

# King John

Act II, sc. 1 (line 182 - intercut)

## CONSTANCE

Thou monstrous injurer of heaven and earth!  
Call not me slanderer; thou and thine usurp  
The dominations, royalties and rights  
Of this oppressed boy: this is thy eld'st son's son,  
Infortunate in nothing but in thee:  
Thy sins are visited in this poor child;  
The canon of the law is laid on him,  
Being but the second generation  
Removed from thy sin-conceiving womb.

## ***KING JOHN***

*Bedlam, have done.*

## CONSTANCE

I have but this to say,  
That he is not only plagued for her sin,  
But God hath made her sin and her the plague  
On this removed issue, plague for her  
And with her plague; her sin his injury,  
Her injury the beadle to her sin,  
All punish'd in the person of this child,  
And all for her; a plague upon her!