Selected Shakespeare Speeches

Women

1 Helena, Midsummer Nights Dream, Act 1, SC 1, starting: ‘How happy some o’er other some can be...’ or, Act 3, Sc 2, starting: ‘Lo, she is one of this confederacy!...’

2 Duchess, Henry 6th, Act 2, Sc 4, starting: ‘Ah, Gloucester, teach me to forget myself...’

3 Hermione, Winter’s Tale, Act 3, Sc 2, starting: ‘Sir, spare your threats...’

4 Paulina, Winter’s Tale, Act 3, Sc 2, starting: ‘What studied torments, tyrant, hast for me...’

5 Isabella, Measure for Measure, Act 2, Sc 4, starting: ‘To whom should I complain?’

Selected Shakespeare Speeches

Men

1 Angelo, Measure for Measure, Act 2, Sc 2, starting: ‘What’s this? What’s this?

2 Macbeth, Macbeth, Act 1, Sc 7, starting: ‘If it were done when tis done, then twere well it were done quickly...’

3 Edmund, King Lear, Act 1, Sc 3, starting: ‘Thou, nature art my goddess.’

4 Iago, Othello, Act 2, Sc 3, starting: ‘And what’s he then that says I play the villain...’

5 Othello, Act 5, Sc 2, starting: It is the cause, it is the cause, my soul’