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Julius Caesar: Shakespeare in your words!

Paraphrase and explain the following passages from Act I.

Quotation	What it says in your words	Context
Flavius: "Go, go, good countrymen, and for this fault/Assemble all the poor men of your sort,/ Draw them to Tiber banks, and weep your tears/Into the channel, till the lowest stream/Do kiss the most exalted shores of all" (1.1.61-65).		
Flavius: "These growing feathers plucked from Caesar's wing/ Will make him fly and ordinary pitch,/ Who else would soar above the view of men/ And keep us all in servile fearfulness" (1.1.77-80).		
Cassius: "I cannot tell what you and other men/ Think of this life; but, for my single self,/ I had as lief not be as live to be/ In awe of such a thing as I myself" (1.2.100-103).		
Caesar: "He loves no plays,/ As thou does, Antony; he hears no music;/ Seldom he smiles, and smiles in such a sort/ As if he mocked himself and scorned his spirit/ That could be moved to smile at anything./ Such men as he be never at heart's ease/ Whiles		

<p>they behold a greater than themselves,/ And therefore are they very dangerous. (1.2.213-220).</p>		
<p>Cassius: “Well, Brutus, thou art noble. Yet I see/ Thy honorable mettle may be wrought/ From that it is disposed. Therefore it is meet/ That noble minds keep ever with their likes;/ For who so firm that cannot be seduced? (1.2.320-324).</p>		
<p>Casca: “But never till tonight, never till now,/ Did I go through a tempest dropping fire./ Either there is a civil strife in heaven,/ Or else the world, too saucy with the gods,/ Incenses them to send destruction” (1.3.9-13).</p>		