

6: SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES

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SCENE 14: THE WALLS OF DUNSINANE

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| NARRATOR | <i>On the walls of Dunsinane Castle, the two noblemen Ross and Lennox have found a quiet place where they cannot be overheard.</i> |
| ROSS | These are strange times, Lennox. Strange times. |
| LENNOX | Aye Ross, you are right. First Duncan is killed and his sons flee. |
| ROSS | Because they were the murderers - so says Macbeth. |
| LENNOX | And then Banquo is killed and his son Fleance runs away. |
| ROSS | And Macbeth says Fleance was the killer. |
| <u>FX</u> | <u>A door in the castle slams below.</u> |
| | Shh! Is that someone coming? |
| LENNOX | Even up here we're not safe. |
| ROSS | And now Macduff has disappeared. |
| LENNOX | Not disappeared. Fled to England. |
| ROSS | Why? |
| LENNOX | He's gone to join Malcolm. They are going to raise an army to come up here and save us from Macbeth. |
| ROSS | Does Macbeth know? |
| LENNOX | Yes – and is planning his revenge on Macduff. |
| ROSS | God help Macduff. |
| LENNOX | God help all of us. |
| ROSS | Come on. Let us leave this place - while we can. |



SCENE 15: THE HEATH**NARRATOR***Out on the heath the witches make their spells...*

SISTER 1

By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes.

SISTER 2

Open locks, whoever knocks!

FX**The fall of hooves and clink of harness.**

MACBETH

What devil's work are you up to now, you midnight hags?

SISTER 3

A recipe without a name!

MACBETH

I want to know more of the future. Will you tell me? I need answers.

SISTER 1

Speak, Macbeth.

SISTER 2

Demand.

SISTER 3

We'll answer.

MACBETH

First question. Tell me -

ALL SISTERS

No need to ask the questions. We know your thoughts.

SISTER 1

Macbeth! Macbeth! Beware Macduff!

MACBETH

I knew it. Macduff is dangerous...

SISTER 2

Be bloody, bold and resolute! No man who's ever been born to a woman can harm you!

MACBETH

Then I'm safe! No human can ever harm me!

SISTER 3

And last...you will never be beaten in battle till Birnam Wood comes to Dunsinane!

MACBETH

How can a wood get up and move somewhere else? Never! I'm safe! One more question -

SISTER 1

Banquo's children. Shall they be kings?

FX**A horse approaching.**

LENNOX

Your majesty! It's me – Lennox!

MACBETH

Don't be afraid, Lennox. Do you see them?



