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The troublesome
raigne and lamentable death of
Edward *the second, King of*
England: with the tragicall
fall of proud Mortimer:

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As it was sundrie times publiquely acted
in the honourable citie of London, by the
right honourable the Earle of Pem-
brooke his seruants.
Written by Chri. Marlow Gent.

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Imprinted at London for *William Iones*
dwelling neere Holbourne conduit, at the
signe of the Gunne. 1594.

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The troublesome raigne and lamentable death of Edward the second, king of England: with the tragicall fall of proud Mortimer.

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Enter Gauestone reading on a letter that was brought him from the king.

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MY father is deceast, come *Gaueston*,
And share the kingdom with thy deerest friend
Ah words that make me surfet with delight:
What greater blisse can hap to *Gaueston*,
Then liue and be the fauorit of a king?
Sweete prince I come, these these thy amorous lines,
Might haue enforst me to haue swum from France,
And like *Leander* gaspt vpon the sande,
So thou wouldst smile and take me in thy armes.
The sight of London to my exiled eyes,
Is as Elizium to a new come soule,
Not that I loue the citie or the men,
But that it harbors him I hold so deare,
The king, vpon whose bosome let me die,
And with the world be still at enmitie:
What neede the artick people loue star-light,
To whom the sunne shines both by day and night.
Farewell base stooping to the lordly peeres,

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The Tragedie

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My knee shall bowe to none but to the king,
As for the multitude that are but sparkes,
Rakt vp in embers of their pouertie,
Tanti: Ile fanne first on the winde,
That glaunceth at my lips and flieth away;
But how now, what are these?

Enter three poore men.

Poore men. Such as desire your worships seruice.

Gauest. What canst thou doe?

1. poore. I can ride.

Gauest. But I haue no horses. What art thou?

2. poore. A traueller.

Gauest. Let me see, thou wouldst do well

To waite at my trencher, & tell me lies at dinner time,

And as I like your discoursing, ile haue you.

And what art thou?

3. poore. A souldier, that hath seru'd against the Scot.

Gauest. Why there are hospitals for such as you,

I haue no warre, and therefore sir be gone.

Sold. Farewell, and perish by a souldiers hand,

That wouldst reward them with an hospitall.

Gau. I, I, these wordes of his moue me as much,

As if a Goose should play the Porpentine,

And dart her plumes, thinking to pierce my brest,

But yet it is no paine to speake men faire,

Ile flatter these, and make them liue in hope:

You know that I came lately out of France,

And yet I haue not viewd my Lord the king,

If I speed well, ile entertaine you all.

Omnes. We thanke your worship.

Gauest. I haue some busines, leaue me to my selfe.

Omnes. We will wait heere about the court.

Exeunt.

Gauest.

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Gauest. Do: these are not men for me,
I must haue wanton Poets, pleasant wits,
Musitians, that with touching of a string
May draw the pliant king which way I please:
Musicke and poetrie is his delight,
Therefore ile haue Italian maskes by night,
Sweete speeches, comedies, and pleasing showes,
And in the day when he shall walke abroad,
Like *Siluian* Nimphes my pages shall be clad,
My men like Satyres grazing on the lawnes,
Shall with their Goate feete daunce an antick hay,
Sometime a louelie boye in *Dians* shape,
With haire that gilds the water as it glides,
Crownets of pearle about his naked armes,
And in his sportfull hands an Oliue tree,
To hide those parts which men delight to see,
Shall bathe him in a spring, and there hard by,
One like *Actæon* peeping through the groue,
Shall by the angrie goddessse be transformde,
And running in the likenes of an Hart,
By yelping hounds puld downe, and seeme to die,
Such things as these best please his maiestie.
My lord, heere comes the king and the nobles
From the parlament, ile stand aside.

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*Enter the King, Lancaster, Mortimer senior, Mortimer
iunior, Edmund Earle of Kent, Guie Earle of War-
wicke, &c.*

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Edward. Lancaster.
Lancast. My Lorde.
Gauest. That Earle of Lancaster do I abhorre.

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Edw. Will you not graunt me this? in spite of them
Ile haue my will, and these two *Mortimers*,
That crosse me thus, shall know I am displeasd.

Mor. se. If you loue vs my lord, hate *Gaueston*.

Gauest. That villaine *Mortimer* ile be his death.

Mor. iu. Mine vnckle heere, this Earle, & I my selfe,
Were sworne to your father at his death,
That he should nere returne into the realme:
And know my lord, ere I will breake my oath,
This sword of mine that should offend your foes,
Shall sleepe within the scabberd at thy neede,
And vnderneath thy banners march who will,
For *Mortimer* will hang his armor vp.

Gauest. *Mort. dieu.*

Edw. Well *Mortimer*, ile make thee rue these words,
Beseemes it thee to contradict thy king?
Frownst thou thereat aspiring Lancaster,
The sworde shall plane the furrowes of thy browes,
And hew these knees that now are growne so stiffe,
I will haue *Gaueston*, and you shall know,
What danger tis to stand against your king.

Gauest. Well doone, *Ned.*

Lan. My lord, why do you thus incense your peeres,
That naturally would loue and honour you:
But for that base and obscure *Gaueston*,
Foure Earldomes haue I besides Lancaster,
Darbie, Salsburie, Lincolne, Leicester,
These will I sell to giue my souldiers paye,
Ere *Gaueston* shall stay within the realme,
Therefore if he be come, expell him straight.

Edm. Barons & Earls, your pride hath made me mute,
But now ile speake, and to the prooffe I hope:

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I do remember in my fathers dayes,
Lord *Percie* of the North being highly mou'd,
Brau'd *Mowberie* in presence of the king,
For which, had not his highnes lou'd him well,
He should haue lost his head, but with his looke,
The vndaunted spirit of *Percie* was appeasd,
And *Mowberie* and he were reconcild:
Yet dare you braue the king vnto his face,
Brother reuenge it, and let these their heads,
Preach vpon poles for trespasse of their tongues.
Warwicke. O our heads.
Edw. I yours, and therefore I would wish you graunt.
Warw. Bridle thy anger gentle *Mortimer*.
Mor. iu. I cannot, nor I will not, I must speake,
Cosin, our hands I hope shall fence our heads,
And strike off his that makes you threaten vs.
Come vnckle, let vs leaue the brainsick king,
And henceforth parle with our naked swords.
Mor. se. Wilshire hath men enough to saue our heads.
Warw. All Warwickshire will loue him for my sake.
Lanc. And Northward *Gaueston* hath many friends,
Adew my Lord, and either change your minde,
Or looke to see the throne where you should sit,
To floate in bloud, and at thy wanton head,
The glozing head of thy base minion throwne.
Exeunt Nobiles.
Edw. I cannot brooke these hautie menaces:
Am I a king and must be ouer rulde?
Brother displaie my ensignes in the field,
Ile bandie with the Barons and the Earles,
And eyther die, or liue with *Gaueston*.
Gau. I can no longer keepe me from my lord.

Edw.

The Tragedie

Edw. What *Gaueston*, welcome: kis not my hand,
Embrace me *Gaueston* as I do thee:
Why shouldst thou kneele,
Knowest thou not who I am?
Thy friend, thy selfe, another *Gaueston*,
Not *Hilas* was more mourned of *Hercules*,
Then thou hast beene of me since thy exile.

Gau. And since I went from hence, no soule in hell
Hath felt more torment then poore *Gaueston*.

Edw. I know it, brother welcome home my friend,
Now let the treacherous *Mortimers* conspire,
And that high minded earle of Lancaster,
I haue my wish, in that *I* ioy thy sight,
And sooner shall the sea orewhelme my land,
Then beare the ship that shall transport thee hence:
I heere create thee Lord high Chamberlaine,
Cheefe Secretarie to the state and me,
Earle of Cornewall, king and lord of Man.

Gauest. My lord, these titles far exceed my worth.

Kent. Brother, the least of these may well suffice
For one of greater birth then *Gaueston*.

Edw. Cease brother, for I cannot brooke these words,
Thy woorth sweet friend is far aboue my guifts,
Therefore to equall it receiue my hart,
If for these dignities thou be enuied,
Ile giue thee more, for but to honour thee,
Is *Edward* pleazd with kinglie regiment.
Fearst thou thy person? thou shalt haue a guard:
Wants thou gold? go to my treasure,
Wouldst thou be loude and fearde? receiue my seale,
Saue or condemne, and in our name commaund,
What so thy minde affectes or fancie likes.

Gaue.

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of Edward the second.

Gaue. It shall suffice me to enioy your loue,
Which whiles I haue, I thinke my selfe as great,
As *Cæsar* riding in the Romaine streete,
With captiue kings at his triumphant Carre.

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Enter the Bishop of Couentrie.

Edw. Whether goes my Lord of Couentrie so fast?

Bish. To celebrate your fathers exequies,
But is that wicked *Gaueston* returnd?

Edw. I priest, and liues to be reuengd on thee,
That wert the onely cause of his exile.

Gaue. Tis true, and but for reuerence of these robes,
Thou shouldst not plod one foote beyond this place.

Bish. I did no more then I was bound to do,
And *Gaueston* vnlesse thou be reclaimd,
As then I did incense the parlement,
So will I now, and thou shalt back to France.

Gaue. Sauing your reuerence, you must pardon me.

Edw. Throwe of his golden miter, rend his stole,
And in the channell christen him a new.

Kent. Ah brother, lay not violent hands on him,
For heele complaine vnto the sea of Rome.

Gaue. Let him complaine vnto the sea of hell,
Ile be reuengd on him for my exile.

Edw. No, spare his life, but seaze vpon his goods,
Be thou lord bishop, and receiue his rents,
And make him serue thee as thy chaplaine,
I giue him thee, here vse him as thou wilt.

Gaue. He shall to prison, and there die in boult.

Edw. I to the tower, the fleete, or where thou wilt.

Bish. For this offence be thou accurst of God.

Edw. Whose there? conueie this priest to the tower.

Bish. True, true.

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Edw.

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Edw. But in the meane time *Gaueston* away,
And take possession of his house and goods,
Come follow me, and thou shalt haue my garde,
To see it done, and bring thee safe againe.

Gaue. What should a priest do with so faire a house?
A prison may be seeme his holinesse.

*Enter both the Mortimers, Warwicke,
and Lancaster.*

War. Tis true, the Bishop is in the tower,
And goods and body giuen to *Gaueston*.

Lan. What? will they tyrannize vpon the Church?
Ah wicked king, accursed *Gaueston*,
This ground which is corrupted with their steps,
Shall be their timeles sepulcher, or mine.

Mor. iu. Wel, let that peeuish Frenchmā guard him sure
Vnlesse his brest be sword prooffe he shall die.

Mor. se. How now, why droops the earle of Lancaster?

Mor. iu. Wherfore is *Guy* of Warwicke discontent?

Lan. That villaine *Gaueston* is made an Earle.

Mortim. sen. An Earle!

War. I, and besides, lord Chamberlaine of the realme,
And secretary to, and lord of Man.

Mor. se. We may not, nor we will not suffer this.

Mor. iu. Why post we not from hence to leuie men?

Lan. My lord of Cornewall, now at euery worde,
And happie is the man, whom he vouchsafes
For vailing of his bonnet one good looke,
Thus arme in arme, the king and he dooth marche:
Nay more, the garde vpon his lordship waites:
And all the court begins to flatter him.

War. Thus leaning on the shoulder of the king.
He nods, and scornes, and smiles at those that passe.

Mor. se. Doth no man take exceptions at the slaue?

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of Edward the second.

Lan. All stomack him, but none dare speake a word.

Mor. iu. Ah that bewraies their basenes Lancaster,
Were all the Earles and Barons of my minde,
Weele hale him from the bosome of the king,
And at the court gate hang the pessant vp,
Who swolne with venome of ambitious pride,
Will be the ruine of the realme and vs.

Enter the Bishop of Canterburie.

War. Here comes my lord of Canterburies grace.

Lan. His countenance bewraies he is displeasd.

Bish. First were his sacred garments rent and torne,
Then laide they violent hands vpon him next,
Himselfe imprisoned, and his goods asceasd,
This certifie the Pope, away take horsse.

Lan. My lord, will you take armes against the king?

Bish. What neede *I*, God himselfe is vp in armes,
When violence is offered to the church.

Mor. iu. Then wil you ioine with vs that be his peeres
To banish or behead that *Gaueston*?

Bish. VVhat els my lords, for it concernes me neere,
The Bishoprick of Couentrie is his.

Enter the Queene.

Mor. iu. Madam, whether walks your maiestie so fast?

Que. Vnto the forrest gentle *Mortimer*,
To liue in greefe and balefull discontent,
For now my lord the king regardes me not,
But dotes vpon the loue of *Gaueston*,
He claps his cheekes, and hanges about his neck,
Smiles in his face, and whispers in his eares,
And when I come, he frownes, as who should say,
Go whether thou wilt seeing I haue *Gaueston*.

Mor. se. Is it not straunge, that he is thus bewicht?

Mor. iu. Madam, returne vnto the court againe:

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wln 0281 That slie inueigling Frenchman weele exile,
wln 0282 Or lose our liues: and yet ere that day come,
wln 0283 The king shall lose his crowne, for we haue power,
wln 0284 And courage to, to be reuengde at full.
wln 0285 *Bish.* But yet lift not your swords against the king.
wln 0286 *Lan.* No, but weele lift *Gaueston* from hence.
wln 0287 *War.* And war must be the meanes, or heele stay stil.
wln 0288 *Queen.* Then let him stay, for rather then my lord
wln 0289 Shall be opprest by ciuill mutinies,
wln 0290 I wil endure a melancholie life,
wln 0291 And let him frolick with his minion.
wln 0292 *Bish.* My lords, to eaze all this, but heare me speake,
wln 0293 VVe and the rest that are his counsellors,
wln 0294 VVill meete, and with a generall consent,
wln 0295 Confirme his banishment with our handes and seales.
wln 0296 *Lan.* VVhat we confirme the king will frustrate.
wln 0297 *Mor. iu.* Then may we lawfully reuolt from him.
wln 0298 *War.* But say my lord, where shall this meeting bee?
wln 0299 *Bish.* At the new temple.
wln 0300 *Mor. iu.* Content:
wln 0301 And in the meane time ile intreat you all,
wln 0302 To crosse to Lambeth, and there stay with me.
wln 0303 *Lan.* Come then lets away.
wln 0304 *Mor. iu.* Madam farewell.
wln 0305 *Qu.* Farewell sweet *Mortimer*, and for my sake,
wln 0306 Forbeare to leuie armes against the king.
wln 0307 *Mor. iu.* I, if words will serue, if not, I must.

wln 0308 *Enter Gaueston and the earle of Kent.*
wln 0309 *Gau.* *Edmund* the mightie prince of Lancaster,
wln 0310 That hath more earldomes then an asse can beare,
wln 0311 And both the *Mortimers* two goodly men,
wln 0312 VVith *Guie* of VVarwick that redoubted knight,

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Are gone towards Lambeth, there let them remaine.

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Exeunt.

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Enter Nobiles.

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Lan. Here is the forme of *Gauestons* exile:

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May it please your lordship to subscribe your name.

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Bish. Giue me the paper.

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Lan. Quick quick my lorde,

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I long to write my name.

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War. But I long more to see him banisht hence.

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Mor. iu. The name of *Mortimer* shall fright the king,

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Vnlesse he be declinde from that base pesant.

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Enter the King and Gaueston.

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Edw. VVhat? are you mou'd that *Gaueston* sits heere?

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It is our pleasure, we will haue it so.

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Lan. Your grace doth wel to place him by your side,

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For no where else the new earle is so safe.

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Mor. se. VVhat man of noble birth can brooke this sight?

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Quam male conueniunt:

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See what a scornfull looke the pesant casts.

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Penb. Can kinglie Lions fawne on creeping Ants?

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War. Ignoble vassaile that like *Phaeton*,

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Aspir'st vnto the guidance of the sunne.

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Mor. iu. Their downfall is at hand, their forces downe,

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VVe will not thus be facst and ouerpeerd.

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Edw. Lay hands on that traitor *Mortimer*.

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Mor. se. Lay hands on that traitor *Gaueston*.

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Kent. Is this the dutie that you owe your king?

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War. VVe know our duties, let him know his peeres.

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Edw. Whether will you beare him, stay or ye shall die,

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Mor. se. VVe are no traitors, therefore threaten not.

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Gau. No, threaten not my lord, but pay them home.
VVere I a king.
Mor. iu. Thou villaine, wherfore talkes thou of a king,
That hardly art a gentleman by birth?
Edw. VVere he a peasant being my minion,
Ile make the prowdest of you stoope to him.
Lan. My lord, you may not thus disparage vs,
Away I say with hatefull *Gaueston*.
Mort. se. And with the earle of Kent that fauors him.
Edw. Nay, then lay violent hands vpon your king,
Here *Mortimer*, sit thou in *Edwards* throne,
Warwicke and *Lancaster*, weare you my crowne,
VVas euer king thus ouer rulde as I?
Lan. Learne then to rule vs better and the realme.
Mor. iu. VVhat we haue done,
our hart bloud shall maintaine.
War. Think you that we can brooke this vpstart pride?
Edw. Anger and wrathfull furie stops my speech.
Bish. VVhy are you moou'd, be patient my lord,
And see what we your councellers haue done.
Mor. iu. My lords, now let vs all be resolute,
And either haue our wils, or lose our liues.
Edw. Meete you for this, proud ouerdaring peeres,
Ere my sweete *Gaueston* shall part from me,
This Ile shall fleete vpon the Ocean,
And wander to the vnfrequented Inde.
Bish. You know that I am legate to the Pope,
On your allegeance to the sea of Rome,
Subscribe as we haue done to his exile.
Mor. iu. Curse him, if he refuse, and then may we
Depose him and elect an other king.
Edw. I there it goes, but yet *I* will not yeeld,
Curse me, depose me, doe the worst you can.

Lan.

of Edward the second.

Lan. Then linger not my lord but do it straight.

Bish. Remember how the Bishop was abusde,
Either banish him that was the cause thereof.
Or *I* will presentlie discharge these lords,
Of dutie and allegiance due to thee.

Edw. It bootes me not to threat, *I* must speake faire,
The Legate of the Pope will be obayd:
My lord, you shalbe Chauncellor of the realme,
Thou Lancaster, high admirall of our fleete,
Yong *Mortimer* and his vnckle shalbe earles,
And you lord *VVarwick*, president of the North,
And thou of *VVales*, if this content you not,
Make seuerall kingdomes of this monarchie,
And share it equally amongst you all,
So *I* may haue some nooke or corner left,
To frolike with my deerest *Gaueston*.

Bish. Nothing shall alter vs, wee are resolu'd.

Lan. Come, come, subscribe.

Mor. iu. *VV*hy should you loue him,
whome the world hates so?

Edw. Because he loues me more then all the world:
Ah none but rude and sauage minded men,
*VV*ould seeke the ruine of my *Gaueston*,
You that be noble borne should pitie him.

Warwicke. You that are princely borne should shake
him off,
For shame subscribe, and let the lowne depart.

Mor. se. Vrge him my lord.

Bish. Are you content to banish him the realme?

Edw. I see *I* must, and therefore am content,
In steede of inke, ile write it with my teares.

Mor. iu. The king is loue-sick for his minion.

Edw. Tis done, and now accursed hand fall off.

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wln 0410 *Lan.* Giue it me, ile haue it published in the streetes.
wln 0411 *Mor. in.* Ile see him presently dispatched away.
wln 0412 *Bish.* Now is my heart at ease.
wln 0413 *Warw.* And so is mine.
wln 0414 *Penb.* This will be good newes to the common sort.
wln 0415 *Mor. se.* Be it or no, he shall not linger here.

Exeunt Nobiles.

wln 0416
wln 0417 *Edw.* How fast they run to banish him *I* loue,
wln 0418 They would not stir, were it to do me good:
wln 0419 Why should a king be subiect to a priest?
wln 0420 Proud Rome, that hatchest such imperiall groomes,
wln 0421 For these thy superstitious taperlights,
wln 0422 Wherewith thy antichristian churches blaze,
wln 0423 Ile fire thy crased buildings, and enforce
wln 0424 The papall towers, to kisse the lowlie ground,
wln 0425 With slaughtered priests may *Tibers* channell swell
wln 0426 And bankes raisd higher with their sepulchers:
wln 0427 As for the peeres that backe the cleargie thus,
wln 0428 If *I* be king, not one of them shall liue.

Enter Gaueston.

wln 0429
wln 0430 *Gau.* My lord I heare it whispered euery where,
wln 0431 That *I* am banishd, and must flie the land.
wln 0432 *Edw.* Tis true sweete *Gaueston*, oh were it false,
wln 0433 The Legate of the Pope will haue it so,
wln 0434 And thou must hence, or *I* shall be deposd,
wln 0435 But *I* will raigne to be reueng'd of them,
wln 0436 And therefore sweete friend, take it patiently,
wln 0437 Liue where thou wilt, ile send thee Gould enough,
wln 0438 And long thou shalt not stay, or if thou doost,
wln 0439 Ile come to thee, my loue shall neare decline.
wln 0440 *Gau.* Is all my hope turnd to this hell of greefe.
wln 0441 *Edw.* Rend not my hart with thy too piercing words,

Thou

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Thou from this land, I from my selfe am banisht.

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Gau. To go from hence, grieues not poore *Gaueston*,

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But to forsake you, in whose gracious lookes

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The blessednes of *Gaueston* remaines,

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For no where else seekes he felicitie.

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Edw. And onely this torments my wretched soule,

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That whether *I* will or no thou must depart:

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Be gouernour of Ireland in my stead,

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And there abide till fortune call thee home.

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Here take my picture, and let me weare thine,

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O might I keepe thee heere, as I doe this,

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Happie were I, but now most miserable.

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Gauest. Tis something to be pitied of a king.

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Edw. Thou shalt not hence, ile hide thee *Gaueston*.

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Gau. I shal be found, and then twil grieue me more.

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Edwa. Kinde wordes, and mutuall talke, makes our

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greefe greater.

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Therefore with dum imbracement let vs part,

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Stay *Gaueston* I cannot leaue thee thus.

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Gau. For euey looke, my lord drops downe a teare,

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Seeing I must go, do not renew my sorrow.

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Edwa. The time is little that thou hast to stay,

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And therefore giue me leaue to looke my fill,

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But come sweete friend, ile beare thee on thy way.

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Gau. The peeres will frowne.

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Edw. I passe not for their anger, come lets go,

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O that we might as well returne as goe.

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Enter Edmund and Queen Isabell.

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Qu. Whether goes my lord?

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Edw. Fawne not on me French strumpet, get thee
gone.

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Qu. On whom but on my husband should I fawne?

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Gau. On *Mortimer*, with whom vngentle Queene,
I say no more, iudge you the rest my lord.

Qu. In saying this, thou wrongst me *Gaueston*,
Ist not enough, that thou corrups my lord,
And art a bawd to his affections,
But thou must call mine honor thus in question?

Gau. I meane not so, your grace must pardon me.

Edw. Thou art too familiar with that *Mortimer*,
And by thy meanes is *Gaueston* exilde,
But I would wish thee reconcile the lords,
Or thou shalt nere be reconcild to me.

Qu. Your highnes knowes, it lies not in my power.

Edw. Away then, touch me not, come *Gaueston*.

Qu. Villaine, tis thou that robst me of my lord.

Gau. Madam, tis you that rob me of my lord.

Edw. Speake not vnto her, let her droope and pine.

Qu. Wherein my lord, haue I deserud these words?
Witnesse the teares that *Isabella* sheds,
Witnesse this hart, that sighing for thee breakes,
How deare my lord is to poore *Isabell*.

Edw. And witnesse heauen how deere thou art to me.
There weepe, for till my *Gaueston* be repeald,
Assure thy selfe thou comst not in my sight.

Exeunt Edward and Gaueston.

Qu. O miserable and distressed Queene!
Would when I left sweet France and was imbarkt,
That charming *Circes* walking on the waues,
Had chaungd my shape, or at the mariage day
The cup of *Hymen* had beene full of poyson,
Or with those armes that twind about my neck,
I had beene stifled, and not liued to see,
The king my lord thus to abandon me:
Like frantick *Iuno* will I fill the earth,

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With gastlie murmure of my sighes and cries,
For neuer doted *Ioue* on *Ganimed*,
So much as he on cursed *Gaueston*,
But that will more exasperate his wrath,
I must entreat him, I must speake him faire,
And be a meanes to call home *Gaueston*:
And yet heele euer dote on *Gaueston*,
And so am I for euer miserable.

Enter the Nobles to the Queene.

Lanc. Looke where the sister of the king of Fraunce,
Sits wringing of her hands, and beats her brest.

Warw. The king I feare hath ill intreated her.

Pen. Hard is the hart, that iniures such a saint.

Mor. iu. I know tis long of *Gaueston* she weepes.

Mor. se. Why? he is gone.

Mor. iu. Madam, how fares your grace?

Qu. Ah *Mortimer*! now breaks the kings hate forth,
And he confesseth that he loues me not.

Mor. iu. Crie quittance Madam then, & loue not him.

Qu. No, rather will I die a thousand deaths,
And yet I loue in vaine, heele nere loue me.

Lan. Feare ye not Madam, now his minions gone,
His wanton humor will be quicklie left.

Qu. O neuer Lancaster! I am inioynde,
To sue vnto you all for his repeale:

This wils my lord, and this must I performe,
Or else be banisht from his highnesse presence.

Lan. For his repeale, Madam, he comes not back,
Vnlesse the sea cast vp his shipwrack body.

War. And to behold so sweete a sight as that,
Theres none here, but would run his horse to death.

Mor. iu. But madam, would you haue vs cal him home?

Qu. *I Mortimer*, for till he be restorde,

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The angrie king hath banished me the court:
And therefore as thou louest and tendrest me,
Be thou my aduocate vnto these peeres.
Mor. iu. What, would ye haue me plead for *Gaueston*?
Mor. se. Plead for him he that will, I am resolute.
Lan. And so am I my lord, diswade the Queene.
Qu. O *Lancaster*, let him diswade the king,
For tis against my will he should returne.
War. Then speake not for him, let the pesant go.
Qu. Tis for my selfe I speake, and not for him.
Pen. No speaking will preuaile, and therefore cease.
Mor. iu. Faire Queene forbear to angle for the fish,
Which being caught, strikes him that takes it dead,
I meane that vile *Torpedo*, *Gaueston*,
That now I hope flotes on the Irish seas.
Qu. Sweete *Mortimer*, sit downe by me a while,
And I will tell thee reasons of such waighte,
As thou wilt soone subscribe to his repeale.
Mor. iu. It is impossible, but speake your minde.
Qu. Then thus, but none shal heare it but our selues.
Lanc. My Lords albeit the Queen winne *Mortimer*,
will you be resolute and hold with me?
Mor. se. Not I against my nephew.
Pen. Feare not, the queens words cannot alter him.
War. No, doe but marke how earnestly she pleads.
Lan. And see how coldly his lookes make deniall.
War. She smiles, now for my life his mind is changd.
Lanc. Ile rather loose his friendship I, then graunt.
Mor. iu. Well of necessitie it must be so,
My Lords, that *I* abhorre base *Gaueston*,
I hope your honors make no question,
And therefore though *I* pleade for his repeall,
Tis not for his sake, but for our auaile:

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Nay for the realms behoofe and for the kings.
Lanc. Fie *Mortimer*, dishonor not thy selfe,
Can this be true twas good to banish him?
And is this true to call him home againe?
Such reasons make white blacke, and darke night day.
Mor. iu. My Lord of Lancaster, marke the respect.
Lan. In no respect can contraries be true.
Qu. Yet good my lord, heare what he can alledge.
War. All that he speakes, is nothing, we are resolu'd.
Mor. iu. Do you not wish that *Gaueston* were dead?
Pen. I would he were.
Mor. iu. Why then my lord, giue me but leaue to speak.
Mor. se. But nephew, do not play the sophister.
Mor. iu. This which I vrge, is of a burning zeale,
To mend the king, and do our countrie good:
Know you not *Gaueston* hath store of golde,
Which may in Ireland purchase him such friends,
As he will front the mightiest of vs all,
And whereas he shall liue and be beloude,
Tis hard for vs to worke his ouerthrow.
War. Marke you but that my lord of Lancaster.
Mor. iu. But were he here, detested as he is,
How easilie might some base slaue be subbornd,
To greet his lordship with a poniard,
And none so much as blame the murtherer,
But rather praise him for that braue attempt,
And in the Chronicle, enrowle his name,
For purging of the realme of such a plague.
Pen. He saith true.
Lan. I, but how chance this was not done before?
Mor. iu. Because my lords, it was not thought vpon:
Nay more, when he shall know it lies in vs,
To banish him, and then to call him home,

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Twill make him vaile the topflag of his pride,
And feare to offend the meanest noble man.

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Mor. se. But how if he do not Nephew?

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Mor. iu. Then may we with some colour rise in armes,

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For howsoeuer we haue borne it out,

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Tis treason to be vp against the king,

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So shall we haue the people of our side,

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Which for his fathers sake leane to the king,

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But cannot brooke a night growne mushrump,

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Such a one as my Lord of Cornwall is,

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Should beare vs downe of the nobilitie,

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And when the commons and the nobles ioyne,

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Tis not the king can buckler *Gaueston*.

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Weele pull him from the strongest hould he hath,

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My lords, if to performe this I be slack,

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Thinke me as base a groome as *Gaueston*.

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Lan. On that condition Lancaster will graunt.

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War. And so will *Penbrooke* and *I*.

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Mor. se. And *I*.

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Mor. iu. In this *I* count me highly gratified,

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And *Mortimer* will rest at your commaund.

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Qu. And when this fauour *Isabell* forgets,

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Then let her liue abandond and forlorne,

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But see in happie time, my lord the king,

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Hauing brought the Earle of Cornwall on his way,

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Is new returnd, this newes will glad him much,

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Yet not so much as me, *I* loue him more

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Then he can *Gaueston*, would he lou'd me

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But halfe so much, then were *I* treble blest.

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Enter king Edward moorning.

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Edw. Hees gone, and for his absence thus *I* moorne,

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Did neuer sorrow go so neere my heart,

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As dooth the want of my sweete *Gaueston*,
And could my crownes reuenew bring him back,
I would freelie giue it to his enemies,
And thinke *I* gaind, hauing bought so deare a friend.
Qu. Harke how he harpes vpon his minion.
Edw. My heart is as an anuill vnto sorrow,
Which beates vpon it like the Cyclops hammers,
And with the noise turnes vp my giddie braine,
And makes me frantick for my *Gaueston*:
Ah had some bloudlesse furie rose from hell,
And with my kinglie scepter stroke me dead,
When *I* was forst to leaue my *Gaueston*.
Lan. *Diablo*, what passions call you these
Qu. My gracious lord, *I* come to bring you newes.
Edw. That you haue parled with your *Mortimer*.
Qu. That *Gaueston* my Lord shalbe repeald.
Edw. Repeald, the newes is too sweet to be true.
Qu. But will you loue me, if you finde it so?
Edw. If it be so, what will not *Edward* do?
Qu. For *Gaueston*, but not for *Isabell*.
Edw. For thee faire Queene, if thou louest *Gaueston*,
Ile hang a golden tongue about thy neck,
Seeing thou hast pleaded with so good successe.
Qu. No other iewels hang about my neck
Then these my lord, nor let me haue more wealth,
Then *I* may fetch from this ritch treasurie:
O how a kisse reuiues poore *Isabell*.
Edw. Once more receiue my hand, and let this be,
A second mariage twixt thy selfe and me.
Qu. And may it prooue more happie then the first,
My gentle lord, bespeake these nobles faire,
That waite attendance for a gracious looke,
And on their knees salute your maiestie.

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Edw. Couragious Lancaster, imbrace thy king,
And as grosse vapours perish by the sunne,
Euen so let hatred with thy soueraigne smile,
Liuē thou with me as my companion.

Lan. This salutation ouerioyes my heart.

Edw. Warwick, shalbe my chiefest counsellor:
These siluer hairees will more adorne my court,
Then gaudie silkes, or rich imbrotherie,
Chide me sweete Warwick, if *I* go astray.

War. Slay me my lord, when *I* offend your grace.

Edw. In sollemne triumphes, and in publike showes,
Penbrooke shall beare the sword before the king.

Pen. And with this sword, *Penbrooke* wil fight for you.

Edw. But wherefore walkes yong *Mortimer* aside?
Be thou commaunder of our royall fleete,
Or if that loftie office like thee not,
I make thee heere lord Marshall of the realme.

Mor. iu. My lord, ile marshall so your enemies,
As England shall be quiet, and you safe.

Edw. And as for you, lord *Mortimer* of Chirke,
Whose great atchiuements in our forrain warre,
Deserues no common place, nor meane reward:
Be you the generall of the leuied troopes,
That now are readie to assaile the Scots.

Mor. se. In this your grace hath highly honoured me,
For with my nature warre doth best agree.

Qu. Now is the king of England riche and strong.
Hauing the loue of his renowned peeres.

Edw. *I Isabell*, nere was my heart so light,
Clarke of the crowne, direct our warrant forth,
For *Gaueston* to Ireland: *Beaumont* flie,
As fast as *Iris*, or *Ioues Mercurie*.

Beam. It shalbe done my gracious Lord.

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Edw. Lord *Mortimer*, we leaue you to your charge:
Now let vs in, and feast it roiallie:
Against our friend the earle of Cornwall comes,
Weele haue a generall tilt and turnament,
And then his mariage shalbe solemnized,
For wot you not that I haue made him sure,
Vnto our cosin, the earle of Glosters heire.

Lan. Such newes we heare my lord.

Edw. That day, if not for him. yet for my sake,
Who in the triumphe will be challenger,
Spare for no cost, we will requite your loue.

Warwick. In this, or ought, your highnes shall com-
maund vs.

Edward. Thankes gentle Warwick, come lets in and
reuell.

Exeunt.

Manent Mortimers.

Mor. se. Nephue, I must to Scotland, thou staiest here,
Leaue now to oppose thy selfe against the king,
Thou seest by nature he is milde and calme,
And seeing his minde so dotes on *Gaueston*,
Let him without controulement haue his will,
The mightiest kings haue had their minions,
Great *Alexander* loude *Ephestion*,
The conquering *Hector*, for *Hilas* wept,
And for *Patroclus* sterne *Achillis* droopt,
And not kings onelie, but the wisest men,
The Romaine *Tullie* loued *Octauius*,
Graue *Socrates*, wilde *Alcibiades*:
Then let his grace, whose youth is flexible,
And promiseth as much as we can wish,
Freely enioy that vaine light-headed earle,
For riper yeares will weane him from such toyes.

Mor. iu. Vnckle, his wanton humor greeues not me,

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But this *I* scorne, that one so baselie borne,
Should by his soueraignes fauour grow so pert,
And riote it with the treasure of the realme,
While souldiers mutinie for want of paie,
He weares a lords reuenewe on his back,
And *Midas* like he iets it in the court,
With base outlandish cullions at his heeles,
Whose proud fantastick liueries make such show,
As if that *Proteus* god of shapes appearde,
I haue not seene a dapper iack so briske,
He weares a short Italian hooded cloake,
Larded with pearle, and in his tuskan cap
A iewell of more value then the crowne,
Whiles other walke below, the king and he
From out a window, laugh at such as we,
And floute our traine, and iest at our attire:
Vnckle, tis this that makes me impatient.

Mor. se. But nephew, now you see the king is changd.

Mor. iu. Then so am I, and liue to do him seruice,
But whiles *I* haue a sword, a hand, a hart,
I will not yeeld to any such vpstart.
You know my minde, come vnckle lets away.

Exeunt.

Enter Spencer and Balduck.

Bald. *Spencer*, seeing that our Lord th'earle of Glosters dead,

Which of the nobles dost thou meane to serue?

Spen. Not *Mortimer*, nor any of his side,

Because the king and he are enemies,

Baldock: learne this of me, a factious lord

Shall hardly do himselfe good, much lesse vs,

But he that hath the fauour of a king,

May with one word, aduaunce vs while we liue:

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The liberall earle of Cornewall is the man,
On whose good fortune *Spencers* hope depends.
Bald. What, meane you then to be his follower?
Spen. No, his companion, for he loues me well,
And would haue once preferd me to the king.
Bald. But he is banisht, theres small hope of him.
Spen. I for a while, but *Baldock* marke the end,
A friend of mine told me in secrecie,
That hees repeald, and sent for back againe,
And euen now, a poast came from the court,
With letters to our ladie from the King,
And as she red, she smild, which makes me thinke,
It is about her louer *Gaueston*.
Bald. Tis like enough, for since he was exild,
She neither walkes abroad, nor comes in sight:
But I had thought the match had beene broke off,
And that his banishment had changd her minde.
Spen. Our Ladies first loue is not wauering,
My life for thine she will haue *Gaueston*.
Bald. Then hope *I* by her meanes to be preferd,
Hauing read vnto her since she was a childe.
Spen. Then *Balduck*, you must cast the scholler off,
And learne to court it like a Gentleman,
Tis not a black coate and a little band,
A Veluet cap'de cloake, fac'st before with Serge,
And smelling to a Nosegay all the day,
Or holding of a napkin in your hand,
Or saying a long grace at a tables end,
Or making lowe legs to a noble man,
Or looking downward, with your eye lids close,
And saying, trulie ant may please your honor,
Can get you any fauour with great men,
You must be proud, bold, pleasant, resolute,

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And now and then, stab as occasion serues.
Bald. *Spencer*, thou knowest I hate such formall toies,
And vse them but of meere hypocrisie.
Mine old lord whiles he liude, was so precise,
That he would take exceptions at my buttons,
And being like pins heads, blame me for the bignesse,
Which made me curate-like in mine attire,
Though inwardly licentious enough,
And apt for any kinde of villanie.
I am none of these common **pendants** *I*,
That cannot speake without *propterea quod*.
Spen. But one of those that saith *quandoquidem*,
And hath a speciall gift to forme a verbe.
Bald. Leauē of this iesting, here my lady comes.
Enter the Ladie.
Lady. The greefe for his exile was not so much,
As is the ioy of his returning home,
This letter came from my sweete *Gaueston*,
VVhat needst thou loue, thus to excuse thy selfe?
I know thou couldst not come and visit me,
I will not long be from thee though *I* die:
This argues the entire loue of my Lord,
VVhen I forsake thee, death seaze on my heart,
But rest thee here where *Gaueston* shall sleepe.
Now to the letter of my Lord the King,
He wils me to repaire vnto the court,
And meete my *Gaueston*: why do I stay,
Seeing that he talkes thus of my mariage day?
VVhose there, *Balduck*?
See that my coche be readie, I must hence.
Bald. It shall be done madam. *Exit.*
Lad. And meete me at the parke pale presentlie:
Spencer, stay you and beare me companie,

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For I haue ioyfull newes to tell thee of,
My lord of Cornewall is a comming ouer,
And will be at the court as soone as we.
Spen. I knew the King would haue him home againe.
Lad. If all things sort out, as *I* hope they will,
Thy seruice *Spencer* shalbe thought vpon.
Spen. I humbly thanke your Ladieship.
Lad. Come lead the way, *I* long till I am there.
*Enter Edward, the Queene, Lancaster, Mortimer,
Warwicke, Penbrooke, Kent, attendants.*
Edw. The winde is good, *I* wonder why he stayes,
I feare me he is wrackt vpon the sea.
Queen. Looke *Lancaster* how passionate he is,
And still his minde runs on his minion.
Lan. My Lord.
Edw. How now, what newes, is *Gaueston* arriude?
Mor. i. Nothing but *Gaueston*, what means your grace?
You haue matters of more waight to thinke vpon,
The King of Fraunce sets foote in Normandie.
Edw. A trifle, weele expell him when we please:
But tell me *Mortimer*, whats thy deuise,
Against the stately triumph we decreed?
Mor. A homely one my lord, not worth the telling.
Edw. Prethee let me know it.
Mor. ii. But seeing you are so desirous, thus it is:
A loftie Cedar tree faire flourishing,
On whose top-branches Kinglie Eagles perch,
And by the barke a canker creepes me vp,
And gets vnto the highest bough of all,
The motto: *Æque tandem*.
Edw. And what is yours my lord of *Lancaster*?
Lan. My lord, mines more obscure then *Mortimers*,
Plinie reports, there is a flying Fish,

The Tragedie

wln 0869 Which all the other fishes deadly hate,
wln 0870 And therefore being pursued, it takes the aire:
wln 0871 No sooner is it vp, but thers a foule,
wln 0872 That seaseth it: this fish my lord I beare,
wln 0873 The motto this: *Vndique mors est.*
wln 0874 *Edw.* Proud *Mortimer*, vngentle *Lancaster*,
wln 0875 Is this the loue you beare your soueraigne?
wln 0876 Is this the fruite your reconcilment beares?
wln 0877 Can you in words make showe of amitie,
wln 0878 And in your shields display your rancorous minds?
wln 0879 What call you this but priuate libelling,
wln 0880 Against the Earle of Cornewall and my brother?
wln 0881 *Qu.* Sweete husband be content, they all loue you.
wln 0882 *Edw.* They loue me not that hate my *Gaueston*,
wln 0883 I am that Cedar, shake me not too much,
wln 0884 And you the Eagles, sore ye nere so high,
wln 0885 I haue the gresses that will pull you downe,
wln 0886 And *Æque tandem* shall that canker crie,
wln 0887 Vnto the proudest peere of Britanie:
wln 0888 Though thou comparst him to a flying Fish,
wln 0889 And threatenest death whether he rise or fall,
wln 0890 Tis not the hugest monster of the sea,
wln 0891 Nor fowlest Harpie that shall swallow him.
wln 0892 *Mor. iu.* If in his absence thus he fauors him,
wln 0893 What will he do when as he shall be present?
wln 0894 *Lan.* That shall wee see, looke where his lordship
wln 0895 comes.
wln 0896 *Enter Gaueston.*
wln 0897 *Edw.* My *Gaueston*, welcome to *Tinmouth*, welcome
wln 0898 to thy friend,
wln 0899 Thy absence made me droope, and pine away,
wln 0900 For as the louers of faire *Danae*,
wln 0901 When she was lockt vp in a brasen tower,

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Desirde her more, and waxt outrageous,
So did it sure with me: and now thy sight
Is sweeter farre, then was thy parting hence
Bitter and irkesome to my sobbing heart.
Gau. Sweet Lord and King, your speech preuenteth
mine,
Yet haue *I* words left to expresse my ioy:
The sheepeherd nipt with biting winters rage,
Frolicks not more to see the paynted springe,
Then *I* doe to behold your Maiestie.
Edw. Will none of you salute my *Gaueston*?
Lan. Salute him? yes welcome Lord Chamberlaine.
Mor. iu. Welcome is the good Earle of Cornewall
War. Welcome Lord gouernour of the Ile of man.
Pen. Welcome maister secretarie.
Edw. Brother doe you heare them?
Edw. Stil wil these Earles and Barrons vse me thus?
Gau. My Lord *I* cannot brooke these iniuries.
Qu. Aye me poore soule when these begin to iarre.
Edw. Returne it to their throtes, ile be thy warrant.
Gau. Base leaden Earles that glorie in your birth,
Goe sit at home and eate your tenants beefe:
And come not here to scoffe at *Gaueston*,
Whose mounting thoughts did neuer creepe so low,
As to bestow a looke on such as you.
Lan. Yet I disdaine not to doe this for you.
Edw. Treason, treason: whers the traitor?
Pen. Heere here King: conuey hence *Gaueston*, thaile
murder him.
Gau. The life of thee shall salue this foule disgrace.
Mor. iu. Villaine thy life, vnlesse *I* misse mine aime.
Qu. Ah furious *Mortimer* what hast thou done?
Mor. No more then *I* would answeere were he slaine.

Edw.

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Ed. Yes more then thou canst answer though he liue,
Deare shall you both abie this riotous deede:
Out of my presence, come not neere the court.

Mor. iu. Ile not be barde the court for *Gaueston*.

Lan. Weele haile him by the eares vnto the block.

Edw. Looke to your owne heads, his is sure enough.

War. Looke to your owne crowne, if you back him
thus.

Edm. *Warwicke*, these words do ill beseeme thy yeares.

Edw. Nay all of them conspire to crosse me thus,
But if I liue, ile tread vpon their heads,
That thinke with high lookes thus to tread me down,
Come *Edmund* lets away, and leuie men,
Tis warre that must abate these Barons pride.

Exit the King.

War. Lets to our castels, for the king is mooude.

Mor. iu. Moou'd may he be, and perish in his wrath.

Lan. Cosin it is no dealing with him now,
He meanes to make vs stoope by force of armes,
And therefore let vs iointlie here protest,
To prosecute that *Gaueston* to the death.

Mor. iu. By heauen, the abiect villaine shall not liue.

War. Ile haue his bloud, or die in seeking it.

Pen. The like oath *Penbrooke* takes.

Lan. And so doth *Lancaster*:

Now send our Heralds to defie the King,
And make the people sweare to put him downe.

Enter a Poast.

Mor. iu. Letters, from whence?

Messen. From Scotland my lord.

Lan. Why how now cosin, how fares all our friends?

Mor. iu. My vnckles taken prisoner by the Scots.

Lā. Weel haue him ransomd man, be of good cheere.

Mor.

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Mor. They rate his ransome at fiue thousand pound,
Who should defray the money, but the King,
Seeing he is taken prisoner in his warres?
Ile to the King.

Lan. Do cosin, and ile beare thee companie.

War. Meane time my lord of *Penbrooke* and my selfe,
Will to Newcastell heere, and gather head.

Mor. iu. About it then, and we will follow you.

Lan. Be resolute, and full of secrecie.

War. I warrant you.

Mor. iu. Cosin, and if he will not ransome him,
Ile thunder such a peale into his eares,
As neuer subject did vnto his King.

Lan. Content, ile beare my part, holla whose there?

Mor. iu. I marry, such a garde as this dooth well.

Lan. Lead on the way.

Guard. Whither will your lordships?

Mor. iu. Whither else but to the King.

Guar. His highnes is disposde to be alone.

Lan. Why, so he may, but we will speake to him.

Guard. You may not in my lord.

Mor. iu. May we not.

Edw. How now, what noise is this?
Who haue we there, ist you?

Mor. Nay, stay my lord, *I* come to bring you newes,
Mine vnckles taken prisoner by the Scots.

Edw. Then ransome him.

Lan. Twas in your wars, you should ransome him.

Mor. iu. And you shall ransome him, or else.

Edm. What *Mortimer*, you will not threaten him?

Edw. Quiet your self, you shall haue the broad seale,
To gather for him thoroughout the realme.

Lan. Your minion *Gaueston* hath taught you this.

The Tragedie

wln 1001 *Mor. iu.* My lord, the familie of the *Mortimers*
wln 1002 Are not so poore, but would they sell their land,
wln 1003 Would leuie men enough to anger you,
wln 1004 We neuer beg, but vse such praiera as these.
wln 1005 *Edw.* Shall I still be haunted thus?
wln 1006 *Mor. iu.* Nay, now you are heere alone, ile speake my
wln 1007 minde.
wln 1008 *Lan.* And so will I, and then my lord farewell.
wln 1009 *Mor.* The idle triumphes, maskes, lasciuious showes
wln 1010 And prodigall gifts bestowed on *Gaueston*,
wln 1011 Haue drawne thy treasure drie, and made thee weake,
wln 1012 The murmuring commons ouerstretched hath.
wln 1013 *Lan.* Looke for rebellion, looke to be deposde,
wln 1014 Thy garrisons are beaten out of Fraunce,
wln 1015 And lame and poore, lie groning at the gates,
wln 1016 The wilde *Oneyle*, with swarmes of Irish Kernes,
wln 1017 Liues vncontroulde within the English pale,
wln 1018 Vnto the walles of Yorke the Scots made rode,
wln 1019 And vnresisted, draue away riche spoiles.
wln 1020 *Mor. iu.* The hautie *Dane* commands the narrow seas,
wln 1021 While in the harbor ride thy ships vnrigd.
wln 1022 *Lan.* What forraine prince sends thee ambassadors?
wln 1023 *Mor.* Who loues thee? but a sort of flatterers.
wln 1024 *Lan.* Thy gentle Queene, sole sister to *Valoys*,
wln 1025 Complaines, that thou hast left her all forlorne.
wln 1026 *Mor.* Thy court is naked, being bereft of those,
wln 1027 That makes a king seeme glorious to the world,
wln 1028 *I* meane the peeres, whom thou shouldst dearly loue:
wln 1029 Libels are cast againe thee in the streete,
wln 1030 Ballads and rimes, made of thy ouerthrow.
wln 1031 *Lan.* The Northren borderers seeing the houses burnt
wln 1032 Their wiues and children slaine, run vp and downe,
wln 1033 Cursing the name of thee and *Gaueston*.

Mor.

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Mor. When wert thou in the field with banner spread?
But once, and then thy souldiers marcht like players,
With garish robes, not armor, and thy selfe
Bedaubd with golde, rode laughing at the rest,
Nodding and shaking of thy spangled crest,
Where womens fauors hung like labels downe.

Lan. And thereof came it, that the fleering Scots,
To Englands high disgrace, haue made this lig,
Maids of England, sore may you moorne,
For your lemmons you haue lost, at Bannocks borne,
With a heaue and a ho,
VVhat weeneth the king of England,
So soone to haue woone Scotland,
With a rombelow.

Mor. *Wigmore* shall flie, to set my vnckle free.

Lan. And when tis gone, our swordes shall purchase
more,
If ye be moou'de, reuenge it as you can,
Looke next to see vs with our ensignes spread.

Exeunt Nobiles.

Edwa. My swelling hart for very anger breakes,
How oft haue *I* beene baited by these peeres?
And dare not be reuengde, for their power is great:
Yet, shall the crowing of these cockerels,
Affright a Lion? *Edward*, vnfolde thy pawes,
And let their liues bloud slake thy furies hunger:
If I be cruell, and growe tyrannous,
Now let them thanke themselues, and rue too late.

Kent. My lord, I see your loue to *Gaueston*,
VVill be the ruine of the realme and you,
For now the wrathfull nobles threaten warres,
And therefore brother banish him for euer.

Edw. Art thou anemie to my *Gaueston*?

The Tragedie

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Kent. I, and it greeues me that I fauoured him.

wln 1068

Edw. Traitor be gone, whine thou with *Mortimer*.

wln 1069

Kent. So will I, rather then with *Gaueston*.

wln 1070

Edw. Out of my sight, and trouble me no more.

wln 1071

Kent. No maruell though thou scorne thy noble

wln 1072

peeres,

wln 1073

VWhen I thy brother am reiected thus.

Exit.

wln 1074

Edw. Away poore *Gaueston*, that hast no friend but me,

wln 1075

Do what they can, weele liue in *Tinmoth* here,

wln 1076

And so I walke with him about the walles,

wln 1077

VWhat care *I* though the Earles be girt vs round,

wln 1078

Heere comes she thats cause of all these iarres.

wln 1079

Enter the Queene, Ladies 3, Baldock,

wln 1080

and Spencer.

wln 1081

Qu. My lord, tis thought, the Earles are vp in armes.

wln 1082

Edw. *I*, and tis likewise thought you faour him.

wln 1083

Qu. Thus do you still suspect me without cause.

wln 1084

La. Sweet vnckle speake more kindly to the queene.

wln 1085

Gau. My lord, dissemble with her, speake her faire.

wln 1086

Edw. Pardon me sweet, *I* forgot my selfe.

wln 1087

Qu. Your pardon is quicklie got of *Isabell*.

wln 1088

Edw. The yonger *Mortimer* is growne so braue,

wln 1089

That to my face he threatens ciuill warres.

wln 1090

Gau. VVhy do you not commit him to the tower?

wln 1091

Edw. *I* dare not, for the people loue him well.

wln 1092

Gau. Why then weele haue him priuilie made away.

wln 1093

Edw. VVould Lancaster and he had both carroust,

wln 1094

A bowle of poison to each others health:

wln 1095

But let them go, and tell me what are these.

wln 1096

Lad. Two of my fathers seruants whilst he liu'de,

wln 1097

Mait please your grace to entertaine them now.

wln 1098

Edw. Tell me, where wast thou borne?

VVhat

wln 1099

VWhat is thine armes?

wln 1100

Bald. My name is *Baldock*, and my gentrie
I fetcht from Oxford, not from Heraldrie.

wln 1101

wln 1102

Edw. The fitter art thou *Baldock* for my turne,

wln 1103

VVaite on me, and ile see thou shalt not want.

wln 1104

Bald. I humblie thanke your maiestie.

wln 1105

Edw. Knowest thou him *Gaueston*?

wln 1106

Gau. I my lord, his name is *Spencer*, he is well alied,

wln 1107

For my sake let him waite vpon your grace,

wln 1108

Scarce shall you finde a man of more desart.

wln 1109

Edw. Then *Spencer* waite vpon me, for his sake

wln 1110

Ile grace thee with a higher stile ere long.

wln 1111

Spen. No greater titles happen vnto me,

wln 1112

Then to be fauoured of your maiestie.

wln 1113

Edw. Cosin, this day shalbe your mariage feast,

wln 1114

And *Gaueston*, thinke that I loue thee well,

wln 1115

To wed thee to our neece, the onely heire

wln 1116

Vnto the Earle of Gloster late deceased.

wln 1117

Gau. I know my lord, many will stomack me,

wln 1118

But I respect neither their loue nor hate.

wln 1119

Edw. The head-strong Barons shall not limit me.

wln 1120

He that I list to fauour shall be great:

wln 1121

Come lets away, and when the mariage ends,

wln 1122

Haue at the rebels, and their complices.

wln 1123

Exeunt omnes.

wln 1124

Enter Lancaster, Mortimer, Warwick,

wln 1125

Penbrooke, Kent.

wln 1126

Kent. My lords, of loue to this our natiue land,

wln 1127

I come to ioine with you, and leaue the king,

wln 1128

And in your quarrell and the realmes behoofe,

wln 1129

VWill be the first that shall aduenture life.

wln 1130

Lan. I feare me you are sent of pollicie,

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wln 1131

To vndermine vs with a showe of loue.

wln 1132

Warw. He is your brother, therefore haue we cause

wln 1133

To cast the worst, and doubt of your reuolt.

wln 1134

Edm. Mine honor shalbe hostage of my truth,

wln 1135

If that will not suffice, farewell my lords.

wln 1136

Mor. iu. Stay *Edmund*, neuer was Plantagenet

wln 1137

False of his word, and therefore trust we thee.

wln 1138

Pen. But whats the reason you should leaue him now?

wln 1139

Kent. I haue enformd the Earle of Lancaster.

wln 1140

Lan. And it sufficeth: now my lords know this,

wln 1141

That *Gaueston* is secretlie arriude,

wln 1142

And here in *Tinmoth* frolicks with the king,

wln 1143

Let vs with these our followers scale the walles,

wln 1144

And sodenly surprize them vnawares.

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Mor. iu. Ile giue the onset.

wln 1146

War. And ile follow thee.

wln 1147

Mor. iu. This tottered ensigne of my auncesters,

wln 1148

Which swept the desart shore of that dead sea,

wln 1149

Whereof we got the name of *Mortimer*,

wln 1150

Will I aduaunce vpon this castell walles,

wln 1151

Drums strike alarum, raise them from their sport,

wln 1152

And ring aloude the knell of *Gaueston*.

wln 1153

Lanc. None be so hardie as to touche the King,

wln 1154

But neither spare you *Gaueston*, nor his friends.

wln 1155

Exeunt.

wln 1156

Enter the king and Spencer, to them

wln 1157

Gaueston, &c.

wln 1158

Edw. O tell me *Spencer*, where is *Gaueston*?

wln 1159

Spen. I feare me he is slaine my gracious lord.

wln 1160

Edw. No, here he comes, now let them spoile and kill:

wln 1161

Flie, flie, my lords, the earles haue got the holde,

wln 1162

Take shipping and away to Scarborough,

wln 1163

Spencer and I will post away by land.

Gau.

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Gau. O stay my lord, they will not iniure you.

Edw. I will not trust them, *Gaueston* away.

Gau. Farewell my Lord.

Edw. Ladie, farewell.

Lad. Farewell sweete vnckle till we meete againe.

Edw. Farewell sweete *Gaueston*, and farewell Neece.

Qu. No farewell, to poore *Isabell*, thy Queene?

Edw. Yes, yes, for *Mortimer* your louers sake.

Exeunt omnes, manet Isabella.

Qu. Heauens can witnesse, I loue none but you,
From my imbracements thus he breakes away,
O that mine armes could close this Ile about,
That *I* might pull him to me where *I* would,
Or that these teares that drissell from mine eyes,
Had power to mollifie his stonie hart,
That when I had him we might neuer part.

Enter the Barons alarums.

Lan. I wonder how he scapt.

Mor. iu. Whose this, the Queene?

Qu. *I Mortimer*, the miserable Queene,
Whose pining heart, her inward sighes haue blasted,
And body with continuall moorning wasted:
These hands are tir'd, with haling of my lord
From *Gaueston*, from wicked *Gaueston*,
And all in vaine, for when *I* speake him faire,
He turnes away, and smiles vpon his minion.

Mor. iu. Cease to lament, and tell vs wheres the king?

Qu. What would you with the king, ist him you seek?

Lan. No madam, but that cursed *Gaueston*,
Farre be it from the thought of Lancaster,
To offer violence to his soueraigne,
We would but rid the realme of *Gaueston*,
Tell vs where he remaines, and he shall die.

Qu.

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Qu. Hees gone by water vnto Scarborough,
Pursue him quicklie, and he cannot scape,
The king hath left him, and his traine is small.
War. Forslowe no time, sweet Lancaster lets march.
Mor. How comes it, that the king and he is parted?
Qu. That this your armie going seuerall waies,
Might be of lesser force, and with the power
That he intendeth presentlie to raise,
Be easilie suppress: and therefore be gone.
Mor. Heere in the riuer rides a Flemish hoie,
Lets all aboard, and follow him amaine.
Lan. The wind that bears him hence, wil fil our sailes,
Come, come aboard, tis but an houres sailing.
Mor. Madam, stay you within this castell here.
Qu. No *Mortimer*, ile to my lord the king.
Mor. Nay, rather saile with vs to Scarborough.
Qu. You know the king is so suspitious,
As if he heare *I* haue but talkt with you,
Mine honour will be cald in question,
And therefore gentle *Mortimer* be gone.
Mor. Madam, I cannot stay to answer you,
But thinke of *Mortimer* as he deserues.
Qu. So well hast thou deseru'de sweete *Mortimer*,
As *Isæbell* could liue with thee for euer,
In vaine I looke for loue at *Edwards* hand,
Whose eyes are fixt on none but *Gaueston*:
Yet once more ile importune him with praiers,
If he be straunge and not regarde my wordes,
My sonne and I will ouer into France,
And to the king my brother there complaine,
How *Gaueston* hath robd me of his loue:
But yet *I* hope my sorrowes will haue end,
And *Gaueston* this blessed day be slaine.

Exeunt.

Enter

of Edward the second.

Enter Gaueston pursued.

Gau. Yet lustie lords I haue escapt your handes,
Your threats, your larums, and your hote pursutes,
And though deuorsed from king *Edwards* eyes,
Yet liueth *Pierce* of *Gaueston* vnsurprizd,
Breathing, in hope (*malgrado* all your beards,
That muster rebels thus against your king)
To see his royall soueraigne once againe.

Enter the Nobles.

War. Vpon him souldiers, take away his weapons.

Mor. Thou proud disturber of thy countries peace,
Corrupter of thy king, cause of these broiles,
Base flatterer, yeeld, and were it not for shame,
Shame and dishonour to a souldiers name,
Vpon my weapons point here shouldst thou fall,
And welter in thy goare.

Lan. Monster of men, that like the Greekish strumpet
Traind to armes and bloudie warres,
So many valiant knights,
Looke for no other fortune wretch then death,
Kind *Edward* is not heere to buckler thee.

War. Lancaster, why talkst thou to the slaue?
Go souldiers take him hence,
For by my sword, his head shall off:
Gaueston, short warning shall serue thy turne:
It is our countries cause,
That here seuerelie we will execute,
Vpon thy person: hang him at a bough:

Gau. My Lord.

War. Souldiers, haue him away:
But for thou wert the fauorit of a King,
Thou shalt haue so much honor at our hands.

Gau. I thanke you all my lords, then *I* perceiue,

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That heading is one, and hanging is the other,
And death is all.

Enter earle of Arundell.

Lan. How now my lord of *Arundell*?

Arun. My lords, king *Edward* greetes you all by me.

War. *Arundell*, say your message.

Aru. His maiesty, hearing that you had takē *Gaueston*,
Intreateth you by me, yet but he may
See him before he dies, for why he saies,
And sends you word, he knowes that die he shall,
And if you gratifie his grace so farre,
He will be mindfull of the curtesie.

Warw. How now?

Gau. Renowmed *Edward*, how thy name
Reuiues poore *Gaueston*.

War. No, it needeth not,
Arundell, we will gratifie the king
In other matters, he must pardon vs in this,
Souldiers away with him.

Gauest. Why my Lord of *VVarwicke*,
Will not these delaies beget my hopes?
I know it lords, it is this life you aime at,
Yet graunt king *Edward* this.

Mor. iu. Shalt thou appoint what we shall graunt?
Souldiers away with him:
Thus weele gratifie the king,
Weele send his head by thee, let him bestow
His teares on that, for that is all he gets
Of *Gaueston*, or else his sencelesse trunck.

Lan. Not so my Lord, least he bestow more cost,
In burying him, then he hath euer earned.

Arun. My lords, it is his maiesties request,
And in the honor of a king he sweares,

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He will but talke with him and send him backe.

War. When can you tell? *Arundell* no, we wot,
He that the care of realme remits,
And driues his nobles to these exigents
For *Gaueston*, will if he zease him once,
Violate any promise to possesse him.

Arun. Then if you will not trust his grace in keepe,
My lords, *I* will be pledge for his returne.

Mor. iu. It is honourable in thee to offer this,
But for we know thou art a noble gentleman,
We will not wrong thee so,
To make away a true man for a theefe.

Gaue. How meanst thou *Mortimer*? that is ouer base.

Mor. Away base groome, robber of kings renownme,
Question with thy companions and thy mates.

Pen. My lord *Mortimer*, and you my lords each one,
To gratifie the kings request therein,
Touching the sending of this *Gaueston*,
Because his maiestie so earnestlie
Desires to see the man before his death,
I will vpon mine honor vndertake
To carrie him, and bring him back againe,
Prouided this, that you my lord of *Arundell*
Will ioyne with me.

War. *Penbrooke*, what wilt thou do?
Cause yet more bloudshed: is it not enough
That we haue taken him, but must we now
Leaue him on had-I wist, and let him go?

Pen. My lords, I will not ouer wooe your honors,
But if you dare trust *Penbrooke* with the prisoner,
Vpon mine oath *I* will returne him back.

Arun. My lord of *Lancaster*, what say you in this?

Lan. Why *I* say, let him go on *Penbrookes* word.

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Pen. And you lord *Mortimer*.
Mor. iu. How say you my lord of Warwick.
War. Nay, do your pleasures,
I know how twill prooue.
Pen. Then giue him me.
Gau. Sweete soueraigne, yet I come
To see thee ere *I* die.
Warw. Yet not perhaps,
If Warwickes wit and policie preuaile.
Mor. iu. My lord of Penbrooke, we deliuer him you,
Returne him on your honor, sound away. *Exeunt.*
Manent Penbrooke, Mat. Gauest. & Pen-
brookes men, foure souldiers.
Pen. My Lord, you shall go with me,
My house is not farre hence out of the way,
A little, but our men shall go along,
We that haue prettie wenches to our wiues,
Sir, must not come so neare and balke their lips.
Mat. Tis verie kindlie spoke my lord of *Penbrooke*,
Your honor hath an adamant of power,
To drawe a prince.
Pen. So my lord, come hether *Iames*,
I do commit this *Gaueston* to thee,
Be thou this night his keeper, in the morning
We will discharge thee of thy charge, be gon.
Gau. Vnhappie *Gaueston*, whether goest thou now.
Exit cum seruis Pen.
Horse boy. My lord, weele quicklie be at *Cobham*.
Exeunt ambo.
Enter Gaueston moorning, and the earle
of Penbrookes men.
Gaue. O treacherous Warwicke thus to wrong thy
friend!

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Iames. I see it is your life these armes pursue.

Gau. Weaponles must I fall and die in bands,
O must this day be period of my life!
Center of all my blisse, and yee be men,
Speede to the king.

Enter Warwicke and his companie.

War. My lord of Penbrookes men,
Striue you no longer, *I* will haue that *Gaueston*.

Iam. Your lordship doth dishonor to your selfe,
And wrong our lord, your honorable friend.

War. No *Iames*, it is my countries cause *I* follow,
Goe, take the villaine, soldiers come away,
Weel make quick worke, cōmend me to your maister
My friend, and tell him that *I* watcht it well,
Come, let thy shadow parley with king *Edward*.

Gau. Treacherous earle, shall I not see the king?

War. The king of heauen perhaps, no other king,
Away. *Exeunt Warwike and his men, with Gauest.*

Manet Iames cum cæteris.

Come fellowes, it booted not for vs to striue,
We will in hast go certifie our Lord.

Exeunt.

*Enter king Edward and Spencer, with
Drummes and Fifes.*

Edw. I long to heare an answer from the Barons
Touching my friend, my deerest *Gaueston*,
Ah *Spencer*, not the riches of my realme
Can ransom him, ah he is markt to die,
I know the malice of the yonger *Mortimer*,
VVarwick I know is roughe, and Lancaster
Inexorable, and I shall neuer see
My louely *Pierce*, my *Gaueston* againe,
The Barons ouerbeare me with their pride.

Spencer. Were I king *Edward* Englands soueraigne,

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wln 1396 Great *Edward Longshankes* issue: would *I* bear
wln 1397 These braues, this rage, and suffer vncontrowld
wln 1398 These Barons thus to beard me in my land,
wln 1399 In mine owne realme? my lord pardon my speeche,
wln 1400 Did you retaine your fathers magnanimitie?
wln 1401 Did you regard the honor of your name?
wln 1402 You would not suffer thus your maiestie
wln 1403 Be counterbuft of your nobilitie,
wln 1404 Strike off their heads, and let them preach on poles,
wln 1405 No doubt, such lessons they will teach the rest,
wln 1406 As by their preachments they will profit much,
wln 1407 And learne obedience to their lawfull king.
wln 1408 *Edw.* Yea gentle *Spencer*, we haue beene too milde,
wln 1409 Too kinde to them, but now haue drawne our sword,
wln 1410 And if they send me not my *Gaueston*,
wln 1411 Weele steele it on their crest, and powle their tops.
wln 1412 *Bald.* This haught resolute becomes your maiestie,
wln 1413 Not to be tied to their affection,
wln 1414 As though your highnes were a schoole boy still,
wln 1415 And must be awde and gouerned like a child.
wln 1416 *Enter Hugh Spencer an old man, father to*
wln 1417 *the yong Spencer, with his trunchion,*
wln 1418 *and soldiers.*
wln 1419 *Spen. pa.* Long liue my soueraigne the noble *Edward*,
wln 1420 In peace triumphant, fortunate in warres.
wln 1421 *Edw.* Welcome old man, comst thou in *Edwards* aide?
wln 1422 Then tell thy prince, of whence, and what thou art.
wln 1423 *Spen. pa.* Loe, with a band of bowmen and of pikes,
wln 1424 Browne bils, and targetiers, 400 strong,
wln 1425 Sworne to defend king *Edwards* royall right,
wln 1426 *I* come in person to your maiestie,
wln 1427 *Spencer*, the father of *Hugh Spencer* there,

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Bound to your highnes euerlastinglye,
For fauors done in him, vnto vs all.
Edw. Thy father *Spencer*?
Spen. filius. True, and it like your grace,
That powres in lieu of all your goodnes showne,
His life my lord, before your princely feete.
Edw. Welcome ten thousand times, old man againe,
Spencer, this loue, this kindnes to thy King,
Argues thy noble minde and disposition:
Spencer, I heere create thee earle of Wilshire,
And daily will enrich thee with our fauour,
That as the sun-shine shall reflect ore thee:
Beside, the more to manifest our loue,
Because we heare Lord *Bruse* dooth sell his land,
And that the *Mortimers* are in hand withall,
Thou shalt haue crownes of vs, t'out bid the Barons,
And *Spenser*, spare them not, but lay it on.
Souldiers a largis, and thrice welcome all.
Spen. My lord, here comes the Queene.
*Enter the Queene and her sonne, and
Lewne a Frenchman.*
Edw. Madam, what newes?
Qu. Newes of dishonor lord, and discontent,
Our friend *Lewne*, faithfull and full of trust,
Informeth vs, by letters and by words,
That lord *Valoyes* our brother, king of Fraunce,
Because your highnesse hath beene slack in homage,
Hath seazed Normandie into his hands,
These be the letters, this the messenger.
Edw. Welcome *Lewne*, tush *Sib*, if this be all,
Valoys and *I* will soone be friends againe,
But to my *Gaueston*: shall I neuer see,
Neuer behold thee now? Madam in this matter

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We will employ you and your little sonne,
You shall go parley with the king of Fraunce,
Boye, see you beare you brauelie to the king,
And do your message with a maiestie.
Prin. Commit not to my youth things of more waight
Then fits a prince so yong as I to beare,
And feare not lord and father, heauens great beames
On *Atlas* shoulder, shall not lie more safe,
Then shall your charge committed to my trust.
Qu. A boye, this towardnes makes thy mother feare
Thou art not markt to many daies on earth.
Edw. Madam, we will that you with speed be shipt,
And this our sonne, *Lewne* shall follow you,
With all the hast we can dispatch him hence,
Choose of our lords to beare you companie,
And go in peace, leaue vs in warres at home.
Qu. Vnnatural wars, where subiects braue their king,
God end them once, my lord *I* take my leaue,
To make my preparation for Fraunce.
Enter lord Matre.
Edw. What lord *Matre.* dost thou come alone?
Mat. Yea my good lord, for *Gaueston* is dead.
Edw. Ah traitors, haue they put my friend to death,
Tell me *Matre.* died he ere thou camst,
Or didst thou see my friend to take his death?
Matr. Neither my lord, for as he was surprizd,
Begirt with weapons, and with enemies round,
I did your highnes message to them all,
Demanding him of them, entreating rather,
And said, vpon the honour of my name,
That I would vndertake to carrie him
Vnto your highnes, and to bring him back.
Edw. And tell me, would the rebels denie me that?

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Spen. Proud recreants.

Edw. Yea *Spencer*, traitors all.

Matr. I found them at the first inexorable,
The earle of Warwick would not bide the hearing,
Mortimer hardly, *Penbrooke* and *Lancaster*
Spake least: and when they flatly had denyed,
Refusing to receiue me pledge for him,
The earle of *Penbrooke* mildlie thus bespake.
My lords, because our soueraigne sends for him,
And promiseth he shall be safe returnd,
I will this vndertake, to haue him hence,
And see him redeliuered to your hands.

Edw. Well, and how fortunes that he came not?

Spen. Some treason, or some villanie was cause.

Mat. The earle of Warwick seazde him on his way,
For being deliuered vnto *Penbrookes* men,
Their lord rode home, thinking his prisoner safe,
But ere he came, Warwick in ambush laie,
And bare him to his death, and in a trenche
Strake off his head, and marcht vnto the campe.

Spen. A bloudie part, flatly against law of armes.

Edw. O shall *I* speake, or shall *I* sigh and die!

Spen. My lord, referre your vengeance to the sword,
Vpon these Barons, harten vp your men,
Let them not vnreuengd murther your friends,
Aduance your standard *Edward* in the field,
And marche to fire them from their starting holes.

Edward kneeles, and saith.

By earth, the common mother of vs all,
By heauen, and all the moouing orbes thereof,
By this right hand, and by my fathers sword,
And all the honors longing to my crowne,
I will haue heads, and liues for him as many,

wln 1527 As *I* haue manors, castels, townes, and towers,
wln 1528 Tretcherous *Warwicke*, traiterous *Mortimer*:
wln 1529 If *I* be Englands king, in lakes of gore
wln 1530 Your headles trunkes, your bodies will I traile,
wln 1531 That you may drinke your fill, and quaffe in bloud,
wln 1532 And staine my roiall standard with the same,
wln 1533 That so my bloudie colours may suggest
wln 1534 Remembrance of reuenge immortallie,
wln 1535 On your accursed traiterous progenie:
wln 1536 You villaines that haue slaine my *Gaueston*,
wln 1537 And in this place of honor and of trust,
wln 1538 *Spencer*, sweet *Spencer*, I adopt thee heere,
wln 1539 And meerely of our loue we do create thee
wln 1540 Earle of Gloster, and lord Chamberlaine,
wln 1541 Despite of times, despite of enemies.
wln 1542 *Spen.* My lord, heres is a messenger from the Barons,
wln 1543 Desires accesse vnto your maiestie.
wln 1544 *Edw.* Admit him neere.
wln 1545 *Enter the Herald from the Barons,*
wln 1546 *with his coate of armes.*
wln 1547 *Messen.* Long liue king *Edward*, Englands lawful lord.
wln 1548 *Edw.* So wish not they Iwis that sent thee hither,
wln 1549 Thou comst from *Mortimer* and his complices,
wln 1550 A ranker route of rebels neuer was:
wln 1551 Well, say thy message.
wln 1552 *Messen.* The Barons vp in armes, by me salute
wln 1553 Your highnes, with long life and happines,
wln 1554 And bid me say as plainer to your grace,
wln 1555 That if without effusion of bloud,
wln 1556 You will this greefe haue ease and remedie,
wln 1557 That from your princely person you remooue
wln 1558 This *Spencer*, as a putrifying branche,
wln 1559 That deads the royall vine, whose golden leaues

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Empale your princelie head, your diadem,
Whose brightnes such pernicious vpstarts dim,
Say they, and louinglie aduise your grace,
To cherish vertue and nobilitie,
And haue old seruitors in high esteeme,
And shake off smooth dissembling flatterers:
This graunted, they, their honors, and their liues,
Are to your highnesse vowd and consecrate.

Spn. A traitors, will they still display their pride?

Edw. Away, tarrie no answer, but be gon,

Rebels, will they appoint their soueraigne
His sports, his pleasures, and his companie:

Yet ere thou go, see how I do deuorce

Spencer from me: now get thee to thy lords,

And tell them I will come to chastise them,

For murdering *Gaueston*: hie thee, get thee gone,

Edward with fire and sword, followes at thy heeles,

My lord, perceiue you how these rebels swell:

Souldiers, good harts, defend your soueraignes right,

For now, euen now, we marche to make them stoope,

Away.

*Embrace
Spencer.*

Exeunt.

Alarums, excursions, a great fight, and a retreat.

*Enter the king, Spencer the father, Spencer the sonne,
and the noblemen of the kings side.*

Edw. Why do we sound retreat? vpon them lords,

This day I shall powre vengeance with my sword

On those proud rebels that are vp in armes,

And do confront and countermaund their king.

Spn. son. I doubt it not my lord, right will preuaile.

Spn. fa. Tis not amisse my liege for eyther part,

To breathe a while, our men with sweat and dust

All chockt well neare, begin to faint for heate,

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And this retire refresheth horse and man.

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Spn. son. Heere come the rebels.

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*Enter the Barons, Mortimer, Lancaster, Warwick,
Penbrooke, cum cæteris.*

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Mor. Looke *Lancaster*, yonder is *Edward* among his
flatterers.

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Lan. And there let him bee, till hee pay deerely for
their companie.

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War. And shall or *Warwicks* sword shal smite in vaine.

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Edw. What rebels, do you shrinke, and sound retreat?

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Mor. iu. No *Edward*, no, thy flatterers faint and flie.

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Lan. Th'ad best betimes forsake **thee** and their trains,
For theile betray thee, traitors as they are.

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Spn. so. Traitor on thy face, rebellious *Lancaster*.

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Pen. Away base vpstart, brau'st thou nobles thus.

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Spn. fa. A noble attempt, and honourable deed,

wln 1607

Is it not trowe ye, to assemble aide,

wln 1608

And leuie armes against your lawfull king?

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Edw. For which ere long, their heads shall satisfie,

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T'appeaze the wrath of their offended king.

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Mor. iu. Then *Edward*, thou wilt fight it to the last,

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And rather bathe thy sword in subiects bloud,

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Then banish that pernicious companie.

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Edw. I traitors all, rather then thus be braude,

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Make Englands ciuill townes huge heapes of stones,

wln 1616

And plowes to go about our pallace gates.

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War. A desperate and vnnaturall resolution,

wln 1618

Alarum to the fight, saint George for England,

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And the Barons right.

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Edw. S. George for England, and king *Edwards* right.

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Enter Edward, with the Barons captiues.

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Edw. Now lustie lords, now not by chance of warre,

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Vaile is your pride, me thinkes you hang the **hea[**]**
But weele aduance them traitors, now tis time
To be auengd on you for all your braues,
And for the murther of my deerest friend,
To whome right well you knew our soule was knit,
Good *Pierce of Gaueston* my sweet fauoret,
A rebels, recreants, you made him away.
Edm. Brother, in regard of thee and of thy land,
Did they remooue that flatterer from thy throne.
Edw. So sir, you haue spoke, away, auoid our presence,
Accursed wretches, wast in regard of vs,
When we had sent our messenger to request
He might be spared to come to speake with vs,
And *Penbrooke* vnderooke for his returne,
That thou proud *Warwicke* watcht the prisoner,
Poore *Pierce*, and headed him against lawe of armes,
For which thy head shall ouer looke the rest.
As much as thou in rage out wentst the rest?
War. Tyrant, *I* scorne thy threats and menaces,
Tis but temporall that thou canst inflict.
Lan. The worst is death, and better die to liue,
Then liue in infamie vnder such a king.
Edw. Away with them my lord of Winchester,
These lustie leaders *Warwicke* and *Lancaster*,
I charge you roundly off with both their heads, away.
War. Farewell vaine worlde.
Lan. Sweete *Mortimer* farewell.
Mor. iu. England, vnkinde to thy nobilitie,
Grone for this greefe, behold how thou art maimed.
Edw. Go take that haughtie *Mortimer* to the tower,
There see him safe bestowed, and for the rest,
Do speedie execution on them all, be gon.
Mor. iu. What *Mortimer?* can ragged stonie walle

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[**]mure thy vertue that aspires to heauen,

[**] Edward, Englands scourge, it may not be,
Mortimers hope surmounts his fortune farre.

Edw. Sound drums and trumpets, marche with me
my friends,

Edward this day hath crownd him king a new.

Exit.

Manent Spencer filius, Lewne & Baldock.

Spen. Lewne, the trust that we repose in thee,
Begets the quiet of king Edwards land,

Therefore be gon in hast, and with aduice,

Bestowe that treasure on the lords of Fraunce,

That therewith all enchaunted like the garde,

That suffered Ioue to passe in showers of golde

To Danae, all aide may be denied

To Isabell the Queene, that now in France

Makes friends, to crosse the seas with her yong sonne,

And step into his fathers regiment.

Lew. Thats it these Barons and the subtill Queene,
Long leuied at.

Bald. Yea, but Lewne thou seest,
These Barons lay their heads on blocks together,
What they intend, the hangman frustrates cleane.

Lewn. Haue you no doubts my lords, ile claps close,
Among the lords of France with Englands golde,
That Isabell shall make her plaints in vaine,
And Fraunce shall be obdurat with her teares.

Spen. Then make for Fraunce, amaine Lewne away,
Proclaime king Edwards warres and victories.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Edmund.

Edm. Faire blowes the winde for Fraunce, blowe
gentle gale,

Till Edmund be arriude for Englands good,

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Nature, yeeld to my countries cause in this,
A brother, no, a butcher of thy friends,
Proud *Edward*, doost thou banish me thy presence?
But ile to Fraunce, and cheere the wronged Queene,
And certifie what *Edwards* loosenes is,
Vnnaturall king, to slaughter noble men
And cherish flatterers: *Mortimer I* stay
Thy sweet escape, stand gracious gloomie night to his
deuice.

Enter Mortimer disguised.

Mor. iu. Holla, who walketh there, ist you my lord?

Edm. *Mortimer* tis I, but hath thy potion wrought so
happilie?

Mor. iu. It hath my lord, the warders all a sleepe,
I thanke them, gaue me leaue to passe in peace:
But hath your grace got shipping vnto Fraunce?

Edm. Feare it not.

Exeunt.

Enter the Queene and her sonne.

Qu. A boye, our friends do faile vs all in Fraunce,
The lords are cruell, and the king vnkinde,
What shall we doe?

Prince. Madam, returne to England,
And please my father well, and then a Fig
For all my vnckles frienship here in Fraunce,
I warrant you, ile winne his highnes quicklie,
A loues me better than a thousand *Spencers*.

Qu. A boye, thou art deceiude at least in this,
To thinke that we can yet be tun'd together,
No, no, we warre too farre, vnkinde *Valoys*,
Vnhappie *Isabell*, when Fraunce reiects,
Whether, O whether doost thou bend thy steps.

Enter sir Iohn of Henolt.

S. Ioh. Madam, what cheere?

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Qu. A good sir *Iohn* of *Henolt*,
Neuer so cheereles, nor so farre distrest.
S. Ioh. I heare sweete lady of the kings vnkindenes,
But droope not madam, noble mindes contemne
Despaire: will your grace with me to *Henolt*?
And there stay times aduantage with your sonne,
How say you my Lord, will you go with your friends,
And shake off all our fortunes equallie.
Prin. So pleaseth the Queene my mother, me it likes,
The king of England, nor the court of Fraunce,
Shall haue me from my gracious mothers side,
Till I be strong enough to breake a staffe,
And then haue at the proudest *Spencers* head.
Sir Iohn. Well said my lord.
Qu. Oh my sweet hart, how do *I* mone thy wrongs?
Yet triumphe in the hope of thee my ioye,
Ah sweete sir *Iohn*, euen to the vtmost verge
Of *Europe*, or the shore of *Tanaise*,
Will we with thee to *Henolt*, so we will,
The Marques is a noble Gentleman,
His grace I dare presume will welcome me,
But who are these?
Enter Edmund and Mortimer.
Edm. Madam, long may you liue,
Much happier then your friends in England do.
Qu. Lord *Edmund* and lord *Mortimer* alieue,
Welcome to Fraunce: the newes was heere my lord,
That you were dead, or very neare your death.
Mor. iu. Lady, the last was truest of the twaine,
But *Mortimer* reserude for better hap,
Hath shaken off the thraldome of the tower,
And liues t'aduance your standard good my lord.
Prin. How meane you, and the king my father liues?

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No my lord *Mortimer*, not I, I trow.

Qu. Not sonne, why not? I would it were no worse,
But gentle lords, friendles we are in Fraunce.

Mor. iu. Mounsier le Grand, a noble friend of yours,
Tould vs at our arriuall all the newes,
How hard the nobles, how vnkinde the king
Hath shewed himself: but madam, right makes roome,
Where weapons want, and though a many friends
Are made away, as Warwick, Lancaster,
And others of our partie and faction,
Yet haue we friends, assure your grace in England,
Would cast vp cappes, and clap their hands for ioy,
To see vs there appointed for our foes.

Edm. Would all were well, and *Edward* well reclaimd,
For Englands honor, peace, and quietnes.

Mort. But by the sword, my lord, it must be deseru'd.
The king will nere forsake his flatterers.

S. Ioh. My Lords of England, sith the vngentle king
Of Fraunce refuseth to giue aide of armes,
To this distressed Queene his sister heere,
Go you with her to *Henolt*, doubt yee not,
We will finde comfort, money, men, and friends
Ere long, to bid the English king a base,
How say yong Prince, what thinke you of the match?

Prin. I thinke king *Edward* will out run vs all.

Qu. Nay soune, not so, and you must not discourage
Your friends that are so forward in your aide.

Edm. Sir *Iohn* of *Henolt*, pardon vs I pray,
These comforts that you giue our wofull queene,
Binde vs in kindenes all at your commaund.

Qu. Yea gentle brother, and the God of heauen,
Prosper your happie motion good sir *Iohn*.

Mor. iu. This noble gentleman forward in armes,

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Was borne I see to be our anchor hold,
Sir *Iohn* of *Henolt*, be it thy renowne,
That Englands Queene, and nobles in distresse,
Hauē beene by thee restored and comforted.
S. Iohn. Madam along, and you my lord with me,
That Englands peeres may *Henolts* welcome see.
Enter the king, Matr. the two Spencers, with others.
Edw. Thus after many threats of wrathfull warre,
Triumpheth Englands *Edward* with his friends,
And triumph *Edward* with his friends vncontrould,
My lord of Gloster, do you heare the newes?
Spē. iu. What newes my lord?
Edw. Why man, they say there is great execution
Done through the realme, my lord of *Arundell*
You haue the note, haue you not?
Matr. From the lieutenant of the tower my lord.
Edw. I pray let vs see it, what haue we there?
Read it Spencer. *Spencer reads their names.*
Why so, they barkt a pace a month a goe,
Now on my life, theile neither barke nor bite.
Now sirs, the newes from Fraunce, Gloster *I* trowe,
The lords of Fraunce loue Englands gold so well,
As *Isabell* gets no aide from thence.
What now remaines, haue you proclaimed, my lord,
Reward for them can bring in *Mortimer*?
Spē. iu. My lord, we haue, and if he be in England,
A will be had ere long I doubt it not.
Edw. If; doost thou say? *Spencer*, as true as death,
He is in Englands ground, our port-maisters
Are not so careles of their kings commaund.
Enter a Poaste. (these?)
How now, what newes with thee, from whence come
Post. Letters my lord, and tidings foorth of Fraunce,

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To you my lord of Gloster from *Lewne*.

Edward. Reade.

Spencer *reades the letter*.

My dutie to your honor promised, &c. *I* haue according to instructions in that behalfe, dealt with the king of Fraunce his lords, and effected, that the Queene all discontented and discomforted, is gone, whither if you aske, with sir *John* of *Henolt*, brother to the Marquesse, into Flaunders: with them are gone lord *Edmund*, and the lord *Mortimer*, hauing in their company diuers of your nation, and others, and as constant report goeth, they intend to giue king *Edward* battell in England, sooner then he can looke for them: this is all the newes of import.

Your honors in all seruice, *Lewne*.

Edw. A villaines, hath that *Mortimer* escapt?

With him is *Edmund* gone associate?

And will sir *John* of *Henolt* lead the round?

Welcome a Gods name Madam and your sonne,

England shall welcome you, and all your route,

Gallop a pace bright *Phæbus* through the skie,

And duskie night, in rustie iron carre,

Betweene you both, shorten the time *I* pray,

That *I* may see that most desired day,

When we may meet these traitors in the field.

Ah nothing grieues me but my little boye,

Is thus misled to countenance their ils,

Come friends to Bristow, there to make vs strong,

And windes as equall be to bring them in,

As you iniurious were to beare them foorth.

Enter the Queene, her sonne, Edmund, Mortimer, and sir Iohn.

Qu. Now lords, our louing friends and countrimen,

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wln 1856 Welcome to England all with prosperous windes,
wln 1857 Our kindest friends in Belgia haue we left,
wln 1858 To cope with friends at home: a heauie case,
wln 1859 When force to force is knit and sword and gleaue,
wln 1860 In ciuill broiles makes kin and country men,
wln 1861 Slaughter themselues in others and their sides
wln 1862 With their owne weapons gorde, but whats the helpe?
wln 1863 Misgouerned kings are cause of all this wrack,
wln 1864 And *Edward* thou art one among them all,
wln 1865 Whose loosnes hath betrayed thy land to spoyle,
wln 1866 And made the channels ouerflow with blood,
wln 1867 Of thine own people patrō shouldst thou be, but thou.
wln 1868 *Mor. iu.* Nay madam, if you be a warriar,
wln 1869 Ye must not grow so passionate in speeches:
wln 1870 Lords, sith that we are by sufferance of heauen,
wln 1871 Arriude and armde in this princes right,
wln 1872 Heere for our countries cause sweare we to him
wln 1873 All homage, fealtie and forwardnes,
wln 1874 And for the open wronges and iniuries
wln 1875 *Edward* hath done to vs, his Queene and land,
wln 1876 We come in armes to wrecke it with the swords:
wln 1877 That Englands queene in peace may reposesse
wln 1878 Her dignities and honors, and withall
wln 1879 We may remooue these flatterers from the king,
wln 1880 That hauocks Englands wealth and treasurie.
wln 1881 *S. Io.* Sound trūpets my lord & forward let vs martch,
wln 1882 *Edward* will thinke we come to flatter him.
wln 1883 *Edm.* I would he neuer had bin flattered more.
wln 1884 *Enter the King, Baldock, and Spencer the*
wln 1885 *sonne, flying about the stage.*
wln 1886 *Spe.* Fly, fly, my Lord, the Queene is ouerstrong.
wln 1887 Her friends doe multiply and yours doe fayle,
wln 1888 Shape we our course to Ireland there to breath.

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Edw. What, was *I* borne to flye and runne away,
And leaue the *Mortimers* conquerers behind?
Giue me my horse and lets r'enforce our troupes:
And in this bed of honor die with fame.

Bal. O no my lord, this princely resolution
Fits not the time, away, we are pursu'd.

*Edmund alone with a sword
and target.*

Edm. This way he fled, but *I* am come too late,
Edward, alas my hart relents for thee,
Proud traytor *Mortimer* why doost thou chase
Thy lawfull king thy soueraigne with thy sword?
Vilde wretch, and why hast thou of all vnkinde,
Borne armes against thy brother and thy king?
Raigne showers of vengeance on my cursed head
Thou God, to whom in iustice it belongs,
To punish this vnnaturall reuolt:

Edward, this *Mortimer* aimes at thy life:
O fly him then, but Edmund calme this rage,
Dissemble or thou diest, for *Mortimer*
And *Isabell* doe kisse while they conspire,
And yet she beares a face of loue forsooth:
Fie on that loue that hatcheth death and hate.
Edmund away, Bristow to Longshankes blood
Is false, be not found single for suspect:
Proud *Mortimer* pries neare into thy walkes.

*Enter the Queene, Mortimer, the
young Prince and Sir Iohn
of Henolt.*

Qu. Succesfull battells giues the God of kings,
To them that fight in right and feare his wrath:
Since then succesfully we haue preuayled,
Thankes be heauens great architect and you,

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wln 1922 Ere farther we proceede my noble lordes,
wln 1923 We heere create our welbeloued sonne,
wln 1924 Of loue and care vnto his royall person,
wln 1925 Lord warden of the realme, and sith the fates
wln 1926 Haue made his father so infortunate,
wln 1927 Deale you my lords in this, my louing lords,
wln 1928 As to your wisdomes fittest seemes in all.
wln 1929 *Edm.* Madam, without offence if I may aske,
wln 1930 How will you deale with *Edward* in his fall?
wln 1931 *Prince.* Tell me good vnckle, what *Edward* doe you
wln 1932 meane?
wln 1933 *Edm.* Nephew, your father, *I* dare not call him king.
wln 1934 *Mor.* My lord of Kent, what needes these questions?
wln 1935 Tis not in her controulment, nor in ours,
wln 1936 But as the realme and parlement shall please,
wln 1937 So shall your brother be disposed of,
wln 1938 *I* like not this relenting moode in *Edmund*,
wln 1939 Madam, tis good to looke to him betimes.
wln 1940 *Qu.* My lord, the Maior of Bristow knows our mind.
wln 1941 *Mor.* Yea madam, and they scape not easilie,
wln 1942 That fled the feeld.
wln 1943 *Qu.* *Baldock* is with the king,
wln 1944 *A* goodly chauncelor, is he not my lord?
wln 1945 *S. Ioh.* So are the *Spencers*, the father and the sonne.
wln 1946 *Edm.* This *Edward* is the ruine of the realme.

wln 1947 *Enter Rice ap Howell, and the Maior of Bristow,*
wln 1948 *with Spencer the father.*
wln 1949 *Rice.* God saue Queene *Isabell*, & her princely sonne,
wln 1950 Madam, the Maior and Citizens of Bristow,
wln 1951 In signe of loue and dutie to this presence,
wln 1952 Present by me this traitor to the state,
wln 1953 *Spencer*, the father to that wanton *Spencer*,

That

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That like the lawles *Catiline* of Rome,
Reueld in Englands wealth and treasurie.
Qu. We thanke you all.
Mor. iu. Your louing care in this,
Deserueth princelie fauors and rewardes,
But wheres the king and the other *Spencer* fled?
Rice. *Spencer* the sonne, created earle of Gloster,
Is with that smoothe toongd scholler *Baldock* gone,
And shipt but late for Ireland with the king.
Mort. iu. Some whirle winde fetche them backe,
or sincke them all:
They shalbe started thence I doubt it not.
Prin. Shall *I* not see the king my father yet?
Edmund. Vnhappie *Edward*, chaste from Englands
bounds.
S. Ioh. Madam, what resteth, why stand ye in a muse?
Qu. I rue my lords ill fortune, but alas,
Care of my countrie cald me to this warre.
Mort. Madam, haue done with care & sad complaine,
Your king hath wrongd your countrie and himselfe,
And we must seeke to right it as we may,
Meane while, haue hence this rebell to the blocke,
Your lordship cannot priuiledge your head.
Spen. pa. Rebell is he that fights against his prince,
So fought not they that fought in *Edwards* right.
Mort. Take him away, he prates, you *Rice ap howell*,
Shall do good seruice to her Maiestie,
Being of countenance in your countrey here,
To follow these rebellious runnagates,
We in meane while madam, must take aduise,
How *Baldocke*, *Spencer*, and their complices,
May in their fall be followed to their end.
Exeunt omnes.

Enter

The Tragedie

*Enter the Abbot, Monkes, Edward, Spencer,
and Baldocke.*

Abbot. Haue you no doubt my Lorde, haue you no
feare,

As silent and as carefull will we be,
To keepe your royall person safe with vs,
Free from suspect, and fell inuasion
Of such as haue your maiestie in chase,
Your selfe, and those your chosen companie,
As daunger of this stormie time requires.

Edwa. Father, thy face should harbor no deceit,
O hadst thou euer beene a king, thy hart
Pierced deeply with sence of my distresse,
Could not but take compassion of my state,
Stately and proud, in riches and in traine,
Whilom I was powerfull and full of pompe,
But what is he, whome rule and emperie
Haue not in life or death made miserable?

Come *Spencer*, come *Baldocke*, come sit downe by me,
Make triall now of that philosophie,
That in our famous nurseries of artes
Thou suckedst from *Plato*, and from *Aristotle*.
Father, this life contemplatiue is heauen,
O that I might this life in quiet lead,
But we alas are chaste, and you my friends,
Your liues and my dishonor they pursue
Yet gentle monkes, for treasure, golde nor fee,
Do you betray vs and our companie.

Monks. Your grace may sit secure, if none but wee
doe wot of your abode.

Spen. Not one aliue, but shrewdly I suspect,
A gloomie fellow in a meade belowe,
A gaue a long looke after vs my lord,

And

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And all the land I know is vp in armes,
Armes that pursue our liues with deadly hate.

wln 2021

wln 2022

Bald. We were imbarkt for Ireland, wretched we,
With awkward windes, and sore tempests driuen

wln 2023

wln 2024

To fall on shoare, and here to pine in feare
Of *Mortimer* and his confederates.

wln 2025

wln 2026

Edw. *Mortimer*, who talkes of *Mortimer*,
Who wounds me with the name of *Mortimer*

wln 2027

wln 2028

That bloody man? good father on thy lap

wln 2029

wln 2030

Lay I this head, laden with mickle care,

wln 2031

O might I neuer open these eyes againe,

wln 2032

Neuer againe lift vp this drooping head,

wln 2033

O neuer more lift vp this dying hart!

wln 2034

Spem. son. Looke vp my lord. *Baldock*, this drowsines
Betides no good, here euen we are betrayed.

wln 2035

*Enter with Welch hookes, Rice vp Howell, a Mower,
and the Earle of Leicester.*

wln 2036

Mower. Vpon my life, those be the men ye **see[*]**

wln 2037

Rice. Fellow enough, my lord I pray be short,

wln 2038

A faire commission warrants what we do.

wln 2039

wln 2040

Lei. The Queenes commission, vrgd by *Mortimer*,

wln 2041

What cannot gallant *Mortimer* with the Queene?

wln 2042

Alas, see where he sits, and hopes vnseene,

wln 2043

T'escape their hands that seeke to reauue his life:

wln 2044

Too true it is, *quem dies vidit veniens superbum,*

wln 2045

Hunc dies vidit fugiens iacentem.

wln 2046

But Leister leaue to growe so passionate,

wln 2047

Spencer and *Baldocke*, by no other names,

wln 2048

I arrest you of high treason here,

wln 2049

Stand not on titles, but obey th'arrest,

wln 2050

Tis in the name of *Isabell* the Queene:

wln 2051

My lord, why droope you thus?

Edw.

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wln 2052 *Edw.* O day! the last of all my blisse on earth;
wln 2053 Center of all misfortune. O my starres!
wln 2054 Why do you lowre vnkindly on a king?
wln 2055 Comes Leister then in *Isabellas* name,
wln 2056 To take my life, my companie from me?
wln 2057 Here man, rip vp this panting brest of mine,
wln 2058 And take my heart, in reskew of my friends.
wln 2059 *Rice.* Away with them.
wln 2060 *Spen. iu.* It may be come thee yet,
wln 2061 To let vs take our farewell of his grace.
wln 2062 *Abb.* My heart with pittie earnes to see this sight,
wln 2063 A king to beare these words and proud commaunds.
wln 2064 *Edw.* *Spencer*, a sweet *Spencer*, thus then must we part.
wln 2065 *Spen. iu.* We must my lord, so will the angry heauens.
wln 2066 *Edw.* Nay so will hell, and cruell *Mortimer*,
wln 2067 The gentle heauens haue not to do in this.
wln 2068 *Bald.* My lord, it is in vaine to greeue or storme,
wln 2069 Here humblie of your grace we take our leaues,
wln 2070 O[**] lots are cast, I feare me so is thine.
wln 2071 *Edwa.* In heauen wee may, in earth neuer shall wee
wln 2072 meete,
wln 2073 And Leister say, what shall become of vs?
wln 2074 *Leist.* Your maiestie must go to Killingworth.
wln 2075 *Edw.* Must! tis somewhat hard, when kings must go.
wln 2076 *Leist.* Here is a Litter readie for your grace,
wln 2077 That waites your pleasure, and the day growes old.
wln 2078 *Rice.* As good be gon, as stay and be benighted.
wln 2079 *Edw.* A litter hast thou, lay me in a hearse,
wln 2080 And to the gates of hell conuay me hence,
wln 2081 Let *Plutos* bells ring out my fatall knell,
wln 2082 And hags howle for my death at *Charons* shore,
wln 2083 For friends hath *Edward* none, but these, and these,
wln 2084 And these must die vnder a tyrants sword.

Rice.

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of Edward the second.

wln 2085

Rice. My lord, be going, care not for these,
For we shall see them shorter by the heads.

wln 2086

wln 2087

Edw. Well, that shalbe, shalbe: part we must,
Sweete *Spencer*, gentle *Baldocke*, part we must,
Hence fained weeds, vnfained are my woes,
Father, farewell: Leister, thou staist for me,
And go I must, life farewell with my friends.

wln 2089

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Exeunt Edward and Leicester.

wln 2093

Spn. iu. O is he gone! is noble *Edward* gone,
Parted from hence, neuer to see vs more,
Rent sphere of heauen, and fier forsake thy orbe,
Earth melt to ayre, gone is my soueraigne,
Gone, gone alas, neuer to make returne.

wln 2094

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Bald. *Spencer*, I see our soules are fleeted hence,
We are depriude the sun-shine of our life,
Make for a new life man, throw vp thy eyes,
And hart and hand to heauens immortall throne,
Pay natures debt with cheerefull countenance,
Reduce we all our lessons vnto this,
To die sweet *Spencer*, therefore liue wee all,
Spencer, all liue to die, and rise to fall.

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Rice. Come, come, keepe these preachments till
you come to the place appointed
You, and such as you are, haue made wise worke in
England.

wln 2107

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Will your Lordships away?

wln 2110

wln 2111

Mower. Your worship I trust will remember me?

wln 2112

Rice. Remember thee fellow? what else,
Follow me to the towne.

wln 2113

wln 2114

*Enter the king, Leicester, with a Bishop
for the crowne.*

wln 2115

Lei. Be patient good my lord, cease to lament,

wln 2116

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wln 2117 Imagine Killingworth castell were your court,
wln 2118 And that you lay for pleasure here a space,
wln 2119 Not of compulsion or neceissitie.
wln 2120 *Edw.* Leister, if gentle words might comfort me,
wln 2121 Thy speeches long agoe had easde my sorrowes,
wln 2122 For kinde and louing hast thou alwaies beene:
wln 2123 The greefes of priuate men are soone allayde,
wln 2124 But not of kings, the forrest Deare being strucke
wln 2125 Runnes to an herbe that closeth vp the wounds,
wln 2126 But when the imperiall Lions flesh is gorde,
wln 2127 He rends and teares it with his wrathfull pawe,
wln 2128 Highly scorning, that the lowly earth
wln 2129 Should drinke his bloud, mounts vp into the ayre,
wln 2130 And so it fares with me, whose dauntlesse minde
wln 2131 The ambitious *Mortimer* would seeke to curbe,
wln 2132 And that vnnaturall Queene false *Isabell*,
wln 2133 That thus hath pent and mu'd me in a prison,
wln 2134 For such outrageous passions cloye my soule,
wln 2135 As with the wings of rancor and disdainie,
wln 2136 Full often am I sowing vp to heauen,
wln 2137 To plaine me to the gods against them both:
wln 2138 But when I call to minde I am a king,
wln 2139 Me thinkes I should reuenge me of the wronges,
wln 2140 That *Mortimer* and *Isabell* haue done.
wln 2141 But what are kings, when regiment is gone,
wln 2142 But perfect shadowes in a sun-shine day?
wln 2143 My nobles rule, I beare the name of king,
wln 2144 I weare the crowne, but am contrould by them,
wln 2145 By *Mortimer*, and my vnconstant Queene,
wln 2146 Who spots my nuptiall bed with infamie,
wln 2147 Whilst I am lodgd within this caue of care,
wln 2148 Where sorrow at my elbow still attends,
wln 2149 To companie my hart with sad laments,

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wln 2150 That bleedes within me for this strange exchange.
wln 2151 But tell me, must I now resigne my crowne,
wln 2152 To make vsurping *Mortimer* a king?
wln 2153 *Bish.* Your grace mistakes, it is for Englands good,
wln 2154 And princely *Edwards* right we craue the crowne.
wln 2155 *Edw.* No, tis for *Mortimer*, not *Edwards* head,
wln 2156 For hees a lambe, encompassed by Woolues,
wln 2157 Which in a moment will abridge his life:
wln 2158 But if proud *Mortimer* do weare this crowne,
wln 2159 Heauens turne it to a blaze of quenchelesse fier,
wln 2160 Or like the snakie wreathe of *Tisiphon*,
wln 2161 Engirt the temples of his hatefull head,
wln 2162 So shall not Englands Vines be perished,
wln 2163 But *Edwards* name suruiues, though *Edward* dies.
wln 2164 *Lei.* My lord, why waste you thus the time away,
wln 2165 They stay your answer, will you yeeld your crowne?
wln 2166 *Edw.* Ah Leister, way, how hardly I can brooke
wln 2167 To loose my crowne and kingdome, without cause,
wln 2168 To giue ambitious *Mortimer* my right,
wln 2169 That like a mountaine ouerwhelmes my blisse.
wln 2170 In which extreame my minde here murdered is:
wln 2171 But what the heauens appoint, I must obaye,
wln 2172 Here, take my crowne, the life of *Edward* too,
wln 2173 Two kings in England cannot raigne at once:
wln 2174 But stay a while, let me be king till night,
wln 2175 That I may gaze vpon this glittering crowne,
wln 2176 So shall my eyes receiue their last content,
wln 2177 My head, the latest honor dew to it,
wln 2178 And ioyntly both yeeld vp their wished right.
wln 2179 Continue euer thou celestiall sunne,
wln 2180 Let neuer silent night possesse this clime,
wln 2181 Stand still you watches of the element,
wln 2182 All times and seasons rest you at a stay,

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wln 2183 That *Edward* may be still faire Englands king:
wln 2184 But dayes bright beames dooth vanish fast away,
wln 2185 And needes *I* must resigne my wished crowne,
wln 2186 Inhumaine creatures, nurst with Tigers milke,
wln 2187 Why gape you for your soueraignes ouerthrow?
wln 2188 My diadem I meane, and guiltlesse life,
wln 2189 See monsters see, ile weare my crowne againe,
wln 2190 What, feare you not the furie of your king?
wln 2191 But haplesse *Edward*, thou art fondly led,
wln 2192 They passe not for thy frownes as late they did,
wln 2193 But seekes to make a new elected king,
wln 2194 Which fills my mind with strange despairing thoughts,
wln 2195 Which thoughts are martyred with endles torments.
wln 2196 And in this torment, comfort finde I none,
wln 2197 But that I feele the crowne vpon my head,
wln 2198 And therefore let me weare it yet a while.
wln 2199 *Tru.* My Lorde, the parlement must haue present
wln 2200 newes,
wln 2201 And therefore say, will you resigne or no.
wln 2202 *The king rageth.*
wln 2203 *Edw.* Ile not resigne, but whilst I liue,
wln 2204 Traitors be gon, and ioine you with *Mortimer*,
wln 2205 Elect, conspire, install, do what you will,
wln 2206 Their bloud and yours shall seale these treacheries.
wln 2207 *Bish.* This answer weelee returne, and so farewell.
wln 2208 *Leist.* Call them againe my lorde, and speake them
wln 2209 faire,
wln 2210 For if they goe, the prince shall lose his right.
wln 2211 *Edward.* Call thou them back, I haue no power to
wln 2212 speake.
wln 2213 *Lei.* My lord, the king is willing to resigne.
wln 2214 *Bish.* If he be not, let him choose.
wln 2215 *Edw.* O would I might, but heuens & earth conspire

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wln 2216 To make me miserable: heere receiue my crowne,
wln 2217 Receiue it? no, these innocent hands of mine
wln 2218 Shall not be guiltie of so foule a crime,
wln 2219 He of you all that most desires my bloud,
wln 2220 And will be called the murtherer of a king,
wln 2221 Take it: what are you mooude, pitie you me?
wln 2222 Then send for vnrelenting *Mortimer*
wln 2223 And *Isabell*, whose eyes beene turnd to steele,
wln 2224 Will sooner sparkle fire then shed a teare:
wln 2225 Yet stay, for rather then I will looke on them,
wln 2226 Heere, heere: now sweete God of heauen,
wln 2227 Make me despise this transitorie pompe,
wln 2228 And sit for aye inthronized in heauen,
wln 2229 Come death, and with thy fingers close my eyes,
wln 2230 Or if I liue, let me forget my selfe.

wln 2231 *Enter Bartley.*
wln 2232 *Bartley.* My lorde.
wln 2233 *Edw.* Call me not lorde,
wln 2234 Away, out of my sight, ah pardon me,
wln 2235 Greefe makes me lunatick,
wln 2236 Let not that *Mortimer* protect my sonne,
wln 2237 More safetie is there in a Tigers iawes,
wln 2238 This his imbracements, beare this to the queene,
wln 2239 Wet with my teares, and dried againe with sighes,
wln 2240 If with the sight thereof she be not mooued,
wln 2241 Returne it backe and dip it in my bloud,
wln 2242 Commend me to my sonne, and bid him rule
wln 2243 Better then I, yet how haue I transgrest,
wln 2244 Vnlesse it be with too much clemencie?
wln 2245 *Tru.* And thus, most humbly do we take our leaue.
wln 2246 *Edward.* Farewell, I know the next newes that they
wln 2247 bring,

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Will be my death, and welcome shall it be,
To wretched men death is felicitie.
Leist. An other poast, what newes brings he?
Edw. Such newes as I expect, come *Bartley*, come,
And tell thy message to my naked brest.
Bart. My lord, thinke not a thought so villanous
Can harbor in a man of noble birth.
To do your highnes seruice and deuoire,
And saue you from your foes, *Bartley* would die.
Leist. My lorde, the counsell of the Queene com-
maunds,
That I resigne my charge.
Edw. And who must keepe mee now, must you my
lorde?
Bart. I, my most gracious lord, so tis decreed.
Edw. By *Mortimer*, whose name is written here,
Well may *I* rent his name, that rends my hart,
This poore reuenge hath something easd my minde,
So may his limmes be torne, as is this paper,
Heare me immortall *Ioue*, and graunt it too.
Bart. Your grace must hence with mee to *Bartley*
straight.
Edw. Whether you will, all places are alike,
And euery earth is fit for buriall.
Leist. Fauor him my lord, as much as lieth in you.
Bart. Euen so betide my soule as I vse him.
Edw. Mine enemie hath pitied my estate,
And thats the cause that I am now remooude.
Bartley. And thinkes your grace that *Bartley* will bee
cruell?
Edw. I know not, but of this am I assured,
That death ends all, and I can die but once,
Leicester, farewell.

Leist.

of Edward the second.

Leicester. Not yet my lorde, ile beare you on your
waye.

Exeunt omnes.

*Enter Mortimer, and Queene
Isabell.*

Mor. iu. Faire *Isabell*, now haue we our desire,
The proud corrupters of the light-brainde king,
Haue done their homage to the loftie gallowes,
And he himselfe lies in captiuitie,
Be rulde by me, and we will rule the realme,
In any case, take heed of childish feare,
For now we hould an old Wolfe by the eares,
That if he slip will seaze vpon vs both,
And gripe the sorer being gript himselfe,
Thinke therefore madam that imports as much,
To erect your sonne withall the speed we may,
And that I be protector ouer him,
For our behoofe will beare the greater sway
When as a kings name shall be vnder writ.

Qu. Sweet *Mortimer*, the life of *Isabell*,
Be thou perswaded, that *I* loue thee well,
And therefore so the prince my sonne be safe,
Whome I esteeme as deare as these mine eyes,
Conclude against his father what thou wilt,
And I my selfe will willinglie subscribe.

Mort. iu. First would I heare newes that hee were
deposde,
And then let me alone to handle him.

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Enter Messenger.

wln 2310

Mor. iu. Letters, from whence?

wln 2311

Messen. From Killingworth my lorde.

wln 2312

Qu. How fares my lord the king?

wln 2313

Messen. In health madam, but full of pensiuenes.

wln 2314

Queene. Alas poore soule, would I could ease his
greefe,

wln 2315

Thankes gentle Winchester, sirra, be gon.

wln 2316

Winchester. The king hath willingly resignde his

wln 2317

crowne.

wln 2318

Qu. O happie newes, send for the prince my sonne.

wln 2319

Bish. Further, or this letter was sealed, Lord *Bartley*
came,

wln 2320

wln 2321

So that he now is gone from Killingworth,
And we haue heard that *Edmund* laid a plot,
To set his brother free, no more but so,
The lord of *Bartley* is so pitifull,
As Leicester that had charge of him before.

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Qu. Then let some other be his guardian.

wln 2328

wln 2329

Mor. iu. Let me alone, here is the priuie seale,
Whose there, call hither *Gurney* and *Matreuis*,
To dash the heauie headed *Edmunds* drift,
Bartley shall be dischargd, the king remooude,
And none but we shall know where he lieth.

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Qu. But *Mortimer*, as long as he suruiues
What safetie rests for vs, or for my sonne?

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wln 2336

Mort. iu. Speake, shall he presently be dispatch'd
and die?

wln 2337

wln 2338

Queene. I would hee were, so it were not by my
meanes.

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wln 2339

Enter Matreuis and Gurney.

wln 2340

Mortim. iu. Inough *Matreuis*, write a letter presently

wln 2341

Vnto the Lord of *Bartley* from our selfe,

wln 2342

That he resigne the king to thee and *Gurney*,

wln 2343

And when tis done, we will subscribe our name.

wln 2344

Matr. It shall be done my lord.

wln 2345

Mort. iu. Gurney.

wln 2346

Gurn. My Lorde.

wln 2347

Mort. iu. As thou intendest to rise by *Mortimer*,

wln 2348

Who now makes Fortunes wheele turne as he please,

wln 2349

Seeke all the meanes thou canst to make him droope,

wln 2350

And neither giue him kinde word, nor good looke.

wln 2351

Gurn. I warrant you my lord.

wln 2352

Mort. iu. And this aboue the rest, because we heare

wln 2353

That *Edmund* casts to worke his libertie,

wln 2354

Remooue him still from place to place by night,

wln 2355

And at the last, he come to Killingworth,

wln 2356

And then from thence to *Bartley* back againe:

wln 2357

And by the way to make him fret the more,

wln 2358

Speake curstlie to him, and in any case

wln 2359

Let no man comfort him, if he chaunce to weepe,

wln 2360

But amplifie his greefe with bitter words.

wln 2361

Matre. Feare not my Lord, weele do as you commaund.

wln 2362

Mor. iu. So now away, post thither wards amaine.

wln 2364

Qu. Whither goes this letter, to my lord the king?

wln 2365

Commend me humblie to his Maiestie,

wln 2366

And tell him, that *I* labour all in vaine,

wln 2367

To ease his greefe, and worke his libertie:

wln 2368

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wln 2369

And beare him this, as witnessse of my loue.

wln 2370

Matre. I will madam.

wln 2371

Exeunt Matreuis and Gurney.

wln 2372

Manent Isabell and Mortimer.

wln 2373

Enter the yong Prince, and the Earle of Kent

wln 2374

talking with him.

wln 2375

Mor. iu. Finely dissembled, do so still sweet Queene,
Heere comes the yong prince, with the Earle of Kent.

wln 2376

Qu. Some thing he whispers in his childish eares.

wln 2377

Mort. iu. If he haue such accesse vnto the prince,

wln 2378

Our plots and stratagemes will soone be dasht.

wln 2379

Queen. Vse *Edmund* friendly, as if all were well.

wln 2380

Mor. iu. How fares my honorable lord of Kent?

wln 2381

Edmun. In health sweete *Mortimer*, how fares your
grace.

wln 2382

Queene. Well, if my Lorde your brother were en-
largde.

wln 2383

Edm. I heare of late he hath deposde himselfe.

wln 2384

Queen. The more my greefe.

wln 2385

Mortim. iu. And mine.

wln 2386

Edmun. Ah they do dissemble.

wln 2387

Queen. Sweete sonne come hither, I must talke with
thee.

wln 2388

Mortim. iu. Thou being his vnckle, and the next of
bloud,

wln 2389

Doe looke to be protector ouer the prince.

wln 2390

Edm. Not I my lord: who should protect the sonne,
But she that gaue him life, I meane the Queene?

wln 2391

wln 2392

wln 2393

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Prin.

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Prin. Mother, perswade me not to weare the crowne,
Let him be king, I am too yong to raigne.

Queene. But bee content, seeing it his highnesse
pleasure.

Prin. Let me but see him first, and then I will.

Edmund. I do sweete Nephew.

Quee. Brother, you know it is impossible.

Prince. Why, is he dead?

Queen. No, God forbid.

Edmun. *I* would these wordes proceeded from your
heart.

Mort. iu. Inconstant *Edmund*, doost thou fauor him,
That wast a cause of his imprisonment?

Edm. The more cause haue *I* now to make amends.

Mort. iu. *I* tell thee tis not meet, that one so false
Should come about the person of a prince,
My lord, he hath betraied the king his brother,
And therefore trust him not.

Prince. But hee repents, and sorrowes for it now.

Queen. Come sonne, and go with this gentle Lorde
and me.

Prin. With you I will, but not with *Mortimer*.

Mort. iu. Why yongling, s'dainst thou so of *Mortimer*?
Then *I* will carrie thee by force away.

Prin. Helpe vnckle Kent, *Mortimer* will wrong me.

Quee. Brother *Edmund*, striue not, we are his friends,
Isabell is neerer then the earle of Kent.

Edm. Sister, *Edward* is my charge, redeeme him.

Queen. *Edward* is my sonne, and *I* will keepe him.

Edmu. *Mortimer* shall know that he hath wrongd
mee.

Hence will *I* haste to Killingworth castle,

And

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wln 2429

And rescue aged *Edward* from his foes,
To be reuengde on *Mortimer* and thee.

wln 2430

wln 2431

Exeunt omnes.

wln 2432

*Enter Matreuis and Gurney with
the king.*

wln 2433

wln 2434

Matr. My lord, be not pensiue, we are your friends,
Men are ordaind to liue in miserie,
Therefore come, dalliance dangereth our liues.

wln 2435

wln 2436

wln 2437

Edw. Friends, whither must vnhappy *Edward* go,
Will hatefull *Mortimer* appoint no rest?

wln 2438

wln 2439

wln 2440

Must I be vexed like the nightly birde,
Whose sight is loathsome to all winged fowles?

wln 2441

wln 2442

When will the furie of his minde asswage?
When will his hart be satisfied with bloud?

wln 2443

wln 2444

If mine will serue, vnbowell straight this brest,
And giue my heart to *Isabell* and him,

wln 2445

It is the chiefest marke they leuell at.

wln 2446

wln 2447

Gurney. Not so my liege, the Queene hath giuen
this charge,

wln 2448

To keepe your grace in safetie,

wln 2449

Your passions make your dolours to increase.

wln 2450

wln 2451

Edw. This vsage makes my miserie increase.

wln 2452

But can my ayre of life continue long,
When all my sences are annoy with stenche?

wln 2453

wln 2454

Within a dungeon Englands king is kept,
Where I am staru'd for want of sustenance,

wln 2455

My daily diet, is heart breaking sobs,

wln 2456

That almost rents the closet of my heart,

wln 2457

Thus liues old *Edward* not relieu'd by any,

And

wln 2458

And so must die, though pitied by many.

wln 2459

O water gentle friends to coole my thirst,

wln 2460

And cleare my bodie from foule excrements.

wln 2461

Matr. Heeres channell water, as our charge is giuen,

wln 2462

Sit downe, for wee be Barbars to your grace.

wln 2463

Edw. Traitors away, what will you murther me,

wln 2464

Or choake your soueraigne with puddle water?

wln 2465

Gurn. No, but wash your face, and shaue away your

wln 2466

beard,

wln 2467

Least you be knowne, and so be rescued.

wln 2468

Matr. Why striue you thus, your labour is in vaine?

wln 2469

Edward. The Wrenne may striue against the Lions

wln 2470

strength.

wln 2471

But all in vaine, so vainely do I striue,

wln 2472

To seeke for mercie at a tyrants hand.

wln 2473

They wash him with puddle water, and

wln 2474

shaue his beard away.

wln 2475

Immortall powers, that knowes the painfull cares,

wln 2476

That waites vpon my poore distressed soule,

wln 2477

O leuell all your lookes vpon these daring men,

wln 2478

That wronges their liege and soueraigne, Englands

wln 2479

king,

wln 2480

O *Gaueston*, it is for thee that *I* am wrongd,

wln 2481

For me, both thou, and both the *Spencers* died,

wln 2482

And for your sakes, a thousand wronges ile take,

wln 2483

The *Spencers* ghostes, where euer they remaine,

wln 2484

Wish well to mine, then tush for them ile die.

wln 2485

Matr. Twixt theirs and yours, shall be no enmitie,

wln 2486

Come, come, away, now put the torches out,

wln 2487

Wee enter in by darkenes to Killingworth.

wln 2488

Enter Edmund.

wln 2489

Gurn. How now, who comes there?

Matr.

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wln 2490

Matr. Guarde the king sure, it is the earle of Kent.

wln 2491

Edw. O gentle brother, helpe to rescue me.

wln 2492

Matr. Keepe them a sunder, thrust in the king.

wln 2493

Edm. Souldiers, let me but talke to him one worde.

wln 2494

Gur. Lay hands vpon the earle for this assault.

wln 2495

Edmu. Lay downe your weapons, traitors yeeld the king.

wln 2496

Matr. *Edmund*, yeeld thou thy self, or thou shalt die.

wln 2497

Edmu. Base villaines, wherefore doe you gripe mee thus?

wln 2498

wln 2499

Gurney. Binde him, and so conuey him to the court.

wln 2500

Edm. Where is the court but heere, heere is the king,
And I will visit him, why stay you me?

wln 2501

wln 2502

Matr. The court is where lord *Mortimer* remaines,
Thither shall your honour go, and so farewell.

wln 2503

wln 2504

Exeunt Matr. and Gurney, with the king.

wln 2505

Manent Edmund and the souldiers.

wln 2506

Edm. O miserable is that commonweale, where lords
Keepe courts, and kings are lockt in prison!

wln 2507

wln 2508

Sould. Wherefore stay we? on sirs to the court.

wln 2509

wln 2510

Edm. I, load me whether you will, euen to my death,
Seeing that my brother cannot be releast.

wln 2511

wln 2512

Exeunt omnes.

wln 2513

Enter Mortimer alone.

wln 2514

Mort. iu. The king must die, or *Mortimer* goes downe,
The commons now begin to pitie him,
Yet he that is the cause of *Edwards* death,
Is sure to pay for it when his sonne is of age,
And therefore will I do it cunninglie,

wln 2515

wln 2516

wln 2517

wln 2518

This

wln 2519 This letter written by a friend of ours,
wln 2520 Containes his death, yet bids them saue his life.
wln 2521 *Edwardum occidere nolite timere bonum est.*
wln 2522 Feare not to kill the king tis good he die.
wln 2523 But read it thus, and thats an other sence:
wln 2524 *Edwardum occidere nolite timere bonum est.*
wln 2525 Kill not the king tis good to feare the worst.
wln 2526 Vnpointed as it is, thus shall it goe,
wln 2527 That being dead, if it chaunce to be found,
wln 2528 *Matreuis* and the rest may beare the blame,
wln 2529 And we be quit that causde it to be done:
wln 2530 Within this roome is lockt the messenger,
wln 2531 That shall conueie it, and performe the rest,
wln 2532 And by a secret token that he beares,
wln 2533 Shall he be murdered when the deed is done.
wln 2534 *Lightborn*, come forth, art thou as resolute as thou wast?
wln 2535 *Light.* What else my lord? and farre more resolute.
wln 2536 *Mort. iu.* And hast thou cast how to accomplish it?
wln 2537 *Light.* I, I, and none shall know which way he died.
wln 2538 *Mortim. iu.* But at his lookes *Lightborne* thou wilt
wln 2539 relent.
wln 2540 *Light.* Relent, ha, ha, I vse much to relent.
wln 2541 *Mort. iu.* Well, do it brauely, and be secret.
wln 2542 *Light.* You shall not need to giue instructions,
wln 2543 Tis not the first time I haue killed a man,
wln 2544 I learnde in Naples how to poison flowers,
wln 2545 To strangle with a lawne thrust through the throte,
wln 2546 To pierce the wind-pipe with a needles point,
wln 2547 Or whilst one is a sleepe, to take a quill
wln 2548 And blowe a little powder in his eares,
wln 2549 Or open his mouth, and powre quick siluer downe,
wln 2550 But yet I haue a brauer way then these.

L

Mort.

wln 2551

Mort. iu. Whats that?

wln 2552

Light. Nay, you shall pardon me, none shall knowe
my trickes.

wln 2553

wln 2554

Mort. iu. I care not how it is, so it be not spide,
Deliuier this to *Gurney* and *Matreuis*,

wln 2555

At euery ten miles end thou hast a horse.

wln 2556

wln 2557

Take this, away, and neuer see me more.

wln 2558

Lightborne. No.

wln 2559

Mort. iu. No, vnlesse thou bring me newes of *Ed-*
wards death.

wln 2560

wln 2561

Light. That will I quicklie do, farewell my lord.

wln 2562

Mor. The prince I rule, the queene do I commaund,

wln 2563

And with a lowly conge to the ground,

wln 2564

The proudest lords salute me as I passe,

wln 2565

I seale, I cancell, I do what I will,

wln 2566

Feard am I more then lou'd, let me be feard,

wln 2567

And when I frowne, make all the court looke pale,

wln 2568

I view the prince with *Aristorchus* eyes,

wln 2569

Whose lookes were as a breeching to a boye,

wln 2570

They thrust vpon me the Protectorship,

wln 2571

And sue to me for that that I desire,

wln 2572

While at the councell table, graue enough,

wln 2573

And not vnlike a bashfull paretaine,

wln 2574

First I complaine of imbecilitie,

wln 2575

Saying it is, *onus quam grauissimum*,

wln 2576

Till being interrupted by my friends,

wln 2577

Suscepi that *prouinciam* as they terme it,

wln 2578

And to conclude, I am Protector now,

wln 2579

Now is all sure, the Queene and *Mortimer*

wln 2580

Shall rule the realme, the king, and none rule vs,

wln 2581

Mine enemies will I plague, my friends aduance,

wln 2582

And what I list commaund, who dare controwle,

wln 2583

Maior sum quam cui possit fortuna nocere,

wln 2584

And that this be the coronation day,

wln 2585

It pleaseth me, and *Isabell* the Queene,

wln 2586

The trumpets sound, I must go take my place.

wln 2587

Enter the yong King, Bishop, Champion,

wln 2588

Nobles, Queene.

wln 2589

Bish. Long liue king *Edward*, by the grace of God
King of England, and lorde of Ireland.

wln 2590

wln 2591

Cham. If any Christian, Heathen, Turke, or Iew,
Dares but affirme, that *Edwards* not true king.

wln 2592

wln 2593

And will auouche his saying with the sworde,

wln 2594

I am the Champion that will combate him.

wln 2595

Mort. iu. None comes, sound trumpets.

wln 2596

King. Champion, heeres to thee.

wln 2597

Qu. Lord *Mortimer*, now take him to your charge.

wln 2598

Enter Souldiers with the Earle of

wln 2599

Kent prisoner.

wln 2600

Mor. iu. What traitor haue wee there with blades
and billes?

wln 2601

Sould. *Edmund* the Earle of Kent.

wln 2602

King. What hath he done?

wln 2603

Sould. *A* would haue taken the king away perforce,
As we were bringing him to Killingworth.

wln 2604

wln 2605

Mortimer. iu. Did you attempt his rescue, *Edmund*
speake?

wln 2606

wln 2607

Edm. *Mortimer*, *I* did, he is our king,
And thou compelst this prince to weare the crowne.

wln 2608

wln 2609

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wln 2610

Mort. iu. Strike off his head, he shall haue marshall
lawe.

wln 2611

Edm. Strike of my head, base traitor *I* defie thee.

wln 2612

King. My lord, he is my vnckle, and shall liue.

wln 2613

Mor. iu. My lord, he is your enemie, and shall die.

wln 2614

Edmund. Staie villaines.

wln 2615

King. Sweete mother, if *I* cannot pardon him,
Intreate my lord Protector for his life.

wln 2616

Qu. Sonne, be content, *I* dare not speake a worde.

wln 2617

King. Nor *I*, and yet me thinkes *I* should commaund,

wln 2618

But seeing *I* cannot, ile entreate for him:

wln 2619

My lord, if you will let my vnckle liue,

wln 2620

I will requite it when *I* come to age.

wln 2621

Mort. iu. Tis for your highnesse good, and for the
realmes,

wln 2622

How often shall *I* bid you beare him hence?

wln 2623

Edm. Art thou king, must *I* die at thy commaund?

wln 2624

Mort. iu. At our commaund, once more away with
him.

wln 2625

Edm. Let me but stay and speake, *I* will not go,

wln 2626

Either my brother or his sonne is king,

wln 2627

And none of both, then thirst for *Edmunds* bloud,

wln 2628

And therefore soldiers whether will you hale me?

wln 2629

wln 2630

wln 2631

wln 2632

wln 2633

wln 2634

*They hale Edmund away, and carie him
to be beheaded.*

wln 2635

King. What safetie may *I* looke for at his hands,
If that my Vnckle shall be murdered thus?

wln 2636

Queen. Feare not sweete boye, ile garde thee from
thy foes,

wln 2637

Had *Edmund* liu'de, he would haue sought thy death,

wln 2638

Come sonne, weele ride a hunting in the parke.

wln 2639

King. And shall my Vnckle *Edmund* ride with vs?

wln 2640

wln 2641

Queene.

of Edward the second.

wln 2642

Queene. He is a traitor, thinke not on him, come.

wln 2643

Exeunt omnes.

wln 2644

Enter Matr. and Gurney.

wln 2645

Matr. *Gurney,* I wonder the king dies not,

wln 2646

Being in a vault vp to the knees in water,

wln 2647

To which the channels of the castell runne,

wln 2648

From whence a dampe continually ariseth,

wln 2649

That were enough to poison any man,

wln 2650

Much more a king brought vp so tenderlie.

wln 2651

Gurn. And so do *I, Matreuis:* yesternight

wln 2652

I opened but the doore to throw him meate,

wln 2653

And *I* was almost stifeled with the sauor.

wln 2654

Matr. He hath a body able to endure,

wln 2655

More then we can enflit, and therefore now,

wln 2656

Let vs assaile his minde another while.

wln 2657

Gurn. Send for him out thence, and *I* will anger him.

wln 2658

Matr. But stay, whose this?

wln 2659

Enter Lightborne.

wln 2660

Light. My lord protector greetes you.

wln 2661

Gurn. Whats heere? *I* know not how to conster it.

wln 2662

Matr. *Gurney,* it was left vnpointed for the nonce,

wln 2663

Edwardum occidere nolite timere,

wln 2664

Thats his meaning.

wln 2665

Light. Know you this token, *I* must haue the king?

wln 2666

Matr. *I* stay a while, thou shalt haue answer straight.

wln 2667

This villain's sent to make away the king.

wln 2668

Gurney. *I* thought as much.

Matr.

wln 2669
wln 2670
wln 2671
wln 2672
wln 2673
wln 2674
wln 2675
wln 2676
wln 2677
wln 2678
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wln 2680
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wln 2698
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wln 2700

Matr. And when the murders done,
See how he must be handled for his labour,
Pereat iste: let him haue the king,
What else, heere is the keyes, this is the lake,
Doe as you are commaunded by my lord.
Light. I know what I must do, get you away,
Yet be not farre off, I shall need your helpe,
See that in the next roome *I* haue a fier,
And get me a spit, and let it be red hote.
Matre. Very well.
Gurn. Neede you any thing besides?
Light. What else, a table and a fetherbed.
Gurn. Thats all.
Light. *I, I,* so when *I* call you, bring it in.
Matre. Feare not you that.
Gurn. Heeres a light to go into the dungeon.
Lightbor. So now must *I* about this geare, nere was
there any
So finely handled as this king shalbe,
Foh, heeres a place in deed with all my hart.
Edward. VVhose there, what light is that, where-
fore comes thou?
Light. To comfort you, and bring you ioyfull newes.
Edward. Small comfort findes poore *Edward* in thy
lookes,
Villaine, *I* know thou comst to murther me.
Light. To murther you my most gracious lorde,
Farre is it from my hart to do you harme,
The Queene sent me, to see how you were vsed,
For she relents at this your miserie.
And what eyes can refraine from shedding teares,
To see a king in this most pittious state?

Edw.

wln 2701 *Edw.* VVeepst thou already, list a while to me,
wln 2702 And then thy heart, were it as *Gurneys* is,
wln 2703 Or as *Matreuis*, hewne from the *Caucasus*,
wln 2704 Yet will it melt, ere *I* haue done my tale,
wln 2705 This dungeon where they keepe me, is the sincke,
wln 2706 Wherein the filthe of all the castell falles.
wln 2707 *Light.* O villaines!
wln 2708 *Edw.* And there in mire and puddle haue *I* stood,
wln 2709 This ten dayes space, and least that *I* should sleepe,
wln 2710 One plaies continually vpon a Drum,
wln 2711 They giue me bread and water being a king,
wln 2712 So that for want of sleepe and sustenance,
wln 2713 My mindes distempered, and my bodies numde,
wln 2714 And whether *I* haue limmes or no, *I* know not,
wln 2715 O would my bloud dropt out from euey vaine,
wln 2716 As doth this water from my tattered robes:
wln 2717 Tell *Isabell* the Queene, *I* lookt not thus,
wln 2718 VVhen for her sake *I* ran at tilt in Fraunce,
wln 2719 And there vnhorste the duke of *Cleremont*.
wln 2720 *Light.* O speake no more my lorde, this breakes my
wln 2721 heart.
wln 2722 Lie on this bed, and rest your selfe a while,
wln 2723 *Edw.* These lookes of thine can harbor nought but
wln 2724 death.
wln 2725 *I* see my tragedie written in thy browes,
wln 2726 Yet stay a while, forbear thy bloudie hande,
wln 2727 And let me see the stroke before it comes,
wln 2728 That and euen then when *I* shall lose my life,
wln 2729 My minde may be more stedfast on my God.
wln 2730 *Light.* VVhat meanes your highnesse to mistrust me
wln 2731 thus?
wln 2732 *Edwa.* What meanes thou to dissemble with me thus?

Light.

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wln 2760
wln 2761
wln 2762
wln 2763
wln 2764

Light. These handes were neuer stainde with innocent bloud,
Nor shall they now be tainted with a kings.

Edward. Forgiue my thought, for hauing such a thought,
One ieuell haue I left, receiue thou this,
Still feare *I*, and I know not whats the cause,
But euerie iointe shakes as I giue it thee:
O if thou harborst murther in thy hart,
Let this gift change thy minde, and saue thy soule,
Know that I am a king, oh at that name,
I feele a hell of greefe, where is my crowne?
Gone, gone, and doe I remaine aliue?

Light. Your ouerwatchde my lord, lie downe and rest.

Edw. But that greefe keepes me waking, *I* shoulde sleepe,
For not these ten daies haue these eyes lids closd,
Now as I speake they fall, and yet with feare
Open againe, O wherefore sits thou heare?

Light. If you mistrust me, ile be gon my lord.

Edw. No, no, for if thou meanst to murther me,
Thou wilt returne againe, and therefore stay.

Light. He sleepes.

Edw. O let me not die, yet stay, O stay a while.

Light. How now my Lorde.

Edw. Something still busseth in mine eares,
And tels me, if I sleepe *I* neuer wake,
This feare is that which makes me tremble thus,
And therefore tell me, wherefore art thou come?

Light. To rid thee of thy life, *Matreuis* come,

Edw. I am too weake and feeble to resist,
Assist me sweete God, and receiue my soule.

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wln 2765

Light. Runne for the table.

wln 2766

Edw. O spare me, or dispatche me in a trice.

wln 2767

Light. So, lay the table downe, and stampe on it,
But not too hard, least that you bruse his body.

wln 2769

Matreuis. I feare mee that this crie will raise the
towne,

wln 2770

And therefore let vs take horse and away.

wln 2771

Light. Tell me sirs, was it not braue lie done?

wln 2772

Gurn. Excellent well, take this for thy rewarde,

wln 2773

Then Gurney stabs Lightborne.

wln 2774

wln 2775

Come let vs cast the body in the mote,

wln 2776

And beare the kings to *Mortimer* our lord, away.

wln 2777

Exeunt omnes.

wln 2778

Enter Mortimer and Matreuis.

wln 2779

Mortim. iu. Ist done, *Matreuis*, and the murtherer
dead?

wln 2780

Matr. I my good Lord, I would it were vndone.

wln 2781

Mort. iu. *Matreuis*, if thou now growest penitent
Ile be thy ghostly father, therefore choose,

wln 2782

Whether thou wilt be secret in this,

wln 2783

Or else die by the hand of *Mortimer*.

wln 2784

Matr. *Gurney* my lord is fled, and will I feare,

wln 2785

Betray vs both, therefore let me flie.

wln 2786

Mort. iu. Flie to the Sauages.

wln 2787

Matr. I humblie thanke your honour.

wln 2788

Mor. iu. As for my selfe, I stand as *Ioues* huge tree,

wln 2789

And others are but shrubs compard to me,

wln 2790

All tremble at my name, and I feare none,

wln 2791

Lets see who dare impeache me for his death?

wln 2792

wln 2793

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Queen.

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wln 2794

Enter the Queene.

wln 2795

Queen. A *Mortimer*, the king my sonne hath news,
His fathers dead, and we haue murdered him.

wln 2796

Mor. iu. What if he haue? the king is yet a childe.

wln 2797

wln 2798

Queene. I, I, but he teares his haire, and wrings his
handes,

wln 2799

wln 2800

And vowes to be reuengd vpon vs both,

wln 2801

Into the councell chamber he is gone,

wln 2802

To craue the aide and succour of his peeres,

wln 2803

Aye me, see where he comes, and they with him,

wln 2804

Now *Mortimer* begins our tragedie.

wln 2805

Enter the king, with the lords.

wln 2806

Lords. Feare not my lord, know that you are a king.

wln 2807

King. Villaine.

wln 2808

Mort. iu. How now my lord?

wln 2809

King. Thinke not that I am frighted with thy words,

wln 2810

My father's murdered through thy treacherie,

wln 2811

And thou shalt die, and on his mournefull hearse,

wln 2812

Thy hatefull and accursed head shall lie,

wln 2813

To witnesse to the world, that by thy meanes,

wln 2814

His kingly body was too soone interrde.

wln 2815

Qu. Weepe not sweete sonne.

wln 2816

King. Forbid not me to weepe, he was my father,

wln 2817

And had you lou'de him halfe so well as *I*,

wln 2818

You could not beare his death thus patiently,

wln 2819

But you *I* feare, conspirde with *Mortimer*.

wln 2820

Lords. Why speake you not vnto my lord the king?

wln 2821

Mor. iu. Because *I* thinke scorne to be accusde,

Who

wln 2822

Who is the man dare say *I* murderedd him?

wln 2823

King. Traitor, in me my louing father speakes,
And plainly saith, twas thou that murdredst him.

wln 2824

wln 2825

Mort. iu. But hath your grace no other prooffe then
this?

wln 2826

wln 2827

King. Yes, if this be the hand of *Mortimer*.

wln 2828

Mortim. iu. False *Gurney* hath betraide me and him-
selfe.

wln 2829

wln 2830

Queen. I feard as much, murther cannot be hid.

wln 2831

Mort. iu. Tis my hand, what gather you by this.

wln 2832

King. That thither thou didst send a murtherer.

wln 2833

Mort. iu. What murtherer? bring foorth the man I
sent.

wln 2834

wln 2835

King. A *Mortimer*, thou knowest that he is slaine,
And so shalt thou be too: why staies he heere?

wln 2836

Bring him vnto a hurdle, drag him foorth,

wln 2837

Hang him *I* say, and set his quarters vp,

wln 2838

But bring his head back presently to me.

wln 2839

Queen. For my sake sweete sonne pittie *Mortimer*.

wln 2840

Mort. iu. Madam, intreat not, *I* will rather die,

wln 2841

Then sue for life vnto a paltrie boye.

wln 2842

King. Hence with the traitor, with the murderer.

wln 2843

Mort. iu. Base fortune, now *I* see, that in thy wheele

wln 2844

There is a point, to which when men aspire,

wln 2845

They tumble hedlong downe, that point *I* touchte,

wln 2846

And seeing there was no place to mount vp higher,

wln 2847

Why should *I* greeue at my declining fall,

wln 2848

Farewell faire Queene, weepe not for *Mortimer*,

wln 2849

That scornes the world, and as a traoueller,

wln 2850

Goes to discouer countries yet vnknowne.

wln 2851

King. What, suffer you the traitor to delay?

wln 2852

Queen. As thou receiuedst thy life from me,

wln 2853

The Tragedie

wln 2854

Spill not the bloud of gentle *Mortimer*.

wln 2855

King. This argues, that you spilt my fathers bloud,
Els would you not intreate for *Mortimer*.

wln 2856

Queen. I spill his bloud? no.

wln 2857

King. I madam you, for so the rumor runnes.

wln 2858

Queen. That rumor is vntrue, for louing thee,

wln 2859

Is this report raisde on poore *Isabell*.

wln 2860

King. I doe not thinke her so vnnaturall.

wln 2861

Lords. My lord, I feare me it will prooue too true.

wln 2862

King. Mother, you are suspected for his death,

wln 2863

And therefore we commit you to the Tower,

wln 2864

Till further triall may be made thereof,

wln 2865

If you be guiltie, though I be your sonne,

wln 2866

Thinke not to finde me slack or pitifull.

wln 2867

Qu Nay, to my death, for too long haue I liued,
when as my sonne thinkes to abridge my daies.

wln 2868

wln 2869

King. Away with her, her wordes inforce these
teares,

wln 2870

And *I* shall pitie her if she speake againe.

wln 2871

Queen. Shall *I* not moorne for my beloued lord?

wln 2872

And with the rest accompanie him to his graue.

wln 2873

Lords. Thus madam, tis the kings will you shall
hence.

wln 2874

Quee. He hath forgotten me, stay, *I* am his mother.

wln 2875

Lords. That bootes not, therefore gentle madam
goe.

wln 2876

Queen. Then come sweete death, and rid me of this
greefe.

wln 2877

Lords. My lord, here is the head of *Mortimer*.

wln 2878

King. Goe fetche my fathers hearse, where it shall
lie,

wln 2879

And bring my funerall robes: accursed head,

wln 2880

wln 2881

wln 2882

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wln 2888
wln 2889
wln 2890
wln 2891
wln 2892

Could *I* haue rulde thee then, as I do now,
Thou hadst not hatcht this monstrous treacherie?
Heere comes the hearse, helpe me to moorne my lords,
Sweete father heere, vnto thy murdered ghost,
I offer vp this wicked traitors head,
And let these teares distilling from mine eyes,
Be witnesse of my greefe and innocencie.

wln 2893

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5. **1659 (28-a)**: The regularized reading *No* is supplied for the original *[**]*.
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