

# King Lear by William Shakespeare

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### Oswald VS Edgar

#### OSWALD

A proclaim'd prize! Most happy!  
That eyeless head of thine was first framed flesh  
To raise my fortunes. Thou old unhappy traitor,  
Briefly thyself remember: the sword is out  
That must destroy thee.

#### GLOUCESTER

Now let thy friendly hand  
Put strength enough to't.

*EDGAR interposes*

#### OSWALD

Wherefore, bold peasant,  
Darest thou support a publish'd traitor? Hence;  
Lest that the infection of his fortune take  
Like hold on thee. Let go his arm.

#### EDGAR

Ch'ill not let go, zir, without vurther 'casion.

#### OSWALD

Let go, slave, or thou diest!

#### EDGAR

Good gentleman, go your gait, and let poor volk  
pass. An chud ha' bin zwaggered out of my life,  
'twould not ha' bin zo long as 'tis by a vortnight.  
Nay, come not near th' old man; keep out, che vor  
ye, or ise try whether your costard or my ballow be  
the harder: ch'ill be plain with you.

#### OSWALD

Out, dunghill!

#### EDGAR

Ch'ill pick your teeth, zir: come; no matter vor  
your foins.

*They fight, and EDGAR knocks him down*

**OSWALD**

Slave, thou hast slain me: villain, take my purse:  
If ever thou wilt thrive, bury my body;  
And give the letters which thou find'st about me  
To Edmund earl of Gloucester; seek him out  
Upon the British party: O, untimely death!

*Dies*

**EDGAR**

I know thee well: a serviceable villain;  
As duteous to the vices of thy mistress  
As badness would desire.