

Ross. Farewell, father.

Old Man. Gpd's benison go with you, and with those
That would make good of bad, and friends of foes!

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[Exeunt.]

ACT III.

SCENE I. Forres. The Palace.

Enter BANQUO.

Banquo. Thou hast it now: king, Cawdor, Glamis, all,
As the weird women promised, and, I fear,
Thou play'dst most foully for 't: yet it was said
It should not stand in thy posterity,
But that myself should be the root and father
Of many kings. If there come truth from them—
As upon thee, Macbeth, their speeches shine—
Why, by the verities on thee made good,
May they not be my oracles as well
And set me up in hope? But hush! no more.

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Sennet sounded. Enter MACHETH, as king; LADY MACHETH, as queen; LENNOX, ROSS, Lords, Ladies,
and Attendants.

Macbeth. Here's our chief guest.

Lady Macbeth. If he had been forgotten,
It had been as a gap in our great feast,
And all-thing unbecoming.

Macbeth. To night we hold a solemn supper, sir,
And I'll request your presence.

1-8. "I fear thou play'dst most foully for it." The "it" refers to "king, Cawdor, Glamis, all." Banquo means that Macbeth has verified the witches' predictions by foul play, but he goes on to say that their prediction concerning himself would yet be verified to the ruining of Macbeth's hopes.