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EXPLANATION

Q. “What hands are here? ha! they pluck out mine eyes!

With all great Neptune’s ocean wash this blood

Clean from my hand? No; this my hand will rather

The multitudinous seas incarnadine,

Making the green one red.”

ANS. These lines have been taken from

“Macbeth” ,one of the greatest tragedies of the world written by Shakespeare.These lines appear in Act II,Scene II of the play.

These lines are the utterances of Macbeth after murdering Duncan .He is left alone and broods

over his act. He looks with horror at his blood stained hands and wonders whose hands are these. He realizes that they are indeed his hands and feels that the entire water of the ocean of Neptune cannot wash the blood from his hands. He fears that if he tries to wash his hands in the sea despite its innumerable waves and immense water the sea would change its colour from green to red due to the blood.

In these lines we get a deep study into the complex functioning of Macbeth's mind full of the sense of guilt of the murder.
