

**SIDE #4 – FERDINAND AND ANTONIO COMBO – PRINCE FERDINAND CONFESSES HIS LOVE; THE POWER HUNGRY AND CYNICAL ANTONIO URGES SEBASTIAN, THE KING'S BROTHER, TO JOIN HIM IN A PLOT TO MURDER THE KING AND OLD GONZOLO WHILE THEY SLEEP)**

**FERDINAND**

Admired Miranda! For several virtues  
Have I liked several women, never any  
With so full soul but some defect in her  
Did quarrel with the noblest grace she owed,  
And put it to the foil. But you, O you,  
So perfect and so peerless, are created  
Of every creature's best. I am in my condition  
A prince, Miranda; I do think a king—Yet  
Hear my soul speak:  
The very instant that I saw you did  
My heart fly to your service, there resides  
To make me slave to it. (*Astounded, Miranda asks him: "Dost thou love me?"*)  
O heaven, O Earth, bear witness to this sound,  
And crown what I profess with kind event  
If I speak true -  
I, beyond all limit of what else i' th' world,  
Do love, prize, honor you.

**ANTONIO** (*Gazing at the sleepers*) They fell together all, as by consent.

They dropped as by a thunderstroke.  
Th' occasion speaks thee, and  
My strong imagination sees a crown  
Dropping upon thy head.  
O, that you bore  
The mind that I do, what a sleep were this  
For your advancement! Do you understand me?  
Here lies your brother,  
No better than the earth he lies upon.  
If he were that which now he's like—that's dead—  
Whom I with this obedient steel, three inches of it,  
Can lay to bed forever; whiles you, doing thus,  
To the perpetual wink for aye might put  
This ancient morsel, this Sir Prudence, who  
Should not upbraid our course. For all the rest,  
They'll take suggestion as a cat laps milk.  
They'll tell the clock to any business that  
We say befits the hour. Draw together,  
And when I rear my hand, do you the like  
To fall it on Gonzalo. (*Draws his sword to kill the sleeping king.*)