

That every minute of his being thrusts
 Against my nearest life : *and though I could*
With barefaced power sweep him from my sight
And bid my will avouch it, yet I must not,
For certain friends that are both his and mine,
Whose loves I may not drop, but wail his fall
Who I myself struck down ; and thence it is,
 That I to your assistance do make love,
 Masking the business from the common eye
 For sundry weighty reasons.

Sec. Mur. We shall, my lord,
 Perform what you command us.

First Mur. Though our lives—

Mach. Your spirits shine through you. Within this hour
 at most,

I will advise you where to plant yourselves ;
 Acquaint you with the perfect *roy o' the time,*
 The moment on 't ; for 't must be done to-night,
 And something from the palace ; *always thought*
That I require a clearness : and with him—
 To leave no rubs nor botches in the work—
 Fleance his son, that keeps him company,
 Whose absence is no less material to me
 Than is his father's, must embrace the fate
 Of that dark hour. *Resolve yourselves apart :*
 I'll come to you anon.

Both Mur. We are resolved, my lord.

Mach. I'll call upon you straight : abide within.

[*Exeunt Murderers.*]

It is concluded. Banquo, thy soul's flight,
 If it find heaven, must find it out to-night.

[*Exit.*]

(a) Explain the figure of speech implied in the expression "in such bloody distance that every minute of his being thrusts against my near'st of life."

(b) Explain the meaning of the italicized expressions.

(c) Comment on the use of rhyme in the last two lines.