

## SIDE 4 – QUEEN ANN & CONSTANCE

Queen Ann: I fear I may be too late, Constance. The King grows ever more doubtful of my loyalty, yet Lord Buckingham is just a dear friend. How easy it is to subvert honesty to dishonesty. Cardinal Richelieu sniffs at our throne as I speak. I will not let that evil man rule my country or sniff my throne again.

***As Constance reels off the list of ways to be tortured, they should both react to each one.***

Constance: There must be someone brave enough who will rush to England, but then face treason, torture by starvation, the rack, the Iron Maiden, the Judas Cradle, Pear of Anguish, Iron chair, Head Crusher, knee splitter, Brazen Bull, Lead Sprinkler, tongue tearer, thumb screw, crocodile shears, Spanish donkey, the guillotine, the really ouchy ouchy ouchy thing and possible death by lack of breathing, who will try and return the pearls for you your highness?

Queen Ann: Whom can I trust? The Cardinal's men are everywhere. Nothing gets past them or him. There are spies on every corner, every street and the port is crawling with pirates and scallywags. Milady De Winter is not to be trusted at any cost. What am I to do, Constance? What am I to do?

Constance: Leave it to me, Your Highness. I will get a message to Lord Buckingham asking him to return your gift, if it is the last thing I do.

Queen Ann: Brave words, my sweet Constance. May you be successful for all of our sakes? ***(Exit Queen)***.

Constance: Brave words from me indeed. Where on earth will I find such a person who would dare to undertake this venture? Oh hello, boys and girls. ***(Hello)*** I know we've only just met, but I don't have time for pleasantries. Would any of you out there be brave enough to help? ***(Hopefully someone will say me)***. Really? Oh I can't send you; I'd be in trouble with child labor department, but thank you, young man. I see a valiant knight in you one day. Anyone else?