

The happiest gift that ever marquiss gave,  
The fairest queen that ever king receiv'd.

K. Henry. *Suffolk*, arise. — Welcome, queen *Margaret*;  
I can express no kinder sign of love  
Than this kind kiss. — O lord, that lend'st me life,  
Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness!  
For thou hast giv'n me, in this beauteous face,  
A world of earthly blessings to my soul,  
If sympathy of love unite our thoughts.

Q. Mar. Great king of *England*, and my gracious lord,  
The mutual conf'rence that my mind hath had,  
By day, by night, waking, and in my dreams,  
In courtly company, or at my beads,  
With you mine alder-lieft sovereign,  
Makes me the bolder to salute my king  
With ruder terms; such as my wit affords,  
And over-joy of heart doth minister.

K. Henry. Her sight did ravish, but her grace in speech,  
Her words yclad with wisdom's majesty,  
Make me from wond'ring fall to weeping joys;  
Such is the fullness of my heart's content. —  
Lords, with one cheerful voice welcome my love.

All kneel. Long live queen *Marg'ret*, *England's* happiness!

Q. Mar. We thank you all. [flourish.]

Suf. My lord protector, so it please your grace,  
Here are the articles of contracted peace,  
Between our sovereign and the *French* king *Charles*,  
For eighteen months concluded by consent.

Glou. reads.] Imprimis, it is agreed between the *French* king  
*Charles*, and *William de la Pole*, marquiss of *Suffolk*, ambassador  
for *Henry* king of *England*, that the said *Henry* shall espouse the  
lady *Margaret*, daughter unto *Reignier*, king of *Naples*, *Sicilia*,  
and *Jerusalem*, and crown her queen of *England*, ere the thirtieth  
of *May* next ensuing.

Item, That the dutchy of *Anjou*, and the county of *Maine*, shall  
be released and delivered to the king her father. [lets fall the paper.]

K. Henry.