

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE
He hath disgraced me

Playing Age: 45+
Drama

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He hath disgraced me, and hindered
me half a million, laughed at my
losses, mocked at my gains, scorned
my nation, thwarted my bargains,
cooled my friends, heated mine
enemies; and what's his reason? I
am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath
not a Jew hands, organs,
dimensions, senses, affections,
passions? Fed with the same food,
hurt with the same weapons, subject
to the same means, warmed and
cooled by the same winter and
summer, as a Christian is? If you
prick us, do we not bleed? If you
tickle us, do we not laugh? If you
poison us, do we not die? And if
you wrong us, shall we not revenge?
If we are like you in the rest, we
will resemble you in that. If a Jew
wrong a Christian, what is his
humility? Revenge. If a Christian
wrong a Jew, what should his
sufferance be by Christian example?
Why, revenge. The villainy you
teach me I will execute, and it
shall go hard but I will better the
instruction.