## Act 5 scene iii: hope and despair / 1

27-40: Edmund instructs the Captain to kill Lear and Cordelia.

83: Albany arrests Edmund on 'capital treason', and 'this gilded serpent'.

123: Edgar answers the Herald's trumpet, confronting the 'toad-spotted traitor.' He vanquishes Edmund in the duel.

183: Edgar tells the story of their father's death, whose heart 'burst smilingly.'

223: The Gentleman and the bloody knife: 'O, she's dead!' 228: But 'she' is actually Goneril. And Regan has been poisoned. Relief.



## Act 5 scene iii: hope and despair / 2

243: Edmund 'pants for life' and reveals his 'writ' is on the life of Lear and Cordelia. A Messenger runs out at 253 [cynical?]

259: Lear enters with Cordelia's body.

292: Kent: 'All's cheerless, dark and deadly.' He leaves on his 'journey'.

307: Lear's final words. 'Never' x5. His death.

[delusion/consolation?]

328: Edgar's final words: irrelevant/consolation?

