All hail, Macbeth, thou shalt be king hereafter!'

"Thou shalt get kings, though thou be none:"

The witches prophesise that Macbeth will become King of Scotland.. They tell Banquo that his children will be kings but he will not.

'When you durst do it, then you were a man'

Macbeth struggles with his conscience and decides not to kill Duncan until Lady Macbeth calls him a coward. Macbeth decides to kill the king.

'Sleep no more! Macbeth doth murder sleep'

Macbeth returns from killing Duncan and tells Lady Macbeth he heard a voice telling him he'll 'sleep no more'.

"my hands are of your colour"

Realising Macbeth has brought the daggers with him, Lady Macbeth returns the daggers to frame the guards.

'A dagger of the mind, a false creation'

Macbeth has a vision of a bloody dagger on his way to kill Duncan.

'unsex me here and fill me... full of direst cruelty!'

Lady Macbeth reads a letter from her husband and calls on the spirits to make her more like a man so she will be capable of killing Duncan.

'Fly, good Fleance'

Banquo is killed but Fleance manages to escape.

'I fear thou play'dst most foully for't'

Banquo begins to suspect that Macbeth killed Duncan.

Act 4



Act 3



'Blood will have blood'

The ghost of Banquo sits at Macbeth's place at the banquet table. Macbeth is visibly shaken and Lady Macbeth tells the guests to leave.

'O, full of scorpions is my mind'

Lady Macbeth becomes concerned about the state of Macbeth's mind.

'Most sacrilegious murder'

Macduff discovers Duncan has been murdered. Macbeth and Lady Macbeth pretend to be innocent.

'Fear not, Macbeth'

Macbeth is over-confident about the forthcoming battle because of the witches' prophecies.

'Macduff was from his mother's womb untimely ripp'd.'

Macduff confronts Macbeth on the battlefield and reveals he was born via c-section. Macduff kills Macbeth.

Act 5



The End

'He has kill'd me, mother'

Lady Macduff and her children are murdered on Macbeth's orders.

'Out, damned spot!'

Lady Macbeth begins to sleepwalk re-enacting the murder of Duncan.

'I look'd toward Birnam, and anon, methought, The wood began to move.'

Macbeth is told that his wife is dead and a messenger arrives telling Macbeth that he has saw the wood move.

'Hail, King of Scotland!'

Malcolm is hailed as the new King of Scotland

Macbeth

Plot summary

Macbeth visits the witches and they show him three apparitions warning him to **'beware Macduff'** and that **'none of woman born shall harm Macbeth'**. They tell Macbeth that he will not be defeated until **'Great Birnam wood to high Dunsinane hill Shall come against him'**.

'A show of Eight Kings, the last with a glass in his hand; GHOST OF BANQUO following'

Macbeth demands to know more and the witches show him an apparition of eight kings following Banquo's ghost.