

However, Macbeth only makes it happen again as he addresses the guests, telling them that he misses Banquo's presence at the dinner. ("Would he be here"). This causes the ghost to come back and make a reappearance.

Despite her excuses, Lady Macbeth realises that Macbeth is not coping well and tells the Lords to leave, ("go at once") and telling them to ignore the order they usually leave in. He tells Lady Macbeth that "blood will have blood" meaning that it can only get worse from here on. This is a sign of his depression.

He decides that he is going to return to the witches despite them being "the worst means". He also uses the image of a river of blood, with him almost sinking due to the deaths he has caused. ("I am in blood / stepp'd in so far that should I wade no more / returning were as tedious as go o'er").

Lady Macbeth normally would have comforted him or tried to soothe him but here she has no words for him, having used up everything she has with trying to protect him. ("You lack the season of all natures, sleep" - she is a shell of her former self).

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SCENE 5

Hecate is with the witches and is not happy at all about the events that have occurred. She plans on tricking him to his downfall. She knows that he is coming to see the three witches and hatches a plan to deliberately trick him.

"He shall spurn fate, scorn death and bear
His hopes 'bove wisdom, grace and fear.
And you all know, security
Is mortal's chiefest enemy"