

## **KING LEAR – KEY QUOTES**

### **SAID BY LEAR**

- ✘ “nothing will come of nothing”
- ✘ “which of thee doth love us most”.
- ✘ “I am a man more sinned against than sinning”
- ✘ ‘They told me I was everything: ‘tis a lie, I am not ague-proof’ – finds insight by suffering
- ✘ ‘who is that who can tell me who I am’
- ✘ ‘where are his eyes?’
- ✘ ‘how sharper than a serpent’s tooth it is to have a thankless child!’
- ✘ He calls himself a “poor, infirm, weak, and despis’d old man”
- ✘ “the art of our necessities is strange, And can make vile things precious” -> horrible things are precious when you have nothing.
- ✘ “Robes and furr’d gowns hide all”

### **SAID BY CORDELIA**

- ✘ I love you “according to my bond, no more, no less”
- ✘ “This Child-changed father” – could be changed by his children, or changed back into a child.

### **SAID BY THE FOOL**

- ✘ states Lear is now only ‘Lear’s shadow’

### **SAID BY KENT**

- ✘ “ay, every inch a king”
- ✘ He calls Lear “old man” as Regan calls Gloucester “old man”

### **SAID BY EDGAR:**

- ✘ "reason in madness"
  - ✘ “the gods are just” and they “make instruments to plague us” (they use our sins against us)
  - ✘ “the dark and vicious place where thee he got cost him his eyes”
  - ✘ “speak what we feel, not what we ought to say” (this is what caused the plays problems)
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- ✘ It’s a mad world when “madmen lead the blind”