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My name is Banquo. I was a general in King Duncan's army. The other general was Macbeth.

We fought together against a rebel army. We were helped by troops from Norway. We did well and Duncan was pleased.

On the way back from the battle Macbeth and I met three strange women. They told Macbeth that he would become Thane of Cawdor and King. I asked what would happen to me; they told me in riddles

*"Lesser than Macbeth and greater! Not so happy but much happier
Thou shalt get kings, though not be none."*

I tried not to take much notice but it was a shock. I was amazed when Macbeth became Thane of Cawdor.

Dark thoughts came to me at night. I prayed for help against them.

My son's name is Fleance. He and I travelled together when we could. We travelled with Duncan to Macbeth's castle at the time of his death. He was found murdered in his bed. It seemed he had been killed by his servants. It was a tragedy. I put myself in the hands of God. Later, Macbeth did become King. He invited myself and my son to a banquet. On our way to the banquet we were jumped on by three men. I just had time to tell Fleance to run for his life. As I died I realised Macbeth had been responsible.

I did go to the banquet, but only Macbeth could see my ghost. From beyond the grave I will reach him to shown him the error of his ways.

I also saw him again upon the heath. The three sisters made me come back from the grave to show him the eight kings that came of my line.

He should not have listened to those women.

*"These ministers of darkness tell us truths in little things. To betray us
into deeds of greatest consequence."*



Banquo Questions

1. Where was Macbeth killed and by whom?
2. What happened to Lady Macbeth after your death?
3. What did Lady Macduff see happen to her son?
4. What did the soldiers disguise themselves with when they marched on Dunsinane Castle?
5. What happened to the first Thane of Cawdor and why?
6. *"Double, double _____ and _____
Fire _____ and _____!"*
said by?