**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)!