

SHAKESPEARIENCE!

MACBETH PROJECT

Ensemble Soliloquy: Macbeth's Dagger Speech

1. Is this a dagger which I see before me, the handle toward my hand?
2. Come, let me clutch thee. I have thee not, and yet I see thee still.
3. Art thou not, fatal vision, sensible to feeling as to sight?
4. or art thou but a dagger of the mind, a false creation, proceeding from the heat-oppressed brain?
5. I see thee yet, in form as palpable as this which now I draw.
6. Thou marshall'st me the way that I was going;
7. Mine eyes are made the fools o' the other senses, or else worth all the rest;
8. I see thee still, and on thy blade and dudgeon gouts of blood, which was not so before.
9. There's no such thing: It is the bloody business which informs thus to mine eyes.
10. Now o'er the one halfworld nature seems dead, and wicked dreams abuse the curtain'd sleep.
11. Thou sure and firm-set earth, hear not my steps, which way they walk,
12. for fear thy very stones prate of my whereabouts.
13. Whiles I threat, he lives: Words to the heat of deeds too cold breath gives.
[A bell rings]
14. I go, and it is done; the bell invites me. Hear it not, Duncan; for it is a knell
ALL: That summons thee to heaven or to hell.