



Henry V.

Shaw, Byam. "Amen" in *King Henry V*, a set of seven original drawings. [ca. 1900]. Folger ART Box S534 no.11 part 6 (size S)

Byam Shaw created these designs to decorate the openings of acts for the Chiswick Shakespeare (1900). The lavish patterns on the robes of Henry V and Princess Katherine of France emphasize their royal status and gendered expectations: the brocade behind the couple features fleur-de-lis, the symbol of France. Henry wears the symbol of the Order of the Garter, while Katherine's dress features stylized flowers, suggesting a feminine parallel to the Order of the Garter's chivalric code. The quote is derived from the reply to the Queen of France's final injunction: "That English may as French, French Englishmen, Receive each other, God Speak this Amen!" (5.2.379-380).

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