

Julius Caesar abbreviated

Act 5, Scene 5

Capitulation

Situation: Having received some faulty intelligence, Cassius dies, having had his loyal aide Pindarus stab him. Brutus, now aware of Cassius' death fights on, but he soon realizes that the end for their cause is near. He too takes his own life.

BRUTUS: Come hither, good Volumnius.

VOLUMNIUS: What says my lord?

BRUTUS: The ghost of Caesar hath appeared to me two several times by night----at Sardis once and this last night here in Philippi fields.

Brutus to his Men

Men, my hour has now come. Our enemy
Hath thrust us to the edge. 'Tis more worthy
To leap over ourselves than tarry till
They push us. Countrymen, my heart doth joy
That yet in all my life I find men still
True to me. I have honor, as deploy
They their vile conquest. Brutus' tongue hath
Reached an end; mine eyes tired, seeing this wrath;
My bones would rest, having worked to attain
This hour. Strato, hold my sword. 'Twill foretell
A man of respect; allow you to gain
More honor. Your hand, good Strato, farewell.
Turn as I run to it. Caesar, be still.
I killed not thee with half so good a will.

Brutus dies. Antony, Octavius, Messala, Lucilius and the army enter.