The Crucible

Act IV

Act IV begins in prison where Sarah Good and Tituba wait to be hanged. They have gone insane and believe that Satan will take them both to

There are rumors of an uprising in a nearby town due to similar witch trials.
The townspeople are afraid of a similar riot in Salem.

Hale and Parris are now terrified. They go to visit the innocent people the jail and beg them to make false confessions in order to save their

 Hale believes that the blood of the people who are being hanged is on his hand asks Elizabeth, who is now pregnant, to tell John to confess to save his life but Elizabeth will not.

While Elizabeth is talking to John, she tells him that she has forgiver him of his affair and tells him that he can do as he will.

John Proctor confesses that he is a witch, but will not say the others



Proctor hesitates to sign the confession, saying that it is enough that the men have witnessed him admitting his alleged crimes.

Under pressure, he signs his name but snatches the sheet from Danforth.

Danforth demands the confession as proof to the village of Proctor's witchcraft.

Proctor refuses to allow him to hail the paper with his name on the church door and, after arguing with the magistrates, tears the confession in two and renounces it.



Danforth calls for the marshal. Herrick leads the seven condemned prisoners, including Proctor, to the gallows.

Hale and Parris plead with Elizabeth to remonstrate with Proctor, but she refuses to sway him from doing what he believes Hale pleads that Elizabeth ask \bullet Proctor to confess, but she says He has his goodness no forbid I take it from him!"

