

He wrung *Bassanio's* hand, and so they parted.

Sola. I think, he only loves the world for him.
I pray thee, let us go, and find him out,
And quicken his embraced heaviness
With some delight or other.

Sal. Do we so.

[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE X.

Belmont.

Enter Nerissa with a Servant.

Ner. QUICK, quick, I pray thee, draw the curtain straight,
The prince of *Arragon* has ta'en his oath,
And comes to his election presently.

*Enter Arragon, Portia, and their trains. Flor. Cornets. The
caskets are discovered.*

Por. Behold, there stand the caskets, noble prince;
If you choose that wherein I am contain'd,
Straight shall our nuptial rites be solemniz'd:
But if you fail, without more speech, my lord,
You must be gone from hence immediately.

Ar. I am enjoin'd by oath t' observe three things:
First, never to unfold to any one
Which casket 'twas I chose; next, if I fail
Of the right casket, never in my life
To woo a maid in way of marriage;
Last, if I fail in fortune of my choice,
Immediately to leave you and be gone.

Por. To these injunctions every one doth swear
That comes to hazard for my worthless self.

Ar. And so have I address'd me: fortune now
To my heart's hope! gold, silver, and base lead.
Who chooseth me, must give and hazard all he hath.

You