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## PERSONAGES

JAMES THE FOURTH	. . .	<i>King of Scotland.</i>
EARL OF SURREY.	. . .	<i>Commander of the English Forces.</i>
SIR WILLIAM HERON . . .	. . .	<i>Lord of Ford Castle.</i>
SENESCHAL		
DONALD GREY . . . . .	. . .	<i>Captain of the Ford Troop.</i>
LADY HERON . . . . .	. . .	<i>Wife of Sir William Heron.</i>
MARGERV . . . . .	. . .	<i>An Orphan adopted by Lady Heron.</i>

SERVITORS, ATTENDANTS, ETC.

GENTLEMEN-AT-ARMS.

SCENE—Ford Castle.

TIME—9th September 1513.

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## PRELUDE

[Midnight. A broad parapet, outside the Royal Palace of Linlithgow, on to which JAMES emerges, while MUSIC is being played, and the sound of gay laughter is heard, within. At the open windows, the faces of LADIES at the King's Court appear and disappear.]

JAMES

Good night, fair ladies all ! Truce to your charms !  
Warm dreams, sound sleep ! But, as you know,  
in France

They say the silent recollected Night  
Brings counsel sage, and I have need of it.  
So let the music of your laughter and  
Soft-shading eyelids see you to your beds.

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