

15 Besides the things that we have heard and seen,
Yet now they fright me. There is one within,
CALPURNIA. Caesar, I never stood on ceremonies,²
The face of Caesar, they are vanished.
10 CAESAR. Caesar shall forth. The things that threatened me
Ner looked but on my back; when they shall see
You shall not stir out of your house today.
CALPURNIA. What mean you, Caesar? Think you to walk forth?
[Enter CALPURNIA.]

SERVANT. I will, my lord.
CAESAR. Go bid the priests do present¹ sacrifice,
And bring me their opinions of success.
SERVANT. My lord?
[Enter a SERVANT.]

CAESAR. Nor heaven nor earth have been at peace tonight:
Thrice hath Calpurnia in her sleep cried out,
"Help, ho! They murder Caesar!" Who's within?
[Thunder and lightning. Enter JULIUS CAESAR in his nightgown.]

Scene ii. Caesar's house.

BRUTUS. Follow me, then.
[Exit]
[Thunder]
That Brutus leads me on.
To do I know not what; but it sufficeth¹¹⁴
And with a heart new-fired I follow you.
CAIUS. Set on¹¹³ your foot.
To whom it must be done.
I shall unfold¹¹² to thee, as we are going
BRUTUS. That must we also. What it is, my Caius.
CAIUS. But are not some whole that we must make sick?

BRUTUS. A piece of work that will make sick men whole.
CAIUS. But are not some whole that we must make sick?
BRUTUS. A piece of work that will make sick men whole.
Yea, get the better of them. What's to do?
And I will strive with things impossible.
My mortified spirit,¹¹¹ Now bid me run,
Thou, like an exorcist,¹¹⁰ hast conjured up
Brave son, derived from honorable loins,¹⁰⁹
I here discard my sickness! Soul of Rome,
CAIUS. By all the gods that Romans bow before,
Had you a healthful ear to hear of it.
BRUTUS. Such an exploit have I in hand, Ligarius.
exploit (eks' ploit') n. act, especially a heroic achievement

109. derived from honor-
able loins descended from
Lucius Junius Brutus,
founder of Rome.
110. exorcist (ek' sôr sist) n.
one who calls up spirits.
111. mortified spirit para-
lyzed, as if dead, spirit.

112. unfold disclose.
113. Set on advance.
114. sufficeth (sa fis' eth) v.
is enough.

Literary Analysis
Blank Verse How can a
speaker make the word
Calpurnia work with the
iambic rhythm?

1. present immediate.

Reading Check
Why does Portia think
that Brutus should confide
in her?

What are
Caesar and
Calpurnia arguing
about?

Who is joining
the conspiracy?