

[Scene 2]

Thunder and lightning. Enter Julius Caesar in his nightgown.

CAESAR

FTLN 0947 Nor heaven nor Earth have been at peace tonight.
FTLN 0948 Thrice hath Calphurnia in her sleep cried out
FTLN 0949 "Help ho, they murder Caesar!"—Who's within?

Enter a Servant.

FTLN 0950 SERVANT My lord.

CAESAR

FTLN 0951 Go bid the priests do present sacrifice, 5
FTLN 0952 And bring me their opinions of success.

FTLN 0953 SERVANT I will, my lord. *He exits.*

Enter Calphurnia.

CALPHURNIA

FTLN 0954 What mean you, Caesar? Think you to walk forth?
FTLN 0955 You shall not stir out of your house today.

CAESAR

FTLN 0956 Caesar shall forth. The things that threatened me 10
FTLN 0957 Ne'er looked but on my back. When they shall see
FTLN 0958 The face of Caesar, they are vanishèd.

CALPHURNIA

FTLN 0959 Caesar, I never stood on ceremonies,
FTLN 0960 Yet now they fright me. There is one within,
FTLN 0961 Besides the things that we have heard and seen, 15
FTLN 0962 Recounts most horrid sights seen by the watch.
FTLN 0963 A lioness hath whelpèd in the streets,
FTLN 0964 And graves have yawned and yielded up their dead.
FTLN 0965 Fierce fiery warriors [fought] upon the clouds
FTLN 0966 In ranks and squadrons and right form of war, 20
FTLN 0967 Which drizzled blood upon the Capitol.
FTLN 0968 The noise of battle hurtled in the air,
FTLN 0969 Horses [did] neigh, and dying men did groan,

FTLN 0970	And ghosts did shriek and squeal about the streets.	
FTLN 0971	O Caesar, these things are beyond all use,	25
FTLN 0972	And I do fear them.	
FTLN 0973	CAESAR What can be avoided	
FTLN 0974	Whose end is purposed by the mighty gods?	
FTLN 0975	Yet Caesar shall go forth, for these predictions	
FTLN 0976	Are to the world in general as to Caesar.	30
	CALPHURNIA	
FTLN 0977	When beggars die there are no comets seen;	
FTLN 0978	The heavens themselves blaze forth the death of	
FTLN 0979	princes.	
	CAESAR	
FTLN 0980	Cowards die many times before their deaths;	
FTLN 0981	The valiant never taste of death but once.	35
FTLN 0982	Of all the wonders that I yet have heard,	
FTLN 0983	It seems to me most strange that men should fear,	
FTLN 0984	Seeing that death, a necessary end,	
FTLN 0985	Will come when it will come.	
	<i>Enter a Servant.</i>	
FTLN 0986	What say the augurers?	40
	SERVANT	
FTLN 0987	They would not have you to stir forth today.	
FTLN 0988	Plucking the entrails of an offering forth,	
FTLN 0989	They could not find a heart within the beast.	
	CAESAR	
FTLN 0990	The gods do this in shame of cowardice.	
FTLN 0991	Caesar should be a beast without a heart	45
FTLN 0992	If he should stay at home today for fear.	
FTLN 0993	No, Caesar shall not. Danger knows full well	
FTLN 0994	That Caesar is more dangerous than he.	
FTLN 0995	We 'are' two lions littered in one day,	
FTLN 0996	And I the elder and more terrible.	50
FTLN 0997	And Caesar shall go forth.	
FTLN 0998	CALPHURNIA Alas, my lord,	
FTLN 0999	Your wisdom is consumed in confidence.	

FTLN 1000	Do not go forth today. Call it my fear	
FTLN 1001	That keeps you in the house, and not your own.	55
FTLN 1002	We'll send Mark Antony to the Senate House,	
FTLN 1003	And he shall say you are not well today.	
FTLN 1004	Let me, upon my knee, prevail in this. <i>「She kneels.」</i>	
	CAESAR	
FTLN 1005	Mark Antony shall say I am not well,	
FTLN 1006	And for thy humor I will stay at home. <i>「He lifts her up.」</i>	60
	<i>Enter Decius.</i>	
FTLN 1007	Here's Decius Brutus; he shall tell them so.	
	DECIUS	
FTLN 1008	Caesar, all hail! Good morrow, worthy Caesar.	
FTLN 1009	I come to fetch you to the Senate House.	
	CAESAR	
FTLN 1010	And you are come in very happy time	
FTLN 1011	To bear my greeting to the Senators	65
FTLN 1012	And tell them that I will not come today.	
FTLN 1013	Cannot is false, and that I dare not, falser.	
FTLN 1014	I will not come today. Tell them so, Decius.	
	CALPHURNIA	
FTLN 1015	Say he is sick.	
FTLN 1016	CAESAR Shall Caesar send a lie?	70
FTLN 1017	Have I in conquest stretched mine arm so far,	
FTLN 1018	To be afeard to tell graybeards the truth?	
FTLN 1019	Decius, go tell them Caesar will not come.	
	DECIUS	
FTLN 1020	Most mighty Caesar, let me know some cause,	
FTLN 1021	Lest I be laughed at when I tell them so.	75
	CAESAR	
FTLN 1022	The cause is in my will. I will not come.	
FTLN 1023	That is enough to satisfy the Senate.	
FTLN 1024	But for your private satisfaction,	
FTLN 1025	Because I love you, I will let you know.	
FTLN 1026	Calphurnia here, my wife, stays me at home.	80

FTLN 1027	She dreamt tonight she saw my statue,	
FTLN 1028	Which, like a fountain with an hundred spouts,	
FTLN 1029	Did run pure blood; and many lusty Romans	
FTLN 1030	Came smiling and did bathe their hands in it.	
FTLN 1031	And these does she apply for warnings and portents	85
FTLN 1032	And evils imminent, and on her knee	
FTLN 1033	Hath begged that I will stay at home today.	
	DECIUS	
FTLN 1034	This dream is all amiss interpreted.	
FTLN 1035	It was a vision fair and fortunate.	
FTLN 1036	Your statue spouting blood in many pipes,	90
FTLN 1037	In which so many smiling Romans bathed,	
FTLN 1038	Signifies that from you great Rome shall suck	
FTLN 1039	Reviving blood, and that great men shall press	
FTLN 1040	For tinctures, stains, relics, and cognizance.	
FTLN 1041	This by Calphurnia's dream is signified.	95
	CAESAR	
FTLN 1042	And this way have you well expounded it.	
	DECIUS	
FTLN 1043	I have, when you have heard what I can say.	
FTLN 1044	And know it now: the Senate have concluded	
FTLN 1045	To give this day a crown to mighty Caesar.	
FTLN 1046	If you shall send them word you will not come,	100
FTLN 1047	Their minds may change. Besides, it were a mock	
FTLN 1048	Apt to be rendered, for someone to say	
FTLN 1049	"Break up the Senate till another time,	
FTLN 1050	When Caesar's wife shall meet with better dreams."	
FTLN 1051	If Caesar hide himself, shall they not whisper	105
FTLN 1052	"Lo, Caesar is afraid"?	
FTLN 1053	Pardon me, Caesar, for my dear dear love	
FTLN 1054	To your proceeding bids me tell you this,	
FTLN 1055	And reason to my love is liable.	
	CAESAR	
FTLN 1056	How foolish do your fears seem now, Calphurnia!	110
FTLN 1057	I am ashamed I did yield to them.	
FTLN 1058	Give me my robe, for I will go.	

*Enter Brutus, Ligarius, Metellus, Casca, Trebonius,
Cinna, and Publius.*

FTLN 1059 And look where Publius is come to fetch me.

PUBLIUS

FTLN 1060 Good morrow, Caesar.

FTLN 1061 CAESAR Welcome, Publius.—

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FTLN 1062 What, Brutus, are you stirred so early too?—

FTLN 1063 Good morrow, Casca.—Caius Ligarius,

FTLN 1064 Caesar was ne'er so much your enemy

FTLN 1065 As that same ague which hath made you lean.—

FTLN 1066 What is 't o'clock?

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FTLN 1067 BRUTUS Caesar, 'tis stricken eight.

CAESAR

FTLN 1068 I thank you for your pains and courtesy.

Enter Antony.

FTLN 1069 See, Antony that revels long a-nights

FTLN 1070 Is notwithstanding up.—Good morrow, Antony.

FTLN 1071 ANTONY So to most noble Caesar.

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FTLN 1072 CAESAR, 「to Servant」 Bid them prepare within.—

FTLN 1073 I am to blame to be thus waited for. 「Servant exits.」

FTLN 1074 Now, Cinna.—Now, Metellus.—What, Trebonius,

FTLN 1075 I have an hour's talk in store for you.

FTLN 1076 Remember that you call on me today;

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FTLN 1077 Be near me that I may remember you.

TREBONIUS

FTLN 1078 Caesar, I will. 「Aside.」 And so near will I be

FTLN 1079 That your best friends shall wish I had been further.

CAESAR

FTLN 1080 Good friends, go in and taste some wine with me,

FTLN 1081 And we, like friends, will straightway go together.

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BRUTUS, 「aside」

FTLN 1082 That every like is not the same, O Caesar,

FTLN 1083 The heart of Brutus earns to think upon.

They exit.