

## Important Quotes from Shakespeare's *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*

"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears;  
I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him;  
The evil that men do lives after them,  
The good is oft interred with their bones,  
So let it be with Caesar" (Act III sc. 2).

"Cry, 'Havoc!' and let slip the dogs of war!" (Act III sc. 1).

"Et tu, Brute!" (Act III sc. 1).

"Beware the Ides of March!" (Act I sc. 2).

"You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things" (Act I sc. 1).

"Yond Cassius has a lean and hungry look; he thinks too much: such men are dangerous" (Act I sc. 2).

"Cowards die many times before their deaths;/ The valiant never taste of death but once.  
Of all the wonders that I yet have heard, it seems to me most strange that men should fear;  
Seeing that death, a necessary end, will come when it will come" (Act II sc. 2).

"For Brutus is an honourable man; So are they all, all honourable men" (Act III Sc. 2).

"This was the noblest Roman of them all" (Act V Sc. 5).

"Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more" (Act III sc 3).

"Men at some time are masters of their fates: The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves,  
that we are underlings" (Act I Scene 2).

"This was the most unkindest cut of all" (Act III sc. 2).

"Let's carve him as a dish fit for the gods, not hew him as a carcass fit for hounds" (Act II sc. 1).

"I am constant as the northern star" (Act III sc. 1).

"Why, man, he doth bestride the narrow world / Like a Colossus, and we petty men  
Walk under his huge legs and peep about" (Act 1 sc. 2).

"There is a tide in the affairs of men  
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.  
On such a full sea are we now afloat;  
And we must take the current when it serves,  
Or lose our ventures" (Act IV sc. 3).

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"When beggars die, there are no comets seen; the heavens themselves blaze forth the death of princes"  
(Act II sc. 2).

"Now let it work. Mischief, thou art afoot. Take thou what course thou wilt" (Act III sc. 2).

O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth, / That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!" (Act III sc. 1).

"Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more" (Act III sc. 2).

"Thou hast described a hot friend cooling" (Act IV sc. 2).

"A friend should bear a friend's infirmities..."(Act IV sc. 3).

"Stoop, Romans, stoop, / And let us bather our hands in Caesar's blood" (Act III sc. 1).

"If thou read this, O Caesar, thou mayest live; / If not, the Fates with traitors do contrive" (Act II sc. 3).

"I have made strong proof of my constancy, / Giving myself a voluntary wound / Here, in the thigh..."  
(Act III sc. 1).

"Guide thou the sword. Caesar, thou art reveng'd / Even with the sword that killed thee" (Act V sc. 3).

"Either there is a civil strife in heaven  
Or else the world, too saucy with the gods,  
Incenses them to send destruction" (Act I sc. 3).

"That lowliness is young ambition's ladder" (Act II sc. 1).