



### 3.1 – Macbeth hires murderers to kill Banquo

#### Audience

**Are** we going to see Macbeth crowned at Scone?

**What** will the thanes do, what will the brother's ?

**Will** the witches make another appearance?

**Location:** We are back at Macbeth's Castle

**Conditions:** *Tonight we hold a solemn supper/ rode*

**Time:** Bear in mind how quickly it would take to go from Macbeth's castle, to Scone and then back again. There must be either a day or two between this scene and the previous one. It's before 7 o'clock – *let every man be master of his time/till seven at night*

**Space:** This is the now the King's space. King and Queen Macbeth

#### Character

**Status:** Macbeth and Lady Macbeth

**See:** Macbeth see's a father, Banquo sees the witches prophesy come true

**Envy:** Macbeth envies Banquo's Son, Banquo envies his friend's position

**Predicament:** Macbeth wants to block out the witches prophesy but all he can do is remember it. Banquo wants to leave but all he can do is obey the king

**Stakes:** Macbeth needs to gain legitimacy. Banquo needs to gain safety

**Identity/unidentity:** Macbeth the rightful King/the murderous friend

#### Language

**Pre-scene:** the scene before Macbeth and Lady Macbeth appear in public

**Under poem:** 46:70 *sisters/me/like/king – crown/gripe/hand – mind/murdered/peace* –try dialogue just with these

**Pronoun:** *he/his* by Macbeth 9 times and *me/I* 4 times – how concerned about Banquo is he?

**Iambic:** *Mark Antony's was by Caesar. He chid the sisters* (56) 13 syllables every other line is a regular 10 or 11.

**Hear:** His speech with the murderers – why does he need to convince them? Who is he convincing?

#### Impact

**See:** A king persuading men to murder, men listening to a murderous king

**Remind:** them of the witches' prophesy – the corruption of power

**Think:** about the rights of kings, inheritance versus succession

**Feel:** they know that Banquo is going to be killed with his son, they feel helpless

**React:** has the line been crossed with the plotting the death of a child.