

Play: Tamburlaine part 1

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I.o	↘	Prologue Prologue	↗	PRO. We'll lead you to the stately tent of war... (3)	Exit outwards to accommodate first entrance.
I.i	↘	Mycetes Cosroe Meander Theridamas Ortygius Ceneus Menaphon Others Theridamas	↗	MYC. But I refer me to my noblemen. (21)  MYC. Go, stout Theridamas... And with thy looks thou conquerest all thy foes.(74-5) MYC. Meander, come... (106)	Court scene  King and train return inwards.
	↖	Mycetes Meander Ortygius Ceneus Others Ortygius Ceneus Others Cosroe Ortygius Menaphon Ceneus Others	↙	MEN. Behold, my lord, Ortygius and the rest Bringing the crown to make you emperor! (134-5)	From outwards, opposite to previous exit.
			↗	COS. Whither we presently will fly, my lords, To rest secure against my brother's force. (177-8)	Fleeing the court.
I.ii	↘	Tamburlaine Zenocrate Magnetes Agydas Techelles Usumcasane Lords Soldiers Soldier	↙	TAM. Come, lady, let not this appall your thoughts; The jewels and the treasure we have ta'en Shall be reserv'd, and you in better state Than if you were arriv'd in Syria. (1-4)  SOL. News, news!....A thousand Persian horsemen are at hand, Sent from the king to overcome us all. (109, 111-2)	Tamburlaine's court in Scythia (line 17).
		Soldiers	↙	TAM. Stay, Techelles, ask a parley first. (137)	
		Theridamas Others	↙	TEC. I hear them come. Shall we encounter them? (149)	From outwards.
	↖	Tamburlaine Zenocrate Magnetes Agydas Techelles Usumcasane Lords Soldiers Theridamas		THER. Won with thy words and conquered with thy looks, I yield myself, my men and horse to thee.. TAM,. And now, fair madam and my noble lords, If you will willingly remain with me, You shall have honors as your merits be.(228-9, 253-5)	They retire inwards to Tamburlaine's camp.

	Others			
II.i	<p>↙</p> <p>↖</p> <p>Cosroe Menaphon Ortygius Ceneus Soldiers</p> <p>Cosroe Menaphon Ortygius Ceneus Soldiers</p>	<p>↙</p> <p>↙</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>COS. Thus far are we towards Theridamas, And valiant Tamburlaine. (1-2)</p> <p>COS. To seek revenge on me and Tamburlaine; To whom, sweet Menaphon, direct me straight. (67-8)</p>	<p>On their way to join Tamburlaine</p> <p>Exit inwards towards Tamburlaine</p>
II.ii	<p>↙</p> <p>↙</p> <p>↗</p> <p>Mycetes Meander Lords Soldiers Spy</p> <p>Mycetes Meander Lords Soldiers Spy</p>	<p>↙</p> <p>↙</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>MYC. Come, my Meander, let us to this gear...I will have Cosroe by the head And kill proud Tamburlaine. (1, 11-12)</p> <p>SPY. An hundred horsemen of my company, Scouting abroad upon these champion plains, have view'd the army of the Scythians. (39-41)</p> <p>MEAN. Strike up the drum and march courageously. (72)</p>	<p>Entering in pursuit of Cosroe etc.</p> <p>From outwards.</p> <p>Exit out to do battle on the plains</p>
II.iii	<p>↙</p> <p>↙</p> <p>↗</p> <p>↙</p> <p>↗</p> <p>↗</p> <p>Cosroe Tamburlaine Theridamas Techelles Usumcasane Ortygius Others Messenger</p> <p>Tamburlaine Techelles Usumcasane</p> <p>Theridamas Cosroe Ortygius Others Messenger</p>	<p>↙</p> <p>↗</p> <p>↙</p> <p>↗</p> <p>↗</p>	<p>COS. Now, worthy Tamburlaine, have I repos'd In thy approved fortunes all my hope. (1-2)</p> <p>MESS. My lord, we have discovered the enemy Ready to charge you with a might army. (49-50)</p> <p>COS. Go, valiant soldier, go before and charge The fainting army of that foolish king.</p> <p>TAM. Usumcasane and Techelles, come. We are enough to scare the enemy. (61-4)</p> <p><i>To the battle,...</i></p>	<p>Tamburlaine's camp.</p> <p>They exit towards the battle in stages.</p>
II.iv	<p>↙</p> <p>↙</p> <p>↗</p> <p>↗</p> <p>Mycetes</p> <p>Tamburlaine</p> <p>Tamburlaine</p> <p>Mycetes</p>	<p>↙</p> <p>↙</p> <p>↗</p> <p>↗</p>	<p><i>...and Mycetes comes out alone with his crown in his hand...</i></p> <p>TAM. What, fearful coward, straggling from the camp When kings themselves are present in the field? (16-17)</p> <p>TAM. Well, I mean you shall have it again. Here, take it for a while; I lend it thee Till I may see thee hemm'd with armed men. (35-8)</p> <p>MYC. O gods, is this Tamburlaine the thief? I marvel much he stole it not away. (40-1)</p> <p><i>Sound trumpets to the battle, and he runs in.</i></p>	<p>Inwards is now Mycetes camp, he comes 'straggling from the camp' ... ...and is met by Tamburlaine from the field.</p> <p>Refusing to take the crown, he returns to the field.</p> <p>And Mycetes follows him.</p>
II.v	<p>↙</p> <p>Cosroe Tamburlaine</p>	<p>↙</p>	<p>TAM. Hold thee, Cosroe; wear two imperial crowns. (1)</p>	<p>MINIMAL congestion, also offstage sound effect. The battle</p>

	<p>Theridamas Menaphon Meander Ortygius Techelles Usumcasane Others</p> <p>↖ Ortygius Cosroe Menaphon Meander Others</p> <p>↖ Techelles Theridamas Tamburlaine Usumcasane</p>	<p>COS. And now, Lord Tamburlaine, my brother's camp I leave to thee and to Theridamas, To follow me to fair Persepolis...And till thou overtake me, Tamburlaine...Farewell. (38-40, 43, 45)</p>	<p>over, they now return from the field.</p> <p>Cosroe exits away from the battlefield, towards Persepolis</p> <p>They too exit back towards the camp and beyond, to encounter Cosroe again.</p>
II.vi	<p>Cosroe ↙ Meander Ortygius Menaphon Soldiers</p> <p>↗ Cosroe Meander Ortygius Menaphon Soldiers</p>	<p>COS. Resolve, my lords and loving soldiers, now To save your king and country from decay. Then strike up, drum. (34-6) <i>Enter to the battle;...</i></p>	<p>Cosroe etc. have done a backstage cross to establish time-lapse and new location.</p> <p>They go out to the field.</p>
II.vii	<p>Cosroe ↙ Theridamas Tamburlaine Techelles Usumcasane Others</p> <p>↖ Cosroe Theridamas Tamburlaine Techelles Usumcasane Others</p>	<p><i>...and after the battle enter Cosroe wounded.....</i></p>	<p>MARKED congestion, minimised by offstage sound effects of battle. Returning after the battle.</p> <p>They leave the field.</p>
III.i	<p>Bajazeth ↙ King of Fez K. Morocco K. Argier Basso Others</p> <p>Basso ↗</p> <p>Bajazeth ↗ King of Fez K. Morocco K. Argier Others</p>	<p>BAJ. Great kings of Barbary and my portly bassoes, We hear the Tartars and the eastern thieves...Presume a bickering with your emperor, And thinks to rouse us from our dreadful siege Of the famous Grecian Constantinople. (1,2 4-6)</p> <p>BAJ. Hie thee, my basso, fast to Persia. (21)</p> <p>BAJ. I will the captive pioners of Argier Cut off the water that by leaden pipes Runs to the city from the mountain Carnon...Then shall our footmen lie within the trench And with their cannons mouth'd like Orcus' gulf Batter the walls, and we will enter in. (58-60, 64-6)</p>	<p>From outwards: they are besieging Constantinople.</p>
III.ii	<p>↘ Agydas Zenocrate Anippe Others</p> <p>↘ Tamburlaine Techelles Others</p>	<p>AGY. Madam Zenocrate, may I presume To know the cause of these unquiet fits. (1-2)</p> <p>AGY. Ah, fair Zenocrate, let not a man so vile and barbarous, that holds you from your father in despite ...be</p>	<p>Domestic/ court scene.</p> <p>Tamburlaine overhears Agydas' words.</p>

	<p>↖ Zenocrate Anippe Tamburlaine Techelles Others</p> <p>↘ Techelles [Usumcasane]</p> <p>Techelles ↗ [Usumcasane] Agydas</p>	<p>honored with your love but for necessity (25-27, 30). <i>Tamburlaine goes to her and takes her away lovingly by the hand, looking wrathfully on Agydas, and says nothing.</i></p> <p><i>Enter Techelles with a naked dagger.</i> TECH. See you, Agydas, how the king salutes you. (88) USUM. Since he was so wise and honorable, Let us afford him now the bearing hence And crave his triple-worthy burial. (110-112)</p>	
III.iii	<p>↘ Tamburlaine Theridamas Basso Zenocrate Anippe Others</p> <p>Techelles ↙ Usumcasane ↙ Bajazeth ↙ Bassoos K. Fez K. Morocco K. Argier Zabina Ebea Tamburlaine ↗ Techelles ↗ Usumcasane Theridamas Basso Others Bajazeth ↗ Bassoos ↗ K. Fez K. Morocco K. Argier Bajazeth ↙ Tamburlaine ↙</p> <p>Techelles ↙ Theridamas ↙ Usumcasane ↙</p> <p>↖ Tamburlaine Bajazeth Zabina Theridamas Zenocrate Techelles Usumcasane</p>	<p>TAM. Basso, by this thy lord and master knows I mean to meet him in Bithynia. See how he comes ! ...He meet me in the field and fetch thee hence! Alas, poor Turk, his fortune is too weak. (1-3, 5-6)</p> <p>BAJ. Bassoos and janissaries of my guard, Attend upon the person of your lord, The greatest potentate of Africa. TAM. Techelles and the rest, prepare your swords. I mean t'encounter with that Bajazeth. (61-5)</p> <p>TAM. But come, my lords, to weapons let us fall; The field is ours, the Turk, his wife, and all. (162-3)</p> <p>BAJ. Come, kings and bassoos, let us glut our swords, That thirst to drink the feeble Persians' blood. (164-5)</p> <p><i>They sound the battle within and stay. (189)</i> <i>Bajazeth flies, and he pursues him. The battle short, and they enter. Bajazeth is overcome 212).</i></p> <p>TAM. Where are your stout contributory kings? TECH. We have their crowns; their bodies strow the field. (214-5) TAM. Come, bind them both, and one lead in the Turk; The Turkess let my love's maid lead away...Come, bring them in, and for this happy conquest Triumph and solemnize a martial feast. (266-7, 272-3)</p>	<p>Basso has arrived at Tamburlaine's headquarters.</p> <p>Bajazeth now arrives with his army and challenges Tamburlaine.</p> <p>Exit to the field.</p> <p>Ditto.</p> <p>Battle extrudes onstage.</p> <p>Return from the field.</p> <p>They exit inwards to celebrate.</p>
IV. i	<p>↙ Sol. Egypt Lords Capolin Messenger</p>	<p>SOL. Awake, ye men of Memphis! Hear the clang of Scythian trumpets!...While you faint-hearted base Egyptians Lie slumbering on the flow'ry banks of Nile. (1-2, 8-9)</p>	<p>There now seems to be a switch from spatial triangulation to binary opposition between the two forces, with both this entrance and exit from stage left door.</p>

		Sol. Egypt Lords Capolin Messenger	↗	SOL. See, Capolin, the fair Arabian king...May have fresh warning to go war with us. (68, 71)	
IV.ii	↘	Tamburlaine Techelles Theridamas Usumcasane Zenocrate Anippe Two Moors Bajazeth Zabina		<i>Tamburlaine, Techelles, Theridamas, Usumcasane, Zenocrate, Anippe, two Moors drawing Bajazeth in his cage, and his wife following him.</i> TAM. Bring out my footstool. (1)	Tamburlaine's forces are stage right, in contrast to the Soldan's.
	↗	Tamburlaine Techelles Theridamas Usumcasane Zenocrate Anippe Two Moors Bajazeth Zabina		TAM. Come, bring in the Turk. (126)	
IV. iii		Soldan Arabia Capolin Soldiers	↙	SOL. Join your Arabians with the Soldan's power; let us unite our royal bands in one And hasten to remove Damascus' siege. (16-18)	Soldan etc. now marching towards Damascus. Outwards loop scene.
		Soldan Arabia Capolin Soldiers	↗	SOL. Then rear your standards, let your sounding drums Direct our soldiers to Damascus' walls. (61-2)	Outwards loop scene.
IV.iv	↘	Banquet Tamburlaine Theridamus Techelles Usumcasane Bajazeth Zenocrate Zabina Others		<i>The Banquet, and to it cometh Tamburlaine all in scarlet... with others.</i> TAM. Now hang our bloody colors by Damascus. (1)	Meanwhile, back at Damascus, Tamburlaine is feasting.
	↗	Attendants Tamburlaine Theridamus Techelles Usumcasane Bajazeth Zenocrate Zabina Others		<i>Enter a second course of crowns.</i> TAM. Zenocrate, I will not crown thee yet, Until with greater honors I be grac'd. (137-8)	End of banquet scene seems to require exit inwards.
V.i	↘	Damasco Citizens Virgins		<i>The Governor of Damasco, with three or four citizens, and four virgins, with branches of laurel in their hands.</i> GOV. Still doth this man, or rather god of war, Batter our walls and beat our turrets down...We see his tents have now been altered With terrors to the last and cruell'st hue. (1-2, 7-8)	MARKED congestion. However banquet needs to be struck so congestion inevitable in any case. Location now within the city, and time lapse indicated by reference to Tamburlaine's change of costume from red to black.
	↗	Damasco Citizens		2. VIRG. Leave us, my lord, and loving countrymen. What simple virgins may persuade, we will. GOV. Farewell, sweet virgins, on whose safe return Depends our city, liberty, and lives. (60-3)	They now return inwards, leaving the virgins in no-man's land.
		Tamburlaine	↙	<i>Tamburlaine...with others; Tamburlaine</i>	Time lapse marked by backstage

	Techelles Theridamus Usumcasane Others		<i>all in black and very melancholy.</i> TAM. What, are the turtles fray'd out of their nests? (64)	cross and change of costume.
	Techelles Others Virgins Techelles	↗  ↙	TAM. Away with them, I say, and show them Death. (120)  TECH. What, have your horsemen shown the virgins Death? TECH. They have, my lord, and on Damascus' walls Have hoisted up their slaughtered carcasses. (129-31)	Out to execution.
↗	Techelles Theridamas Usumcasane		TAM. But go, my lords, put the rest to the sword. (134)	They exit to take the city and slaughter the inhabitants.
↙	Attendants		TAM. Who's within there? <i>Enter two or three.</i> Has Bajazeth been fed today?...Bring him forth; and let us know if the town be ransack'd. (191-4)	Inwards now leads to Tamburlaine's tent and the town.
↗ ↙	Attendants Techelles Theridamus Usumcasane Others		TECH. The town is ours, my lord, and fresh supply Of conquest and of spoil is offered us. (195-6)	Return from inwards to report upon the state of the town.
↙	Attendants Bajazeth Zabina		<i>They bring in the Turk.</i>	They bring Bajazeth out from within the tent.
	Tamburlaine Techelles Theridamus Usumcasane Zabina	↗	TAM. Here let him stay, my masters, from the tents, Till we have made us ready for the field. Pray for us, Bajazeth; we are going. (210-12)	They exit outwards to do battle, leaving Bajazeth and Zabina behind.
↗	Zabina		BAJ. O my queen, my queen, Fetch me some water for my burning breast. (274-5)	Exits inwards to fetch water.
↙	Zabina		ZAB. What do mine eyes behold? My husband dead! (304)	Returns to find Bajazeth dead.
↙	Zenocrate Anippe Philemus		ZEN. Behold the Turk and his great emperess! (354) <i>Enter a Messenger.</i> ZEN. What other heavy news now brings Philemus? (377)	Enter from inwards, discovering the bodies of Bajazeth and Zabina. Enters from outwards with news of the battle.
	Arabia	↙	<i>They sound to the battle. And Tamburlaine enjoys the victory. After, Arabia enters, wounded.</i>	From the battlefield (outwards).
	Tamburlaine Soldan Techelles Theridamus Usumcasane Others	↙	<i>Enter Tamburlaine leading the Soldan, Techelles, Theridamus, Usumcasane, with others.</i>	Ditto.
↗	Tamburlaine Soldan Techelles Theridamus Usumcasane Zenocrate Others			Victorious, and after the crowning of Zenocrate Queen of Persia, they exit inwards to bury Bajazeth and Zabina and solemnize the marriage.
	backstage cross			