

## **Polonius' Advice to Laertes, Divided into Pieces of Advice**

*Hamlet I, iii, 59-80*

### **Lines 59-60**

Give thy thoughts no tongue,  
Nor any unproportioned thought his act.

### **Line 61**

Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar.

### **Lines 62-65**

Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,  
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel;  
But do not dull thy palm with entertainment  
Of each new-hatch'd, unfledged comrade.

### **Lines 65-69**

Beware

Of entrance to a quarrel, but being in,  
Bear't that the opposed may beware of thee.  
Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice;  
Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.

### **Lines 70-74**

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy,  
But not express'd in fancy; rich, not gaudy;  
For the apparel oft proclaims the man,  
And they in France of the best rank and station  
Are of a most select and generous chief in that.

### **Lines 75-77**

Neither a borrower nor a lender be;  
For loan oft loses both itself and friend,  
And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.

### **Lines 78-80**

This above all: to thine ownself be true,  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man.