

# Macbeth Act 4- Quotes

## From Act 4, Scene 1

### **"Beware Macduff."**

Said by the first apparition.

Used to show:

- The witches' warning
- Macbeth's growing fear
- Beginning of Macduff as the real threat

### **"None of woman born shall harm Macbeth."**

From the second apparition.

Used to show:

- Equivocation (misleading prophecy)
- Macbeth's false confidence
- Dramatic irony

### **"Macbeth shall never vanquish'd be until / Great Birnam Wood to high Dunsinane Hill / Shall come against him."**

From the third apparition.

Used to show:

- Impossible-sounding prophecy
- Macbeth's overconfidence
- Supernatural deception

### **"From this moment / The very firstlings of my heart shall be / The firstlings of my hand."**

Macbeth after hearing Macduff fled.

Used to show:

- Impulsiveness
- Ruthlessness
- Moral decline

### **"The castle of Macduff I will surprise, Seize upon Fife, give to th' edge o' th' sword / His wife, his babes, and all unfortunate souls/ That trace him in his line. "**

Shows:

- Complete tyranny
- Killing of innocents
- Loss of humanity

## **From Act 4, Scene 2 (Lady Macduff)**

### **"He loves us not."**

Lady Macduff about Macduff leaving.

Used to show:

- Feeling of abandonment
- Emotional vulnerability

### **"I have done no harm."**

Lady Macduff before being attacked.

Used to show:

- Innocence
- Tragic irony

## **From Act 4, Scene 3 (Malcolm & Macduff)**

### **"Angels are bright still, though the brightest fell."**

Malcolm testing Macduff.

Used to show:

- Appearance vs reality
- Suspicion

### **"O Scotland, Scotland!"**

Macduff grieving for his country.

Used to show:

- Patriotism
- Love for nation

### **"Bleed, bleed, poor country!"**

Shows:

- Scotland suffering under Macbeth
- Tyranny

### **"All my pretty ones? Did you say all?"**

Macduff after hearing about his family.

Used to show:

- Shock
- Grief
- Pathos

### **"Bring thou this fiend of Scotland and myself..."**

Macduff swearing revenge.

Used to show:

- Transformation from grief to revenge
- Preparation for climax