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.