

Macbeth – Act V

Scene i

Dunsinane. A room in the castle.

Lady Macbeth's waiting-gentlewoman tells a doctor of the Lady's sleep-walking.

Lady Macbeth walks and talks in her sleep, revealing guilty secrets.

Scene ii

The country near Dunsinane.

The Scottish forces arrayed against Macbeth are on the march. The Scottish leaders comment on Macbeth's desperate rage.

Scene iii

Dunsinane. A room in the castle.

Macbeth hears that his thanes are abandoning him, that the English army is approaching, and that his wife is soul-sick, but he tries to convince himself that he has nothing to fear, and prepares to fight.

Scene iv

Country near Dunsinane. A wood in view.

The forces opposed to Macbeth enter Birnam wood, and Malcolm gives the order for every soldier to cut a tree branch and hold it before him.

Scene v

Dunsinane. Within the castle.

Macbeth expresses his defiance of the forces marching against him, then hears a cry of women and receives the news of his wife's death. A messenger reports that Birnam woods is coming to Dunsinane; Macbeth goes out to meet his fate.

Scene vi

The same. A plain before the castle.

The English and Scottish forces, led by Malcolm, begin their attack upon Dunsinane.

Scene vii

The same. Another part of the field.

Macbeth fights Young Siward and kills him. Macduff seeks Macbeth. Malcolm and Siward take possession of Dunsinane.

Scene viii

Another part of the field.

Macduff and Macbeth do battle. Macbeth boasts that he cannot be harmed by "one of woman born," but Macduff replies that he was "from his mother's womb / Untimely ripp'd." They fight on and Macduff kills Macbeth.

Scene ix

Within the castle.

Malcolm, Siward and the rest enter. Siward receives the news of his son's heroic death. Macduff enters with the head of Macbeth. Malcolm is hailed king of Scotland, whereupon he rewards his followers and invites all to see him crowned.