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CLEOPATRA from ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA

ACT 1 SCENE 3

Character's age: 35+

Pray you, stand farther from me.

I know by that same eye there's some good news.

What says the married woman – you may go?

Would she had never given you leave to come.

5 Let her not say t'is I who keep you here.

I have no power upon you; hers you are.

Never was there queen so mightily betrayed!

Yet at the first I saw the treasons planted.

Why should I think you can be mine and true –

10 Though you in swearing shake the throned gods –

Who have been false to Fulvia? Riotous madness,

To be entangled with those mouth-made vows

Which break themselves in swearing.

Nay, pray you, seek no colour for your going,

15 But bid farewell and go. When you sued staying,

Then was the time for words; no going then.

Eternity was in our lips and eyes,

Bliss in our brows' bent; none our parts so poor

But was a race of heaven. They are so still,

20 Or thou, the greatest soldier of the world,

Art turned the greatest liar.

I would I had thine inches. Thou should'st know

23 There were a heart in Egypt.

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