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## **The First Part of henry the Fourth, with the life and Death of HENRY Sirnamed HOTSPVRRE.**

**Actus Primus. Scna Prima.**

*Enter the King, Lord Iohn of Lancaster, Earle of Westmerland, with others.*  
*rem*  
*remKing.*

*SO shaken as we are, so wan with care,  
Find we a time for frighted peace to pant  
And breathe shortwinded accents of new broils  
To be commenc'd in Stronds afarre remote:  
No more the thirsty entrance of this Soile,  
Shall daub her lippes with her owne childrens blood:  
No more shall trenching Warre channell her fields,  
Nor bruise her Flowrets with the Armed hooves  
Of hostile paces. Those opposed eyes,  
Which, like the Meteors of a troubled Heauen,  
All of one Nature, of one Substance bred,  
Did lately meet in the intestine shocke,  
And furious cloze of ciuill Butchery,  
Shall now in mutuall wellbeseming rankes*

*March all one way, and be no more oppos'd  
Against Acquaintance, Kindred, and Allies.  
The edge of Warre, like an illsheathed knife,  
No more shall cut his master. Therefore Friends,  
As farre as to the Sepulcher of Christ,  
Whose Souldier now vnder whose blessed Crosse  
We are impressed and ingag'd to fight,  
Forthwith a power of English shall we lewie,  
Whose armes were moulded in their mothers wombe,  
To chase these pagans in those holy Fields,  
Ouer whose acres walk'd those blessed feete  
Which fourteene hundred yeares ago were nail'd  
For our aduantage on the bitter Crosse.  
But this our purpose is a tweluemonth old,  
And bootlesse 'tis to tell you we will go:  
Therefore we meete not now. Then let me heare  
Of you my gentle Cousin Westmerland,  
What yesternight our Councell did decree,  
In forwarding this deare expedience.*

*rem*

*remWest.*

*My Liege: This haste was hot in question,  
And many limits of the Charge set downe  
But yesternight: when all athwart there came  
A Post from Wales, loaden with heavy Newes;  
Whose worst was, That the Noble Mortimer,  
Leading the men of Herefordshire to fight  
Against the irregular and wilde Glendower,  
Was by the rude hands of that Welshman taken,  
And a thousand of his people butchered:  
Vpon whose dead corpes there was such misuse,  
Such beastly, shamelesse transformation,  
By those Welshwomen done, as may not be  
(Without much shame) retold or spoken of.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*It seems then that the tidings of this broile,  
Brake off our businesse for the Holy land.*

*rem*

*remWest.*

*This matcht with other like, my gracious Lord,*

*Farre more vneuen and vnwelcome Newes  
Came from the North, and thus it did report:  
On Holyroode Day, the gallant Hotspurre there,  
Young Harry Percy, and braue Archibald,  
That euervaliant and approoued Scot,  
At Holmeden met, where they did spend  
a sad and bloody houre:  
As by discharge of their Artillerie,  
And shape of likelyhood the newes was told;  
For he that brought them, in the very heate  
And pride of their contention did take horse,  
Vncertaine of the issue any way.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Heere is a deere, and true industrious friend,  
Sir Walter Blunt, new lighted from his Horse,  
Strain'd with the variation of each soyle,  
Betwixt that Holmoden and this Seat of ours:  
And he hath brought vs smooth and welcomes newes.  
The Earle of Dowglas is discomfited,  
Ten thousand bold Scots, two and twenty Knights  
Balk'd in their owne blood did Sir Walter see  
On Holmedons Plaines. Of Prisoners, Hotspurre tooke  
Mordake Earle of Fife, and eldest sonne  
To beaten Dowglas, and the Earle of Atholl,  
Of Murry, Angus, and Menteith.  
And is not this an honourable spoyle?  
A gallant prize? Ha Cosin, is it not? Infaith it is.*

*rem*

*remWest.*

*A Conquest for a prince to boast of.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Yea, there thou mak'st me sad, & mak'st me sin,  
In enuy that my Lord Northumberland  
Should be the Father of so blest a Sonne:  
A Sonne, who is the Theame of Honors tongue;  
Among'st a Groue, the very straightest Plant,  
Who is sweet Fortunes Minion, and her Pride:  
Whil'st I by looking on the praise of him,  
See Ryot and Dishonor staine the brow*

*Of my yong Harry. O that it could be prou'd,  
That some NightrippingFaiery, had exchang'd  
In Cradleclothes, our Children where they lay,  
And call'd mine Perey Percy , his Plantagenet:  
Then would I haue his Harry, and he mine:  
But let him from my thoughts. What thinke you Coze  
Of this young Percies pride? The Prisoners  
Which he in this aduenture hath surpriz'd,  
To his owne use he keepes, and sends me word  
I shall haue none but Mordake Earle of Fife.*

*rem*

*remWest.*

*This is his Vnckles teaching. This is Worcester  
Maleuolent to you in all Aspects:  
Which makes him prune himselfe, and bristle vp  
The crest of Youth against your Dignity.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*But I haue sent for him to answer this:  
And for this cause awhile we must neglect  
Our holy purpose to Ierusalem.  
Cosin, on Wednesday next, our Councell we will hold  
At Windsor, and so informe the Lords:  
But come your selfe with speed to vs againe,  
For more is to be said, and to be done,  
Then out of anger can be uttered.*

*rem*

*remWest.*

*I will my Liege.*

*Exeunt.*

## **Scna Secunda.**

*Enter Henry Prince of Wales, Sir Iohn Fal staffe, and Pointz.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Now Hal, what time of day is it Lad?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Thou art so fatwitted with drinking of olde Sacke, and vnbuttoning thee after Supper, and sleeping vpon Benches in the afternoone, that thou hast forgotten to demand that truely, which thou wouldest truly know. What a diuell hast thou thou to do with the time of the day? vnlesse houres were cups of Sacke, and minutes Capons, and clocks the tongues of Bawdes, and dialls the signes of Leapinghouses, and the blessed Sunne himselve a faire hot Wench in Flamecoloured Taffata; I see no reason why thou shouldest bee so superfluous, to demaund the time of the day.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Indeed you come neere me now Hal, for we that take Purses, go by the Moone and seuen Starres, and not by Phoebus hee, that wand'ring Knight so faire. And I prythee sweet Wagge, when thou art King, as God saue thy Grace, Maiesty I should say, for Grace thou wilte haue none.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*What, none?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*No, not so much as will serue to be Prologue to an Egge and Butter.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Well, how then? Come, roundly, roundly.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Marry, then, sweet Wagge, when thou art King, let not vs that are Squires of the Nights bodie, bee call'd Theeues of the Dayes beautie. Let vs be Dianaes Forre sters, Gentlemen of the Shade, Minions of the Moone; and let men say, we be men of good Goernment, being gouerned as the Sea is, by our noble and chast mistris the Moone, vnder whose countenance we steale.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Thou say'st well, and it holds well too; for the fortune of vs that are the Moones men, doeth ebbe and flow like the Sea, being gouerned as the Sea is, by the Moone: as for prooffe. Now a Purse of Gold most reso lutely snatch'd on Monday night and most dissolutely spent on Tuesday Morning; got with swearing, Lay by: and spent with crying, Bring in: now, in as low an ebbe as the foot of the Ladder, and by and by in as high a flow as the ridge of the Gallowes.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Thou say'st true Lad: and is not my Hostesse of the Tauerne a most sweet Wench?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*As the honey, my old Lad of the Castle: and is not a Buffe Ierkin a most sweet robe of durance?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*How now? how now mad Wagge? What in thy quips and thy quiddities? What a plague haue I to doe with a BuffeJerkin?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Why, what a poxe haue I to doe with my Ho stesse of the Tauerne?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Well, thou hast call'd her to a reck'ning many a time and oft.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Did I euer call for thee to pay thy part?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*No, Ile giue thee thy due, thou hast paid al there.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Yea and elsewhere, so farre as my Coine would stretch, and where it would not, I haue vs'd my credit.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Yea, and so vs'd it, that were it not heere apparant, that thou art Heire apparant. But I prythee sweet Wag, shall there be Gallowes standing in England when thou art King? and resolution thus fobb'd as it is, with the ru stie curbe of old Father Anticke the Law? Doe not thou when thou art a King, hang a Theefe.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*No, thou shalt.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Shall I? O rare! Ile be a Lord, I'll be a braue Iudge.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Thou iudgest false already. I mean, thou shalt haue the hanging of the Theeues, and so become a rare Hangman.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Well Hal, well: and in some sort it iumpes with my humour, as well as waiting in the Court, I can tell you.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*For obtaining of suites?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Yea, for obtaining of suites, whereof the Hang man hath no leane Wardrobe. I am as Melancholly as a GybCat, or a lugg'd Beare.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Or an old Lyon, or a Louers Lute.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Yea, or the Drone of a Lincolnshire Bagpipe.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*What say'st thou to a Hare, or the Melancholly of MooreDitch?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Thou hast the most vnsauoury smiles, and art in deed the most comparatiue rascallest  
sweet yon<http://www.gofugyourself.com/miranda-kerr-recent-candid-07-2014/miranda-kerr-puts-her-tiny-waist-on-display-usa-only> Prince. But, Hal, I prythee trouble me  
no more with vanity, I wold thou and I knew, where a Commodity of good names  
were to be bought: an olde Lord of the Councell rated me the other day in the street  
about you sir; but I mark'd him not, and yet hee talk'd very wisely, but I regarded  
him not, and yet he talkt wisely, and in the street too.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Thou didst well: for no man regards it.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*O, thou hast damn1ble iteration, and art indeede able to corrupt a Saint. Thou hast  
done much harme vn to me Hall, God forgiue thee for it. Before I knew thee Hal, I  
knew nothing: and now am I am (if a man shold speake truly) little better then one  
of the wicked. I must giue o uer this life, and I will giue it ouer: and I do not, I am  
a Villaine. Ile be damn'd for neuer a Kings sonne in Chri stendome.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Where shall we take a purse to morrow, Iacke?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Where thou wilt, Lad! Ile make one: and I doe not, call me Villaine, and baffle me.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I see a good amendment of life in thee: From*

*Praying, to Pursetaking.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Why, Hal, 'tis my Vocation Hal: 'Tis no sin for a man to labour in his Vocation.*

*rem*

*remPointz.*

*Now shall we know if Gads hill haue set a Watch. O, if men were to be saued by  
merit, what hole in Hell were hot enough for him? This is the most omni potent  
Villaine, that euer cryed, Stand, to a true man.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Good morrow Ned.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Good morrow sweet Hal. What saies Mon sieur Remorse? What sayes Sir Iohn Sacke and Sugar: Iacke? How agrees the Diuell and thee about thy Soule, that thou soldest him on GoodFriday last, for a Cup of Madera, and a cold Capons legge?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Sir Iohn stands to his word, the diuel shall haue his bargaine, for he was neuer yet a Breaker of Prouerbs: He will give the diuell his due.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Then art thou damn'd for keeping thy word with the diuell.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Else he had damn'd for cozening the diuell.*

*rem*

*remPoy.*

*But my Lads, my Lads, to morrow morning, by foure a clocke early at Gads hill, there are Pilgrimes go ing to Canterbury with rich Offerings, and Traders ri ding to London with fat Purses. I haue vizards for you all; you haue horses for your selues: Gadshill lyes to night in Rochester, I haue bespoke Supper to morrow in Eastcheape; we may doe it as secure as sleepe: if you will go, I will stuffe your Purses full of Crownes: if you will not, tarry at home and be hang'd.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Heare ye Yedward, if I tarry at home and go not, Ile hang you for going.*

*rem*

*remPoy.*

*You will chops.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Hal, wilt thou make one?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Who, I rob? I a Theefe? Not I.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*There's neither honesty, manhood, nor good fel lowship in thee, nor thou cam'st not of the bloodroyall, if thou dar'st not stand for ten shillings.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Well then, once in my dayes Ile be a madcap.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Why, that's well said.*

*rem*



*remPrin.*

*Well, come what will, Ile tarry at home.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Ile be a Traitor then, when thou art King. An ink mark follows the end of this line.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I care not.*

*rem*

*remPoyn.*

*Sir Iohn, I prythee leaue the Prince & me alone, I will lay him downe such reasons  
for this aduventure, that he shall go.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Well, maist thou haue the Spirit of perswasion; and he the cares of profiting, that  
what thou speakest, may moue; and what he heares may be beleued, that the true  
Prince, may (for recreation sake) proue a false theefe; for the poore abuses of the  
time, want countenance. Far well, you shall finde me in Eastcheape.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Farwell the latter Spring. Farewell Alhollown Summer.*

*rem*

*remPoy.*

*Now, my good sweet Hony Lord, ride with vs to morrow. I haue a iest to execute,  
that I cannot man nage alone. Falstaffe, Haruey, Rossill, and Gadshill, shall robbe  
those men that wee haue already waylayde, your selfe and I, wil not be there: and  
when they haue the boo ty, if you and I do not rob them, cut this head from my  
shoulders.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*But how shal we part with them in setting forth?*

*rem*

*remPoyn.*

*Why, we wil set forth before or after them, and appoint them a place of meeting,  
wherin it is at our plea sure to faile; and then will they aduventure vppon the ex ploit  
rhemselues themselues, which they shall haue no sooner atchie ued, but wee'l set  
vpon them.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I, but tis like that they will know vs by our horses, by our habits, and by euery other  
appointment to be our selues.*

*rem*

*remPoy.*

*Tut our horses they shall not see, Ile tye them in the wood, our vizards wee will  
change after wee leaue them: and sirah, I haue Cases of Buckram for the nonce, to  
immaske our noted outward garments.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*  
*But I doubt they will be too hard for vs.*

*rem*  
*remPoin.*  
*Well for two of them, I know them to bee as true bred Cowards as euer turn'd backe:  
and for the third if he fight longer then he sees reason, Ile forswear Armes. The  
vertue of this Iest will be, the incomprehensible lyes that this fat Rogue will tell vs,  
when we meete at Supper: how thirty at least he fought with, what Wardes, what  
blowes, what extremities he endured; and in the reproofe of this, lyes the iest.*

*rem*  
*remPrin.*  
*Well, Ile goe with thee, prouide vs all things necessary, and meete me to morrow  
night in Eastcheape, there Ile sup. Farewell.*

*rem*  
*remPoyn.*  
*Farewell, my Lord.*

*Exit Pointz*

*rem*  
*remPrin.*  
*I know you all, and will awhile vphold  
The vnyoak'd humor of your idlenesse:  
Yet heerein will I imitate the Sunne,  
Who doth permit the base contagious cloudes  
To smother vp his Beauty from the world,  
That when he please againe to be himselfe,  
Being wanted, he may be more wondred at,  
By breaking through the foule and vgly mists  
Of vapours, that did seeme to strangle him.  
If all the yeare were playing holidaiies,  
To sport, would be as tedious as to worke;  
But when they seldome come, they wishtfor come,  
And nothing pleaseth but rare accidents.  
So when this loose behaiour I throw off,  
And pay the debt I neuer promised;  
By how much better then my word I am,  
By so much shall I falsifie mens hopes,  
And like bright Mettall on a sullen ground:  
My reformation glittering o're my fault,  
Shall shew more goodly, and attract more eyes,  
Then that which hath no soyle to set it off.  
Ile so offend, to make offence a skill,  
Redeeming time, when men thinke least I will.*

**Scna Tertia.**

*Enter the King, Northumberland, Worcester, Hotspurre, Sir Walter Blunt, and  
others.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*My blood hath beene too cold and temperate,  
Vnapt to stirre at these indignities,  
And you haue found me; for accordingly,  
You tread vpon my patience: But be sure,  
I will from henceforth rather be my Selfe,  
Mighty, and to be fear'd, then my condition  
Which hath beene smooth as Oyle, soft as yong Downe,  
And therefore lost that Title of respect,  
Which the proud soule ne're payes, but to the proud.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*Our house (my Soueraigne Liege) little deserues  
The scourge of greatnesse to be used on it,  
And that same greatnesse too, which our owne hands  
Haue holpe to make so portly.*

*rem*

*remNor.*

*My Lord.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Worcester get thee gone: for I do see  
Danger and disobedience in thine eye.  
O sir, your presence is too bold and peremptory,  
And Maiestie might neuer yet endure  
The moody Frontier of a seruant brow,  
You haue good leaue to leaue vs. When we need  
Your use and counsell, we shall send for you.  
You were about to speake.*

*rem*

*remNorth.*

*Yea, my good Lord.  
Those Prisoners in your Highnesse demanded,  
Which Harry Percy heere at Holmedon tooke,  
Were (as he sayes) not with such strength denied  
As was deliuered to your Maiesty:  
Who either through enuy, or misprision,  
Was guilty of this fault; and not my Sonne.*

rem  
remHot.  
My Liege, I did deny no Prisoners.  
But, I remember when the fight was done,  
When I was dry with Rage, and extreame Toyle,  
Breathlesse, and Faint, leaning vpon my Sword,  
Came there a certaine Lord, neat and trimly drest;  
Fresh as a Bridegroom, and his Chin new reapt,  
Shew'd like a stubble Land at Haruest home.  
He was perfumed like a Milliner,  
And 'twixt his Finger and his Thumbe, he held  
A Pouncetbox: which euer and anon  
He gaue his Nose, and took't away againe:  
Who therewith angry, when it next came there,  
Tooke it in Snuffe: And still he smil'd and talk'd:  
And as the Souldiers bare dead bodies by,  
He call'd them vntaught Knaues, Vnmannerly,  
To bring a slouely vnhandsome Coarse  
Betwixt the Winde, and his Nobility.  
With many Holiday and Lady tearme  
He question'd me: Among the rest, demanded  
My Prisoners, in your Maiesties behalfe.  
I then, allsmarting, with my wounds being cold,  
(To be so pestered with a Poppingay)  
Out of my Greefe, and my Impatience,  
Answer'd (neglectingly) I know not what,  
He should, or should not: For he made me mad,  
To see him shine so briske, and smell so sweet,  
And talke so like a Waiting Gentlewoman,  
Of Guns, & Drums, and Wounds: God saue the marke;  
And telling me, the Soueraign'st thing on earth  
Was Parmacity, for an inward bruise:  
And that it was great pittie, so it was,  
That villanous Saltpeter should be digg'd  
Out of the Bowels of the harmlesse Earth,  
Which many a good Tall Fellow had destroy'd  
So Cowardly. And but for these vile Gunnes,  
He would himselfe haue bene a Souldier.  
This bald, vniointed Chat of his (my Lord)  
Made me to answer indirectly (as I said.)

*And I beseech you, let not this report  
Come currant for an Accusation,  
Betwixt my Loue, and your high Maiesty.*

*rem*

*remBlunt.*

*The circumstance considered, good my Lord,  
What euer Harry Percie then had said,  
To such a person, and in such a place,  
At such a time, with all the rest retold,  
May reasonably dye, and neuer rise  
To do him wrong, or any way impeach  
What then he said, so he vnsay it now.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Why yet doth deny his Prisoners,  
But with Prouiso and Exception,  
That we at our owne charge, shall ransome straight  
His BrotherinLaw, the foolish Mortimer,  
Who (in my soule) hath wilfully betraid  
The liues of those, that he did leade to Fight,  
Against the great Magitian, damn'd Glendower:  
Whole daughter (as we heare) the Earle of March  
Hath lately married. Shall our Coffers then,  
Be emptied, to redeeme a Traitor home?  
Shall we buy Treason? and indent with Feares,  
When they haue lost and forfeited themselues.  
No: on the barren Mountaine let him sterue;  
For I shall neuer hold that man my Friend, An ink mark follows the end of this  
line.*

*Whose tongue shall aske me for one peny cost  
To1ransome home reuolted Mortimer.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Reuolted Mortimer?*

*He neuer did sail off, my Soueraigne Liege,  
But by the chance of Warre: to proue that true,  
Needs no more but one tongue. For all those Wounds,  
Those mouthed Wounds, which valiantly he tooke,  
When on the gentle Seuernes siedgie banke,  
In single Opposition hand to hand,  
He did confound the best part of an houre*

*In changing hardiment with great Glendower:  
Three times they breath'd, and three times did they drink  
Vpon agreement, of swift Seuernes flood;  
Who then affrighted with their bloody lookes,  
Ran fearefully among the trembling Reeds,  
And hid his criskehead in the hollow banke,  
Bloodstained with these Valiant Combatants.  
Neuer did base and rotten Policy  
Colour her working with such deadly wounds;  
Nor neuer could the Noble Mortimer  
Receiue so many, and all willingly:  
Then let him not be sland'red with Reuolt.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Thou do'st bely him Percy, thou dost bely him;  
He neuer did encounter with Glendower:  
I tell thee, he durst as well haue met the diuell alone,  
As Owen Glendower for an enemy.  
Art thou not asham'd? But Sirrah, henceforth  
Let me not heare you speake of Mortimer.  
Send me your Prisoners with the speediest meanes,  
Or you shall heare in such a kinde from me  
As will displease ye. My Lord Northumberland,  
We License your departure with your sonne,  
Send vs your Prisoners, or you'l heare of it.*

*Exit King.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*And if the diuell come and roare for them  
I will not send them. I will after straight  
And tell him so: for I will ease my heart,  
Although it be with hazard of my head.*

*rem*

*remNor.*

*What? drunke with choller? stay & pause a while,  
Heere comes your Vnckle.*

*Enter Worcester.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Speake of Mortimer?*

*Yes, I will speake of him, and let my soule  
Want mercy, if I do not ioyne with him.  
In his behalfe, Ile empty all these Veines,  
And shed my deere blood drop by drop i'th dust,  
But I will lift the downfall Mortimer  
As high i'th Ayre, as this Vnthankfull King,  
As rhis Ingrate and Cankred Bullingbrooke.*

*rem*

*remNor.*

*Brother, the King hath made your Nephew mad*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*Who strooke this heate vp after I was gone?*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*He will (forsooth) haue all my Prisoners:*

*And when I vrg'd the ransom once againe  
Of my Wiues Brother, then his cheeke look'd pale,  
And on my face he turn'd an eye of death,  
Trembling even at the name of Mortimer.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*I cannot blame him: was he not proclaim'd*

*By Richard that dead is, the next of blood?*

*rem*

*remNor.*

*He was: I heard the Proclamation,*

*And then it was, when the vnhappy King  
(Whose wrongs in vs God pardon) did set forth  
Vpon his Irish Expedition:  
From whence he intercepted, did returne  
To be depos'd, and shortly murdered.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*And for whose death, we in the worlds wide mouth*

*Liue scandaliz'd, snd fouly spoken of.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*But soft I pray you; did King Richard then*

*Proclaime my brother Mortimer,*

*Heyre to the Crowne?*

*rem*

*remNor.*

*He did, my selfe did heare it.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Nay then I cannot blame his Cousin King,  
That wish'd him on the barren Mountaines staru'd.  
But shall it be, that you that set the Crowne  
Vpon the head of this forgetfull man,  
And for his sake, wore the detested blot  
Of murtherous subornation? Shall it be,  
That you a world of curses vndergoe,  
Being the Agents, or base second meanes,  
The Cords, the Ladder, or the Hangman rather?  
O pardon, if that I descend so low,  
To shew the Line, and the Predicament  
Wherein you range vnder this subtill King.  
Shall it for shame, be spoken in these dayes,  
Or fill vp Chronicles in time to come,  
That men of your Nobility and Power,  
Did gage them both in an vniust behalfe  
(As Both of you, God pardon it, haue done)  
To put downe Richard, that sweet louely Rose,  
And plant this Thorne, this Canker Bullingbrooke?  
And shall it in more shame be further spoken,  
That you are fool'd, discarded, and shooke off  
By him, for whom these shames ye vnder went?  
No: yet time serues, wherein you may redeeme  
Your banish'd Honors, and restore your selues  
Into the good Thoughts of the world againe.  
Reuenge the geering and disdain'd contempt  
Of this proud King, who studies day and night  
To answer all the Debt the owes vnto you,  
Euen with the bloody Payment of your deaths:  
Therefore I say*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*Peace Cousin, say no more.  
And now I will vnclaspe a Secret booke,  
And to your quicke conceyuing Discontents,  
Ile reade you Matter, deepe and dangerous,  
As full of perill and aduenturous Spirit,*



*As to o'rewalke a Current, roaring loud  
On the vnstedfast footing of a Speare.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*If he fall in, good night, or sinke or swimme:  
Send danger from the East vnto the West,  
So Honor crosse it from the North to South,  
And let them grapple: The blood more stirres  
To rowze a Lyon, then to start a Hare.*

*rem*

*remNor.*

*Imagination of some great exploit,  
Driues him beyond the bounds of Patience.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*By heauen, me thinkes it were an easie leap,  
To plucke bright Honor from the palefac'd Moone,  
Or diue into the bottome of the deepe,  
Where Fadomeline could neuer touch the ground,  
And plucke vp drowned Honor by the Lockes:  
So he that doth redeeme her thence, might weare  
Without Coriuall, all her Dignities:  
But out vpon this halfefac'd Fellowship.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*He apprehends a World of Figures here,  
But not the forme of what he should attend:  
Good Cousin giue me audience for awhile,  
And list to me.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*I cry you mercy.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*Those same Noble Scottes  
That are your Prisoners.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Ile keepe them all.*

*By heauen, he shall not haue a Scot of them:  
No, if a Scot would saue his Soule, he shall not.  
Ile keepe them, by this Hand.*

*rem*

*remWor.*  
You start away,  
    And lend no eare vnto my purposes.  
    Those Prisoners you shall keepe.

*rem*  
*remHot.*  
Nay, I will; that's flat:  
    He said, he would not ransom Mortimer:  
    Forbad my tongue to speake of Mortimer.  
    But I will finde him when he lyes asleepe,  
    And in his eare, Ile holla Mortimer.  
    Nay, Ile haue a Starling shall be taught to speake  
    Nothing but Mortimer, and giue it him,  
    To keepe his anger still in motion.

*rem*  
*remWor.*  
Heare you Cousin: a word.

*rem*  
*remHot.*  
All studies heere I solemnly defie,  
    Saue how to gall and pinch this Bullingbrooke,  
    And that same Sword and Buckler Prince of Wales.  
    But that I thinke his Father loues him not,  
    And would be glad he met with some mischance,  
    I would haue poyson'd him with a pot of Ale.

*rem*  
*remWor.*  
Farewell Kinsman: Ile talke to you  
    When you are better temper'd to attend.

*rem*  
*remNor.*  
Why what a Waspetongu'd & impatient foole  
    Art thou, to breake into this Womans mood,  
    Tying thine eare to no tongue but thine owne?

*rem*  
*remHot.*  
Why look you, I am whipt & scourg'd with rods,  
    Netled, and stung with Pismires, when I heare  
    Of this vile Politician Bullingbrooke.  
    In Richards time: What de'ye call the place?  
    A plague vpon't, it is in Gloustershi1e:  
    'Twas, where the madcap Duke his Vncle kept,  
    His Vncle Yorke, where I first bow'd my knee

*Vnto this King of Smiles, this Bullingbrooke:*

*When you and he came backe from Rauenspurg.*

*rem*

*remNor.*

*At Barkley Castle.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*You say true:*

*Why what a caudie deale of curtesie,*

*This fawning Greyhound then did proffer me.*

*Looke when his infant Fortune came to age,*

*And gentle Harry Percy, and kinde Cousin:*

*O, the Diuell take such Couzeners, God forgiue me,*

*Good Vncle tell your tale, for I haue done.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*Nay, if you haue not, too't againe,*

*Wee'l stay your leysure.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*I haue done insooth.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*Then once more to your Scottish Prisoners.*

*Deliuier them vp without their ransome staight,*

*And make the Dowglas sonne your onely meane*

*For powres in Scotland: which for diuers reasons*

*Which I shall send you written, be assur'd*

*Will easily be granted you, my Lord.*

*Your Sonne in Scotland being thus impl1y'd,*

*Shall secretly into the bosome creepe*

*Of that same noble Prelate, well belou'd,*

*The Archbishop.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Of Yorke, is't not?*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*True, who beares hard*

*His Brothers death at Bristow, the Lord Scroope.*

*I speake not this in estimation,*

*As what I thinke might be, but what I know*

*Is ruminated, plotted, and set downe,*

*And onely stayes but to behold the face  
Of that occasion that shall bring it on.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*I smell it:*

*Vpon my life, it will do wond'rous well.*

*rem*

*remNor.*

*Before the game's afoot, thou still let'st slip.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Why, it cannot choose but be a Noble plot,  
And then the power of Scotland, and of Yorke  
To ioyne with Mortimer, Ha.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*And so they shall.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Infaith it is exceedingly well aym'd.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*And 'tis no little reason bids vs speed,  
To saue our heads, by raising of a Head:  
For, beare our selues as euen as we can,  
The King will alwayes thinke him in our debt,  
And thinke, we thinke our selues vnsatisfied;  
Till he hath found a time to pay vs home.  
And see already, how he doth beginne  
To make vs strengers to his lookes of loue.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*He does, he does; wee'l be reueng'd on him.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*Cousin, farewell. No further go in this,  
Then I by Letters shall direct your course  
When time is ripe, which will be sodainly:  
Ile steale to Glendower, and loe, Mortimer,  
Where you, and Dowglas, and our poures at once,  
As I will fashion it, shall happily meete,  
To beare our fortunes in our owne strong armes,  
Which now we hold at much vncertainty.*

*rem*

*remNor.*

*Farewell good Brother, we shall thriue, I trust.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Vncle, adieu: O let the houres be short,*

*Till fields, and blowes, and grones, applaud our sport.*

*exit*

## Actus Secundus. Scena Prima.

*Enter a Carrier with a Lanterne in his hand.*

*rem*

*rem1. Car.*

*Heighho, an't be not foure by the day, Ile be hang'd. Charles waine is ouer the new  
Chimney, and yet our horse not packt. What Ostler?*

*rem*

*remOst.*

*Anon, anon.*

*rem*

*rem1. Car.*

*I prethee Tom, beate Cuts Saddle, put a few Flockes in the point: the poore Iade is  
wring in the wi thers, out of all cesse.*

*Enter another Carrier.*

*rem*

*rem2. Car.*

*Pease and Beanes are as danke here as a Dog, and this is the next way to giue poore  
Iades the Bottes: This house is turned vpside downe since Robin the Ostler dyed.*

*rem*

*rem1. Car.*

*Poore fellow neuer ioy'd since the price of oats rose, it was the death of him.*

*rem*

*rem2. Car.*

*I thinke this is the most villanous house in al London rode for Fleas: I am stung like  
a Tench.*

*rem*

*rem1. Car.*

*Like a Tench? There is ne're a King in Chri stendome, could be better bit, then I  
haue beene since the first Cocke.*

*rem*

*rem2. Car.*

*Why, you will allow vs ne're a1Iourden, and then we leake in your Chimney: and  
your Chamberlye breeds Fleas like a Loach.*

*rem*

*rem1. Car.*

*What Ostler, come away, and be hangd: come away.*

*rem*

*rem2. Car.*

*I haue a Gammon of Bacon, and two razes of Ginger, to be deliuered as farre as Charingcrosse.*

*rem*

*rem1. Car.*

*The Turkies in my Pannier are quite starued. What Ostler? A plague on thee, hast thou neuer an eye in thy head? Can'st not heare? And t'were not as good a deed as drinke, to break the pate of thee, I am a very Vil laine. Come and be hang'd, hast no faith in thee?*

*Enter Gadshill.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*Goodmorrow Carriers. What's a clocke?*

*rem*

*remCar.*

*I thinke it be two a clocke.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*I prethee lend me thy Lanthome to see my Gel ding in the stable.*

*rem*

*rem1. Car.*

*Nay soft I pray ye, I know a trick worth two of that.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*I prethee lend me thine.*

*rem*

*rem2. Car.*

*I, when, canst tell? Lend mee thy Lanthorne (quoth a) marry Ile see thee hang'd first.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*Sirra Carrier: What time do you mean to come to London?*

*rem*

*rem2. Car.*

*Time enough to goe to bed with a Candle, I warrant thee. Come neighbour Mugges, wee'll call vp the Gentlemen, they will along with company, for they haue great charge.*

*Exeunt*

*Enter Chamberlaine.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*What ho, Chamberlaine?*

*rem*

*remCham.*

*At hand quoth Pickpurse.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*That's euen as faire, as at hand quoth the Cham berlaine: For thou variest no more from picking of Pur ses, then giuing direction, doth from labouring. Thou lay'st the plot, how.*

*rem*

*remCham.*

*Good morrow Master GadsHill, it holds cur rant that I told you yesternight. There's a Franklin in the wilde of Kent, hath brought three hundred Markes with him in Gold: I heard him tell it to one of his company last night at Supper; a kinde of Auditor, one that hath abun dance of charge too (God knowes what) they are vp al ready, and call for Egges and Butter. They will away presently.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*Sirra, if they meete not with Saint<sup>1</sup> Nicholas Clarks, Ile giue thee this necke.*

*rem*

*remCham.*

*No, Ile none of it: I prythee keep that for the Hangman, for I know thou worshipst Saint<sup>2</sup> Nicholas as tru ly as a man of falshood may.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*What talkest thou to me of the Hangman? If I hang, Ile make a fat payre of Gallowes. For, if I hang, old Sir Iohn hangs with mee, and thou know'st hee's no Starueling. Tut, there are other Troians that yu dream'st not of, the which (for sport sake) are content to doe the Profession some grace; that would (if matters should bee look'd into) for their owne Credit sake, make all Whole. I am ioyned with no FootlandRakers, no Longstaffe sixpenny strikers, none of these mad Mustachiopurple hu'dMaltwormes, but with Nobility, and Tranquilitie; Bourgomasters, and great Oneyers, such as can holde in, such as will strike sooner then speake; and speake sooner then drinke, and drinke sooner then pray: and yet I lye, for they pray continually vnto their Saint the Common wealth; or rather, not to pray to her, but prey on her: for they ride vp & downe on her, and make hir their Boots.*

*rem*

*remCham.*

*What, the Commonwealth their Bootes? Will she hold out water in foule way?*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*She will, she will; Iustice hath liquor'd her. We steale as in a Castle, cocksure: we haue the receipt of Fern seede, we walke inuisible.*

*rem*

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<sup>1</sup>S.

<sup>2</sup>S.

*remCham.*

*Nay, I thinke rather, you are more beholding to the Night, then to the Fernseed, for your walking in uisible.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*Giue me thy hand.*

*Thou shalt haue a share in our purpose,*

*As I am a true man.*

*rem*

*remCham.*

*Nay, rather let mee haue it, as you are a false Theefe.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*Goe too: Homo is a common name to all men. Bid the Ostler bring the Gelding out of the stable. Fare well, ye muddy Knaue.*

*Exeunt.*

## **Scna Secunda.**

*Enter Prince, Poynes, and Peto.*

*rem*

*remPoynes.*

*Come shelter, shelter, I haue remoued Falstafs Horse, and he frets like a gum'd Veluet.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Stand close.*

*Enter Falstaffe.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Poynes, Poynes, and be hang'd Poynes.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Peace ye fatkidney'd Rascall, what a brawling dost thou keepe.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*What Poynes. Hal?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*He is walk'd vp to the top of the hill, Ile go seek him.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*I am accurst to rob in that Theefe company: that Rascall hath remoued my Horse, and tied him I know not where. If I trauell but foure foot by the squire further a*



*foote, I shall breake my winde. Well, I doubt not but to dye a faire death for all this, if I scape hanging for kil ling that Rogue, I haue forsworne his company hourelly any time this two and twenty yeare, & yet I am bewicht with the Rogues company. If the Rascall haue not giuen me medicines to make me loue him, Ile be hang'd; it could not be else: I haue drunke Medicines. Poines, Hal, a Plague vpon you both. Bardolph, Peto: Ile starue ere I rob a foote further. And 'twere not as good a deede as to drinke, to turne Trueman, and to leaue these Rogues, I am the veriest Varlet that euer chewed with a Tooth. Eight yards of vneuen ground, is threescore & ten miles afoot with me: and the stonyhearted Villaines knowe it well enough, A plague vpon't, when Theeues cannot be true one to another.*

*They Whistle.*

*Whew: a plague light vpon you all. Giue my Horse you Rogues: giue me my Horse, and be hang'd.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Peace ye fat guttes, lye downe, lay thine eare close to the ground, and list if thou can heare the tread of Trauellers.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Haue you any Leauers to lift me vp again being downe? Ile not beare mine owne flesh so far afoot again, for all the coine in thy Fathers Exchequer. What a plague meane ye to colt me thus?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Thou ly'st, thou art not colted, thou art vncolted.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*I prethee good Prince Hal, help me to my horse, good Kings sonne.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Out you Rogue, shall I be your Ostler?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Go hang thy selfe in thine owne heireapparant Garters: If I be tane, Ile peach for this: and I haue not Ballads made on all, snd sung to filthy tunes, let a Cup of Sacke be my poyson: when a iest is so forward, & a foote too, I hate it.*

*Enter Gadshill.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*Stand.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*So I do against my will.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*O 'tis our Setter, I know his voyce: Bardolfe, what newes?*

*rem*

*remBar.*

*Case ye, case ye; on with your Vizards, there's mony of the Kings comming downe  
the hill, 'tis going to the Kings Exchequer.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*You lie you rogue, 'tis going to the Kings Tauern.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*There's enough to make us all.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*To he be hang'd.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*You foure shall front them in the narrow Lane: Ned and I, will walke lower; if they  
scape from your en counter, then they light on vs.*

*rem*

*remPeto.*

*But how many be of them?*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*Some eight or ten.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Will they not rob vs?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*What, a Coward Sir Iohn Paunch?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Indeed I am not Iohn of Gaunt your Grandfather; but yet no Coward, Hal.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Wee'l leaue that to the prooffe.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Sirra Iacke, thy horse stands behinde the hedg, when thou need'st him, there thou  
shalt finde him. Fare well, and stand fast.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Now cannot I strike him, if I should be hang'd.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Ned, where are our disguises?*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Heere hard by: Stand close.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Now my Masters, happy man be his dole, say I: euery man to his businesse.*

*Enter Trauellers.*

*rem*

*remTra.*

*Come Neighbor: the boy shall leade our Horses downe the hill: Wee'l walke afoot a while, and ease our Legges.*

*rem*

*remTheeues.*

*Stay.*

*rem*

*remTra.*

*Iesu blesse vs.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Strike: down with them, cut the villains throats; a whorson Caterpillars: Baconfed Knaues, they hate vs youth; downe with them, fleece them.*

*rem*

*remTra.*

*O, we are vndone, both we and ours for euer.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Hang ye gorbellied knaues, are you vndone? No ye Fat Chuffes, I would your store were heere. On Ba cons, on, what ye knaues? Yong men must liue, you are Grand Iurers, are ye? Wee'l iure ye ifaith.*

*Heere they rob them, and binde them. Enter the Prince and Poines.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*The Theeues haue bound the Truemen: Now could thou and I rob the Theeues, and go merily to Lon don, it would be argument for a Weeke, Laughter for a Moneth, and a good iest for euer.*

*rem*

*remPoynes.*

*Stand close, I heare them comming.*

*Enter Theeues againe.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Come my Masters, let vs share, and then to horsse before day: and the Prince and Poynes bee not two ar rand Cowards, there's no equity stirring. There's no moe valour in that Poynes, than in a wilde Ducke.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*  
*Your money.*  
*rem*  
*remPoin.*  
*Villaines.*

*As they are sharing, the Prince and Poynes set upon them. They all run away,  
leaving the booty behind them.*

*rem*  
*remPrince.*  
*Got with much ease. Now merrily to Horse: The Theeues are scattred, and possest  
with fear so strong ly, that they dare not meet each other: each takes his fel low for  
an Officer. Away good Ned, Falstaffe sweates to death, and Lards the leane earth as  
he walkes along: wer't not for laughing, I should pittie him.*

*rem*  
*remPoin.*  
*How the Rogue roar'd.*

*Exeunt.*

### **Scna Tertia.**

*Enter Hotspurre solus, reading a Letter.*

*But for mine owne part, my Lord, I could bee well contented to be there, in  
respect of the loue I beare your house. He could be contented: Why is he not then?  
in respect of the loue he beares our house. He shewes in this, he loues his owne  
Barne better then he loues our house. Let me see some more. The purpose you  
undertake is dangerous. Why that's certaine: 'Tis dangerous to take a Colde, to  
sleepe, to drinke: but I tell you (my Lord foole) out of this Nettle, Danger; we plucke  
this Flower, Safety. The purpose you undertake is dangerous, the Friends you haue  
na med vncertaine, the Time it selfe vnsorted, and your whole Plot too light, for  
the counterpoize of so great an Opposition. Say you so, say you so: I say vnto you  
againe, you are a shallow cowardly Hinde, and you Lye. What a lacke braine is  
this? I protest, our plot is as good a plot as euer was laid; our Friend true and  
constant: A good Plotte, good Friends, and full of expectation: An excellent plot,  
very good Friends. What a Frostyspirited rogue is this? Why, my Lord of Yorke  
commends the plot, and the generall course of the action. By this hand, if I were  
now by this Rascall, I could braine him with his Ladies Fan. Is there not my Father,  
my Vnckle, and my Selfe, Lord Edmund Mortimer, my Lord of Yorke, and Owen  
Glendour? Is there not besides, the Dowglas? Haue I not all their let ters, to meete  
me in Armes by the ninth of the next Mo neth? and are they not some of them set  
forward already? What a Pagan Rascall is this? An Infidell. Ha, you shall see now  
in very sincerity of Feare and Cold heart, will he to the King, and lay open all our  
proceedings. O, I could diuide my selfe, and go to buffets, for mouing such a dish of  
skim'd Milk with so honourable an Action. Hang him, let him tell the King we are  
prepared. I will set forwards, to night.*

*Enter his Lady.*

*How now Kate, I must leaue you within these two hours.*

*rem*

*remLa.*

*O my good Lord, why are you thus alone?*

*For what offence haue I this fortnight bin*

*A banish'd woman from my Harries bed?*

*Tell me (sweet Lord) what is't that takes from thee*

*Thy stomacke, pleasure, and thy golden sleepe?*

*Why dost thou bend thine eyes vpon the earth?*

*And start so often when thou sitt'st alone?*

*Why hast thou lost the fresh blood in thy vcheekes?*

*And giuen my Treasures and my rights of thee,*

*To thickeey'd musing, and curst melancholly?*

*In my faintslumbers, I by thee haue watcht,*

*And heard thee murmore tales of Iron Warres:*

*Speake tearmes of manage to thy bounding Steed,*

*Cry courage to the field. And thou hast talk'd*

*Of Sallies, and Retires; Trenches, Tents,*

*Of Palizadoes, Frontiers, Parapets,*

*Of Basiliskes, of Canon, Culuerin,*

*Of Prisoners ransome, and of Souldiers slaine,*

*And all the current of a headdy fight.*

*Thy spirit within thee hath beene so at Warre,*

*And thus hath so bestirr'd thee in thy sleepe,*

*That beds of sweate hath stood vpon thy Brow,*

*Like bubbles in a latedisturbed Streame;*

*And in thy face strange motions haue appear'd,*

*Such as we see when men restraine their breath*

*On some great sodaine hast. O what portents are these?*

*Some heauie businesse hath my Lord in hand,*

*And I must know it: else he loues me not.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*What ho; Is Gilliams with the Packet gone?*

*rem*

*remSer.*

*He is my Lord, an houre agone.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Hath Butler brought those horses from<sup>3</sup> the Sheriffe?*

*rem*

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*remSer.*

*One horse, my Lord, he brought euen now.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*What Horse? A Roane, a crop eare, is it not.*

*rem*

*remSer.*

*It is my Lord.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*That Roane shall be my Throne. Well, I will backe him straight. Esperance, bid  
Butler lead him forth into the Parke.*

*rem*

*remLa.*

*But heare you, my Lord.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*What say'st thou my Lady?*

*rem*

*remLa.*

*What is it carries you away?*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Why, my horse (my Loue) my horse.*

*rem*

*remLa.*

*Out you madheaded Ape, a Weazell hath not such a deale of Spleene, as you are  
tost with. In sooth Ile know your businesse Harry, that I will. I feare my Bro ther  
Mortimer doth stirre about his Title, and hath sent for you to line his enterprize.  
But if you go*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*So farre a foot, I shall be weary, Loue.*

*rem*

*remLa.*

*Come, come, you Paraquito, answer me directly vnto this question, that I shall aske.  
Indeede Ile breake thy little finger Harry, if thou wilt not tel me true.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Away, away you trifler: Loue, I loue thee not,*

*I care not for thee Kate: this is no world*

*To play with Mammets, and to tilt with lips.*

*We must haue bloodie Noses, and crack'd Crownes,*

*And passe them currant too. Gods me, my horse.*

*What say'st thou Kate? what wold'st thou haue with me?*

*rem*

*remLa.*

*Do ye not loue me? Do ye not indeed?*

*Well, do not then. For since you loue me not,*

*I will not loue my selfe. Do you not loue me?*

*Nay, tell me if thou speak'st in iest or no.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Come, wilt thou see me ride?*

*And when I am a horsebacke, I will sweare*

*I loue thee infinitely. But hearke you Kate,*

*I must not haue you henceforth, question me,*

*Whether I go: nor reason whereabout.*

*Whether I must, I must: and to conclude,*

*This Euening must I leaue thee, gentle Kate.*

*I know you wise, but yet no further wise*

*Then Harry Percies wife. Constant you are,*

*But yet a woman: and for secrecie, An ink mark follows the end of this line.*

*No Lady closer. For I will beleuee*

*Thou wilt not vtter what thou do'st not know,*

*And so farre wilt I trust thee, gentle Kate.*

*rem*

*remLa.*

*How so farre?*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Not an inch further. But harke you Kate,*

*Whither I go, thither shall you go too:*

*To day will I set forth, to morrow you.*

*Will his content you Kate?*

*rem*

*remLa.*

*It must of force.*

*Exeunt*

#### **Scena Quarta.**

*Enter Prince and Poines.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Ned, prethee come out of that fat roome, & lend me thy hand to laugh a little.*

*rem*

*remPoines.*

*Where hast bene Hall?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*With three or foure Loggerheads, amongst 3. or fourescore Hogsheads. I haue sounded the verie base string of humility; Sirra, I am sworn brother to a leash of Drawers, and can call them by their names, as Tom, Dicke, and Francis. They take it already vpon their confidence, that though I be but Prince of Wales, yet I am the King of Curtesie: telling me flatly I am no proud Iack like Fal staffe, but a Corinthian, a lad of mettle, a good boy, and when I am King of England, I shall command al the good Laddes in Eastcheape. They call drinking deepe, dy ing Scarlet; and when you breath in your watering, then they cry hem, and bid you play it off. To conclude, I am so good a proficient in one quarter of an houre, that I can drinke with any Tinker in his owne Language during my life. I tell thee Ned, thou hast lost much honor, that thou wer't not with me in this action: but sweet Ned, to swee ten which name of Ned, I giue thee this peniworth of Su gar, clapt euen now into my hand by an vnder Skinker, one that neuer spake other English in his life, then Eight shillings and six pence, and, You are welcome: with this shril addition, Anon, Anon sir, Score a Pint of Bastard in the Halfe Moone, or so. But Ned, to driue away time till Fal staffe come, I prythee doe thou stand in some byroome, while I question my puny Drawer, to what end hee gaue me the Sugar, and do neuer leaue calling Francis, that his Tale to me may be nothing but, Anon: step aside, and Ile shew thee a President.*

*rem*

*remPoines.*

*Francis.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Thou art perfect.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Francis.*

*Enter Drawer.*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*Anon, anon sir; looke downe into the Pomgar net, Ralfe.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Come hither Francis.*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*My Lord.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*How long hast thou to serue, Francis?*

*rem*

*remFran.*



*Forsooth five yeares, and as much as to*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Francis.*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*Anon, anon sir.*

*rem*

*remPria.*

*Fiue yeares: Berlady a long Lease for the clin king of Pewter. But Francis, darest thou be so valiant, as to play the coward with thy Indenture, & shew it a faire paire of heeles, and run from it?*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*O Lord sir, Ile be sworne vpon all the Books in England, I could finde in my heart.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Francis.*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*Anon, anon sir.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*How old art thou, Francis?*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*Let me see, about Michaelmas next I shalbe*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Francis.*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*Anon sir, pray you stay a little, my Lord.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Nay but harke you Francis, for the Sugar thou gauest me, 'twas a peny worth, was't not?*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*O Lord sir, I would it had bene two.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I will giue thee for it a thousand pound: Aske me when thou wilt, and thou shalt haue it.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Francis.*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*Anon, anon.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Anon Francis? No Francis, but to morrow Fran cis: or Francis, on thursday: or indeed Francis when thou wilt. But Francis.*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*My Lord.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Wilt thou rob this Leatherne Ierkin, Christall button, Notpated, Agat ring, Puke stocking, Caddice garter, Smooth tongue, Spanish pouch.*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*O Lord sir, who do you meane?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Why then your browne Bastard is your onely drinke: for looke you Francis, your white Canuas doub let will sulley. In Barbary sir, it cannot come to so much.*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*What sir?*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Francis.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Away you Rogue, dost thou heare them call?*

*Heere they both call him, the Drawer stands amazed, not knowing which way to go.*

*Enter Vintner.*

*rem*

*remVint.*

*What, stand'st thou still, and hear'st such a cal ling? Looke to the Guests within: My Lord, olde Sir Iohn with halfe a dozen more, are at the doore: shall I let them in?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Let them alone a while, and then open the doore. Poines.*

*Enter Poines.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Anon, anon sir.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Sirra, Falstaffe and the rest of the Theeues, are at the doore, shall we be merry?*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*As merrie as Crickets my Lad. But harke yee, What cunning match haue you made  
with this iest of the Drawer? Come, what's the issue?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I am now of all humors, that haue shewed them selues humors, since the old dayes of  
goodman Adam, to the pupill age of this present twelue a clock at midnight. What's  
a clocke Francis?*

*rem*

*remFran.*

*Anon, anon sir.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*That euer this Fellow should haue fewer words then a Parret, and yet the sonne of  
a Woman. His indu stry is vpstaires and downstaires, his eloquence the par cell of  
a reckoning. I am not yet of Percies mind, the Hot spurre of the North, he that  
killes me some sixe or seauen dozen of Scots at a Breakfast, washes his hands, and  
saies to his wife; Fie vpon this quiet life, I want worke. O my sweet Harry sayes  
she, how many hast thou kill'd to day? Giue my Roane horse a drench (sayes hee)  
and answeres, some fourteene, an houre after: a trifle, a trifle. I prethee call in  
Falstaffe, Ile play Percy, and that damn'd Brawne shall play Dame Mortimer his  
wife. Riuo, sayes the drun kard. Call in Ribs, call in Tallow.*

*Enter Falstaffe.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Welcome Iacke, where hast thou beene?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*A plague of all Cowards I say, and a Vengeance too, marry and Amen. Giue me a  
cup of Sacke Boy. Ere I leade this life long, Ile sowe nether stockes, and mend them  
too. A plague of all cowards. Giue me a Cup of Sacke, Rogue. Is there no Vertue  
extant?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Did st thou neuer see Titan kisse a dish of Butter, pittifull hearted Titan that melted  
at the sweete Tale of the Sunne? If thou didst, then behold that compound.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*You Rogue, heere's Lime in this Sacke too: there is nothing but Roguery to be found  
in Villanous man; yet a Coward is worse then a Cup of Sack with lime. A vil lanous  
Coward, go thy wayes old Iacke, die when thou wilt, if manhood, good manhood be*

*not forgot vpon the face of the earth, then am I a shotten Herring: there liues not three good men vnhang'd in England, & one of them is fat, and growes old, God helpe the while, a bad world I say. I would I were a Weauer, I could sing all manner of songs. A plague of all Cowards, I say still.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*How now Woolsacke, what matter you?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*A Kings Sonne? If I do not beate thee out of thy Kingdome with a dagger of Lath, and driue all thy Sub iects afore thee like a flocke of Wildegeese, Ile neuer weare haire on my face more. You Prince of Wales?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Why you horson round man? what's the matter?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Are you not a Coward? Answer me to that, and Poines there?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Ye fatch paunch, and yee call mee Coward, Ile stab thee.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*I call thee Coward? Ile see thee damn'd ere I call the Coward: but I would giue a thousand pound I could run as fast as thou canst. You are straight enough in the shoulders, you care not who sees your backe: Call you that backing of your friends? a plague vpon such bac king: giue me them that will face me. Giue me a Cup of Sack, I am a Rogue if I drunke to day.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*O Villaine, thy Lippes are scarce wip'd, since thou drunk'st last.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*All's one for that.*

*He drinkes.*

*A plague of all Cowards still, say I.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What's the matter?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*What's the matter? here be foure of vs, haue ta'ne a thousand pound this Morning.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Where is it, Iack? where is it?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Where is it? taken from vs, foure of vs.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What, a hundred, man?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*I am a Rogue, if I were not at halfe Sword with a dozen of them two houres together. I haue scaped by miracle. I am eight time thrust through the Doublet, foure through the Hose, my Buckler cut through and through, my Sword hackt like a Handsaw, ecce signum. I neuer dealt better since I was a man: all would not doe. A plague of all Cowards: let them speake; if they speake more or lesse then truth, they are villaines, and the sonnes of darknesse.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Speake sirs, how was it?*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*We foure set vpon some dozen.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Sixteene, at least, my Lord.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*And bound them.*

*rem*

*remPeto.*

*No, no, they were not bound.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*You Rogue, they were bound, euery man of them, or I am a Iew else, an Ebrew Iew.*

*rem*

*remGad.*

*As we were sharing, some sixe or seuen fresh men set vpon vs.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*And vnbound the rest, and then come in the other.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What, fought yee with them all?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*All? I know not what yee call all: but if I fought not with fiftie of them, I am a bunch of Radish: if there were not two or three and fiftie vpon poore olde Iack, then am I no twolegg'd Creature.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Pray Heauen, you haue not murthered some of them.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Nay, that's past praying for, I haue pepper'd two of them: Two I am sure I haue payed, two Rogues in Buckrom Sutes. I tell thee what, Hal, if I tell thee a Lye, spit in my face, call me Horse: thou knowest my olde word: here I lay, and thus I bore my point; foure Rogues in Buckrom let driue at me.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What, foure? thou sayd'st but two.euen now.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Foure Hal, I told thee foure.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*I, I, he said foure.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*These foure came all afront, and mainely thrust at me; I made no more adoe, but tooke all their seuen points in my Targuet, thus.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Seuen? why there were but foure, euen now.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*In Buckrom.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*I, foure, in Buckrom Sutes.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Seuen, by these Hilts, or I am a Villaine else.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Prethee let him alone, we shall haue more anon.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Doest thou heare me, Hal?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I, and marke thee too, Iack.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Doe so, for it is worth the listning too: these nine in Buckrom, that I told thee of.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*So, two more alreadie.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Their Points being broken.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Downe fell his Hose.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Began to giue me ground: but I followed me close, came in foot and hand; and with  
a thought, seuen of the eleuen I pay'd.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*O monstrous! eleuen Buckrom men growne out of two?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*But as the Deuill would haue it, three misbe gotten Knaues, in Kendall Greene, came  
at my Back, and let driue at me; for it was so darke, Hal, that thou could'st not see  
thy Hand.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*These Lyes are like the Father that begets them, grosse as a Mountaine, open, pal-  
pable. Why thou Clay brayn'd Guts, thou Knottypated Foole, thou Horson ob scene  
greasie Tallow Catch.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*What, art thou mad? art thou mad? is not the truth, the truth?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Why, how could'st thou know these men in Kendall Greene, when it was so darke,  
thou could'st not see thy Hand? Come, tell vs your reason: what say'st thou to this?*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Come, your reason Iack, your reason.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*What, vpon compulsion? No: were I at the Strappado, or all the Racks in the World,  
I would not tell you on compulsion. Giue you a reason on compulsi on? If Reasons  
were as plentie as Blackberries, I would giue no man a Reason vpon compulsion, I.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Ile be no longer guiltie of this sinne. This san guine Coward, this Bedpresser, this  
Horsbackbreaker, this huge Hill of Flesh.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Away you Starueling, you Elfeskin, you dried Neats tongue, Bullespissell, you stock-efish: O for breth to utter. What is like thee? You Tailors yard, you sheath you Bowcase, you vile standing tucke.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Well, breath awhile, and then to't againe: and when thou hast tyr'd thy selfe in base comparisons, heare me speake but thus.*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*Marke Iacke.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*We two, saw you foure set on foure and bound them, and were Masters of their Wealth: mark now how a plaine Tale shall put you downe. Then did we two, set on you foure, and with a word, outfac'd you from your prize, and haue it: yea, and can shew it you in the House. And Falstaffe, you caried your Guts away as nimbly, with as quicke dexteritie, and roared for mercy, and still ranne and roar'd, as euer I heard BullCalfe. What a Slaue art thou, to hacke thy sword as thou hast done, and then say it was in fight. What trick? what deuce? what starting hole canst thou now find out, to hide thee from this open and apparant shame?*

*rem*

*remPoines.*

*Come, let's heare Iacke: What tricke hast thou now?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*I knew ye as well as he that made ye. Why heare ye my Masters, was it for me to kill the Heire apparant? Should I turne vpon the true Prince? Why, thou knowest I am as valiant as Hercules: but beware Instinct, the Lion will not touch the true Prince: Instinct is a great matter. I was a Coward on Instinct: I shall thinke the better of my selfe, and thee, during my life: I, for a valiant Lion, and thou for a true Prince. But Lads, I am glad you haue the Mony. Hostesse, clap to the doores: watch to night, pray to morrow. Gallants, Lads, Boyes, Harts of Gold, all the good Titles of Fellowship come to you. What, shall we be merry? shall we haue a Play extempory.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Content, and the argument shall be, thy runing away.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*A, no more of that Hall, and thou louest me.*

*Enter Hostesse.*

*rem*

*remHost.*

*My Lord, the Prince?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*



*How now my Lady the Hostesse, what say'st thou to me?*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*Marry, my Lord, there is a Noble man of the Court at doore would speake with you:  
hee sayes, hee comes from your Father.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Giue him as much as will make him a Royall man, and send him backe againe to  
my Mother.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*What manner of man is hee?*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*An old man.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*What doth Grauitie out of his Bed at Midnight? Shall I giue him his answere?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Prethee doe Iacke.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*'Faith, and Ile send him packing.*

*Exit.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Now Sirs: you fought faire; so did you Peto, so did you Bardol: you are Lyons too,  
you ranne away vpon instinct: you will not touch the true Prince; no, fie.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*'Faith, I ranne when I saw others runne.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Tell mee now in earnest, how came Falstaffes Sword so hackt?*

*rem*

*remPeto.*

*Why, he hackt it with his Dagger, and said, hee would sweare truth out of England,  
but hee would make you beleeeue it was done in fight, and perswaded vs to doe the  
like.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*Yea, and to tickle our Noses with Speargrasse, to make them bleed, and then to  
beslubber our garments with it, and sweare it was the blood of true men. I did that  
I did not this seuen yeeres before, I blusht to heare his monstrous deuices.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*O Villaine, thou stolest a Cup of Sacke eigh teene yeeres agoe, and wert taken with the manner, and euer since thou hast blusht extempore: thou hadst fire and sword on thy side, and yet thou ranft away; what instinct hadst thou for it ?*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*My Lord, doe you see these Meteors? doe you behold these Exhalations?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I doe.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*What thinke you they portend?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Hot Liuers, and cold Purses.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*Choler, my Lord, if rightly taken.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*No, if rightly taken, Halter.*

*Enter Falstaffe.*

*Heere comes leane Iacke, heere comes barebone. How now my sweet Creature of Bombast, how long is't agoe, Iacke, since thou saw'st thine owne Knee?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*My owne Knee? When I was about thy yeeres (Hal) I was not an Eagles Talent in the Waste, I could haue crept into any Aldermans ThumbeRing: a plague of sighing and grieffe, it blowes a man vp like a Bladder. There's villanous Newes abroad: heere was Sir Iohn Braby from your Father; you must goe to the Court in the Morning. The same mad fellow of the North, Percy; and hee of Wales, that gaue Amamon the Bastinado, and made Lucifer Cuckold, and swore the Deuill his true Liegeman vpon the Crosse of a Welchhooke; what a plague call you him?*

*rem*

*remPoin.*

*O, Glendower.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Owen, Owen; the same, and his Sonne in Law Mortimer, and old Northumberland, and the sprightly Scot of Scots, Dowglas, that runnes a Horsebacke vp a Hill perpendicular.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Hee that rides at high speede, and with a Pistoll kills a Sparrow flying.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*You haue hit it.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*So did he neuer the Sparrow.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Well, that Rascall hath good mettall in him, hee will not runne.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Why, what a Rascall art thou then, to prayse him so for running?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*A Horsebacke (ye Cuckoe) but a foot hee will not budge a foot.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Yes Iacke, vpon instinct.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*I grant ye, vpon instinct: Well, hee is there too, and one Mordake, and a thousand  
blewCappes more. Worcester is stolne away by Night: thy Fathers Beard is turn'd  
white with the Newes; you may buy Land now as cheape as stinking Mackrell.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Then 'tis like, if there come a hot Sunne, and this I ciuill buffetting hold, wee shall  
buy Maidenheads as they buy Hobnayles, by the Hundreds.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*By the Masse Lad, thou say'st true, it is like wee shall haue good trading that way.  
But tell me Hal, art not thou horrible afear'd? thou being Heire apparant, I could  
the World picke thee out three such Enemyes a gaine, as that Fiend Dowglas, that  
Spirit Percy, and that Deuill Glendower? Art not thou horrible afraid? Doth not  
thy blood thrill at it?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Not a whit: I lacke some of thy instinct.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Well, thou wilt be horrible chidde to morrow, when thou comest to thy Father: if  
thou doe loue me, practise an answer.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Doe thou stand for my Father, and examine mee vpon the particulars of my Life.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Shall I? content: This Chayre shall bee my State, this Dagger my Scepter, and this  
Cushion my Crowne.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Thy State is taken for a IoyndStoole, thy Golden Scepter for a Leaden Dagger, and thy precious rich Crowne, for a pittifull bald Crowne.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Well, and the fire of Grace be not quite out of thee, now shalt thou be moued. Giue me a Cup of Sacke to make mine eyes looke redde, that it may be thought I haue wept, for I must speake in passion, and I will doe it in King Cambyses vaine.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Well, heere is my Legge.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*And heere is my speech: stand aside Nobilitie.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*This is excellent sport, yfaith.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Weepe not, sweet Queene, for trickling teares are vaine.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*O the Father, how hee holdes his counte nance?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*For Gods sake Lords, conuey my trustfull Queen, For teares doe stop the floudgates of her eyes.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*O rare, he doth it as like one of these harlotry Players, as euer I see.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Peace good Pintpot, peace good Ticklebraine. Harry, I doe not onely maruell where thou spendest thy time; but also, how thou art accompanied: For though the Camomile, the more it is troden, the faster it growes; yet Youth, the more it is wasted, the sooner it weares. Thou art my Sonne: I haue partly thy Mothers Word, partly my Opinion; but chiefly, a villanous tricke of thine Eye, and a foolish hanging of thy nether Lippe, that doth warrant me. If then thou be Sonne to mee, heere I lyeth the point: why being Sonne to me, art thou so poynted at? Shall the blessed Sonne of Heauen proue a Micher, and eate Blackberryes? a question not to bee askt. Shall the Sonne of England proue a Theefe, and take Purses? a question to be askt. There is a thing, Harry, which thou hast often heard of, and it is knowne to many in our Land, by the Name of Pitch: this Pitch (as ancient Writers doe report) doth defile; so doth the com panie thou keepest: for Harry, now I doe not speake to thee in Drinke, but in Teares; not in Pleasure, but in Pas sion; not in Words onely, but in Woes also: and yet there is a virtuous man whom I haue often noted in thy companie, but I know not his Name.*

rem

remPrin.

*What manner of man, and it like your Ma iestie?*

rem

remFalst.

*A goodly portly man yfaith, and a corpulent, of a chearefull Looke, a pleasing Eye, and a most noble Carriage, and as I thinke, his age some fiftie, or (byrlady) inclining to threescore; and now I remember mee, his Name is Falstaffe: if that man should be lewdly giuen, hee deceiues mee; for Harry, I see Vertue in his Lookes. If then the Tree may be knowne by the Fruit, as the Fruit by the Tree, then peremptorily I speake it, there is Vertue in that Falstaffe: him keepe with, the rest banish. And tell mee now, thou naughtie Varlet, tell mee, where hast thou beene this moneth?*

rem

remPrin.

*Do'st thou speake like a King? doe thou stand for mee, and Ile play my Father.*

rem

remFalst.

*Depose me: if thou do'st it halfe so grauely, so maiestically, both in word and matter, hang me vp by the heeles for a Rabbetsucker, or a Poulters Hare.*

rem

remPrin.

*Well, heere I am set.*

rem

remFalst.

*And heere I stand: iudge my Masters.*

rem

remPrin.

*Now Harry, whence come you?*

rem

remFalst.

*My Noble Lord, from Eastcheape.*

rem

remPrin.

*The complaints I heare of thee, are grieuous.*

rem

remFalst.

*Yfaith, my Lord, they are false: Nay, Ile tickle ye for a young Prince.*

rem

remPrin.

*Swarest thou, vngracious Boy? Henceforth ne're looke on me: thou art violently carryed away from Grace: there is a Deuill haunts thee, in the likenesse of a fat old Man; a Tunne of Man is thy Companion: Why do'st thou conuerse with that Trunke of Humors, that BoultingHutch of Beastlinesse, that swolne Parcell of Dropsies, that huge Bombard of Sacke, that stufte Cloake bagge of Guts, that rosted Manning Tree Oxe with the Pudding in his Belly, that reuerend Vice, that grey Ini quitie, that Father Ruffian, that Vanitie in yeeres? where in is he good, but to taste Sacke, and drinke it? wherein neat and cleanly, but to carue a Capon, and eat it? where in*

*Cunning, but in Craft? wherein Craftie, but in Villa nie? wherein Villanous, but in all things? wherein wor thy, but in nothing?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*I would your Grace would take me with you: whom meanes your Grace?*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*That villanous abhominable misleader of Youth, Falstaffe, that old whitebearded Sathan.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*My Lord, the man I know.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*I know thou do'st.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*But to say, I know more harme in him then in my selfe, were to say more then I know. That hee is olde (the more the pittie) his white hayres doe witnesse it: but that hee is (sauing your reuerence) a Whorema ster, that I vtterly deny. If Sacke and Sugar bee a fault, Heauen helpe the Wicked: if to be olde and merry, be a sinne, then many an olde Hoste that I know, is damn'd: if to be fat, be to be hated, then Pharaohs leane Kine are to be loued. No, my good Lord, banish Peto, banish Bardolph, banish Poines: but for sweete Iacke Falstaffe, kinde Iacke Falstaffe, true Iacke Falstaffe, valiant Iacke Fal staffe, and therefore more valiant, being as hee is olde Iack Falstaffe, banish not him thy Harryes companie, banish not him thy Harryes companie; banish plumpe Iacke, and banish all the World.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*I doe, I will.*

*Enter Bardolph running.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*O, my Lord, my Lord, the Sherife, with a most most monstrous Watch, is at the doore.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Out you Rogue, play out the Play: I haue much to say in the behalfe of that Falstaffe.*

*Enter the Hostesse.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*O, my Lord, my Lord.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Heigh, heigh, the Dewill rides vpon a Fiddle sticke: what's the matter?*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*The Sherife and all the Watch are at the doore: they are come to search the House, shall I let them in?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Do'st thou heare Hal, neuer call a true peece of Gold a Counterfeit: thou art essentially made, without seeming so.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*And thou a naturall Coward, without in stinct.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*I deny your Maior: if you will deny the Sherife, so: if not, let him enter. If I become not a Cart as well as another man, a plague on my bringing vp: I hope I shall as soone be strangled with a Halter, as ano ther.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Goe hide thee behinde the Arras, the rest walke vp aboue. Now my Masters, for a true Face and good Conscience.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Both which I haue had: but their date is out, and therefore Ile hide me.*

*Exit.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Call in the Sherife.*

*Enter Sherife and the Carrier.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Now Master Sherife, what is your will with mee?*

*rem*

*remShe.*

*First pardon me, my Lord. A Hue and Cry hath followed certaine men vnto this house.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What men?*

*rem*

*remShe.*

*One of them is well knowne, my gracious Lord, a grosse fat man.*

*rem*

*remCar.*

*As fat as Butter.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*The man, I doe assure you, is not heere,  
For I my selfe at this time haue imploy'd him:  
And Sherife, I will engage my word to thee,  
That I will by to morrow Dinner time,  
Send him to answeere thee, or any man,  
For any thing he shall be charg'd withall:  
And so let me entreat you, leaue the house.*

*rem*

*remShe.*

*I will, my Lord: there are two Gentlemen  
Haue in this Robberie lost three hundred Markes.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*It may be so: if he haue robb'd these men,  
He shall be answerable: and so farewell.*

*rem*

*remShe.*

*Good Night, my Noble Lord.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*I thinke it is good Morrow, is it not?*

*rem*

*remShe.*

*Indeede, my Lord, I thinke it be two a Clocke.*

*Exit.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*This oyle Rascall is knowne as well as Poules: goe call him forth.*

*rem*

*remPeto.*

*Falstaffe? fast asleepe behinde the Arras, and snorting like a Horse.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Harke, how hard he fetches breath: search his Pockets.*

*He searcheth his Pickets, and findeth certaine Papers.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What hast thou found?*

*rem*

*remPeto.*



*Nothing but Papers, my Lord.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Let's see, what be they? reade them.*

*rem*

*remPeto.*

*Item, a Capon. ii.s.ii.d. Item, sawce. iii.d. Item, Sacke, two Gallons. v.s.viii.d.*

*Item, Anchoues and Sacke after Supper. ii.s.vi.d. Item, Bread. ob.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*O monstrous, but one halfe pennyworth of Bread to this intollerable deale of Sacke?  
What there is else, keepe close, wee'le reade it at more aduantage: there let him  
sleepe till day. Ile to the Court in the Morning: Wee must all to the Warres, and  
thy place shall be hono rable. Ile procure this fat Rogue a Charge of Foot, and I know  
his death will be a Match of Tweluescore. The Money shall be pay'd backe againe  
with aduantage. Be with me betimes in the Morning: and so good mor row Peto.*

*rem*

*remPeto.*

*Good morrow, good my Lord.*

*Exeunt.*

### **Actus Tertius. Scena Prima.**

*Enter Hotspurre, Worcester, Lord Mortimer, Owen Glendower.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*These promises are faire, the parties sure,  
And our induction full of prosperous hope.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Lord Mortimer, and Cousin Glendower,*

*Will you sit downe?*

*And Vnckle Worcester; a plague vpon it,*

*I haue forgot the Mapped.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*No, here it is:*

*Sit Cousin Percy, sit good Cousin Hotspurre:*

*For by that Name, as oft as Lancaster doth speake of you,*

*His Cheekes looke pale, and with a rising sigh,*

*He wisheth you in Heauen.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*And you in Hell, as oft as he heares Owen Glen dower spoke of.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*I cannot blame him: At my Natiuitie,  
The front of Heauen was full of fierie shapes,  
Of burning Cressets: and at my Birth,  
The frame and foundation of the Earth  
Shak'd like a Coward.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Why so it would haue done at the same season, if your Mothers Cat had but kitten'd,  
though your selfe had neuer beene borne.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*I say the Earth did shake when I was borne.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*And I say the Earth was not of my minde, if you suppose, as fearing you, it shooke.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*The Heauens were all on fire, the Earth did tremble.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Oh, then the Earth shooke*

*To see the Heauens on fire,  
And not in feare of your Natiuitie.  
Diseased Nature oftentimes breakes forth  
In strange eruptions; and the teeming Earth  
Is with a kinde of Collick pincht and vext,  
By the imprisoning of vnruely Winde  
Within her Wombe: which for enlargement striuing,  
Shakes the old Beldame Earth, and tombles downe  
Steeple, and mossegrowne Towers. At your Birth,  
Our Grandam Earth, hauing this distemperature,  
In passion shooke.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Cousin: of many men*

*I doe not beare these Crossings: Giue me leaue  
To tell you once againe, that at my Birth  
The front of Heauen was full of fierie shapes,  
The Goates ranne from the Mountaines, and the Heards  
Were strangely clamorous to the frighted fields:  
These signes haue markt me extraordinarie,  
And all the courses of my Life doe shew,*

*I am not in the Roll of common men.  
Where is the Liuing, clipt in with the Sea,  
That chides the Bankes of England, Scotland, and Wales,  
Which calls me Pupill, or hath read to me?  
And bring him out, that is but Womans Sonne,  
Can trace me in the tedious wayes of Art,  
And hold me pace in deepe experiments.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*I thinke there's no man speakes better Welsh: Ile to Dinner.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*Peace Cousin Percy, you will make him mad.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*I can call Spirits from the vastie Deepe.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Why so can I, or so can any man:*

*But will they come, when you doe call for them?*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Why, I can teach thee, Cousin, to command the Deuill.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*And I can teach thee, Cousin, to shame the Deuil,  
By telling truth. Tell truth, and shame the Deuill.*

*If thou haue power to rayse him, bring him hither,*

*And Ile be sworne, I haue power to shame him hence.*

*Oh, while you liue, tell truth, and shame the Deuill.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*Come, come, no more of this vnprofitable Chat.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Three times hath Henry Bullingbrooke made head  
Against my Power: thrice from the Banks of Wye,  
And sandybottom'd Seuerne, haue I hent him  
Bootlesse home, and Weatherbeaten backe.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Home without Bootes,*

*And in foule Weather too,*

*How scapes he Agues in the Devils name?*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Come, heere's the Mapped:*

*Shall wee diuide our Right,*

*According to our threefold order ta'ne?*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*The ArchDeacon hath diuided it*

*Into three Limits, very equally:*

*England, from Trent, and Seuerne, hitherto,*

*By South and East, is to my part assign'd:*

*All Westward, Wales, beyond the Seuerne shore,*

*And all the fertile Land within that bound,*

*To Owen Glendower: And deare Couze, to you*

*The remnant Northward, lying off from Trent.*

*And our Indentures Tripartite are drawne:*

*Which being sealed enterchangeably,*

*(A Bnsinesse that this Night may execute)*

*To morrow, Cousin Percy, you and I,*

*And my good Lord of Worcester, will set forth,*

*To meete your Father, and the Scottish Power,*

*As is appointed vs at Shrewsbury.*

*My Father Glendower is not readie yet,*

*Nor shall wee neede his helpe these foureteene dayes:*

*Within that space, you may haue drawne together*

*Your Tenants, Friends, and neighbouring Gentlemen.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*A shorter time shall send me to you, Lords:*

*And in my Conduct shall your Ladies come,*

*From whom you now must steale, and take no leaue,*

*For there will be a World of Water shed,*

*Vpon the parting of your Wiues and you.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Me thinks my Moity, North from Burton here,*

*In quantitie equals not one of yours:*

*See, how this Riuer comes me cranking in,*

*And cuts me from the best of all my Land,*

*A huge halfe Moone, a monstrous Cantle out.*

*Ile haue the Currant in this place damn'd vp,*

*And here the smug and Siluer Trent shall runne,  
In a new Channell, faire and euenly:  
It shall not winde with such a deepe indent,  
To rob me of so rich a Bottome here,*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Not winde? it shall, it must, you see it doth.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*Yea, but marke how he beares his course,*

*And runnes me vp, with like aduantage on the other side,  
Gelding the opposed Continent as much,  
As on the other side it takes from you.*

*rem*

*remWorc.*

*Yea, but a little Charge will trench him here,*

*And on this North side winne this Cape of Land,  
And then he runnes straight and euen.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Ile haue it so, a little Charge will doe it.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Ile not haue it alter'd.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Will not you?*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*No, nor you shall not.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Who shall say me nay?*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Why, that will I.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Let me not vnderstand you then, speake it in Welsh.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*I can speake English, Lord, as well as you:*

*For I was trayn'd vp in the English Court;  
Where, being but young, I framed to the Harpe  
Many an English Dittie, louely well,*

*And gaue the Tongue a helpefull Ornament;  
A Vertue that was neuer seene in you.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Marry, and I am glad of it with all my heart,  
I had rather be a Kitten, and cry mew,  
Then one of these same Meeter Balladmongers:  
I had rather heare a Brazen Candlestick turn'd,  
Or a dry Wheele grate on the Azletree,  
And that would set my teeth nothing an edge,  
Nothing so much, as mincing Poetrie;  
'Tis like the forc't gate of a shuffling Nagge.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Come, you shall haue Trent turn'd.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*I doe not care: Ile giue thrice so much Land  
To any welldeseruing friend;  
But in the way of Bargaine, marke ye me,  
Ile cauill on the ninth part of a hayre.  
Are the Indentures drawne? shall we be gone?*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*The Moone shines faire,  
You may away by Night:  
Ile haste the Writer; and withall,  
Breake with your Wiues, of your departure hence:  
I am afraid my Daughter will runne madde,  
So much she doteth on her Mortimer.*

*Exit.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*Fie, Cousin Percy, how you crosse my Fa ther.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*I cannot chuse: sometime he angers me,  
With telling me of the Moldwarpe and the Ant,  
Of the Dreamer Merlin, and his Prophecies;  
And of a Dragon, and a finnelesse Fish,  
A clipwing'd Griffin, and a moultten Rauen,*

*A couching Lyon, and a ramping Cat,  
And such a deale of skimbleskamble Stuffe,  
As puts me from my Faith. I tell you what,  
He held me last Night, at least, nine howres,  
In reckning vp the seuerall Devils Names,  
That were his Lacqueyes:  
I cry'd hum, and well, goe too,  
But mark'd him not a word. O, he is as tedious  
As a tyred Horse, a rayling Wife,  
Worse then a smoakie House. I had rather liue  
With Cheese and Garlick in a Windmill farre,  
Then feede on Cates, and haue him talke to me,  
In any SummerHouse in Christendome.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*In faith he was a worthy Gentleman,  
Exceeding well read, and profited,  
In strange Concealements:  
Valiant as a Lyon, and wondrous affable,  
And as bountifull, as Mynes of India.  
Shall I tell you, Cousin,  
He holds your temper in a high respect,  
And curbes himselfe, euen of his naturall scope,  
When you doe crosse his humor: 'faith he does.  
I warrant you, that man is not aliue,  
Might so haue tempted him, as you haue done,  
Without the taste of danger, and reproofe:  
But doe not use it oft, let me entreat you.*

*rem*

*remWorc.*

*In faith, my Lord, you are too wilfull blame,  
And since your comming hither, haue done enough,  
To put him quite besides his patience.  
You must needes learne, Lord, to amend this fault:  
Though sometimes it shew Greatnesse, Courage, Blood,  
And that's the dearest grace it renders you;  
Yet oftentimes it doth present harsh Rage,  
Defect of Manners, want of Gouvernment,  
Pride, Haughtinesse, Opinion, and Disdaine:  
The least of which, haunting a Nobleman,*

*Loseth mens hearts, and leaues behinde a stayne  
Vpon the beautie of all parts besides,  
Beguiling them of commendation.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Well, I am school'd:*

*Goodmanners be your speede;*

*Heere come your Wiues, and let vs take our leaue.*

*Enter Glendower, with the Ladies.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*This is the deadly spight, that angers me,*

*My Wife can speake no English, I no Welsh.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*My Daughter weepes, shee'le not part with you,*

*Shee'le be a Souldier too, shee'le to the Warres.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*Good Father tell her, that she and my Aunt Percy*

*Shall follow in your Conduct speedily.*

*Glendower speakes to her in Welsh, and she an sweres him in the same.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Shee is desperate heere:*

*A peeuish selfewill'd Harlotry,*

*One that no perswasion can doe good vpon.*

*The Lady speakes in Welsh.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*I vnderstand thy Lookes: that pretty Welsh*

*Which thou pour'st down from these swelling Heauens,*

*I am too perfect in: and but for shame,*

*In such a parley should I answere thee.*

*The Lady againe in Welsh.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*I vnderstand thy Kisses, and thou mine,*

*And that's a feeling disputation:*

*But I will neuer be a Truant, Loue,*



*Till I haue learn'd thy Language: for thy tongue  
Makes Welsh as sweet as Ditties highly penn'd,  
Sung by a faire Queene in a Summers Bowre,  
With rauishing Diuision to her Lute.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Nay, if thou melt, then will she runne madde.*

*The Lady speakes againe in Welsh.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*O, I am Ignorance it selfe in this.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*She bids you,*

*On the wanton Rushes lay you downe,  
And rest your gentle Head vpon her Lappe,  
And she will sing the Song that pleaseth you,  
And on your Eyelids Crowne the God of Sleepe,  
Charming your blood with pleasing heauinesse;  
Making such difference betwixt Wake and Sleepe,  
As is the difference betwixt Day and Night,  
The houre before the Heauenly Harneis'd Teeme  
Begins his Golden Progresse in the East.*

*rem*

*remMort.*

*With all my heart Ile sit, and heare her sing:*

*By that time will our Booke, I thinke, be drawne.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Doe so:*

*And those Musitians that shall play to you,  
Hang in the Ayre a thousand Leagues from thence;  
And straight they shall be here: sit, and attend.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Come Kate, thou art perfect in lying downe:*

*Come, quicke, quicke, that I may lay my Head in thy  
Lappe.*

*rem*

*remLady.*

*Goe, ye giddyGoose.*

*The Musicke playes.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Now I perceiue the Deuill vnderstands Welsh,*

*And 'tis no maruell he is so humorous:*

*Byrlady hee's a good Musitian.*

*rem*

*remLady.*

*Then would you be nothing but Musicall,*

*For you are altogether gouerned by humors:*

*Lye still ye Theefe, and heare the Lady sing in Welsh.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*I had rather heare (Lady) my Brach howle in Irish.*

*rem*

*remLady.*

*Wbuld'st haue thy Head broken?*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*No.*

*rem*

*remLady.*

*Then be still.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Neyther, 'tis a Womans fault.*

*rem*

*remLady.*

*Now God helpe thee.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*To the Welsh Ladies Bed.*

*rem*

*remLady.*

*What's that?*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Peace, shee sings.*

*Heere the Lady sings a Welsh Song.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Come, Ile haue your Song too.*

*rem*

*remLady.*

*Not mine, in good sooth.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Not yours, in good sooth?*

*You sweare like a Comfitmakers Wife:*

*Not you, in good sooth; and, as true as I liue;*

*And, as God shall mend me; and, as sure as day:*

*And giuest such Sarcenet suretie for thy Oathes,*

*As if thou neuer walk'st further then Finsbury.*

*Sweare me, Kate, like a Lady, as thou art,*

*A good mouthfilling Oath: and leaue in sooth,*

*And such protest of Pepper Gingerbread,*

*To VeluetGuards, and SundayCitizens.*

*Come, sing.*

*rem*

*remLady.*

*I will not sing.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*'Tis the next way to turne Taylor, or be Red brest reacher: and the Indentures be drawne, Ile away within these two howres: and so come in, when yee will.*

*Exit.*

*rem*

*remGlend.*

*Come, come, Lord Mortimer, you are as slow,*

*As hot Lord Percy is on fire to goe.*

*By this our Booke is drawne: wee'le but seale,*

*And then to Horse immediately.*

*rem*

*remMart.*

*With all my heart.*

*Exeunt.*

## Scna Secunda.

*Enter the King, Prince of Wales, and others.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Lords, giue vs leaue:*

*The Prince of Wales, and I,*

*Must haue some priuate conference:*

*But be neere at hand,  
For wee shall presently haue neede of you.*

*Exeunt Lords.*

*I know not whether Heauen will haue it so,  
For some displeasing seruice I haue done;  
That in his secret Doome, out of my Blood,  
Hee'le breede Reuengement, and a Scourge for me:  
But thou do'st in thy passages of Life,  
Make me beleeeue, that thou art onely mark'd  
For the hot vengeance, and the Rod of heauen  
To punish my Mistreadings. Tell me else,  
Could such inordinate and low desires,  
Such poore, such bare, such lewd, such meane attempts,  
Such barren pleasures, rude societie,  
As thou art matcht withall, and grafted too,  
Accompanie the greatnesse of thy blood,  
And hold their leuell with thy Princely heart?*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*So please your Maiesty, I would I could  
Quit all offences with as cleare excuse,  
As well as I am doubtlesse I can purge  
My selfe of many I am charg'd withall:  
Yet such extenuation let me begge,  
As in reproofe of many Tales deuis'd,  
Which oft the Eare of Greatnesse needes must heare,  
By smiling Pickthankes, and base Newesmongers;  
I may for some things true, wherein my youth  
Hath faultie wandred, and irregular,  
Finde pardon on my true submission.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Heauen pardon thee:*

*Yet let me wonder, Harry,  
At thy affections, which doe hold a Wing  
Quite from the flight of all thy ancestors.  
Thy place in Councell thou hast rudely lost,  
Which by thy younger Brother is supply'de;  
And art almost an alien to the hearts*

*Of all the Court and Princes of my blood.  
The hope and expectation of thy time  
Is ruin'd, and the Soule of euery man  
Prophetically doe forethinke thy fall.  
Had I so lauish of my presence beene,  
So common hackney'd in the eyes of men,  
So stale and cheape to vulgar Company;  
Opinion, that did helpe me to the Crowne,  
Had still kept loyall to possession,  
And left me in reputelesse banishment,  
A fellow of no marke, nor likelyhood.  
By being seldome seene, I could not st2re,  
But like a Comet, I was wondred at,  
That men would tell their Children, This is hee:  
Others would say; Where, Which is Bullingbrooke.  
And then I stole all Courtesie from Heauen,  
And drest my selfe in such Humilitie,  
That I did plucke Allegiance from mens hearts,  
Lowd Showts and Salutations from their mouthes,  
Euen in the presence of the Crowned King.  
Thus I did keepe my Person fresh and new,  
My Presence like a Robe Pontificall,  
Ne're seene, but wondred at: and so my state,  
Seldome but sumptuous, shewed like a Feast,  
And wonne by rarenesse such Solemnitie.  
The skipping King hee ambled vp and downe,  
With shallow Iesters, and rash Bauin Wits,  
Soone kindled, and soone burnt, carded his State,  
Mingled his Royaltie with Carping Fooles,  
Had his great Name prophaned with their Scornes,  
And gaue his Countenance, against his Name,  
To laugh at gybing Boyes, and stand the push  
Of euery Beardlesse vaine Comparatiue;  
Grew a Companion to the common Streetes,  
Enfeoff'd himselfe to Popularitie:  
That being dayly swallowed by mens Eyes,  
They surfeted with Honey, and began to loathe  
The taste of Sweetnesse, whereof a little  
More then a little, is by much too much.*

*So when he had occasion to be seene,  
He was but as the Cuckow is in Iune,  
Heard, not regarded: seene but with such Eyes,  
As sicke and blunted with Communitie,  
Affoord no extraordinarie Gaze,  
Such as is bent on Sunnelike Maiestie,  
When it shines seldome in admiring Eyes:  
But rather drowz'd, and hung their eyelids downe,  
Slept in his Face, and rendred such aspect  
As Cloudie men vse to doe to their aduersaries,  
Being with his presence gluttred, gorg'd, and full.  
And in that very Line, Harry, standest thou:  
For thou hast lost thy Princely Priuiledge,  
With vile participation. Not an Eye  
But is awearie of thy common sight,  
Saue mine, which hath desir'd to see thee more:  
Which now doth that I would not haue it doe,  
Make blinde it selfe with foolish tendernesse.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*I shall hereafter, my thrice gracious Lord,  
Be more my selfe.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*For all the World,*

*As thou art to this houre, was Richard then,  
When I from France set foot at Rauenspurgh;  
And euen as I was then, is Percy now:  
Now by my Scepter, and my Soule to boot,  
He hath more worthy interest to the State  
Then thou, the shadow of Succession;  
For of no Right, nor colour like to Right.  
He doth fill fields with Harneis in the Realme,  
Turnes head against the Lyons armed Iawes;  
And being no more in debt to yeeres, then thou,  
Leades ancient Lords, and reuerent Bishops on  
To bloody Battailes, and to brusing Armes.  
What neuerdying Honor hath he got,  
Against renowned Dowglas? whose high Deedes,  
Whose hot Incursions, and great Name in Armes,*

*Holds from all Souldiers chiefe Maioritie,  
And Militarie Title Capitall.  
Through all the Kingdomes that acknowledge Christ,  
Thrice hath the Hotspur Mars, in swathing Clothes,  
This Infant Warrior, in his Enterprises,  
Discomfited great Dowglas, ta'ne him once,  
Enlarged him, and made a friend of him,  
To fill the mouth of deepe Defiance vp,  
And shake the peace and safetie of our Throne.  
And what say you to this? Percy, Northumberland,  
The Archbishops Grace of Yorke, Dowglas, Mortimer,  
Capitulate against vs, and are vp.  
But wherefore doe I tell these Newes to thee?  
Why, Harry, doe I tell thee of my Foes,  
Which art my neer'st and dearest Enemie?  
Thou, that art like enough, through vassall Feare,  
Base Inclination, and the start of Spleene,  
To fight against me vnder Percies pay,  
To dogge his heeles, and curtsie at his frownes,  
To shew how much thou art degenerate.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Doe not thinke so, you shall not finde it so:  
And Heauen forgie them, that so much haue sway'd  
Your Maiesties good thoughts away from me:  
I will redeeme all this on Percies head,  
And in the closing of some glorious day,  
Be bold to tell you, that I am your Sonne,  
When I will weare a Garment all of Blood,  
And staine my fauours in a bloody Maske:  
Which washt away, shall scoure my shame with it.  
And that shall be the day, when ere it lights,  
That this same Child of Honor and Renowne,  
This gallant Hotspur, this allpraysed Knight,  
And your vnthoughtof Harry chance to meet:  
For euery Honor fitting on his Helme,  
Would they were multitudes, and on my head  
My shames redoubled. For the time will come,  
That I shall make this Northerne Youth exchange  
His glorious Deedes for my Indignities:*

*Percy is but my Factor, good my Lord,  
To engrosse vp glorious Deedes on my behalfe:  
And I will call him to so strict account,  
That he shall render euery Glory vp,  
Yea, euen the sleightest worship of his time,  
Or I will teare the Reckoning from his Heart.  
This, in the Name of Heauen, I promise here:  
The which, if I performe, and doe suruiue,  
I doe beseech your Maiestie, may salue  
The longgrowne Wounds of my intemperature:  
If not, the end of Life cancells all Bands,  
And I will dye a hundred thousand Deaths,  
Ere breake the smallest parcell of this Vow.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*A hundred thousand Rebels dye in this:*

*Thou shalt haue Charge, and soueraigne trust herein.*

*Enter Blunt.*

*How now good Blunt? thy Lookes are full of speed.*

*rem*

*remBlunt.*

*So hath the Businesse that I come to speake of.*

*Lord Mortimer of Scotland hath sent word,  
That Dowglas and the English Rebels met  
The eleuenth of this moneth, at Shrewsbury:  
A mightie and a fearefull Head they are,  
(If Promises be kept on euery hand)  
As euer offered foule play in a state.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*The Earle of Westmerland set forth to day:*

*With him my sonne, Lord Iohn of Lancaster,  
For this aduertisement is five dayes old.  
On Wednesday next, Harry thou shalt set forward:  
On Thursday, wee our selues will march.  
Our meeting is Bridgenorth: and Harry, you shall march  
Through Glocestershire: by which account,  
Our Businesse valued some twelue dayes hence,  
Our generall Forces at Bridgenorth shall meete.  
Our Hands are full of Businesse: let's away,  
Aduantage feedes him fat, while men delay.*

*Exeunt.*



**Scena Tertia.**

*Enter Falstaffe and Bardolph.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Bardolph, am I not falne away vilely, since this last action? doe I not bate? doe I not dwindle? Why my skinne hangs about me like an olde Ladies loose Gowne: I am withered like an olde Apple Iohn. Well, Ile repent, and that suddenly, while I am in some liking; I shall be out of heart shortly, and then I shall haue no strength to repent. And I haue not forgotten what the inside of a Church is made of, I am a PepperCorne, a Brewers Horse, the inside of a Church. Company, villa nous Company hath been the spoyle of me.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*Sir Iohn, you are so fretfull, you cannot liue long.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Why there is it: Come, sing me a bawdy Song, make me merry: I was as vertuously giuen, as a Gentle man need to be; vertuous enough, swore little, dic'd not aboue seuen times a weeke, went to a Bawdyhouse not aboue once in a quarter of an houre, payd Money that I borrowed, three or foure times; liued well, and in good compasse: and now I liue out of all order, out of com passe.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*Why, you are so fat, Sir Iohn, that you must needes bee out of all compasse; out of all reasonable compasse Sir Iohn.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Doe thou amend thy Face, and Ile amend thy Life: Thou art our Admirall, thou bearest the Lanterne in the Poope, but 'tis in the Nose of thee; thou art the Knight of the burning Lampe.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*Why, Sir Iohn, my Face does you no harme.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*No, Ile be sworne: I make as good vse of it, as many a man doth of a DeathsHead, or a Memento Mori. I neuer see thy Face, but I thinke vpon Hell fire, and Diues that liued in Purple; for there he is in his Robes burning, burning. If thou wert any way giuen to vertue, I would sweare by thy Face; my Oath should bee, By this Fire: But thou art altogether giuen ouer; and wert indeede, but for the Light in thy Face, the Sunne of vtter Darke nesse. When thou ran'st vp GadsHill in the Night, to catch my Horse, if I did not thinke that thou hadst beene an Ignis fatuus, or a Ball of Wildfire, there's no Purchase in Money. O, thou art a perpetual Triumph, an euer lasting BonefireLight: thou hast saued me a thousand Markes in Linkes and Torches, walking with thee in the Night betwixt Tauerne and Tauerne: But the Sack that thou hast drunke me, would haue bought me Lights as good cheape, as the*

*dearest Chandlers in Europe. I haue maintain'd that Salamander of yours with fire,  
any time this two and thirtie yeeres, Heauen reward me for it.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*I would my Face were in your Belly.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*So should I be sure to be heartburn'd.*

*Enter Hostesse.*

*How now, Dame Partlet the Hen, haue you enquir'd yet who pick'd my Pocket?*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*Why Sir John, what doe you thinke, Sir Iohn? doe you thinke I keepe Theeues in  
my House? I haue search'd, I haue enquired, so haz my Husband, Man by Man, Boy  
by Boy, Seruant by Seruant: the tight of a hayre was neuer lost in my house before.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Ye lye Hostesse: Bardolph was shau'd, and lost many a hayre; and Ile be sworne my  
Pocket was pick'd: goe to, you are a Woman, goe.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*Who I? I defie thee: I was neuer call'd so in mine owne house before.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Goe to, I know you well enough.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*No, Sir Iohn, you doe not know me, Sir Iohn: I know you, Sir Iohn: you owe me  
Money, Sir Iohn, and now you picke a quarrell, to beguile me of it: I bought you a  
dozen of Shirts to your Backe.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Doulas, filthy Doulas: I haue giuen them away to Bakers Wiues, and they haue  
made Boulters of them.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*Now was I am a true Woman, Holland of eight shillings an Ell: You owe Money  
here besides, Sir Iohn, for your Dyet, and byDrinkings, and Money lent you, foure  
and twentie pounds.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Hee had his part of it, let him pay.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*Hee? alas hee is poore, hee hath no thing.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*How? Poore? Looke vpon his Face: What call you Rich? Let them coyne his Nose,  
let them coyne his Cheekes, Ile not pay a Denier. What, will you make a Younker  
of me? Shall I not take mine ease in mine Inne, but I shall haue my Pocket pick'd?  
I haue lost a Seale Ring of my Grandfathers, worth fortie Marke.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*I haue heard the Prince tell him, I know not how oft, that that Ring was Copper.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*How? the Prince is a Iacke, a SneakeCuppe: and if hee were heere, I would cudgell  
him like a Dogge, if hee would say so.*

*Enter the Prince marching, and Falstaffe meets him, playing on his Trunchion like  
a Fife.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*How now Lad? is the Winde in that Doore? Must we all march?*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*Yea, two and two, Newgate fashion.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*My Lord, I pray you heare me.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What say'st thou, Mistresse Quickly? How does thy Husband? I loue him well, hee  
is an honest man.*

*rem*

*remHostesse.*

*Good, my Lord, heare mee.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Prethee let her alone, and list to mee.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What say'st thou, Iacke?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*The other Night I fell asleepe heere behind the Arras, and had my Pocket pickt: this  
House is turn'd Bawdyhouse, they picke Pockets.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What didst thou lose, Iacke?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Wilt thou beleue me, Hal? Three or foure Bonds of fortie pound apeece, and a SealeRing of my Grand fathers.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*A Trifle, some eightpenny matter.*

*rem*

*remHost.*

*So I told him, my Lord; and I said, I heard your Grace say so: and (my Lord) hee speakes most vilely of you, like a foulemouth'd man as hee is, and said, hee would cudgell you.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*What hee did not?*

*rem*

*remHost.*

*There's neyther Faith, Truth, nor Womanhood in me else.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*There's no more faith in thee then a stu'de Prune; nor no more truth in thee, then in a drawne Fox: and for Woomanhood, Maidmarian may be the Deputies wife of the Ward to thee. Go you nothing: go.*

*rem*

*remHost.*

*Say, what thing? what thing?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*What thing? why a thing to thanke heauen on.*

*rem*

*remHost.*

*I am no thing to thanke heauen on, I wold thou shouldst know it: I am an honest mans wife: and setting thy Knighthood aside, thou art a knaue to call me so.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Setting thy womanhood aside, thou art a beast to say otherwise.*

*rem*

*remHost.*

*Say, what beast, thou knaue thou?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*What beast? Why an Otter.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*An Otter, sir Iohn? Why an Otter?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Why? She's neither fish nor flesh; a man knowes not where to haue her.*

*rem*

*remHost.*

*Thou art vniust man in saying so; thou, or anie man knowes where to haue me,  
thou knaue thou.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Thou say'st true Hostesse, and he slanders thee most grossely.*

*rem*

*remHost.*

*So he doth you, my Lord, and sayde this other day, You ought him a thousand pound.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*Sirrah, do I owe you a thousand pound?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*A thousand pound Hal? A Million. Thy loue is worth a Million: thou ow'st me thy  
loue.*

*rem*

*remHost.*

*Nay my Lord, he call'd you Iacke, and said hee would cudgell you.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Did I, Bardolph?*

*rem*

*remBar.*

*Indeed Sir Iohn, you said so.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Yea, if he said my Ring was Copper.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*I say 'tis Copper. Dar'st thou bee as good as thy word now?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Why Hal? thou know'st, as thou art but a man, I dare: but, as thou art a Prince, I  
feare thee, as I feare the roaring of the Lyons Whelpe.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*And why not as the Lyon?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*The King himselve is to bee feared as the Lyon: Do'st thou thinke Ile feare thee, as  
I feare thy Father? nay if I do, let my Girdle breake.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*O, if it should. how would thy guttes fall about thy knees. But sirra: There's no  
roome for Faith, Truth, nor Honesty, in this bosome of thine: it is all fill'd vppe  
with Guttes and Midriffe. Charge an honest Woman with picking thy pocket? Why*

*thou horson impudent imboast Rascall, if there were any thing in thy Pocket but Tauerne Recknings, Memorandums of Bawdiehouses, and one poore penyworth of Sugarcandie to make thee longwinded: if thy pocket were enrich'd with anie o ther iniuries but these, I am a Villaine: And yet you will stand to it, you will not Pocket vp wrong. Art thou not asham'd?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Do'st thou heare Hal? Thou know'st in the state of Innocency, Adam fell: and what should I poore Iacke Falstaffe do, in the days of Villany? Thou seest, I haue more flesh then another man, and therefore more frailty. You confesse then you pickt my Pocket?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*It appears so by the story.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Hostesse, I forgiue thee:*

*Go make ready Breakfast, loue thy Husband,  
Looke to thy Seruants, and cherish thy Guests:  
Thou shalt find me tractable to any honest reason;  
Thou feest, I a1 pacified still.  
Nay, I prethee be gone.*

*Exit Hostesse.*

*Now Hal, to the newes at Court for the Robbery, Lad? How is that answered?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*O my sweet Beeffe:*

*I must still be good Angell to thee.  
The Monie is paid backe againe.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*O, I do not like that paying backe, 'tis a double Labour.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I am good Friends with my Father, and may do any thing.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Rob me the Exchequer the first thing thou do'st, and do it with vnwash'd hands too.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*Do my Lord.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I haue procured thee Iacke, a Charge of Foot.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*I would it had beene of Horse. Where shal I finde one that can steale well? O, for a fine theefe of two and twentie, or thereabout: I am heynously vnprovided. Wel God be thanked for these Rebels, they offend none but the Vertuous. I laud them, I praise them.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Bardolph.*

*rem*

*remBar.*

*My Lord.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Go beare this Letter to Lord Iohn of Lancaster*

*To my Brother Iohn. This to my Lord of Westmerland,*

*Go Peto, to horse: for thou, and I,*

*Haue thirtie miles to ride yet ere dinner time.*

*Iacke, meet me tomorrow in the Temple Hall*

*At two a clocke in the afternoone,*

*There shalt thou know thy Charge, and there receiue*

*Money and Order for their Furniture.*

*The Land is burning, Percie stands on hye,*

*And either they, or we must lower lye.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Rare words! braue world.*

*Hostesse, my breakfast, come:*

*Oh, I could wish thit Tauerne were my drumme.*

*Exeunt omnes.*

#### **Actus Quartus. Scna Prima.**

*Enter Harrie Hotspurre, Worcester, and Dowglas.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Well said, my Noble Scot, if speaking truth*

*In this fine Age, were not thought flatterie,*

*Such attribution should the Dowglas haue,*

*As not a Souldiour of this seasons stampe,*

*Should go so generall currant through the world.*

*By heauen I cannot flatter: I defie*

*The Tongues of Soothers. But a Brauer place  
In my hearts loue, hath no man then your Selfe.  
Nay, taske me to my word: approue me Lord.*

*rem*

*remDow.*

*Thou art the King of Honor:*

*No man so potent breathes vpon the ground,  
But I will Beard him.*

*Enter a Messenger.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Do so, and 'tis well. What Letters hast there? I can but thanke you.*

*rem*

*remMess.*

*These Letters come from your Father.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Letters from him?*

*Why comes he not himselfe?*

*rem*

*remMes.*

*He cannot come, my Lord,*

*He is greeuous sicke.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*How? haz he the leysure to be sicke now,*

*In such a iustling time? Who leades his power?*

*Vnder whose Gouernment come they along?*

*rem*

*remMess.*

*His Letters beares his minde, not I his minde.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*I prethee tell me, doth he keepe his Bed?*

*rem*

*remMess.*

*He did, my Lord, foure dayes ere I set forth:*

*And at the time of my departure thence,*

*He was much fear'd by his Physician.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*I would the state of time had first beene whole,*

*Ere he by sicknesse had beene visited:*

*His health was neuer better worth then now.*



rem

remHotsp.

*Sicke now? droope now? this sicknes doth infect  
The very Lifeblood of our Enterprise,  
'Tis catching hither, euen to our Campe.  
He writes me here, that inward sicknesse,  
And that his friends by deputation  
Could not so soone be drawne: nor did he thinke it meet,  
To lay so dangerous and deare a trust  
On any Soule remou'd, but on his owne.  
Yet doth he giue vs bold aduertisement,  
That with our small coniunction we should on,  
To see how Fortune is dispos'd to vs:  
For, as he writes, there is no quailing now,  
Because the King is certainly possest  
Of all our purposes. What say you to it?*

rem

remWor.

*Your Fathers sicknesse is a mayme to vs.*

rem

remHots.

*A perillous Gash, a very Limme lopt off:  
And yet, in faith, it is not his present want  
Seemes more then we shall finde it.  
Were it good, to set the exact wealth of all our states  
All at one Cast? To set so rich a mayne  
On the nice hazard of one doubtfull houre,  
It were not good: for therein should we reade  
The very Bottome, and the Soule of Hope,  
The very List, the very vtmost Bound  
Of all our fortunes.*

rem

remDowg.

*Faith, and so wee should,  
Where now remaines a sweet reuersion.  
We may boldly spend, vpon the hope  
Of what is to come in:  
A comfort of retyrement liues in this.*

rem

remHotsp.

*A Randeuous, a Home to flye vnto,  
If that the Deuill and Mischance looke bigge*

*Vpon the Maydenhead of our Affaires.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*But yet I would your Father had beene here:*

*The Qualitie and Heire of our Attempt*

*Brookes no diuision: It will be thought*

*By some, that know not why he is away,*

*That wisdom, loyaltie, and meere dislike*

*Of our proceedings, kept the Earle from hence.*

*And thinke, how such an apprehension*

*May turne the tyde of fearefull Faction,*

*And breede a kinde of question in our cause:*

*For well you know, wee of the offring side,*

*Must keepe a loose from strict arbitrement,*

*And stop all sightholes, euery loope, from whence*

*The eye of reason may prie in vpon vs:*

*This absence of your Father drawes a Curtaine,*

*That shewes the ignorant a kinde of feare,*

*Before not dreamt of.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*You strayne too farre.*

*I rather of his absence make this vse:*

*It lends a Lustre and more great Opinion,*

*A larger Dare to your great Enterprize,*

*Then if the Earle were here: for men must thinke,*

*If we without his helpe, can make a Head*

*To push against the Kingdome; with his helpe,*

*We shall o'returne it topsieturuy downe:*

*Yet all goes well yet all our ioynts are whole. The bottom part of the letters on  
this line has been obscured by a paper strip covering a tear in the page.*

*rem*

*remDowg.*

*As heart can thinke:*

*There is not such a word spoke of in Scotland,*

*At this Dreame of Feare.*

*Enter Sir Richard Vernon.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*My Cousin Vernon, welcome by my Soule.*

*rem*

*remVern.*

*Pray God my newes be worth a welcome, Lord,  
The Earle of Westmerland, seuen thousand strong,  
Is marching hitherwards, with Prince Iohn.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*No harme: what more?*

*rem*

*remVern.*

*And further, I haue learn'd,  
The King himselfe in person hath set forth,  
Or hitherwards intended speedily,  
With strong and mightie preparation.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*He shall be welcome too.*

*Where is his Sonne,  
The nimblefooted MadCap, Prince of Wales,  
And his Cumrades, that daft the World aside,  
And bid it passe?*

*rem*

*remVern.*

*All furnisht, all in Armes,  
All plum'd like Estridges, that with the Winde  
Bayted like Eagles, hauing lately bath'd,  
Glittering in Golden Coates, like Images,  
As full of spirit as the Moneth of May,  
And gorgeous as the Sunne at Midsummer,  
Wanton as youthfull Goates, wilde as young Bulls.  
I saw young Harry with his Beuer on,  
His Cushes on his thighes, gallantly arm'd,  
Rise from the ground like feathered Mercury,  
And vaulted with such ease into his Seat,  
As if an Angell dropt downe from the Clouds,  
To turne and winde a fierie Pegasus,  
And witch the World with Noble Horsemanship.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*No more, no more,*

*Worse then the Sunne in March:  
This prayse doth nourish Agues: let them come.  
They come like Sacrifices in their trimme,*

*And to the fireey'd Maid of smoakie Warre,  
All hot, and bleeding, will wee offer them:  
The mayled Mars shall on his Altar sit  
Vp to the eares in blood. I am on fire,  
To heare this rich reprizall is so nigh,  
And yet not ours. Come, let me take my Horse,  
Who is to beare me like a Thunderbolt,  
Against the bosome of the Prince of Wales.  
Harry to Harry, shall not Horse to Horse  
Meete, and ne're part, till one drop downe a Coarse?  
Oh, that Glendower were come.*

*rem  
remVer.*

*There is more newes:*

*I learned in Worcester, as I rode along,  
He cannot draw his Power this foureteene dayes.*

*rem  
remDowg.*

*That's the worst Tidings that I heare of yet.*

*rem  
remWor.*

*I by my faith, that beares a frosty sound.*

*rem  
remHotsp.*

*What may the Kings whole Battaile reach unto?*

*rem  
remVer.*

*To thirty thousand.*

*rem  
remHot.*

*Forty let it be,*

*My Father and Glendower being both away,  
The powres of vs, may serue so great a day.  
Come, let vs take a muster speedily:  
Doomesday is neere; dye all, dye merrily.*

*rem  
remDow.*

*Talke not of dying, I am out of feare*

*Of death, or deaths hand, for this one halfe yeare.*

*Exeunt Omnes.*

Scna Secunda.

*Enter Falstaffe and Bardolph.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Bardolph, get thee before to Couentry, fill me a Bottle of Sack, our Souldiers shall march through: wee'le to Suttoncophill to Night.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*Will you giue me Money, Captaine?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Lay out, lay out.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*This Bottle makes an Angell.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*And if it doe, take it for thy labour: and if it make twentie, take them all, Ile answere the Coynage. Bid my Lieutenant Peto meete me at the Townes end.*

*rem*

*remBard.*

*I will Captaine: farewell.*

*Exit.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*If I be not asham'd of my Souldiers, I am a sowc'tGurnet: I haue misvs'd the Kings Presse dam nably. I haue got, in exchange of a hundred and fiftie Souldiers, three hundred and odde Pounds. I presse me none but good Householders, Yeomens Sonnes: enquire me out contracted Batchelers, such as had beene ask'd twice on the Banes: such a Commodity of warme slaues, as had as lieue heare the Deuill, as a Drumme; such as feare the report of a Caliuier, worse then a struckFoole, or a hurt wildeDucke. I prest me none but such Tostes and Butter, with Hearts in their Bellies no bigger then Pinnes heads, and they haue bought out their seruices: And now, my whole Charge consists of Ancients, Cor porals, Lieutenants, Gentlemen of Companies, Slaues as ragged as Lazarus in the painted Cloth, where the Glut tons Dogges licked his Sores; and such, as indeed were neuer Souldiers, but discarded vniust Seruingmen, youn ger Sonnes to younger Brothers, reuolted Tapsters and Ostlers, Tradefalne, the Cankers of a calme World, and long Peace, tenne times more dishonorable ragged, then an oldfac'd Ancient; and such haue I to fill vp the roomes of them that haue bought out their seruices: that you would thinke, that I had a hundred and fiftie totter'd Prodigalls, lately come from Swinekeeping, from eating Draffe and Huskes. A mad fellow met me on the way, and told me, I had vnloaded all the Gibbets, and prest the dead bodyes. No eye hath seene such skarCrowes: Ile not march through Couentry with them, that's flat. Nay, and the Villaines march wide betwixt the Legges, as if they had Gyues on; for indeede, I had the most of them*

*out of Prison. There's not a Shirt and a halfe in all my Company: and the halfe Shirt is two Napkins tackt to gether, and throwne ouer the shoulders like a Heralds Coat, without sleeues: and the Shirt, to say the truth, stolne from my Host of Saint<sup>A</sup> Albones, or the RedNose Innekeeper of Dauintry. But that's all one, they'le finde Linnen enough on euery Hedge.*

*Enter the Prince, and the Lord of Westmerland.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*How now blowne Iack? how now Quilt?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*What Hal? How now mad Wag, what a Dewill do'st thou in Warwickshire? My good Lord of West merland, I cry you mercy, I thought your Honour had al ready beene at Shrewsbury.*

*rem*

*remWest.*

*'Faith, Sir Iohn, 'tis more then time that I were there, and you too: but my Powers are there alreadie. The King, I can tell you, lookes for vs all: we must away all to Night.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Tut, neuer fear me, I am as vigilant as a Cat, to steale Creame.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*I thinke to steale Creame indeed, for thy theft hath alreadie made thee Butter: but tell me, Iack, whose fellowes are these that come after?*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Mine, Hal, mine.*

*rem*

*remPrince.*

*I did neuer see such pittifull Rascals.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Tut, tut, good enough to tosse: foode for Pow der, foode for Powder: they'le fill a Pit, as well as better: tush man; mortall men, mortall men.*

*rem*

*remWestm.*

*I, but Sir Iohn, me thinkes they are exceeding poore and bare, too beggarly.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Faith, for their pouertie, I know not where they had that; and for their barenesse, I am sure they neuer learn'd that of me.*

*rem*

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<sup>4</sup>S.

*remPrince.*

*No, Ile be sworne, vnlesse you call three fingers on the Ribbes bare. But sirra, make haste, Percy is already in the field.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*What, is the King encamp'd?*

*rem*

*remWestm.*

*Hee is, Sir Iohn, I feare wee shall stay too long.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Well, to the latter end of a Fray, and the begin ning of a Feast, fits a dull fighter, and a keene Guest.*

*Exeunt.*

### Scna Tertia.

*Enter Hotspur, Worcester, Douglas, and Vernon.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Wee'le fight with him to Night.*

*rem*

*remWorc.*

*It may not be.*

*rem*

*remDowg.*

*You giue him then aduantage.*

*rem*

*remVern.*

*Not a whit.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Why say you so? lookes he not for supply?*

*rem*

*remVern.*

*So doe wee.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*His is certaine, ours is doubtfull.*

*rem*

*remWorc.*

*Good Cousin be aduis'd, stirre not to night.*

*rem*

*remVern.*

*Doe not, my Lord.*

*rem*

*remDowg.*

*You doe not counsaile well:*

*You speake it out of feare, and cold heart.*

*rem*

*remVern.*

*Doe me no slander, Dowglas: by my Life,*

*And I dare well maintaine it with my Life,*

*If wellrespected Honor bid me on,*

*I hold as little counsaile with weake feare,*

*As you, my Lord, or any Scot that this day liues.*

*Let it be seene to morrow in the Battell,*

*Which of vs feares.*

*rem*

*remDowg.*

*Yea, or to night.*

*rem*

*remVern.*

*Content.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*To night, say I.*

*rem*

*remVern.*

*Come, come, it may not be.*

*I wonder much, being men<sup>5</sup> of such great leading as you are*

*That you foresee not what impediments*

*Drag backe our expedition: certaine Horse*

*Of my Cousin Vernons are not yet come vp,*

*Your Vnckle Worcesters Horse came but to day,*

*And now their pride and mettall is asleepe,*

*Their courage with hard labour tame and dull,*

*That not a Horse is halfe the halfe of himselfe.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*So are the Horses of the Enemie*

*In generall iourney bated, and brought low:*

*The better part of ours are full of rest.*

*rem*

*remWorc.*

*The number of the King exceedeth ours:*

*For Gods sake, Cousin, stay till all come in.*

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<sup>5</sup>m



*The Trumpet sounds a Parley. Enter Sir Walter Blunt.*

*rem*

*remBlunt.*

*I come with gracious offers from the King,  
If you vouchsafe me hearing, and respect.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Welcome, Sir Walter Blunt:*

*And would to God you were of our determination.  
Some of vs loue you well: and euen those some  
Enuie your great deseruings, and good name,  
Because you are not of our qualitie,  
But stand against vs like an Enemie.*

*rem*

*remBlunt.*

*And Heauen defend, but still I should stand so,  
So long as out of Limit, and true Rule,  
You stand against anoynted Maiestie.  
But to my Charge.*

*The King hath sent to know  
The nature of your Griefes, and whereupon  
You coniure from the Brest of Ciuill Peace,  
Such bold Hostilitie, teaching his dutious Land  
Audacious Crueltie. If that the King  
Haue any way your good Deserts forgot,  
Which he confesseth to be manifold,  
He bids you name your Griefes, and with all speed  
You shall haue your desires, with interest;  
And Pardon absolute for your selfe, and these,  
Herein misled, by your suggestion.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*The King is kinde:*

*And well wee know, the King  
Knowes at what time to promise, when to pay.  
My Father, my Vnckle, and my selfe,  
Did giue him that same Royaltie he weares:  
And when he was not sixe and twentie strong;  
Sicke in the Worlds regard, wretched, and low,  
A poore vnmindeed Outlaw, sneaking home,  
My Father gaue him welcome to the shore:*

*And when he heard him sweare, and vow to God,  
 He came but to be Duke of Lancaster,  
 To sue his Liuerie, and begge his Peace,  
 With teares of Innocencie, and tearmes of Zeale;  
 My Father, in kinde heart and pittie mou'd,  
 Swore him assistance, and perform'd it too.  
 Now, when the Lords and Barons of the Realme  
 Perceiu'd Northumberland did leane to him,  
 The more and lesse came in with Cap and Knee,  
 Met him in Boroughs, Cities, Villages,  
 Attended him on Bridges, stood in Lanes,  
 Layd Gifts before him, proffer'd him their Oathes,  
 Gaue him their Heires, as Pages followed him,  
 Euen at the heeles, in golden multitudes.  
 He presently, as Greatnesse knowes it selfe,  
 steps me a little higher then his Vow  
 Made to my Father, while his blood was poore,  
 Vpon the naked shore at Rauenspurgh:  
 And now (forsooth) takes on him to reforme  
 Some certaine Edicts, and some strait Decrees,  
 That lay top heauie on the Commonwealth;  
 Cryes out vpon abuses, seemes to weepe  
 Ouer his Countries Wrongs: and by this Face,  
 This seeming Brow of Iustice, did he winne  
 The hearts of all that hee did angle for.  
 Proceeded further, cut me off the Heads  
 Of all the Fauorites, that the absent King  
 In deputation left behinde him heere,  
 When hee was personall in the Irish Warre.*

*rem*

*remBlunt:*

*Tut, I came not to heare this.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Then to the point.*

*In short time after, hee depos'd the King.  
 Soone after that, depriu'd him of his Life:  
 And in the neck of that, task't the whole State.  
 To make that worse, suffer'd his Kinsman March,  
 Who is, if euery Owner were plac'd,*

*Indeede his King, to be engag'd in Wales,  
There, without Ransome, to lye forfeited:  
Disgrac'd me in my happie Victories,  
Sought to intrap me by intelligence,  
Rated my Vnckle from the CouncellBoord,  
In rage dismiss'd my Father from the Court,  
Broke Oath on Oath, committed Wrong on Wrong,  
And in conclusion, droue vs to seeke out  
This Head of safetie; and withall, to prie  
Into his Title: the which wee finde  
Too indirect, for long continuance.*

*rem*

*remBlunt.*

*Shall I returne this answer to the King?*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*Not so, Sir Walter.*

*Wee'le withdraw a while:*

*Goe to the King, and let there be impawn'd  
Some suretie for a safe returne againe,  
And in the Morning early shall my Vnckle  
Bring him our purpose: and so farewell.*

*rem*

*remBlunt.*

*I would you would accept of Grace and Loue.*

*rem*

*remHotsp.*

*And't may be, so wee shall.*

*rem*

*remBlunt.*

*Pray Heauen you doe.*

*Exeunt.*

#### **Scena Quarta.**

*Enter the ArchBishop of Yorke, and Sir Michell.*

*rem*

*remArch.*

*Hie, good Sir Michell, beare this sealed Briefe  
With winged haste to the Lord Marshall,  
This to my Cousin Scroope, and all the rest  
To whom they are directed.*

*If you knew how much they doe import,  
You would make haste.*

*rem*

*remSir Mich.*

*My good Lord, I guesse their tenor.*

*rem*

*remArch.*

*Like enough you doe.*

*To morrow, good Sir Michell, is a day,  
Wherein the fortune of ten thousand men  
Must bide the touch. For Sir, at Shrewsbury,  
As I am truly giuen to vnderstand,  
The King, with mightie and quickrayed Power,  
Meetes with Lord Harry: and I feare, Sir Michell,  
What with the sicknesse of Northumberland,  
Whose Power was in the first proportion;  
And what with Owen Glendowers absence thence,  
Who with them was rated firmly too,  
And comes not in, ouerrul'd by Prophecies,  
I feare the Power of Percy is too weake,  
To wage an instant tryall with the King.*

*rem*

*remSir Mich.*

*Why, my good Lord, you need not feare,  
There is Dowglas, and Lord Mortimer.*

*rem*

*remArch.*

*No, Mortimer is not there.*

*rem*

*remSir Mic.*

*But there is Mordake, Vernon, Lord Harry Percy,  
And there is my Lord of Worcester,  
And a Head of gallant Warriors,  
Noble Gentlemen.*

*rem*

*remArch.*

*And so there is, but yet the King hath drawne  
The speciall head of all the Land together:  
The Prince of Wales, Lord Iohn of Lancaster,  
The Noble Westmerland, and warlike Blunt;  
And many moe Corriuals, and deare men  
Of estimation, and command in Armes.*

*rem*

*rem*Sir M.

*Doubt not my Lord, he shall be well oppos'd*

*rem*

*rem*Arch.

*I hope no lesse? Yet needful 'tis to feare,  
And to preuent the worst, Sir Michell speed;  
For if Lord Percy thriue not, ere the King  
Dismitte his power, he meanes to visit vs:  
For he hath heard of our Confederacie,  
And, 'tis but Wisedome to make strong against him:  
Therefore make hast, I must go write againe  
To other Friends: and so farewell, Sir Michell.*

*Exeunt.*

### **Actus Quintus. Scena Prima.**

*Enter the King, Prince of Wales, Lord Iohn of Lancaster, Earle of Westmerland,  
Sir Walter Blunt, and Falstaffe.*

*rem*

*rem*King.

*How bloodily the Sunne begins to peere  
Aboue yon busky hill: the day lookes pale  
At his distemperature.*

*rem*

*rem*Prin.

*The Southerne winde  
Doth play the Trumpet to his purposes,  
And by his hollow whistling in the Leaues,  
Fortels a Tempest, and a blust'ring day.*

*rem*

*rem*King.

*Then with the losers let it sympathize,  
For nothing can seeme foule to those that win.*

*The Trumpet sounds.*

*Enter Worcester.*

*rem*

*rem*King.

*How now my Lord of Worcester? 'Tis not well  
That you and I should meet vpon such tearmes,  
As now we meet. You haue deceiu'd our trust,*

*And made vs doffe our easie Robes of Peace,  
To crush our old limbes in vngentle steele;  
This is not well, my Lord, this is not well.  
What say you to it? Will you againe vnknit  
This churlish knot of allabhorred Warre?  
And moue in that obedient Orbe againe,  
Where you did giue a faire and naturall light,  
And be no more an exhall'd Meteor,  
A prodigie of Feare, and a Portent  
Of broached Mischeefe, to the vnborne Times?*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*Heare me, my Liege:*

*For mine owne part, I could be well content  
To entertaine the Laggeend of my life  
With quiet houres: For I do protest,  
I haue not sought the day of this dislike.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*You haue not sought it: how comes it then?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Rebellion lay in his way, and he found it.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Peace, Chewet, peace.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*It pleas'd your Maiesty, to turne your lookes*

*Of Fauour, from my Selfe, and all our House;  
And yet I must remember you my Lord,;  
We were the first, and dearest of your Friends:  
Far you, my staffe of Office did I breake  
In Richards time, and poasted day and night  
To meete you on the way, and kisse your hand,  
When yet you were in place, and in account  
Nothing so strong and fortunate as I;  
It was my Selfe, my Brother, and his Sonne,  
That brought you home, and boldly did outdare  
The danger of the time. You swore to vs,  
And you did sweare that Oath at Doncaster,  
That you did nothing of purpose 'gainst the State,*

*Nor claime no further, then your newfalne right,  
The seate of Gaunt, Dukedome of Lancaster,  
To this, we sware our aide: But in short space,  
It rain'd downe Fortune showing on your head,  
And such a floud of Greatnesse fell on you,  
What with our helpe, what with the absent King,  
What with the iniuries of wanton time,  
The seeming sufferances that you had borne,  
And the contrarious Windes that held the King  
So long in the vn lucky Irish Warres,  
That all in England did repute him dead:  
And from this swarme of faire aduantages,  
You tooke occasion to be quickly woo'd,  
To gripe the generall sway into your hand,  
Forgot your Oath to vs at Doncaster,  
And being fed by vs, you vs'd vs so,  
As that vngentle gull the Cuckowes Bird,  
Vseth the Sparrow, did oppresse our Nest,  
Grew by our Feeding, to so great a bulke,  
That euen our Loue durst not come neere your sight  
For feare of swallowing: But with nimble wing  
We were inforc'd for safety sake, to flye  
Out of your sight, and raise this present Head,  
Whereby we stand opposed by such meanes  
As you your selfe, haue forg'd against your selfe,  
By vnkinde vsage, dangerous countenance,  
And violation of all faith and troth  
Sworne to vs in yonger enterprize.*

*rem*

*remKin.*

*These things indeede you haue articulated,  
Proclaim'd at Market Crosses, read in Churches,  
To face the Garment of Rebellion  
With some fine colour, that may please the eye  
Of fickle Changelings, and poore Discontents,  
Which gape, and rub the Elbow at the newes  
Of hurly burly Innouation:  
And neuer yet did Insurrection want  
Such watercolours, to impaint his cause:  
Nor moody Beggars, staruing for a time*

*Of pellmell hauocke, and confusion.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*In both our Armies, there is many a soule  
Shall pay full dearely for this encounter,  
if once they ioyne in triall. Tell your Nephew,  
The Prince of Wales doth ioyne with all the world  
in praise of Henry Percie: By my Hopes,  
This present enterprize set off his head,  
I do not thinke a brauer Gentleman,  
More actiue, valiant, or more valiant yong,  
More daring, or more bold, is now aliue,  
To grace this latter Age with Noble deeds.  
For my part, I may speake it to my shame,  
I haue a Truant beene to Chiualry,  
And so I heare, he doth account me too:  
Yet this before my Fathers Maiesty,  
I am content that he shall take the oddes  
Of his great name and estimation,  
And will, to saue the blood on either side,  
Try fortune with him, in a Single Fight.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*And Prince of Wales, so dare we venter thee,  
Albeit, considerations infinite  
Do make aga2st it: No good Worster, no,  
We loue our people well; euen those we loue  
That are misled vpon your Cousins part:  
And will they take the offer of our Grace:  
Both he, and they, and you; yea, euey man  
Shall be my Friend againe, and Ile be his.  
So tell your Cousin, and bring me word,<sup>1</sup>  
What he will do. But if he will not yeeld,  
Rebuke and dread correction waite on vs,  
And they shall do their Office. So bee gone,  
We will not now be troubled with reply,  
We offer faire, take it aduisedly.*

*Exit Worccster.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*



*It will not be accepted, on my life,  
The Dowglas and the Hotspurre both together,  
Are confident against the world in Armes.*

*rem  
remKing.*

*Hence therefore, euery Leader to his charge,  
For on their answer will we set on them;  
And God befriend vs, as our cause is iust.*

*Exeunt.*

*Manet Prince and Falstaffe.*

*rem  
remFal.*

*Hal, if thou see me downe in the battell,  
And bestride me, so; 'tis a point of friendship.*

*rem  
remPrin.*

*Nothing but a Colossus can do thee that frendship  
Say thy prayers, and farewell.*

*rem  
remFal.*

*I would it were bed time Hal, and all well.*

*rem  
remPrin.*

*Why, thou ow'st heauen a death.*

*rem  
remFast.*

*'Tis not due yet: I would bee loath to pay him before his day. What neede I bee so forward with him, that call's not on me? Well, 'tis no matter, Honor prickes me on. But how if Honour pricke me off when I come on? How then? Can Honour set too a legge? No: or an arme? No: Or take away the greefe of a wound? No. Honour hath no skill in Surgerie, then? No. What is Ho nour? A word. What is that word Honour? Ayre: A trim reckoning. Who hath it? He that dy'de a Wednes day. Doth he feele it? No. Doth hee heare it? No. Is it insensible then? yea, to the dead. But wil it not liue with the liuing? No. Why? Detraction wil not suffer it, ther fore Ile none of it. Honour is a meere Scutcheon, and so ends my Catechisme.*

*Exit.*

## **Scena Secunda.**

*Enter Worcester, and Sir Richard Vernon.*

*rem  
remWor.*

*O no, my Nephew must not know, Sir Richard,*

*The liberall kinde offer of the King.*

*rem*

*remVer.*

*'Twere best he did.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*Then we are all vndone.*

*It is not possible, it cannot be,*

*The King would keepe his word in louing vs,*

*He will suspect vs still, and finde a time*

*To punish this offence in others faults:*

*Supposition, all our liues, shall be stucke full of eyes;*

*For Treason is but trusted like the Foxe,*

*Who ne're so tame, so cherisht, and lock'd vp,*

*Will haue a wilde tricke of his Ancestors:*

*Looke how he can, or sad or merrily,*

*Interpretation will misquote our lookes,*

*And we shall feede like Oxen at a stall,*

*The better cherisht, still the nearer death.*

*My Nephewes trespasse may be well forgot,*

*It hath the excuse of youth, and heate of blood,*

*And an adopted name of Ptiuledge Priuiledge ,*

*A hairebrain'd Hotspurre, gouern'd by a Spleene:*

*All his offences liue vpon my head,*

*And on his Fathers. We did traine him on,*

*And his corruption being tane from vs,*

*We as the Spring of all, shall pay for all:*

*Therefore good Cousin, let not Harry know*

*In any case, the offer of the King.*

*rem*

*remVer.*

*Deliuier what you will, Ile say 'tis so.*

*Heere comes your Cosin.*

*Enter Hotspurre.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*My Vnkle is return'd,*

*Deliuier vp my Lord of Westmerland.*

*Vnkle, what newe?*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*The King will bid you battell presently.*

*rem*

*remDow.*

*Defie him by the Lord of Westmerland.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Lord Dowglas: Go you and tell him so.*

*rem*

*remDow.*

*Marry and shall, and verie willingly.*

*Exit Dowglas.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*There is no seeming mercy in the King.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Did you begge any? God forbid.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*I told him gently of our greeuances,*

*Of his Oathbreaking: which he mended thus,*

*By now forswearing that he is forsworne,*

*He cals vs Rebels, Traitors, and will scourge*

*With haughty armes, this hatefull name in vs.*

*Enter Dowglas.*

*rem*

*remDow.*

*Arme Gentlemen, to Armes, for I haue thrown*

*A braue defiance in King Henries teeth:*

*And Westmerland that was ingag'd did beare it,*

*Which cannot choose but bring him quickly on.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*The Prince of Wales stept forth before the king,*

*And Nephew, challeng'd you to single fight.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*O, would the quarrell lay vpon our heads,*

*And that no man might draw short breath to day,*

*But I and Harry Monmouth. Tell me, tell mee,*

*How shew'd his Talking? Seem'd it in contempt?*

*rem*

*remVer.*

*No, by my Soule: I neuer in my life  
Did heare a Challenge vrg'd more modestly,  
Vnlesle a Brother should a Brother dare  
To gentle exercise, and prooffe of Armes.  
He gaue you all the Duties of a Man,  
Trimm'd vp your praises with a Princely tongue,  
Spoke your deseruings like a Chronicle,  
Making you euer better then his praise,  
By still dispraising praise, valew'd with you:  
And which became him like a Prince indeed,  
He made a blushing citall of himselfe,  
And chid his Trewant youth with such a Grace,  
As if he mastred there a double spirit  
Of teaching, and of learning instantly:  
There did he pause. But let me tell the World,  
If he outliue the enuie of this day,  
England did neuer owe so sweet a hope,  
So much misconstrued in his Wantonnesse.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Cousin, I thinke thou art enamored  
On his Follies: neuer did I heare  
Of any Prince so wilde at Liberty.  
But be he as he will, yet once ere night,  
I will imbrace him with a Souldiers arme,  
That he shall shrinke vnder my curtesie.  
Arme, arme with speed. And Fellow's, Soldiers, Friends,  
Better consider what you haue to do,  
That I that haue not well the gift of Tongue,  
Can lift your blood up with perswasion.*

*Enter a Messenger.*

*rem*

*remMes.*

*My Lord, heere are Letters for you.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*I cannot reade them now.*

*O Gentlemen, the time of life is short;  
To spend that shortnesse basely, were too long.  
If life did ride vpon a Dials point,*

*still ending at the arriuell of an houre,  
And if we liue, we liue to treade on Kings:  
If dye; braue death, when Princes dye with vs.  
Now for our Consciencs, the Armes is faire,  
When the intent for bearing them is iust.*

*Enter another Messenger.*

*rem*

*remMes.*

*My Lord prepare, the King comes on apace.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*I thanke him, that he cuts me from my tale:*

*For I professe not talking: Onely this,*

*Let each man do his best. And heere I draw a Sword,*

*Whose worthy temper I intend to staine*

*With the best blood that I can meete withall,*

*In the adventure of this perillous day.*

*Now Esperance Percy, and set on:*

*Sound all the lofty Instruments of Warre,*

*And by that Musicke let vs all imbrace:*

*For heauen to earth, some of vs neuer shall,*

*A second time do such a curtesie.*

*They embrace, the Trumpets sound, the King entereth with his power, alarum vnto  
the battell. Then enter Dowglas, and Sir Walter Blunt.*

*Conventional scene numbering in this play diverges from the First Folio from  
this point onwards.*

*rem*

*remBlu.*

*What is thy name, that in battell thus yu crossest me?*

*What honor dost thou seeke vpon my head?*

*rem*

*remDow.*

*Know then my name is Dowglas,*

*And I do haunt thee in the battell thus,*

*Because some tell me, that thou art a King.*

*rem*

*remBlunt.*

*They tell thee true.*

*rem*

*remDow.*

*The Lord of Stafford deere to day hath bought*

*Thy likenesse: for insted of thee King Harry,  
This Sword hath ended him, so shall it thee,  
Vnlesse thou yeeld thee as a Prisoner.*

*rem  
remBlu.*

*I was not borne to yeeld, thou haughty Scot,  
And thou shalt finde a King that will reuenge  
Lords Staffords death.*

*Fight, Blunt is slaine, then enters Hotspur.*

*rem  
remHot.*

*O Dowglas, hadst thou fought at Holmedon thus  
I neuer had triumphed o're a Scot.*

*rem  
remDow.*

*All's done, all's won, here breathles lies the king*

*rem  
remHot.*

*Where?*

*rem  
remDow.*

*Heere.*

*rem  
remHot.*

*This Dowglas? No, I know this face full well:  
A gallant Knight he was, his name was Blunt,  
Semblably furnish'd like the King himselfe.*

*rem  
remDow.*

*Ah foole: go with thy soule whether it goes,  
A borrowed Title hast thou bought too deere.  
Why didst thou tell me, that thou wer't a King?*

*rem  
remHot.*

*The King hath many marching in his Coats.*

*rem  
remDow.*

*Now by my Sword, I will kill all his Coates,  
Ile murder all his Wardrobe peece by peece,  
Vntill I meet the King.*

*rem  
remHot.*

*Vp, and away,*

*Our Souldiers stand full fairely for the day.*

*Exeunt*

*Alarum, and enter Falstaffe solus.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Though I could scape shotfree at London, I fear the shot heere: here's no scoring, but upon the pate. Soft who are you? Sir Walter Blunt, there's Honour for you: here's no vanity, I am as hot as molten Lead, and as hea uy too; heauen keepe Lead out of mee, I neede no more weight then mine owne Bowelles. I have led my rag of Muffins where they are pepper'd: there's not three of my 150. left aliue, and they for the Townes end, to beg du ring life. But who comes here?*

*Enter the Prince.*

*rem*

*remPri.*

*What, stand'st thou idle here? Lend me thy sword,  
Many a Nobleman likes starke and stiffe  
Vnder the hooues of vaunting enemies,  
Whose deaths are vnreueng'd. Prethy lend me thy sword*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*O Hal, I prethee giue me leaue to breath a while: Turke Gregory neuer did such deeds in Armes, as I haue done this day. I haue paid Percy, I haue made him sure.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*He is indeed, and liuing to kill thee:  
I prethee lend me thy sword.*

*rem*

*remFalst.*

*Nay Hal, if Percy bee aliue, thou getst not my Sword; but take my Pistoll if thou wilt.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Giue it me: What, is it in the Case?*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*I Hal, 'tis hot: There's that will Sacke a City.*

*The Prince drawes out a Bottle of Sacke.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*What, is it a time to iest and dally now.*

*Exit.*

*Throwes it at him.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*If Percy be aliue, Ile pierce him: if he do come in my way, so: if he do not, if I come in his (willingly) let him make a Carbonado of me. I like not such grinning honour as Sir Walter hath: Giue mee life, which if I can saue, so: if not, honour comes vnlook'd for, and ther's an end.*

*Exit*

### **Scena Tertia.**

*Alarum, excursions, enter the King, the Prince, Lord Iohn of Lancaster, and Earle of Westmerland.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*I prethee Harry withdraw thy selfe, thou blee dest too much: Lord Iohn of Lancaster, go you with him.*

*rem*

*remP. Ioh.*

*Not I, my Lord, vnlesse I did bleed too.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I beseech your Maiesty make vp,*

*Least you retirement do amaze your friends.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*I will do so:*

*My Lord of Westmerland leade him to his Tent.*

*rem*

*remWest.*

*Come my Lord, Ile leade you to your Tent.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Lead me my Lord? I do not need your helpe;*

*And heauen forbid a shallow scratch should driue*

*The Prince of Wales from such a field as this,*

*Where stain'd Nobility lyes troden on,*

*And Rebels Armes triumph in massacres.*

*rem*

*remIoh.*

*We breath too long. Come cosin Westmerland,*

*Our duty this way lies, for heauens sake come.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*



*By heauen thou hast deceiu'd me Lancaster,  
I did not thinke thee Lord of such a spirit:  
Before, I lou'd thee as a Brother, Iohn;  
But now, I do respect thee as my Soule.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*I saw him hold Lord Percy at the point,  
With lustier maintenance then I did looke for  
Of such an vngrowne Warriour.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*O this Boy, lends mettall to vs all.*

*Exit.*

*Enter Dowglas.*

*rem*

*remDow.*

*Another King? They grow like Hydra's heads:  
I am the Dowglas, fatall to all those  
That weare those colours on them. What art thou  
That counterfeit'st the person of a King?*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*The King himselfe: who Dowglas grieues at 1 The bottom of this page has been torn  
and repaired, obscuring the catchword.*

*So many of his shadowes thou hast met,  
And not the very King. I haue two Boyes  
Seeke Percy and thy selfe about the Field:  
But seeing thou fall'st on me so luckily,  
I will assay thee: so defend thy selfe.*

*rem*

*remDow.*

*I feare thou art another counterfeit:  
And yet infaith thou bear'st thee like a King:  
But mine I am sure thou art, whoere thou be,  
And thus I win thee.*

*They fight, the King<sup>6</sup> being in danger,*

*Enter Prince.*

*rem*

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<sup>6</sup>K.

*remPrin.*

*Hold vp they head vile Scot, or thou art like  
Neuerto hold it vp againe: the Spirits  
Of valiant Sherly, Stafford, Blunt, are in my Armes;  
It is the Prince of Wales that threatens thee,  
Who neuer promiseth, but he meanes to pay.*

*They Fight, Dowglas flyeth.*

*Cheerely My Lord: how fare's your Grace?  
Sir Nicholas Gausey hath for succour sent,  
And so hath Clifton: Ile to Clifton straight.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Stay, and breath awhile.  
Thou hast redeem'd thy lost opinion,  
And shew'd thou mak'st some tender of my life  
In this faire rescue thou hast brought to mee.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*O heauen, they did me too much iniury,  
That euer said I hearkned to your death.  
If it were so, I might haue let alone  
The insulting hand of Dowglas ouer you,  
Which would haue bene as speedy in your end,  
As all the poysonous Potions in the world,  
And sau'd the Treacherous labour of your Sonne.*

*rem*

*remK.*

*Make vp to Clifton, Ile to Sir Nicholas Gausey.*

*Exit*

*Enter Hotspur.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*If I mistake not, thou art Harry Monmouth.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Thou, speak'st as if I would deny my name.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*My name is Harrie Percie.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Why then I see a very valiant rebel of that name.*

*I am the Prince of Wales, and thinke not Percy,*

*To share with me in glory any more:*

*Two Starres keepe not their motion in one Sphere,*

*Nor can one England brooke a double reigne,*

*Of Harry Percy, and the Prince of Wales.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Nor shall it Harry, for the houre is come*

*To end the one of vs; and would to heauen,*

*Thy name in Armes, were now as great as mine.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Ile make it greater, ere I part from thee,*

*And all the budding Honors on thy Crest,*

*Ile crop, to make a Garland for my head.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*I can no longer brooke thy Vanities.*

*Fight.*

*Enter Falstaffe.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Well said Hal, to it Hal. Nay you shall finde no Boyes play heere, I can tell you.*

*Enter Dowglas, he fights with Falstaffe, who fals down as if he were dead. The  
Prince killeth Percie.*

*rem*

*remHot.*

*Oh Harry, thou hast rob'd me of my youth:*

*I better brooke the losse of brittle life,*

*Then those proud Titles thou hast wonne of me,*

*They wound my thoughts worse, then the sword my flesh:*

*But thought's the slaue of Life, and Life, Times foole;*

*And Time, that takes suruey of all the world,*

*Must haue a stop, O, I could Prophetie,*

*But that the Earth, and the cold hand of death,*

*Lyes on my Tongue: No Percy, thou art dust*

*And food for*

*rem*

*remPrin.*  
*For Wormes, braue Percy. Farewell great heart:*  
*Illweau'd Ambition, how much art thou shrunke?*  
*When that this bodie did containe a spirit,*  
*This line is partly distorted by a tear at the bottom of the page.*  
*A Kingdome for it was too small a bound:*  
*But now two paces of the vilest Earth*  
*An ink mark follows the end of this line.*  
*Is roome enough. This Earth that beares the dead,*  
*Beares not aliue so stout a Gentleman.*  
*If thou wer't sensible of curtesie,*  
*I should not make so great a shew of Zeale.*  
*But let my fauours hide thy mangled face,*  
*And euen in thy behalfe, Ile thanke my selfe*  
*For doing these fayre Rites of Tendernesse.*  
*Adieu, and take thy praise with thee to heauen,*  
*Thy ignomy sleepe with thee in the graue,*  
*But not remembred in thy Epitaph.*  
*What? Old Acquaintance? Could not all this flesh*  
*Keepe in a little life? Poore Iacke, farewell:*  
*I could haue better spar'd a better man.*  
*O, I should haue a heavy misse of thee,*  
*If I were much in loue with Vanity.*  
*Death hath not strucke so fat a Deere to day,*  
*Though many dearer in this bloody Fray:*  
*Imbowell'd will I see thee by and by,*  
*Till then, in blood, by Noble Percie lye.*

*Exit.*

*Falstaffe riseth vp.*

*rem*  
*remFalst.*  
*Imbowell'd? if thou imbowell mee to day, Ile giue you leaue to powder me, and*  
*eat me too to morrow. 'Twas time to counterfet, or that hotte Termagant Scot,*  
*had paid me scot and lot too. Counterfeit? I am no coun terfeit; to dye, is to be*  
*counterfeit, for hee is but the counterfeit of a man, who hath not the life of a man:*  
*But to counterfeit dying, when a man thereby liueth, is to be no counterfeit, but the*  
*true and perfect image of life in deede. The better part of V2our, is Discretion; in*  
*the which better part, I haue saued my life. I am affraide of this Gunpowder Percy*  
*though he be dead. How if hee should counterfeit too, and rise? I am afraid hee*  
*would proue the better counterfeit: therefore Ile make him sure: yea, and Ile swear*  
*I kill'd him. Why may not hee rise as well as I: Nothing confutes me but eyes, and*

*nobodie sees me. Therefore sirra, with a new wound in your thigh come you along  
me.*

*Takes Hotspurre on his backe.*

*Enter Prince and Iohn of Lancaster.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Come Brother Iohn, full brauely hast thou flesht thy Maiden sword.*

*rem*

*remIohn.*

*But soft, who haue we heere?*

*Did you not tell me this Fat man was dead?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*I did, I saw him dead,*

*Breathlesse and bleeding on the ground: Art thou aliue?*

*Or is it fantasie that playes vpon our eyesight?*

*I prethee speake, we will not trust our eyes*

*Without our eares. Thou art not what thou seem'st.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*No, that's certaine: I am not a double man: but if I be not Iacke Falstaffe, then am  
I a Iacke: There is Per cy, if your Father will do me any Honor, so: if not, let him  
kill the next Percie himselfe. I looke to be either Earle or Duke, I can assure you.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Why, Percy I kill'd my selfe, and saw thee dead.*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Did'st thou? Lord, Lord, how the world is giuen to Lying? I graunt you I was downe,  
and out of Breath, and so was he, but we rose both at an instant, and fought a long  
houre by Shrewsburie clocke. If I may bee belee ued, so: if not, let them that should  
reward Valour, beare the sinne vpon their owne heads. Ile take't on my death I gaue  
him this wound in the Thigh: if the man vvere a liue, and would deny it, I would  
make him eate a peece of my sword.*

*rem*

*remIohn.*

*This is the strangest Tale that e're I heard.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*This is the strangest Fellow, Brother Iohn.*

*Come bring your luggage Nobly on your backe:*

*For my part, if a lye may do thee grace,*

*Ile gil'd it with the happiest tearmes I haue.*

*A Retreat is sounded.*

*The Trumpets sound Retreat, the day is ours:  
Come Brother, let's to the highest of the field,  
To see what Friends are liuing, who are dead.*

*Exeunt*

*rem*

*remFal.*

*Ile follow as they say, for Reward. Hee that re wards me, heauen reward him. If I  
do grow great again, Ile grow lesse? For Ile purge, and leaue sacke, and liue cleanly,  
as a Nobleman should do.*

*Exit*

### **Scna Quarta.**

*The Trumpets sound. Enter the King, Prince of Wales, Lord Iohn of Lancaster,  
Earle of Westmerland, with Worcester & Vernon Prisoners.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Thus euer did Rebellion finde Rebuke.*

*Illspirited Worcester, did we not send Grace,  
Pardon, and tearmes of Loue to all of you?  
And would'st thou turne our offers contrary?  
Misuse the tenor of thy Kinsmans trust?  
Three Knights vpon our party slaine to day,  
A Noble Earle, and many a creature else,  
Had beene aliue this houre,  
If like a Christian thou had'st truly borne  
Betwixt out Armies, true Intelligence.*

*rem*

*remWor.*

*What I haue done, my safety vrg'd me to,  
And I embrace this fortune patiently,  
Since not to be auoyded, it fals on mee.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Beare Worcester to death, and Vernon too:  
Other Offenders we will pause vpon.*

*Exit Worcester and Vernon.*

*How goes the Field?*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*The Noble Scot Lord Dowglas, when hee saw  
The fortune of the day quite turn'd from him,  
The Noble Percy slaine, and all his men,  
Vpon the foot of feare, fled with the rest;  
And. falling from a hill, he was so bruiz'd  
That the pursuers tooke him. At my Tent  
The Dowglas is, and I beseech your Grace.  
I may dispose of him.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*With all my heart.*

*rem*

*remPrin.*

*Then Brother Iohn of Lancaster,  
To you this honourable bounty shall belong:  
Go to the Dowglas, and deliuer him  
Vp to his pleasure, ransomlesse and free:  
His Valour shewne vpon our Crests to day,  
Hath taught vs how to cherish such high deeds,  
Euen in the bosome of our Aduersaries.*

*rem*

*remKing.*

*Then this remaines: that we diuide our Power.  
You Sonne Iohn, and my Cousin Westmerland  
Towards Yorke shall bend you, with your deerest speed  
To meet Northumberland, and the Prelate Scroope,  
Who (as we heare) are busily in Armes.  
My Selfe, and you Sonne Harry will towards Wales,  
To fight with Glendower, and the Earle of March.  
Rebellion in this Land shall lose his way,  
Meeting the Checke of such another day:  
And since this Businesse so faire is done,  
Let vs not leaue till all our owne be wonne.*

*Exeunt.*

*FINIS.*