**Macbeth's Soliloquy: *To be thus is nothing* (3.1.47-71)**

[To be thus is nothing;
But to be safely thus](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/tobe.html). Our fears in Banquo
[Stick deep](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/stick.html); and in his [royalty of nature](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/royalty.html)
Reigns that which [would be](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/wouldbe.html) fear'd: ['tis much he dares](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/much.html);
And, to that [dauntless temper](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/dauntless.html) of his mind,
[He hath a wisdom that doth guide his valour
To act in safety](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/wisdom.html). There is none but he
Whose being I do fear: and, under him,
My [Genius](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/genius.html) is rebuk'd; as, it is said,
[Mark Antony's was by Caesar](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/mark.html). He [chid the sisters](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/chidsisters.html)
When first they put the name of king upon me,
And bade them speak to him: then prophet-like
They hail'd him father to a line of kings:
Upon my head they plac'd a [fruitless crown](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/fruitless.html),
And put a barren sceptre in my gripe,
Thence to be wrench'd [with an unlineal hand](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/unlineal.html),
No son of mine succeeding. If 't be so,
For Banquo's [issue have I fil'd](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/issue.html) my mind;
For them the [gracious Duncan](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/gracious.html) have I murder'd;
Put [rancours in the vessel of my peace](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/rancours.html)
Only for them; and [mine eternal jewel](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/eternal.html)
Given to [the common enemy of man](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/commonenemy.html),
 To make them kings, the seeds of Banquo kings!
[Rather than so, come fate into the list.
And champion me to the utterance](http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/soliloquies/ratherthan.html)!