

# 'MACBETH' KEY QUOTATIONS

SHAKESPEARE QUESTION	Act 1	Act 2	Act 3	Act 4	Act 5
Macbeth	"So foul and fair a day I have not seen" To the witches: "Stay, you imperfect speakers. Tell me more" To Ross, when he learns he has been made Thane of Cawdor: "Why do you dress me In borrowed robes?" "Two truths are told As happy prologues" "Stars, hide your fires; Let not light see my black and deep desires." "my dearest partner of greatness" "I am his kinsman and his subject" "his virtues will plead Like angels, trumpet-tongued" "I dare do all that may become a man" "Bring forth men-children only" "False face must hide what the false heart doth know".	"Is this a dagger I see before me" "a false creation Proceeding from the heat-oppressed brain" "Tarquin's ravishing strides" "I have done the deed." "This is a sorry sight." "I had most need of blessing, and 'Amen' Stuck in my throat." "Methought I heard a voice cry 'Sleep no more! Macbeth does murder sleep'" Of sleep: "Balm of hurt minds" "I am afraid to think what I have done." "Will all great Neptune's ocean wash this blood clean from my hand? No"	Of Malcolm and Donalbain: "We hear our bloody cousins are ... not confessing Their cruel parricide" "Our fears in Banquo stick deep" "fruitless crown" and "barren sceptre" "For Banquo's issue have I filed my mind" "mine eternal jewel given to the common enemy of man" To LM: "We have scorched the snake, not killed it." "full of scorpions is my mind" "Be innocent of the knowledge, dearest chuck" "Never shake Thy gory locks at me." "The time has been That, when the brains were out, the man would die" "We are yet but young in deed,"	To the witches: "How now, you secret, black and midnight hags?" To the witches: "answer me" Threatening the witches: "Deny me this, And an eternal curse fall on you!" Of the line of kings: "will the line stretch out to the crack of doom?" "the blood-boltered Banquo smiles upon me And points at them for his." To Lennox: "The very firstlings of my heart shall be The firstlings of my hand." Of his plans to murder Macduff's family: "This deed I'll do before this purpose cool."	"What's the boy Malcolm?" "fly, false Thanes" "I'll fight till from my bones the flesh be hacked" "I have supped full with horrors" Upon learning of his wife's death: "She should have died hereafter" "Life's but a walking shadow" "[life is] A tale Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing" To Macduff: "I bear a charmed life" To Macduff: "I will not yield"
Lady Macbeth	"too full of the milk of human kindness" "Hie thee hither, that I may pour my spirits in thine ear" "unsex me here" "take my milk for gall" "Look like the innocent flower but be the serpent under it" "Leave all the rest to me" "When you durst do it, then you were a man" "dashed the brains out" "screw your courage to the sticking place"	Of Duncan: "Had he not resembled My father as he slept, I had done it." To Macbeth: "You do unbend your noble strength to think So brainsickly of things." Of the blood: "wash this filthy witness from your hand" "Infirm of purpose! Give me the daggers." "The sleeping and the dead are but as pictures." "My hands are of your colour, but I shame To wear a heart so white." "A little water clears us of this deed."	""Tis safer to be that which we destroy Than by destruction dwell in doubtful joy." To Macbeth: "What's done is done." "Sleek o'er your rugged looks." "Feed and regard him not." "Are you a man?" "This is the very painting of your fear." "You lack the season of all natures, sleep."		"Out, damned spot, out, I say!" "What, will these hands ne'er be clean?" "All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand."
Banquo	Of the witches: "look not like inhabitants of the Earth" Of Macbeth: "he seems rapt withal" Of the witches: "oftentimes, to win us to our harm, The instruments of darkness tell us truths"	On the night of Duncan's murder: "There's husbandry in heaven; their candles are all out."	Of Macbeth: "I fear Thou played'st most foully for [the crown]" To Macbeth: "my duties Are with a most indissoluble tie Forever knit." "O treachery! Fly, good Fleance, fly, fly, fly!"		

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King Duncan/ Malcolm/ Macduff	Duncan (of Macbeth): "valiant cousin, worthy gentleman", "noble Macbeth" Duncan (of the traitorous Cawdor): "He was a gentleman on whom I built An absolute trust." Duncan (to Macbeth): "I have begun to plant thee" Duncan (of Macbeth): "we love him"	Macduff: "O horror, horror, horror!" Macduff: "sacrilegious murder" Macduff: "destroy your sight with a new Gorgon" Malcolm: "To show an unfelt sorrow is an office Which the false man does easy." Macduff: "I'll to Fife"		Malcolm (of Macbeth): "This tyrant, whose sole name blisters our tongues" Malcolm (of Scotland): "It weeps, it bleeds, and each new day a gash is added to her wounds" Macduff (upon learning of his family's murder): "I must also feel it as a man" Malcolm: "Be this the whetstone of your sword."	Malcolm: "we shadow the numbers of our host" Macduff: "Make all our trumpets speak" Macduff (to Macbeth): "Tyrant, show thy face!" Macduff: "Turn, hellhound, turn!" Macduff: "Macduff was from his mother's womb Untimely ripped" Macduff (to Malcolm): "the usurper's cursed head" Malcolm: "this dead butcher and his fiend-like queen"
Minor characters (Ross/Angus/ Lady Macduff, etc.)	Captain: "merciless Macdonwald" vs. "brave Macbeth", "unseamed him from the nave to the chops"	Lennox (of the night of Duncan's murder): "The night has been unruly" Donalbain: "There's daggers in men's smiles." Ross: "dark night strangles the travelling lamp"	Lord (after the banquet): "Macduff Is gone to pray the holy king upon his aid"	Lennox to Macbeth: "Macduff is fled to England." Lady Macduff: "His flight is madness." Ross (of Macduff): "he is noble, wise, judicious" Lady Macduff: "Wither should I fly? I have done no harm." Ross (to Macduff): "your wife and babes [are] Savagely slaughtered"	Gentlewoman (of LM): "She has light by her continually." Doctor: "Infected minds To their deaf pillows will discharge their secrets." Menteith (of Malcolm and Macduff): "Revenge's burn in them" Angus: "Now does he feel his title Hang loose about him, like a giant's robe Upon a dwarfish thief." Siward (of his slain son): "Had he his hurts before? ... then God's soldier be he!"

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'A Christmas Carol' Key Quotations				
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<p>Marley was dead: to begin with.  Hard and sharp as flint  solitary as an oyster  he iced his office in the dog-days  No beggars implored him to bestow a trifle  the houses opposite were mere phantoms  Bob's fire "looked like one coal"  (of Fred) he was all in a glow  (Scrooge to Fred) What reason have you to be merry? You’re poor enough.  Scrooge: every idiot who goes about with ‘Merry Christmas’ on his lips, should be boiled with his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart.  Fred (of Christmas): a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time  The portly gentleman: "Many thousands are in want of common necessities; hundreds of thousands are in want of common comforts”  Scrooge: "Are there no prisons?"  Scrooge: "I wish to be left alone"  “If they would rather die,” said Scrooge, “they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population.  Darkness is cheap, and Scrooge liked it.  [Marley's chain is made of] cash-boxes, keys, padlocks, ledgers, deeds, and heavy purses wrought in steel.  Scrooge: "You are fettered."  Marley: “I wear the chain I forged in life"  Marley: "I cannot rest, I cannot stay, I cannot linger anywhere."  Marley: "Mankind was my business."  Marley: "you have yet a chance and hope of escaping my fate."  The air was filled with phantoms  The misery with them all was, clearly, that they sought to interfere, for good, in human matters, and had lost the power for ever.</p>	<p>It was a strange figure ... not so like a child as like an old man  It wore a tunic of the purest white  It held a branch of fresh green holly in its hand  from the crown of its head there sprung a bright clear jet of light  a great extinguisher for a cap  Past: “A solitary child, neglected by his friends, is left there still.”  Young Scrooge is "intent upon his reading"  Fan: "Father is so much kinder than he used to be, that home’s like Heaven!"  Fezziwig's workplace: "fuel was heaped upon the fire"  Of Fezziwig's guests: In they all came ... some shyly, some boldly  [when dancing] A positive light appeared to issue from Fezziwig’s calves.  Scrooge: "He has the power to render us happy or unhappy"  Belle: "Another idol has displaced me"  Belle: "You fear the world too much"  Belle: "Our contract ... was made when we were both poor and content to be so"  Scrooge to Past: "Why do you delight to torture me?"  Scrooge (upon seeing Belle, her husband and their daughter): he thought that such another creature, quite as graceful and as full of promise, might have called him father, and been a spring-time in the haggard winter of his life  Belle's husband, of Scrooge: "there he sat alone. Quite alone in the world, I do believe.”  Scrooge to Past: “Leave me! Take me back. Haunt me no longer!”  he seized the extinguisher-cap, and by a sudden action pressed it down upon its head.</p>	<p>Heaped up on the floor, to form a kind of throne, were turkeys, geese, game, poultry...  there sat a jolly Giant ... who bore a glowing torch, in shape not unlike Plenty’s horn  It was clothed in one simple green robe  it wore no other covering than a holly wreath, set here and there with shining icicles  Girded round its middle was an antique scabbard; but no sword was in it, and the ancient sheath was eaten up with rust.  the people who were shovelling away on the housetops were jovial and full of glee  dressed out but poorly in a twice-turned gown, but brave in ribbons, which are cheap and make a goodly show for sixpence  As good as gold  a feathered phenomenon, to which a black swan was a matter of course  Its tenderness and flavour, size and cheapness, were the themes of universal admiration.  “I see a vacant seat,”  they were happy, grateful, pleased with one another  a cheerful company assembled round a glowing fire  I am sorry for him  he loses some pleasant moments  Uncle Scrooge had imperceptibly become so gay and light of heart  Scrooge: "Is it a foot or a claw?"  two children; wretched, abject, frightful, hideous, miserable.  Where angels might have sat enthroned, devils lurked  This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want.  Present: “Are there no prisons?”</p>	<p>The Phantom slowly, gravely, silently, approached.  It was shrouded in a deep black garment  Scrooge feared the silent shape chinked the money in their pockets  “It’s likely to be a very cheap funeral,”  “Old Scratch has got his own at last, hey?”  another man stood in his accustomed corner  the people half-naked, drunken, slipshod, ugly  the whole quarter reeked with crime, with filth, and misery  Charwoman: “Every person has a right to take care of themselves. He always did.”  Charwoman: "gasping out his last there, alone by himself"  Scrooge listened to this dialogue in horror.  Scrooge to Future: "The case of this unhappy man might be my own."  He lay, in the dark empty house  A man who owed Scrooge money:  "We may sleep to-night with light hearts"  Bob: "My little, little child!"  he kissed the little face.  Description of the burial ground:  overrun by grass and weeds  ... choked up with too much burying;  fat with repleted appetite.  the neglected grave  Scrooge: "I am not the man I was."  Scrooge: “I will honour Christmas in my heart"</p>	<p>He was so fluttered and so glowing with his good intentions  Scrooge: "I am as light as a feather, I am as happy as an angel, I am as merry as a schoolboy. I am as giddy as a drunken man."  The father of a long, long line of brilliant laughs!  The chuckle with which he said this, and the chuckle with which he paid for the Turkey, and the chuckle...  He looked so irresistibly pleasant  Scrooge to the portly gentleman: "Allow me to ask your pardon."  He went to church ... and patted children on the head, and questioned beggars  Scrooge to Fred: "I have come to dinner. Will you let me in, Fred?”  Scrooge to Bob: "I am about to raise your salary!"  to Tiny Tim, who did not die, he was a second father.  He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man, as the good old city knew,  His own heart laughed  God bless us, everyone!</p>

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