

SHAKESPEARIENCE!

Swords, Scenes & Soliloquies

MACBETH

Ensemble Soliloquy: Macbeth's Dagger Speech, Act II, scene 1
(2-7 voices)

Is this a dagger which I see before me,
The handle toward my hand?

Come, let me clutch thee.
I have thee not, and yet I see thee still.

Art thou but a dagger of the mind, a false creation,
Proceeding from the heat-oppressed brain?

I see thee still, and on thy blade, gouts of blood,
Which was not so before.
There's no such thing!

Whiles I threat, he lives:
Words to the heat of deeds too cold breath gives.
[A bell rings]

I go, and it is done; the bell invites me.

Hear it not, Duncan; for it is a knell
That summons thee to heaven or to hell.