

THE TRAGEDY OF MACBETH: ACT IV

COPY MASTER

Literary Analysis

SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDY: FORESHADOWING

Shakespeare uses **foreshadowing** to keep the reader’s or audience’s interest. By inserting clues about what might happen later on, he heightens suspense, creates a mood, and keeps the audience engaged.

Directions: The apparitions that appear to Macbeth in Scene I of Act Four are listed in the first column of the chart. Tell what is foreshadowed by each one. Then answer the question that follows.

Apparition	Event Foreshadowed
1. Armed Head	
2. Bloody Child	
3. Child Crowned	
4. Eight Kings	

5. What mood does this foreshadowing create?