

*Behind Closed Curtains,
Before the Play Begins—
the Truth*

Bryce Heckman

“And if the body were suspended just before light
Then the reactions would be even better!
We expect—and will see—from this room great fright
On the looks of the guests that arrive here tonight.”

“Yes, that is all well, but if in their sight
We are still positioning the munchkin next to forged letter
And they spy us not only plotting, but cheering in delight?
What then shall they do to us in here tonight?”

“Probably what we did to the munchkin, yet double the height.
For revenge is sweeter once enacted on debtor
For such a crime as that which we, feeling all but contrite,
Committed. It will be a blast—what happ’ns here tonight.”

