

**All of these cuts will be provided at auditions. You needn't memorize anything!**

EDMUND from *King Lear*

Thou, nature, art my goddess; to thy law  
My services are bound. Wherefore should I  
Stand in the plague of custom, and permit  
The curiosity of nations to deprive me,  
For that I am some twelve or fourteen moon-shines  
Lag of a brother? Why bastard? wherefore base?  
When my dimensions are as well compact,  
My mind as generous, and my shape as true,  
As honest madam's issue? Why brand they us  
With base? with baseness? bastardy? base, base?

CLEOPATRA from *Anthony and Cleopatra*

Give me my robe. Put on my crown. I have  
Immortal longings in me. Now no more  
The juice of Egypt's grape shall moist this lip.

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Yare, yare, good Iras, quick. Methinks I hear  
Antony call. I see him rouse himself  
To praise my noble act. I hear him mock  
The luck of Caesar, which the gods give men  
To excuse their after wrath.—Husband, I come!  
Now to that name my courage prove my title.

KATHERINE from *Henry VIII*

Sir, I desire you do me right and justice,  
And to bestow your pity on me; Alas, sir,  
In what have I offended you? Heaven witness,  
I have been to you a true and humble wife,  
At all times to your will conformable,  
Even in fear to kindle your dislike.

Sir, call to mind  
That I have been your wife in this obedience  
Upward of twenty years.

If in the course  
And process of this time you can report,  
And prove it too, against mine honor aught,  
My bond to wedlock, or my love and duty  
Against your sacred person, in God's name  
Turn me away, and let the foul'st contempt  
Shut door upon me, and so give me up  
To the sharp'st kind of justice.

MACBETH from *Macbeth*

If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well  
It were done quickly: if the assassination  
Could trammel up the consequence, and catch  
With his surcease success; that but this blow  
Might be the be-all and the end-all here,  
But here, upon this bank and shoal of time,  
We'll jump the life to come. But in these cases  
We still have judgment here; that we but teach  
Bloody instructions, which, being taught, return  
To plague the inventor: this even-handed justice  
Commends the ingredients of our poison'd chalice  
To our own lips.

### ***Taming of the Shrew***

**PETRUCHIO**

Good Lord, how bright and goodly shines the moon!

**KATHERINE**

The moon? The sun! It is not moonlight now

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**PETRUCHIO**

I say it is the moon that shines so bright.

**KATHERINE**

I know it is the sun that shines so bright.

**PETRUCHIO**

Now, by my mother's son, and that's myself,  
It shall be moon, or star, or what I list,  
Or e'er I journey to your father's house.

**KATHERINE**

Forward, I pray, since we have come so far,  
And be it moon, or sun, or what you please.  
And if you please to call it a rush candle,  
Henceforth I vow it shall be so for me.

**PETRUCHIO** I say it is the moon.

**KATHERINE** I know it is the moon.

**PETRUCHIO**

Nay, then you lie. It is the blessed sun.

**KATHERINE**

Then God be blest, it is the blessed sun.  
But sun it is not, when you say it is not,  
And the moon changes even as your mind.  
What you will have it named, even that it is,  
And so it shall be so for Katherine.

### ***Romeo and Juliet***

**SAMPSON**

I will bite my thumb at  
them, which is disgrace to them if they bear it.

**ABRAM**

Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?

**SAMPSON**

I do bite my thumb, sir.

**ABRAM**

Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?

**SAMPSON**

(aside to Gregory) Is the law of our side if I  
say "Ay"?

**GREGORY**

(aside to Sampson) No.

**SAMPSON**

No, sir, I do not bite my thumb at you, sir,  
but I bite my thumb, sir.

**GREGORY**

Do you quarrel, sir?

**ABRAM**

Quarrel, sir? No, sir.

**SAMPSON**

But if you do, sir, I am for you. I serve as  
good a man as you.

**ABRAM**

No better?

**GREGORY**

(Aside to Sampson) Say "better"

**SAMPSON**

Yes, better, sir.

**ABRAM**

You lie.

**SAMPSON**

Draw if you be men.—Gregory, remember  
thy washing blow.

*They fight.*

