

Hamlet
By William Shakespeare



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Quote 1



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What I Believe This Quote Mean.....

Act 1 Scene 3 Lines 9-11

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What i believe this quote is saying is that Laertes is telling his sister that Hamlet is only doing this for now and his feelings would soon change. To translate what he was saying to his sister into modern form, i believe he is saying “Hamlet attention for you is just a flirtation, a temporary phrase of hot- blooded youth. But your relationship with him won’t last it will soon fade away.”

Quote 2

**“Think it no more. For nature, crescent, does not grow alone
In thews and bulk, but, as this temple waxes,
The inward service of the mind and soul
Grows wide withal. Perhaps he loves you now,
And now no soil nor cautel doth besmirch
The virtue of his will, but you must fear.
His greatness weighed, his will is not his own,
For he himself is subject to his birth.
He may not, as unvalued persons do,
Carve for himself, for on his choice depends
The safety and health of this whole state.
And therefore must his choice be circumscribed
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Act 1 Scene 3 Line 15- 19

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I believe what this quote is saying is Laertes is telling Ophelia to think bigger. Because as Hamlet grows more and more his mind would change and he would have a lot of responsibilities, he would love her now, but what about later would he still love you? So basically he is just telling his sister to have her guard up and be careful.

What I Believe This Quote Mean...

Act 1 Scene 3 Line 20-28

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I believe this other half of the quote means Laertes is telling his sister Ophelia that Hamlet came from a rich family his attention for her don't matter because whatever his family tell him he has to listen, So if he had a choice to stay with her or not her would have to ask his family first and let them make the choices for him.