

# Macbeth Act 3- Quotes

## Important Quotes in Act 3-

### Act 3, Scene 1 – Macbeth's Fear & Insecurity

1. "To be thus is nothing, but to be safely thus."

👉 Shows Macbeth's insecurity. Being king means nothing unless he feels secure.

2. "Our fears in Banquo stick deep."

👉 Reveals that Banquo is his greatest threat.

3. "Upon my head they placed a fruitless crown."

👉 Symbol of his anxiety — he has no heir.

4. "For Banquo's issue have I filed my mind."

👉 He has stained his conscience for Banquo's descendants.

### Act 3, Scene 2 – Guilt & Mental Disturbance

5. "O, full of scorpions is my mind, dear wife!"

👉 Powerful metaphor showing mental torture and paranoia.

6. "Things bad begun make strong themselves by ill."

👉 Violence leads to more violence — cycle of crime.

7. "We have scorched the snake, not killed it."

👉 Banquo and Fleance are still threats.

### Act 3, Scene 4 – The Banquet Scene (Guilt Made Visible)

8. "Thou canst not say I did it: never shake / Thy gory locks at me!"

👉 Macbeth's guilt takes physical form in Banquo's ghost.

9. "It will have blood; they say, blood will have blood."

👉 Crimes demand revenge — foreshadowing.

10. "I am in blood stepped in so far..."

👉 Turning point. Macbeth accepts he cannot go back.

11. "Augurs and understood relations have / By magot-pies and choughs and

rooks brought forth..."

👉 Even nature seems to expose crimes.

### **Act 3, Scene 5 – Hecate's Plan**

12. "Security is mortals' chiefest enemy."

👉 Overconfidence will destroy Macbeth.

⚠️ Very important exam quote.

### **Act 3, Scene 6 – Scotland Under Tyranny**

13. "It weeps, it bleeds, and each new day a gash / Is added to her wounds."

👉 Scotland personified as suffering under Macbeth.

These can be used for:

-Ambition

-Guilt

-Tyranny

-Fate vs free will

-Psychological decline