

With furbished arms and new supplies of men

Began a fresh assault.

Duncan: Dismayed not this our captains, Macbeth and Banquo?

Captain: Yes, as sparrows, eagles, or the hare, the lion. 35

If I say sooth, I must report they were

As cannons overcharged with double cracks, so they

Doubly redoubled strokes upon the foe.

Except they meant to bathe in reeking wounds,

Or memorise another Golgotha, 40

I cannot tell.

But I am faint, my gashes cry for help.

Glossary

Chaps: cheeks.

Furbished: freshly polished.

Galloglass: mercenary.

Golgotha: the place of Christ's crucifixion.

Kern: peasant.

Nave: navel.

Sooth: truth.

Spent: exhausted.

Valour: bravery.

Vantage: advantage.