

QUEENS

From Scene 14. Henry Condemns Anne Boleyn.

ANNE BOLEYN Henry, my Lord, please hear me. You have chosen me, from a low estate, to be your Queen and companion. If then you found me worthy of such honour, good your Grace, let not any light fancy, or bad counsel of mine enemies, withdraw your Princely favour from me; neither let that stain, that unworthy stain of a disloyal heart towards your good Grace, ever cast so foul a blot on your most dutiful wife, and the infant Princess your daughter...

Henry, my husband, I fear you have already signed my death warrant in your heart. You have already determined of me, that not only my demise, but an infamous slander must bring you your desired happiness; I desire of God, that he will pardon your great sin therein, and he will not call you to a strict account for your unprincely and cruel usage of me at our time of judgment. I doubt not, whatsoever the world may think of me, mine innocence shall be openly known, and my name sufficiently cleared. My last and only request shall be, that myself may only bear the burden of your Grace's displeasure, and that it may not touch the innocent souls of those poor gentlemen, who are likewise in imprisonment for my sake. *(a beat)* Henry... My love, if ever I have found favour in your sight; if ever the name of Anne Boleyn hath been pleasing to your ears, be kind to our daughter, our baby girl Elizabeth.

Let her into your heart. Protect her from those who seek to do her wrong. Remember me Henry, I am your most loyal and ever faithful wife. I am your Anne.