



# **SHAKESPEARENCE!**

## “Writing for the Queen and King”

- *Everyone has a line in one of the 5 acts.*
- *The queens and kings are everyone who is not in that act.*
- *Stage picture/tableaux is key: use levels, triangulate, pick gestures.*

### **Act 1: A Midsummer Night's Dream**

**ALL DREAMERS:**

Your royal majesties, Queen Elizabeth and King James, would you care to hear a play?

**Queens & Kings:**

I'd be delighted Master Shakespeare, what is it called?

**ALL DREAMERS:**

“A magical comedy, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM!”

1. If we shadows have offended
2. Think but this and all is mended
3. That you have but slumbered here
4. While these visions did appear
5. And this weak and idle theme
6. No more yielding but a dream...

**ALL DREAMERS:**

“A Midsummer Night's Dream!”

## **Act 2: Macbeth**

**ALL MACBETHS:**

Your royal majesties, Queen Elizabeth and King James, would you care to hear another play?

**Queens & Kings:**

I'd be delighted Master Shakespeare, what is it called?

**ALL MACBETHS:**

"A Scottish tragedy, MACBETH!"

1. Is this a dagger which I see before me?
2. The handle toward my hand? Come, let me clutch thee!
3. I have thee not, and yet I see thee still.
4. I go and it is done, the bell invites me.
5. Hear it not Duncan, for it is a knell...
6. That summons thee to heaven or to hell!

**ALL MACBETHS:**

"Macbeth!"

## **Act 3: Julius Caesar**

**ALL CAESARS:**

Your royal majesties, Queen Elizabeth and King James, would you care to hear another play?

**Queens & Kings:**

I'd be delighted Master Shakespeare, what is it called?

**ALL CAESARS:**

"A Roman History, JULIUS CAESAR!"

1. Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears!
2. Here, come I to speak in Caesar's funeral...
3. He was my friend, faithful and just to me.
4. You all did love him once, not without cause.
5. O judgment! Thou art fled to brutish beasts
6. And men have lost their reason.

**ALL CAESARS:**

"Julius Caesar!"

## **Act 4: Hamlet**

**ALL HAMLETS:**

Your royal majesties, Queen Elizabeth and King James, would you care to hear ONE MORE play?

**Queens & Kings:**

I'd be delighted Master Shakespeare, what is it called?

**ALL HAMLETS:**

"A major tragedy, HAMLET!"

1. To be or not to be, that is the question.
2. Whether tis' nobler in the mind to suffer
3. the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
4. Or to take arms against a sea of troubles
5. And by opposing, end them.

**ALL HAMLETS:**

"Hamlet!" (then freeze)

**\*One actor says:** "Will all the other actors join us on the boards?"

## **Act 5: Epilogue**

*All actors join them on stage, create a tableaux, wait for Kitty's cue...then:*

**"Shakespeare lives in us all...HUZZAH!"**

THE END