**Scene extract:**

**SCENE 8. A park near the palace/Split – Macduff’s castle.**

**LX 21 (STATE 4) SPLIT STAGE WARM STAGE RIGHT, COLD STAGE LEFT**

*Enter three Murderers: Music GUITAR throughout – As tears go by – Hecate and Lady Macbeth*

FIRST MURDERER

But who did bid thee join with us?

THIRD MURDERER

Macbeth.

SECOND MURDERER

Then stand with us.

Near approaches the subject of our watch.

THIRD MURDERER

Hark! I hear horses.

BANQUO

[Within] Give us a light there, ho!

SECOND MURDERER

A light, a light!

**LX 22 (STATE 5) ALTERNATE THE SPLIT. COLD STAGE RIGHT, WARM STAGE LEFT**

*Crosscut – Macduff’s castle: LADY MACDUFF with her SON and ROSS*

LADY MACDUFF

What had he done, to make him fly the land?

His flight was madness: when our actions do not,

Our fears do make us traitors.

ROSS

You know not

Whether it was his wisdom or his fear.

LADY MACDUFF

Wisdom! to leave his wife, to leave his babes,

His mansion and his titles in a place

From whence himself does fly? He loves us not;

ROSS

My dearest coz,

I pray you, school yourself: I take my leave of you:

Shall not be long but I'll be here again:

Things at the worst will cease, or else climb upward

To what they were before. My pretty cousin,

Blessing upon you!

LADY MACDUFF

Father'd he is, and yet he's fatherless.

ROSS

I am so much a fool, should I stay longer,

It would be my disgrace and your discomfort:

I take my leave at once. *Exit*

Enter a Messenger

MESSENGER

Bless you, fair dame!

I doubt some danger does approach you nearly:

If you will take a homely man's advice,

Be not found here; hence, with your little ones.

Heaven preserve you!

I dare abide no longer. *Exit*

*Crosscut back to murderers;*

**LX23 (STATE 4) WARM STAGE RIGHT, COLD STAGE LEFT**

*Enter BANQUO, and FLEANCE with a torch*

THIRD MURDERER

'Tis he.

FIRST MURDERER

Stand to't.

BANQUO

It will be rain to-night.

FIRST MURDERER

Let it come down.

*Cross cut to Macduff’s castle*

**LX 24 (STATE 5) COLD STAGE RIGHT, WARM STAGE LEFT**

LADY MACDUFF

Whither should I fly?

I have done no harm.

*Enter Murderers (not the same two as attack Banquo)*

What are these faces?

THIRD MURDERER

Where is your husband?

LADY MACDUFF

I hope, in no place so unsanctified

Where such as thou mayst find him.

FOURTH MURDERER

He's a traitor.

SON

Thou liest, thou shag-hair'd villain!

FOURTH MURDERER

What, you egg!

**LX 25 (STATE 10) DOWN STAGE COLD, UPSTAGE WARM**

*Scenes conjoin, the murders happen together over Lady Macbeth and Hecate singing ‘As Tears go by’. Murderers 1 and 2 set upon BANQUO, 3 and 4 attack the Macduffs. Dialogue is simultaneous.*

BANQUO

O, treachery! Fly, good Fleance, fly, fly, fly!

Thou mayst revenge. O slave!

*Dies.*

FOURTH MURDERER

Young fry of treachery! *Stabbing him*

SON

He has kill'd me, mother:

Run away, I pray you!

*dies*

*Murderers, kill LADY MACDUFF*

FLEANCE *escapes [Song finishes]*

*Exeunt*