

The tragedy of Macbeth -- the script printed in 1623
-- notes on the text

I ii 19 Of Kernes and Gallowgrosses is supply'd, --
"Gallowgrosses" altered to "Gallow glasses" in F2

I ii 20 And Fortune on his damned Quarry smiling, -- "Quarry"
altered to "Quarrel" by Warburton 1747, as suggested by
Johnson 1745

I ii 27 Which neu'r shooke hands, nor bad farwell to him, --
"farwell" altered to "farewell" in F2

I ii 31 As whence the Sunne 'gins his reflection, -- "whence"
altered to "when" by me

I iii 43 How farre is't call'd to Soris? -- "Soris" altered to
"Foris" by Pope 1723

I iii 62 That he seemes wrapt withall: -- "wrapt" altered to
"rapt" by Pope 1723

I iv 5 Or not those in Commission yet return'd? -- "Or"
altered to "Are" in F2

I v 52 Th'effect, and hit. -- "hit" altered to "it" in F3

I v 72 May reade strange matters, to beguile the time. --
break between "matters" and "to" made by Theobald 1733

I vi 9 The Temple-haunting Barlet does approue, -- "Barlet"
altered to "Martlet" by Rowe 1709

I vi 10 By his loued Mansonry, -- "loued" ("loved" F3) altered
to "lov'd" by Rowe 1709 -- "Mansonry" altered to "masonry" by
Pope 1728, "Mansionry" by Theobald 1733 -- I have my doubts

I vi 13-14 and procreant Cradle, / Where they must breed, and
haunt: -- break between "Cradle" and "Where" made by Rowe 1709
-- also "must" altered to "most"

I vii 10 But heere, vpon this Banke and Schoole of time, --
"Schoole" altered to "Shoal" by Theobald 1733

I vii 55 Who dares no more, is none. -- "no" altered to "do"
by Rowe 1709

I vii 79 Their drenched Natures lyes as in a Death, -- "lyes"
altered to "lye" in F2

II i 69 Thou sowre and firme-set Earth -- "sowre" altered to "sure" by Capell 1768, as suggested by Pope 1723

II i 70 Heare not my steps, which they may walke, -- "they may" altered to "way they" by Rowe 1709 -- I have my doubts

II ii 59 And wash this filthie Witnesse from your Hand. -- "Hand" altered to "hands" by me

II iii 136 Out-run the pawser, Reason. -- "Out-run" altered to "Out-ran" by Johnson 1765

II iii 149 Where our Fate hid in an augure hole, -- "augure" altered to "awger" in F3

III i 48 Farwell. -- altered to "Farewell" in F3

III i 50 Till seuen at Night, to make societie -- break between "Night" and "to" made by Theobald 1733

III i 81 To make them Kings, the Seedes of Banquo Kings. -- "Seedes" ("Seeds" F3) altered to "seed" by Pope 1723

III i 115 Showghes, Water-Rugs, and Demy-Wolues are clipt -- "clipt" altered to "cleped" by Theobald 1733, "clept" by Capell 1768

III i 132 Hath so incens'd, -- "Hath" altered to "Have" by Rowe 1709

III ii 46 Thou know'st, that Banquo and his Fleans liues. -- "liues" ("lives" F2) altered to "live" by some

III iii 11 end neere approaches -- "end" altered to "and" in F2

III iv 98 The times has bene, -- "times" altered to "time" by Clark and Wright 1865

III iv 166 By the worst meanes, the worst, for mine owne good, -- break between "worst" and "for" made by Johnson 1765

III iv 175 We are yet but yong indeed. -- "indeed" altered to "in Deed" by Theobald 1733

III vi 28 The Sonnes of Duncane -- "Sonnes" ("Sons" F4) altered to "Son" by Theobald 1733

IV i 64 Of Natures Germaine, ... -- "Germaine" ("germain" F3)

altered to "germains" by Pope 1723 -- that altered to "Germins" by Theobald 1733 -- that altered to "germens" by Clark and Wright 1864

IV i 64 ... tumble altogether, -- "altogether" altered to "all together" by Pope 1723

IV i 167 The galloping of Horse. -- "Horse" altered to "horses" by me

IV ii 98 Thou ly'st thou shagge-ear'd Villaine. -- "shagge-ear'd" ("shag-ear'd" F3) altered to "shag-hair'd" by Delius 1855, as suggested by Steevens 1778

IV iii 7 Bestride our downfall Birthdome: -- "downfall" altered to "downfaln" by Johnson 1765

IV iii 42 Far thee well Lord, -- "Far" altered to "Fare" in F2

IV iii 78 Then such an one to reigne. -- "an" altered to "a" by Capell 1768

IV iii 275 This time goes manly: -- "time" altered to "tune" by Rowe 1709b

V i 27 I but their sense are shut. -- "sense" altered to "sense'" (= "sens's") by Dyce 1857, as suggested by Walker 1854

V iii 49 Cure of that: -- "Cure" altered to "Cure her" in F2

V iii 63 And purge it to a sound and pristiuè Health, -- "pristiuè" altered to "pristine" in F2

V iii 66 What Rubarb, Cyme, or what Purgatiue drugge -- "Cyme" altered to "cynne" by some

V v 45 If thou speak'st fhlse, -- "fhlse" altered to "false" in F2

V v 46 Vpon the next Tree shall thou hang aliue -- "shall" altered to "shalt" in F2

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