

## Henry VI Part 3 abbreviated

Act 4, Scene 10

### Confidence

**Situation:** Edward, having been demoted by Warwick to the duke of York, now in the company of his brother Richard and Lord Hastings, travels from Flanders to Ravenspurgh to York where he self-reclaims the title of Edward IV. He marches on to London, gathering support along the way, capturing Henry VI when he arrives, sending him to London's Tower.

KING HENRY: Cousin of Exeter, what think your lordship?

EXETER: The fear is that Edward will seduce the rest.

KING HENRY: That's not my fear. My merit hath got me fame.

### Henry VI to Exeter

Methinks the power that Edward hath in  
The field should not be strong enough to win  
Their love. My generosity doth flow  
To them, bringing me fame; mine ears have not  
Stopped to their demands, nor have I been slow  
When posting their suits; my pity hath brought  
Healing to their wounds, my mercy dried their  
Tears, my mildness hath allayed griefs they bear.  
I have not been desirous of their wealth,  
Nor oppressed them with burdens, having spared  
Them great taxes. I've disturbed not their health,  
Nor been eager for revenge when they erred.  
Then tell me why they should love Edward more?  
No, Exeter, these graces gain favor.

KING HENRY: When the lion fawns upon the lamb, the lamb will never cease to follow him.

King Edward and Richard Duke of Gloucester enter.

KING EDWARD: Seize on the shamefaced Henry. Hence with him to the Tower; let him not speak.

King Henry and Exeter exit under guard.