

# **SHAKESPEARIENCE!**

## Hamlet Scenes

### ACT II, Scene 2: Hamlet, Polonius

**LORD POLONIUS**

How does my good Lord Hamlet?

**HAMLET**

Well, God-a-mercy.

**LORD POLONIUS**

Do you know me, my lord?

**HAMLET**

Excellent well; you are a *fishmonger*.

**LORD POLONIUS**

Not I, my lord!

**HAMLET**

Then I would you were **so** honest a man.

**LORD POLONIUS**

Honest, my lord!

**HAMLET**

Ay, sir; to be honest, as this world goes, is to be one man picked out of ten thousand.

**LORD POLONIUS**

That's very true, my lord.

**HAMLET**

Have you a daughter?

**LORD POLONIUS**

I have, my lord.

*[Aside]* How say you by that? Still harping on my daughter: yet he knew me not at first; he said I was a fishmonger: he is *far gone, far gone*.

*[Back to Hamlet]*

What do you read, my lord?

**HAMLET**

Words, words, words.

**LORD POLONIUS**

What is the matter, my lord?

**HAMLET**

*Slanders, sir.*

**LORD POLONIUS**

*[Aside]* Though this be madness, yet there is method in 't.

*[Back to Hamlet]*

Will you walk out of the air, my lord?

**HAMLET**

Into my grave.

**LORD POLONIUS**

Indeed, that is out o' the air!

*[Aside]* I will leave him, and suddenly contrive the means of meeting between him and my daughter.

*[Back to Hamlet]*--My honourable lord, I will most humbly take my leave of you.

**HAMLET**

You cannot, sir, take from me any thing that I will more willingly part withal:

*except my life, except my life.*

**LORD POLONIUS**

Fare you well, my lord.

**HAMLET**

*These tedious old fools!*