

The tragedy of Macbeth -- the script printed in 1623
-- hints for scanning the verse

I i 5-6 again (i)n 9 ere th(e) 15 ho(v)er through th(e)

I ii 30 val(i)ant 45 cann(o)ns o(v)er-charg'd 56 (a)
63 terr(i)ble 68 rebell(i)ous 69 spir(i)t

I iii 9 runn(i)on 21 I 'll 47 quest(ion) 71 happ(i)er
76 I (a)m 77 Cawd(or) 78 prosp(e)rous 87 corp(o)ral
100 pers(o)nal 112 her(a)ld ... into (hi)s 118 de(v)il
141 cons(e)quence cous(ins) 145 imper(i)al 148 gi(v)en
149 I (a)m 154 horr(ible) 177 int(e)rim

I iv 19 abs(o)lute 22 e(v)en 23 (me) 25 (had)st
27 (ha)ve 30 do(i)ng 34 t(o)ward 44 plent(e)ous
53 deserv(ers) 56 harb(i)nger 66 val(i)ant 68 (me)

I v 16 promi(is'd) 20 (it) 30 metaphys(i)cal 44 ent)(rance
47 to th(e) 50 compunct(i)ous 53 murd(e)ring min(i)sters
58 hea(v)en 63 ign(o)rant ... fee)(l 64 inst(ant) 74 the
inn(o)cent 77 bus(i)ness 79 sov(e)reign

I vi 7 sens(e)s 10 th(e) heaven's 11 woo(i)ngly
13 procr(e)ant 15 del(icate) 17 follows (u)s 23 bus(i)ness
25 maj(e)sty 32 to (hi)s 40 t(o)wards

I vii 13 be(i)ng 19 murd(e)rer 26 cher(u)bin 27 cour(i)ers
34 he (ha)s 37 bus(i)ness 38 he (ha)th 62 they (ha)ve
63 I (ha)ve 82 off(i)cers 88 chamb(er) 93 I (a)m
94 corp(o)ral ... terr(i)ble

II i 4 (boy) 20 he (ha)th been (i)n unus(u)al 23 by th(e)
25 be(i)ng 30 they (ha)ve 33 we (woul)d ... bus(i)ness
47 t(o)ward 61 bus(i)ness 68 rav(i)shing ... t(o)wards

II ii 4 gi(v)en 8 surf(ei)ted 9 I (ha)ve 18 I (ha)d 20 I
(ha)ve 33 oth(er) 39 list(e)ning 47 inn(o)cent
51 nour(i)sher 65 dare n(o)t 67 dagg(ers) 69 de(v)il
74 e(v)ery 94 knock(ing)

II iii 52 I (ha)ve 58 lim(i)ted 66 prophesy(i)ng
70 fe(v)erous 80 sacrileg(i)ous 82 build(ing) 97 bus(i)ness
98 hid(e)ous 113 I (ha)d 114 ser(i)ous 135 The
expedition ... vi(o)lent 139 murd(e)rs 141 unmann(er)ly
148 he)(re 161 treas(o)nous 175 blood(y) 176 murd(e)rous

II iv 4 I (ha)ve 8 hea(v)ens 10 trav(e)lling 14 unnat(u)ral
15 e(v)en 16 tow(e)ring 18 hors(e)s 20 beaut(e)ous ...
min(i)ons 22 obed(i)ence 23 war (wi)th 37 stol(e)n
42 sov(e)reignty 53 eas(i)er

III i 4 th(e) weyard 28 prosp(e)rous 32 supp(er)

33 borr(o)wer 52 we (wi)ll 53 b(e) with 67 gen(i)us
68 Ant(o)ny's ... Caes(ar) 74 unlin(e)al 80 gi(v)en
83 champ(i)on 86 to th(e) 94 inn(o)cent 95 conf(e)rence
106 predom(i)nant 111 e(v)er 112 we (a)re 114 span(i)els
119 bount(e)ous 124 in the wor)(st 125 bus(i)ness
126 en(e)my 129 per(fect) 130 I (a)m 138 en(e)my
149 bus(i)ness 150 reas(ons) 154 spir(i)ts ... (you)
163 mater(i)al 167 (my lord) 170 hea(v)en

III ii 14 sorr(i)est ... compan(i)ons 16 rem(e)dy
24 terr(i)ble 25 night(ly) 28 ecst(a)sy 29 Duncan (i)s
36 jov(i)al (a)mong 38 rememb)(rance 39 em(i)nence
41 flatt(e)ring 45 scorp(i)ons 48 assail(a)ble
55 inn(o)cent 57 pit(i)ful 58 invis(i)ble

III iii 19 usu(a)lly 34 we (ha)ve

III iv 12 they (a)re 28 I (ha)d 30 gen(e)ral 31 I (a)m
44 gi(v)en ... wel(come) 45 cer(e)mony 48 rememb(rancer)
71 moment(a)ry 76 de(v)il 98 terr(i)ble 105 (you)
108 infirm(i)ty 109 (me) 112 gen(e)ral ... who)(le
126 rhinoc(e)ros 128 trem(ble) 131 horr(i)ble 132 be(i)ng
135 disord(er) 138 wond(er) 139 e(v)en 150 (to all)
165 I (a)m 174 init(i)ate 175 we (a)re

III v 25 bus(i)ness

III vi 5 farth(er) 8 val(i)ant 11 monst)(rous 17 (and)
22 hea(v)en 45 abs(o)lute 50-1 distance (hi)s
54 suff(e)ring 56 (with him)

IV i 5 Harp(i)er 8 co)(ld 13, 23, 38 fi)(re 20 pow(e)rful
65 e(v)en 75 murd(e)rer's 116 rebell(i)ous 134 spir(i)t
177 be (i)t 180 unfort(u)nate

IV ii 13 nat(u)ral 21 he (i)s 22 seas(on) 26 vi(o)lent
83 per(son) 86 I (ha)ve 87 I (a)m 91 I (ha)ve

IV iii 3 des(o)late 11 dol(our) 18 I (a)m 20 inn(o)cent
24 virt(u)ous 30 I (ha)ve 37 safe(ties) 41 (thee)
47 abs(o)lute 67 de(v)il 68 e(v)ils 70 luxur(i)ous
73 volupt(u)ousness 76 imped(i)ments 79 intemp(e)rance
80 tyr(a)nny 81 empt(y)ing 86 we (ha)ve 107 ver(i)ty
108 persev(e)rance 111 sev(e)ral 112 pow(e)r
119 mis(e)rable 126 oft(e)ner 136 pow(e)r 137 over-
cred(u)lous 154 warr(a)nted quarr(el) 168 mirac(u)lous
171 vis(i)ted 177 benedic(tion) 178 hea(v)enly
194 vi(o)lent 201 hou)(r's 211 heav(i)ly 217 distress(es)
219 we (a)re 228 gen(e)ral 236 heav(i)est 250 I (ha)ve
262 (me) ... hea(v)en 266 hea(v)en

V i 72 unnat(u)ral 73 unnat(u)ral troubl(es) 79 she (ha)s

V ii 8 mort(i)fied 12 he (i)s 15 man(hood) 19 val(i)ant
34 obed(i)ence 35 med(i)cine 39 sov(e)reign 40 t(o)wards

V iii 6 wom(an) ... spir(i)ts 9 (thee) 20, 22 sold(i)ers
30 obed(i)ence 34 Sey(ton) 49 cu)(re 50 min(i)ster
53 obliv(i)ous 54 per(i)lous 57 min(i)ster

V iv 8 before (u)s 10 e(v)ery 10 sold(i)er 12 discov(e)ry
15 conf(i)dent 20 gi(v)en 25 industr(i)ous sold(i)ership
29 spec(u)lative 31 t(o)wards

V v 7 a)(gue 18 famil(i)ar ... slaught(e)rous 25 syll(a)ble
31 id(i)ot 32 signify(i)ng 39 t(o)ward 55 tarry(i)ng

V vi 9 batt(le) 16 clam(o)rous

V vii 2 they (ha)ve 13 de(v)il 27 ei(th)er 29 undeed(ed)
32 (and) 39 we (ha)ve 50 alread(y) 52 blood(i)er
69 I 'll 74 tyr(ant) 79 be(i)ng 91 sold(i)er's
93 prow(e)ss 110 b(e) with 121 sev'ral 122 (you)
130 vi(o)lent