

# Henry V F F F

## Act IV, sc. 2 (line 156 - intercut)

**CRANMER**

*Most dread liege,  
The good I stand on is my truth and honesty:  
If they shall fail, I, with mine enemies,  
Will triumph o'er my person; which I weigh not,  
Being of those virtues vacant. I fear nothing  
What can be said against me.*

**KING HENRY VIII**

Know you not

How your state stands i' the world, with the whole world?

Your enemies are many, and not small; their practises

Must bear the same proportion; and not ever

The justice and the truth o' the question carries

The due o' the verdict with it: at what ease

Might corrupt minds procure knaves as corrupt

To swear against you? such things have been done.

You are potently opposed; and with a malice

Of as great size. Ween you of better luck,

I mean, in perjured witness, than your master,

Whose minister you are, whiles here he lived

Upon this naughty earth? Go to, go to;

You take a precipice for no leap of danger,

And woo your own destruction.

**CRANMER**

*God and your majesty  
Protect mine innocence, or I fall into  
The trap is laid for me!*

## **KING HENRY VIII**

Be of good cheer;

They shall no more prevail than we give way to.

Keep comfort to you; and this morning see

You do appear before them: if they shall chance,

In charging you with matters, to commit you,

The best persuasions to the contrary

Fail not to use, and with what vehemency

The occasion shall instruct you: if entreaties

Will render you no remedy, this ring

Deliver them, and your appeal to us

There make before them. Look, the good man weeps!

He's honest, on mine honour. God's blest mother!

I swear he is true--hearted; and a soul

None better in my kingdom. Get you gone,

And do as I have bid you.