

## Henry V abbreviated

Act 4, Scene 3

### Chivalry

**Situation: Outnumbered by the French forces five to one and “besides, they are all fresh,” Henry V talks to his uncle and good friend Westmorland of honor and pride.**

BEDFORD: He is as full of valor as of kindness, princely in both.

Henry V enters.

WESTMORELAND: But one ten thousand of those men in England that do no work today.

HENRY: What's he that wishes so? My cousin Westmoreland? No, my fair cousin.

### Henry V to Westmoreland

**If we are marked to die, we're men enough  
To do our country proud; and if we're tough  
Enough to live, we share the honor. By  
Jove, I am not covetous of gold; if  
It be a sin to covet honor, I  
Am the most offending soul. To this tiff,  
Coz, wish not one man more to share so great  
An honor. This is ours to be. This date  
Is called the feast of Crispian. We band  
Of brothers; he who sheds blood shall be first  
My brother, we few. Those men in England  
Now in bed shall think of themselves accursed  
And hold their manhood's cheap, never to say  
They fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day.**

Salisbury enters.

SALISBURY: My sovereign lord, the French are bravely in their battles set, and will with all expedience charge on us.

HENRY: All things are ready if our minds be so.

WESTMORELAND: Perish the man whose mind is backward now!

HENRY: Thou dost not wish more help from England, coz?

WESTMORELAND: God's will, my liege, would you and I alone, without more help, could fight this royal battle.

HENRY: You know your places. God be with you all.

Montjoy enters.