

Horatio

[reads the letter] 'Horatio, Ere we were two days old at sea, a pirate of very warlike appointment gave us chase. Finding ourselves too slow of sail, we put on a compelled valour, and in the grapple I boarded them. On the instant they got clear of our ship; so I alone became their prisoner. They have dealt with me like thieves of mercy; but they knew what they did: I am to do a good turn for them. Let the King have the letters I have sent, and repair thou to me with as much speed as thou wouldst fly death. I have words to speak in thine ear will make thee dum. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern hold their course for England. Of them I have much to tell thee. Farewell.
'He that thou knowest thine, HAMLET.'