

**SHAKESPEARIENCE!**

***Swords, Scenes & Soliloquies***

**MACBETH**

Act IV, scene 1: Witches and Macbeth

**MACBETH**

How now, you secret, black, and midnight hags! What is't you do?

**ALL**

A deed without a name.

**MACBETH**

I conjure you, answer me to what I ask you.

**FIRST WITCH**

Speak.

**SECOND WITCH**

Demand.

**THIRD WITCH**

We'll answer.

**ALL**

Come, high or low; Thyself and office deftly show!

**FIRST WITCH**

Macbeth! Macbeth! Macbeth! beware Macduff; Beware the thane of Fife. Dismiss me. Enough.

**MACBETH**

But one word more,--

**FIRST WITCH**

I will not be commanded: here's another, more potent than the first.

**SECOND WITCH**

Macbeth! Macbeth! Macbeth! Be bloody, bold, and resolute; none of woman born Shall harm Macbeth.

**MACBETH**

Then live, Macduff: what need I fear of thee?

**THIRD WITCH**

Macbeth shall never vanquish'd be until Great Birnam wood to high Dunsinane hill Shall come against him.

**MACBETH**

That will never be! Yet my heart throbs to know one thing: shall Banquo's issue ever reign in this kingdom?

**ALL**

Seek to know no more!

**MACBETH**

I will be satisfied: deny me this, and an eternal curse fall on you! Let me know.

**FIRST WITCH**

Show!

**SECOND WITCH**

Show!

**THIRD WITCH**

Show!

**ALL**

Shown his eyes, and grieved his heart; Come like shadows, so depart!

**MACBETH**

Where are they? Gone? The castle of Macduff I will surprise,  
give to the edge o' the sword his wife, his babes, and all  
unfortunate souls.

This deed I'll do before this purpose cool.