

# BASSIANUS

**Bassianus.** My lord, what I have done, as best I may, 460  
Answer I must and shall do with my life.  
Only thus much I give your grace to know:  
By all the duties that I owe to Rome,  
This noble gentleman, Lord Titus here,  
Is in opinion and in honour wrong'd; 465  
That in the rescue of Lavinia  
With his own hand did slay his youngest son,  
In zeal to you and highly moved to wrath  
To be controll'd in that he frankly gave:  
Receive him, then, to favor, Saturnine, 470  
That hath express'd himself in all his deeds  
A father and a friend to thee and Rome.