

HENRY VIII

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I want to express my deep thanks to editors Barbara Mowat and Paul Werstine for creating these indispensable editions of Shakespeare's works, which incorporate the best of textual scholarship with a richness of commentary that is both inspired and engaging. Readers who want to know more about Shakespeare and his plays can follow the paths these distinguished scholars have tread by visiting the Folger either in-person or online, where a range of physical and digital resources exists to supplement the material in these texts. I commend to you these words, and hope that they inspire.

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Director, Folger Shakespeare Library

Textual Introduction

By Barbara Mowat and Paul Werstine

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example, from *Henry V*: “With [blood] and sword and fire to win your right,”), or angle brackets (for example, from *Hamlet*: “O farewell, honest <soldier.> Who hath relieved/you?”). At any point in the text, you can hover your cursor over a bracket for more information.

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Synopsis

Two stories dominate *Henry VIII*: the fall of Cardinal Wolsey, Henry's powerful advisor, and Henry's quest to divorce Queen Katherine, who has not borne him a male heir, and marry Anne Bullen (Boleyn).

First, the Duke of Buckingham questions Wolsey's costly staging of a failed meeting with the French king. Wolsey arrests Buckingham and accuses him of treason; testimony from a bribed witness leads to Buckingham's execution. Queen Katherine takes a stand against Wolsey. Wolsey gives a party at which Henry meets Anne.

Henry falls in love with Anne and seeks to divorce Katherine, but Katherine refuses to be judged by Wolsey and other church officials. The king secretly marries Anne and then has her crowned queen. Meanwhile, Henry discovers Wolsey's treachery against him. Wolsey, arrested, falls sick and dies. Katherine also sickens and dies.

Cranmer, the new archbishop of Canterbury, comes under attack, but receives the king's support. Anne gives birth to a daughter, the future Queen Elizabeth. Cranmer prophesies marvelous reigns for her and her unnamed successor, James.

Characters in the Play

KING Henry the Eighth

Duke of NORFOLK

Duke of SUFFOLK

Cardinal WOLSEY, Archbishop of Canterbury

SECRETARIES to Wolsey

CROMWELL, servant to Wolsey, later secretary to the Privy Council

Cardinal CAMPEIUS, Papal Legate

GARDINER, secretary to the king, later Bishop of Winchester

PAGE to Gardiner

QUEEN KATHERINE, Henry's first wife, later Princess Dowager

GRIFFITH, attendant on Katherine

PATIENCE, woman to Katherine

Queen's GENTLEMAN USHER

CAPUCHIUS, ambassador from the Emperor Charles

Duke of BUCKINGHAM

Lord ABERGAVENNY, Buckingham's son-in-law

Earl of SURREY, Buckingham's son-in-law

Sir Nicholas VAUX

Knevet, former SURVEYOR to Buckingham

BRANDON

SERGEANT at Arms

FIRST GENTLEMAN

SECOND GENTLEMAN

ANNE Bullen, Katherine's lady-in-waiting, later Henry's
second wife and queen

OLD LADY, with Anne Bullen

Lord CHAMBERLAIN

Lord SANDS (also Sir Walter SANDS)

Sir Thomas LOVELL

Sir Henry GUILFORD

Bishop of LINCOLN

CRANMER, later Archbishop of Canterbury

Lord CHANCELLOR

GARTER King of Arms

THIRD GENTLEMAN

Sir Anthony DENNY

Doctor BUTTS

DOCTOR BOYLS

KEEPER

PORTER and his MAN

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Spirits, Princess Elizabeth as an infant, Duchess of Norfolk, Marquess and Marchioness of Dorset, Lords, Nobles, Countesses, Bishops, Judges, Priests, Ladies, Gentlemen, Gentlemen Ushers, Lord Mayor, Four Representatives of the Cinque Ports, Aldermen, Women, Musicians, Choristers, Guards, Tipstaves, Halberds, Vergers, Attendants, Servants, Messenger, Pages, Footboys, Grooms

PROLOGUE

FTLN 0001 I come no more to make you laugh. Things now
FTLN 0002 That bear a weighty and a serious brow,
FTLN 0003 Sad, high, and working, full of state and woe,
FTLN 0004 Such noble scenes as draw the eye to flow,
FTLN 0005 We now present. Those that can pity here 5
FTLN 0006 May, if they think it well, let fall a tear;
FTLN 0007 The subject will deserve it. Such as give
FTLN 0008 Their money out of hope they may believe
FTLN 0009 May here find truth too. Those that come to see
FTLN 0010 Only a show or two, and so agree 10
FTLN 0011 The play may pass, if they be still and willing,
FTLN 0012 I'll undertake may see away their shilling
FTLN 0013 Richly in two short hours. Only they
FTLN 0014 That come to hear a merry, bawdy play,
FTLN 0015 A noise of targets, or to see a fellow 15
FTLN 0016 In a long motley coat guarded with yellow,
FTLN 0017 Will be deceived. For, gentle hearers, know
FTLN 0018 To rank our chosen truth with such a show
FTLN 0019 As fool and fight is, besides forfeiting
FTLN 0020 Our own brains and the opinion that we bring 20
FTLN 0021 To make that only true we now intend,
FTLN 0022 Will leave us never an understanding friend.
FTLN 0023 Therefore, for goodness' sake, and as you are known
FTLN 0024 The first and happiest hearers of the town,
FTLN 0025 Be sad, as we would make you. Think you see 25
FTLN 0026 The very persons of our noble story
FTLN 0027 As they were living. Think you see them great,
FTLN 0028 And followed with the general throng and sweat
FTLN 0029 Of thousand friends. Then, in a moment, see
FTLN 0030 How soon this mightiness meets misery. 30
FTLN 0031 And if you can be merry then, I'll say
FTLN 0032 A man may weep upon his wedding day.

「He exits.」

ACT 1

Scene 1

Enter the Duke of Norfolk at one door; at the other, the Duke of Buckingham and the Lord Abergavenny.

BUCKINGHAM

FTLN 0033 Good morrow, and well met. How have you done
FTLN 0034 Since last we saw in France?

FTLN 0035 NORFOLK I thank your Grace,
FTLN 0036 Healthful, and ever since a fresh admirer
FTLN 0037 Of what I saw there. 5

FTLN 0038 BUCKINGHAM An untimely ague
FTLN 0039 Stayed me a prisoner in my chamber when
FTLN 0040 Those suns of glory, those two lights of men,
FTLN 0041 Met in the vale of Andren.

FTLN 0042 NORFOLK 'Twixt Guynes and Arde. 10
FTLN 0043 I was then present, saw them salute on horseback,
FTLN 0044 Beheld them when they lighted, how they clung
FTLN 0045 In their embracement, as they grew together—
FTLN 0046 Which had they, what four throned ones could have
FTLN 0047 weighed 15
FTLN 0048 Such a compounded one?

FTLN 0049 BUCKINGHAM All the whole time
FTLN 0050 I was my chamber's prisoner.

FTLN 0051 NORFOLK Then you lost
FTLN 0052 The view of earthly glory. Men might say 20
FTLN 0053 Till this time pomp was single, but now married
FTLN 0054 To one above itself. Each following day

FTLN 0055	Became the next day's master, till the last	
FTLN 0056	Made former wonders its. Today the French,	
FTLN 0057	All clinquant, all in gold, like heathen gods,	25
FTLN 0058	Shone down the English, and tomorrow they	
FTLN 0059	Made Britain India: every man that stood	
FTLN 0060	Showed like a mine. Their dwarfish pages were	
FTLN 0061	As cherubins, all gilt. The madams too,	
FTLN 0062	Not used to toil, did almost sweat to bear	30
FTLN 0063	The pride upon them, that their very labor	
FTLN 0064	Was to them as a painting. Now this masque	
FTLN 0065	Was cried incomparable; and th' ensuing night	
FTLN 0066	Made it a fool and beggar. The two kings,	
FTLN 0067	Equal in luster, were now best, now worst,	35
FTLN 0068	As presence did present them: him in eye	
FTLN 0069	Still him in praise; and being present both,	
FTLN 0070	'Twas said they saw but one, and no discerner	
FTLN 0071	Durst wag his tongue in censure. When these suns—	
FTLN 0072	For so they phrase 'em—by their heralds challenged	40
FTLN 0073	The noble spirits to arms, they did perform	
FTLN 0074	Beyond thought's compass, that former fabulous story,	
FTLN 0075	Being now seen possible enough, got credit	
FTLN 0076	That <i>Bevis</i> was believed.	
FTLN 0077	BUCKINGHAM O, you go far.	45
	NORFOLK	
FTLN 0078	As I belong to worship, and affect	
FTLN 0079	In honor honesty, the tract of everything	
FTLN 0080	Would by a good discourser lose some life	
FTLN 0081	Which action's self was tongue to. All was royal;	
FTLN 0082	To the disposing of it naught rebelled.	50
FTLN 0083	Order gave each thing view. The office did	
FTLN 0084	Distinctly his full function.	
FTLN 0085	BUCKINGHAM Who did guide,	
FTLN 0086	I mean who set the body and the limbs	
FTLN 0087	Of this great sport together, as you guess?	55
	NORFOLK	
FTLN 0088	One, certes, that promises no element	
FTLN 0089	In such a business.	

FTLN 0090	BUCKINGHAM	I pray you who, my lord?	
	NORFOLK		
FTLN 0091		All this was ordered by the good discretion	
FTLN 0092		Of the right reverend Cardinal of York.	60
	BUCKINGHAM		
FTLN 0093		The devil speed him! No man's pie is freed	
FTLN 0094		From his ambitious finger. What had he	
FTLN 0095		To do in these fierce vanities? I wonder	
FTLN 0096		That such a keech can with his very bulk	
FTLN 0097		Take up the rays o' th' beneficial sun	65
FTLN 0098		And keep it from the Earth.	
FTLN 0099	NORFOLK	Surely, sir,	
FTLN 0100		There's in him stuff that puts him to these ends;	
FTLN 0101		For, being not propped by ancestry, whose grace	
FTLN 0102		Chalks successors their way, nor called upon	70
FTLN 0103		For high feats done to th' crown, neither allied	
FTLN 0104		To eminent assistants, but spiderlike,	
FTLN 0105		Out of his self-drawing web, 「he」 gives us note	
FTLN 0106		The force of his own merit makes his way—	
FTLN 0107		A gift that heaven gives for him which buys	75
FTLN 0108		A place next to the King.	
FTLN 0109	ABERGAVENNY	I cannot tell	
FTLN 0110		What heaven hath given him—let some graver eye	
FTLN 0111		Pierce into that—but I can see his pride	
FTLN 0112		Peep through each part of him. Whence has he that?	80
FTLN 0113		If not from hell, the devil is a niggard,	
FTLN 0114		Or has given all before, and he begins	
FTLN 0115		A new hell in himself.	
FTLN 0116	BUCKINGHAM	Why the devil,	
FTLN 0117		Upon this French going-out, took he upon him,	85
FTLN 0118		Without the privity o' th' King, t' appoint	
FTLN 0119		Who should attend on him? He makes up the file	
FTLN 0120		Of all the gentry, for the most part such	
FTLN 0121		To whom as great a charge as little honor	
FTLN 0122		He meant to lay upon; and his own letter,	90
FTLN 0123		The honorable board of council out,	
FTLN 0124		Must fetch him in he papers.	

FTLN 0125	ABERGAVENNY	I do know	
FTLN 0126		Kinsmen of mine, three at the least, that have	
FTLN 0127		By this so sickened their estates that never	95
FTLN 0128		They shall abound as formerly.	
FTLN 0129	BUCKINGHAM	O, many	
FTLN 0130		Have broke their backs with laying manors on 'em	
FTLN 0131		For this great journey. What did this vanity	
FTLN 0132		But minister communication of	100
FTLN 0133		A most poor issue?	
FTLN 0134	NORFOLK	Grievingly I think	
FTLN 0135		The peace between the French and us not values	
FTLN 0136		The cost that did conclude it.	
FTLN 0137	BUCKINGHAM	Every man,	105
FTLN 0138		After the hideous storm that followed, was	
FTLN 0139		A thing inspired and, not consulting, broke	
FTLN 0140		Into a general prophecy: that this tempest,	
FTLN 0141		Dashing the garment of this peace, aboded	
FTLN 0142		The sudden breach on 't.	110
FTLN 0143	NORFOLK	Which is budded out,	
FTLN 0144		For France hath flawed the league and hath attached	
FTLN 0145		Our merchants' goods at Bordeaux.	
FTLN 0146	ABERGAVENNY	Is it therefore	
FTLN 0147		Th' ambassador is silenced?	115
FTLN 0148	NORFOLK	Marry, is 't.	
FTLN 0149	ABERGAVENNY	A proper title of a peace, and purchased	
FTLN 0150		At a superfluous rate!	
FTLN 0151	BUCKINGHAM	Why, all this business	
FTLN 0152		Our reverend cardinal carried.	120
FTLN 0153	NORFOLK	Like it your Grace,	
FTLN 0154		The state takes notice of the private difference	
FTLN 0155		Betwixt you and the Cardinal. I advise you—	
FTLN 0156		And take it from a heart that wishes towards you	
FTLN 0157		Honor and plenteous safety—that you read	125
FTLN 0158		The Cardinal's malice and his potency	
FTLN 0159		Together; to consider further that	

FTLN 0185	He bores me with some trick. He's gone to th' King.	
FTLN 0186	I'll follow and outstare him.	
FTLN 0187	NORFOLK	Stay, my lord, 155
FTLN 0188	And let your reason with your choler question	
FTLN 0189	What 'tis you go about. To climb steep hills	
FTLN 0190	Requires slow pace at first. Anger is like	
FTLN 0191	A full hot horse who, being allowed his way,	
FTLN 0192	Self-mettle tires him. Not a man in England	160
FTLN 0193	Can advise me like you; be to yourself	
FTLN 0194	As you would to your friend.	
FTLN 0195	BUCKINGHAM	I'll to the King,
FTLN 0196	And from a mouth of honor quite cry down	
FTLN 0197	This Ipswich fellow's insolence, or proclaim	165
FTLN 0198	There's difference in no persons.	
FTLN 0199	NORFOLK	Be advised.
FTLN 0200	Heat not a furnace for your foe so hot	
FTLN 0201	That it do singe yourself. We may outrun	
FTLN 0202	By violent swiftness that which we run at	170
FTLN 0203	And lose by overrunning. Know you not	
FTLN 0204	The fire that mounts the liquor till 't run o'er	
FTLN 0205	In seeming to augment it wastes it? Be advised.	
FTLN 0206	I say again there is no English soul	
FTLN 0207	More stronger to direct you than yourself,	175
FTLN 0208	If with the sap of reason you would quench	
FTLN 0209	Or but allay the fire of passion.	
FTLN 0210	BUCKINGHAM	Sir,
FTLN 0211	I am thankful to you, and I'll go along	
FTLN 0212	By your prescription. But this top-proud fellow—	180
FTLN 0213	Whom from the flow of gall I name not, but	
FTLN 0214	From sincere motions—by intelligence,	
FTLN 0215	And proofs as clear as founts in July when	
FTLN 0216	We see each grain of gravel, I do know	
FTLN 0217	To be corrupt and treasonous.	185
FTLN 0218	NORFOLK	Say not "treasonous."
FTLN 0219	BUCKINGHAM	To th' King I'll say 't, and make my vouch as strong

FTLN 0220	As shore of rock. Attend. This holy fox,	
FTLN 0221	Or wolf, or both—for he is equal rav'nous	
FTLN 0222	As he is subtle, and as prone to mischief	190
FTLN 0223	As able to perform 't, his mind and place	
FTLN 0224	Infecting one another, yea reciprocally—	
FTLN 0225	Only to show his pomp as well in France	
FTLN 0226	As here at home, suggests the King our master	
FTLN 0227	To this last costly treaty, th' interview	195
FTLN 0228	That swallowed so much treasure and like a glass	
FTLN 0229	Did break i' th' rinsing.	
FTLN 0230	NORFOLK	Faith, and so it did.
	BUCKINGHAM	
FTLN 0231	Pray give me favor, sir. This cunning cardinal	
FTLN 0232	The articles o' th' combination drew	200
FTLN 0233	As himself pleased; and they were ratified	
FTLN 0234	As he cried "Thus let be," to as much end	
FTLN 0235	As give a crutch to th' dead. But our Count Cardinal	
FTLN 0236	Has done this, and 'tis well, for worthy Wolsey,	
FTLN 0237	Who cannot err, he did it. Now this follows—	205
FTLN 0238	Which, as I take it, is a kind of puppy	
FTLN 0239	To th' old dam treason: Charles the Emperor,	
FTLN 0240	Under pretense to see the Queen his aunt—	
FTLN 0241	For 'twas indeed his color, but he came	
FTLN 0242	To whisper Wolsey—here makes visitation;	210
FTLN 0243	His fears were that the interview betwixt	
FTLN 0244	England and France might through their amity	
FTLN 0245	Breed him some prejudice, for from this league	
FTLN 0246	Peeped harms that menaced him; privily	
FTLN 0247	Deals with our cardinal and, as I trow—	215
FTLN 0248	Which I do well, for I am sure the Emperor	
FTLN 0249	Paid ere he promised, whereby his suit was granted	
FTLN 0250	Ere it was asked. But when the way was made	
FTLN 0251	And paved with gold, the Emperor thus desired	
FTLN 0252	That he would please to alter the King's course	220
FTLN 0253	And break the foresaid peace. Let the King know—	
FTLN 0254	As soon he shall by me—that thus the Cardinal	

FTLN 0255 Does buy and sell his honor as he pleases
 FTLN 0256 And for his own advantage.
 FTLN 0257 NORFOLK I am sorry 225
 FTLN 0258 To hear this of him, and could wish he were
 FTLN 0259 Something mistaken in 't.
 FTLN 0260 BUCKINGHAM No, not a syllable.
 FTLN 0261 I do pronounce him in that very shape
 FTLN 0262 He shall appear in proof. 230

*Enter Brandon, a Sergeant-at-Arms before him, and two
 or three of the Guard.*

BRANDON
 FTLN 0263 Your office, Sergeant: execute it.
 FTLN 0264 SERGEANT, 「to Buckingham」 Sir,
 FTLN 0265 My lord the Duke of Buckingham and Earl
 FTLN 0266 Of Hertford, Stafford, and Northampton, I
 FTLN 0267 Arrest thee of high treason, in the name 235
 FTLN 0268 Of our most sovereign king.
 FTLN 0269 BUCKINGHAM, 「to Norfolk」 Lo you, my lord,
 FTLN 0270 The net has fall'n upon me. I shall perish
 FTLN 0271 Under device and practice.
 FTLN 0272 BRANDON I am sorry 240
 FTLN 0273 To see you ta'en from liberty, to look on
 FTLN 0274 The business present. 'Tis his Highness' pleasure
 FTLN 0275 You shall to th' Tower.
 FTLN 0276 BUCKINGHAM It will help me nothing
 FTLN 0277 To plead mine innocence, for that dye is on me 245
 FTLN 0278 Which makes my whit'st part black. The will of heaven
 FTLN 0279 Be done in this and all things. I obey.
 FTLN 0280 O my Lord Abergavenny, fare you well.
 BRANDON
 FTLN 0281 Nay, he must bear you company.—The King
 FTLN 0282 Is pleased you shall to th' Tower, till you know 250
 FTLN 0283 How he determines further.
 FTLN 0284 ABERGAVENNY As the Duke said,
 FTLN 0285 The will of heaven be done, and the King's pleasure
 FTLN 0286 By me obeyed.

FTLN 0287 BRANDON Here is a warrant from 255
 FTLN 0288 The King t' attach Lord Mountacute, and the bodies
 FTLN 0289 Of the Duke's confessor, John de la Car,
 FTLN 0290 One Gilbert Peck, his counselor—
 FTLN 0291 BUCKINGHAM So, so;
 FTLN 0292 These are the limbs o' th' plot. No more, I hope. 260
 BRANDON
 FTLN 0293 A monk o' th' Chartreux.
 FTLN 0294 BUCKINGHAM O, Michael Hopkins?
 FTLN 0295 BRANDON He.
 BUCKINGHAM
 FTLN 0296 My surveyor is false. The o'ergreat cardinal
 FTLN 0297 Hath showed him gold. My life is spanned already. 265
 FTLN 0298 I am the shadow of poor Buckingham,
 FTLN 0299 Whose figure even this instant cloud puts on
 FTLN 0300 By dark'ning my clear sun. 「*To Norfolk.*」 My 「lord,」
 FTLN 0301 farewell.

They exit.

Scene 2

Cornets. Enter King Henry, leaning on the Cardinal's shoulder, 「with」 the Nobles, Sir Thomas Lovell, and 「Attendants, including a Secretary of the Cardinal.」 The Cardinal places himself under the King's feet on his right side.

KING, 「*to Wolsey*」
 FTLN 0302 My life itself, and the best heart of it,
 FTLN 0303 Thanks you for this great care. I stood i' th' level
 FTLN 0304 Of a full-charged confederacy, and give thanks
 FTLN 0305 To you that choked it.—Let be called before us
 FTLN 0306 That gentleman of Buckingham's; in person 5
 FTLN 0307 I'll hear him his confessions justify,
 FTLN 0308 And point by point the treasons of his master
 FTLN 0309 He shall again relate.

A noise within crying "Room for the Queen!" Enter the Queen [Katherine,] ushered by the Duke of Norfolk, and [the Duke of] Suffolk. She kneels. [The] King riseth from his state.

QUEEN KATHERINE

FTLN 0310 Nay, we must longer kneel; I am a suitor.

KING

FTLN 0311 Arise, and take place by us. 10

[He] takes her up, kisses and placeth her by him.

FTLN 0312 Half your suit

FTLN 0313 Never name to us; you have half our power.

FTLN 0314 The other moiety ere you ask is given;

FTLN 0315 Repeat your will, and take it.

FTLN 0316 QUEEN KATHERINE Thank your Majesty. 15

FTLN 0317 That you would love yourself, and in that love

FTLN 0318 Not unconsidered leave your honor nor

FTLN 0319 The dignity of your office, is the point

FTLN 0320 Of my petition.

FTLN 0321 KING Lady mine, proceed. 20

QUEEN KATHERINE

FTLN 0322 I am solicited, not by a few,

FTLN 0323 And those of true condition, that your subjects

FTLN 0324 Are in great grievance. There have been commissions

FTLN 0325 Sent down among 'em which hath flawed the heart

FTLN 0326 Of all their loyalties, wherein, although 25

FTLN 0327 My good Lord Cardinal, they vent reproaches

FTLN 0328 Most bitterly on you as putter-on

FTLN 0329 Of these exactions, yet the King our master,

FTLN 0330 Whose honor heaven shield from soil, even he

FTLN 0331 escapes not 30

FTLN 0332 Language unmannerly—yea, such which breaks

FTLN 0333 The sides of loyalty and almost appears

FTLN 0334 In loud rebellion.

FTLN 0335 NORFOLK Not "almost appears"—

FTLN 0336 It doth appear. For, upon these taxations, 35

FTLN 0337 The clothiers all, not able to maintain

FTLN 0338 The many to them longing, have put off
 FTLN 0339 The spinsters, carders, fullers, weavers, who,
 FTLN 0340 Unfit for other life, compelled by hunger
 FTLN 0341 And lack of other means, in desperate manner 40
 FTLN 0342 Daring th' event to th' teeth, are all in uproar,
 FTLN 0343 And danger serves among them.

FTLN 0344 KING Taxation?
 FTLN 0345 Wherein? And what taxation? My Lord Cardinal,
 FTLN 0346 You that are blamed for it alike with us, 45
 FTLN 0347 Know you of this taxation?

FTLN 0348 WOLSEY Please you, sir,
 FTLN 0349 I know but of a single part in aught
 FTLN 0350 Pertains to th' state, and front but in that file
 FTLN 0351 Where others tell steps with me. 50

FTLN 0352 QUEEN KATHERINE No, my lord?
 FTLN 0353 You know no more than others? But you frame
 FTLN 0354 Things that are known alike, which are not wholesome
 FTLN 0355 To those which would not know them, and yet must
 FTLN 0356 Perforce be their acquaintance. These exactions 55
 FTLN 0357 Whereof my sovereign would have note, they are
 FTLN 0358 Most pestilent to th' hearing, and to bear 'em
 FTLN 0359 The back is sacrifice to th' load. They say
 FTLN 0360 They are devised by you, or else you suffer
 FTLN 0361 Too hard an exclamation. 60

FTLN 0362 KING Still exaction!
 FTLN 0363 The nature of it? In what kind, let's know,
 FTLN 0364 Is this exaction?

FTLN 0365 QUEEN KATHERINE I am much too venturous
 FTLN 0366 In tempting of your patience, but am boldened 65
 FTLN 0367 Under your promised pardon. The subjects' grief
 FTLN 0368 Comes through commissions which compels from
 FTLN 0369 each
 FTLN 0370 The sixth part of his substance, to be levied
 FTLN 0371 Without delay, and the pretense for this 70
 FTLN 0372 Is named your wars in France. This makes bold
 FTLN 0373 mouths.

FTLN 0374	Tongues spit their duties out, and cold hearts freeze	
FTLN 0375	Allegiance in them. Their curses now	
FTLN 0376	Live where their prayers did; and it's come to pass	75
FTLN 0377	This tractable obedience is a slave	
FTLN 0378	To each incensèd will. I would your Highness	
FTLN 0379	Would give it quick consideration, for	
FTLN 0380	There is no primer baseness.	
FTLN 0381	KING	By my life,
FTLN 0382		80
FTLN 0382	This is against our pleasure.	
FTLN 0383	WOLSEY	And for me,
FTLN 0384	I have no further gone in this than by	
FTLN 0385	A single voice, and that not passed me but	
FTLN 0386	By learnèd approbation of the judges. If I am	85
FTLN 0387	Traduced by ignorant tongues, which neither know	
FTLN 0388	My faculties nor person, yet will be	
FTLN 0389	The chronicles of my doing, let me say	
FTLN 0390	'Tis but the fate of place, and the rough brake	
FTLN 0391	That virtue must go through. We must not stint	90
FTLN 0392	Our necessary actions in the fear	
FTLN 0393	To cope malicious censurers, which ever,	
FTLN 0394	As ravenous fishes, do a vessel follow	
FTLN 0395	That is new trimmed, but benefit no further	
FTLN 0396	Than vainly longing. What we oft do best,	95
FTLN 0397	By sick interpreters, once weak ones, is	
FTLN 0398	Not ours or not allowed; what worst, as oft,	
FTLN 0399	Hitting a grosser quality, is cried up	
FTLN 0400	For our best act. If we shall stand still	
FTLN 0401	In fear our motion will be mocked or carped at,	100
FTLN 0402	We should take root here where we sit,	
FTLN 0403	Or sit state-statues only.	
FTLN 0404	KING	Things done well,
FTLN 0405		And with a care, exempt themselves from fear;
FTLN 0406		105
FTLN 0406	Things done without example, in their issue	
FTLN 0407	Are to be feared. Have you a precedent	
FTLN 0408	Of this commission? I believe, not any.	
FTLN 0409	We must not rend our subjects from our laws	

FTLN 0410	And stick them in our will. Sixth part of each?	
FTLN 0411	A trembling contribution! Why, we take	110
FTLN 0412	From every tree lop, bark, and part o' th' timber,	
FTLN 0413	And though we leave it with a root, thus hacked,	
FTLN 0414	The air will drink the sap. To every county	
FTLN 0415	Where this is questioned send our letters with	
FTLN 0416	Free pardon to each man that has denied	115
FTLN 0417	The force of this commission. Pray look to 't;	
FTLN 0418	I put it to your care.	
FTLN 0419	WOLSEY, <i>['aside to his Secretary']</i> A word with you.	
FTLN 0420	Let there be letters writ to every shire	
FTLN 0421	Of the King's grace and pardon. The grievèd commons	120
FTLN 0422	Hardly conceive of me. Let it be noised	
FTLN 0423	That through our intercession this revokement	
FTLN 0424	And pardon comes. I shall anon advise you	
FTLN 0425	Further in the proceeding. <i>Secretary exits.</i>	

Enter ['Buckingham's'] Surveyor.

	QUEEN KATHERINE, <i>['to the King']</i>	
FTLN 0426	I am sorry that the Duke of Buckingham	125
FTLN 0427	Is run in your displeasure.	
FTLN 0428	KING It grieves many.	
FTLN 0429	The gentleman is learnèd and a most rare speaker;	
FTLN 0430	To nature none more bound; his training such	
FTLN 0431	That he may furnish and instruct great teachers	130
FTLN 0432	And never seek for aid out of himself. Yet see,	
FTLN 0433	When these so noble benefits shall prove	
FTLN 0434	Not well disposed, the mind growing once corrupt,	
FTLN 0435	They turn to vicious forms ten times more ugly	
FTLN 0436	Than ever they were fair. This man so complete,	135
FTLN 0437	Who was enrolled 'mongst wonders, and when we	
FTLN 0438	Almost with ravished list'ning could not find	
FTLN 0439	His hour of speech a minute—he, my lady,	
FTLN 0440	Hath into monstrous habits put the graces	
FTLN 0441	That once were his, and is become as black	140
FTLN 0442	As if besmeared in hell. Sit by us. You shall hear—	

FTLN 0443	This was his gentleman in trust—of him	
FTLN 0444	Things to strike honor sad.—Bid him recount	
FTLN 0445	The fore-recited practices, whereof	
FTLN 0446	We cannot feel too little, hear too much.	145
	WOLSEY	
FTLN 0447	Stand forth, and with bold spirit relate what you	
FTLN 0448	Most like a careful subject have collected	
FTLN 0449	Out of the Duke of Buckingham.	
FTLN 0450	KING	Speak freely.
	SURVEYOR	
FTLN 0451	First, it was usual with him—every day	150
FTLN 0452	It would infect his speech—that if the King	
FTLN 0453	Should without issue die, he'll carry it so	
FTLN 0454	To make the scepter his. These very words	
FTLN 0455	I've heard him utter to his son-in-law,	
FTLN 0456	Lord Abergavenny, to whom by oath he menaced	155
FTLN 0457	Revenge upon the Cardinal.	
FTLN 0458	WOLSEY	Please your Highness, note
FTLN 0459	This dangerous conception in this point:	
FTLN 0460	Not friended by his wish to your high person,	
FTLN 0461	His will is most malignant, and it stretches	160
FTLN 0462	Beyond you to your friends.	
FTLN 0463	QUEEN KATHERINE	My learnèd Lord Cardinal,
FTLN 0464	Deliver all with charity.	
FTLN 0465	KING, 「to Surveyor」	Speak on.
FTLN 0466	How grounded he his title to the crown	165
FTLN 0467	Upon our fail? To this point hast thou heard him	
FTLN 0468	At any time speak aught?	
FTLN 0469	SURVEYOR	He was brought to this
FTLN 0470	By a vain prophecy of Nicholas Henton.	
	KING	
FTLN 0471	What was that Henton?	170
FTLN 0472	SURVEYOR	Sir, a Chartreux friar,
FTLN 0473	His confessor, who fed him every minute	
FTLN 0474	With words of sovereignty.	

FTLN 0475	KING	How know'st thou this?	
	SURVEYOR		
FTLN 0476		Not long before your Highness sped to France,	175
FTLN 0477		The Duke being at the Rose, within the parish	
FTLN 0478		Saint Laurence Poultney, did of me demand	
FTLN 0479		What was the speech among the Londoners	
FTLN 0480		Concerning the French journey. I replied	
FTLN 0481		Men fear the French would prove perfidious,	180
FTLN 0482		To the King's danger. Presently the Duke	
FTLN 0483		Said 'twas the fear indeed, and that he doubted	
FTLN 0484		'Twould prove the verity of certain words	
FTLN 0485		Spoke by a holy monk "that oft," says he,	
FTLN 0486		"Hath sent to me, wishing me to permit	185
FTLN 0487		John de la Car, my chaplain, a choice hour	
FTLN 0488		To hear from him a matter of some moment;	
FTLN 0489		Whom after under the [confession's] seal	
FTLN 0490		He solemnly had sworn that what he spoke	
FTLN 0491		My chaplain to no creature living but	190
FTLN 0492		To me should utter, with demure confidence	
FTLN 0493		This pausingly ensued: 'Neither the King, nor 's heirs—	
FTLN 0494		Tell you the Duke—shall prosper. Bid him strive	
FTLN 0495		To [gain] the love o' th' commonalty; the Duke	
FTLN 0496		Shall govern England.'" "	195
FTLN 0497	QUEEN KATHERINE	If I know you well,	
FTLN 0498		You were the Duke's surveyor, and lost your office	
FTLN 0499		On the complaint o' th' tenants. Take good heed	
FTLN 0500		You charge not in your spleen a noble person	
FTLN 0501		And spoil your nobler soul. I say, take heed—	200
FTLN 0502		Yes, heartily beseech you.	
FTLN 0503	KING	Let him on.—	
FTLN 0504		Go forward.	
FTLN 0505	SURVEYOR	On my soul, I'll speak but truth.	
FTLN 0506		I told my lord the Duke, by th' devil's illusions	205
FTLN 0507		The monk might be deceived, and that 'twas dangerous	
FTLN 0508		For [him] to ruminate on this so far until	
FTLN 0509		It forged him some design, which, being believed,	

FTLN 0510	It was much like to do. He answered “Tush,	
FTLN 0511	It can do me no damage,” adding further	210
FTLN 0512	That had the King in his last sickness failed,	
FTLN 0513	The Cardinal’s and Sir Thomas Lovell’s heads	
FTLN 0514	Should have gone off.	
FTLN 0515	KING	Ha! What, so rank? Ah ha!
FTLN 0516	There’s mischief in this man! Canst thou say further?	215
	SURVEYOR	
FTLN 0517	I can, my liege.	
FTLN 0518	KING	Proceed.
FTLN 0519	SURVEYOR	Being at Greenwich,
FTLN 0520	After your Highness had reprov’d the Duke	
FTLN 0521	About Sir William Blumer—	220
	KING	
FTLN 0522	I remember of such a time, being my sworn servant,	
FTLN 0523	The Duke retained him his. But on. What hence?	
	SURVEYOR	
FTLN 0524	“If,” quoth he, “I for this had been committed,”	
FTLN 0525	As to the Tower, I thought, “I would have played	
FTLN 0526	The part my father meant to act upon	225
FTLN 0527	Th’ usurper Richard, who, being at Salisbury,	
FTLN 0528	Made suit to come in ’s presence; which if granted,	
FTLN 0529	As he made semblance of his duty, would	
FTLN 0530	Have put his knife into him.”	
FTLN 0531	KING	A giant traitor!
	WOLSEY	
FTLN 0532	Now, madam, may his Highness live in freedom	
FTLN 0533	And this man out of prison?	
FTLN 0534	QUEEN KATHERINE	God mend all.
	KING, 「to Surveyor」	
FTLN 0535	There’s something more would out of thee. What sayst?	
	SURVEYOR	
FTLN 0536	After “the Duke his father” with “the knife,”	235
FTLN 0537	He stretched him, and with one hand on his dagger,	
FTLN 0538	Another spread on ’s breast, mounting his eyes,	
FTLN 0539	He did discharge a horrible oath whose tenor	

FTLN 0540 Was, were he evil used, he would outgo
 FTLN 0541 His father by as much as a performance 240
 FTLN 0542 Does an irresolute purpose.
 FTLN 0543 KING There's his period,
 FTLN 0544 To sheathe his knife in us! He is attached.
 FTLN 0545 Call him to present trial. If he may
 FTLN 0546 Find mercy in the law, 'tis his; if none, 245
 FTLN 0547 Let him not seek 't of us. By day and night,
 FTLN 0548 He's traitor to th' height!

They exit.

Scene 3

Enter Lord Chamberlain and Lord Sands.

CHAMBERLAIN
 FTLN 0549 Is 't possible the spells of France should juggle
 FTLN 0550 Men into such strange mysteries?
 FTLN 0551 SANDS New customs,
 FTLN 0552 Though they be never so ridiculous—
 FTLN 0553 Nay, let 'em be unmanly—yet are followed. 5
 CHAMBERLAIN
 FTLN 0554 As far as I see, all the good our English
 FTLN 0555 Have got by the late voyage is but merely
 FTLN 0556 A fit or two o' th' face; but they are shrewd ones,
 FTLN 0557 For when they hold 'em, you would swear directly
 FTLN 0558 Their very noses had been counselors 10
 FTLN 0559 To Pepin or Clotharius, they keep state so.
 SANDS
 FTLN 0560 They have all new legs and lame ones; one would
 FTLN 0561 take it,
 FTLN 0562 That never see 'em pace before, the spavin
 FTLN 0563 「Or」 springhalt reigned among 'em. 15
 FTLN 0564 CHAMBERLAIN Death! My lord,
 FTLN 0565 Their clothes are after such a pagan cut to 't,
 FTLN 0566 That, sure, they've worn out Christendom.

Enter Sir Thomas Lovell.

FTLN 0567		How now?	
FTLN 0568	What news, Sir Thomas Lovell?		20
FTLN 0569	LOVELL	Faith, my lord,	
FTLN 0570	I hear of none but the new proclamation		
FTLN 0571	That's clapped upon the court gate.		
FTLN 0572	CHAMBERLAIN	What is 't for?	
FTLN 0573	LOVELL		
FTLN 0574	The reformation of our traveled gallants		25
FTLN 0575	That fill the court with quarrels, talk, and tailors.		
FTLN 0576	CHAMBERLAIN		
FTLN 0577	I'm glad 'tis there; now I would pray our monsieurs		
FTLN 0578	To think an English courtier may be wise		
FTLN 0579	And never see the Louvre.		
FTLN 0580	LOVELL	They must either—	30
FTLN 0581	For so run the conditions—leave those remnants		
FTLN 0582	Of fool and feather that they got in France,		
FTLN 0583	With all their honorable points of ignorance		
FTLN 0584	Pertaining thereunto, as fights and fireworks,		
FTLN 0585	Abusing better men than they can be		35
FTLN 0586	Out of a foreign wisdom, renouncing clean		
FTLN 0587	The faith they have in tennis and tall stockings,		
FTLN 0588	Short blistered breeches, and those types of travel,		
FTLN 0589	And understand again like honest men,		
FTLN 0590	Or pack to their old playfellows. There, I take it,		40
FTLN 0591	They may <i>cum privilegio</i> 「 <i>oui</i> 」 away		
FTLN 0592	The lag end of their lewdness and be laughed at.		
FTLN 0593	SANDS		
FTLN 0594	'Tis time to give 'em physic, their diseases		
FTLN 0595	Are grown so catching.		
FTLN 0596	CHAMBERLAIN	What a loss our ladies	45
FTLN 0597	Will have of these trim vanities!		
FTLN 0598	LOVELL	Ay, marry,	
FTLN 0599	There will be woe indeed, lords. The sly whoresons		

FTLN 0597	Have got a speeding trick to lay down ladies.	
FTLN 0598	A French song and a fiddle has no fellow.	50
	SANDS	
FTLN 0599	The devil fiddle 'em! I am glad they are going,	
FTLN 0600	For sure there's no converting of 'em. Now	
FTLN 0601	An honest country lord, as I am, beaten	
FTLN 0602	A long time out of play, may bring his plainsong,	
FTLN 0603	And have an hour of hearing, and, by 'r Lady,	55
FTLN 0604	Held current music too.	
FTLN 0605	CHAMBERLAIN	Well said, Lord Sands.
FTLN 0606	Your colt's tooth is not cast yet?	
FTLN 0607	SANDS	No, my lord,
FTLN 0608	Nor shall not while I have a stump.	60
FTLN 0609	CHAMBERLAIN	Sir Thomas,
FTLN 0610	Whither were you a-going?	
FTLN 0611	LOVELL	To the Cardinal's.
FTLN 0612	Your Lordship is a guest too.	
FTLN 0613	CHAMBERLAIN	O, 'tis true.
FTLN 0614	This night he makes a supper, and a great one,	65
FTLN 0615	To many lords and ladies. There will be	
FTLN 0616	The beauty of this kingdom, I'll assure you.	
	LOVELL	
FTLN 0617	That churchman bears a bounteous mind indeed,	
FTLN 0618	A hand as fruitful as the land that feeds us.	70
FTLN 0619	His dewes fall everywhere.	
FTLN 0620	CHAMBERLAIN	No doubt he's noble;
FTLN 0621	He had a black mouth that said other of him.	
	SANDS	
FTLN 0622	He may, my lord. 'Has wherewithal. In him,	
FTLN 0623	Sparing would show a worse sin than ill doctrine.	75
FTLN 0624	Men of his way should be most liberal;	
FTLN 0625	They are set here for examples.	
FTLN 0626	CHAMBERLAIN	True, they are so,
FTLN 0627	But few now give so great ones. My barge stays.	
FTLN 0628	Your Lordship shall along.—Come, good Sir Thomas,	80
FTLN 0629	We shall be late else, which I would not be,	

FTLN 0630 For I was spoke to, with Sir Henry Guilford
 FTLN 0631 This night to be comptrollers.
 FTLN 0632 SANDS I am your Lordship's.
They exit.

Scene 4

Hautboys. A small table under a state for the Cardinal, a longer table for the guests. Then enter Anne Bullen and divers other ladies and gentlemen as guests at one door; at another door enter Sir Henry Guilford.

GUILFORD

FTLN 0633 Ladies, a general welcome from his Grace
 FTLN 0634 Salutes you all. This night he dedicates
 FTLN 0635 To fair content and you. None here, he hopes,
 FTLN 0636 In all this noble bevy has brought with her
 FTLN 0637 One care abroad. He would have all as merry 5
 FTLN 0638 As, first, good company, good wine, good welcome
 FTLN 0639 Can make good people.

*Enter Lord Chamberlain, Lord Sands, and
 [Sir Thomas] Lovell.*

FTLN 0640 O, my lord, you're tardy!
 FTLN 0641 The very thought of this fair company
 FTLN 0642 Clapped wings to me. 10

FTLN 0643 CHAMBERLAIN You are young, Sir Harry Guilford.

SANDS
 FTLN 0644 Sir Thomas Lovell, had the Cardinal
 FTLN 0645 But half my lay thoughts in him, some of these
 FTLN 0646 Should find a running banquet, ere they rested,
 FTLN 0647 I think would better please 'em. By my life, 15
 FTLN 0648 They are a sweet society of fair ones.

LOVELL

FTLN 0649 O, that your Lordship were but now confessor
 FTLN 0650 To one or two of these!

FTLN 0651	SANDS	I would I were.	
FTLN 0652		They should find easy penance.	20
FTLN 0653	LOVELL	Faith, how easy?	
FTLN 0654	SANDS	As easy as a down bed would afford it.	
FTLN 0655	CHAMBERLAIN	Sweet ladies, will it please you sit?—Sir Harry,	
FTLN 0656		Place you that side; I'll take the charge of this.	
		<i>〔The guests are seated.〕</i>	
FTLN 0657		His Grace is ent'ring. Nay, you must not freeze;	25
FTLN 0658		Two women placed together makes cold weather.	
FTLN 0659		My Lord Sands, you are one will keep 'em waking.	
FTLN 0660		Pray sit between these ladies.	
FTLN 0661	SANDS	By my faith,	
FTLN 0662		And thank your Lordship.—By your leave, sweet ladies.	30
		<i>〔He sits between Anne Bullen and another lady.〕</i>	
FTLN 0663		If I chance to talk a little wild, forgive me;	
FTLN 0664		I had it from my father.	
FTLN 0665	ANNE	Was he mad, sir?	
FTLN 0666	SANDS	O, very mad, exceeding mad, in love too;	
FTLN 0667		But he would bite none. Just as I do now,	35
FTLN 0668		He would kiss you twenty with a breath.	
		<i>〔He kisses Anne.〕</i>	
FTLN 0669	CHAMBERLAIN	Well said,	
FTLN 0670		my lord.	
FTLN 0671		So, now you're fairly seated, gentlemen,	
FTLN 0672		The penance lies on you if these fair ladies	40
FTLN 0673		Pass away frowning.	
FTLN 0674	SANDS	For my little cure,	
FTLN 0675		Let me alone.	

Hautboys. Enter Cardinal Wolsey, 〔with Attendants and Servants, 〕 and takes his state.

WOLSEY

FTLN 0676 You're welcome, my fair guests. That noble lady

FTLN 0707 WOLSEY Good Lord Chamberlain, 75
 FTLN 0708 Go, give 'em welcome—you can speak the French
 FTLN 0709 tongue—
 FTLN 0710 And pray receive 'em nobly, and conduct 'em
 FTLN 0711 Into our presence, where this heaven of beauty
 FTLN 0712 Shall shine at full upon them. Some attend him. 80

「Lord Chamberlain exits, with Attendants.」

All rise, and tables removed.

FTLN 0713 You have now a broken banquet, but we'll mend it.
 FTLN 0714 A good digestion to you all; and once more
 FTLN 0715 I shower a welcome on you. Welcome all!

*Hautboys. Enter King and others as masquers, habited
 like shepherds, ushered by the Lord Chamberlain.
 They pass directly before the Cardinal and gracefully
 salute him.*

FTLN 0716 A noble company! What are their pleasures?

CHAMBERLAIN

FTLN 0717 Because they speak no English, thus they prayed 85
 FTLN 0718 To tell your Grace: that, having heard by fame
 FTLN 0719 Of this so noble and so fair assembly
 FTLN 0720 This night to meet here, they could do no less,
 FTLN 0721 Out of the great respect they bear to beauty,
 FTLN 0722 But leave their flocks and, under your fair conduct, 90
 FTLN 0723 Crave leave to view these ladies and entreat
 FTLN 0724 An hour of revels with 'em.

FTLN 0725 WOLSEY Say, Lord Chamberlain,
 FTLN 0726 They have done my poor house grace, for which I
 FTLN 0727 pay 'em 95
 FTLN 0728 A thousand thanks and pray 'em take their pleasures.

*「The masquers」 choose Ladies. 「The」
 King 「chooses」 Anne Bullen.*

KING

FTLN 0729 The fairest hand I ever touched! O beauty,
 FTLN 0730 Till now I never knew thee.

Music, Dance.

WOLSEY

FTLN 0731 My lord!

FTLN 0732	CHAMBERLAIN	Your Grace?	100
FTLN 0733	WOLSEY	Pray tell 'em thus much	
FTLN 0734		from me:	
FTLN 0735		There should be one amongst 'em by his person	
FTLN 0736		More worthy this place than myself, to whom,	
FTLN 0737		If I but knew him, with my love and duty	105
FTLN 0738		I would surrender it.	
FTLN 0739	CHAMBERLAIN	I will, my lord.	
		<i>Whisper</i> 「with the masquers.」	
	WOLSEY		
FTLN 0740		What say they?	
FTLN 0741	CHAMBERLAIN	Such a one they all confess	
FTLN 0742		There is indeed, which they would have your Grace	110
FTLN 0743		Find out, and he will take it.	
FTLN 0744	WOLSEY	Let me see, then.	
		<i>He leaves his state.</i> 」	
FTLN 0745		By all your good leaves, gentlemen.	
		<i>He bows before the King.</i> 」	
FTLN 0746		Here I'll make	
FTLN 0747		My royal choice.	115
FTLN 0748	KING, 「unmasking」	You have found him, cardinal.	
FTLN 0749		You hold a fair assembly; you do well, lord.	
FTLN 0750		You are a churchman, or I'll tell you, cardinal,	
FTLN 0751		I should judge now unhappily.	
FTLN 0752	WOLSEY	I am glad	120
FTLN 0753		Your Grace is grown so pleasant.	
FTLN 0754	KING	My Lord Chamberlain,	
FTLN 0755		Prithee come hither. What fair lady's that?	
	CHAMBERLAIN		
FTLN 0756		An 't please your Grace, Sir Thomas Bullen's daughter,	
FTLN 0757		The Viscount Rochford, one of her Highness' women.	125
	KING		
FTLN 0758		By heaven, she is a dainty one.—Sweetheart,	
FTLN 0759		I were unmannerly to take you out	
FTLN 0760		And not to kiss you. 「 <i>He kisses Anne.</i> 」 A health,	
FTLN 0761		gentlemen!	
FTLN 0762		Let it go round.	130
		<i>He drinks a toast.</i> 」	

WOLSEY

FTLN 0763 Sir Thomas Lovell, is the banquet ready
 FTLN 0764 I' th' privy chamber?

FTLN 0765 LOVELL Yes, my lord.

FTLN 0766 WOLSEY Your Grace,

FTLN 0767 I fear, with dancing is a little heated. 135

KING

FTLN 0768 I fear, too much.

FTLN 0769 WOLSEY There's fresher air, my lord,

FTLN 0770 In the next chamber.

KING

FTLN 0771 Lead in your ladies ev'ry one.—Sweet partner,

FTLN 0772 I must not yet forsake you.—Let's be merry, 140

FTLN 0773 Good my Lord Cardinal. I have half a dozen healths

FTLN 0774 To drink to these fair ladies, and a measure

FTLN 0775 To lead 'em once again, and then let's dream

FTLN 0776 Who's best in favor. Let the music knock it.

They exit, with Trumpets.

FTLN 0795	He pleaded still not guilty and alleged	
FTLN 0796	Many sharp reasons to defeat the law.	20
FTLN 0797	The King's attorney on the contrary	
FTLN 0798	Urged on the examinations, proofs, confessions	
FTLN 0799	Of divers witnesses, which the Duke desired	
FTLN 0800	To him brought <i>viva voce</i> to his face;	
FTLN 0801	At which appeared against him his surveyor,	25
FTLN 0802	Sir Gilbert Peck his chancellor, and John Car,	
FTLN 0803	Confessor to him, with that devil monk,	
FTLN 0804	Hopkins, that made this mischief.	
FTLN 0805	SECOND GENTLEMAN	That was he
FTLN 0806	That fed him with his prophecies?	30
FTLN 0807	FIRST GENTLEMAN	The same.
FTLN 0808	All these accused him strongly, which he fain	
FTLN 0809	Would have flung from him, but indeed he could not.	
FTLN 0810	And so his peers upon this evidence	
FTLN 0811	Have found him guilty of high treason. Much	35
FTLN 0812	He spoke, and learnèdly, for life, but all	
FTLN 0813	Was either pitied in him or forgotten.	
	SECOND GENTLEMAN	
FTLN 0814	After all this, how did he bear himself?	
	FIRST GENTLEMAN	
FTLN 0815	When he was brought again to th' bar to hear	
FTLN 0816	His knell rung out, his judgment, he was stirred	40
FTLN 0817	With such an agony he sweat extremely	
FTLN 0818	And something spoke in choler, ill and hasty.	
FTLN 0819	But he fell to himself again, and sweetly	
FTLN 0820	In all the rest showed a most noble patience.	
	SECOND GENTLEMAN	
FTLN 0821	I do not think he fears death.	45
FTLN 0822	FIRST GENTLEMAN	Sure he does not;
FTLN 0823	He never was so womanish. The cause	
FTLN 0824	He may a little grieve at.	
FTLN 0825	SECOND GENTLEMAN	Certainly
FTLN 0826	The Cardinal is the end of this.	50
FTLN 0827	FIRST GENTLEMAN	'Tis likely,

FTLN 0828 By all conjectures; first, Kildare's attainer,
 FTLN 0829 Then Deputy of Ireland, who, removed,
 FTLN 0830 Earl Surrey was sent thither, and in haste too,
 FTLN 0831 Lest he should help his father. 55

FTLN 0832 SECOND GENTLEMAN That trick of state
 FTLN 0833 Was a deep envious one.

FTLN 0834 FIRST GENTLEMAN At his return
 FTLN 0835 No doubt he will requite it. This is noted,
 FTLN 0836 And generally: whoever the King favors, 60
 FTLN 0837 The Card'nal instantly will find employment,
 FTLN 0838 And far enough from court too.

FTLN 0839 SECOND GENTLEMAN All the commons
 FTLN 0840 Hate him perniciously and, o' my conscience,
 FTLN 0841 Wish him ten fathom deep. This duke as much 65
 FTLN 0842 They love and dote on, call him bounteous
 FTLN 0843 Buckingham,
 FTLN 0844 The mirror of all courtesy.

FTLN 0845 FIRST GENTLEMAN Stay there, sir,
 FTLN 0846 And see the noble ruined man you speak of. 70

Enter Buckingham from his arraignment, Tipstaves before him, the ax with the edge towards him, Halberds on each side, accompanied with Sir Thomas Lovell, Sir Nicholas Vaux, Sir Walter Sands, and Common People, etc.

FTLN 0847 SECOND GENTLEMAN Let's stand close and behold him.

FTLN 0848 BUCKINGHAM All good people,
 FTLN 0849 You that thus far have come to pity me,
 FTLN 0850 Hear what I say, and then go home and lose me.
 FTLN 0851 I have this day received a traitor's judgment, 75
 FTLN 0852 And by that name must die. Yet heaven bear witness,
 FTLN 0853 And if I have a conscience, let it sink me
 FTLN 0854 Even as the ax falls, if I be not faithful!
 FTLN 0855 The law I bear no malice for my death;
 FTLN 0856 'T has done, upon the premises, but justice. 80
 FTLN 0857 But those that sought it I could wish more 'Christian.'

FTLN 0858	Be what they will, I heartily forgive 'em.	
FTLN 0859	Yet let 'em look they glory not in mischief,	
FTLN 0860	Nor build their evils on the graves of great men,	
FTLN 0861	For then my guiltless blood must cry against 'em.	85
FTLN 0862	For further life in this world I ne'er hope,	
FTLN 0863	Nor will I sue, although the King have mercies	
FTLN 0864	More than I dare make faults. You few that loved me	
FTLN 0865	And dare be bold to weep for Buckingham,	
FTLN 0866	His noble friends and fellows, whom to leave	90
FTLN 0867	Is only bitter to him, only dying,	
FTLN 0868	Go with me like good angels to my end,	
FTLN 0869	And as the long divorce of steel falls on me,	
FTLN 0870	Make of your prayers one sweet sacrifice,	
FTLN 0871	And lift my soul to heaven.—Lead on, a' God's name.	95
	LOVELL	
FTLN 0872	I do beseech your Grace, for charity,	
FTLN 0873	If ever any malice in your heart	
FTLN 0874	Were hid against me, now to forgive me frankly.	
	BUCKINGHAM	
FTLN 0875	Sir Thomas Lovell, I as free forgive you	
FTLN 0876	As I would be forgiven. I forgive all.	100
FTLN 0877	There cannot be those numberless offenses	
FTLN 0878	'Gainst me that I cannot take peace with. No black	
FTLN 0879	envy	
FTLN 0880	Shall make my grave. Commend me to his Grace.	
FTLN 0881	And if he speak of Buckingham, pray tell him	105
FTLN 0882	You met him half in heaven. My vows and prayers	
FTLN 0883	Yet are the King's and, till my soul forsake,	
FTLN 0884	Shall cry for blessings on him. May he live	
FTLN 0885	Longer than I have time to tell his years.	
FTLN 0886	Ever beloved and loving may his rule be;	110
FTLN 0887	And when old Time shall lead him to his end,	
FTLN 0888	Goodness and he fill up one monument!	
	LOVELL	
FTLN 0889	To th' waterside I must conduct your Grace,	
FTLN 0890	Then give my charge up to Sir Nicholas Vaux,	
FTLN 0891	Who undertakes you to your end.	115

FTLN 0892 VAUX, *〔calling as to Officers offstage〕* Prepare there!
 FTLN 0893 The Duke is coming. See the barge be ready,
 FTLN 0894 And fit it with such furniture as suits
 FTLN 0895 The greatness of his person.
 FTLN 0896 BUCKINGHAM Nay, Sir Nicholas, 120
 FTLN 0897 Let it alone. My state now will but mock me.
 FTLN 0898 When I came hither, I was Lord High Constable
 FTLN 0899 And Duke of Buckingham; now, poor Edward Bohun.
 FTLN 0900 Yet I am richer than my base accusers,
 FTLN 0901 That never knew what truth meant. I now seal it, 125
 FTLN 0902 And with that blood will make 'em one day groan for 't.
 FTLN 0903 My noble father, Henry of Buckingham,
 FTLN 0904 Who first raised head against usurping Richard,
 FTLN 0905 Flying for succor to his servant Banister,
 FTLN 0906 Being distressed, was by that wretch betrayed, 130
 FTLN 0907 And, without trial, fell. God's peace be with him.
 FTLN 0908 Henry the Seventh, succeeding, truly pitying
 FTLN 0909 My father's loss, like a most royal prince
 FTLN 0910 Restored me to my honors and out of ruins
 FTLN 0911 Made my name once more noble. Now his son, 135
 FTLN 0912 Henry the Eighth, life, honor, name, and all
 FTLN 0913 That made me happy at one stroke has taken
 FTLN 0914 Forever from the world. I had my trial,
 FTLN 0915 And must needs say a noble one, which makes me
 FTLN 0916 A little happier than my wretched father. 140
 FTLN 0917 Yet thus far we are one in fortunes: both
 FTLN 0918 Fell by our servants, by those men we loved most—
 FTLN 0919 A most unnatural and faithless service.
 FTLN 0920 Heaven has an end in all; yet, you that hear me,
 FTLN 0921 This from a dying man receive as certain: 145
 FTLN 0922 Where you are liberal of your loves and counsels
 FTLN 0923 Be sure you be not loose; for those you make friends
 FTLN 0924 And give your hearts to, when they once perceive
 FTLN 0925 The least rub in your fortunes, fall away
 FTLN 0926 Like water from you, never found again 150

FTLN 0927 But where they mean to sink you. All good people,
 FTLN 0928 Pray for me. I must now forsake you. The last hour
 FTLN 0929 Of my long weary life is come upon me.
 FTLN 0930 Farewell. And when you would say something that
 FTLN 0931 is sad, 155
 FTLN 0932 Speak how I fell. I have done; and God forgive me.

Duke and train exit.

FIRST GENTLEMAN

FTLN 0933 O, this is full of pity, sir! It calls,
 FTLN 0934 I fear, too many curses on their heads
 FTLN 0935 That were the authors.

FTLN 0936 SECOND GENTLEMAN If the Duke be guiltless, 160
 FTLN 0937 'Tis full of woe. Yet I can give you inkling
 FTLN 0938 Of an ensuing evil, if it fall,
 FTLN 0939 Greater than this.

FTLN 0940 FIRST GENTLEMAN Good angels keep it from us!
 FTLN 0941 What may it be? You do not doubt my faith, sir? 165

SECOND GENTLEMAN

FTLN 0942 This secret is so weighty 'twill require
 FTLN 0943 A strong faith to conceal it.

FTLN 0944 FIRST GENTLEMAN Let me have it.
 FTLN 0945 I do not talk much.

FTLN 0946 SECOND GENTLEMAN I am confident; 170
 FTLN 0947 You shall, sir. Did you not of late days hear
 FTLN 0948 A buzzing of a separation
 FTLN 0949 Between the King and Katherine?

FTLN 0950 FIRST GENTLEMAN Yes, but it held not;
 FTLN 0951 For when the King once heard it, out of anger 175
 FTLN 0952 He sent command to the Lord Mayor straight
 FTLN 0953 To stop the rumor and allay those tongues
 FTLN 0954 That durst disperse it.

FTLN 0955 SECOND GENTLEMAN But that slander, sir,
 FTLN 0956 Is found a truth now, for it grows again 180
 FTLN 0957 Fresher than e'er it was, and held for certain
 FTLN 0958 The King will venture at it. Either the Cardinal,
 FTLN 0959 Or some about him near, have, out of malice

FTLN 0960 To the good queen, possessed him with a scruple
 FTLN 0961 That will undo her. To confirm this too, 185
 FTLN 0962 Cardinal Campeius is arrived, and lately,
 FTLN 0963 As all think, for this business.

FTLN 0964 FIRST GENTLEMAN 'Tis the Cardinal;
 FTLN 0965 And merely to revenge him on the Emperor
 FTLN 0966 For not bestowing on him at his asking 190
 FTLN 0967 The archbishopric of Toledo this is purposed.

SECOND GENTLEMAN

FTLN 0968 I think you have hit the mark. But is 't not cruel
 FTLN 0969 That she should feel the smart of this? The Cardinal
 FTLN 0970 Will have his will, and she must fall.

FTLN 0971 FIRST GENTLEMAN 'Tis woeful. 195
 FTLN 0972 We are too open here to argue this.
 FTLN 0973 Let's think in private more.

They exit.

Scene 2

Enter Lord Chamberlain, reading this letter.

FTLN 0974 [CHAMBERLAIN] *My lord, the horses your Lordship sent*
 FTLN 0975 *for, with all the care I had I saw well chosen, ridden,*
 FTLN 0976 *and furnished. They were young and handsome and*
 FTLN 0977 *of the best breed in the north. When they were ready*
 FTLN 0978 *to set out for London, a man of my Lord Cardinal's, 5*
 FTLN 0979 *by commission and main power, took 'em from me*
 FTLN 0980 *with this reason: his master would be served before*
 FTLN 0981 *a subject, if not before the King, which stopped our*
 FTLN 0982 *mouths, sir.*

FTLN 0983 I fear he will indeed; well, let him have them. 10
 FTLN 0984 He will have all, I think.

*Enter to the Lord Chamberlain, the Dukes
 of Norfolk and Suffolk.*

FTLN 0985 NORFOLK Well met, my Lord Chamberlain.
 FTLN 0986 CHAMBERLAIN Good day to both your Graces.

SUFFOLK

FTLN 0987 How is the King employed?
 FTLN 0988 CHAMBERLAIN I left him private, 15
 FTLN 0989 Full of sad thoughts and troubles.

FTLN 0990 NORFOLK What's the cause?

CHAMBERLAIN

FTLN 0991 It seems the marriage with his brother's wife
 FTLN 0992 Has crept too near his conscience.
 FTLN 0993 SUFFOLK No, his conscience 20

FTLN 0994 Has crept too near another lady.

FTLN 0995 NORFOLK 'Tis so;

FTLN 0996 This is the Cardinal's doing. The king-cardinal,
 FTLN 0997 That blind priest, like the eldest son of Fortune,
 FTLN 0998 Turns what he list. The King will know him one day. 25

SUFFOLK

FTLN 0999 Pray God he do! He'll never know himself else.

NORFOLK

FTLN 1000 How holily he works in all his business,
 FTLN 1001 And with what zeal! For, now he has cracked the
 FTLN 1002 league

FTLN 1003 Between us and the Emperor, the Queen's 30
 FTLN 1004 great-nephew,

FTLN 1005 He dives into the King's soul and there scatters
 FTLN 1006 Dangers, doubts, wringing of the conscience,
 FTLN 1007 Fears and despairs—and all these for his marriage.

FTLN 1008 And out of all these to restore the King, 35

FTLN 1009 He counsels a divorce, a loss of her
 FTLN 1010 That like a jewel has hung twenty years
 FTLN 1011 About his neck, yet never lost her luster;

FTLN 1012 Of her that loves him with that excellence
 FTLN 1013 That angels love good men with; even of her 40

FTLN 1014 That, when the greatest stroke of fortune falls,

FTLN 1015 Will bless the King. And is not this course pious?

CHAMBERLAIN

FTLN 1016 Heaven keep me from such counsel! 'Tis most true:

FTLN 1017 These news are everywhere, every tongue speaks 'em,

FTLN 1018	And every true heart weeps for 't. All that dare	45
FTLN 1019	Look into these affairs see this main end,	
FTLN 1020	The French king's sister. Heaven will one day open	
FTLN 1021	The King's eyes, that so long have slept upon	
FTLN 1022	This bold bad man.	
FTLN 1023	SUFFOLK And free us from his slavery.	50
FTLN 1024	NORFOLK We had need pray,	
FTLN 1025	And heartily, for our deliverance,	
FTLN 1026	Or this imperious man will work us all	
FTLN 1027	From princes into pages. All men's honors	
FTLN 1028	Lie like one lump before him, to be fashioned	55
FTLN 1029	Into what pitch he please.	
FTLN 1030	SUFFOLK For me, my lords,	
FTLN 1031	I love him not nor fear him; there's my creed.	
FTLN 1032	As I am made without him, so I'll stand,	
FTLN 1033	If the King please. His curses and his blessings	60
FTLN 1034	Touch me alike: they're breath I not believe in.	
FTLN 1035	I knew him and I know him; so I leave him	
FTLN 1036	To him that made him proud, the Pope.	
FTLN 1037	NORFOLK Let's in,	
FTLN 1038	And with some other business put the King	65
FTLN 1039	From these sad thoughts that work too much upon	
FTLN 1040	him.—	
FTLN 1041	My lord, you'll bear us company?	
FTLN 1042	CHAMBERLAIN Excuse me;	
FTLN 1043	The King has sent me elsewhere. Besides,	70
FTLN 1044	You'll find a most unfit time to disturb him.	
FTLN 1045	Health to your Lordships.	
FTLN 1046	NORFOLK Thanks, my good Lord	
FTLN 1047	Chamberlain.	
	<i>Lord Chamberlain exits; and the King draws the curtain and sits reading pensively.</i>	
FTLN 1048	SUFFOLK, [to Norfolk] How sad he looks! Sure he is much afflicted.	75
FTLN 1049	KING Who's there? Ha?	

FTLN 1050	NORFOLK, <i>「to Suffolk」</i>	Pray God he be not angry.	
	KING		
FTLN 1051		Who's there, I say? How dare you thrust yourselves	
FTLN 1052		Into my private meditations? Who am I, ha?	
	NORFOLK		
FTLN 1053		A gracious king that pardons all offenses	80
FTLN 1054		Malice ne'er meant. Our breach of duty this way	
FTLN 1055		Is business of estate, in which we come	
FTLN 1056		To know your royal pleasure.	
FTLN 1057	KING	You are too bold.	
FTLN 1058		Go to; I'll make you know your times of business.	85
FTLN 1059		Is this an hour for temporal affairs, ha?	
		<i>Enter Wolsey and Campeius, with a commission.</i>	
FTLN 1060		Who's there? My good Lord Cardinal? O my Wolsey,	
FTLN 1061		The quiet of my wounded conscience,	
FTLN 1062		Thou art a cure fit for a king. <i>「To Campeius.」</i> You're	
FTLN 1063		welcome,	90
FTLN 1064		Most learned reverend sir, into our kingdom.	
FTLN 1065		Use us and it.—My good lord, have great care	
FTLN 1066		I be not found a talker.	
FTLN 1067	WOLSEY	Sir, you cannot.	
FTLN 1068		I would your Grace would give us but an hour	95
FTLN 1069		Of private conference.	
FTLN 1070	KING, <i>「to Norfolk and Suffolk」</i>	We are busy. Go.	
	NORFOLK, <i>「aside to Suffolk」</i>		
FTLN 1071		This priest has no pride in him?	
FTLN 1072	SUFFOLK, <i>「aside to Norfolk」</i>	Not to speak of.	
FTLN 1073		I would not be so sick, though for his place.	100
FTLN 1074		But this cannot continue.	
FTLN 1075	NORFOLK, <i>「aside to Suffolk」</i>	If it do,	
FTLN 1076		I'll venture one have-at-him.	
FTLN 1077	SUFFOLK, <i>「aside to Norfolk」</i>	I another.	
		<i>Norfolk and Suffolk exit.</i>	
	WOLSEY		
FTLN 1078		Your Grace has given a precedent of wisdom	105

FTLN 1079	Above all princes in committing freely	
FTLN 1080	Your scruple to the voice of Christendom.	
FTLN 1081	Who can be angry now? What envy reach you?	
FTLN 1082	The Spaniard, tied by blood and favor to her,	
FTLN 1083	Must now confess, if they have any goodness,	110
FTLN 1084	The trial just and noble; all the clerks—	
FTLN 1085	I mean the learnèd ones in Christian kingdoms—	
FTLN 1086	Have their free voices; Rome, the nurse of judgment,	
FTLN 1087	Invited by your noble self, hath sent	
FTLN 1088	One general tongue unto us, this good man,	115
FTLN 1089	This just and learnèd priest, Cardinal Campeius,	
FTLN 1090	Whom once more I present unto your Highness.	
	KING	
FTLN 1091	And once more in mine arms I bid him welcome,	
FTLN 1092	And thank the holy conclave for their loves.	
FTLN 1093	They have sent me such a man I would have wished	120
FTLN 1094	for. <i>「He embraces Campeius.」</i>	
	CAMPEIUS, <i>「handing the King a paper」</i>	
FTLN 1095	Your Grace must needs deserve all strangers' loves,	
FTLN 1096	You are so noble. To your Highness' hand	
FTLN 1097	I tender my commission—by whose virtue,	
FTLN 1098	The court of Rome commanding, you, my Lord	125
FTLN 1099	Cardinal of York, are joined with me their servant	
FTLN 1100	In the impartial judging of this business.	
	KING	
FTLN 1101	Two equal men. The Queen shall be acquainted	
FTLN 1102	Forthwith for what you come. Where's Gardiner?	
	WOLSEY	
FTLN 1103	I know your Majesty has always loved her	130
FTLN 1104	So dear in heart not to deny her that	
FTLN 1105	A woman of less place might ask by law:	
FTLN 1106	Scholars allowed freely to argue for her.	
	KING	
FTLN 1107	Ay, and the best she shall have, and my favor	
FTLN 1108	To him that does best. God forbid else. Cardinal,	135

FTLN 1109	Prithee call Gardiner to me, my new secretary.	
FTLN 1110	I find him a fit fellow.	「 <i>Wolsey goes to the door.</i> 」
	<i>Enter Gardiner</i> 「 <i>to Wolsey.</i> 」	
	WOLSEY, 「 <i>aside to Gardiner</i> 」	
FTLN 1111	Give me your hand. Much joy and favor to you.	
FTLN 1112	You are the King's now.	
FTLN 1113	GARDINER, 「 <i>aside to Wolsey</i> 」	But to be commanded 140
FTLN 1114	Forever by your Grace, whose hand has raised me.	
FTLN 1115	KING Come hither, Gardiner.	
	<i>「The King and Gardiner」 walk and whisper.</i>	
	CAMPEIUS	
FTLN 1116	My lord of York, was not one Doctor Pace	
FTLN 1117	In this man's place before him?	
FTLN 1118	WOLSEY	Yes, he was. 145
	CAMPEIUS	
FTLN 1119	Was he not held a learned man?	
FTLN 1120	WOLSEY	Yes, surely.
	CAMPEIUS	
FTLN 1121	Believe me, there's an ill opinion spread, then,	
FTLN 1122	Even of yourself, Lord Cardinal.	
FTLN 1123	WOLSEY	How? Of me? 150
	CAMPEIUS	
FTLN 1124	They will not stick to say you envied him	
FTLN 1125	And, fearing he would rise—he was so virtuous—	
FTLN 1126	Kept him a foreign man still, which so grieved him	
FTLN 1127	That he ran mad and died.	
FTLN 1128	WOLSEY	Heav'n's peace be with him! 155
FTLN 1129	That's Christian care enough. For living murmurers,	
FTLN 1130	There's places of rebuke. He was a fool,	
FTLN 1131	For he would needs be virtuous. That good fellow	
FTLN 1132	If I command him follows my appointment.	
FTLN 1133	I will have none so near else. Learn this, brother:	160
FTLN 1134	We live not to be griped by meaner persons.	

KING, [to Gardiner]

FTLN 1135 Deliver this with modesty to th' Queen.
Gardiner exits.

FTLN 1136 The most convenient place that I can think of
 FTLN 1137 For such receipt of learning is Blackfriars.
 FTLN 1138 There you shall meet about this weighty business. 165
 FTLN 1139 My Wolsey, see it furnished. O, my lord,
 FTLN 1140 Would it not grieve an able man to leave
 FTLN 1141 So sweet a bedfellow? But, conscience, conscience!
 FTLN 1142 O, 'tis a tender place, and I must leave her.
They exit.

Scene 3

Enter Anne Bullen and an old Lady.

ANNE

FTLN 1143 Not for that neither. Here's the pang that pinches:
 FTLN 1144 His Highness having lived so long with her, and she
 FTLN 1145 So good a lady that no tongue could ever
 FTLN 1146 Pronounce dishonor of her—by my life,
 FTLN 1147 She never knew harm-doing!—O, now, after 5
 FTLN 1148 So many courses of the sun enthroned,
 FTLN 1149 Still growing in a majesty and pomp, the which
 FTLN 1150 To leave a thousandfold more bitter than
 FTLN 1151 'Tis sweet at first t' acquire—after this process,
 FTLN 1152 To give her the avaunt! It is a pity 10
 FTLN 1153 Would move a monster.

FTLN 1154 OLD LADY Hearts of most hard temper
 FTLN 1155 Melt and lament for her.

FTLN 1156 ANNE O, God's will! Much better
 FTLN 1157 She ne'er had known pomp; though 't be temporal, 15
 FTLN 1158 Yet if that quarrel, Fortune, do divorce
 FTLN 1159 It from the bearer, 'tis a sufferance panging
 FTLN 1160 As soul and body's severing.

FTLN 1161 OLD LADY Alas, poor lady,
 FTLN 1162 She's a stranger now again! 20

FTLN 1163	ANNE	So much the more	
FTLN 1164		Must pity drop upon her. Verily,	
FTLN 1165		I swear, 'tis better to be lowly born	
FTLN 1166		And range with humble livers in content	
FTLN 1167		Than to be perked up in a glist'ring grief	25
FTLN 1168		And wear a golden sorrow.	
FTLN 1169	OLD LADY	Our content	
FTLN 1170		Is our best having.	
FTLN 1171	ANNE	By my troth and maidenhead,	
FTLN 1172		I would not be a queen.	30
FTLN 1173	OLD LADY	Beshrew me, I would,	
FTLN 1174		And venture maidenhead for 't; and so would you,	
FTLN 1175		For all this spice of your hypocrisy.	
FTLN 1176		You, that have so fair parts of woman on you,	
FTLN 1177		Have too a woman's heart, which ever yet	35
FTLN 1178		Affected eminence, wealth, sovereignty;	
FTLN 1179		Which, to say sooth, are blessings; and which gifts,	
FTLN 1180		Saving your mincing, the capacity	
FTLN 1181		Of your soft cheveril conscience would receive	
FTLN 1182		If you might please to stretch it.	40
FTLN 1183	ANNE	Nay, good troth.	
	OLD LADY		
FTLN 1184		Yes, troth, and troth. You would not be a queen?	
	ANNE		
FTLN 1185		No, not for all the riches under heaven.	
	OLD LADY		
FTLN 1186		'Tis strange. A threepence bowed would hire me,	
FTLN 1187		Old as I am, to queen it. But I pray you,	45
FTLN 1188		What think you of a duchess? Have you limbs	
FTLN 1189		To bear that load of title?	
FTLN 1190	ANNE	No, in truth.	
	OLD LADY		
FTLN 1191		Then you are weakly made. Pluck off a little.	
FTLN 1192		I would not be a young count in your way	50
FTLN 1193		For more than blushing comes to. If your back	

FTLN 1194 Cannot vouchsafe this burden, 'tis too weak
 FTLN 1195 Ever to get a boy.
 FTLN 1196 ANNE How you do talk!
 FTLN 1197 I swear again, I would not be a queen 55
 FTLN 1198 For all the world.
 FTLN 1199 OLD LADY In faith, for little England
 FTLN 1200 You'd venture an emballing. I myself
 FTLN 1201 Would for Carnarvanshire, although there longed
 FTLN 1202 No more to th' crown but that. Lo, who comes here? 60

Enter Lord Chamberlain.

CHAMBERLAIN
 FTLN 1203 Good morrow, ladies. What were 't worth to know
 FTLN 1204 The secret of your conference?
 FTLN 1205 ANNE My good lord,
 FTLN 1206 Not your demand; it values not your asking.
 FTLN 1207 Our mistress' sorrows we were pitying. 65
 CHAMBERLAIN
 FTLN 1208 It was a gentle business, and becoming
 FTLN 1209 The action of good women. There is hope
 FTLN 1210 All will be well.
 FTLN 1211 ANNE Now, I pray God, amen!
 CHAMBERLAIN
 FTLN 1212 You bear a gentle mind, and heav'nly blessings 70
 FTLN 1213 Follow such creatures. That you may, fair lady,
 FTLN 1214 Perceive I speak sincerely, and high note's
 FTLN 1215 Ta'en of your many virtues, the King's Majesty
 FTLN 1216 Commends his good opinion of you to you, and
 FTLN 1217 Does purpose honor to you no less flowing 75
 FTLN 1218 Than Marchioness of Pembroke, to which title
 FTLN 1219 A thousand pound a year annual support
 FTLN 1220 Out of his grace he adds.
 FTLN 1221 ANNE I do not know
 FTLN 1222 What kind of my obedience I should tender. 80
 FTLN 1223 More than my all is nothing, nor my prayers
 FTLN 1224 Are not words duly hallowed, nor my wishes

FTLN 1225	More worth than empty vanities. Yet prayers and	
FTLN 1226	wishes	
FTLN 1227	Are all I can return. 'Beseech your Lordship,	85
FTLN 1228	Vouchsafe to speak my thanks and my obedience,	
FTLN 1229	As from a blushing handmaid, to his Highness,	
FTLN 1230	Whose health and royalty I pray for.	
FTLN 1231	CHAMBERLAIN	Lady,
FTLN 1232	I shall not fail t' approve the fair conceit	90
FTLN 1233	The King hath of you. (「 <i>Aside.</i> 」) I have perused her	
FTLN 1234	well.	
FTLN 1235	Beauty and honor in her are so mingled	
FTLN 1236	That they have caught the King. And who knows yet	
FTLN 1237	But from this lady may proceed a gem	95
FTLN 1238	To lighten all this isle?—I'll to the King	
FTLN 1239	And say I spoke with you.	
FTLN 1240	ANNE	My honored lord.
		<i>Lord Chamberlain exits.</i>
FTLN 1241	OLD LADY	Why, this it is! See, see!
FTLN 1242	I have been begging sixteen years in court,	100
FTLN 1243	Am yet a courtier beggarly, nor could	
FTLN 1244	Come pat betwixt too early and too late	
FTLN 1245	For any suit of pounds; and you—O, fate!—	
FTLN 1246	A very fresh fish here—fie, fie, fie upon	
FTLN 1247	This compelled fortune!—have your mouth filled up	105
FTLN 1248	Before you open it.	
FTLN 1249	ANNE	This is strange to me.
	OLD LADY	
FTLN 1250	How tastes it? Is it bitter? Forty pence, no.	
FTLN 1251	There was a lady once—'tis an old story—	
FTLN 1252	That would not be a queen, that would she not,	110
FTLN 1253	For all the mud in Egypt. Have you heard it?	
	ANNE	
FTLN 1254	Come, you are pleasant.	
FTLN 1255	OLD LADY	With your theme, I could
FTLN 1256	O'ermount the lark. The Marchioness of Pembroke?	
FTLN 1257	A thousand pounds a year for pure respect?	115
FTLN 1258	No other obligation? By my life,	

FTLN 1259 That promises more thousands; honor's train
 FTLN 1260 Is longer than his foreskirt. By this time
 FTLN 1261 I know your back will bear a duchess. Say,
 FTLN 1262 Are you not stronger than you were? 120

FTLN 1263 ANNE Good lady,
 FTLN 1264 Make yourself mirth with your particular fancy,
 FTLN 1265 And leave me out on 't. Would I had no being
 FTLN 1266 If this salute my blood a jot. It faints me
 FTLN 1267 To think what follows. 125

FTLN 1268 The Queen is comfortless and we forgetful
 FTLN 1269 In our long absence. Pray do not deliver
 FTLN 1270 What here you've heard to her.

FTLN 1271 OLD LADY What do you think me?
They exit.

Scene 4

Trumpets, sennet, and cornets. Enter two Vergers, with short silver wands; next them, two Scribes, in the habit of doctors; after them, the Bishop of Canterbury alone; after him, the Bishops of Lincoln, Ely, Rochester, and Saint Asaph; next them, with some small distance, follows a Gentleman bearing the purse with the great seal, and a cardinal's hat. Then two Priests, bearing each a silver cross; then a Gentleman Usher bare-headed, accompanied with a Sergeant-at-Arms, bearing a silver mace; then two Gentlemen, bearing two great silver pillars. After them, side by side, the two Cardinals, [and] two Noblemen with the sword and mace. The King takes place under the cloth of state. The two Cardinals sit under him as judges. The Queen takes place some distance from the King. The Bishops place themselves on each side the court, in manner of a consistory; below them the Scribes. The Lords sit next the Bishops. The rest of the Attendants [including a Crier and the Queen's Gentleman Usher] stand in convenient order about the stage.

WOLSEY

FTLN 1272 Whilst our commission from Rome is read,
FTLN 1273 Let silence be commanded.

FTLN 1274 KING What's the need?

FTLN 1275 It hath already publicly been read,
FTLN 1276 And on all sides th' authority allowed. 5
FTLN 1277 You may then spare that time.

FTLN 1278 WOLSEY Be 't so. Proceed.

FTLN 1279 SCRIBE Say "Henry King of England, come into the
FTLN 1280 court."

FTLN 1281 CRIER Henry King of England, come into the court. 10

FTLN 1282 KING Here.

FTLN 1283 SCRIBE Say "Katherine Queen of England, come into
FTLN 1284 the court."

FTLN 1285 CRIER Katherine Queen of England, come into the
FTLN 1286 court. 15

*The Queen makes no answer, rises out of her
chair, goes about the court, comes to the King,
and kneels at his feet; then speaks.*

「QUEEN KATHERINE」

FTLN 1287 Sir, I desire you do me right and justice,
FTLN 1288 And to bestow your pity on me; for
FTLN 1289 I am a most poor woman and a stranger,
FTLN 1290 Born out of your dominions, having here
FTLN 1291 No judge indifferent nor no more assurance 20

FTLN 1292 Of equal friendship and proceeding. Alas, sir,
FTLN 1293 In what have I offended you? What cause
FTLN 1294 Hath my behavior given to your displeasure
FTLN 1295 That thus you should proceed to put me off
FTLN 1296 And take your good grace from me? Heaven witness 25

FTLN 1297 I have been to you a true and humble wife,
FTLN 1298 At all times to your will conformable,
FTLN 1299 Ever in fear to kindle your dislike,
FTLN 1300 Yea, subject to your countenance, glad or sorry
FTLN 1301 As I saw it inclined. When was the hour 30
FTLN 1302 I ever contradicted your desire,

FTLN 1303 Or made it not mine too? Or which of your friends
 FTLN 1304 Have I not strove to love, although I knew
 FTLN 1305 He were mine enemy? What friend of mine
 FTLN 1306 That had to him derived your anger did I 35
 FTLN 1307 Continue in my liking? Nay, gave notice
 FTLN 1308 He was from thence discharged? Sir, call to mind
 FTLN 1309 That I have been your wife in this obedience
 FTLN 1310 Upward of twenty years, and have been blessed
 FTLN 1311 With many children by you. If, in the course 40
 FTLN 1312 And process of this time, you can report,
 FTLN 1313 And prove it too, against mine honor aught,
 FTLN 1314 My bond to wedlock or my love and duty
 FTLN 1315 Against your sacred person, in God's name
 FTLN 1316 Turn me away and let the foul'st contempt 45
 FTLN 1317 Shut door upon me, and so give me up
 FTLN 1318 To the sharp'st kind of justice. Please you, sir,
 FTLN 1319 The King your father was reputed for
 FTLN 1320 A prince most prudent, of an excellent
 FTLN 1321 And unmatched wit and judgment. Ferdinand, 50
 FTLN 1322 My father, King of Spain, was reckoned one
 FTLN 1323 The wisest prince that there had reigned by many
 FTLN 1324 A year before. It is not to be questioned
 FTLN 1325 That they had gathered a wise council to them
 FTLN 1326 Of every realm, that did debate this business, 55
 FTLN 1327 Who deemed our marriage lawful. Wherefore I humbly
 FTLN 1328 Beseech you, sir, to spare me till I may
 FTLN 1329 Be by my friends in Spain advised, whose counsel
 FTLN 1330 I will implore. If not, i' th' name of God,
 FTLN 1331 Your pleasure be fulfilled. 60
 FTLN 1332 WOLSEY You have here, lady,
 FTLN 1333 And of your choice, these reverend fathers, men
 FTLN 1334 Of singular integrity and learning,
 FTLN 1335 Yea, the elect o' th' land, who are assembled
 FTLN 1336 To plead your cause. It shall be therefore bootless 65
 FTLN 1337 That longer you desire the court, as well

FTLN 1338	For your own quiet as to rectify	
FTLN 1339	What is unsettled in the King.	
FTLN 1340	CAMPEIUS	His Grace
FTLN 1341	Hath spoken well and justly. Therefore, madam,	70
FTLN 1342	It's fit this royal session do proceed	
FTLN 1343	And that without delay their arguments	
FTLN 1344	Be now produced and heard.	
FTLN 1345	QUEEN KATHERINE	Lord Cardinal,
FTLN 1346	To you I speak.	75
FTLN 1347	WOLSEY	Your pleasure, madam.
FTLN 1348	QUEEN KATHERINE	Sir,
FTLN 1349	I am about to weep; but thinking that	
FTLN 1350	We are a queen, or long have dreamed so, certain	
FTLN 1351	The daughter of a king, my drops of tears	80
FTLN 1352	I'll turn to sparks of fire.	
FTLN 1353	WOLSEY	Be patient yet.
FTLN 1354	QUEEN KATHERINE	
FTLN 1354	I will, when you are humble; nay, before,	
FTLN 1355	Or God will punish me. I do believe,	
FTLN 1356	Induced by potent circumstances, that	85
FTLN 1357	You are mine enemy, and make my challenge	
FTLN 1358	You shall not be my judge; for it is you	
FTLN 1359	Have blown this coal betwixt my lord and me—	
FTLN 1360	Which God's dew quench! Therefore I say again,	
FTLN 1361	I utterly abhor, yea, from my soul	90
FTLN 1362	Refuse you for my judge, whom, yet once more,	
FTLN 1363	I hold my most malicious foe and think not	
FTLN 1364	At all a friend to truth.	
FTLN 1365	WOLSEY	I do profess
FTLN 1366	You speak not like yourself, who ever yet	95
FTLN 1367	Have stood to charity and displayed th' effects	
FTLN 1368	Of disposition gentle and of wisdom	
FTLN 1369	O'ertopping woman's power. Madam, you do me	
FTLN 1370	wrong.	
FTLN 1371	I have no spleen against you, nor injustice	100
FTLN 1372	For you or any. How far I have proceeded,	

FTLN 1408	Disdainful to be tried by 't. 'Tis not well.	
FTLN 1409	She's going away.	
FTLN 1410	KING Call her again.	
FTLN 1411	CRIER Katherine, Queen of England, come into the	140
FTLN 1412	court.	
FTLN 1413	GENTLEMAN USHER Madam, you are called back.	
FTLN 1414	QUEEN KATHERINE	
FTLN 1415	What need you note it? Pray you, keep your way.	
FTLN 1416	When you are called, return. Now, the Lord help!	
FTLN 1417	They vex me past my patience. Pray you, pass on.	145
FTLN 1418	I will not tarry; no, nor ever more	
FTLN 1419	Upon this business my appearance make	
	In any of their courts.	
	<i>Queen and her Attendants exit.</i>	
FTLN 1420	KING Go thy ways, Kate.	
FTLN 1421	That man i' th' world who shall report he has	150
FTLN 1422	A better wife, let him in naught be trusted,	
FTLN 1423	For speaking false in that. Thou art, alone—	
FTLN 1424	If thy rare qualities, sweet gentleness,	
FTLN 1425	Thy meekness saintlike, wifelike government,	
FTLN 1426	Obeying in commanding, and thy parts	155
FTLN 1427	Sovereign and pious else, could speak thee out—	
FTLN 1428	The queen of earthly queens. She's noble born,	
FTLN 1429	And like her true nobility she has	
FTLN 1430	Carried herself towards me.	
FTLN 1431	WOLSEY Most gracious sir,	160
FTLN 1432	In humblest manner I require your Highness	
FTLN 1433	That it shall please you to declare in hearing	
FTLN 1434	Of all these ears—for where I am robbed and bound,	
FTLN 1435	There must I be unloosed, although not there	
FTLN 1436	At once and fully satisfied—whether ever I	165
FTLN 1437	Did broach this business to your Highness, or	
FTLN 1438	Laid any scruple in your way which might	
FTLN 1439	Induce you to the question on 't, or ever	
FTLN 1440	Have to you, but with thanks to God for such	

FTLN 1477	And pressed in with this caution. First, methought	
FTLN 1478	I stood not in the smile of heaven, who had	
FTLN 1479	Commanded nature that my lady's womb,	
FTLN 1480	If it conceived a male child by me, should	
FTLN 1481	Do no more offices of life to 't than	210
FTLN 1482	The grave does to th' dead, for her male issue	
FTLN 1483	Or died where they were made, or shortly after	
FTLN 1484	This world had aired them. Hence I took a thought	
FTLN 1485	This was a judgment on me, that my kingdom,	
FTLN 1486	Well worthy the best heir o' th' world, should not	215
FTLN 1487	Be gladdened in 't by me. Then follows that	
FTLN 1488	I weighed the danger which my realms stood in	
FTLN 1489	By this my issue's fail, and that gave to me	
FTLN 1490	Many a groaning throe. Thus hulling in	
FTLN 1491	The wild sea of my conscience, I did steer	220
FTLN 1492	Toward this remedy whereupon we are	
FTLN 1493	Now present here together. That's to say,	
FTLN 1494	I meant to rectify my conscience, which	
FTLN 1495	I then did feel full sick, and yet not well,	
FTLN 1496	By all the reverend fathers of the land	225
FTLN 1497	And doctors learnèd. First, I began in private	
FTLN 1498	With you, my Lord of Lincoln. You remember	
FTLN 1499	How under my oppression I did reek	
FTLN 1500	When I first moved you.	
FTLN 1501	LINCOLN	Very well, my liege.
	KING	230
FTLN 1502	I have spoke long. Be pleased yourself to say	
FTLN 1503	How far you satisfied me.	
FTLN 1504	LINCOLN	So please your Highness,
FTLN 1505	The question did at first so stagger me,	
FTLN 1506	Bearing a state of mighty moment in 't	235
FTLN 1507	And consequence of dread, that I committed	
FTLN 1508	The daring'st counsel which I had to doubt,	
FTLN 1509	And did entreat your Highness to this course	
FTLN 1510	Which you are running here.	
FTLN 1511	KING	I then moved you,
		240

FTLN 1512 My Lord of Canterbury, and got your leave
 FTLN 1513 To make this present summons. Unsolicited
 FTLN 1514 I left no reverend person in this court,
 FTLN 1515 But by particular consent proceeded
 FTLN 1516 Under your hands and seals. Therefore go on, 245
 FTLN 1517 For no dislike i' th' world against the person
 FTLN 1518 Of the good queen, but the sharp thorny points
 FTLN 1519 Of my allegèd reasons drives this forward.
 FTLN 1520 Prove but our marriage lawful, by my life
 FTLN 1521 And kingly dignity, we are contented 250
 FTLN 1522 To wear our mortal state to come with her,
 FTLN 1523 Katherine our queen, before the primest creature
 FTLN 1524 That's paragoned o' th' world.
 FTLN 1525 CAMPEIUS So please your Highness,
 FTLN 1526 The Queen being absent, 'tis a needful fitness 255
 FTLN 1527 That we adjourn this court till further day.
 FTLN 1528 Meanwhile must be an earnest motion
 FTLN 1529 Made to the Queen to call back her appeal
 FTLN 1530 She intends unto his Holiness.
 FTLN 1531 KING, 「*aside*」 I may perceive 260
 FTLN 1532 These cardinals trifle with me. I abhor
 FTLN 1533 This dilatory sloth and tricks of Rome.
 FTLN 1534 My learnèd and well-belovèd servant Cranmer,
 FTLN 1535 Prithee return. With thy approach, I know,
 FTLN 1536 My comfort comes along.—Break up the court. 265
 FTLN 1537 I say, set on.

They exit, in manner as they entered.

ACT 3

Scene 1

Enter Queen and her Women, as at work.

QUEEN KATHERINE

FTLN 1538 Take thy lute, wench. My soul grows sad with troubles.
FTLN 1539 Sing, and disperse 'em if thou canst. Leave working.
[WOMAN *sings*] *song.*

FTLN 1540 *Orpheus with his lute made trees*
FTLN 1541 *And the mountaintops that freeze*
FTLN 1542 *Bow themselves when he did sing.* 5
FTLN 1543 *To his music plants and flowers*
FTLN 1544 *Ever sprung, as sun and showers*
FTLN 1545 *There had made a lasting spring.*

FTLN 1546 *Everything that heard him play,*
FTLN 1547 *Even the billows of the sea,* 10
FTLN 1548 *Hung their heads and then lay by.*
FTLN 1549 *In sweet music is such art,*
FTLN 1550 *Killing care and grief of heart*
FTLN 1551 *Fall asleep or, hearing, die.*

Enter a Gentleman.

FTLN 1552 QUEEN KATHERINE How now? 15

GENTLEMAN

FTLN 1553 An 't please your Grace, the two great cardinals
FTLN 1554 Wait in the presence.

FTLN 1555 QUEEN KATHERINE Would they speak with me?

GENTLEMAN

FTLN 1556 They willed me say so, madam.
 FTLN 1557 QUEEN KATHERINE Pray their Graces 20
 FTLN 1558 To come near. 「Gentleman exits.」
 FTLN 1559 What can be their business
 FTLN 1560 With me, a poor weak woman, fall'n from favor?
 FTLN 1561 I do not like their coming, now I think on 't.
 FTLN 1562 They should be good men, their affairs as righteous. 25
 FTLN 1563 But all hoods make not monks.

Enter the two Cardinals, Wolsey and Campeius.

FTLN 1564 WOLSEY Peace to your Highness.
 QUEEN KATHERINE
 FTLN 1565 Your Graces find me here part of a housewife;
 FTLN 1566 I would be all, against the worst may happen.
 FTLN 1567 What are your pleasures with me, reverend lords? 30
 WOLSEY
 FTLN 1568 May it please you, noble madam, to withdraw
 FTLN 1569 Into your private chamber, we shall give you
 FTLN 1570 The full cause of our coming.
 FTLN 1571 QUEEN KATHERINE Speak it here.
 FTLN 1572 There's nothing I have done yet, o' my conscience, 35
 FTLN 1573 Deserves a corner. Would all other women
 FTLN 1574 Could speak this with as free a soul as I do.
 FTLN 1575 My lords, I care not, so much I am happy
 FTLN 1576 Above a number, if my actions
 FTLN 1577 Were tried by ev'ry tongue, ev'ry eye saw 'em, 40
 FTLN 1578 Envy and base opinion set against 'em,
 FTLN 1579 I know my life so even. If your business
 FTLN 1580 Seek me out, and that way I am wife in,
 FTLN 1581 Out with it boldly. Truth loves open dealing.
 FTLN 1582 WOLSEY *Tanta est erga te mentis integritas, regina* 45
 FTLN 1583 *serenissima*—
 FTLN 1584 QUEEN KATHERINE O, good my lord, no Latin!
 FTLN 1585 I am not such a truant since my coming

FTLN 1586	As not to know the language I have lived in.	
FTLN 1587	A strange tongue makes my cause more strange,	50
FTLN 1588	suspicious.	
FTLN 1589	Pray speak in English. Here are some will thank you,	
FTLN 1590	If you speak truth, for their poor mistress' sake.	
FTLN 1591	Believe me, she has had much wrong. Lord Cardinal,	
FTLN 1592	The willing'st sin I ever yet committed	55
FTLN 1593	May be absolved in English.	
FTLN 1594	WOLSEY Noble lady,	
FTLN 1595	I am sorry my integrity should breed—	
FTLN 1596	And service to his Majesty and you—	
FTLN 1597	So deep suspicion, where all faith was meant.	60
FTLN 1598	We come not by the way of accusation,	
FTLN 1599	To taint that honor every good tongue blesses,	
FTLN 1600	Nor to betray you any way to sorrow—	
FTLN 1601	You have too much, good lady—but to know	
FTLN 1602	How you stand minded in the weighty difference	65
FTLN 1603	Between the King and you, and to deliver,	
FTLN 1604	Like free and honest men, our just opinions	
FTLN 1605	And comforts to 「your」 cause.	
FTLN 1606	CAMPEIUS Most honored madam,	
FTLN 1607	My Lord of York, out of his noble nature,	70
FTLN 1608	Zeal, and obedience he still bore your Grace,	
FTLN 1609	Forgetting, like a good man, your late censure	
FTLN 1610	Both of his truth and him—which was too far—	
FTLN 1611	Offers, as I do, in a sign of peace,	
FTLN 1612	His service and his counsel.	75
FTLN 1613	QUEEN KATHERINE, 「 <i>aside</i> 」 To betray me.—	
FTLN 1614	My lords, I thank you both for your good wills.	
FTLN 1615	You speak like honest men; pray God you prove so.	
FTLN 1616	But how to make you suddenly an answer	
FTLN 1617	In such a point of weight, so near mine honor—	80
FTLN 1618	More near my life, I fear—with my weak wit,	
FTLN 1619	And to such men of gravity and learning,	
FTLN 1620	In truth I know not. I was set at work	

FTLN 1621	Among my maids, full little, God knows, looking	
FTLN 1622	Either for such men or such business.	85
FTLN 1623	For her sake that I have been—for I feel	
FTLN 1624	The last fit of my greatness—good your Graces,	
FTLN 1625	Let me have time and counsel for my cause.	
FTLN 1626	Alas, I am a woman friendless, hopeless.	
	WOLSEY	
FTLN 1627	Madam, you wrong the King's love with these fears;	90
FTLN 1628	Your hopes and friends are infinite.	
FTLN 1629	QUEEN KATHERINE	In England
FTLN 1630	But little for my profit. Can you think, lords,	
FTLN 1631	That any Englishman dare give me counsel,	
FTLN 1632	Or be a known friend, 'gainst his Highness' pleasure,	95
FTLN 1633	Though he be grown so desperate to be honest,	
FTLN 1634	And live a subject? Nay, forsooth. My friends,	
FTLN 1635	They that must weigh out my afflictions,	
FTLN 1636	They that my trust must grow to, live not here.	
FTLN 1637	They are, as all my other comforts, far hence	100
FTLN 1638	In mine own country, lords.	
FTLN 1639	CAMPEIUS	I would your Grace
FTLN 1640	Would leave your griefs and take my counsel.	
FTLN 1641	QUEEN KATHERINE	How, sir?
	CAMPEIUS	
FTLN 1642	Put your main cause into the King's protection.	105
FTLN 1643	He's loving and most gracious. 'Twill be much	
FTLN 1644	Both for your honor better and your cause,	
FTLN 1645	For if the trial of the law o'ertake you,	
FTLN 1646	You'll part away disgraced.	
FTLN 1647	WOLSEY	He tells you rightly.
	QUEEN KATHERINE	
FTLN 1648	You tell me what you wish for both: my ruin.	
FTLN 1649	Is this your Christian counsel? Out upon you!	
FTLN 1650	Heaven is above all yet; there sits a judge	
FTLN 1651	That no king can corrupt.	
FTLN 1652	CAMPEIUS	Your rage mistakes us.
		115

QUEEN KATHERINE

FTLN 1653 The more shame for you! Holy men I thought you,
 FTLN 1654 Upon my soul, two reverend cardinal virtues;
 FTLN 1655 But cardinal sins and hollow hearts I fear you.
 FTLN 1656 Mend 'em, for shame, my lords. Is this your comfort?
 FTLN 1657 The cordial that you bring a wretched lady, 120
 FTLN 1658 A woman lost among you, laughed at, scorned?
 FTLN 1659 I will not wish you half my miseries;
 FTLN 1660 I have more charity. But say I warned you:
 FTLN 1661 Take heed, for heaven's sake, take heed, lest at once
 FTLN 1662 The burden of my sorrows fall upon you. 125

WOLSEY

FTLN 1663 Madam, this is a mere distraction.
 FTLN 1664 You turn the good we offer into envy.

QUEEN KATHERINE

FTLN 1665 You turn me into nothing! Woe upon you
 FTLN 1666 And all such false professors. Would you have me—
 FTLN 1667 If you have any justice, any pity, 130
 FTLN 1668 If you be anything but churchmen's habits—
 FTLN 1669 Put my sick cause into his hands that hates me?
 FTLN 1670 Alas, has banished me his bed already,
 FTLN 1671 His love, too, long ago. I am old, my lords,
 FTLN 1672 And all the fellowship I hold now with him 135
 FTLN 1673 Is only my obedience. What can happen
 FTLN 1674 To me above this wretchedness? All your studies
 FTLN 1675 Make me a curse like this.

FTLN 1676 CAMPEIUS Your fears are worse.

QUEEN KATHERINE

FTLN 1677 Have I lived thus long—let me speak myself, 140
 FTLN 1678 Since virtue finds no friends—a wife, a true one—
 FTLN 1679 A woman, I dare say without vainglory,
 FTLN 1680 Never yet branded with suspicion—
 FTLN 1681 Have I with all my full affections
 FTLN 1682 Still met the King, loved him next heav'n, obeyed him, 145
 FTLN 1683 Been, out of fondness, superstitious to him,
 FTLN 1684 Almost forgot my prayers to content him,

FTLN 1685	And am I thus rewarded? 'Tis not well, lords.	
FTLN 1686	Bring me a constant woman to her husband,	
FTLN 1687	One that ne'er dreamed a joy beyond his pleasure,	150
FTLN 1688	And to that woman, when she has done most,	
FTLN 1689	Yet will I add an honor: a great patience.	
	WOLSEY	
FTLN 1690	Madam, you wander from the good we aim at.	
	QUEEN KATHERINE	
FTLN 1691	My lord, I dare not make myself so guilty	
FTLN 1692	To give up willingly that noble title	155
FTLN 1693	Your master wed me to. Nothing but death	
FTLN 1694	Shall e'er divorce my dignities.	
FTLN 1695	WOLSEY	Pray hear me.
	QUEEN KATHERINE	
FTLN 1696	Would I had never trod this English earth	
FTLN 1697	Or felt the flatteries that grow upon it!	160
FTLN 1698	You have angels' faces, but heaven knows your hearts.	
FTLN 1699	What will become of me now, wretched lady?	
FTLN 1700	I am the most unhappy woman living.	
FTLN 1701	「 <i>To her Women.</i> 」 Alas, poor wenches, where are now	
FTLN 1702	your fortunes?	165
FTLN 1703	Shipwrecked upon a kingdom where no pity,	
FTLN 1704	No friends, no hope, no kindred weep for me,	
FTLN 1705	Almost no grave allowed me, like the lily	
FTLN 1706	That once was mistress of the field and flourished,	
FTLN 1707	I'll hang my head and perish.	170
FTLN 1708	WOLSEY	If your Grace
FTLN 1709	Could but be brought to know our ends are honest,	
FTLN 1710	You'd feel more comfort. Why should we, good lady,	
FTLN 1711	Upon what cause, wrong you? Alas, our places,	
FTLN 1712	The way of our profession, is against it.	175
FTLN 1713	We are to cure such sorrows, not to sow 'em.	
FTLN 1714	For goodness' sake, consider what you do,	
FTLN 1715	How you may hurt yourself, ay, utterly	
FTLN 1716	Grow from the King's acquaintance by this carriage.	

FTLN 1717 The hearts of princes kiss obedience, 180
 FTLN 1718 So much they love it. But to stubborn spirits
 FTLN 1719 They swell and grow as terrible as storms.
 FTLN 1720 I know you have a gentle, noble temper,
 FTLN 1721 A soul as even as a calm. Pray think us
 FTLN 1722 Those we profess: peacemakers, friends, and servants. 185

CAMPEIUS

FTLN 1723 Madam, you'll find it so. You wrong your virtues
 FTLN 1724 With these weak women's fears. A noble spirit,
 FTLN 1725 As yours was put into you, ever casts
 FTLN 1726 Such doubts, as false coin, from it. The King loves
 FTLN 1727 you; 190
 FTLN 1728 Beware you lose it not. For us, if you please
 FTLN 1729 To trust us in your business, we are ready
 FTLN 1730 To use our utmost studies in your service.

QUEEN KATHERINE

FTLN 1731 Do what you will, my lords, and pray forgive me
 FTLN 1732 If I have used myself unmannerly. 195
 FTLN 1733 You know I am a woman, lacking wit
 FTLN 1734 To make a seemly answer to such persons.
 FTLN 1735 Pray do my service to his Majesty.
 FTLN 1736 He has my heart yet and shall have my prayers
 FTLN 1737 While I shall have my life. Come, reverend fathers, 200
 FTLN 1738 Bestow your counsels on me. She now begs
 FTLN 1739 That little thought, when she set footing here,
 FTLN 1740 She should have bought her dignities so dear.

They exit.

Scene 2

*Enter the Duke of Norfolk, Duke of Suffolk, Lord Surrey,
 and Lord Chamberlain.*

NORFOLK

FTLN 1741 If you will now unite in your complaints
 FTLN 1742 And force them with a constancy, the Cardinal

FTLN 1743	Cannot stand under them. If you omit	
FTLN 1744	The offer of this time, I cannot promise	
FTLN 1745	But that you shall sustain more new disgraces	5
FTLN 1746	With these you bear already.	
FTLN 1747	SURREY	I am joyful
FTLN 1748	To meet the least occasion that may give me	
FTLN 1749	Remembrance of my father-in-law the Duke,	
FTLN 1750	To be revenged on him.	10
FTLN 1751	SUFFOLK	Which of the peers
FTLN 1752	Have uncondemned gone by him, or at least	
FTLN 1753	Strangely neglected? When did he regard	
FTLN 1754	The stamp of nobleness in any person	
FTLN 1755	Out of himself?	15
FTLN 1756	CHAMBERLAIN	My lords, you speak your pleasures;
FTLN 1757	What he deserves of you and me I know;	
FTLN 1758	What we can do to him—though now the time	
FTLN 1759	Gives way to us—I much fear. If you cannot	
FTLN 1760	Bar his access to th' King, never attempt	20
FTLN 1761	Anything on him, for he hath a witchcraft	
FTLN 1762	Over the King in 's tongue.	
FTLN 1763	NORFOLK	O, fear him not.
FTLN 1764	His spell in that is out. The King hath found	
FTLN 1765	Matter against him that forever mars	25
FTLN 1766	The honey of his language. No, he's settled,	
FTLN 1767	Not to come off, in his displeasure.	
FTLN 1768	SURREY	Sir,
FTLN 1769	I should be glad to hear such news as this	
FTLN 1770	Once every hour.	30
FTLN 1771	NORFOLK	Believe it, this is true.
FTLN 1772	In the divorce his contrary proceedings	
FTLN 1773	Are all unfolded, wherein he appears	
FTLN 1774	As I would wish mine enemy.	
FTLN 1775	SURREY	How came
FTLN 1776	His practices to light?	35
FTLN 1777	SUFFOLK	Most strangely.
FTLN 1778	SURREY	O, how, how?

SUFFOLK

FTLN 1779 The Cardinal's letters to the Pope miscarried
 FTLN 1780 And came to th' eye o' th' King, wherein was read 40
 FTLN 1781 How that the Cardinal did entreat his Holiness
 FTLN 1782 To stay the judgment o' th' divorce; for if
 FTLN 1783 It did take place, "I do," quoth he, "perceive
 FTLN 1784 My king is tangled in affection to
 FTLN 1785 A creature of the Queen's, Lady Anne Bullen." 45

SURREY

FTLN 1786 Has the King this?

FTLN 1787 SUFFOLK Believe it.

FTLN 1788 SURREY Will this work?

CHAMBERLAIN

FTLN 1789 The King in this perceives him how he coasts
 FTLN 1790 And hedges his own way. But in this point 50
 FTLN 1791 All his tricks founder, and he brings his physic
 FTLN 1792 After his patient's death: the King already
 FTLN 1793 Hath married the fair lady.

FTLN 1794 SURREY Would he had!

SUFFOLK

FTLN 1795 May you be happy in your wish, my lord, 55
 FTLN 1796 For I profess you have it.

FTLN 1797 SURREY Now, all my joy

FTLN 1798 Trace the conjunction!

FTLN 1799 SUFFOLK My amen to 't.

FTLN 1800 NORFOLK All men's. 60

SUFFOLK

FTLN 1801 There's order given for her coronation.
 FTLN 1802 Marry, this is yet but young and may be left
 FTLN 1803 To some ears unrecounted. But, my lords,
 FTLN 1804 She is a gallant creature and complete
 FTLN 1805 In mind and feature. I persuade me, from her 65
 FTLN 1806 Will fall some blessing to this land which shall
 FTLN 1807 In it be memorized.

FTLN 1808 SURREY But will the King

FTLN 1809 Digest this letter of the Cardinal's?

FTLN 1810 The Lord forbid! 70

FTLN 1811	NORFOLK	Marry, amen!	
FTLN 1812	SUFFOLK	No, no.	
FTLN 1813		There be more wasps that buzz about his nose	
FTLN 1814		Will make this sting the sooner. Cardinal Campeius	
FTLN 1815		Is stol'n away to Rome, hath ta'en no leave,	75
FTLN 1816		Has left the cause o' th' King unhandled, and	
FTLN 1817		Is posted as the agent of our cardinal	
FTLN 1818		To second all his plot. I do assure you	
FTLN 1819		The King cried "Ha!" at this.	
FTLN 1820	CHAMBERLAIN	Now God incense him,	80
FTLN 1821		And let him cry "Ha!" louder.	
FTLN 1822	NORFOLK	But, my lord,	
FTLN 1823		When returns Cranmer?	
	SUFFOLK		
FTLN 1824		He is returned in his opinions, which	
FTLN 1825		Have satisfied the King for his divorce,	85
FTLN 1826		Together with all famous colleges	
FTLN 1827		Almost in Christendom. Shortly, I believe,	
FTLN 1828		His second marriage shall be published, and	
FTLN 1829		Her coronation. Katherine no more	
FTLN 1830		Shall be called queen, but princess dowager	90
FTLN 1831		And widow to Prince Arthur.	
FTLN 1832	NORFOLK	This same Cranmer's	
FTLN 1833		A worthy fellow, and hath ta'en much pain	
FTLN 1834		In the King's business.	
FTLN 1835	SUFFOLK	He has, and we shall see him	95
FTLN 1836		For it an archbishop.	
FTLN 1837	NORFOLK	So I hear.	
FTLN 1838	SUFFOLK	'Tis so.	

Enter Wolsey and Cromwell, [meeting.]

FTLN 1839		The Cardinal!	
	NORFOLK		
FTLN 1840		Observe, observe; he's moody.	<i>[They stand aside.]</i> 100
FTLN 1841	WOLSEY	The packet, Cromwell;	
FTLN 1842		Gave 't you the King?	

FTLN 1843	CROMWELL	To his own hand, in 's bedchamber.	
	WOLSEY		
FTLN 1844		Looked he o' th' inside of the paper?	
FTLN 1845	CROMWELL	Presently	105
FTLN 1846		He did unseal them, and the first he viewed,	
FTLN 1847		He did it with a serious mind; a heed	
FTLN 1848		Was in his countenance. You he bade	
FTLN 1849		Attend him here this morning.	
FTLN 1850	WOLSEY	Is he ready	110
FTLN 1851		To come abroad?	
FTLN 1852	CROMWELL	I think by this he is.	
FTLN 1853	WOLSEY	Leave me awhile. <i>Cromwell exits.</i>	
FTLN 1854		「 <i>Aside.</i> 」 It shall be to the Duchess of Alençon,	
FTLN 1855		The French king's sister; he shall marry her.	115
FTLN 1856		Anne Bullen? No, I'll no Anne Bullens for him.	
FTLN 1857		There's more in 't than fair visage. Bullen?	
FTLN 1858		No, we'll no Bullens. Speedily I wish	
FTLN 1859		To hear from Rome. The Marchioness of Pembroke!	
	NORFOLK		
FTLN 1860		He's discontented.	120
FTLN 1861	SUFFOLK	Maybe he hears the King	
FTLN 1862		Does whet his anger to him.	
FTLN 1863	SURREY	Sharp enough,	
FTLN 1864		Lord, for thy justice!	
	WOLSEY, 「 <i>aside</i> 」		
FTLN 1865		The late queen's gentlewoman, a knight's daughter,	125
FTLN 1866		To be her mistress' mistress? The Queen's queen?	
FTLN 1867		This candle burns not clear. 'Tis I must snuff it;	
FTLN 1868		Then out it goes. What though I know her virtuous	
FTLN 1869		And well-deserving? Yet I know her for	
FTLN 1870		A spleeny Lutheran, and not wholesome to	130
FTLN 1871		Our cause that she should lie i' th' bosom of	
FTLN 1872		Our hard-ruled king. Again, there is sprung up	
FTLN 1873		An heretic, an arch-one, Cranmer, one	

FTLN 1874 Hath crawled into the favor of the King
 FTLN 1875 And is his oracle. 135
 FTLN 1876 NORFOLK He is vexed at something.
 SURREY
 FTLN 1877 I would 'twere something that would fret the string,
 FTLN 1878 The master-cord on 's heart.
 FTLN 1879 SUFFOLK The King, the King!

*Enter King, reading of a schedule, [with Lovell
 and Attendants.]*

KING
 FTLN 1880 What piles of wealth hath he accumulated 140
 FTLN 1881 To his own portion! And what expense by th' hour
 FTLN 1882 Seems to flow from him! How i' th' name of thrift
 FTLN 1883 Does he rake this together? [*Seeing the nobles.*] Now,
 FTLN 1884 my lords,
 FTLN 1885 Saw you the Cardinal? 145
 FTLN 1886 NORFOLK, [*indicating Wolsey*] My lord, we have
 FTLN 1887 Stood here observing him. Some strange commotion
 FTLN 1888 Is in his brain. He bites his lip, and starts,
 FTLN 1889 Stops on a sudden, looks upon the ground,
 FTLN 1890 Then lays his finger on his temple, straight 150
 FTLN 1891 Springs out into fast gait, then stops again,
 FTLN 1892 Strikes his breast hard, and anon he casts
 FTLN 1893 His eye against the moon. In most strange postures
 FTLN 1894 We have seen him set himself.
 FTLN 1895 KING It may well be 155
 FTLN 1896 There is a mutiny in 's mind. This morning
 FTLN 1897 Papers of state he sent me to peruse,
 FTLN 1898 As I required, and wot you what I found?
 FTLN 1899 There—on my conscience, put unwittingly—
 FTLN 1900 Forsooth, an inventory, thus importing 160
 FTLN 1901 The several parcels of his plate, his treasure,
 FTLN 1902 Rich stuffs and ornaments of household, which
 FTLN 1903 I find at such proud rate that it outspeaks
 FTLN 1904 Possession of a subject.

FTLN 1905	NORFOLK	It's heaven's will!	165
FTLN 1906		Some spirit put this paper in the packet	
FTLN 1907		To bless your eye withal.	
FTLN 1908	KING, <i>['studying Wolsey']</i>	If we did think	
FTLN 1909		His contemplation were above the Earth	
FTLN 1910		And fixed on spiritual object, he should still	170
FTLN 1911		Dwell in his musings, but I am afraid	
FTLN 1912		His thinkings are below the moon, not worth	
FTLN 1913		His serious considering.	
		<i>King takes his seat, whispers Lovell, who goes to the Cardinal.</i>	
FTLN 1914	WOLSEY	Heaven forgive me!	
FTLN 1915		Ever God bless your Highness.	175
FTLN 1916	KING	Good my lord,	
FTLN 1917		You are full of heavenly stuff and bear the inventory	
FTLN 1918		Of your best graces in your mind, the which	
FTLN 1919		You were now running o'er. You have scarce time	
FTLN 1920		To steal from spiritual leisure a brief span	180
FTLN 1921		To keep your earthly audit. Sure, in that	
FTLN 1922		I deem you an ill husband, and am glad	
FTLN 1923		To have you therein my companion.	
FTLN 1924	WOLSEY	Sir,	
FTLN 1925		For holy offices I have a time; a time	185
FTLN 1926		To think upon the part of business which	
FTLN 1927		I bear i' th' state; and Nature does require	
FTLN 1928		Her times of preservation, which perforce	
FTLN 1929		I, her frail son, amongst my brethren mortal,	
FTLN 1930		Must give my tendance to.	190
FTLN 1931	KING	You have said well.	
	WOLSEY		
FTLN 1932		And ever may your Highness yoke together,	
FTLN 1933		As I will lend you cause, my doing well	
FTLN 1934		With my well saying.	
FTLN 1935	KING	'Tis well said again,	195
FTLN 1936		And 'tis a kind of good deed to say well.	
FTLN 1937		And yet words are no deeds. My father loved you;	

FTLN 1938	He said he did, and with his deed did crown	
FTLN 1939	His word upon you. Since I had my office	
FTLN 1940	I have kept you next my heart, have not alone	200
FTLN 1941	Employed you where high profits might come home,	
FTLN 1942	But pared my present havings to bestow	
FTLN 1943	My bounties upon you.	
FTLN 1944	WOLSEY, <i>「aside」</i> What should this mean?	
	SURREY, <i>「aside」</i>	
FTLN 1945	The Lord increase this business!	205
FTLN 1946	KING Have I not made you	
FTLN 1947	The prime man of the state? I pray you tell me	
FTLN 1948	If what I now pronounce you have found true;	
FTLN 1949	And, if you may confess it, say withal	
FTLN 1950	If you are bound to us or no. What say you?	210
	WOLSEY	
FTLN 1951	My sovereign, I confess your royal graces,	
FTLN 1952	Showered on me daily, have been more than could	
FTLN 1953	My studied purposes requite, which went	
FTLN 1954	Beyond all man's endeavors. My endeavors	
FTLN 1955	Have ever come too short of my desires,	215
FTLN 1956	Yet <i>「filed」</i> with my abilities. Mine own ends	
FTLN 1957	Have been mine so, that evermore they pointed	
FTLN 1958	To th' good of your most sacred person and	
FTLN 1959	The profit of the state. For your great graces	
FTLN 1960	Heaped upon me, poor undeserver, I	220
FTLN 1961	Can nothing render but allegiant thanks,	
FTLN 1962	My prayers to heaven for you, my loyalty,	
FTLN 1963	Which ever has and ever shall be growing	
FTLN 1964	Till death—that winter—kill it.	
FTLN 1965	KING Fairly answered.	225
FTLN 1966	A loyal and obedient subject is	
FTLN 1967	Therein illustrated. The honor of it	
FTLN 1968	Does pay the act of it, as, i' th' contrary,	
FTLN 1969	The foulness is the punishment. I presume	
FTLN 1970	That, as my hand has opened bounty to you,	230
FTLN 1971	My heart dropped love, my power rained honor, more	

FTLN 1972	On you than any, so your hand and heart,		
FTLN 1973	Your brain, and every function of your power		
FTLN 1974	Should—notwithstanding that your bond of duty		
FTLN 1975	As 'twere in love's particular—be more	235	
FTLN 1976	To me, your friend, than any.		
FTLN 1977	WOLSEY	I do profess	
FTLN 1978		That for your Highness' good I ever labored	
FTLN 1979		More than mine own, that am, have, and will be—	
FTLN 1980		Though all the world should crack their duty to you	240
FTLN 1981		And throw it from their soul, though perils did	
FTLN 1982		Abound as thick as thought could make 'em, and	
FTLN 1983		Appear in forms more horrid—yet my duty,	
FTLN 1984		As doth a rock against the chiding flood,	
FTLN 1985		Should the approach of this wild river break,	245
FTLN 1986		And stand unshaken yours.	
FTLN 1987	KING	'Tis nobly spoken.—	
FTLN 1988		Take notice, lords: he has a loyal breast,	
FTLN 1989		For you have seen him open 't.	
		<i>He hands Wolsey papers.</i>	
FTLN 1990		Read o'er this,	250
FTLN 1991		And after, this; and then to breakfast with	
FTLN 1992		What appetite you have.	
		<i>King exits, frowning upon the Cardinal; the nobles throng after him smiling and whispering, and exit.</i>	
FTLN 1993	WOLSEY	What should this mean?	
FTLN 1994		What sudden anger's this? How have I reaped it?	
FTLN 1995		He parted frowning from me, as if ruin	255
FTLN 1996		Leaped from his eyes. So looks the chafèd lion	
FTLN 1997		Upon the daring huntsman that has galled him,	
FTLN 1998		Then makes him nothing. I must read this paper—	
FTLN 1999		I fear, the story of his anger.	
		<i>He reads one of the papers.</i>	
FTLN 2000		'Tis so.	260
FTLN 2001		This paper has undone me. 'Tis th' accompt	
FTLN 2002		Of all that world of wealth I have drawn together	

FTLN 2003 For mine own ends—indeed, to gain the popedom
 FTLN 2004 And fee my friends in Rome. O negligence,
 FTLN 2005 Fit for a fool to fall by! What cross devil 265
 FTLN 2006 Made me put this main secret in the packet
 FTLN 2007 I sent the King? Is there no way to cure this?
 FTLN 2008 No new device to beat this from his brains?
 FTLN 2009 I know 'twill stir him strongly; yet I know
 FTLN 2010 A way, if it take right, in spite of fortune 270
 FTLN 2011 Will bring me off again. *「He looks at another paper.」*
 FTLN 2012 What's this? “To th' Pope”?
 FTLN 2013 The letter, as I live, with all the business
 FTLN 2014 I writ to 's Holiness. Nay then, farewell!
 FTLN 2015 I have touched the highest point of all my greatness, 275
 FTLN 2016 And from that full meridian of my glory
 FTLN 2017 I haste now to my setting. I shall fall
 FTLN 2018 Like a bright exhalation in the evening
 FTLN 2019 And no man see me more.

*Enter to Wolsey the Dukes of Norfolk and Suffolk, the
 Earl of Surrey, and the Lord Chamberlain.*

NORFOLK

FTLN 2020 Hear the King's pleasure, cardinal, who commands 280
 FTLN 2021 you
 FTLN 2022 To render up the great seal presently
 FTLN 2023 Into our hands, and to confine yourself
 FTLN 2024 To Asher House, my Lord of Winchester's,
 FTLN 2025 Till you hear further from his Highness. 285

WOLSEY

Stay.

FTLN 2027 Where's your commission, lords? Words cannot carry
 FTLN 2028 Authority so weighty.

SUFFOLK

Who dare cross 'em,

FTLN 2030 Bearing the King's will from his mouth expressly? 290

WOLSEY

FTLN 2031 Till I find more than will or words to do it—
 FTLN 2032 I mean your malice—know, officious lords,
 FTLN 2033 I dare and must deny it. Now I feel

FTLN 2068	His noble jury and foul cause can witness.—	
FTLN 2069	If I loved many words, lord, I should tell you	
FTLN 2070	You have as little honesty as honor,	330
FTLN 2071	That in the way of loyalty and truth	
FTLN 2072	Toward the King, my ever royal master,	
FTLN 2073	Dare mate a sounder man than Surrey can be,	
FTLN 2074	And all that love his follies.	
FTLN 2075	SURREY	By my soul,
		335
FTLN 2076	Your long coat, priest, protects you; thou shouldst feel	
FTLN 2077	My sword i' th' life blood of thee else.—My lords,	
FTLN 2078	Can you endure to hear this arrogance?	
FTLN 2079	And from this fellow? If we live thus tamely,	
FTLN 2080	To be thus jaded by a piece of scarlet,	340
FTLN 2081	Farewell, nobility. Let his Grace go forward	
FTLN 2082	And dare us with his cap, like larks.	
FTLN 2083	WOLSEY	All goodness
FTLN 2084	Is poison to thy stomach.	
FTLN 2085	SURREY	Yes, that goodness
		345
FTLN 2086	Of gleaning all the land's wealth into one,	
FTLN 2087	Into your own hands, card'nal, by extortion;	
FTLN 2088	The goodness of your intercepted packets	
FTLN 2089	You writ to th' Pope against the King. Your goodness,	
FTLN 2090	Since you provoke me, shall be most notorious.—	350
FTLN 2091	My Lord of Norfolk, as you are truly noble,	
FTLN 2092	As you respect the common good, the state	
FTLN 2093	Of our despised nobility, our issues,	
FTLN 2094	Whom, if he live, will scarce be gentlemen,	
FTLN 2095	Produce the grand sum of his sins, the articles	355
FTLN 2096	Collected from his life.—I'll startle you	
FTLN 2097	Worse than the sacring bell when the brown wench	
FTLN 2098	Lay kissing in your arms, Lord Cardinal.	
	WOLSEY	
FTLN 2099	How much, methinks, I could despise this man,	
FTLN 2100	But that I am bound in charity against it!	360
	NORFOLK	
FTLN 2101	Those articles, my lord, are in the King's hand;	
FTLN 2102	But thus much, they are foul ones.	

FTLN 2103	WOLSEY	So much fairer	
FTLN 2104		And spotless shall mine innocence arise	
FTLN 2105		When the King knows my truth.	365
FTLN 2106	SURREY	This cannot save you.	
FTLN 2107		I thank my memory I yet remember	
FTLN 2108		Some of these articles, and out they shall.	
FTLN 2109		Now, if you can blush and cry “Guilty,” cardinal,	
FTLN 2110		You’ll show a little honesty.	370
FTLN 2111	WOLSEY	Speak on, sir.	
FTLN 2112		I dare your worst objections. If I blush,	
FTLN 2113		It is to see a nobleman want manners.	
	SURREY		
FTLN 2114		I had rather want those than my head. Have at you:	
FTLN 2115		First, that without the King’s assent or knowledge,	375
FTLN 2116		You wrought to be a legate, by which power	
FTLN 2117		You maimed the jurisdiction of all bishops.	
	NORFOLK		
FTLN 2118		Then, that in all you writ to Rome, or else	
FTLN 2119		To foreign princes, “ <i>ego et rex meus</i> ”	
FTLN 2120		Was still inscribed, in which you brought the King	380
FTLN 2121		To be your servant.	
FTLN 2122	SUFFOLK	Then, that without the knowledge	
FTLN 2123		Either of king or council, when you went	
FTLN 2124		Ambassador to the Emperor, you made bold	
FTLN 2125		To carry into Flanders the great seal.	385
	SURREY		
FTLN 2126		Item, you sent a large commission	
FTLN 2127		To Gregory de Cassado, to conclude,	
FTLN 2128		Without the King’s will or the state’s allowance,	
FTLN 2129		A league between his Highness and Ferrara.	
	SUFFOLK		
FTLN 2130		That out of mere ambition you have caused	390
FTLN 2131		Your holy hat to be stamped on the King’s coin.	
	SURREY		
FTLN 2132		Then, that you have sent innumerable substance—	
FTLN 2133		By what means got I leave to your own conscience—	

FTLN 2134	To furnish Rome and to prepare the ways	
FTLN 2135	You have for dignities, to the mere undoing	395
FTLN 2136	Of all the kingdom. Many more there are	
FTLN 2137	Which, since they are of you, and odious,	
FTLN 2138	I will not taint my mouth with.	
FTLN 2139	CHAMBERLAIN	O, my lord,
FTLN 2140	Press not a falling man too far! 'Tis virtue.	400
FTLN 2141	His faults lie open to the laws; let them,	
FTLN 2142	Not you, correct him. My heart weeps to see him	
FTLN 2143	So little of his great self.	
FTLN 2144	SURREY	I forgive him.
	SUFFOLK	
FTLN 2145	Lord Cardinal, the King's further pleasure is—	405
FTLN 2146	Because all those things you have done of late	
FTLN 2147	By your power legative within this kingdom	
FTLN 2148	Fall into th' compass of a <i>praemunire</i> —	
FTLN 2149	That therefore such a writ be sued against you,	
FTLN 2150	To forfeit all your goods, lands, tenements,	410
FTLN 2151	「Chattels,」 and whatsoever, and to be	
FTLN 2152	Out of the King's protection. This is my charge.	
	NORFOLK	
FTLN 2153	And so we'll leave you to your meditations	
FTLN 2154	How to live better. For your stubborn answer	
FTLN 2155	About the giving back the great seal to us,	415
FTLN 2156	The King shall know it and, no doubt, shall thank	
FTLN 2157	you.	
FTLN 2158	So, fare you well, my little good Lord Cardinal.	
	WOLSEY	
FTLN 2159	So, farewell to the little good you bear me.	
		<i>All but Wolsey exit.</i>
FTLN 2160	Farewell? A long farewell to all my greatness!	420
FTLN 2161	This is the state of man: today he puts forth	
FTLN 2162	The tender leaves of hopes; tomorrow blossoms	
FTLN 2163	And bears his blushing honors thick upon him;	
FTLN 2164	The third day comes a frost, a killing frost,	
FTLN 2165	And when he thinks, good easy man, full surely	425

FTLN 2166 His greatness is a-ripening, nips his root,
 FTLN 2167 And then he falls, as I do. I have ventured,
 FTLN 2168 Like little wanton boys that swim on bladders,
 FTLN 2169 This many summers in a sea of glory,
 FTLN 2170 But far beyond my depth. My high-blown pride 430
 FTLN 2171 At length broke under me and now has left me,
 FTLN 2172 Weary and old with service, to the mercy
 FTLN 2173 Of a rude stream that must forever hide me.
 FTLN 2174 Vain pomp and glory of this world, I hate you.
 FTLN 2175 I feel my heart new opened. O, how wretched 435
 FTLN 2176 Is that poor man that hangs on princes' favors!
 FTLN 2177 There is betwixt that smile we would aspire to,
 FTLN 2178 That sweet aspect of princes, and their ruin,
 FTLN 2179 More pangs and fears than wars or women have;
 FTLN 2180 And when he falls, he falls like Lucifer, 440
 FTLN 2181 Never to hope again.

Enter Cromwell, standing amazed.

FTLN 2182 Why, how now, Cromwell?
 CROMWELL
 FTLN 2183 I have no power to speak, sir.
 FTLN 2184 WOLSEY What, amazed
 FTLN 2185 At my misfortunes? Can thy spirit wonder 445
 FTLN 2186 A great man should decline? Nay, an you weep,
 FTLN 2187 I am fall'n indeed.
 FTLN 2188 CROMWELL How does your Grace?
 FTLN 2189 WOLSEY Why, well.
 FTLN 2190 Never so truly happy, my good Cromwell. 450
 FTLN 2191 I know myself now, and I feel within me
 FTLN 2192 A peace above all earthly dignities,
 FTLN 2193 A still and quiet conscience. The King has cured me—
 FTLN 2194 I humbly thank his Grace—and from these shoulders,
 FTLN 2195 These ruined pillars, out of pity, taken 455
 FTLN 2196 A load would sink a navy: too much honor.
 FTLN 2197 O, 'tis a burden, Cromwell, 'tis a burden
 FTLN 2198 Too heavy for a man that hopes for heaven.

CROMWELL

FTLN 2199 I am glad your Grace has made that right use of it.

WOLSEY

FTLN 2200 I hope I have. I am able now, methinks, 460

FTLN 2201 Out of a fortitude of soul I feel,

FTLN 2202 To endure more miseries and greater far

FTLN 2203 Than my weak-hearted enemies dare offer.

FTLN 2204 What news abroad?

FTLN 2205 CROMWELL The heaviest and the worst 465

FTLN 2206 Is your displeasure with the King.

FTLN 2207 WOLSEY God bless him.

CROMWELL

FTLN 2208 The next is that Sir Thomas More is chosen

FTLN 2209 Lord Chancellor in your place.

FTLN 2210 WOLSEY That's somewhat sudden. 470

FTLN 2211 But he's a learned man. May he continue

FTLN 2212 Long in his Highness' favor and do justice

FTLN 2213 For truth's sake and his conscience, that his bones,

FTLN 2214 When he has run his course and sleeps in blessings,

FTLN 2215 May have a tomb of orphans' tears wept on him. 475

FTLN 2216 What more?

FTLN 2217 CROMWELL That Cranmer is returned with welcome,

FTLN 2218 Installed Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

WOLSEY

FTLN 2219 That's news indeed.

FTLN 2220 CROMWELL Last, that the Lady Anne, 480

FTLN 2221 Whom the King hath in secrecy long married,

FTLN 2222 This day was viewed in open as his queen,

FTLN 2223 Going to chapel, and the voice is now

FTLN 2224 Only about her coronation.

WOLSEY

FTLN 2225 There was the weight that pulled me down. 485

FTLN 2226 O Cromwell,

FTLN 2227 The King has gone beyond me. All my glories

FTLN 2228 In that one woman I have lost forever.

FTLN 2229	No sun shall ever usher forth mine honors,	
FTLN 2230	Or gild again the noble troops that waited	490
FTLN 2231	Upon my smiles. Go, get thee from me, Cromwell.	
FTLN 2232	I am a poor fall'n man, unworthy now	
FTLN 2233	To be thy lord and master. Seek the King;	
FTLN 2234	That sun, I pray, may never set! I have told him	
FTLN 2235	What and how true thou art. He will advance thee;	495
FTLN 2236	Some little memory of me will stir him—	
FTLN 2237	I know his noble nature—not to let	
FTLN 2238	Thy hopeful service perish too. Good Cromwell,	
FTLN 2239	Neglect him not. Make use now, and provide	
FTLN 2240	For thine own future safety.	500
FTLN 2241	CROMWELL, <i>〔weeping〕</i> O, my lord,	
FTLN 2242	Must I then leave you? Must I needs forgo	
FTLN 2243	So good, so noble, and so true a master?	
FTLN 2244	Bear witness, all that have not hearts of iron,	
FTLN 2245	With what a sorrow Cromwell leaves his lord.	505
FTLN 2246	The King shall have my service, but my prayers	
FTLN 2247	Forever and forever shall be yours.	
	WOLSEY, <i>〔weeping〕</i>	
FTLN 2248	Cromwell, I did not think to shed a tear	
FTLN 2249	In all my miseries, but thou hast forced me,	
FTLN 2250	Out of thy honest truth, to play the woman.	510
FTLN 2251	Let's dry our eyes. And thus far hear me, Cromwell,	
FTLN 2252	And when I am forgotten, as I shall be,	
FTLN 2253	And sleep in dull cold marble, where no mention	
FTLN 2254	Of me more must be heard of, say I taught thee;	
FTLN 2255	Say Wolsey, that once trod the ways of glory	515
FTLN 2256	And sounded all the depths and shoals of honor,	
FTLN 2257	Found thee a way, out of his wrack, to rise in,	
FTLN 2258	A sure and safe one, though thy master missed it.	
FTLN 2259	Mark but my fall and that that ruined me.	
FTLN 2260	Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambition!	520
FTLN 2261	By that sin fell the angels; how can man, then,	
FTLN 2262	The image of his maker, hope to win by it?	

FTLN 2263	Love thyself last; cherish those hearts that hate thee.	
FTLN 2264	Corruption wins not more than honesty.	
FTLN 2265	Still in thy right hand carry gentle peace	525
FTLN 2266	To silence envious tongues. Be just, and fear not.	
FTLN 2267	Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's,	
FTLN 2268	Thy God's, and truth's. Then if thou fall'st, O Cromwell,	
FTLN 2269	Thou fall'st a blessèd martyr.	
FTLN 2270	Serve the King. And, prithee, lead me in.	530
FTLN 2271	There take an inventory of all I have	
FTLN 2272	To the last penny; 'tis the King's. My robe	
FTLN 2273	And my integrity to heaven is all	
FTLN 2274	I dare now call mine own. O Cromwell, Cromwell,	
FTLN 2275	Had I but served my God with half the zeal	535
FTLN 2276	I served my king, He would not in mine age	
FTLN 2277	Have left me naked to mine enemies.	
	CROMWELL	
FTLN 2278	Good sir, have patience.	
FTLN 2279	WOLSEY	So I have. Farewell,
FTLN 2280	The hopes of court! My hopes in heaven do dwell.	540
		<i>They exit.</i>

ACT 4

Scene 1

Enter two Gentlemen, meeting one another, [the First Gentleman carrying a paper.]

FIRST GENTLEMAN

FTLN 2281 You're well met once again.

FTLN 2282 SECOND GENTLEMAN So are you.

FIRST GENTLEMAN

FTLN 2283 You come to take your stand here and behold

FTLN 2284 The Lady Anne pass from her coronation?

SECOND GENTLEMAN

FTLN 2285 'Tis all my business. At our last encounter, 5

FTLN 2286 The Duke of Buckingham came from his trial.

FIRST GENTLEMAN

FTLN 2287 'Tis very true. But that time offered sorrow,

FTLN 2288 This general joy.

FTLN 2289 SECOND GENTLEMAN 'Tis well. The citizens

FTLN 2290 I am sure have shown at full their royal minds, 10

FTLN 2291 As, let 'em have their rights, they are ever forward

FTLN 2292 In celebration of this day with shows,

FTLN 2293 Pageants, and sights of honor.

FTLN 2294 FIRST GENTLEMAN Never greater,

FTLN 2295 Nor, I'll assure you, better taken, sir. 15

SECOND GENTLEMAN

FTLN 2296 May I be bold to ask what that contains,

FTLN 2297 That paper in your hand?

FTLN 2298 FIRST GENTLEMAN Yes, 'tis the list

FTLN 2299 Of those that claim their offices this day
 FTLN 2300 By custom of the coronation. 20
 FTLN 2301 The Duke of Suffolk is the first, and claims
 FTLN 2302 To be High Steward; next, the Duke of Norfolk,
 FTLN 2303 He to be Earl Marshal. You may read the rest.
 「*He offers him the paper.*」

「SECOND」 GENTLEMAN

FTLN 2304 I thank you, sir. Had I not known those customs,
 FTLN 2305 I should have been beholding to your paper. 25
 FTLN 2306 But I beseech you, what's become of Katherine,
 FTLN 2307 The Princess Dowager? How goes her business?

FIRST GENTLEMAN

FTLN 2308 That I can tell you too. The Archbishop
 FTLN 2309 Of Canterbury, accompanied with other
 FTLN 2310 Learnèd and reverend fathers of his order, 30
 FTLN 2311 Held a late court at Dunstable, six miles off
 FTLN 2312 From Ampthill, where the Princess lay, to which
 FTLN 2313 She was often cited by them, but appeared not;
 FTLN 2314 And, to be short, for not appearance and
 FTLN 2315 The King's late scruple, by the main assent 35
 FTLN 2316 Of all these learnèd men she was divorced,
 FTLN 2317 And the late marriage made of none effect;
 FTLN 2318 Since which she was removed to Kymmaltun,
 FTLN 2319 Where she remains now sick.

FTLN 2320 SECOND GENTLEMAN Alas, good lady! 40

Hautboys. A lively flourish of trumpets.

FTLN 2321 The trumpets sound. Stand close. The Queen is coming.

*Then, 「enter」 two Judges; Lord Chancellor, with purse
 and mace before him. Choristers singing. Music.*

*「Enter」 Mayor of London, bearing the mace. Then
 Garter, in his coat of arms, and on his head he wore a
 gilt copper crown.*

FTLN 2322 A royal train, believe me! These I know.

「Enter」 the Old Duchess of Norfolk, in a coronal of gold wrought with flowers, bearing the Queen's train. Certain Ladies or Countesses, with plain circlets of gold without flowers.

FTLN 2342 I take it she that carries up the train
 FTLN 2343 Is that old noble lady, Duchess of Norfolk.
 FIRST GENTLEMAN
 FTLN 2344 It is, and all the rest are countesses.
 SECOND GENTLEMAN
 FTLN 2345 Their coronets say so. These are stars indeed. 65
 「FIRST GENTLEMAN」
 FTLN 2346 And sometimes falling ones.
 FTLN 2347 SECOND GENTLEMAN No more of that.
「The Coronation procession exits, having passed」 over the stage in order and state, and then a great flourish of trumpets.

Enter a third Gentleman.

FIRST GENTLEMAN
 FTLN 2348 God save you, sir. Where have you been broiling?
 THIRD GENTLEMAN
 FTLN 2349 Among the crowd i' th' Abbey, where a finger
 FTLN 2350 Could not be wedged in more. I am stifled 70
 FTLN 2351 With the mere rankness of their joy.
 FTLN 2352 SECOND GENTLEMAN You saw
 FTLN 2353 The ceremony?
 FTLN 2354 THIRD GENTLEMAN That I did.
 FTLN 2355 FIRST GENTLEMAN How was it? 75
 THIRD GENTLEMAN
 FTLN 2356 Well worth the seeing.
 FTLN 2357 SECOND GENTLEMAN Good sir, speak it to us!
 THIRD GENTLEMAN
 FTLN 2358 As well as I am able. The rich stream
 FTLN 2359 Of lords and ladies, having brought the Queen

FTLN 2360	To a prepared place in the choir, fell off	80
FTLN 2361	A distance from her, while her Grace sat down	
FTLN 2362	To rest awhile, some half an hour or so,	
FTLN 2363	In a rich chair of state, opposing freely	
FTLN 2364	The beauty of her person to the people.	
FTLN 2365	Believe me, sir, she is the goodliest woman	85
FTLN 2366	That ever lay by man, which when the people	
FTLN 2367	Had the full view of, such a noise arose	
FTLN 2368	As the shrouds make at sea in a stiff tempest—	
FTLN 2369	As loud and to as many tunes. Hats, cloaks,	
FTLN 2370	Doublets, I think, flew up, and had their faces	90
FTLN 2371	Been loose, this day they had been lost. Such joy	
FTLN 2372	I never saw before. Great-bellied women	
FTLN 2373	That had not half a week to go, like rams	
FTLN 2374	In the old time of war, would shake the press	
FTLN 2375	And make 'em reel before 'em. No man living	95
FTLN 2376	Could say “This is my wife there,” all were woven	
FTLN 2377	So strangely in one piece.	
FTLN 2378	SECOND GENTLEMAN But what followed?	
	THIRD GENTLEMAN	
FTLN 2379	At length her Grace rose, and with modest paces	
FTLN 2380	Came to the altar, where she kneeled and saintlike	100
FTLN 2381	Cast her fair eyes to heaven and prayed devoutly,	
FTLN 2382	Then rose again and bowed her to the people.	
FTLN 2383	When by the Archbishop of Canterbury	
FTLN 2384	She had all the royal makings of a queen—	
FTLN 2385	As, holy oil, Edward Confessor's crown,	105
FTLN 2386	The rod, and bird of peace, and all such emblems—	
FTLN 2387	Laid nobly on her; which performed, the choir,	
FTLN 2388	With all the choicest music of the kingdom,	
FTLN 2389	Together sung <i>Te Deum</i> . So she parted,	
FTLN 2390	And with the same full state paced back again	110
FTLN 2391	To York Place, where the feast is held.	
FTLN 2392	FIRST GENTLEMAN Sir,	
FTLN 2393	You must no more call it “York Place”; that's past,	

FTLN 2394	For since the Cardinal fell, that title's lost.	
FTLN 2395	'Tis now the King's and called "Whitehall."	115
FTLN 2396	THIRD GENTLEMAN	I know it,
FTLN 2397	But 'tis so lately altered that the old name	
FTLN 2398	Is fresh about me.	
FTLN 2399	SECOND GENTLEMAN	What two reverend bishops
FTLN 2400	Were those that went on each side of the Queen?	120
	THIRD GENTLEMAN	
FTLN 2401	Stokeley and Gardiner, the one of Winchester,	
FTLN 2402	Newly preferred from the King's secretary,	
FTLN 2403	The other London.	
FTLN 2404	SECOND GENTLEMAN	He of Winchester
FTLN 2405	Is held no great good lover of the Archbishop's,	125
FTLN 2406	The virtuous Cranmer.	
FTLN 2407	THIRD GENTLEMAN	All the land knows that.
FTLN 2408	However, yet there is no great breach. When it comes,	
FTLN 2409	Cranmer will find a friend will not shrink from him.	
	SECOND GENTLEMAN	
FTLN 2410	Who may that be, I pray you?	130
FTLN 2411	THIRD GENTLEMAN	Thomas Cromwell,
FTLN 2412	A man in much esteem with th' King, and truly	
FTLN 2413	A worthy friend. The King has made him	
FTLN 2414	Master o' th' Jewel House,	
FTLN 2415	And one already of the Privy Council.	135
	SECOND GENTLEMAN	
FTLN 2416	He will deserve more.	
FTLN 2417	THIRD GENTLEMAN	Yes, without all doubt.
FTLN 2418	Come, gentlemen, you shall go my way,	
FTLN 2419	Which is to th' court, and there you shall be my	
FTLN 2420	guests,	140
FTLN 2421	Something I can command. As I walk thither,	
FTLN 2422	I'll tell you more.	
FTLN 2423	BOTH	You may command us, sir.

They exit.

Scene 2

Enter Katherine Dowager, sick, led between Griffith, her gentleman usher, and Patience, her woman.

GRIFFITH

How does your Grace?

KATHERINE

O Griffith, sick to death.

My legs like loaden branches bow to th' earth,

Willing to leave their burden. Reach a chair.

〔She sits.〕

So. Now, methinks, I feel a little ease.

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Didst thou not tell me, Griffith, as thou ledst me,

That the great child of honor, Cardinal Wolsey,

Was dead?

GRIFFITH

Yes, madam, but I *〔think〕* your Grace,

Out of the pain you suffered, gave no ear to 't.

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KATHERINE

Prithee, good Griffith, tell me how he died.

If well, he stepped before me happily

For my example.

GRIFFITH

Well, the voice goes, madam;

For after the stout Earl Northumberland

15

Arrested him at York and brought him forward,

As a man sorely tainted, to his answer,

He fell sick suddenly and grew so ill

He could not sit his mule.

KATHERINE

Alas, poor man!

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GRIFFITH

At last, with easy roads, he came to Leicester,

Lodged in the abbey, where the reverend abbot

With all his convent honorably received him;

To whom he gave these words: "O Father Abbot,

An old man, broken with the storms of state,

25

Is come to lay his weary bones among you.

Give him a little earth, for charity."

So went to bed, where eagerly his sickness

FTLN 2487 He was most princely. Ever witness for him
 FTLN 2488 Those twins of learning that he raised in you, 65
 FTLN 2489 Ipswich and Oxford, one of which fell with him,
 FTLN 2490 Unwilling to outlive the good that did it;
 FTLN 2491 The other, though unfinished, yet so famous,
 FTLN 2492 So excellent in art, and still so rising,
 FTLN 2493 That Christendom shall ever speak his virtue. 70
 FTLN 2494 His overthrow heaped happiness upon him,
 FTLN 2495 For then, and not till then, he felt himself,
 FTLN 2496 And found the blessedness of being little.
 FTLN 2497 And, to add greater honors to his age
 FTLN 2498 Than man could give him, he died fearing God. 75

KATHERINE

FTLN 2499 After my death I wish no other herald,
 FTLN 2500 No other speaker of my living actions,
 FTLN 2501 To keep mine honor from corruption
 FTLN 2502 But such an honest chronicler as Griffith.
 FTLN 2503 Whom I most hated living, thou hast made me, 80
 FTLN 2504 With thy religious truth and modesty,
 FTLN 2505 Now in his ashes honor. Peace be with him!—
 FTLN 2506 Patience, be near me still, and set me lower.
 FTLN 2507 I have not long to trouble thee.—Good Griffith,
 FTLN 2508 Cause the musicians play me that sad note 85
 FTLN 2509 I named my knell, whilst I sit meditating
 FTLN 2510 On that celestial harmony I go to.

Sad and solemn music.

GRIFFITH

FTLN 2511 She is asleep. Good wench, let's sit down quiet,
 FTLN 2512 For fear we wake her. Softly, gentle Patience.

〔They sit.〕

How much her Grace is altered on the sudden?

ACT 5

Scene 1

Enter Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester, a Page with a torch before him, met by Sir Thomas Lovell.

GARDINER

FTLN 2619 It's one o'clock, boy, is 't not?

FTLN 2620 PAGE It hath struck.

GARDINER

FTLN 2621 These should be hours for necessities,
FTLN 2622 Not for delights; times to repair our nature
FTLN 2623 With comforting repose, and not for us 5
FTLN 2624 To waste these times.—Good hour of night, Sir
FTLN 2625 Thomas.

FTLN 2626 Whither so late?

FTLN 2627 LOVELL Came you from the King, my lord?

GARDINER

FTLN 2628 I did, Sir Thomas, and left him at primero 10
FTLN 2629 With the Duke of Suffolk.

FTLN 2630 LOVELL I must to him too,
FTLN 2631 Before he go to bed. I'll take my leave.

GARDINER

FTLN 2632 Not yet, Sir Thomas Lovell. What's the matter?
FTLN 2633 It seems you are in haste. An if there be 15
FTLN 2634 No great offense belongs to 't, give your friend
FTLN 2635 Some touch of your late business. Affairs that walk,
FTLN 2636 As they say spirits do, at midnight have
FTLN 2637 In them a wilder nature than the business
FTLN 2638 That seeks dispatch by day. 20

FTLN 2639	LOVELL	My lord, I love you,	
FTLN 2640		And durst commend a secret to your ear	
FTLN 2641		Much weightier than this work. The Queen's in	
FTLN 2642		labor—	
FTLN 2643		They say in great extremity—and feared	25
FTLN 2644		She'll with the labor end.	
FTLN 2645	GARDINER	The fruit she goes with	
FTLN 2646		I pray for heartily, that it may find	
FTLN 2647		Good time and live; but for the stock, Sir Thomas,	
FTLN 2648		I wish it grubbed up now.	30
FTLN 2649	LOVELL	Methinks I could	
FTLN 2650		Cry the amen, and yet my conscience says	
FTLN 2651		She's a good creature and, sweet lady, does	
FTLN 2652		Deserve our better wishes.	
FTLN 2653	GARDINER	But, sir, sir,	35
FTLN 2654		Hear me, Sir Thomas. You're a gentleman	
FTLN 2655		Of mine own way. I know you wise, religious;	
FTLN 2656		And let me tell you, it will ne'er be well,	
FTLN 2657		'Twill not, Sir Thomas Lovell, take 't of me,	
FTLN 2658		Till Cranmer, Cromwell—her two hands—and she	40
FTLN 2659		Sleep in their graves.	
FTLN 2660	LOVELL	Now, sir, you speak of two	
FTLN 2661		The most remarked i' th' kingdom. As for Cromwell,	
FTLN 2662		Besides that of the Jewel House, is made Master	
FTLN 2663		O' th' Rolls and the King's secretary; further, sir,	45
FTLN 2664		Stands in the gap and trade of more preferments,	
FTLN 2665		With which the ¹ time will load him. Th' Archbishop	
FTLN 2666		Is the King's hand and tongue, and who dare speak	
FTLN 2667		One syllable against him?	
FTLN 2668	GARDINER	Yes, yes, Sir Thomas,	50
FTLN 2669		There are that dare, and I myself have ventured	
FTLN 2670		To speak my mind of him. And indeed this day,	
FTLN 2671		Sir—I may tell it you, I think—I have	
FTLN 2672		Incensed the lords o' th' Council that he is—	
FTLN 2673		For so I know he is, they know he is—	55

FTLN 2674 A most arch heretic, a pestilence
 FTLN 2675 That does infect the land; with which they, moved,
 FTLN 2676 Have broken with the King, who hath so far
 FTLN 2677 Given ear to our complaint, of his great grace
 FTLN 2678 And princely care foreseeing those fell mischiefs 60
 FTLN 2679 Our reasons laid before him, hath commanded
 FTLN 2680 Tomorrow morning to the Council board
 FTLN 2681 He be convented. He's a rank weed, Sir Thomas,
 FTLN 2682 And we must root him out. From your affairs
 FTLN 2683 I hinder you too long. Goodnight, Sir Thomas. 65

LOVELL

FTLN 2684 Many good nights, my lord. I rest your servant.
Gardiner and Page exit.

Enter King and Suffolk.

KING

FTLN 2685 Charles, I will play no more tonight.
 FTLN 2686 My mind's not on 't; you are too hard for me.

SUFFOLK

FTLN 2687 Sir, I did never win of you before.

FTLN 2688 KING But little, Charles, 70

FTLN 2689 Nor shall not when my fancy's on my play.—

FTLN 2690 Now, Lovell, from the Queen what is the news?

LOVELL

FTLN 2691 I could not personally deliver to her
 FTLN 2692 What you commanded me, but by her woman
 FTLN 2693 I sent your message, who returned her thanks 75
 FTLN 2694 In the great'st humbleness, and desired your Highness
 FTLN 2695 Most heartily to pray for her.

FTLN 2696 KING What sayst thou, ha?

FTLN 2697 To pray for her? What, is she crying out?

LOVELL

FTLN 2698 So said her woman, and that her suff'rance made 80
 FTLN 2699 Almost each pang a death.

FTLN 2700 KING Alas, good lady!

SUFFOLK

FTLN 2701 God safely quit her of her burden, and

FTLN 2726 CRANMER, *「aside」* I am fearful. Wherefore frowns he thus?
 FTLN 2727 'Tis his aspect of terror. All's not well.

KING

FTLN 2728 How now, my lord? You do desire to know 110
 FTLN 2729 Wherefore I sent for you.

FTLN 2730 CRANMER, *「kneeling」* It is my duty
 FTLN 2731 T' attend your Highness' pleasure.

FTLN 2732 KING Pray you arise,
 FTLN 2733 My good and gracious Lord of Canterbury. 115
 FTLN 2734 Come, you and I must walk a turn together.
 FTLN 2735 I have news to tell you. Come, come, give me your
 FTLN 2736 hand. *「Cranmer rises.」*

FTLN 2737 Ah, my good lord, I grieve at what I speak,
 FTLN 2738 And am right sorry to repeat what follows. 120
 FTLN 2739 I have, and most unwillingly, of late
 FTLN 2740 Heard many grievous—I do say, my lord,
 FTLN 2741 Grievous—complaints of you, which, being
 FTLN 2742 considered,
 FTLN 2743 Have moved us and our Council that you shall 125
 FTLN 2744 This morning come before us, where I know
 FTLN 2745 You cannot with such freedom purge yourself
 FTLN 2746 But that, till further trial in those charges
 FTLN 2747 Which will require your answer, you must take
 FTLN 2748 Your patience to you and be well contented 130
 FTLN 2749 To make your house our Tower. You a brother of us,
 FTLN 2750 It fits we thus proceed, or else no witness
 FTLN 2751 Would come against you.

FTLN 2752 CRANMER, *「kneeling」* I humbly thank your
 FTLN 2753 Highness, 135
 FTLN 2754 And am right glad to catch this good occasion
 FTLN 2755 Most throughly to be winnowed, where my chaff
 FTLN 2756 And corn shall fly asunder. For I know
 FTLN 2757 There's none stands under more calumnious tongues
 FTLN 2758 Than I myself, poor man. 140

FTLN 2759 KING Stand up, good Canterbury!
 FTLN 2760 Thy truth and thy integrity is rooted

FTLN 2761	In us, thy friend. Give me thy hand. Stand up.	
	「 <i>Cranmer rises.</i> 」	
FTLN 2762	Prithee, let's walk. Now by my halidom,	
FTLN 2763	What manner of man are you? My lord, I looked	145
FTLN 2764	You would have given me your petition that	
FTLN 2765	I should have ta'en some pains to bring together	
FTLN 2766	Yourself and your accusers and to have heard you	
FTLN 2767	Without endurance further.	
FTLN 2768	CRANMER	Most dread liege,
		150
FTLN 2769	The good I stand on is my truth and honesty.	
FTLN 2770	If they shall fail, I with mine enemies	
FTLN 2771	Will triumph o'er my person, which I weigh not,	
FTLN 2772	Being of those virtues vacant. I fear nothing	
FTLN 2773	What can be said against me.	155
FTLN 2774	KING	Know you not
FTLN 2775	How your state stands i' th' world, with the whole	
FTLN 2776	world?	
FTLN 2777	Your enemies are many and not small; their practices	
FTLN 2778	Must bear the same proportion, and not ever	160
FTLN 2779	The justice and the truth o' th' question carries	
FTLN 2780	The due o' th' verdict with it. At what ease	
FTLN 2781	Might corrupt minds procure knaves as corrupt	
FTLN 2782	To swear against you? Such things have been done.	
FTLN 2783	You are potently opposed, and with a malice	165
FTLN 2784	Of as great size. Ween you of better luck,	
FTLN 2785	I mean in perjured witness, than your master,	
FTLN 2786	Whose minister you are, whiles here he lived	
FTLN 2787	Upon this naughty earth? Go to, go to.	
FTLN 2788	You take a precipice for no leap of danger	170
FTLN 2789	And woo your own destruction.	
FTLN 2790	CRANMER	God and your Majesty
FTLN 2791	Protect mine innocence, or I fall into	
FTLN 2792	The trap is laid for me.	
FTLN 2793	KING	Be of good cheer.
		175
FTLN 2794	They shall no more prevail than we give way to.	

FTLN 2795 Keep comfort to you, and this morning see
 FTLN 2796 You do appear before them. If they shall chance,
 FTLN 2797 In charging you with matters, to commit you,
 FTLN 2798 The best persuasions to the contrary 180
 FTLN 2799 Fail not to use, and with what vehemency
 FTLN 2800 Th' occasion shall instruct you. If entreaties
 FTLN 2801 Will render you no remedy, this ring
 FTLN 2802 Deliver them, and your appeal to us
 FTLN 2803 There make before them. *「He gives Cranmer a ring.」* 185
 FTLN 2804 *「Aside.」* Look, the good man weeps!
 FTLN 2805 He's honest, on mine honor! God's blest mother,
 FTLN 2806 I swear he is truehearted, and a soul
 FTLN 2807 None better in my kingdom.—Get you gone,
 FTLN 2808 And do as I have bid you. *Cranmer exits.* 190
 FTLN 2809 He has strangled
 FTLN 2810 His language in his tears.
 FTLN 2811 *「LOVELL」* (*within*) Come back! What mean you?

Enter Old Lady, 「followed by Lovell.」

OLD LADY

FTLN 2812 I'll not come back! The tidings that I bring
 FTLN 2813 Will make my boldness manners.—Now, good angels 195
 FTLN 2814 Fly o'er thy royal head and shade thy person
 FTLN 2815 Under their blessèd wings!
 FTLN 2816 KING Now by thy looks
 FTLN 2817 I guess thy message. Is the Queen delivered?
 FTLN 2818 Say "Ay, and of a boy." 200
 FTLN 2819 OLD LADY Ay, ay, my liege,
 FTLN 2820 And of a lovely boy. The God of heaven
 FTLN 2821 Both now and ever bless her! 'Tis a girl
 FTLN 2822 Promises boys hereafter. Sir, your queen
 FTLN 2823 Desires your visitation, and to be 205
 FTLN 2824 Acquainted with this stranger. 'Tis as like you
 FTLN 2825 As cherry is to cherry.

FTLN 2826 KING Lovell.
 FTLN 2827 LOVELL Sir.
 KING
 FTLN 2828 Give her an hundred marks. I'll to the Queen. 210
King exits.

OLD LADY
 FTLN 2829 An hundred marks? By this light, I'll ha' more.
 FTLN 2830 An ordinary groom is for such payment.
 FTLN 2831 I will have more or scold it out of him.
 FTLN 2832 Said I for this the girl was like to him?
 FTLN 2833 I'll have more or else unsay 't. And now, 215
 FTLN 2834 While 'tis hot, I'll put it to the issue.
['Old'] Lady exits, ['with Lovell.']

Scene 2

Enter Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury. ['(Pages, Footboys, Grooms, and other servants attend at the Council door.)']

CRANMER
 FTLN 2835 I hope I am not too late, and yet the gentleman
 FTLN 2836 That was sent to me from the Council prayed me
 FTLN 2837 To make great haste. *['He tries the door.']*
 FTLN 2838 All fast? What means this? Ho!
 FTLN 2839 Who waits there? 5

Enter Keeper.

FTLN 2840 Sure you know me!
 FTLN 2841 KEEPER Yes, my lord,
 FTLN 2842 But yet I cannot help you.
 FTLN 2843 CRANMER Why?
 KEEPER
 FTLN 2844 Your Grace must wait till you be called for. 10
 FTLN 2845 CRANMER So.

Enter Doctor Butts.

BUTTS, *「aside」*

FTLN 2846 This is a *「piece」* of malice. I am glad
 FTLN 2847 I came this way so happily. The King
 FTLN 2848 Shall understand it presently. *Butts exits.*

FTLN 2849 CRANMER, *「aside」* 'Tis Butts, 15
 FTLN 2850 The King's physician. As he passed along
 FTLN 2851 How earnestly he cast his eyes upon me!
 FTLN 2852 Pray heaven he sound not my disgrace. For certain
 FTLN 2853 This is of purpose laid by some that hate me—
 FTLN 2854 God turn their hearts! I never sought their malice— 20
 FTLN 2855 To quench mine honor. They would shame to make me
 FTLN 2856 Wait else at door, a fellow councillor,
 FTLN 2857 'Mong boys, grooms, and lackeys. But their pleasures
 FTLN 2858 Must be fulfilled, and I attend with patience.

Enter the King and Butts at a window above.

BUTTS
 FTLN 2859 I'll show your Grace the strangest sight. 25
 FTLN 2860 KING What's that,
 FTLN 2861 Butts?
 BUTTS
 FTLN 2862 I think your Highness saw this many a day.
 KING
 FTLN 2863 Body o' me, where is it?
 FTLN 2864 BUTTS There, my lord: 30
 FTLN 2865 The high promotion of his Grace of Canterbury,
 FTLN 2866 Who holds his state at door, 'mongst pursuivants,
 FTLN 2867 Pages, and footboys.
 FTLN 2868 KING Ha! 'Tis he indeed.
 FTLN 2869 Is this the honor they do one another? 35
 FTLN 2870 'Tis well there's one above 'em yet. I had thought
 FTLN 2871 They had parted so much honesty among 'em—
 FTLN 2872 At least good manners—as not thus to suffer

FTLN 2873 A man of his place, and so near our favor,
 FTLN 2874 To dance attendance on their Lordships' pleasures, 40
 FTLN 2875 And at the door, too, like a post with packets.
 FTLN 2876 By holy Mary, Butts, there's knavery!
 FTLN 2877 Let 'em alone, and draw the curtain close.
 FTLN 2878 We shall hear more anon. *「They draw the curtain.」*

A council table brought in with chairs and stools and placed under the state. Enter Lord Chancellor, places himself at the upper end of the table on the left hand, a seat being left void above him, as for Canterbury's seat. Duke of Suffolk, Duke of Norfolk, Surrey, Lord Chamberlain, Gardiner seat themselves in order on each side, Cromwell at lower end as secretary.

CHANCELLOR
 FTLN 2879 Speak to the business, Master Secretary. 45
 FTLN 2880 Why are we met in council?
 FTLN 2881 CROMWELL Please your honors,
 FTLN 2882 The chief cause concerns his Grace of Canterbury.
 GARDINER
 FTLN 2883 Has he had knowledge of it?
 FTLN 2884 CROMWELL Yes. 50
 FTLN 2885 NORFOLK, *「to Keeper」* Who waits there?
 KEEPER
 FTLN 2886 Without, my noble lords?
 FTLN 2887 GARDINER Yes.
 FTLN 2888 KEEPER My lord Archbishop,
 FTLN 2889 And has done half an hour, to know your pleasures. 55
 CHANCELLOR
 FTLN 2890 Let him come in.
 FTLN 2891 KEEPER, *「at door」* Your Grace may enter now.
Cranmer approaches the council table.
 CHANCELLOR
 FTLN 2892 My good lord Archbishop, I'm very sorry
 FTLN 2893 To sit here at this present and behold
 FTLN 2894 That chair stand empty. But we all are men, 60

FTLN 2895 In our own natures frail, and capable
 FTLN 2896 Of our flesh—few are angels—out of which frailty
 FTLN 2897 And want of wisdom you, that best should teach us,
 FTLN 2898 Have misdemeaned yourself, and not a little,
 FTLN 2899 Toward the King first, then his laws, in filling 65
 FTLN 2900 The whole realm, by your teaching and your
 FTLN 2901 chaplains’—
 FTLN 2902 For so we are informed—with new opinions,
 FTLN 2903 Divers and dangerous, which are heresies
 FTLN 2904 And, not reformed, may prove pernicious. 70

GARDINER

FTLN 2905 Which reformation must be sudden too,
 FTLN 2906 My noble lords; for those that tame wild horses
 FTLN 2907 Pace ’em not in their hands to make ’em gentle,
 FTLN 2908 But stop their mouths with stubborn bits, and spur ’em
 FTLN 2909 Till they obey the manage. If we suffer, 75
 FTLN 2910 Out of our easiness and childish pity
 FTLN 2911 To one man’s honor, this contagious sickness,
 FTLN 2912 Farewell, all physic. And what follows then?
 FTLN 2913 Commotions, uproars, with a general taint
 FTLN 2914 Of the whole state, as of late days our neighbors, 80
 FTLN 2915 The upper Germany, can dearly witness,
 FTLN 2916 Yet freshly pitied in our memories.

CRANMER

FTLN 2917 My good lords, hitherto, in all the progress
 FTLN 2918 Both of my life and office, I have labored,
 FTLN 2919 And with no little study, that my teaching 85
 FTLN 2920 And the strong course of my authority
 FTLN 2921 Might go one way and safely; and the end
 FTLN 2922 Was ever to do well. Nor is there living—
 FTLN 2923 I speak it with a single heart, my lords—
 FTLN 2924 A man that more detests, more stirs against, 90
 FTLN 2925 Both in his private conscience and his place,
 FTLN 2926 Defacers of a public peace than I do.
 FTLN 2927 Pray heaven the King may never find a heart

FTLN 2928	With less allegiance in it! Men that make	
FTLN 2929	Envy and crookèd malice nourishment	95
FTLN 2930	Dare bite the best. I do beseech your Lordships	
FTLN 2931	That, in this case of justice, my accusers,	
FTLN 2932	Be what they will, may stand forth face to face	
FTLN 2933	And freely urge against me.	
FTLN 2934	SUFFOLK	Nay, my lord,
		100
FTLN 2935	That cannot be. You are a councillor,	
FTLN 2936	And by that virtue no man dare accuse you.	
	GARDINER	
FTLN 2937	My lord, because we have business of more moment,	
FTLN 2938	We will be short with you. 'Tis his Highness' pleasure,	
FTLN 2939	And our consent, for better trial of you	105
FTLN 2940	From hence you be committed to the Tower,	
FTLN 2941	Where, being but a private man again,	
FTLN 2942	You shall know many dare accuse you boldly—	
FTLN 2943	More than, I fear, you are provided for.	
	CRANMER	
FTLN 2944	Ah, my good Lord of Winchester, I thank you.	110
FTLN 2945	You are always my good friend. If your will pass,	
FTLN 2946	I shall both find your Lordship judge and juror,	
FTLN 2947	You are so merciful. I see your end:	
FTLN 2948	'Tis my undoing. Love and meekness, lord,	
FTLN 2949	Become a churchman better than ambition.	115
FTLN 2950	Win straying souls with modesty again;	
FTLN 2951	Cast none away. That I shall clear myself,	
FTLN 2952	Lay all the weight you can upon my patience,	
FTLN 2953	I make as little doubt as you do conscience	
FTLN 2954	In doing daily wrongs. I could say more,	120
FTLN 2955	But reverence to your calling makes me modest.	
	GARDINER	
FTLN 2956	My lord, my lord, you are a sectary.	
FTLN 2957	That's the plain truth. Your painted gloss discovers,	
FTLN 2958	To men that understand you, words and weakness.	

CROMWELL

FTLN 2959 My Lord of Winchester, you're a little, 125
 FTLN 2960 By your good favor, too sharp. Men so noble,
 FTLN 2961 However faulty, yet should find respect
 FTLN 2962 For what they have been. 'Tis a cruelty
 FTLN 2963 To load a falling man.

FTLN 2964 GARDINER Good Master Secretary— 130

FTLN 2965 I cry your Honor mercy—you may worst
 FTLN 2966 Of all this table say so.

FTLN 2967 CROMWELL Why, my lord?

GARDINER

FTLN 2968 Do not I know you for a favorer
 FTLN 2969 Of this new sect? You are not sound. 135

FTLN 2970 CROMWELL Not sound?

GARDINER

FTLN 2971 Not sound, I say.

FTLN 2972 CROMWELL Would you were half so honest!
 FTLN 2973 Men's prayers then would seek you, not their fears.

GARDINER

FTLN 2974 I shall remember this bold language. 140

FTLN 2975 CROMWELL Do.

FTLN 2976 Remember your bold life too.

FTLN 2977 「CHANCELLOR」 This is too much!

FTLN 2978 Forbear, for shame, my lords.

FTLN 2979 GARDINER I have done. 145

FTLN 2980 CROMWELL And I.

「CHANCELLOR, *to Cranmer*」

FTLN 2981 Then thus for you, my lord: it stands agreed,
 FTLN 2982 I take it, by all voices, that forthwith
 FTLN 2983 You be conveyed to th' Tower a prisoner,
 FTLN 2984 There to remain till the King's further pleasure 150
 FTLN 2985 Be known unto us.—Are you all agreed, lords?

ALL

FTLN 2986 We are.

FTLN 2987 CRANMER Is there no other way of mercy

FTLN 2988 But I must needs to th' Tower, my lords?

FTLN 2989 GARDINER What other 155
 FTLN 2990 Would you expect? You are strangely troublesome.
 FTLN 2991 Let some o' th' guard be ready there.

Enter the Guard.

FTLN 2992 CRANMER For me?
 FTLN 2993 Must I go like a traitor thither?

FTLN 2994 GARDINER Receive him, 160
 FTLN 2995 And see him safe i' th' Tower.

FTLN 2996 CRANMER Stay, good my lords,
 FTLN 2997 I have a little yet to say. Look there, my lords.

〔He holds out the ring.〕

FTLN 2998 By virtue of that ring, I take my cause
 FTLN 2999 Out of the grips of cruel men and give it 165
 FTLN 3000 To a most noble judge, the King my master.

CHAMBERLAIN

FTLN 3001 This is the King's ring.

FTLN 3002 SURREY 'Tis no counterfeit.

SUFFOLK

FTLN 3003 'Tis the right ring, by heaven! I told you all,
 FTLN 3004 When we first put this dangerous stone a-rolling, 170
 FTLN 3005 'Twould fall upon ourselves.

FTLN 3006 NORFOLK Do you think, my lords,
 FTLN 3007 The King will suffer but the little finger
 FTLN 3008 Of this man to be vexed?

FTLN 3009 CHAMBERLAIN 'Tis now too certain. 175
 FTLN 3010 How much more is his life in value with him!
 FTLN 3011 Would I were fairly out on 't!

FTLN 3012 CROMWELL My mind gave me,
 FTLN 3013 In seeking tales and informations
 FTLN 3014 Against this man, whose honesty the devil 180
 FTLN 3015 And his disciples only envy at,
 FTLN 3016 You blew the fire that burns you. Now, have at you!

Enter King, frowning on them; takes his seat.

GARDINER

FTLN 3017 Dread sovereign, how much are we bound to heaven
 FTLN 3018 In daily thanks, that gave us such a prince,
 FTLN 3019 Not only good and wise, but most religious; 185
 FTLN 3020 One that in all obedience makes the Church
 FTLN 3021 The chief aim of his honor, and to strengthen
 FTLN 3022 That holy duty out of dear respect,
 FTLN 3023 His royal self in judgment comes to hear
 FTLN 3024 The cause betwixt her and this great offender. 190

KING

FTLN 3025 You were ever good at sudden commendations,
 FTLN 3026 Bishop of Winchester. But know I come not
 FTLN 3027 To hear such flattery now, and in my presence
 FTLN 3028 They are too thin and base to hide offenses.
 FTLN 3029 To me you cannot reach. You play the spaniel, 195
 FTLN 3030 And think with wagging of your tongue to win me;
 FTLN 3031 But whatso'er thou tak'st me for, I'm sure
 FTLN 3032 Thou hast a cruel nature and a bloody.—
 FTLN 3033 Good man, sit down. *〔Cranmer takes his seat.〕*
 FTLN 3034 Now let me see the proudest 200
 FTLN 3035 He, that dares most, but wag his finger at thee.
 FTLN 3036 By all that's holy, he had better starve
 FTLN 3037 Than but once think *〔this〕* place becomes thee not.

SURREY

FTLN 3038 May it please your Grace—

FTLN 3039 KING No, sir, it does not please 205
 FTLN 3040 me.

FTLN 3041 I had thought I had had men of some understanding
 FTLN 3042 And wisdom of my Council, but I find none.
 FTLN 3043 Was it discretion, lords, to let this man,
 FTLN 3044 This good man—few of you deserve that title— 210
 FTLN 3045 This honest man, wait like a lousy footboy
 FTLN 3046 At chamber door? And one as great as you are?
 FTLN 3047 Why, what a shame was this! Did my commission
 FTLN 3048 Bid you so far forget yourselves? I gave you
 FTLN 3049 Power as he was a councillor to try him, 215

FTLN 3050	Not as a groom. There's some of you, I see,	
FTLN 3051	More out of malice than integrity,	
FTLN 3052	Would try him to the utmost, had you mean,	
FTLN 3053	Which you shall never have while I live.	
FTLN 3054	CHANCELLOR	Thus far, 220
FTLN 3055	My most dread sovereign, may it like your Grace	
FTLN 3056	To let my tongue excuse all. What was purposed	
FTLN 3057	Concerning his imprisonment was rather,	
FTLN 3058	If there be faith in men, meant for his trial	
FTLN 3059	And fair purgation to the world than malice,	225
FTLN 3060	I'm sure, in me.	
FTLN 3061	KING	Well, well, my lords, respect him.
FTLN 3062	Take him, and use him well; he's worthy of it.	
FTLN 3063	I will say thus much for him: if a prince	
FTLN 3064	May be beholding to a subject, I	230
FTLN 3065	Am, for his love and service, so to him.	
FTLN 3066	Make me no more ado, but all embrace him.	
FTLN 3067	Be friends, for shame, my lords.	
		<i>〔They embrace Cranmer.〕</i>
FTLN 3068		My Lord of Canterbury,
FTLN 3069	I have a suit which you must not deny me:	235
FTLN 3070	That is, a fair young maid that yet wants baptism.	
FTLN 3071	You must be godfather and answer for her.	
	CRANMER	
FTLN 3072	The greatest monarch now alive may glory	
FTLN 3073	In such an honor. How may I deserve it,	
FTLN 3074	That am a poor and humble subject to you?	240
FTLN 3075	KING	Come, come, my lord, you'd spare your spoons.
FTLN 3076	You shall have two noble partners with you: the	
FTLN 3077	old Duchess of Norfolk and Lady Marquess Dorset.	
FTLN 3078	Will these please you?—	
FTLN 3079	Once more, my lord of Winchester, I charge you,	245
FTLN 3080	Embrace and love this man.	
FTLN 3081	GARDINER	With a true heart
FTLN 3082	And brother-love I do it.	<i>〔He embraces Cranmer.〕</i>

FTLN 3083 CRANMER, *〔weeping〕* And let heaven
 FTLN 3084 Witness how dear I hold this confirmation. 250
 KING
 FTLN 3085 Good man, those joyful tears show thy true *〔heart.〕*
 FTLN 3086 The common voice, I see, is verified
 FTLN 3087 Of thee, which says thus: “Do my Lord of Canterbury
 FTLN 3088 A shrewd turn, and he’s your friend forever.”—
 FTLN 3089 Come, lords, we trifle time away. I long 255
 FTLN 3090 To have this young one made a Christian.
 FTLN 3091 As I have made you one, lords, one remain.
 FTLN 3092 So I grow stronger, you more honor gain.
They exit.

Scene 3

*Noise and tumult within. Enter Porter and his Man,
 〔carrying cudgels.〕*

FTLN 3093 PORTER You’ll leave your noise anon, you rascals! Do
 FTLN 3094 you take the court for Parish Garden? You rude
 FTLN 3095 slaves, leave your gaping!
 FTLN 3096 *〔ONE,〕* (*within*) Good Master Porter, I belong to th’
 FTLN 3097 larder. 5
 FTLN 3098 PORTER Belong to th’ gallows and be hanged, you rogue!
 FTLN 3099 Is this a place to roar in?—Fetch me a dozen crab-tree
 FTLN 3100 staves, and strong ones. These are but switches
 FTLN 3101 to ’em.—I’ll scratch your heads! You must be seeing
 FTLN 3102 christenings? Do you look for ale and cakes here, 10
 FTLN 3103 you rude rascals?
 PORTER’S MAN
 FTLN 3104 Pray, sir, be patient. ’Tis as much impossible—
 FTLN 3105 Unless we sweep ’em from the door with cannons—
 FTLN 3106 To scatter ’em as ’tis to make ’em sleep
 FTLN 3107 On May Day morning, which will never be. 15
 FTLN 3108 We may as well push against Paul’s as stir ’em.
 FTLN 3109 PORTER How got they in, and be hanged?

PORTER'S MAN

FTLN 3110 Alas, I know not. How gets the tide in?
 FTLN 3111 As much as one sound cudgel of four foot—
 FTLN 3112 You see the poor remainder—could distribute, 20
 FTLN 3113 I made no spare, sir.

FTLN 3114 PORTER You did nothing, sir.

PORTER'S MAN

FTLN 3115 I am not Samson, nor Sir Guy, nor Colbrand,
 FTLN 3116 To mow 'em down before me; but if I spared any
 FTLN 3117 That had a head to hit, either young or old, 25
 FTLN 3118 He or she, cuckold or cuckold-maker,
 FTLN 3119 Let me ne'er hope to see a chine again—
 FTLN 3120 And that I would not for a cow, God save her!

FTLN 3121 「ONE,」 (*within*) Do you hear, Master Porter?

FTLN 3122 PORTER I shall be with you presently, good master 30
 FTLN 3123 puppy.— Keep the door close, sirrah.

FTLN 3124 PORTER'S MAN What would you have me do?

FTLN 3125 PORTER What should you do but knock 'em down by
 FTLN 3126 th' dozens? Is this Moorfields to muster in? Or have
 FTLN 3127 we some strange Indian with the great tool come to 35
 FTLN 3128 court, the women so besiege us? Bless me, what a
 FTLN 3129 fry of fornication is at door! On my Christian conscience,
 FTLN 3130 this one christening will beget a thousand;
 FTLN 3131 here will be father, godfather, and all together.

FTLN 3132 PORTER'S MAN The spoons will be the bigger, sir. There is 40
 FTLN 3133 a fellow somewhat near the door—he should be a
 FTLN 3134 brazier by his face, for, o' my conscience, twenty of
 FTLN 3135 the dog days now reign in 's nose. All that stand
 FTLN 3136 about him are under the line; they need no other
 FTLN 3137 penance. That fire-drake did I hit three times on the 45
 FTLN 3138 head, and three times was his nose discharged
 FTLN 3139 against me. He stands there like a mortar-piece, to
 FTLN 3140 blow us. There was a haberdasher's wife of small
 FTLN 3141 wit near him that railed upon me till her pinked
 FTLN 3142 porringer fell off her head for kindling such a 50
 FTLN 3143 combustion in the state. I missed the meteor once

FTLN 3144 and hit that woman, who cried out “Clubs!” when I
 FTLN 3145 might see from far some forty truncheoners draw to
 FTLN 3146 her succor, which were the hope o’ th’ Strand, where
 FTLN 3147 she was quartered. They fell on; I made good my 55
 FTLN 3148 place. At length they came to th’ broomstaff to me;
 FTLN 3149 I defied ’em still, when suddenly a file of boys behind
 FTLN 3150 ’em, loose shot, delivered such a shower of
 FTLN 3151 pibbles that I was fain to draw mine honor in and
 FTLN 3152 let ’em win the work. The devil was amongst ’em, I 60
 FTLN 3153 think, surely.

FTLN 3154 PORTER These are the youths that thunder at a playhouse
 FTLN 3155 and fight for bitten apples, that no audience
 FTLN 3156 but the tribulation of Tower Hill or the limbs of
 FTLN 3157 Limehouse, their dear brothers, are able to 65
 FTLN 3158 endure. I have some of ’em in *Limbo Patrum*, and
 FTLN 3159 there they are like to dance these three days, besides
 FTLN 3160 the running banquet of two beadles that is to come.

Enter Lord Chamberlain.

CHAMBERLAIN

FTLN 3161 Mercy o’ me, what a multitude are here!
 FTLN 3162 They grow still too. From all parts they are coming, 70
 FTLN 3163 As if we kept a fair here! Where are these porters,
 FTLN 3164 These lazy knaves?—You’ve made a fine hand, fellows!
 FTLN 3165 There’s a trim rabble let in. Are all these
 FTLN 3166 Your faithful friends o’ th’ suburbs? We shall have
 FTLN 3167 Great store of room, no doubt, left for the ladies, 75
 FTLN 3168 When they pass back from the christening!

FTLN 3169 PORTER An ’t please
 FTLN 3170 your Honor,
 FTLN 3171 We are but men, and what so many may do,
 FTLN 3172 Not being torn a-pieces, we have done. 80
 FTLN 3173 An army cannot rule ’em.

FTLN 3174 CHAMBERLAIN As I live,
 FTLN 3175 If the King blame me for ’t, I’ll lay you all
 FTLN 3176 By th’ heels, and suddenly, and on your heads

FTLN 3177 Clap round fines for neglect. You're lazy knaves, 85
 FTLN 3178 And here you lie baiting of bombards, when
 FTLN 3179 You should do service. *「Trumpets.」*
 FTLN 3180 Hark, the trumpets sound!
 FTLN 3181 They're come already from the christening.
 FTLN 3182 Go break among the press, and find a way out 90
 FTLN 3183 To let the troop pass fairly, or I'll find
 FTLN 3184 A Marshalsea shall hold you play these two months.

PORTER
 FTLN 3185 Make way there for the Princess!
 FTLN 3186 PORTER'S MAN You great fellow,
 FTLN 3187 Stand close up, or I'll make your head ache. 95

PORTER
 FTLN 3188 You i' th' camlet, get up o' th' rail!
 FTLN 3189 I'll peck you o'er the pales else.

They exit.

Scene 4

Enter Trumpets, sounding. Then two Aldermen, Lord Mayor, Garter, Cranmer, Duke of Norfolk with his marshal's staff, Duke of Suffolk, two Noblemen bearing great standing bowls for the christening gifts; then four Noblemen bearing a canopy, under which the Duchess of Norfolk, godmother, bearing the child richly habited in a mantle, etc., train borne by a Lady. Then follows the Marchioness Dorset, the other godmother, and Ladies. The troop pass once about the stage, and Garter speaks.

FTLN 3190 GARTER Heaven, from thy endless goodness, send
 FTLN 3191 prosperous life, long, and ever happy, to the high
 FTLN 3192 and mighty princess of England, Elizabeth.

Flourish. Enter King and Guard.

CRANMER, *「kneeling」*
 FTLN 3193 And to your royal Grace and the good queen,

FTLN 3194	My noble partners and myself thus pray	5
FTLN 3195	All comfort, joy, in this most gracious lady	
FTLN 3196	Heaven ever laid up to make parents happy	
FTLN 3197	May hourly fall upon you!	
FTLN 3198	KING Thank you, good lord	
FTLN 3199	Archbishop.	10
FTLN 3200	What is her name?	
FTLN 3201	CRANMER Elizabeth.	
FTLN 3202	KING Stand up, lord.	
	「 <i>Cranmer stands.</i> 」	
FTLN 3203	With this kiss take my blessing.	「 <i>King kisses infant.</i> 」
FTLN 3204		15
FTLN 3205	God protect thee,	
FTLN 3206	Into whose hand I give thy life.	
FTLN 3206	CRANMER Amen.	
	KING, 「 <i>to the two godmothers</i> 」	
FTLN 3207	My noble gossips, you've been too prodigal.	
FTLN 3208	I thank you heartily; so shall this lady	
FTLN 3209	When she has so much English.	20
FTLN 3210	CRANMER Let me speak, sir,	
FTLN 3211	For heaven now bids me; and the words I utter	
FTLN 3212	Let none think flattery, for they'll find 'em truth.	
FTLN 3213	This royal infant—heaven still move about her!—	
FTLN 3214	Though in her cradle, yet now promises	25
FTLN 3215	Upon this land a thousand thousand blessings,	
FTLN 3216	Which time shall bring to ripeness. She shall be—	
FTLN 3217	But few now living can behold that goodness—	
FTLN 3218	A pattern to all princes living with her	
FTLN 3219	And all that shall succeed. Saba was never	30
FTLN 3220	More covetous of wisdom and fair virtue	
FTLN 3221	Than this pure soul shall be. All princely graces	
FTLN 3222	That mold up such a mighty piece as this is,	
FTLN 3223	With all the virtues that attend the good,	
FTLN 3224	Shall still be doubled on her. Truth shall nurse her;	35
FTLN 3225	Holy and heavenly thoughts still counsel her.	
FTLN 3226	She shall be loved and feared. Her own shall bless her;	
FTLN 3227	Her foes shake like a field of beaten corn	

FTLN 3228	And hang their heads with sorrow. Good grows with	
FTLN 3229	her.	40
FTLN 3230	In her days every man shall eat in safety	
FTLN 3231	Under his own vine what he plants and sing	
FTLN 3232	The merry songs of peace to all his neighbors.	
FTLN 3233	God shall be truly known, and those about her	
FTLN 3234	From her shall read the perfect ¹ ways of honor	45
FTLN 3235	And by those claim their greatness, not by blood.	
FTLN 3236	Nor shall this peace sleep with her; but, as when	
FTLN 3237	The bird of wonder dies, the maiden phoenix,	
FTLN 3238	Her ashes new create another heir	
FTLN 3239	As great in admiration as herself,	50
FTLN 3240	So shall she leave her blessedness to one,	
FTLN 3241	When heaven shall call her from this cloud of darkness,	
FTLN 3242	Who from the sacred ashes of her honor	
FTLN 3243	Shall starlike rise as great in fame as she was	
FTLN 3244	And so stand fixed. Peace, plenty, love, truth, terror,	55
FTLN 3245	That were the servants to this chosen infant,	
FTLN 3246	Shall then be his, and like a vine grow to him.	
FTLN 3247	Wherever the bright sun of heaven shall shine,	
FTLN 3248	His honor and the greatness of his name	
FTLN 3249	Shall be, and make new nations. He shall flourish,	60
FTLN 3250	And like a mountain cedar reach his branches	
FTLN 3251	To all the plains about him. Our children's children	
FTLN 3252	Shall see this and bless heaven.	
FTLN 3253	KING	Thou speakest wonders.
	CRANMER	
FTLN 3254	She shall be to the happiness of England	65
FTLN 3255	An aged princess; many days shall see her,	
FTLN 3256	And yet no day without a deed to crown it.	
FTLN 3257	Would I had known no more! But she must die,	
FTLN 3258	She must, the saints must have her; yet a virgin,	
FTLN 3259	A most unspotted lily, shall she pass	70
FTLN 3260	To th' ground, and all the world shall mourn her.	

FTLN 3261 KING O lord

FTLN 3262 Archbishop,

FTLN 3263 Thou hast made me now a man. Never before

FTLN 3264 This happy child did I get anything. 75

FTLN 3265 This oracle of comfort has so pleased me

FTLN 3266 That when I am in heaven I shall desire

FTLN 3267 To see what this child does and praise my Maker.—

FTLN 3268 I thank you all.—To you, my good lord mayor

FTLN 3269 And you, good brethren, I am much beholding. 80

FTLN 3270 I have received much honor by your presence,

FTLN 3271 And you shall find me thankful. Lead the way, lords.

FTLN 3272 You must all see the Queen, and she must thank you;

FTLN 3273 She will be sick else. This day, no man think

FTLN 3274 'Has business at his house, for all shall stay. 85

FTLN 3275 This little one shall make it holiday.

They exit.

「*Enter Epilogue.*」

EPILOGUE

FTLN 3276 'Tis ten to one this play can never please
 FTLN 3277 All that are here. Some come to take their ease
 FTLN 3278 And sleep an act or two—but those, we fear,
 FTLN 3279 We've frighted with our trumpets; so, 'tis clear,
 FTLN 3280 They'll say 'tis naught—others, to hear the city 5
 FTLN 3281 Abused extremely and to cry “That's witty!”—
 FTLN 3282 Which we have not done neither—that I fear
 FTLN 3283 All the expected good we're like to hear
 FTLN 3284 For this play at this time is only in
 FTLN 3285 The merciful construction of good women, 10
 FTLN 3286 For such a one we showed 'em. If they smile
 FTLN 3287 And say 'twill do, I know within a while
 FTLN 3288 All the best men are ours; for 'tis ill hap
 FTLN 3289 If they hold when their ladies bid 'em clap.

「*He exits.*」
