

Student Examples of Epitaphs

Hamlet by Jessica Borgonzi

Here rest a great prince
Taken away in an untimely death,
All will miss him and mourn his passing.

A noble spirit and a sincere man,
Troublesome near his final days.
To be or not to be was his question.
A struggle within himself,
Until the dreadful day he was taken and heaven gained him.

He left behind a story that will be remembered forever,
And he will be remembered for his character and struggle.
He can now join his father and his God.

King Claudius by Maurizio Turco

You were evil; now you are dead
Your brother's wife is whom you have wed
To get to her, you had to get through him
Even though you murdered his thoughts,
They have not faded and
They are not dim.

You had it all with nothing in your way
Until young Hamlet found out that day
That his father was murdered by his brother
Then you, Hamlet, and Laertes were all murdered one after the other.

The difference is they have made it above, and you made it below
Now you are trapped with the devil, and there's no place to go
Now your soul is trapped and bodiless
Where under the earth, eaten by worms lies you, King Claudius.

Ophelia by Kady Le

Beneath this stone . . .
She as a blameless daughter
She was in love with Hamlet
She was stunning
She picked beautiful flowers
To free her own spirit
And to escape reality
She drowned herself in the spring willingly
Nothing left important
Here lies Ophelia.

Ophelia by John Caccaviello

We all knew how much you loved flowers
So we decided to show you what these flowers meant to us
Rosemary shows us how we will always remember you.
Pansies show us how thoughtful you were as a person
Fennel is for the excessive praise we give to you
Columbines represent your foolishness in which you left your life.
Rue represents the sin you commit and that was we dearly forgive you for it
Daisies show us how innocent you were as a person
Violets represent the faithfulness we all have that God has accepted you into his magical
Kingdom of Heaven.