

## SCENE VI.

*Enter the two Villains.*

1 *Vil.* Ho, who's here?

*Brak.* In god's name, what art thou? how cam'st thou hither?

2 *Vil.* I would speak with *Clarence*, and I came hither on my legs.

*Brak.* What, so brief?

1. *Vil.* 'Tis better, sir, than to be tedious. — Let him see our commission, and talk no more.

*Brak.* [*reads.*] I am in this commanded, to deliver  
The noble duke of *Clarence* to your hands.

I will not reason what is meant hereby,

Because I will be guiltless of the meaning.

There lies the duke asleep, and there the keys.

I'll to the king, and signify to him,

That thus I have resign'd to you my charge.

[*Exit.*

1 *Vil.* You may, sir; 'tis a point of wisdom: fare you well.

2 *Vil.* What, shall we stab him as he sleeps?

1 *Vil.* No; he'll say 'twas done cowardly, when he wakes.

2 *Vil.* Why, he shall never wake until the great judgment day.

1 *Vil.* Why then he'll say we stabb'd him sleeping.

2 *Vil.* The urging of that word *judgment* hath bred a kind of remorse in me.

1 *Vil.* What? art thou afraid?

2 *Vil.* Not to kill him, having a warrant: but to be damn'd for killing him, from the which no warrant can defend me.

1 *Vil.* I'll back to the duke of *Glo'ster*, and tell him so.

2 *Vil.* Nay, pr'ythee, stay a little: I hope, this holy humour of mine will change; it was wont to hold me but while one tells twenty.

1 *Vil.* How dost thou feel thyself now?

2 *Vil.* Some certain dregs of conscience are yet within me.

1 *Vil.* Remember the reward, when the deed's done.

2 *Vil.* Come, he dies: I had forgot the reward.

1 *Vil.*