

## Third Apparition Sides

Speaking scene: 18

### Scene 18

A cavern. In the middle, a boiling cauldron.

**Witch 2b:** Student

**Witch 3b:** Student

**Apparitions:** Students

**Kings:** Students

*Enter MACBETH*

### MACBETH

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

### ALL

A deed without a name.

### MACBETH

I conjure you, by that which you profess,  
Howe'er you come to know it, answer me:  
Though you untie the winds and let them fight  
Against the churches; though the yesty waves  
Confound and swallow navigation up;  
Though palaces and pyramids do slope  
Their heads to their foundations; though the treasure  
Of nature's germens tumble all together,  
Even till destruction sicken; answer me  
To what I ask you.

### First Witch

Speak.

### Second Witch

Demand.

### Third Witch

We'll answer.

### First Witch

Say if thou'dst rather hear it from our mouths,  
Or from our masters?

### MACBETH

Call 'em; let me see 'em.

### First Witch

Pour in sow's blood, that hath eaten  
Her nine farrow; grease that's sweaten  
From the murderer's gibbet throw  
Into the flame.

**ALL**

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

*Thunder. First Apparition: an armed Head*

**First Apparition**

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

*Descends*

**MACBETH**

Whate'er thou art, for thy good caution, thanks;  
Thou hast harp'd my fear aright: but one  
word more,--

**First Witch**

He will not be commanded: here's another,  
More potent than the first.

*Thunder. Second Apparition: A bloody Child*

**Second Apparition**

Macbeth! Macbeth! Macbeth!

**MACBETH**

Had I three ears, I'd hear thee.

**Second Apparition**

Be bloody, bold, and resolute; laugh to scorn  
The power of man, for none of woman born  
Shall harm Macbeth.

*Descends*

**MACBETH**

Then live, Macduff: what need I fear of thee?  
But yet I'll make assurance double sure,  
And take a bond of fate: thou shalt not live;  
That I may tell pale-hearted fear it lies,  
And sleep in spite of thunder.-

*Thunder. Third Apparition: a Child crowned, with a tree in his hand*

What is this

That rises like the issue of a king,  
And wears upon his baby-brow the round  
And top of sovereignty?

**ALL**

Listen, but speak not to't.

### **Third Apparition**

**Be lion-mettled, proud; and take no care  
Who chafes, who frets, or where conspirers are:  
Macbeth shall never vanquish'd be until  
Great Birnam wood to high Dunsinane hill  
Shall come against him.**

*Descends*

**MACBETH**

That will never be  
Who can impress the forest, bid the tree  
Unfix his earth-bound root?  
Sweet bodements! good! Yet my heart  
Throbs to know one thing: shall Banquo's issue ever  
Reign in this kingdom?

**ALL**

Seek to know no more.

**MACBETH**

I will be satisfied: deny me this,  
And an eternal curse fall on you! Let me know.  
Why sinks that cauldron? and what noise is this?

**First Witch**

Show!

**Second Witch**

Show!

**Third Witch**

Show!

**ALL**

Show his eyes, and grieve his heart;  
Come like shadows, so depart!

*A show of Kings; GHOST OF BANQUO following*

**MACBETH**

Thou art too like the spirit of Banquo: down!  
Thy crown does sear mine eye-balls. And thy hair,

Thou other gold-bound brow, is like the first.  
A third is like the former. a fourth! Start, eyes!  
What, will the line stretch out to the crack of doom?  
Now, I see, 'tis true; For the blood-bolter'd Banquo  
Smiles upon me, And points at them for his:  
-What, is this so?

**Third Witch**

Ay, sir, all this is so:

**Hecate**

  but why  
Stands Macbeth thus amazedly?  
Come, sisters, cheer we up his sprites,  
And show the best of our delights:  
That this great king may kindly say,  
Our duties did his welcome pay.

*Exeunt Witches*