*Side 1 – read *Banquo lines as a monologue*. Lines in parentheses are for reference only. In this scene, Banquo and Macbeth meet the Weird Sisters (the witches). They prophesy that Macbeth will become king. Banquo challenges them to speak to him.

Act I, Sc. iii. *A heath*. **MACBETH, BANQUO and the WITCHES.**

(MACBETH So foul and fair a Day I have not seen.)

BANQUO --What are these
So wither'd and so wild in their attire,
That look not like the inhabitants o' the Earth,
And yet are on't? Live you? or are you aught
That man may question? You seem to understand me,
By each at once her choppy finger laying
Upon her skinny Lips: you should be Women,
And yet your Beards forbid me to interpret
That you are so.

(MACBETH Speak, if you can: what are you?)

(1st Witch All hail, Macbeth! hail to thee, Thane of Glamis!)

(2nd Witch All hail, Macbeth, hail to thee, Thane of Cawdor!)

(3rd Witch All hail, Macbeth, thou shalt be King hereafter!)

BANQUO Good Sir, why do you start; and seem to fear
Things that do sound so fair? I' the name of Truth, Are ye fantastical, or that indeed
Which outwardly ye show? My Noble Partner
You greet with present grace and great prediction
Of Noble having and of Royal hope,
That he seems rapt withal: to me you speak not.
If you can look into the Seeds of Time,
And say which Grain will grow and which will not,
Speak then to me, who neither beg nor fear
Your favours nor your hate.
**Side 2 – Banquo monologue:**

Act III, Sc. i.  *Forres. The palace. Enter BANQUO alone.*

BANQUO  Thou hast it now: King, Cawdor, Glamis, all,
As the Weird Sisters promised; and, I fear,
Thou play'dst most foully for't: yet it was said
It should not stand in thy Posterity;
But that myself should be the Root and Father
Of many Kings. If there come Truth from them
(As upon thee, Macbeth, their Speeches shine),
Why, by the verities on thee made good,
May they not be my Oracles as well,
And set me up in hope? But hush! no more.