

*Verg.* You have been always call'd a merciful man, partner.

*Dogb.* Truly, I would not hang a dog by my will; much more a man who hath any honesty in him.

*Verg.* If you hear a child cry in the night, you must call to the nurse, and bid her still it.

*2 Watch.* How if the nurse be asleep, and will not hear us?

*Dogb.* Why, then depart in peace, and let the child wake her with crying: for the ewe that will not hear her lamb when it baes, will never answer a calf when he bleats.

*Verg.* 'Tis very true.

*Dogb.* This is the end of the charge: you, constable, are to present the prince's own person; if you meet the prince in the night, you may stay him.

*Verg.* Nay, birlady, that, I think, he cannot.

*Dogb.* Five shillings to one on't, with any man that knows the statutes, he may stay him; marry, not without the prince be willing: for, indeed, the watch ought to offend no man; and it is an offence to stay a man against his will.

*Verg.* Birlady, I think, it be so.

*Dogb.* Ha, ha, ha! well, masters, good night: an there be any matter of weight chances, call up me: keep your fellows' counsel, and your own, and good night. Come, neighbour.

*2 Watch.* Well, masters, we hear our charge; let us go sit here upon the church-bench 'till two, and then all to bed.

*Dogb.* One word more, honest neighbours: I pray you, watch about signior *Leonato's* door; for the wedding being there to-morrow, there is a great coil to-night: adieu; be vigilant, I beseech you.

[*Exeunt Dogb. and Verg.*]

SCENE V.

*Enter Borachio, and Conrade.*

*Bora.* What, *Conrade*!

*Watch.* Peace, stir not.

[*aside.*]

*Bora.* *Conrade*, I say.

*Conr.* Here, man, I am at thy elbow.

*Bora.*