

## Henry V abbreviated

Act 4, Scene 1

### Prayer

**Situation:** Having spent most of the night as a disguised officer talking with his worried soldiers, Henry V offers a prayer, praying that his men during the morning's battle at Agincourt will show more courage than fear.

ERPINGHAM: My lord, your nobles, jealous of your absence, seek through your camp to find you.

HENRY: Good old knight, collect them all together at my tent. I'll be before thee.

Erpingham exits.

### Henry V to himself, No. 2

Make firm with courage my soldiers' hearts, O  
God, that neither they weaken or be so  
Possessed with fear that th' opposed numbers  
Pluck their hearts from them. O, think not today,  
Lord, upon the fault made with my father's  
Taking the crown. I've shed more tears where lay  
Richard's body than from it issued drops  
Of blood. The poor, in my pay that ne'er stops,  
Each, twice a day, hold up a withered hand  
Toward heaven to pardon blood. And for  
Richard's soul in two chapels the sad and  
Solemn priests still sing and pray each day. More  
Will I do, yet, with all my ill time spent  
My pardon's nothing worth, I still repent.

Gloucester enters.

HENRY: My brother Gloucester. Ay, I know thy errand. I will go with thee.