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## Claudius.

I like him not, nor stands it safe with us To let his madness range. Therefore prepare you; I your commission will forthwith dispatch, And he to England shall along with you. The terms of our estate may not endure Hazard so near us as doth hourly grow Out of his lunacies.

## Guildenstern.

We will ourselves provide. Most holy and religious fear it is To keep those many many bodies safe That live and feed upon your Majesty.

## Rosencrantz.

The cesse of majesty Is a massy wheel, To whose huge spokes ten thousand lesser things Are mortis'd and adjoin'd; which when it falls, Each small annexment, Attends the boist'rous ruin. Never alone Did the king sigh, but with a general groan.

## Claudius.

Arm you, I pray you, to this speedy voyage; For we will fetters put upon this fear, Which now goes too free-footed.

**Rosencrantz**. *[with Guildenstern]* We will haste us.

Exeunt Gentlemen.