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Barnardo. Who's there?

Fran. Nay answer me: Stand & vnfold  
your selfe

Bar. Long liue the King

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As I understand it, the printers often ran out of certain words or letters they had often packed into a "cliche". . .this is the original meaning of the term cliche. . .and thus, being unwilling to unpack the cliches, and thus you will see some substitutions that look very odd. . .such as the exchanges of u for v, v for u, above. . .and you may wonder why they did it this way, presuming Shakespeare did not actually write the play in this manner. . . .

The answer is that they MAY have packed "liue" into a cliche at a time when they were out of "v"s. . .possibly having used "vv" in place of some "w"s, etc. This was a common practice of the day, as print was still quite expensive, and they didn't want to spend more on a wider selection of characters than they had to.

You will find a lot of these kinds of "errors" in this text, as I have mentioned in other times and places, many "scholars" have an extreme attachment to these errors, and many have accorded them a very high place in the "canon" of Shakespeare. My father read an assortment of these made available to him by Cambridge University in England for several months in a glass room constructed for the purpose. To the best of my knowledge he read ALL those available . . .in great detail. . .and determined from the various changes, that Shakespeare most likely did not write in nearly as many of a variety of errors we credit him for, even though he was in/famous for signing his name with several different spellings.

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David Reed

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Actus Primus. Scoena Prima.

Enter Demetrius and Philo.

Philo. Nay, but this dotage of our Generals  
Ore-floues the measure: those his goodly eyes  
That o're the Files and Musters of the Warre,  
Haue glow'd like plated Mars:  
Now bend, now turne  
The Office and Deuotion of their view  
Vpon a Tawny Front. His Captaines heart,  
Which in the scuffles of great Fights hath burst  
The Buckles on his brest, reneages all temper,  
And is become the Bellowes and the Fan  
To coole a Gypsies Lust.

Flourish. Enter Anthony, Cleopatra, her Ladies, the Traine, with Eunuchs fanning her.

Looke where they come:  
Take but good note, and you shall see in him



(The triple Pillar of the world) transform'd  
Into a Strumpets Foole. Behold and see

Cleo. If it be Loue indeed, tell me how much

Ant. There's beggery in the loue that can be reckon'd  
Cleo. Ile set a bourne how farre to be belou'd

Ant. Then must thou needes finde out new Heauen,  
new Earth.  
Enter a Messenger.

Mes. Newes (my good Lord) from Rome

Ant. Grates me, the summe

Cleo. Nay heare them Anthony.  
Fuluia perchance is angry: Or who knowes,  
If the scarse-bearded Caesar haue not sent  
His powrefull Mandate to you. Do this, or this;  
Take in that Kingdome, and Infranchise that:  
Perform't, or else we damne thee

Ant. How, my Loue?

Cleo. Perchance? Nay, and most like:  
You must not stay heere longer, your dismissal  
Is come from Caesar, therefore heare it Anthony,  
Where's Fuluias Processe? (Caesars I would say) both?  
Call in the Messengers: As I am Egypts Queene,  
Thou blushest Anthony, and that blood of thine  
Is Caesars homager: else so thy cheeke payes shame,  
When shrill-tongu'd Fuluia scolds. The Messengers

Ant. Let Rome in Tyber melt, and the wide Arch  
Of the raining'd Empire fall: Heere is my space,  
Kingdomes are clay: Our dungie earth alike  
Feeds Beast as Man; the Noblenesse of life  
Is to do thus: when such a mutuall paire,  
And such a twaine can doo't, in which I binde  
One paine of punishment, the world to weete  
We stand vp Peerelesse

Cleo. Excellent falshood:  
Why did he marry Fuluia, and not loue her?  
Ile seeme the Foole I am not. Anthony will be himselfe

Ant. But stirr'd by Cleopatra.  
Now for the loue of Loue, and her soft houres,  
Let's not confound the time with Conference harsh;  
There's not a minute of our liues should stretch  
Without some pleasure now. What sport to night?  
Cleo. Heare the Ambassadors

Ant. Fye wrangling Queene:  
Whom euery thing becomes, to chide, to laugh,  
To weepe: who euery passion fully striues  
To make it selfe (in Thee) faire, and admir'd.  
No Messenger but thine, and all alone, to night  
Wee'l wander through the streets, and note

The qualities of people. Come my Queene,  
Last night you did desire it. Speake not to vs.

Exeunt. with the Traine.

Dem. Is Caesar with Anthonius priz'd so slight?  
Philo. Sir, sometimes when he is not Anthony,  
He comes too short of that great Property  
Which still should go with Anthony

Dem. I am full sorry, that hee approues the common  
Liar, who thus speakes of him at Rome; but I will hope  
of better deeds to morrow. Rest you happy.

Exeunt.

Enter Enobarbus, Lamprius, a Southsayer, Rannius, Lucillius,  
Charmian,  
Iras, Mardian the Eunuch, and Alexas.

Char. L[ord]. Alexas, sweet Alexas, most any thing Alexas,  
almost most absolute Alexas, where's the Soothsayer  
that you prais'd so to'th' Queene? Oh that I knewe this  
Husband, which you say, must change his Hornes with  
Garlands

Alex. Soothsayer

Sooth. Your will?

Char. Is this the Man? Is't you sir that know things?

Sooth. In Natures infinite booke of Secrecie, a little I  
can read

Alex. Shew him your hand

Enob. Bring in the Banket quickly: Wine enough,  
Cleopatra's health to drinke

Char. Good sir, giue me good Fortune

Sooth. I make not, but foresee

Char. Pray then, foresee me one

Sooth. You shall be yet farre fairer then you are

Char. He meanes in flesh

Iras. No, you shall paint when you are old

Char. Wrinkles forbid

Alex. Vex not his prescience, be attentiu

Char. Hush

Sooth. You shall be more belouing, then beloued

Char. I had rather heate my Liuer with drinking

Alex. Nay, heare him

Char. Good now some excellent Fortune: Let mee be married to three Kings in a forenoone, and Widdow them all: Let me haue a Childe at fifty, to whom Herode of Iewry may do Homage. Finde me to marrie me with Octauius Caesar, and companion me with my Mistris

Sooth. You shall out-liue the Lady whom you serue

Char. Oh excellent, I loue long life better then Figs

Sooth. You haue seene and proued a fairer former fortune, then that which is to approach

Char. Then belike my Children shall haue no names: Prythee how many Boyes and Wenches must I haue

Sooth. If euery of your wishes had a wombe, & foretell euery wish, a Million

Char. Out Foole, I forgiue thee for a Witch

Alex. You thinke none but your sheets are priuie to your wishes

Char. Nay come, tell Iras hers

Alex. Wee'l know all our Fortunes

Enob. Mine, and most of our Fortunes to night, shall be drunke to bed

Iras. There's a Palme presages Chastity, if nothing els

Char. E'ne as the o're-flowing Nylus presageth Famine

Iras. Go you wilde Bedfellow, you cannot Soothsay

Char. Nay, if an oylly Palme bee not a fruitfull Prognostication, I cannot scratch mine eare. Prythee tel her but a worky day Fortune

Sooth. Your Fortunes are alike

Iras. But how, but how, giue me particulars

Sooth. I haue said

Iras. Am I not an inch of Fortune better then she?

Char. Well, if you were but an inch of fortune better then I: where would you choose it

Iras. Not in my Husbands nose

Char. Our worser thoughts Heauens mend

Alexas. Come, his Fortune, his Fortune. Oh let him

mary a woman that cannot go, sweet Isis, I beseech thee,  
and let her dye too, and giue him a worse, and let worse  
follow worse, till the worst of all follow him laughing to  
his graue, fifty-fold a Cuckold. Good Isis heare me this  
Prayer, though thou denie me a matter of more waight:  
good Isis I beseech thee

Iras. Amen, deere Goddess, heare that prayer of the  
people. For, as it is a heart-breaking to see a handsome  
man loose-Wiu'd, so it is a deadly sorrow, to beholde a  
foule Knaue vncuckolded: Therefore deere Isis keep decorum,  
and Fortune him accordingly

Char. Amen

Alex. Lo now, if it lay in their hands to make mee a  
Cuckold, they would make themselues Whores, but  
they'ld doo't.  
Enter Cleopatra.

Enob. Hush, heere comes Anthony

Char. Not he, the Queene

Cleo. Saue you, my Lord

Enob. No Lady

Cleo. Was he not heere?

Char. No Madam

Cleo. He was dispos'd to mirth, but on the sodaine  
A Romane thought hath strooke him.  
Enobarbus?

Enob. Madam

Cleo. Seeke him, and bring him hither: wher's Alexias?

Alex. Heere at your seruice.

My Lord approaches.

Enter Anthony, with a Messenger.

Cleo. We will not looke vpon him:  
Go with vs.

Exeunt.

Messen. Fulvia thy Wife,  
First came into the Field

Ant. Against my Brother Lucius?

Messen. I: but soone that Warre had end,  
And the times state  
Made friends of them, ioynting their force 'gainst Caesar,  
Whose better issue in the warre from Italy,  
Vpon the first encounter draue them

Ant. Well, what worst

Mess. The Nature of bad newes infects the Teller

Ant. When it concernes the Foole or Coward: On.  
Things that are past, are done, with me. 'Tis thus,  
Who tels me true, though in his Tale lye death,  
I heare him as he flatter'd

Mes. Labienus (this is stiffe-newes)  
Hath with his Parthian Force  
Extended Asia: from Euphrates his conquering  
Banner shooke, from Syria to Lydia,  
And to Ionia, whil'st-

Ant. Anthony thou would'st say

Mes. Oh my Lord

Ant. Speake to me home,  
Mince not the generall tongue, name  
Cleopatra as she is call'd in Rome:  
Raile thou in Fulvia's phrase, and taunt my faults  
With such full License, as both Truth and Malice  
Haue power to vtter. Oh then we bring forth weeds,  
When our quicke windes lye still, and our illes told vs  
Is as our earing: fare thee well awhile

Mes. At your Noble pleasure.

Exit Messenger

Enter another Messenger.

Ant. From Scicion how the newes? Speake there

1.Mes. The man from Scicion,  
Is there such an one?

2.Mes. He stayes vpon your will

Ant. Let him appeare:  
These strong Egyptian Fetters I must breake,  
Or loose my selfe in dotage.  
Enter another Messenger with a Letter.

What are you?

3.Mes. Fulvia thy wife is dead

Ant. Where dyed she

Mes. In Scicion, her length of sicknesse,  
With what else more serious,  
Importeth thee to know, this beares

Antho. Forbeare me  
There's a great Spirit gone, thus did I desire it:  
What our contempts doth often hurle from vs,  
We wish it ours againe. The present pleasure,  
By reuolution lowring, does become  
The opposite of it selfe: she's good being gon,  
The hand could plucke her backe, that shou'd her on.  
I must from this enchanting Queene breake off,  
Ten thousand harmes, more then the illes I know

My idlenesse doth hatch.  
Enter Enobarbus.

How now Enobarbus

Eno. What's your pleasure, Sir?  
Anth. I must with haste from hence

Eno. Why then we kill all our Women. We see how  
mortall an vnkindnesse is to them, if they suffer our departure  
death's the word

Ant. I must be gone

Eno. Vnder a compelling an occasion, let women die.  
It were pittie to cast them away for nothing, though betweene  
them and a great cause, they should be esteemed  
nothing. Cleopatra catching but the least noyse of this,  
dies instantly: I haue seene her dye twenty times vpon  
farre poorer moment: I do think there is mettle in death,  
which commits some louing acte vpon her, she hath such  
a celerity in dying

Ant. She is cunning past mans thought

Eno. Alacke Sir no, her passions are made of nothing  
but the finest part of pure Loue. We cannot cal her winds  
and waters, sighes and teares: They are greater stormes  
and Tempests then Almanackes can report. This cannot  
be cunning in her; if it be, she makes a showre of Raine  
as well as loue

Ant. Would I had neuer seene her

Eno. Oh sir, you had then left vnseene a wonderfull  
peece of worke, which not to haue beene blest withall,  
would haue discredited your Trauaile

Ant. Fulvia is dead

Eno. Sir

Ant. Fulvia is dead

Eno. Fulvia?

Ant. Dead

Eno. Why sir, giue the Gods a thankfull Sacrifice:  
when it pleaseth their Deities to take the wife of a man  
from him, it shewes to man the Tailors of the earth: comforting  
therein, that when olde Robes are worne out,  
there are members to make new. If there were no more  
Women but Fulvia, then had you indeede a cut, and the  
case to be lamented: This greefe is crown'd with Consolation,  
your old Smocke brings foorth a new Petticoate,  
and indeed the teares liue in an Onion, that should water  
this sorrow

Ant. The businesse she hath broached in the State,

Cannot endure my absence

Eno. And the businesse you haue broach'd heere cannot  
be without you, especially that of Cleopatra's, which  
wholly depends on your abode

Ant. No more light Answeres:  
Let our Officers  
Haue notice what we purpose. I shall breake  
The cause of our Expedience to the Queene,  
And get her loue to part. For not alone  
The death of Fulvia, with more vrgent touches  
Do strongly speake to vs: but the Letters too  
Of many our contriuing Friends in Rome,  
Petition vs at home. Sextus Pompeius  
Haue giuen the dare to Caesar, and commands  
The Empire of the Sea. Our slippery people,  
Whose Loue is neuer link'd to the deseruer,  
Till his deserts are past, begin to throw  
Pompey the great, and all his Dignities  
Vpon his Sonne, who high in Name and Power,  
Higher then both in Blood and Life, stands vp  
For the maine Souldier. Whose quality going on,  
The sides o'th' world may danger. Much is breeding,

Which like the Coursers heire, hath yet but life,  
And not a Serpents poyson. Say our pleasure,  
To such whose places vnder vs, require  
Our quicke remoue from hence

Enob. I shall doo't.  
Enter Cleopatra, Charmian, Alexas, and Iras.

Cleo. Where is he?  
Char. I did not see him since

Cleo. See where he is,  
Whose with him, what he does:  
I did not send you. If you finde him sad,  
Say I am dauncing: if in Myrth, report  
That I am sodaine sicke. Quicke, and returne

Char. Madam, me thinkes if you did loue him deerly,  
You do not hold the method, to enforce  
The like from him

Cleo. What should I do, I do not?  
Ch. In each thing giue him way, crosse him in nothing

Cleo. Thou teachest like a foole: the way to lose him

Char. Tempt him not so too farre. I wish forbear,  
In time we hate that which we often feare.  
Enter Anthony.

But heere comes Anthony

Cleo. I am sicke, and sullen

Ant. I am sorry to giue breathing to my purpose

Cleo. Helpe me away deere Charmian, I shall fall,  
It cannot be thus long, the sides of Nature  
Will not sustaine it

Ant. Now my deerest Queene

Cleo. Pray you stand farther from mee

Ant. What's the matter?

Cleo. I know by that same eye ther's some good news.  
What sayes the married woman you may goe?  
Would she had neuer giuen you leaue to come.  
Let her not say 'tis I that keepe you heere,  
I haue no power vpon you: Hers you are

Ant. The Gods best know

Cleo. Oh neuer was there Queene  
So mightily betrayed: yet at the first  
I saw the Treasons planted

Ant. Cleopatra

Cleo. Why should I thinke you can be mine, & true,  
(Though you in swearing shake the Throaned Gods)  
Who haue beene false to Fuluia?  
Riotous madnesse,  
To be entangled with those mouth-made vowes,  
Which breake themselues in swearing

Ant. Most sweet Queene

Cleo. Nay pray you seeke no colour for your going,  
But bid farewell, and goe:  
When you sued staying,  
Then was the time for words: No going then,  
Eternity was in our Lippes, and Eyes,  
Blisse in our browes bent: none our parts so poore,  
But was a race of Heauen. They are so still,  
Or thou the greatest Souldier of the world,  
Art turn'd the greatest Lyar

Ant. How now Lady?

Cleo. I would I had thy inches, thou should'st know  
There were a heart in Egypt

Ant. Heare me Queene:

The strong necessity of Time, commands  
Our Seruices a-while: but my full heart  
Remaines in vse with you. Our Italy,  
Shines o're with ciuill Swords; Sextus Pompeius  
Makes his approaches to the Port of Rome,  
Equality of two Domesticke powers,  
Breed scrupulous faction: The hated growne to strength  
Are newly growne to Loue: The condemn'd Pompey,  
Rich in his Fathers Honor, creepes apace  
Into the hearts of such, as haue not thriued



Vpon the present state, whose Numbers threaten,  
And quietnesse growne sicke of rest, would purge  
By any desperate change: My more particular,  
And that which most with you should safe my going,  
Is Fuluias death

Cleo. Though age from folly could not giue me freedom  
It does from childishnesse. Can Fuluia dye?

Ant. She's dead my Queene.

Looke heere, and at thy Soueraigne leysure read  
The Garboyles she awak'd: at the last, best,  
See when, and where shee died

Cleo. O most false Loue!  
Where be the Sacred Violles thou should'st fill  
With sorrowfull water? Now I see, I see,  
In Fuluias death, how mine receiu'd shall be

Ant. Quarrell no more, but bee prepar'd to know  
The purposes I beare: which are, or cease,  
As you shall giue th' aduice. By the fire  
That quickens Nylus slime, I go from hence  
Thy Souldier, Seruant, making Peace or Warre,  
As thou affects

Cleo. Cut my Lace, Charmian come,  
But let it be, I am quickly ill, and well,  
So Anthony loues

Ant. My precious Queene forbear,  
And giue true euidence to his Loue, which stands  
An honourable Triall

Cleo. So Fuluia told me.  
I prythee turne aside, and weepe for her,  
Then bid adiew to me, and say the teares  
Belong to Egypt. Good now, play one Scene  
Of excellent dissembling, and let it looke  
Like perfect Honor

Ant. You'll heat my blood no more?

Cleo. You can do better yet: but this is meetly

Ant. Now by Sword

Cleo. And Target. Still he mends.  
But this is not the best. Looke prythee Charmian,  
How this Herculean Roman do's become  
The carriage of his chafe

Ant. Ile leaue you Lady

Cleo. Courteous Lord, one word:  
Sir, you and I must part, but that's not it:  
Sir, you and I haue lou'd, but there's not it:  
That you know well, something it is I would:  
Oh, my Obliuion is a very Anthony,  
And I am all forgotten

Ant. But that your Royalty  
Holds Idlenesse your subiect, I should take you  
For Idlenesse it selfe

Cleo. 'Tis sweating Labour,  
To beare such Idlenesse so neere the heart  
As Cleopatra this. But Sir, forgiue me,  
Since my becommings kill me, when they do not  
Eye well to you. Your Honor calles you hence,  
Therefore be deafe to my vnpittied Folly,  
And all the Gods go with you. Vpon your Sword  
Sit Lawrell victory, and smooth successe  
Be strew'd before your feete

Ant. Let vs go.  
Come: Our separation so abides and flies,  
That thou reciding heere, goes yet with mee;  
And I hence fleeting, heere remaine with thee.  
Away.

Exeunt.

Enter Octavius reading a Letter, Lepidus, and their Traine.

Caes You may see Lepidus, and henceforth know,  
It is not Caesars Naturall vice, to hate  
One great Competitor. From Alexandria  
This is the newes: He fishes, drinkes, and wastes  
The Lampes of night in reuell: Is not more manlike  
Then Cleopatra: nor the Queene of Ptolomy  
More Womanly then he. Hardly gaue audience  
Or vouchsafe to thinke he had Partners. You  
Shall finde there a man, who is th' abstracts of all faults,  
That all men follow

Lep. I must not thinke  
There are, euils enow to darken all his goodnesse:  
His faults in him, seeme as the Spots of Heauen,  
More fierie by nights Blacknesse; Hereditarie,  
Rather then purchaste: what he cannot change,  
Then what he chooses

Caes You are too indulgent. Let's graunt it is not  
Amisse to tumble on the bed of Ptolomy,  
To giue a Kingdome for a Mirth, to sit  
And keepe the turne of Tipling with a Slaue,  
To reele the streets at noone, and stand the Buffet  
With knaues that smels of sweate: Say this becoms him  
(As his composure must be rare indeed,  
Whom these things cannot blemish) yet must Anthony  
No way excuse his foyles, when we do beare  
So great waight in his lightnesse. If he fill'd  
His vacancie with his Voluptuousnesse,  
Full surfets, and the drinesse of his bones,  
Call on him for't. But to confound such time,  
That drummes him from his sport, and speakes as lowd  
As his owne State, and ours, 'tis to be chid:  
As we rate Boyes, who being mature in knowledge,  
Pawne their experience to their present pleasure,

And so rebell to iudgement.  
Enter a Messenger.

Lep. Heere's more newes

Mes. Thy biddings haue beene done, & euerie houre  
Most Noble Caesar, shalt thou haue report  
How 'tis abroad. Pompey is strong at Sea,  
And it appeares, he is belou'd of those  
That only haue feard Caesar: to the Ports  
The discontentes repaire, and mens reports  
Giue him much wrong'd

Caes I should haue knowne no lesse,  
It hath bin taught vs from the primall state  
That he which is was wisht, vntill he were:  
And the ebb'd man,  
Ne're lou'd, till ne're worth loue,  
Comes fear'd, by being lack'd. This common bodie,  
Like to a Vagabond Flagge vpon the Streame,  
Goes too, and backe, lacking the varrying tyde  
To rot it selfe with motion

Mes. Caesar I bring thee word,  
Menacrates and Menas famous Pyrates  
Makes the Sea serue them, which they eare and wound  
With keeles of euery kinde. Many hot inrodes  
They make in Italy, the Borders Maritime  
Lacke blood to thinke on't, and flush youth reuolt,  
No Vessell can peepe forth: but 'tis as soone  
Taken as seene: for Pompeyes name strikes more  
Then could his Warre resisted

Caesar. Anthony,  
Leaue thy lasciuious Vassailes. When thou once  
Was beaten from Medena, where thou slew'st  
Hirsius, and Pansa Consuls, at thy heele  
Did Famine follow, whom thou fought'st against,  
(Though daintily brought vp) with patience more  
Then Sauages could suffer. Thou did'st drinke  
The stale of Horses, and the gilded Puddle  
Which Beasts would cough at. Thy pallat the[n] did daine  
The roughest Berry, on the rudest Hedge.  
Yea, like the Stagge, when Snow the Pasture sheets,  
The barks of Trees thou brows'd. On the Alpes,  
It is reported thou did'st eate strange flesh,  
Which some did dye to looke on: And all this  
(It wounds thine Honor that I speake it now)  
Was borne so like a Soldiour, that thy cheeke  
So much as lank'd not

Lep. 'Tis pittie of him

Caes Let his shames quickly  
Driue him to Rome, 'tis time we twaine  
Did shew our selues i'th' Field, and to that end  
Assemble me immediate counsell, Pompey  
Thriues in our Idlenesse

Lep. To morrow Caesar,

I shall be furnisht to informe you rightly  
Both what by Sea and Land I can be able  
To front this present time

Caes Til which encounter, it is my busines too. Farwell

Lep. Farwell my Lord, what you shal know mean time  
Of stirres abroad, I shall beseech you Sir  
To let me be partaker

Caesar. Doubt not sir, I knew it for my Bond.

Exeunt.

Enter Cleopatra, Charmian, Iras, & Mardian.

Cleo. Charmian

Char. Madam

Cleo. Ha, ha, giue me to drinke Mandragora

Char. Why Madam?

Cleo. That I might sleepe out this great gap of time:  
My Anthony is away

Char. You thinke of him too much

Cleo. O 'tis Treason

Char. Madam, I trust not so

Cleo. Thou, Eunuch Mardian?

Mar. What's your Highnesse pleasure?

Cleo. Not now to heare thee sing. I take no pleasure  
In ought an Eunuch ha's: Tis well for thee,  
That being vnseminar'd, thy freer thoughts  
May not flye forth of Egypt. Hast thou Affections?

Mar. Yes gracious Madam

Cleo. Indeed?

Mar. Not in deed Madam, for I can do nothing  
But what in deede is honest to be done:  
Yet haue I fierce Affections, and thinke  
What Venus did with Mars

Cleo. Oh Charmion:

Where think'st thou he is now? Stands he, or sits he?  
Or does he walke? Or is he on his Horse?  
Oh happy horse to beare the weight of Anthony!  
Do brauely Horse, for wot'st thou whom thou moou'st,  
The demy Atlas of this Earth, the Arme  
And Burganet of men. Hee's speaking now,  
Or murmuring, where's my Serpent of old Nyle,  
(For so he cals me:) Now I feede my selfe  
With most delicious poyson. Thinke on me  
That am with Phoebus amorous pinches blacke,  
And wrinkled deepe in time. Broad-fronted Caesar,  
When thou was't heere about the ground, I was

A morsell for a Monarke: and great Pompey  
Would stand and make his eyes grow in my brow,  
There would he anchor his Aspect, and dye  
With looking on his life.  
Enter Alexas from Caesar.

Alex. Soueraigne of Egypt, haile

Cleo. How much vnlike art thou Marke Anthony?  
Yet comming from him, that great Med'cine hath  
With his Tinct gilded thee.  
How goes it with my braue Marke Anthonie?

Alex. Last thing he did (deere Queene)  
He kist the last of many doubled kisses  
This Orient Pearle. His speech stickes in my heart

Cleo. Mine eare must plucke it thence

Alex. Good Friend, quoth he:  
Say the firme Roman to great Egypt sends  
This treasure of an Oyster: at whose foote  
To mend the petty present, I will peece  
Her opulent Throne, with Kingdomes. All the East,  
(Say thou) shall call her Mistris. So he nodded,  
And soberly did mount an Arme-gaunt Steede,  
Who neigh'd so hye, that what I would haue spoke,  
Was beastly dumbe by him

Cleo. What was he sad, or merry?

Alex. Like to the time o'th' yeare, between y extremes  
Of hot and cold, he was nor sad nor merrie

Cleo. Oh well diuided disposition: Note him,  
Note him good Charmian, 'tis the man; but note him.  
He was not sad, for he would shine on those  
That make their lookes by his. He was not merrie,  
Which seem'd to tell them, his remembrance lay  
In Egypt with his ioy, but betweene both.  
Oh heauenly mingle! Bee'st thou sad, or merrie,  
The violence of either thee becomes,  
So do's it no mans else. Met'st thou my Posts?

Alex. I Madam, twenty seuerall Messengers.  
Why do you send so thicke?

Cleo. Who's borne that day, when I forget to send  
to Anthonie, shall dye a Begger. Inke and paper Charmian.  
Welcome my good Alexas. Did I Charmian, euer  
loue Caesar so?

Char. Oh that braue Caesar!

Cleo. Be choak'd with such another Emphasis,  
Say the braue Anthony

Char. The valiant Caesar

Cleo. By Isis, I will giue thee bloody teeth,  
If thou with Caesar Paragon againe:  
My man of men

Char. By your most gracious pardon,  
I sing but after you

Cleo. My Sallad dayes,  
When I was greene in iudgement, cold in blood,  
To say, as I saide then. But come, away,  
Get me Inke and Paper,  
he shall haue euery day a seuerall greeting, or Ile vnpeople  
Egypt.

Exeunt.

Enter Pompey, Menecrates, and Menas, in warlike manner.

Pom. If the great Gods be iust, they shall assist  
The deeds of iustest men

Mene. Know worthy Pompey, that what they do delay,  
they not deny

Pom. Whiles we are sutors to their Throne, decayes  
the thing we sue for

Mene. We ignorant of our selues,  
Begge often our owne harmes, which the wise Powres  
Deny vs for our good: so finde we profit  
By loosing of our Prayers

Pom. I shall do well:  
The people loue me, and the Sea is mine;  
My powers are Cressent, and my Auguring hope  
Sayes it will come to'th' full. Marke Anthony  
In Egypt sits at dinner, and will make  
No warres without doores. Caesar gets money where  
He looses hearts: Lepidus flatters both,  
Of both is flatter'd: but he neither loues,  
Nor either cares for him

Mene. Caesar and Lepidus are in the field,  
A mighty strength they carry

Pom. Where haue you this? 'Tis false

Mene. From Siluius, Sir

Pom. He dreames: I know they are in Rome together  
Looking for Anthony: but all the charmes of Loue,  
Salt Cleopatra soften thy wand lip,  
Let Witchcraft ioyne with Beauty, Lust with both,  
Tye vp the Libertine in a field of Feasts,  
Keepe his Braine fuming. Epicurean Cookes,  
Sharpen with cloylesse sawce his Appetite,  
That sleepe and feeding may prorogue his Honour,  
Euen till a Lethied dulnesse-  
Enter Varrius.

How now Varrius?

Var. This is most certaine, that I shall deliuer:  
Marke Anthony is euery houre in Rome  
Expected. Since he went from Egypt, 'tis  
A space for farther Trauaile

Pom. I could haue giuen lesse matter  
A better eare. Menas, I did not thinke  
This amorous Surfetter would haue donn'd his Helme  
For such a petty Warre: His Souldiership  
Is twice the other twaine: But let vs reare  
The higher our Opinion, that our stirring  
Can from the lap of Egypts Widdow, plucke  
The neere Lust-wearied Anthony

Mene. I cannot hope,  
Caesar and Anthony shall well greet together;  
His Wife that's dead, did trespasses to Caesar,  
His Brother wan'd vpon him, although I thinke  
Not mou'd by Anthony

Pom. I know not Menas,  
How lesser Enmities may giue way to greater,  
Were't not that we stand vp against them all:  
'Twer pregnant they should square between themselues,  
For they haue entertained cause enough  
To draw their swords: but how the feare of vs  
May Ciment their diuisions, and binde vp  
The petty difference, we yet not know:  
Bee't as our Gods will haue't; it onely stands  
Our liues vpon, to vse our strongest hands  
Come Menas.

Exeunt.

Enter Enobarbus and Lepidus.

Lep. Good Enobarbus, 'tis a worthy deed,  
And shall become you well, to intreat your Captaine  
To soft and gentle speech

Enob. I shall intreat him  
To answer like himselfe: if Caesar moue him,  
Let Anthony looke ouer Caesars head,  
And speake as lowd as Mars. By Iupiter,  
Were I the wearer of Anthonio's Beard,  
I would not shaue't to day

Lep. 'Tis not a time for priuate stomacking

Eno. Euery time serues for the matter that is then  
borne in't

Lep. But small to greater matters must giue way

Eno. Not if the small come first

Lep. Your speech is passion: but pray you stirre  
No Embers vp. Heere comes the Noble Anthony.  
Enter Anthony and Ventidius.

Eno. And yonder Caesar.  
Enter Caesar, Mecenas, and Agrippa.

Ant. If we compose well heere, to Parthia:  
Hearke Ventidius

Caesar. I do not know Mecenias, aske Agrippa

Lep. Noble Friends:  
That which combin'd vs was most great, and let not  
A leaner action rend vs. What's amisse,  
May it be gently heard. When we debate  
Our triuiall difference loud, we do commit  
Murther in healing wounds. Then Noble Partners,  
The rather for I earnestly beseech,  
Touch you the sowrest points with sweetest tearmes,  
Nor curstnesse grow to'th' matter

Ant. 'Tis spoken well:  
Were we before our Armies, and to fight,  
I should do thus.  
Flourish.

Caes Welcome to Rome

Ant. Thanke you

Caes Sit

Ant. Sit sir

Caes Nay then

Ant. I learne, you take things ill, which are not so:  
Or being, concerne you not

Caes I must be laught at, if or for nothing, or a little, I  
Should say my selfe offended, and with you  
Chiefely i'th' world. More laught at, that I should  
Once name you derogately: when to sound your name  
It not concern'd me

Ant. My being in Egypt Caesar, what was't to you?  
Caes No more then my reciding heere at Rome  
Might be to you in Egypt: yet if you there  
Did practise on my State, your being in Egypt  
Might be my question

Ant. How intend you, practis'd?  
Caes You may be pleas'd to catch at mine intent,  
By what did heere befall me. Your Wife and Brother  
Made warres vpon me, and their contestation  
Was Theame for you, you were the word of warre

Ant. You do mistake your busines, my Brother neuer  
Did vrge me in his Act: I did inquire it.  
And haue my Learning from some true reports  
That drew their swords with you, did he not rather  
Discredit my authority with yours,  
And make the warres alike against my stomacke,  
Hauing alike your cause. Of this, my Letters  
Before did satisfie you. If you'l patch a quarrell,



As matter whole you haue to make it with,  
It must not be with this

Caes You praise your selfe, by laying defects of iudgement  
to me: but you patcht vp your excuses

Anth. Not so, not so:  
I know you could not lacke, I am certaine on't,  
Very necessity of this thought, that I  
Your Partner in the cause 'gainst which he fought,  
Could not with gracefull eyes attend those Warres  
Which fronted mine owne peace. As for my wife,  
I would you had her spirit, in such another,  
The third oth' world is yours, which with a Snaffle,  
You may pace easie, but not such a wife

Enobar. Would we had all such wiues, that the men  
might go to Warres with the women

Anth. So much vncurbable, her Garboiles (Caesar)  
Made out of her impatience: which not wanted  
Shrodenesse of policie to: I greeuing grant,  
Did you too much disquiet, for that you must,  
But say I could not helpe it

Caesar. I wrote to you, when rioting in Alexandria you  
Did pocket vp my Letters: and with taunts  
Did gibe my Misiue out of audience

Ant. Sir, he fell vpon me, ere admitted, then:  
Three Kings I had newly feasted, and did want  
Of what I was i'th' morning: but next day  
I told him of my selfe, which was as much  
As to haue askt him pardon. Let this Fellow  
Be nothing of our strife: if we contend  
Out of our question wipe him

Caesar. You haue broken the Article of your oath,  
which you shall neuer haue tongue to charge me with

Lep. Soft Caesar

Ant. No Lepidus, let him speake,  
The Honour is Sacred which he talks on now,  
Supposing that I lackt it: but on Caesar,  
The Article of my oath

Caesar. To lend me Armes, and aide when I requir'd  
them, the which you both denied

Anth. Neglected rather:  
And then when poysoned houres had bound me vp  
From mine owne knowledge, as neerely as I may,  
Ile play the penitent to you. But mine honesty,  
Shall not make poore my greatnesse, nor my power  
Worke without it. Truth is, that Fulua,  
To haue me out of Egypt, made Warres heere,  
For which my selfe, the ignorant motiue, do  
So farre aske pardon, as befits mine Honour

To stoope in such a case

Lep. 'Tis Noble spoken

Mece. If it might please you, to enforce no further  
The griefes betweene ye: to forget them quite,  
Were to remember: that the present neede,  
Speakes to attone you

Lep. Worthily spoken Mecenas

Enobar. Or if you borrow one anothers Loue for the  
instant, you may when you heare no more words of  
Pompey returne it againe: you shall haue time to wrangle  
in, when you haue nothing else to do

Anth. Thou art a Souldier, onely speake no more

Enob. That trueth should be silent, I had almost forgot

Anth. You wrong this presence, therefore speake no  
more

Enob. Go too then: your Considerate stone

Caesar. I do not much dislike the matter, but  
The manner of his speech: for't cannot be,  
We shall remaine in friendship, our conditions  
So differing in their acts. Yet if I knew,  
What Hoope should hold vs staunch from edge to edge  
Ath' world: I would persue it

Agri. Giue me leaue Caesar

Caesar. Speake Agrippa

Agri. Thou hast a Sister by the Mothers side, admir'd  
Octauiia: Great Mark Anthony is now a widdower

Caesar. Say not, say Agrippa; if Cleopater heard you, your  
prooffe were well deserued of rashnesse

Anth. I am not marryed Caesar: let me heere Agrippa  
further speake

Agri. To hold you in perpetuall amitie,  
To make you Brothers, and to knit your hearts  
With an vn-slipping knot, take Anthony,  
Octauiia to his wife: whose beauty claimes  
No worse a husband then the best of men: whose  
Vertue, and whose generall graces, speake  
That which none else can vtter. By this marriage,  
All little Ielousies which now seeme great,  
And all great feares, which now import their dangers,  
Would then be nothing. Truth's would be tales,  
Where now halfe tales be truth's: her loue to both,  
Would each to other, and all loues to both  
Draw after her. Pardon what I haue spoke,  
For 'tis a studied not a present thought,

By duty ruminated

Anth. Will Caesar speake?

Caesar. Not till he heares how Anthony is toucht,  
With what is spoke already

Anth. What power is in Agrippa,  
If I would say Agrippa, be it so,  
To make this good?

Caesar. The power of Caesar,  
And his power, vnto Octauia

Anth. May I neuer  
(To this good purpose, that so fairely shewes)  
Dreame of impediment: let me haue thy hand  
Further this act of Grace: and from this houre,  
The heart of Brothers gouerne in our Loues,  
And sway our great Designes

Caesar. There's my hand:  
A Sister I bequeath you, whom no Brother  
Did euer loue so deerely. Let her liue  
To ioyne our kingdomes, and our hearts, and neuer  
Flie off our Loues againe

Lepi. Happily, Amen

Ant. I did not think to draw my Sword 'gainst Pompey,  
For he hath laid strange courtesies, and great  
Of late vpon me. I must thanke him onely,  
Least my remembrance, suffer ill report:  
At heele of that, defie him

Lepi. Time cal's vpon's,  
Of vs must Pompey presently be sought,  
Or else he seekes out vs

Anth. Where lies he?

Caesar. About the Mount-Mesena

Anth. What is his strength by land?

Caesar. Great, and encreasing:  
But by Sea he is an absolute Master

Anth. So is the Fame.

Would we had spoke together. Hast we for it,  
Yet ere we put our selues in Armes, dispatch we  
The businesse we haue talkt of

Caesar. With most gladnesse,  
And do inuite you to my Sisters view,  
Whether straight Ile lead you

Anth. Let vs Lepidus not lacke your companie

Lep. Noble Anthony, not sicknesse should detaine  
me.

Flourish. Exit omnes. Manet Enobarbus, Agrippa, Mecenas.

Mec. Welcome from aegypt Sir

Eno. Halfe the heart of Caesar, worthy Mecenas. My honourable Friend Agrippa

Agri. Good Enobarbus

Mece. We haue cause to be glad, that matters are so well disgested: you staid well by't in Egypt

Enob. I Sir, we did sleepe day out of countenance: and made the night light with drinking

Mece. Eight Wilde-Boares rosted whole at a breakfast: and but twelue persons there. Is this true?

Eno. This was but as a Flye by an Eagle: we had much more monstrous matter of Feast, which worthily deserued noting

Mecenas. She's a most triumphant Lady, if report be square to her

Enob. When she first met Marke Anthony, she purst vp his heart vpon the Riuer of Sidnis

Agri. There she appear'd indeed: or my reporter deuis'd well for her

Eno. I will tell you,  
The Barge she sat in, like a burnisht Throne  
Burnt on the water: the Poope was beaten Gold,  
Purple the Sailes: and so perfumed that  
The Windes were Loue-sicke.  
With them the Owers were Siluer,  
Which to the tune of Flutes kept stroke, and made  
The water which they beate, to follow faster;  
As amorous of their strokes. For her owne person,  
It beggerd all discription, she did lye  
In her Pauillion, cloth of Gold, of Tissue,  
O're-picturing that Venus, where we see  
The fancie out-worke Nature. On each side her,  
Stood pretty Dimpled Boyes, like smiling Cupids,  
With diuers coulour'd Fannes whose winde did seeme,  
To gloue the delicate cheekes which they did coole,  
And what they vndid did

Agrip. Oh rare for Anthony

Eno. Her Gentlewoman, like the Nereides,  
So many Mer-maides tended her i'th' eyes,  
And made their bends adornings. At the Helme,  
A seeming Mer-maide steeres: The Silken Tackle,  
Swell with the touches of those Flower-soft hands,  
That yarely frame the office. From the Barge  
A strange inuisible perfume hits the sense  
Of the adiacent Wharfes. The Citty cast  
Her people out vpon her: and Anthony  
Enthron'd i'th' Market-place, did sit alone,

Whisling to'th' ayre: which but for vacancie,  
Had gone to gaze on Cleopater too,  
And made a gap in Nature

Agri. Rare Egiptian

Eno. Vpon her landing, Anthony sent to her,  
Inuited her to Supper: she replied,  
It should be better, he became her guest:  
Which she entreated, our Courteous Anthony,  
Whom nere the word of no woman hard speake,  
Being barber'd ten times o're, goes to the Feast;  
And for his ordinary, paies his heart,  
For what his eyes eate onely

Agri. Royall Wench:  
She made great Caesar lay his Sword to bed,  
He ploughed her, and she cropt

Eno. I saw her once  
Hop forty Paces through the publicke streete,  
And hauing lost her breath, she spoke, and panted,  
That she did make defect, perfection,  
And breathlesse powre breath forth

Mece. Now Anthony, must leaue her vtterly

Eno. Neuer he will not:  
Age cannot wither her, nor custome stale  
Her infinite variety: other women cloy  
The appetites they feede, but she makes hungry,  
Where most she satisfies. For vildest things  
Become themselues in her, that the holy Priests  
Blesse her, when she is Riggish

Mece. If Beauty, Wisedome, Modesty, can settle  
The heart of Anthony: Octauia is  
A blessed Lottery to him

Agrip. Let vs go. Good Enobarbus, make your selfe  
my guest, whilst you abide heere

Eno. Humbly Sir I thanke you.

Exeunt.

Enter Anthony, Caesar, Octauia betweene them.

Anth. The world, and my great office, will  
Sometimes deuide me from your bosome

Octa. All which time, before the Gods my knee shall  
bowe my prayers to them for you

Anth. Goodnight Sir. My Octauia  
Read not my blemishes in the worlds report:  
I haue not kept my square, but that to come  
Shall all be done byth' Rule: good night deere Lady:  
Good night Sir

Caesar. Goodnight.  
Enter.

Enter Soothsaier.

Anth. Now sirrah: you do wish your selfe in Egypt?  
Sooth. Would I had neuer come from thence, nor you  
thither

Ant. If you can, your reason?  
Sooth. I see it in my motion: haue it not in my tongue,  
But yet hie you to Egypt againe

Antho. Say to me, whose Fortunes shall rise higher  
Caesars or mine?  
Sooth. Caesars. Therefore (oh Anthony) stay not by his side  
Thy Daemon that thy spirit which keeps thee, is  
Noble, Couragious, high vnmatchable,  
Where Caesars is not. But neere him, thy Angell  
Becomes a feare: as being o're-powr'd, therefore  
Make space enough betweene you

Anth. Speake this no more

Sooth. To none but thee no more but: when to thee,  
If thou dost play with him at any game,  
Thou art sure to loose: And of that Naturall lucke,  
He beats thee 'gainst the oddes. Thy Luster thickens,  
When he shines by: I say againe, thy spirit  
Is all affraid to gouerne thee neere him:  
But he alway 'tis Noble

Anth. Get thee gone:  
Say to Ventigius I would speake with him.  
Enter.

He shall to Parthia, be it Art or hap,  
He hath spoken true. The very Dice obey him,  
And in our sports my better cunning faints,  
Vnder his chance, if we draw lots he speeds,  
His Cocks do winne the Battaile, still of mine,  
When it is all to naught: and his Quailes euer  
Beate mine (in hoopt) at odd's. I will to Egypte:  
And though I make this marriage for my peace,  
I'th' East my pleasure lies. Oh come Ventigius.

Enter Ventigius.

You must to Parthia, your Commissions ready:  
Follow me, and recieue't.

Exeunt.

Enter Lepidus, Mecenas and Agrippa.

Lepidus. Trouble your selues no further: pray you  
hasten your Generals after

Agr. Sir, Marke Anthony, will e'ne but kisse Octauia,  
and weele follow

Lepi. Till I shall see you in your Souldiers dresse,  
Which will become you both: Farewell

Mece. We shall: as I conceiue the iourney, be at  
Mount before you Lepidus

Lepi. Your way is shorter, my purposes do draw me  
much about, you'le win two dayes vpon me

Both. Sir good successe

Lepi. Farewell.

Exeunt.

Enter Cleopater, Charmian, Iras, and Alexas.

Cleo. Giue me some Musicke: Musicke, moody foode  
of vs that trade in Loue

Omnes. The Musicke, hoa.  
Enter Mardian the Eunuch.

Cleo. Let it alone, let's to Billiards: come Charmian

Char. My arme is sore, best play with Mardian

Cleopa. As well a woman with an Eunuch plaide, as  
with a woman. Come you'le play with me Sir?

Mardi. As well as I can Madam

Cleo. And when good will is shewed,  
Though't come to short  
The Actor may pleade pardon. Ile none now,  
Giue me mine Angle, weele to'th' Riuer there  
My Musicke playing farre off. I will betray  
Tawny fine fishes, my bended hooke shall pierce  
Their slimy iawes: and as I draw them vp,  
Ile thinke them euery one an Anthony,  
And say, ah ha; y'are caught

Char. 'Twas merry when you wager'd on your Angling,  
when your diuer did hang a salt fish on his hooke  
which he with feruencie drew vp

Cleo. That time? Oh times:  
I laught him out of patience: and that night  
I laught him into patience, and next morne,  
Ere the ninth houre, I drunke him to his bed:  
Then put my Tires and Mantles on him, whilst  
I wore his Sword Phillippan. Oh from Italie,  
Enter a Messenger.

Ramme thou thy fruitfull tidings in mine eares,  
That long time haue bin barren

Mes. Madam, Madam

Cleo. Anthony's dead.  
If thou say so Villaine, thou kil'st thy Mistris:  
But well and free, if thou so yeild him.  
There is Gold, and heere  
My blewest vaines to kisse: a hand that Kings  
Haue lipt, and trembled kissing

Mes. First Madam, he is well

Cleo. Why there's more Gold.  
But sirrah marke, we vse  
To say, the dead are well: bring it to that,  
The Gold I giue thee, will I melt and powr  
Downe thy ill vttering throate

Mes. Good Madam heare me

Cleo. Well, go too I will:  
But there's no goodnesse in thy face if Anthony  
Be free and healthfull; so tart a fauour  
To trumpet such good tidings. If not well,  
Thou shouldst come like a Furie crown'd with Snakes,  
Not like a formall man

Mes. Wilt please you heare me?

Cleo. I haue a mind to strike thee ere thou speak'st:  
Yet if thou say Anthony liues, 'tis well,  
Or friends with Caesar, or not Captiue to him,  
Ile set thee in a shower of Gold, and haile  
Rich Pearles vpon thee

Mes. Madam, he's well

Cleo. Well said

Mes. And Friends with Caesar

Cleo. Th'art an honest man

Mes. Caesar, and he, are greater Friends then euer

Cleo. Make thee a Fortune from me

Mes. But yet Madam

Cleo. I do not like but yet, it does alay  
The good precedence, fie vpon but yet,  
But yet is as a laylor to bring foorth  
Some monstrous Malefactor. Prythee Friend,  
Powre out the packe of matter to mine eare,  
The good and bad together: he's friends with Caesar,  
In state of health thou saist, and thou saist, free

Mes. Free Madam, no: I made no such report,  
He's bound vnto Octauius

Cleo. For what good turne?



Mes. For the best turne i'th' bed

Cleo. I am pale Charmian

Mes. Madam, he's married to Octaui

Cleo. The most infectious Pestilence vpon thee.

Strikes him downe.

Mes. Good Madam patience

Cleo. What say you?

Strikes him.

Hence horrible Villaine, or Ile spurne thine eyes  
Like balls before me: Ile vnhaire thy head,

She haies him vp and downe.

Thou shalt be whipt with Wyer, and stew'd in brine,  
Smarting in lingring pickle

Mes. Gracious Madam,  
I that do bring the newes, made not the match

Cleo. Say 'tis not so, a Prouince I will giue thee,  
And make thy Fortunes proud: the blow thou had'st  
Shall make thy peace, for mouing me to rage,  
And I will boot thee with what guift beside  
Thy modestie can begge

Mes. He's married Madam

Cleo. Rogue, thou hast liu'd too long.

Draw a knife.

Mes. Nay then Ile runne:  
What meane you Madam, I haue made no fault.  
Enter.

Char. Good Madam keepe your selfe within your selfe,  
The man is innocent

Cleo. Some Innocents scape not the thunderbolt:  
Melt Egypt into Nyle: and kindly creatures  
Turne all to Serpents. Call the slaue againe,  
Though I am mad, I will not byte him: Call?

Char. He is afeard to come

Cleo. I will not hurt him,  
These hands do lacke Nobility, that they strike  
A meaner then my selfe: since I my selfe  
Haue giuen my selfe the cause. Come hither Sir.  
Enter the Messenger againe.

Though it be honest, it is neuer good

To bring bad newes: giue to a gracious Message  
An host of tongues, but let ill tydings tell  
Themselues, when they be felt

Mes. I haue done my duty

Cleo. Is he married?  
I cannot hate thee worser then I do,  
If thou againe say yes

Mes. He's married Madam

Cleo. The Gods confound thee,  
Dost thou hold there still?

Mes. Should I lye Madame?

Cleo. Oh, I would thou didst:  
So halfe my Egypt were submerg'd and made  
A Cesterne for scal'd Snakes. Go get thee hence,  
Had'st thou Narcissus in thy face to me,  
Thou would'st appeere most vgly: He is married?

Mes. I craue your Highnesse pardon

Cleo. He is married?

Mes. Take no offence, that I would not offend you,  
To punnish me for what you make me do  
Seemes much vnequall, he's married to Octauia

Cleo. Oh that his fault should make a knaue of thee,  
That art not what th'art sure of. Get thee hence,  
The Marchandize which thou hast brought from Rome  
Are all too deere for me:  
Lye they vpon thy hand, and be vndone by em

Char. Good your Highnesse patience

Cleo. In praying Anthony, I haue disprais'd Caesar

Char. Many times Madam

Cleo. I am paid for't now: lead me from hence,  
I faint, oh Iras, Charmian: 'tis no matter.  
Go to the Fellow, good Alexas bid him  
Report the feature of Octauia: her yeares,  
Her inclination, let him not leaue out  
The colour of her haire. Bring me word quickly,  
Let him for euer go, let him not Charmian,  
Though he be painted one way like a Gorgon,  
The other wayes a Mars. Bid you Alexas  
Bring me word, how tall she is: pittie me Charmian,  
But do not speake to me. Lead me to my Chamber.

Exeunt.

Flourish. Enter Pompey, at one doore with Drum and Trumpet: at  
another  
Caesar, Lepidus, Anthony, Enobarbus, Mecenas, Agrippa, Menas  
with Souldiers  
Marching.

Pom. Your Hostages I haue, so haue you mine:  
And we shall talke before we fight

Caesar. Most meete that first we come to words,  
And therefore haue we  
Our written purposes before vs sent,  
Which if thou hast considered, let vs know,  
If 'twill tye vp thy discontented Sword,  
And carry backe to Cicelie much tall youth,  
That else must perish heere

Pom. To you all three,  
The Senators alone of this great world,  
Chiefe Factors for the Gods. I do not know,  
Wherefore my Father should reuengers want,  
Hauing a Sonne and Friends, since Iulius Caesar,  
Who at Phillippi the good Brutus ghosted,  
There saw you labouring for him. What was't  
That mou'd pale Cassius to conspire? And what  
Made all-honor'd, honest, Romaine Brutus,  
With the arm'd rest, Courtiers of beautious freedome,  
To drench the Capitoll, but that they would  
Haue one man but a man, and that his it  
Hath made me rigge my Nauie. At whose burthen,  
The anger'd Ocean fomes, with which I meant  
To scourge th' ingratitude, that despightfull Rome  
Cast on my Noble Father

Caesar. Take your time

Ant. Thou can'st not feare vs Pompey with thy sailes.  
Weele speake with thee at Sea. At land thou know'st  
How much we do o're-count thee

Pom. At Land indeed  
Thou dost orecount me of my Fathers house:  
But since the Cuckoo buildes not for himselfe,  
Remaine in't as thou maist

Lepi. Be pleas'd to tell vs,  
(For this is from the present how you take)  
The offers we haue sent you

Caesar. There's the point

Ant. Which do not be entreated too,  
But waigh what it is worth imbrac'd  
Caesar. And what may follow to try a larger Fortune

Pom. You haue made me offer  
Of Cicelie, Sardinia: and I must  
Rid all the Sea of Pirats. Then, to send  
Measures of Wheate to Rome: this greed vpon,  
To part with vnhackt edges, and beare backe  
Our Targes vndinted

Omnes. That's our offer

Pom. Know then I came before you heere,

A man prepar'd  
To take this offer. But Marke Anthony,  
Put me to some impatience: though I loose  
The praise of it by telling. You must know  
When Caesar and your Brother were at blowes,  
Your Mother came to Cicelie, and did finde  
Her welcome Friendly

Ant. I haue heard it Pompey,  
And am well studied for a liberall thanks,  
Which I do owe you

Pom. Let me haue your hand:  
I did not thinke Sir, to haue met you heere,  
Ant. The beds i'th' East are soft, and thanks to you,  
That cal'd me timelier then my purpose hither:  
For I haue gained by't

Caesar. Since I saw you last, ther's a change vpon you

Pom. Well, I know not,  
What counts harsh Fortune cast's vpon my face,  
But in my bosome shall she neuer come,  
To make my heart her vassaile

Lep. Well met heere

Pom. I hope so Lepidus, thus we are agreed:  
I craue our composition may be written  
And seal'd betweene vs,  
Caesar. That's the next to do

Pom. Weele feast each other, ere we part, and lett's  
Draw lots who shall begin

Ant. That will I Pompey

Pompey. No Anthony take the lot: but first or last,  
your fine Egyptian cookerie shall haue the fame, I haue  
heard that Iulius Caesar, grew fat with feasting there

Anth. You haue heard much

Pom. I haue faire meaning Sir

Ant. And faire words to them

Pom. Then so much haue I heard,  
And I haue heard Appolodorus carried-  
Eno. No more that: he did so

Pom. What I pray you?

Eno. A certaine Queene to Caesar in a Matris

Pom. I know thee now, how far'st thou Souldier?  
Eno. Well, and well am like to do, for I perceiue  
Foure Feasts are toward

Pom. Let me shake thy hand,

I neuer hated thee: I haue seene thee fight,  
When I haue enuid thy behaiour

Enob. Sir, I neuer lou'd you much, but I ha' prais'd ye,  
When you haue well deseru'd ten times as much,  
As I haue said you did

Pom. Inioy thy plainnesse,  
It nothing ill becomes thee:  
Aboord my Gally, I inuite you all.  
Will you leade Lords?  
All. Shew's the way, sir

Pom. Come.

Exeunt. Manet Enob. & Menas]

Men. Thy Father Pompey would ne're haue made this  
Treaty. You, and I haue knowne sir

Enob. At Sea, I thinke

Men. We haue Sir

Enob. You haue done well by water

Men. And you by Land

Enob. I will praise any man that will praise me, thogh  
it cannot be denied what I haue done by Land

Men. Nor what I haue done by water

Enob. Yes some-thing you can deny for your owne  
safety: you haue bin a great Theefe by Sea

Men. And you by Land

Enob. There I deny my Land seruice: but giue mee  
your hand Menas, if our eyes had authority, heere they  
might take two Theeues kissing

Men. All mens faces are true, whatsomere their hands  
are

Enob. But there is neuer a fayre Woman, ha's a true  
Face

Men. No slander, they steale hearts

Enob. We came hither to fight with you

Men. For my part, I am sorry it is turn'd to a Drinking.  
Pompey doth this day laugh away his Fortune

Enob. If he do, sure he cannot weep't backe againe

Men. Y'haue said Sir, we look'd not for Marke Anthony  
heere, pray you, is he married to Cleopatra?

Enob. Caesars Sister is call'd Octauia

Men. True Sir, she was the wife of Caius Marcellus

Enob. But she is now the wife of Marcus Anthonius

Men. Pray'ye sir

Enob. 'Tis true

Men. Then is Caesar and he, for euer knit together

Enob. If I were bound to Diuine of this vnity, I wold not Prophesie so

Men. I thinke the policy of that purpose, made more in the Marriage, then the loue of the parties

Enob. I thinke so too. But you shall finde the band that seemes to tye their friendship together, will bee the very strangler of their Amity: Octauia is of a holy, cold, and still conuersation

Men. Who would not haue his wife so?

Eno. Not he that himselfe is not so: which is Marke Anthony: he will to his Egyptian dish againe: then shall the sighes of Octauia blow the fire vp in Caesar, and (as I said before) that which is the strength of their Amity, shall proue the immediate Author of their variance. Anthony will vse his affection where it is. Hee married but his occasion heere

Men. And thus it may be. Come Sir, will you aboard? I haue a health for you

Enob. I shall take it sir: we haue vs'd our Throats in Egypt

Men. Come, let's away.

Exeunt.

Musicke playes. Enter two or three Seruants with a Banket.

1 Heere they'l be man: some o' their Plants are ill rooted already, the least winde i'th' world wil blow them downe

2 Lepidus is high Coulord

1 They haue made him drinke Almes drinke

2 As they pinch one another by the disposition, hee cries out, no more; reconciles them to his entreatie, and himselfe to'th' drinke

1 But it raises the greater warre betweene him & his discretion

2 Why this it is to haue a name in great mens Fellowship:

I had as liue haue a Reede that will doe me no  
seruice, as a Partizan I could not heaue

1 To be call'd into a huge Sphere, and not to be seene  
to moue in't, are the holes where eyes should bee, which  
pittifully disaster the cheekes.

A Sennet sounded. Enter Caesar, Anthony, Pompey, Lepidus,  
Agrippa,  
Mecenas, Enobarbus, Menes, with other Captaines.

Ant. Thus do they Sir: they take the flow o'th' Nyle  
By certaine scales i'th' Pyramid: they know  
By'th' height, the lownesse, or the meane: If dearth  
Or Foizon follow. The higher Nilus swels,  
The more it promises: as it ebbes, the Seedsman  
Vpon the slime and Ooze scatters his graine,  
And shortly comes to Haruest

Lep. Y'haue strange Serpents there?  
Anth. I Lepidus

Lep. Your Serpent of Egypt, is bred now of your mud  
by the operation of your Sun: so is your Crocodile

Ant. They are so

Pom. Sit, and some Wine: A health to Lepidus

Lep. I am not so well as I should be:  
But Ile ne're out

Enob. Not till you haue slept: I feare me you'l bee in  
till then

Lep. Nay certainly, I haue heard the Ptolomies Pyramisis  
are very goodly things: without contradiction I  
haue heard that

Menas. Pompey, a word

Pomp. Say in mine eare, what is't

Men. Forsake thy seate I do beseech thee Captaine,  
And heare me speake a word

Pom. Forbeare me till anon.

Whispers in's Eare.

This Wine for Lepidus

Lep. What manner o' thing is your Crocodile?

Ant. It is shap'd sir like it selfe, and it is as broad as it  
hath bredth; It is iust so high as it is, and moooues with it  
owne organs. It liues by that which nourisheth it, and  
the Elements once out of it, it Transmigrates

Lep. What colour is it of?

Ant. Of it owne colour too

Lep. 'Tis a strange Serpent

Ant. 'Tis so, and the teares of it are wet

Caes Will this description satisfie him?

Ant. With the Health that Pompey giues him, else he is a very Epicure

Pomp. Go hang sir, hang: tell me of that? Away: Do as I bid you. Where's this Cup I call'd for?

Men. If for the sake of Merit thou wilt heare mee, Rise from thy stoole

Pom. I thinke th'art mad: the matter?

Men. I haue euer held my cap off to thy Fortunes

Pom. Thou hast seru'd me with much faith: what's else to say? Be iolly Lords

Anth. These Quicke-sands Lepidus, Keepe off, them for you sinke

Men. Wilt thou be Lord of all the world?

Pom. What saist thou?

Men. Wilt thou be Lord of the whole world? That's twice

Pom. How should that be?

Men. But entertaine it, and though thou thinke me poore, I am the man will giue thee all the world

Pom. Hast thou drunke well

Men. No Pompey, I haue kept me from the cup, Thou art if thou dar'st be, the earthly loue: What ere the Ocean pales, or skie inclippes, Is thine, if thou wilt ha't

Pom. Shew me which way?

Men. These three World-sharers, these Competitors Are in thy vessell. Let me cut the Cable, And when we are put off, fall to their throates: All there is thine

Pom. Ah, this thou shouldst haue done, And not haue spoke on't. In me 'tis villanie, In thee, 't had bin good seruice: thou must know, 'Tis not my profit that does lead mine Honour: Mine Honour it, Repent that ere thy tongue, Hath so betraide thine acte. Being done vnknowne, I should haue found it afterwards well done, But must condemne it now: desist, and drinke

Men. For this, Ile neuer follow Thy paul'd Fortunes more, Who seekes and will not take, when once 'tis offer'd, Shall neuer finde it more



Pom. This health to Lepidus

Ant. Beare him ashore,  
Ile pledge it for him Pompey

Eno. Heere's to thee Menas

Men. Enobarbus, welcome

Pom. Fill till the cup be hid

Eno. There's a strong Fellow Menas

Men. Why?

Eno. A beares the third part of the world man: seest  
not?

Men. The third part, then he is drunk: would it were  
all, that it might go on wheeles

Eno. Drinke thou: encrease the Reeles

Men. Come

Pom. This is not yet an Alexandrian Feast

Ant. It ripen's, towards it: strike the Vessells ho.  
Heere's to Caesar

Caesar. I could well forbear't, it's monstrous labour  
when I wash my braine, and it grow fouler

Ant. Be a Child o'th' time

Caesar. Possesse it, Ile make answer: but I had rather  
fast from all, foure dayes, then drinke so much in one

Enob. Ha my braue Emperour, shall we daunce now  
the Egyptian Backenals, and celebrate our drinke?

Pom. Let's ha't good Souldier

Ant. Come, let's all take hands,  
Till that the conquering Wine hath steep't our sense,  
In soft and delicate Lethe

Eno. All take hands:  
Make battery to our eares with the loud Musicke,  
The while, Ile place you, then the Boy shall sing.  
The holding euery man shall beate as loud,  
As his strong sides can volly.

Musicke Playes. Enobarbus places them hand in hand.

The Song.

Come thou Monarch of the Vine,  
Plumpie Bacchus, with pinke eyne:  
In thy Fattes our Cares be drown'd,  
With thy Grapes our haire be Crown'd.

Cup vs till the world go round,  
Cup vs till the world go round

Caesar. What would you more?  
Pompey goodnight. Good Brother  
Let me request you of our grauer businesse  
Frownes at this leuitie. Gentle Lords let's part,  
You see we haue burnt our cheekes. Strong Enobarbe  
Is weaker then the Wine, and mine owne tongue  
Spleet's what it speakes: the wilde disguise hath almost  
Antickt vs all. What needs more words? goodnight.  
Good Anthony your hand

Pom. Ile try you on the shore

Anth. And shall Sir, giues your hand

Pom. Oh Anthony, you haue my Father house.  
But what, we are Friends?  
Come downe into the Boate

Eno. Take heed you fall not Menas: Ile not on shore,  
No to my Cabin: these Drummes,  
These Trumpets, Flutes: what  
Let Neptune heare, we bid aloud farewell  
To these great Fellowes. Sound and be hang'd, sound out.

Sound a Flourish with Drummes.

Enor. Hoo saies a there's my Cap

Men. Hoa, Noble Captaine, come.

Exeunt.

Enter Ventidius as it were in triumph, the dead body of Pacorus  
borne  
before him.

Ven. Now darting Parthya art thou stroke, and now  
Pleas'd Fortune does of Marcus Crassus death  
Make me reuenger. Beare the Kings Sonnes body,  
Before our Army, thy Pacorus Orades,  
Paies this for Marcus Crassus

Romaine. Noble Ventidius,  
Whil'st yet with Parthian blood thy Sword is warme,  
The Fugitiue Parthians follow. Spurre through Media,  
Mesapotamia, and the shelters, whether  
The routed flie. So thy grand Captaine Anthony  
Shall set thee on triumphant Chariots, and  
Put Garlands on thy head

Ven. Oh Sillius, Sillius,  
I haue done enough. A lower place note well  
May make too great an act. For learne this Sillius,  
Better to leaue vndone, then by our deed  
Acquire too high a Fame, when him we serues away.  
Caesar and Anthony, haue euer wonne

More in their officer, then person. Sossius  
One of my place in Syria, his Lieutenant,  
For quicke accumulation of renowne,  
Which he atchiu'd by'th' minute, lost his fauour.  
Who does i'th' Warres more then his Captaine can,  
Becomes his Captaines Captaine: and Ambition  
(The Souldiers vertue) rather makes choise of losse  
Then gaine, which darkens him.  
I could do more to do Anthonius good,  
But 'twould offend him. And in his offence,  
Should my performance perish

Rom. Thou hast Ventidius that, without the which a  
Souldier and his Sword graunts scarce distinction: thou  
wilt write to Anthony

Ven. Ile humbly signifie what in his name,  
That magickall word of Warre we haue effected,  
How with his Banners, and his well paid ranks,  
The nere-yet beaten Horse of Parthia,  
We haue iaded out o'th' Field

Rom. Where is he now?

Ven. He purposeth to Athens, whither with what hast  
The waight we must conuay with's, will permit:  
We shall appeare before him. On there, passe along.

Exeunt.

Enter Agrippa at one doore, Enobarbus at another.

Agri. What are the Brothers parted?

Eno. They haue dispatcht with Pompey, he is gone,  
The other three are Sealing. Octauia weepes  
To part from Rome: Caesar is sad, and Lepidus  
Since Pompey's feast, as Menas saies, is troubled  
With the Greene-Sickness

Agri. 'Tis a Noble Lepidus

Eno. A very fine one: oh, how he loues Caesar

Agri. Nay but how deerely he adores Mark Anthony

Eno. Caesar? why he's the Iupiter of men

Ant. What's Anthony, the God of Iupiter?

Eno. Spake you of Caesar? How, the non-pareill?

Agri. Oh Anthony, oh thou Arabian Bird!

Eno. Would you praise Caesar, say Caesar go no further

Agri. Indeed he plied them both with excellent praises

Eno. But he loues Caesar best, yet he loues Anthony:  
Hoo, Hearts, Tongues, Figure,  
Scribes, Bards, Poets, cannot  
Thinke speake, cast, write, sing, number: hoo,  
His loue to Anthony. But as for Caesar,  
Kneelee downe, kneelee downe, and wonder

Agri. Both he loues

Eno. They are his Shards, and he their Beetle, so:  
This is to horse: Adieu, Noble Agrippa

Agri. Good Fortune worthy Souldier, and farewell.  
Enter Caesar, Anthony, Lepidus, and Octauia.

Antho. No further Sir

Caesar. You take from me a great part of my selfe:  
Vse me well in't. Sister, proue such a wife  
As my thoughts make thee, and as my farthest Band  
Shall passe on thy approofe: most Noble Anthony,  
Let not the peece of Vertue which is set  
Betwixt vs, as the Cyment of our loue  
To keepe it builded, be the Ramme to batter  
The Fortresse of it: for better might we  
Haue lou'd without this meane, if on both parts  
This be not cherisht

Ant. Make me not offended, in your distrust

Caesar. I haue said

Ant. You shall not finde,  
Though you be therein curious, the lest cause  
For what you seeme to feare, so the Gods keepe you,  
And make the hearts of Romaines serue your ends:  
We will heere part

Caesar. Farewell my deerest Sister, fare thee well,  
The Elements be kind to thee, and make  
Thy spirits all of comfort: fare thee well

Octa. My Noble Brother

Anth. The Aprill's in her eyes, it is Loues spring,  
And these the showers to bring it on: be cheerfull

Octa. Sir, looke well to my Husbands house: and-  
Caesar. What Octauia?  
Octa. Ile tell you in your eare

Ant. Her tongue will not obey her heart, nor can  
Her heart informe her tongue.  
The Swannes downe feather  
That stands vpon the Swell at the full of Tide:  
And neither way inclines

Eno. Will Caesar weepe?

Agr. He ha's a cloud in's face

Eno. He were the worse for that were he a Horse, so is  
he being a man

Agri. Why Enobarbus:

When Anthony found Iulius Caesar dead,  
He cried almost to roaring: And he wept,  
When at Phillippi he found Brutus slaine

Eno. That year indeed, he was trobled with a rheume,  
What willingly he did confound, he wail'd,  
Beleeu't till I weepe too

Caesar. No sweet Octauia,  
You shall heare from me still: the time shall not  
Out-go my thinking on you

Ant. Come Sir, come,  
Ile wrastle with you in my strength of loue,  
Looke heere I haue you, thus I let you go,  
And giue you to the Gods

Caesar. Adieu, be happy

Lep. Let all the number of the Starres giue light  
To thy faire way

Caesar. Farewell, farewell.

Kisses Octauia.

Ant. Farewell.

Trumpets sound. Exeunt.

Enter Cleopatra, Charmian, Iras, and Alexas.

Cleo. Where is the Fellow?  
Alex. Halfe afeard to come

Cleo. Go too, go too: Come hither Sir.  
Enter the Messenger as before.

Alex. Good Maiestie: Herod of Iury dare not looke  
vpon you, but when you are well pleas'd

Cleo. That Herods head, Ile haue: but how? When  
Anthony is gone, through whom I might commaund it:  
Come thou neere

Mes. Most gracious Maiestie

Cleo. Did'st thou behold Octauia?  
Mes. I dread Queene

Cleo. Where?  
Mes. Madam in Rome, I lookt her in the face: and  
saw her led betweene her Brother, and Marke Anthony

Cleo. Is she as tall as me?  
Mes. She is not Madam

Cleo. Didst heare her speake?  
Is she shrill tongu'd or low?

Mes. Madam, I heard her speake, she is low voic'd

Cleo. That's not so good: he cannot like her long

Char. Like her? Oh Isis: 'tis impossible

Cleo. I thinke so Charmian: dull of tongue, & dwarfish  
What Maiestie is in her gate, remember  
If ere thou look'st on Maiestie

Mes. She creepes: her motion, & her station are as one.  
She shewes a body, rather then a life,  
A Statue, then a Breather

Cleo. Is this certaine?

Mes. Or I haue no obseruance

Cha. Three in Egypt cannot make better note

Cleo. He's very knowing, I do perceiu't,  
There's nothing in her yet.  
The Fellow ha's good iudgement

Char. Excellent

Cleo. Guesse at her yeares, I prythee

Mess. Madam, she was a widdow

Cleo. Widdow? Charmian, hearke

Mes. And I do thinke she's thirtie

Cle. Bear'st thou her face in mind? is't long or round?  
Mess. Round, euen to faultinesse

Cleo. For the most part too, they are foolish that are  
so. Her haire what colour?

Mess. Browne Madam: and her forehead  
As low as she would wish it

Cleo. There's Gold for thee,  
Thou must not take my former sharpenesse ill,  
I will employ thee backe againe: I finde thee  
Most fit for businesse. Go, make thee ready,  
Our Letters are prepar'd

Char. A proper man

Cleo. Indeed he is so: I repent me much  
That so I harried him. Why me think's by him,  
This Creature's no such thing

Char. Nothing Madam

Cleo. The man hath seene some Maiesty, and should  
know

Char. Hath he seene Maiestie? Isis else defend: and

seruing you so long

Cleopa. I haue one thing more to aske him yet good Charmian: but 'tis no matter, thou shalt bring him to me where I will write; all may be well enough

Char. I warrant you Madam.

Exeunt.

Enter Anthony and Octauiia.

Ant. Nay, nay Octauiia, not onely that, That were excusable, that and thousands more Of semblable import, but he hath wag'd New Warres 'gainst Pompey. Made his will, and read it, To publicke eare, spoke scantily of me, When perforce he could not But pay me tearmes of Honour: cold and sickly He vented then most narrow measure: lent me, When the best hint was giuen him: he not took't, Or did it from his teeth

Octaui. Oh my good Lord, Beleeue not all, or if you must beleeue, Stomacke not all. A more vnhappy Lady, If this deuision chance, ne're stood betweene Praying for both parts: The good Gods wil mocke me presently, When I shall pray: Oh blesse my Lord, and Husband, Vndo that prayer, by crying out as loud, Oh blesse my Brother. Husband winne, winne Brother, Prayes, and distroyes the prayer, no midway 'Twixt these extreames at all

Ant. Gentle Octauiia, Let your best loue draw to that point which seeks Best to preserue it: if I loose mine Honour, I loose my selfe: better I were not yours Then your so branchlesse. But as you requested, Your selfe shall go between's, the meane time Lady, Ile raise the preparation of a Warre Shall staine your Brother, make your soonest hast, So your desires are yours

Oct. Thanks to my Lord, The loue of power make me most weake, most weake, Your reconciler: Warres 'twixt you twaine would be, As if the world should cleaue, and that slaine men Should soalder vp the Rift

Anth. When it appeeres to you where this begins, Turne your displeasure that way, for our faults Can neuer be so equall, that your loue Can equally moue with them. Prouide your going, Choose your owne company, and command what cost Your heart he's mind too.

Exeunt.

Enter Enobarbus, and Eros.

Eno. How now Friend Eros?

Eros. Ther's strange Newes come Sir

Eno. What man?

Ero. Caesar & Lepidus haue made warres vpon Pompey

Eno. This is old, what is the successe?

Eros. Caesar hauing made vse of him in the warres 'gainst Pompey: presently denied him riuallity, would not let him partake in the glory of the action, and not resting here, accuses him of Letters he had formerly wrote to Pompey. Vpon his owne appeale seizes him, so the poore third is vp, till death enlarge his Confine

Eno. Then would thou hadst a paire of chaps no more, and throw betweene them all the food thou hast, they'le grinde the other. Where's Anthony?

Eros. He's walking in the garden thus, and spurnes The rush that lies before him. Cries Foole Lepidus, And threats the throate of that his Officer, That murdred Pompey

Eno. Our great Nauies rig'd

Eros. For Italy and Caesar, more Domitius, My Lord desires you presently: my Newes I might haue told heereafter

Eno. 'Twillbe naught, but let it be: bring me to Anthony

Eros. Come Sir,

Exeunt.

Enter Agrippa, Mecenas, and Caesar.

Caes Contemning Rome he ha's done all this, & more In Alexandria: heere's the manner oft: I'th' Market-place on a Tribunall siluer'd, Cleopatra and himselfe in Chairses of Gold Were publikely enthron'd: at the feet, sat Caesarion whom they call my Fathers Sonne, And all the vnlawfull issue, that their Lust Since then hath made betweene them. Vnto her, He gaue the stablishment of Egypt, made her Of lower Syria, Cyprus, Lydia, absolute Queene

Mece. This in the publike eye?

Caesar. I'th' common shew place, where they exercise, His Sonnes hither proclaimed the King of Kings, Great Media, Parthia, and Armenia He gaue to Alexander. To Ptolomy he assign'd, Syria, Silicia, and Phoenetia: she In th' abiliments of the Goddessse Isis That day appeer'd, and oft before gaue audience, As 'tis reported so



Mece. Let Rome be thus inform'd

Agri. Who queazie with his insolence already,  
Will their good thoughts call from him

Caesar. The people knowes it,  
And haue now receiu'd his accusations

Agri. Who does he accuse?

Caesar. Caesar, and that hauing in Cicilie  
Sextus Pompeius spoil'd, we had not rated him  
His part o'th' Isle. Then does he say, he lent me  
Some shipping vnrestor'd. Lastly, he frets  
That Lepidus of the Triumpherate, should be depos'd,  
And being that, we detaine all his Reuenue

Agri. Sir, this should be answer'd

Caesar. 'Tis done already, and the Messenger gone:  
I haue told him Lepidus was growne too cruell,  
That he his high Authority abus'd,  
And did deserue his change: for what I haue conquer'd,  
I grant him part: but then in his Armenia,  
And other of his conquer'd Kingdoms, I demand the like  
Mec. Hee'l neuer yeeld to that

Caes Nor must not then be yeelded to in this.  
Enter Octauius with her Traine.

Octa. Haile Caesar, and my L[ord]. haile most deere Caesar

Caesar. That euer I should call thee Cast-away

Octa. You haue not call'd me so, nor haue you cause

Caes Why haue you stoln vpon vs thus? you come not  
Like Caesars Sister, The wife of Anthony  
Should haue an Army for an Vsher, and  
The neighes of Horse to tell of her approach,  
Long ere she did appeare. The trees by'th' way  
Should haue borne men, and expectation fainted,  
Longing for what it had not. Nay, the dust  
Should haue ascended to the Roofe of Heauen,  
Rais'd by your populous Troopes: But you are come  
A Market-maid to Rome, and haue preuented  
The ostentation of our loue; which left vnshewne,  
Is often left vnlovd: we should haue met you  
By Sea, and Land, supplying euery Stage  
With an augmented greeting

Octa. Good my Lord,  
To come thus was I not constrain'd, but did it  
On my free-will. My Lord Marke Anthony,  
Hearing that you prepar'd for Warre, acquainted  
My greeued eare withall: whereon I begg'd  
His pardon for returne

Caes Which soone he granted,

Being an abstract 'tweene his Lust, and him

Octa. Do not say so, my Lord

Caes I haue eyes vpon him,  
And his affaires come to me on the wind: wher is he now?

Octa. My Lord, in Athens

Caesar. No my most wronged Sister, Cleopatra  
Hath nodded him to her. He hath giuen his Empire  
Vp to a Whore, who now are leuying  
The Kings o'th' earth for Warre. He hath assembled,  
Bochus the King of Lybia, Archilaus  
Of Cappadocia, Philadelphos King  
Of Paphlagonia: the Thracian King Adullas,  
King Manchus of Arabia, King of Pont,  
Herod of Iewry, Mithridates King  
Of Comageat, Polemen and Amintas,  
The Kings of Mede, and Licoania,  
With a more larger List of Scepters

Octa. Aye me most wretched,  
That haue my heart parted betwixt two Friends,  
That does afflict each other

Caes Welcom hither: your Letters did with-holde our breaking  
forth

Till we perceiu'd both how you were wrong led,  
And we in negligent danger: cheere your heart,  
Be you not troubled with the time, which driues  
O're your content, these strong necessities,  
But let determin'd things to destinie  
Hold vnbeway'd their way. Welcome to Rome,  
Nothing more deere to me: You are abus'd  
Beyond the marke of thought: and the high Gods  
To do you Iustice, makes his Ministers  
Of vs, and those that loue you. Best of comfort,  
And euer welcom to vs

Agrip. Welcome Lady

Mec. Welcome deere Madam,  
Each heart in Rome does loue and pittie you,  
Onely th' adulterous Anthony, most large  
In his abhominations, turnes you off,  
And giues his potent Regiment to a Trull  
That noyses it against vs

Octa. Is it so sir?

Caes Most certaine: Sister welcome: pray you  
Be euer knowne to patience. My deer'st Sister.

Exeunt.

Enter Cleopatra, and Enobarbus.

Cleo. I will be euen with thee, doubt it not

Eno. But why, why, why?

Cleo. Thou hast forespoke my being in these warres,  
And say'st it is not fit

Eno. Well: is it, is it

Cleo. If not, denounc'd against vs, why should not  
we be there in person

Enob. Well, I could reply: if wee should serue with  
Horse and Mares together, the Horse were meerly lost:  
the Mares would beare a Soldiour and his Horse

Cleo. What is't you say?

Enob. Your presence needs must puzzle Anthony,  
Take from his heart, take from his Braine, from's time,  
What should not then be spar'd. He is already  
Traduc'd for Leuity, and 'tis said in Rome,  
That Photinus an Eunuch, and your Maides  
Mannage this warre

Cleo. Sinke Rome, and their tongues rot  
That speake against vs. A Charge we beare i'th' Warre,  
And as the president of my Kingdome will  
Appeare there for a man. Speake not against it,  
I will not stay behinde.  
Enter Anthony and Camidias.

Eno. Nay I haue done, here comes the Emperor

Ant. Is it not strange Camidius,  
That from Tarentum, and Bradiusium,  
He could so quickly cut the Ionian Sea,  
And take in Troine. You haue heard on't (Sweet?)

Cleo. Celerity is neuer more admir'd,  
Then by the negligent

Ant. A good rebuke,  
Which might haue well becom'd the best of men  
To taunt at slacknesse. Camidius, wee  
Will fight with him by Sea

Cleo. By Sea, what else?

Cam. Why will my Lord, do so?

Ant. For that he dares vs too't

Enob. So hath my Lord, dar'd him to single fight

Cam. I, and to wage this Battell at Pharsalia,  
Where Caesar fought with Pompey. But these offers  
Which serue not for his vantage, he shakes off,  
And so should you

Enob. Your Shippes are not well mann'd,  
Your Marriners are Mililers, Reapers, people  
Ingrost by swift Impresse. In Caesars Fleete,  
Are those, that often haue 'gainst Pompey fought,  
Their shippes are yare, yours heauy: no disgrace  
Shall fall you for refusing him at Sea,  
Being prepar'd for Land

Ant. By Sea, by Sea

Eno. Most worthy Sir, you therein throw away  
The absolute Soldiership you haue by Land,  
Distract your Armie, which doth most consist  
Of Warre-markt-footmen, leaue vnexecuted  
Your owne renowned knowledge, quite forgoe  
The way which promises assurance, and  
Giue vp your selfe meerly to chance and hazard,  
From firme Securitie

Ant. Ile fight at Sea

Cleo. I haue sixty Sailes, Caesar none better

Ant. Our ouer-plus of shipping will we burne,  
And with the rest full mann'd, from th' head of Action  
Beate th' approaching Caesar. But if we faile,  
We then can doo't at Land.  
Enter a Messenger.

Thy Businesse?

Mes. The Newes is true, my Lord, he is descried,  
Caesar ha's taken Toryne

Ant. Can he be there in person? 'Tis impossible  
Strange, that his power should be. Camidius,  
Our nineteene Legions thou shalt hold by Land,  
And our twelue thousand Horse. Wee'l to our Ship,  
Away my Thetis.  
Enter a Soldiour.

How now worthy Souldier?

Soul. Oh Noble Emperour, do not fight by Sea,  
Trust not to rotten plankes: Do you misdoubt  
This Sword, and these my Wounds; let th' Egyptians  
And the Phoenicians go a ducking: wee  
Haue vs'd to conquer standing on the earth,  
And fighting foot to foot

Ant. Well, well, away.

exit Ant. Cleo. & Enob

Soul. By Hercules I thinke I am i'th' right

Cam. Souldier thou art: but his whole action growes  
Not in the power on't: so our Leaders leade,  
And we are Womens mens

Soul. You keepe by Land the Legions and the Horse  
whole, do you not?

Ven. Marcus Octavius, Marcus Iustus,  
Publicola, and Celius, are for Sea:  
But we keepe whole by Land. This speede of Caesars  
Carries beyond beleefe

Soul. While he was yet in Rome,

His power went out in such distractions,  
As beguilde all Spies

Cam. Who's his Lieutenant, heare you?  
Soul. They say, one Towrus

Cam. Well, I know the man.  
Enter a Messenger.

Mes. The Emperor calcs Camidius

Cam. With Newes the times with Labour,  
And throwes forth each minute, some.

Exeunt.

Enter Caesar with his Army, marching.

Caes Towrus?  
Tow. My Lord

Caes Strike not by Land,  
Keepe whole, prouoke not Battaile  
Till we haue done at Sea. Do not exceede  
The Prescript of this Scroule: Our fortune lyes  
Vpon this iumpe.  
Enter.

Enter Anthony, and Enobarbus.

Ant. Set we our Squadrons on yond side o'th' Hill,  
In eye of Caesars battaile, from which place  
We may the number of the Ships behold,  
And so proceed accordingly.  
Enter.

Camidius Marcheth with his Land Army one way ouer the stage,  
and Towrus  
the Lieutenant of Caesar the other way: After their going in, is  
heard the  
noise of a Sea fight. Alarum. Enter Enobarbus and Scarus.

Eno. Naught, naught, al naught, I can behold no longer:  
Thantoniad, the Egyptian Admirall,  
With all their sixty flye, and turne the Rudder:  
To see't, mine eyes are blasted.  
Enter Scarrus.

Scar. Gods, & Goddesses, all the whol synod of them!  
Eno. What's thy passion

Scar. The greater Cantle of the world, is lost  
With very ignorance, we haue kist away  
Kingdomes, and Prouinces

Eno. How appeares the Fight?

Scar. On our side, like the Token'd Pestilence,  
Where death is sure. Yon ribaudred Nagge of Egypt,  
(Whom Leprosie o're-take) i'th' midst o'th' fight,

When vantage like a payre of Twinnes appear'd  
Both as the same, or rather ours the elder;  
(The Breeze vpon her) like a Cow in lune,  
Hoists Sailes, and flyes

Eno. That I beheld:  
Mine eyes did sicken at the sight, and could not  
Indure a further view

Scar. She once being looft,  
The Noble ruine of her Magicke, Anthony,  
Claps on his Sea-wing, and (like a doting Mallard)  
Leauing the Fight in heighth, flyes after her:  
I neuer saw an Action of such shame;  
Experience, Man-hood, Honor, ne're before,  
Did violate so it selfe

Enob. Alacke, alacke.  
Enter Camidius

Cam. Our Fortune on the Sea is out of breath,  
And sinkes most lamentably. Had our Generall  
Bin what he knew himselfe, it had gone well:  
Oh his ha's giuen example for our flight,  
Most grossely by his owne

Enob. I, are you thereabouts? Why then goodnight  
indeede

Cam. Toward Peloponnesus are they fled

Scar. 'Tis easie toot,  
And there I will attend what further comes

Camid. To Caesar will I render  
My Legions and my Horse, sixe Kings alreadie  
Shew me the way of yeelding

Eno. Ile yet follow  
The wounded chance of Anthony, though my reason  
Sits in the winde against me.  
Enter Anthony with Attendants.

Ant. Hearke, the Land bids me tread no more vpon't,  
It is asham'd to beare me. Friends, come hither,  
I am so lated in the world, that I  
Haue lost my way for euer. I haue a shippe,  
Laden with Gold, take that, diuide it: flye,  
And make your peace with Caesar

Omnes. Fly? Not wee

Ant. I haue fled my selfe, and haue instructed cowards  
To runne, and shew their shoulders. Friends be gone,  
I haue my selfe resolu'd vpon a course,  
Which has no neede of you. Be gone,  
My Treasure's in the Harbour. Take it: Oh,  
I follow'd that I blush to looke vpon,  
My very haire do mutiny: for the white

Reproue the browne for rashnesse, and they them  
For feare, and doting. Friends be gone, you shall  
Haue Letters from me to some Friends, that will  
Sweepe your way for you. Pray you looke not sad,  
Nor make replyes of loathnesse, take the hint  
Which my dispaire proclaimes. Let them be left  
Which leaues it selfe, to the Sea-side straight way;  
I will possesse you of that ship and Treasure.  
Leaue me, I pray a little: pray you now,  
Nay do so: for indeede I haue lost command,  
Therefore I pray you, Ile see you by and by.

Sits downe

Enter Cleopatra led by Charmian and Eros.

Eros. Nay gentle Madam, to him, comfort him

Iras. Do most deere Queene

Char. Do, why, what else?

Cleo. Let me sit downe: Oh luno

Ant. No, no, no, no, no

Eros. See you heere, Sir?

Ant. Oh fie, fie, fie

Char. Madam

Iras. Madam, oh good Empresse

Eros. Sir, sir

Ant. Yes my Lord, yes; he at Philippi kept  
His sword e'ne like a dancer, while I strooke  
The leane and wrinkled Cassius, and 'twas I  
That the mad Brutus ended: he alone  
Dealt on Lieutenantry, and no practise had  
In the braue squares of Warre: yet now: no matter

Cleo. Ah stand by

Eros. The Queene my Lord, the Queene

Iras. Go to him, Madam, speake to him,  
Hee's vnqualitied with very shame

Cleo. Well then, sustaine me: Oh

Eros. Most Noble Sir arise, the Queene approaches,  
Her head's declin'd, and death will cease her, but  
Your comfort makes the rescue

Ant. I haue offended Reputation,  
A most vnnoble sweruing

Eros. Sir, the Queene

Ant. Oh whether hast thou lead me Egypt, see  
How I conuey my shame, out of thine eyes,  
By looking backe what I haue left behinde  
Stroy'd in dishonor

Cleo. Oh my Lord, my Lord,  
Forgiue my fearfull sayles, I little thought  
You would haue followed

Ant. Egypt, thou knew'st too well,  
My heart was to thy Rudder tyed by'th' strings,  
And thou should'st towe me after. O're my spirit  
The full supremacie thou knew'st, and that  
Thy becke, might from the bidding of the Gods  
Command mee

Cleo. Oh my pardon

Ant. Now I must  
To the young man send humble Treaties, dodge  
And palter in the shifts of lownes, who  
With halfe the bulke o'th' world plaid as I pleas'd,  
Making, and marring Fortunes. You did know  
How much you were my Conqueror, and that  
My Sword, made weake by my affection, would  
Obey it on all cause

Cleo. Pardon, pardon

Ant. Fall not a teare I say, one of them rates  
All that is wonne and lost: Giue me a kisse,  
Euen this repayes me.  
We sent our Schoolemaster, is a come backe?  
Loue I am full of Lead: some Wine  
Within there, and our Viands: Fortune knowes,  
We scorne her most, when most she offers blowes.

Exeunt.

Enter Caesar, Agrippa, and Dollabello, with others.

Caes Let him appeare that's come from Anthony.  
Know you him

Dolla. Caesar, 'tis his Schoolemaster,  
An argument that he is pluckt, when hither  
He sends so poore a Pinnion of his Wing,  
Which had superfluous Kings for Messengers,  
Not many Moones gone by.  
Enter Ambassador from Anthony.

Caesar. Approach, and speake

Amb. Such as I am, I come from Anthony:  
I was of late as petty to his ends,  
As is the Morne-dew on the Mertle leafe  
To his grand Sea

Caes Bee't so, declare thine office



Amb. Lord of his Fortunes he salutes thee, and  
Requires to liue in Egypt, which not granted  
He Lessons his Requests, and to thee sues  
To let him breath betweene the Heauens and Earth  
A priuate man in Athens: this for him.  
Next, Cleopatra does confesse thy Greatnesse,  
Submits her to thy might, and of thee craues  
The Circle of the Ptolomies for her heyres,  
Now hazarded to thy Grace

Caes For Anthony,  
I haue no eares to his request. The Queene,  
Of Audience, nor Desire shall faile, so shee  
From Egypt driue her all-disgraced Friend,  
Or take his life there. This if shee performe,  
She shall not sue vnheard. So to them both

Amb. Fortune pursue thee

Caes Bring him through the Bands:  
To try thy Eloquence, now 'tis time, dispatch,  
From Anthony winne Cleopatra, promise  
And in our Name, what she requires, adde more  
From thine inuention, offers. Women are not  
In their best Fortunes strong; but want will periure  
The ne're touch'd Vestall. Try thy cunning Thidias,  
Make thine owne Edict for thy paines, which we  
Will answer as a Law

Thid. Caesar. I go

Caesar. Obserue how Anthony becomes his flaw,  
And what thou think'st his very action speakes  
In euery power that mooues

Thid. Caesar, I shall.

Exeunt.

Enter Cleopatra, Enobarbus, Charmian, & Iras.

Cleo. What shall we do, Enobarbus?

Eno. Thinke, and dye

Cleo. Is Anthony, or we in fault for this?

Eno. Anthony onely, that would make his will  
Lord of his Reason. What though you fled,  
From that great face of Warre, whose seuerall ranges  
Frighted each other? Why should he follow?  
The itch of his Affection should not then  
Haue nickt his Captain-ship, at such a point,  
When halfe to halfe the world oppos'd, he being  
The meered question? 'Twas a shame no lesse  
Then was his losse, to course your flying Flagges,  
And leaue his Nauy gazing

Cleo. Prythee peace.

Enter the Ambassador, with Anthony.

Ant. Is that his answer?

Amb. I my Lord

Ant. The Queene shall then haue courtesie,  
So she will yeeld vs vp

Am. He sayes so

Antho. Let her know't. To the Boy Caesar send this  
grized head, and he will fill thy wishes to the brimme,  
With Principalities

Cleo. That head my Lord?

Ant. To him againe, tell him he weares the Rose  
Of youth vpon him: from which, the world should note  
Something particular: His Coine, Ships, Legions,  
May be a Cowards, whose Ministers would preuaile  
Vnder the seruice of a Childe, as soone  
As i'th' Command of Caesar. I dare him therefore  
To lay his gay Comparisons a-part,  
And answer me declin'd, Sword against Sword,  
Our selues alone: Ile write it: Follow me

Eno. Yes like enough: hye battel'd Caesar will  
Vnstate his happinesse, and be Stag'd to'th' shew  
Against a Sworder. I see mens Iudgements are  
A parcell of their Fortunes, and things outward  
Do draw the inward quality after them  
To suffer all alike, that he should dreame,  
Knowing all measures, the full Caesar will  
Answer his emptinesse; Caesar thou hast subdu'de  
His iudgement too.  
Enter a Seruant.

Ser. A Messenger from Caesar

Cleo. What no more Ceremony? See my Women,  
Against the blowne Rose may they stop their nose,  
That kneel'd vnto the Buds. Admit him sir

Eno. Mine honesty, and I, beginne to square,  
The Loyalty well held to Fooles, does make  
Our Faith meere folly: yet he that can endure  
To follow with Allegiance a falne Lord,  
Does conquer him that did his Master conquer,  
And earnes a place i'th' Story.  
Enter Thidias.

Cleo. Caesars will

Thid. Heare it apart

Cleo. None but Friends: say boldly

Thid. So haply are they Friends to Anthony

Enob. He needs as many (Sir) as Caesar ha's,  
Or needs not vs. If Caesar please, our Master

Will leape to be his Friend: For vs you know,  
Whose he is, we are, and that is Caesars

Thid. So. Thus then thou most renown'd, Caesar intreats,  
Not to consider in what case thou stand'st  
Further then he is Caesars

Cleo. Go on, right Royall

Thid. He knowes that you embrace not Anthony  
As you did loue, but as you feared him

Cleo. Oh

Thid. The scarre's vpon your Honor, therefore he  
Does pittie, as constrained blemishes,  
Not as deserued

Cleo. He is a God,  
And knowes what is most right. Mine Honour  
Was not yeilded, but conquer'd meereley

Eno. To be sure of that, I will aske Anthony.  
Sir, sir, thou art so leakie  
That we must leaue thee to thy sinking, for  
Thy deerest quit thee.

Exit Enob.

Thid. Shall I say to Caesar,  
What you require of him: for he partly begges  
To be desir'd to giue. It much would please him,  
That of his Fortunes you should make a staffe  
To leane vpon. But it would warme his spirits  
To heare from me you had left Anthony,  
And put your selfe vnder his shrowd, the vniuersal Landlord

Cleo. What's your name?

Thid. My name is Thidias

Cleo. Most kinde Messenger,  
Say to great Caesar this in disputation,  
I kisse his conqu'ring hand: Tell him, I am prompt  
To lay my Crowne at's feete, and there to kneele.  
Tell him, from his all-obeying breath, I heare  
The doome of Egypt

Thid. 'Tis your Noblest course:  
Wisedome and Fortune combatting together,  
If that the former dare but what it can,  
No chance may shake it. Giue me grace to lay  
My dutie on your hand

Cleo. Your Caesars Father oft,  
(When he hath mus'd of taking kingdomes in)  
Bestow'd his lips on that vnworthy place,  
As it rain'd kisses.  
Enter Anthony and Enobarbus.

Ant. Favours? By loue that thunders. What art thou Fellow?  
Thid. One that but performes  
The bidding of the fullest man, and worthiest  
To haue command obey'd

Eno. You will be whipt

Ant. Approach there: ah you Kite. Now Gods & diuels  
Authority melts from me of late. When I cried hoa,  
Like Boyes vnto a musse, Kings would start forth,  
And cry, your will. Haue you no eares?  
I am Anthony yet. Take hence this lack, and whip him.  
Enter a Seruant.

Eno. 'Tis better playing with a Lions whelpe,  
Then with an old one dying

Ant. Moone and Starres,  
Whip him: wer't twenty of the greatest Tributaries  
That do acknowledge Caesar, should I finde them  
So sawcy with the hand of she heere, what's her name  
Since she was Cleopatra? Whip him Fellowes,  
Till like a Boy you see him crindge his face,  
And whine aloud for mercy. Take him hence

Thid. Marke Anthony

Ant. Tugge him away: being whipt  
Bring him againe, the lacke of Caesars shall  
Beare vs an arrant to him.

Exeunt. with Thidius.

You were halfe blasted ere I knew you: Ha?  
Haue I my pillow left vnprest in Rome,  
Forborne the getting of a lawfull Race,  
And by a lem of women, to be abus'd  
By one that lookes on Feeders?  
Cleo. Good my Lord

Ant. You haue beene a boggeler euer,  
But when we in our viciousnesse grow hard  
(Oh misery on't) the wise Gods seele our eyes  
In our owne filth, drop our cleare iudgements, make vs  
Adore our errors, laugh at's while we strut  
To our confusion

Cleo. Oh, is't come to this?

Ant. I found you as a Morsell, cold vpon  
Dead Caesars Trencher: Nay, you were a Fragment  
Of Gneius Pompeyes, besides what hotter houres  
Vnregistred in vulgar Fame, you haue  
Luxuriously pickt out. For I am sure,  
Though you can gesse what Temperance should be,  
You know not what it is

Cleo. Wherefore is this?

Ant. To let a Fellow that will take rewards,  
And say, God quit you, be familiar with

My play-fellow, your hand; this Kingly Seale,  
And plighter of high hearts. O that I were  
Vpon the hill of Basan, to out-roare  
The horned Heard, for I haue sauage cause,  
And to proclaime it ciuilly, were like  
A halter'd necke, which do's the Hangman thanke,  
For being yare about him. Is he whipt?  
Enter a Seruant with Thidias.

Ser. Soundly, my Lord

Ant. Cried he? and begg'd a Pardon?

Ser. He did aske fauour

Ant. If that thy Father liue, let him repent  
Thou was't not made his daughter, and be thou sorrie  
To follow Caesar in his Triumph, since  
Thou hast bin whipt. For following him, henceforth  
The white hand of a Lady Feauer thee,  
Shake thou to looke on't. Get thee backe to Caesar,  
Tell him thy entertainment: looke thou say  
He makes me angry with him. For he seemes  
Proud and disdainfull, harping on what I am,  
Not what he knew I was. He makes me angry,  
And at this time most easie 'tis to doo't:  
When my good Starres, that were my former guides  
Haue empty left their Orbes, and shot their Fires  
Into th' Abisme of hell. If he mislike,  
My speech, and what is done, tell him he has  
Hiparchus, my enfranched Bondman, whom  
He may at pleasure whip, or hang, or torture,  
As he shall like to quit me. Vrge it thou:  
Hence with thy stripes, be gone.

Exit Thid.

Cleo. Haue you done yet?

Ant. Alacke our Terrene Moone is now Eclipst,  
And it portends alone the fall of Anthony

Cleo. I must stay his time?

Ant. To flatter Caesar, would you mingle eyes  
With one that tyes his points

Cleo. Not know me yet?

Ant. Cold-hearted toward me?

Cleo. Ah (Deere) if I be so,

From my cold heart let Heauen ingender haile,  
And poyson it in the sourse, and the first stone  
Drop in my necke: as it determines so  
Dissolue my life, the next Caesarian smile,  
Till by degrees the memory of my wombe,  
Together with my braue Egyptians all,  
By the discandering of this pelleted storme,  
Lye grauelesse, till the Flies and Gnats of Nyle  
Haue buried them for prey

Ant. I am satisfied:

Caesar sets downe in Alexandria, where

I will oppose his Fate. Our force by Land,  
Hath Nobly held, our seuer'd Nauie too  
Haue knit againe, and Fleete, threatning most Sea-like.  
Where hast thou bin my heart? Dost thou heare Lady?  
If from the Field I shall returne once more  
To kisse these Lips, I will appeare in Blood,  
I, and my Sword, will earne our Chronicle,  
There's hope in't yet

Cleo. That's my braue Lord

Ant. I will be trebble-sinewed, hearted, breath'd,  
And fight maliciously: for when mine houres  
Were nice and lucky, men did ransome liues  
Of me for iests: But now, Ile set my teeth,  
And send to darkenesse all that stop me. Come,  
Let's haue one other gawdy night: Call to me  
All my sad Captaines, fill our Bowles once more:  
Let's mocke the midnight Bell

Cleo. It is my Birth-day,  
I had thought t'haue held it poore. But since my Lord  
Is Anthony againe, I will be Cleopatra

Ant. We will yet do well

Cleo. Call all his Noble Captaines to my Lord

Ant. Do so, wee'l speake to them,  
And to night Ile force  
The Wine peepe through their scarres.  
Come on (my Queene)  
There's sap in't yet. The next time I do fight  
Ile make death loue me: for I will contend  
Euen with his pestilent Sythe.

Exeunt.

Eno. Now hee'l out-stare the Lightning, to be furious  
Is to be frighted out of feare, and in that moode  
The Doue will pecke the Estridge; and I see still  
A diminution in our Captaines braine,  
Restores his heart; when valour prayes in reason,  
It eates the Sword it fights with: I will seeke  
Some way to leaue him.

Exeunt.

Enter Caesar, Agrippa, & Mecenas with his Army, Caesar reading  
a Letter.

Caes He calles me Boy, and chides as he had power  
To beate me out of Egypt. My Messenger  
He hath whipt with Rods, dares me to personal Combat.  
Caesar to Anthony: let the old Ruffian know,  
I haue many other wayes to dye: meane time  
Laugh at his Challenge

Mece. Caesar must thinke,

When one so great begins to rage, hee's hunted  
Euen to falling. Giue him no breath, but now  
Make boote of his distraction: Neuer anger  
Made good guard for it selfe

Caes Let our best heads know,  
That to morrow, the last of many Battailes  
We meane to fight. Within our Files there are,  
Of those that seru'd Marke Anthony but late,  
Enough to fetch him in. See it done,  
And Feast the Army, we haue store to doo't,  
And they haue earn'd the waste. Poore Anthony.

Exeunt.

Enter Anthony, Cleopatra, Enobarbus, Charmian, Iras, Alexas,  
with others.

Ant. He will not fight with me, Domitian?

Eno. No?

Ant. Why should he not?

Eno. He thinks, being twenty times of better fortune,  
He is twenty men to one

Ant. To morrow Soldier,  
By Sea and Land Ile fight: or I will liue,  
Or bathe my dying Honor in the blood  
Shall make it liue againe. Woo't thou fight well

Eno. Ile strike, and cry, Take all

Ant. Well said, come on:

Call forth my Houshold Seruants, lets to night  
Enter 3 or 4 Seruitors.

Be bounteous at our Meale. Giue me thy hand,  
Thou hast bin rightly honest, so hast thou,  
Thou, and thou, and thou: you haue seru'd me well,  
And Kings haue beene your fellowes

Cleo. What meanes this?

Eno. 'Tis one of those odde tricks which sorow shoots  
Out of the minde

Ant. And thou art honest too:

I wish I could be made so many men,  
And all of you clapt vp together, in  
An Anthony: that I might do you seruice,  
So good as you haue done

Omnes. The Gods forbid

Ant. Well, my good Fellowes, wait on me to night:  
Scant not my Cups, and make as much of me,  
As when mine Empire was your Fellow too,  
And suffer'd my command

Cleo. What does he meane?

Eno. To make his Followers weepe

Ant. Tend me to night;  
May be, it is the period of your duty,  
Haply you shall not see me more, or if,  
A mangled shadow. Perchance to morrow,  
You'll serue another Master. I looke on you,  
As one that takes his leaue. Mine honest Friends,  
I turne you not away, but like a Master  
Married to your good seruice, stay till death:  
Tend me to night two houres, I aske no more,  
And the Gods yeeld you for't

Eno. What meane you (Sir)  
To giue them this discomfort? Looke they weepe,  
And I an Asse, am Onyon-ey'd; for shame,  
Transforme vs not to women

Ant. Ho, ho, ho:  
Now the Witch take me, if I meant it thus.  
Grace grow where those drops fall (my hearty Friends)  
You take me in too dolorous a sense,  
For I spake to you for your comfort, did desire you  
To burne this night with Torches: Know (my hearts)  
I hope well of to morrow, and will leade you,  
Where rather Ile expect victorious life,  
Then death, and Honor. Let's to Supper, come,  
And drowne consideration.

Exeunt.

Enter a Company of Soldiours.

1.Sol. Brother, goodnight: to morrow is the day

2.Sol. It will determine one way: Fare you well.  
Heard you of nothing strange about the streets

1 Nothing: what newes?  
2 Belike 'tis but a Rumour, good night to you

1 Well sir, good night.

They meete other Soldiers.

2 Souldiers, haue carefull Watch

1 And you: Goodnight, goodnight.

They place themselues in euery corner of the Stage.

2 Heere we: and if to morrow  
Our Nauie thriue, I haue an absolute hope  
Our Landmen will stand vp

1 'Tis a braue Army, and full of purpose.

Musicke of the Hoboyes is vnder the Stage.

2 Peace, what noise?



1 List, list

2 Hearke

1 Musicke i'th' Ayre

3 Vnder the earth

4 It signes well, do's it not?

3 No

1 Peace I say: What should this meane?

2 'Tis the God Hercules, whom Anthony loued,  
Now leaues him

1 Walke, let's see if other Watchmen  
Do heare what we do?

2 How now Maisters?

Speak together.

Omnes. How now? how now? do you heare this?

1 I, is't not strange?

3 Do you heare Masters? Do you heare?

1 Follow the noyse so farre as we haue quarter.

Let's see how it will giue off

Omnes. Content: 'Tis strange.

Exeunt.

Enter Anthony and Cleopatra, with others.

Ant. Eros, mine Armour Eros

Cleo. Sleepe a little

Ant. No my Chucke. Eros, come mine Armor Eros.  
Enter Eros.

Come good Fellow, put thine Iron on,  
If Fortune be not ours to day, it is  
Because we braue her. Come

Cleo. Nay, Ile helpe too, Anthony.  
What's this for? Ah let be, let be, thou art  
The Armourer of my heart: False, false: This, this,  
Sooth-law Ile helpe: Thus it must bee

Ant. Well, well, we shall thriue now.  
Seest thou my good Fellow. Go, put on thy defences

Eros. Briefely Sir

Cleo. Is not this buckled well?  
Ant. Rarely, rarely:  
He that vnuckles this, till we do please  
To daft for our Repose, shall heare a storme.  
Thou fumblest Eros, and my Queenes a Squire

More tight at this, then thou: Dispatch. O Loue,  
That thou couldst see my Warres to day, and knew'st  
The Royall Occupation, thou should'st see  
A Workeman in't.  
Enter an Armed Soldier.

Good morrow to thee, welcome,  
Thou look'st like him that knowes a warlike Charge:  
To businesse that we loue, we rise betime,  
And go too't with delight

Soul. A thousand Sir, early though't be, haue on their  
Riueted trim, and at the Port expect you.

Showt. Trumpets Flourish. Enter Captaines, and Souldiers.

Alex. The Morne is faire: Good morrow Generall

All. Good morrow Generall

Ant. 'Tis well blowne Lads.  
This Morning, like the spirit of a youth  
That meanes to be of note, begins betimes.  
So, so: Come giue me that, this way, well-sed.  
Fare thee well Dame, what ere becomes of me,  
This is a Soldiers kisse: rebukeable,  
And worthy shamefull checke it were, to stand  
On more Mechanicke Complement, Ile leaue thee.  
Now like a man of Steele, you that will fight,  
Follow me close, Ile bring you too't: Adieu.

Exeunt.

Char. Please you retyre to your Chamber?  
Cleo. Lead me:  
He goes forth gallantly: That he and Caesar might  
Determine this great Warre in single fight;  
Then Anthony; but now. Well on.

Exeunt.

Trumpets sound. Enter Anthony, and Eros.

Eros. The Gods make this a happy day to Anthony

Ant. Would thou, & those thy scars had once preuaild  
To make me fight at Land

Eros. Had'st thou done so,  
The Kings that haue reuolted, and the Soldier  
That has this morning left thee, would haue still  
Followed thy heeles

Ant. Whose gone this morning?  
Eros. Who? one euer neere thee, call for Enobarbus,  
He shall not heare thee, or from Caesars Campe,  
Say I am none of thine

Ant. What sayest thou?

Sold. Sir he is with Caesar

Eros. Sir, his Chests and Treasure he has not with him

Ant. Is he gone?

Sol. Most certaine

Ant. Go Eros, send his Treasure after, do it,  
Detaine no iot I charge thee: write to him,  
(I will subscribe) gentle adieu's, and greetings;  
Say, that I wish he neuer finde more cause  
To change a Master. Oh my Fortunes haue  
Corrupted honest men. Dispatch Enobarbus.

Exit

Flourish. Enter Agrippa, Caesar, with Enobarbus, and Dollabella.

Caes Go forth Agrippa, and begin the fight:  
Our will is Anthony be tooke aliue:  
Make it so knowne

Agrip. Caesar, I shall

Caesar. The time of vniuersall peace is neere:  
Proue this a prosp'rous day, the three nook'd world  
Shall beare the Oliue freely.

Enter a Messenger.

Mes. Anthony is come into the Field

Caes Go charge Agrippa,  
Plant those that haue reuolted in the Vant,  
That Anthony may seeme to spend his Fury  
Vpon himselfe.

Exeunt.

Enob. Alexas did reuolt, and went to lewry on  
Affaires of Anthony, there did dissuade  
Great Herod to incline himselfe to Caesar,  
And leaue his Master Anthony. For this paines,  
Caesar hath hang'd him: Camindius and the rest  
That fell away, haue entertainment, but  
No honourable trust: I haue done ill,  
Of which I do accuse my selfe so sorely,  
That I will ioy no more.

Enter a Soldier of Caesars.

Sol. Enobarbus, Anthony  
Hath after thee sent all thy Treasure, with  
His Bounty ouer-plus. The Messenger  
Came on my guard, and at thy Tent is now  
Vnloading of his Mules

Eno. I giue it you

Sol. Mocke not Enobarbus,  
I tell you true: Best you saft the bringer  
Out of the hoast, I must attend mine Office,  
Or would haue done't my selfe. Your Emperor  
Continues still a loue.

Exit

Enob. I am alone the Villaine of the earth,  
And feele I am so most. Oh Anthony,  
Thou Mine of Bounty, how would'st thou haue payed  
My better seruice, when my turpitude  
Thou dost so Crowne with Gold. This blowes my hart,  
If swift thought breake it not: a swifter meane  
Shall out-strike thought, but thought will doo't. I feele  
I fight against thee: No I will go seeke  
Some Ditch, wherein to dye: the foul'st best fits  
My latter part of life.

Enter.

Alarum, Drummes and Trumpets. Enter Agrippa.

Agrip. Retire, we haue engag'd our selues too farre:  
Caesar himselfe ha's worke, and our oppression  
Exceeds what we expected.

Enter.

Alarums. Enter Anthony, and Scarrus wounded.

Scar. O my braue Emperor, this is fought indeed,  
Had we done so at first, we had drouen them home  
With clowts about their heads.

Far off.

Ant. Thou bleed'st apace

Scar. I had a wound heere that was like a T,  
But now 'tis made an H

Ant. They do retyre

Scar. Wee'l beat 'em into Bench-holes, I haue yet  
Roome for six scotches more

Enter Eros.

Eros. They are beaten Sir, and our aduantage serues  
For a faire victory

Scar. Let vs score their backes,  
And snatch 'em vp, as we take Hares behinde,  
'Tis sport to maul a Runner

Ant. I will reward thee  
Once for thy sprightly comfort, and ten-fold  
For thy good valour. Come thee on

Scar. Ile halt after.

Exeunt.

Alarum. Enter Anthony againe in a March. Scarrus, with others.

Ant. We haue beate him to his Campe: Runne one  
Before, & let the Queen know of our guests: to morrow  
Before the Sun shall see's, wee'l spill the blood  
That ha's to day escap'd. I thanke you all,  
For doughty handed are you, and haue fought  
Not as you seru'd the Cause, but as't had beene  
Each mans like mine: you haue shewne all Hectors.  
Enter the Citty, clip your Wiues, your Friends,  
Tell them your feats, whil'st they with ioyfull teares  
Wash the congealement from your wounds, and kisse  
The Honour'd-gashes whole.  
Enter Cleopatra.

Giue me thy hand,  
To this great Faiery, Ile commend thy acts,  
Make her thankes blesse thee. Oh thou day o'th' world,  
Chaine mine arm'd necke, leape thou, Attyre and all  
Through prooffe of Harnesse to my heart, and there  
Ride on the pants triumphing

Cleo. Lord of Lords.  
Oh infinite Vertue, comm'st thou smiling from  
The worlds great snare vncaught

Ant. Mine Nightingale,  
We haue beate them to their Beds.  
What Gyrlle, though gray  
Do something mingle with our yonger brown, yet ha we  
A Braine that nourishes our Nerues, and can  
Get gole for gole of youth. Behold this man,  
Commend vnto his Lippes thy faouering hand,  
Kisse it my Warriour: He hath fought to day,  
As if a God in hate of Mankinde, had  
Destroyed in such a shape

Cleo. Ile giue thee Friend  
An Armour all of Gold: it was a Kings

Ant. He has deseru'd it, were it Carbunkled  
Like holy Phoebus Carre. Giue me thy hand,  
Through Alexandria make a iolly March,

Beare our hackt Targets, like the men that owe them.  
Had our great Pallace the capacity  
To Campe this hoast, we all would sup together,  
And drinke Carowes to the next dayes Fate  
Which promises Royall perill, Trumpetters  
With brazen dinne blast you the Citties eare,  
Make mingle with our ratling Tabourines,  
That heauen and earth may strike their sounds together,  
Applauding our approach.

Exeunt.

Enter a Centerie, and his Company, Enobarbus followes.

Cent. If we be not releeu'd within this houre,  
We must returne to'th' Court of Guard: the night  
Is shiny, and they say, we shall embattaile  
By'th' second houre i'th' Morne

1.Watch. This last day was a shrew'd one too's

Enob. Oh beare me witness night

2 What man is this?  
1 Stand close, and list him

Enob. Be witness to me (O thou blessed Moone)  
When men reuolted shall vpon Record  
Beare hatefull memory: poore Enobarbus did  
Before thy face repent

Cent. Enobarbus?  
2 Peace: Hearke further

Enob. Oh Soueraigne Mistris of true Melancholly,  
The poysonous dampe of night dispunge vpon me,  
That Life, a very Rebell to my will,  
May hang no longer on me. Throw my heart  
Against the flint and hardnesse of my fault,  
Which being dried with greefe, will breake to powder,  
And finish all foule thoughts. Oh Anthony,  
Nobler then my reuolt is Infamous,  
Forgiue me in thine owne particular,  
But let the world ranke me in Register  
A Master leauer, and a fugitiue:  
Oh Anthony! Oh Anthony!

1 Let's speake to him

Cent. Let's heare him, for the things he speakes  
May concerne Caesar

2 Let's do so; but he sleepe

Cent. Swoonds rather, for so bad a Prayer as his  
Was neuer yet for sleepe

1 Go we to him

2 Awake sir, awake, speake to vs

1 Heare you sir?  
Cent. The hand of death hath raught him.

Drummes afarre off.

Hearke the Drummes demurely wake the sleepers:  
Let vs beare him to'th' Court of Guard: he is of note:  
Our houre is fully out

2 Come on then, he may recouer yet.

Exeunt.

Enter Anthony and Scarrus, with their Army.

Ant. Their preparation is to day by Sea,  
We please them not by Land

Scar. For both, my Lord

Ant. I would they'ld fight i'th' Fire, or i'th' Ayre,  
Wee'ld fight there too. But this it is, our Foote  
Vpon the hilles adioyning to the Citty  
Shall stay with vs. Order for Sea is giuen,  
They haue put forth the Hauen:  
Where their appointment we may best discouer,  
And looke on their endeuour.

Exeunt.

Enter Caesar, and his Army.

Caes But being charg'd, we will be still by Land,  
Which as I tak't we shall, for his best force  
Is forth to Man his Gallies. To the Vales,  
And hold our best aduantage.

Exeunt.

Alarum afarre off, as at a Sea-fight. Enter Anthony, and Scarrus.

Ant. Yet they are not ioyn'd:  
Where yon'd Pine does stand, I shall discouer all.  
Ile bring thee word straight, how 'tis like to go.  
Enter.

Scar. Swallowes haue built  
In Cleopatra's Sailes their nests. The Auguries  
Say, they know not, they cannot tell, looke grimly,  
And dare not speake their knowledge. Anthony,  
Is valiant, and deiected, and by starts  
His fretted Fortunes giue him hope and feare  
Of what he has, and has not.  
Enter Anthony.

Ant. All is lost:  
This fowle Egyptian hath betrayed me:  
My Fleete hath yeelded to the Foe, and yonder  
They cast their Caps vp, and Carowse together  
Like Friends long lost. Triple-turn'd Whore, 'tis thou  
Hast sold me to this Nouice, and my heart  
Makes onely Warres on thee. Bid them all flye:  
For when I am reueng'd vpon my Charme,  
I haue done all. Bid them all flye, be gone.  
Oh Sunne, thy vprise shall I see no more,  
Fortune, and Anthony part heere, euen heere  
Do we shake hands? All come to this? The hearts  
That pannelled me at heeles, to whom I gaue

Their wishes, do dis-Candie, melt their sweets  
On blossoming Caesar: And this Pine is barkt,  
That ouer-top'd them all. Betray'd I am.  
Oh this false Soule of Egypt! this graue Charme,  
Whose eye beck'd forth my Wars, & cal'd them home:  
Whose Bosome was my Crownet, my chiefe end,  
Like a right Gypsie, hath at fast and loose  
Beguil'd me, to the very heart of losse.  
What Eros, Eros?  
Enter Cleopatra.

Ah, thou Spell! Auaunt

Cleo. Why is my Lord enrag'd against his Loue?  
Ant. Vanish, or I shall giue thee thy deseruing,  
And blemish Caesars Triumph. Let him take thee,  
And hoist thee vp to the shouting Plebeians,  
Follow his Chariot, like the greatest spot  
Of all thy Sex. Most Monster-like be shewne  
For poor'st Diminutiues, for Dolts, and let  
Patient Octauia, plough thy visage vp  
With her prepared nailes.

exit Cleopatra.

'Tis well th'art gone,  
If it be well to liue. But better 'twere  
Thou fell'st into my furie, for one death  
Might haue preuented many. Eros, hoa!  
The shirt of Nessus is vpon me, teach me  
Alcides, thou mine Ancestor, thy rage.  
Let me lodge Licas on the hornes o'th' Moone,  
And with those hands that graspt the heauiest Club,  
Subdue my worthiest selfe: The Witch shall die,  
To the young Roman Boy she hath sold me, and I fall  
Vnder this plot: She dyes for't. Eros hoa?  
Enter.

Enter Cleopatra, Charmian, Iras, Mardian.

Cleo. Helpe me my women: Oh hee's more mad  
Then Telamon for his Shield, the Boare of Thessaly  
Was neuer so imbost

Char. To'th' Monument, there locke your selfe,  
And send him word you are dead:  
The Soule and Body riue not more in parting,  
Then greatnesse going off

Cleo. To'th' Monument:  
Mardian, go tell him I haue slaine my selfe:  
Say, that the last I spoke was Anthony,  
And word it (prythee) pitteously. Hence Mardian,  
And bring me how he takes my death to'th' Monument.

Exeunt.

Enter Anthony, and Eros.



Ant. Eros, thou yet behold'st me?  
Eros. I Noble Lord

Ant. Sometime we see a clowd that's Dragonish,  
A vapour sometime, like a Beare, or Lyon,  
A toward Cittadell, a pendant Rocke,  
A forked Mountaine, or blew Promontorie  
With Trees vpon't, that nodde vnto the world,  
And mocke our eyes with Ayre.  
Thou hast seene these Signes,  
They are blacke Vespers Pageants

Eros. I my Lord

Ant. That which is now a Horse, euen with a thoght  
the Racke dislimes, and makes it indistinct  
As water is in water

Eros. It does my Lord

Ant. My good Knaue Eros, now thy Captaine is  
Euen such a body: Heere I am Anthony,  
Yet cannot hold this visible shape (my Knaue)  
I made these warres for Egypt, and the Queene,  
Whose heart I thought I had, for she had mine:  
Which whil'st it was mine, had annex't vnto't  
A Million moe, (now lost:) shee Eros has  
Packt Cards with Caesars, and false plaid my Glory  
Vnto an Enemies triumph.  
Nay, weepe not gentle Eros, there is left vs  
Our selues to end our selues.  
Enter Mardian.

Oh thy vilde Lady, she has rob'd me of my Sword

Mar. No Anthony,  
My Mistris lou'd thee, and her Fortunes mingled  
with thine intirely

Ant. Hence sawcy Eunuch peace, she hath betraid me,  
And shall dye the death

Mar. Death of one person, can be paide but once,  
And that she ha's discharg'd. What thou would'st do  
Is done vnto thy hand: the last she spake  
Was Anthony, most Noble Anthony.  
Then in the midd'st a tearing grone did breake  
The name of Anthony: it was diuided  
Betweene her heart, and lips: she tendred life  
Thy name so buried in her

Ant. Dead then?  
Mar. Dead

Ant. Vnarme Eros, the long dayes taske is done,  
And we must sleepe: That thou depart'st hence safe  
Does pay thy labour richly: Go.

exit Mardian.

Off, plucke off,  
The seven-fold shield of Ajax cannot keepe  
The battery from my heart. Oh cleave my sides.  
Heart, once be stronger then thy Continent,  
Cracke thy fraile Case. Apace Eros, apace;  
No more a Soldier: bruised peeces go,  
You haue bin Nobly borne. From me awhile.

exit Eros

I will o're-take thee Cleopatra, and  
Weepe for my pardon. So it must be, for now  
All length is Torture: since the Torch is out,  
Lye downe and stray no farther. Now all labour  
Marres what it does: yea, very force entangles  
It selfe with strength: Seale then and all is done.  
Eros? I come my Queene. Eros? Stay for me,  
Where Soules do couch on Flowers, wee'l hand in hand,  
And with our sprightly Port make the Ghostes gaze:  
Dido, and her Aeneas shall want Troopes,  
And all the haunt be ours. Come Eros, Eros.  
Enter Eros.

Eros. What would my Lord?

Ant. Since Cleopatra dyed,  
I haue liu'd in such dishonour, that the Gods  
Detest my basenesse. I, that with my Sword,  
Quarter'd the World, and o're greene Neptunes backe  
With Ships, made Cities; condemne my selfe, to lacke  
The Courage of a Woman, lesse Noble minde  
Then she which by her death, our Caesar telles  
I am Conqueror of my selfe. Thou art sworne Eros,  
That when the exigent should come, which now  
Is come indeed: When I should see behinde me  
Th' ineuitable prosecution of disgrace and horror,  
That on my command, thou then would'st kill me.  
Doo't, the time is come: Thou strik'st not me,  
'Tis Caesar thou defeat'st. Put colour in thy Cheeke

Eros. The Gods with-hold me,  
Shall I do that which all the Parthian Darts,  
(Though Enemy) lost ayne, and could not

Ant. Eros,  
Would'st thou be window'd in great Rome, and see  
Thy Master thus with pleacht Armes, bending downe  
His corrigible necke, his face subdu'de  
To penetratiue shame; whil'st the wheel'd seate  
Of Fortunate Caesar drawne before him, branded  
His Basenesse that ensued

Eros. I would not see't

Ant. Come then: for with a wound I must be cur'd.  
Draw that thy honest Sword, which thou hast worne  
Most vsefull for thy Country

Eros. Oh sir, pardon me

Ant. When I did make thee free, swor'st y not then  
To do this when I bad thee? Do it at once,  
Or thy precedent Seruices are all  
But accidents vnpurpos'd. Draw, and come

Eros. Turne from me then that Noble countenance,  
Wherein the worship of the whole world lyes

Ant. Loe thee

Eros. My sword is drawne

Ant. Then let it do at once  
The thing why thou hast drawne it

Eros. My deere Master,  
My Captaine, and my Emperor. Let me say  
Before I strike this bloody stroke, Farwell

Ant. 'Tis said man, and farewell

Eros. Farewell great Chiefe. Shall I strike now?  
Ant. Now Eros.

Killes himselfe.

Eros. Why there then:  
Thus I do escape the sorrow of Anthonies death

Ant. Thrice-Nobler then my selfe,  
Thou teachest me: Oh valiant Eros, what  
I should, and thou could'st not, my Queene and Eros  
Haue by their braue instruction got vpon me  
A Noblenesse in Record. But I will bee  
A Bride-groome in my death, and run intoo't  
As to a Louers bed. Come then, and Eros,  
Thy Master dies thy Scholler; to do thus  
I learnt of thee. How, not dead? Not dead?  
The Guard, how? Oh dispatch me.  
Enter a Guard.

1. Guard. What's the noise?

Ant. I haue done my worke ill Friends:  
Oh make an end of what I haue begun

2 The Starre is falne

1 And time is at his Period

All. Alas, and woe

Ant. Let him that loues me, strike me dead

1 Not I

2 Nor I

3 Nor any one.

Exeunt.

Decretus. Thy death and fortunes bid thy folowers fly  
This sword but shewne to Caesar with this tydings,  
Shall enter me with him.  
Enter Diomedes.

Dio. Where's Anthony?  
Decre. There Diomed there

Diom. Liues he: wilt thou not answer man?  
Ant. Art thou there Diomed?  
Draw thy sword, and giue mee,  
Suffising strokes for death

Diom. Most absolute Lord:  
My Mistris Cleopatra sent me to thee

Ant. When did shee send thee?  
Diom. Now my Lord

Anth. Where is she?  
Diom. Locket in her Monument: she had a Prophesying feare  
Of what hath come to passe: for when she saw  
(Which neuer shall be found) you did suspect  
She had dispos'd with Caesar, and that your rage  
Would not be purg'd, she sent you word she was dead:  
But fearing since how it might worke, hath sent  
Me to proclaime the truth, and I am come  
I dread, too late

Ant. Too late good Diomed: call my Guard I prythee

Dio. What hoa: the Emperors Guard,  
The Guard, what hoa? Come, your Lord calles.  
Enter 4. or 5. of the Guard of Anthony.

Ant. Beare me good Friends where Cleopatra bides,  
'Tis the last seruice that I shall command you

1 Woe, woe are we sir, you may not liue to weare  
All your true Followers out

All. Most heauy day

Ant. Nay good my Fellowes, do not please sharp fate  
To grace it with your sorrowes. Bid that welcome  
Which comes to punish vs, and we punish it  
Seeming to beare it lightly. Take me vp,  
I haue led you oft, carry me now good Friends,  
And haue my thankses for all.

Exit bearing Anthony

Enter Cleopatra, and her Maides aloft, with Charmian & Iras.

Cleo. Oh Charmian, I will neuer go from hence

Char. Be comforted deere Madam

Cleo. No, I will not:  
All strange and terrible euent's are welcome,  
But comforts we dispise; our size of sorrow  
Proportion'd to our cause, must be as great  
As that which makes it.  
Enter Diomed.

How now? is he dead?  
Diom. His death's vpon him, but not dead.  
Looke out o'th other side your Monument,  
His Guard haue brought him thither.  
Enter Anthony, and the Guard.

Cleo. Oh Sunne,  
Burne the great Sphere thou mou'st in, darkling stand  
The varrying shore o'th' world. O Antony, Antony, Antony  
Helpe Charmian, helpe Iras helpe: helpe Friends  
Below, let's draw him hither

Ant. Peace,  
Not Caesars Valour hath o'rethrowne Anthony,  
But Anthonie's hath Triumpht on it selfe

Cleo. So it should be,  
That none but Anthony should conquer Anthony,  
But woe 'tis so

Ant. I am dying Egypt, dying; onely  
I heere importune death a-while, vntill  
Of many thousand kisses, the poore last  
I lay vpon thy lippes

Cleo. I dare not Deere,  
Deere my Lord pardon: I dare not,  
Least I be taken: nor th' Imperious shew  
Of the full-Fortun'd Caesar, euer shall  
Be brooch'd with me, if Knife, Drugges, Serpents haue  
Edge, sting, or operation. I am safe:  
Your Wife Octauia, with her modest eyes,  
And still Conclusion, shall acquire no Honour  
Demuring vpon me: but come, come Anthony,  
Helpe me my women, we must draw thee vp:  
Assist good Friends

Ant. Oh quicke, or I am gone

Cleo. Heere's sport indeede:  
How heauy weighes my Lord?  
Our strength is all gone into heauinesse,  
That makes the waight. Had I great Iuno's power,  
The strong wing'd Mercury should fetch thee vp,  
And set thee by Ioues side. Yet come a little,  
Wishers were euer Fooles. Oh come, come, come,

They heaue Anthony aloft to Cleopatra.

And welcome, welcome. Dye when thou hast liu'd,

Quicken with kissing: had my lippes that power,  
Thus would I weare them out

All. A heauy sight

Ant. I am dying Egypt, dying.  
Giue me some Wine, and let me speake a little

Cleo. No, let me speake, and let me rayle so hye,  
That the false Huswife Fortune, breake her Wheele,  
Prouok'd by my offence

Ant. One word (sweet Queene)  
Of Caesar seeke your Honour, with your safety. Oh

Cleo. They do not go together

Ant. Gentle heare me,  
None about Caesar trust, but Proculeius

Cleo. My Resolution, and my hands, Ile trust,  
None about Caesar

Ant. The miserable change now at my end,  
Lament nor sorrow at: but please your thoughts  
In feeding them with those my former Fortunes  
Wherein I liued. The greatest Prince o'th' world,  
The Noblest: and do now not basely dye,  
Not Cowardly put off my Helmet to  
My Countreyman. A Roman, by a Roman  
Valiantly vanquish'd. Now my Spirit is going,  
I can no more

Cleo. Noblest of men, woo't dye?  
Hast thou no care of me, shall I abide  
In this dull world, which in thy absence is  
No better then a Styre? Oh see my women:  
The Crowne o'th' earth doth melt. My Lord?  
Oh wither'd is the Garland of the Warre,  
The Souldiers pole is falne: young Boyes and Gyrles  
Are leuell now with men: The oddes is gone,  
And there is nothing left remarkeable  
Beneath the visiting Moone

Char. Oh quietnesse, Lady

Iras. She's dead too, our Soueraigne

Char. Lady

Iras. Madam

Char. Oh Madam, Madam, Madam

Iras. Royall Egypt: Empresse

Char. Peace, peace, Iras

Cleo. No more but in a Woman, and commanded

By such poore passion, as the Maid that Milkes,  
And doe's the meanest chares. It were for me,  
To throw my Scepter at the iniurious Gods,  
To tell them that this World did equall theyrs,  
Till they had stolne our lewell. All's but naught:  
Patience is sortish, and impatience does  
Become a Dogge that's mad: Then is it sinne,  
To rush into the secret house of death,  
Ere death dare come to vs. How do you Women?  
What, what good cheere? Why how now Charmian?  
My Noble Gyrls? Ah Women, women! Looke  
Our Lampe is spent, it's out. Good sirs, take heart,  
Wee'l bury him: And then, what's braue, what's Noble,  
Let's doo't after the high Roman fashion,  
And make death proud to take vs. Come, away,  
This case of that huge Spirit now is cold.  
Ah Women, Women! Come, we haue no Friend  
But Resolution, and the breefest end.

Exeunt., bearing of Anthonies body.

Enter Caesar, Agrippa, Dollabella, Menas, with his Counsell of Warre.

Caesar. Go to him Dollabella, bid him yeeld,  
Being so frustrate, tell him,  
He mockes the pawses that he makes

Dol. Caesar, I shall.  
Enter Decretas with the sword of Anthony.

Caes Wherefore is that? And what art thou that dar'st  
Appeare thus to vs?  
Dec. I am call'd Decretas,  
Marke Anthony I seru'd, who best was worthie  
Best to be seru'd: whil'st he stood vp, and spoke  
He was my Master, and I wore my life  
To spend vpon his haters. If thou please  
To take me to thee, as I was to him,  
Ile be to Caesar: if y pleasest not, I yeild thee vp my life

Caesar. What is't thou say'st?  
Dec. I say (Oh Caesar) Anthony is dead

Caesar. The breaking of so great a thing, should make  
A greater cracke. The round World  
Should haue shooke Lyons into ciuill streets,  
And Cittizens to their dennes. The death of Anthony  
Is not a single doome, in the name lay  
A moiety of the world

Dec. He is dead Caesar,  
Not by a publike minister of Iustice,  
Nor by a hyred Knife, but that selfe-hand  
Which writ his Honor in the Acts it did,  
Hath with the Courage which the heart did lend it,  
Splitted the heart. This is his Sword,  
I robb'd his wound of it: behold it stain'd  
With his most Noble blood

Caes Looke you sad Friends,  
The Gods rebuke me, but it is Tydings  
To wash the eyes of Kings

Dol. And strange it is,  
That Nature must compell vs to lament  
Our most persisted deeds

Mec. His taints and Honours, wag'd equal with him

Dola. A Rarer spirit neuer  
Did steere humanity: but you Gods will giue vs  
Some faults to make vs men. Caesar is touch'd

Mec. When such a spacious Mirror's set before him,  
He needes must see him selfe

Caesar. Oh Anthony,  
I haue followed thee to this, but we do launch  
Diseases in our Bodies. I must perforce  
Haue shewne to thee such a declining day,  
Or looke on thine: we could not stall together,  
In the whole world. But yet let me lament  
With teares as Soueraigne as the blood of hearts,  
That thou my Brother, my Competitor,  
In top of all designe; my Mate in Empire,  
Friend and Companion in the front of Warre,  
The Arme of mine owne Body, and the Heart  
Where mine his thoughts did kindle; that our Starres  
Vnreconciliable, should diuide our equalnesse to this.  
Heare me good Friends,  
But I will tell you at some meeter Season,  
The businesse of this man lookes out of him,  
Wee'l heare him what he sayes.  
Enter an aegyptian.

Whence are you?

aegyp. A poore Egyptian yet, the Queen my mistris  
Confin'd in all, she has her Monument  
Of thy intents, desires, instruction,  
That she preparedly may frame her selfe  
To'th' way shee's forc'd too

Caesar. Bid her haue good heart,  
She soone shall know of vs, by some of ours,  
How honourable, and how kindely Wee  
Determine for her. For Caesar cannot leaue to be vngentle  
aegypt. So the Gods preserue thee.  
Enter.

Caes Come hither Proculeius. Go and say  
We purpose her no shame: giue her what comforts  
The quality of her passion shall require;  
Least in her greatnesse, by some mortall stroke  
She do defeate vs. For her life in Rome,  
Would be eternall in our Triumph: Go,  
And with your speediest bring vs what she sayes,  
And how you finde of her



Pro. Caesar I shall.

Exit Proculeius.

Caes Gallus, go you along: where's Dolabella, to second Proculeius?

All. Dolabella

Caes Let him alone: for I remember now  
How hee's imployd: he shall in time be ready.  
Go with me to my Tent, where you shall see  
How hardly I was drawne into this Warre,  
How calme and gentle I proceeded still  
In all my Writings. Go with me, and see  
What I can shew in this.

Exeunt.

Enter Cleopatra, Charmian, Iras, and Mardian.

Cleo. My desolation does begin to make  
A better life: Tis paltry to be Caesar:  
Not being Fortune, hee's but Fortunes knaue,  
A minister of her will: and it is great  
To do that thing that ends all other deeds,  
Which shackles accedents, and bolts vp change;  
Which sleepes, and neuer pallates more the dung,  
The beggers Nurse, and Caesars.  
Enter Proculeius.

Pro. Caesar sends greeting to the Queene of Egypt,  
And bids thee study on what faire demands  
Thou mean'st to haue him grant thee

Cleo. What's thy name?

Pro. My name is Proculeius

Cleo. Anthony  
Did tell me of you, bad me trust you, but  
I do not greatly care to be deceiu'd  
That haue no vse for trusting. If your Master  
Would haue a Queene his begger, you must tell him,  
That Maiesty to keepe decorum, must  
No lesse begge then a Kingdome: If he please  
To giue me conquer'd Egypt for my Sonne,  
He giues me so much of mine owne, as I  
Will kneele to him with thanks

Pro. Be of good cheere:  
Y'are falne into a Princely hand, feare nothing,  
Make your full reference freely to my Lord,  
Who is so full of Grace, that it flowes ouer  
On all that neede. Let me report to him  
Your sweet dependencie, and you shall finde  
A Conqueror that will pray in ayde for kindnesse,  
Where he for grace is kneel'd too

Cleo. Pray you tell him,

I am his Fortunes Vassall, and I send him  
The Greatnesse he has got. I hourelly learne  
A Doctrine of Obedience, and would gladly  
Looke him i'th' Face

Pro. This Ile report (deere Lady)  
Haue comfort, for I know your plight is pittied  
Of him that caus'd it

Pro. You see how easily she may be surpriz'd:  
Guard her till Caesar come

Iras. Royall Queene

Char. Oh Cleopatra, thou art taken Queene

Cleo. Quicke, quicke, good hands

Pro. Hold worthy Lady, hold:  
Doe not your selfe such wrong, who are in this  
Releeu'd, but not betrayd

Cleo. What of death too that rids our dogs of languish  
Pro. Cleopatra, do not abuse my Masters bounty, by  
Th' vndoing of your selfe: Let the World see  
His Noblenesse well acted, which your death  
Will neuer let come forth

Cleo. Where art thou Death?  
Come hither come; Come, come, and take a Queene  
Worth many Babes and Beggars

Pro. Oh temperance Lady

Cleo. Sir, I will eate no meate, Ile not drinke sir,  
If idle talke will once be necessary  
Ile not sleepe neither. This mortall house Ile ruine,  
Do Caesar what he can. Know sir, that I  
Will not waite pinnion'd at your Masters Court,  
Nor once be chastic'd with the sober eye  
Of dull Octauia. Shall they hoyst me vp,  
And shew me to the showting Varlotarie  
Of censuring Rome? Rather a ditch in Egypt.  
Be gentle graue vnto me, rather on Nylus mudde  
Lay me starke-nak'd, and let the water-Flies  
Blow me into abhorring; rather make  
My Countries high pyramides my Gibbet,  
And hang me vp in Chaines

Pro. You do extend  
These thoughts of horror further then you shall  
Finde cause in Caesar.  
Enter Dolabella.

Dol. Proculeius,  
What thou hast done, thy Master Caesar knowes,  
And he hath sent for thee: for the Queene,  
Ile take her to my Guard

Pro. So Dolabella,  
It shall content me best: Be gentle to her,  
To Caesar I will speake, what you shall please,  
If you'll imploy me to him.

Exit Proculeius

Cleo. Say, I would dye

Dol. Most Noble Empresse, you haue heard of me

Cleo. I cannot tell

Dol. Assuredly you know me

Cleo. No matter sir, what I haue heard or knowne:  
You laugh when Boyes or Women tell their Dreames,  
Is't not your tricke?

Dol. I vnderstand not, Madam

Cleo. I dreamt there was an Emperor Anthony.  
Oh such another sleepe, that I might see  
But such another man

Dol. If it might please ye

Cleo. His face was as the Heau'ns, and therein stucke  
A Sunne and Moone, which kept their course, & lighted  
The little o'th' earth

Dol. Most Soueraigne Creature

Cleo. His legges bestrid the Ocean, his rear'd arme  
Crested the world: His voyce was propertied  
As all the tuned Spheres, and that to Friends:  
But when he meant to quaille, and shake the Orbe,  
He was as ratling Thunder. For his Bounty,  
There was no winter in't. An Anthony it was,  
That grew the more by reaping: His delights  
Were Dolphin-like, they shew'd his backe aboue  
The Element they liu'd in: In his Liury  
Walk'd Crownes and Crownets: Realms & Islands were  
As plates dropt from his pocket

Dol. Cleopatra

Cleo. Thinke you there was, or might be such a man  
As this I dreamt of?

Dol. Gentle Madam, no

Cleo. You Lye vp to the hearing of the Gods:  
But if there be, not euer were one such  
It's past the size of dreaming: Nature wants stuffe  
To vie strange formes with fancie, yet t' imagine  
An Anthony were Natures peece, 'gainst Fancie,  
Condemning shadowes quite

Dol. Heare me, good Madam:  
Your losse is as your selfe, great; and you beare it

As answering to the waight, would I might neuer  
Ore-take pursu'de successe: But I do feele  
By the rebound of yours, a greefe that suites  
My very heart at roote

Cleo. I thanke you sir:  
Know you what Caesar meanes to do with me?  
Dol. I am loath to tell you what, I would you knew

Cleo. Nay pray you sir

Dol. Though he be Honourable

Cleo. Hee'l leade me then in Triumph

Dol. Madam he will, I know't.

Flourish.

Enter Proculeius, Caesar, Gallus, Mecenas, and others of his  
Traine.

All. Make way there Caesar

Caes Which is the Queene of Egypt

Dol. It is the Emperor Madam.

Cleo. kneeles.

Caesar. Arise, you shall not kneele:  
I pray you rise, rise Egypt

Cleo. Sir, the Gods will haue it thus,  
My Master and my Lord I must obey,  
Caesar. Take to you no hard thoughts,  
The Record of what iniuries you did vs,  
Though written in our flesh, we shall remember  
As things but done by chance

Cleo. Sole Sir o'th' World,  
I cannot proiect mine owne cause so well  
To make it cleare, but do confesse I haue  
Bene laden with like frailties, which before  
Haue often sham'd our Sex

Caesar. Cleopatra know,  
We will extenuate rather then inforce:  
If you apply your selfe to our intents,  
Which towards you are most gentle, you shall finde  
A benefit in this change: but if you seeke  
To lay on me a Cruelty, by taking  
Anthonies course, you shall bereaue your selfe  
Of my good purposes, and put your children  
To that destruction which Ile guard them from,  
If thereon you relye. Ile take my leaue

Cleo. And may through all the world: tis yours, & we  
your Scutcheons, and your signes of Conquest shall

Hang in what place you please. Here my good Lord

Caesar. You shall advise me in all for Cleopatra

Cleo. This is the briefe: of Money, Plate, & Jewels  
I am possess'd of, 'tis exactly valued,  
Not petty things admitted. Where's Seleucus?  
Seleu. Heere Madam

Cleo. This is my Treasurer, let him speake (my Lord)  
Upon his perill, that I have reser'd  
To my selfe nothing. Speake the truth Seleucus

Seleu. Madam, I had rather seele my lippes,  
Then to my perill speake that which is not

Cleo. What have I kept backe

Sel. Enough to purchase what you have made known  
Caesar. Nay blush not Cleopatra, I approve  
Your Wisedome in the deede

Cleo. See Caesar: Oh behold,  
How pompe is followed: Mine will now be yours,  
And should we shift estates, yours would be mine.  
The ingratitude of this Seleucus, does  
Even make me wilde. Oh Slaue, of no more trust  
Then loue that's hyrd? What goest thou backe, y shalt  
Go backe I warrant thee: but Ile catch thine eyes  
Though they had wings. Slaue, Soule-lesse, Villain, Dog.  
O rarely base!

Caesar. Good Queene, let vs intreat you

Cleo. O Caesar, what a wounding shame is this,  
That thou vouchsafing heere to visit me,  
Doing the Honour of thy Lordlinesse  
To one so meeke, that mine owne Seruant should  
Parcell the summe of my disgraces, by  
Addition of his Enuy. Say (good Caesar)  
That I some Lady trifles haue reser'd,  
Immoment toys, things of such Dignitie  
As we greet moderne Friends withall, and say  
Some Nobler token I haue kept apart  
For Liuia and Octauiā, to induce  
Their mediation, must I be vnfolded  
With one that I haue bred: The Gods! it smites me  
Beneath the fall I haue. Prythee go hence,  
Or I shall shew the Cynders of my spirits  
Through th' Ashes of my chance: Wer't thou a man,  
Thou would'st haue mercy on me

Caesar. Forbear Seleucus

Cleo. Be it known, that we the greatest are mis-thought  
For things that others do: and when we fall,  
We answer others merits, in our name  
Are therefore to be pittied

Caesar. Cleopatra,

Not what you haue reseru'd, nor what acknowledg'd  
Put we i'th' Roll of Conquest: still bee't yours,  
Bestow it at your pleasure, and beleeeue  
Caesars no Merchant, to make prize with you  
Of things that Merchants sold. Therefore be cheer'd,  
Make not your thoughts your prisons: No deere Queen,  
For we intend so to dispose you, as  
Your selfe shall giue vs counsell: Feede, and sleepe:  
Our care and pittie is so much vpon you,  
That we remaine your Friend, and so adieu

Cleo. My Master, and my Lord

Caesar. Not so: Adieu.

Flourish. Exeunt Caesar, and his Traine.

Cleo. He words me Gyrles, he words me,  
That I should not be Noble to my selfe.  
But hearke thee Charmian

Iras. Finish good Lady, the bright day is done,  
And we are for the darke

Cleo. Hye thee againe,  
I haue spoke already, and it is prouided,  
Go put it to the haste

Char. Madam, I will.  
Enter Dolabella.

Dol. Where's the Queene?  
Char. Behold sir

Cleo. Dolabella

Dol. Madam, as thereto sworne, by your command  
(Which my loue makes Religion to obey)  
I tell you this: Caesar through Syria  
Intends his iourney, and within three dayes,  
You with your Children will he send before,  
Make your best vse of this. I haue perform'd  
Your pleasure, and my promise

Cleo. Dolabella, I shall remaine your debter

Dol. I your Seruant:  
Adieu good Queene, I must attend on Caesar.

Exit

Cleo. Farewell, and thanks.  
Now Iras, what think'st thou?  
Thou, an Egyptian Puppet shall be shewne  
In Rome aswell as I: Mechanicke Slaues  
With greazie Aprons, Rules, and Hammers shall  
Vplift vs to the view. In their thicke breathes,  
Ranke of grosse dyet, shall we be enclowded,  
And forc'd to drinke their vapour

Iras. The Gods forbid

Cleo. Nay, 'tis most certaine Iras: sawcie Lictors  
Will catch at vs like Strumpets, and scald Rimers  
Ballads vs out a Tune. The quicke Comedians  
Extemporally will stage vs, and present  
Our Alexandrian Reuels: Anthony  
Shall be brought drunken forth, and I shall see  
Some squeaking Cleopatra Boy my greatnesse  
l'th' posture of a Whore

Iras. O the good Gods!  
Cleo. Nay that's certaine

Iras. Ile neuer see't? for I am sure mine Nails  
Are stronger then mine eyes

Cleo. Why that's the way to foole their preparation,  
And to conquer their most absurd intents.  
Enter Charmian.

Now Charmian.  
Shew me my Women like a Queene: Go fetch  
My best Attyres. I am againe for Cidrus,  
To meete Marke Anthony. Sirra Iras, go  
(Now Noble Charmian, wee'l dispatch indeede,)  
And when thou hast done this chare, Ile giue thee leaue  
To play till Doomesday: bring our Crowne, and all.

A noise within.

Wherefore's this noise?  
Enter a Guardsman.

Gards. Heere is a rurall Fellow,  
That will not be deny'de your Highnesse presence,  
He brings you Figges

Cleo. Let him come in.

Exit Guardsman.

What poore an Instrument  
May do a Noble deede: he brings me liberty:  
My Resolution's plac'd, and I haue nothing  
Of woman in me: Now from head to foote  
I am Marble constant: now the fleeting Moone  
No Planet is of mine.  
Enter Guardsman, and Clowne.

Guards. This is the man

Cleo. Auoid, and leaue him.

Exit Guardsman.

Hast thou the pretty worme of Nylus there,  
That killes and paines not?

Clow. Truly I haue him: but I would not be the partie that should desire you to touch him, for his byting is immortal: those that doe dye of it, doe seldome or neuer recouer

Cleo. Remember'st thou any that haue dyed on't?

Clow. Very many, men and women too. I heard of one of them no longer then yesterday, a very honest woman, but something giuen to lye, as a woman should not do, but in the way of honesty, how she dyed of the byting of it, what paine she felt: Truely, she makes a verie good report o'th' worme: but he that wil beleeeue all that they say, shall neuer be sau'd by halfe that they do: but this is most falliable, the Worme's an odde Worme

Cleo. Get thee hence, farewell

Clow. I wish you all ioy of the Worme

Cleo. Farewell

Clow. You must thinke this (looke you,) that the Worme will do his kinde

Cleo. I, I, farewell

Clow. Looke you, the Worme is not to bee trusted, but in the keeping of wise people: for indeede, there is no goodnesse in the Worme

Cleo. Take thou no care, it shall be heeded

Clow. Very good: giue it nothing I pray you, for it is not worth the feeding

Cleo. Will it eate me?

Clow. You must not think I am so simple, but I know the diuell himselfe will not eate a woman: I know, that a woman is a dish for the Gods, if the diuell dresse her not. But truly, these same whorson diuels doe the Gods great harme in their women: for in euery tenne that they make, the diuels marre fiue

Cleo. Well, get thee gone, farewell

Clow. Yes forsooth: I wish you ioy o'th' worm.

Exit

Cleo. Giue me my Robe, put on my Crowne, I haue Immortall longings in me. Now no more The iuyce of Egypts Grape shall moyst this lip. Yare, yare, good Iras; quicke: Me thinkes I heare Anthony call: I see him rowse himselfe To praise my Noble Act. I heare him mock The lucke of Caesar, which the Gods giue men To excuse their after wrath. Husband, I come: Now to that name, my Courage proue my Title. I am Fire, and Ayre; my other Elements



I giue to baser life. So, haue you done?  
Come then, and take the last warmth of my Lippes.  
Farewell kinde Charmian, Iras, long farewell.  
Haue I the Aspicke in my lippes? Dost fall?  
If thou, and Nature can so gently part,  
The stroke of death is as a Louers pinch,  
Which hurts, and is desir'd. Dost thou lye still?  
If thus thou vanishest, thou tell'st the world,  
It is not worth leaue-taking

Char. Dissolue thicke cloud, & Raine, that I may say  
The Gods themselues do weepe

Cleo. This proues me base:  
If she first meete the Curled Anthony,  
Hee'l make demand of her, and spend that kisse  
Which is my heauen to haue. Come thou mortal wretch,  
With thy sharpe teeth this knot intricate,  
Of life at once vntye: Poore venomous Foole,  
Be angry, and dispatch. Oh could'st thou speake,  
That I might heare thee call great CaesarASSE, vnpoliced

Char. Oh Easterne Starre

Cleo. Peace, peace:  
Dost thou not see my Baby at my breast,  
That suckes the Nurse asleepe

Char. O breake! O breake!

Cleo. As sweet as Balme, as soft as Ayre, as gentle.  
O Anthony! Nay I will take thee too.  
What should I stay-

Dyes.

Char. In this wilde World? So fare thee well:  
Now boast thee Death, in thy possession lyes  
A Lasse vnparalell'd. Downie Windowes cloze,  
And golden Phoebus, neuer be beheld  
Of eyes againe so Royall: your Crownes away,  
Ile mend it, and then play-  
Enter the Guard rustling in; and Dolabella.

1. Guard. Where's the Queene?

Char. Speake softly, wake her not

1 Caesar hath sent

Char. Too slow a Messenger.  
Oh come apace, dispatch, I partly feele thee

1 Approach hoa,  
All's not well: Caesar's beguild

2 There's Dolabella sent from Caesar: call him

1 What worke is heere Charmian?  
Is this well done?

Char. It is well done, and fitting for a Princesse  
Descended of so many Royall Kings.

Ah Souldier.

Charmian dyes.

Enter Dolabella.

Dol. How goes it heere?  
2.Guard. All dead

Dol. Caesar, thy thoughts  
Touch their effects in this: Thy selfe art comming  
To see perform'd the dreaded Act which thou  
So sought'st to hinder.  
Enter Caesar and all his Traine, marching.

All. A way there, a way for Caesar

Dol. Oh sir, you are too sure an Augurer:  
That you did feare, is done

Caesar. Brauest at the last,  
She leuell'd at our purposes, and being Royall  
Tooke her owne way: the manner of their deaths,  
I do not see them bleede

Dol. Who was last with them?  
1.Guard. A simple Countryman, that broght hir Figs:  
This was his Basket

Caesar. Poyson'd then

1.Guard. Oh Caesar:  
This Charmian liu'd but now, she stood and spake:  
I found her trimming vp the Diadem;  
On her dead Mistris tremblingly she stood,  
And on the sodaine dropt

Caesar. Oh Noble weakenesse:  
If they had swallow'd poyson, 'twould appeare  
By externall swelling: but she lookes like sleepe,  
As she would catch another Anthony  
In her strong toyle of Grace

Dol. Heere on her brest,  
There is a vent of Bloud, and something blowne,  
The like is on her Arme

1.Guard. This is an Aspicket traile,  
And these Figge-leaues haue slime vpon them, such  
As th' Aspicket leaues vpon the Caues of Nyle

Caesar. Most probable  
That so she dyed: for her Physitian tels mee  
She hath pursu'de Conclusions infinite  
Of easie wayes to dye. Take vp her bed,  
And beare her Women from the Monument,  
She shall be buried by her Anthony.  
No Graue vpon the earth shall clip in it  
A payre so famous: high euent as these

Strike those that make them: and their Story is  
No lesse in pittie, then his Glory which  
Brought them to be lamented. Our Army shall  
In solemne shew, attend this Funerall,  
And then to Rome. Come Dolabella, see  
High Order, in this great Solemnity.

Exeunt. omnes

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