

Hamlet's Lists

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Why A Ghost would Return?

"If thou hast any sound, or
use of voice, speak to me:

- if there be any good thing
to be done, that may to thee
do ease, and grace to me, speak
to me: If thou art privy to thy
Country's fate, which, happily, foreknowing
may avoid, O, speak! Or, if thou hast
uphoarded in thy life Extorted treasure
in the womb of earth, For which, they say
you spirits oft walk in death speak
of it." (Act 1.1. 128-139)

Is He grieving

" 'Tis not alone my Inky
~~cloak~~ cloak, good mother, Nor
customary suits of solemn black,
Nor windy suspiration of forced
breath, No, nor, the fruitful
river in the eye, Nor the
dejected havior of the
visage, Together
with all forms, moods
Shows of grief.. "
(Act 1.2. 78-85)

Is He mad?

" - with his doublet all unbraced;
No hat upon his head; his stockings foul'd,
Ungarter'd, and down-gyved to his ankles;
Pale as his shirt; his knees knocking each other,
And with a look so piteous in purport As if he had
been loosed out of hell." (Act 2.1. 75-82)

Is He old?

"For the satirical rogue says here, that old men have gray beards;
that their faces are wrinkled; their eyes purging thick amber and plum tree
gum; and that they have a plentiful lack of wit, together with most
weak hams. (Act 2.2. 197-201)

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• Death

- "Hamlet, thou art slain; No medicine in the world can do thee good, In thee is not half an hour of life; The treacherous instrument is in thy hand, Unbated and envenom'd..." (Act 5. 2. 314-317)

• Revenge

- "Now might I do it pat, now he is praying And now I'll do it: - and so he goes to heaven; And so am I revenged - That would be scanned: A villain kills my Father: and, for that, I, his sole son, do this same villain send to Heaven." (Act 3. 3. 75-79)

• Madness

- "This is the very coinage of your brain: This bodiless creation ecstasy is very cunning in" (Act 3. 4. 94-96)

• brief

"I loved Ophelia: Forty thousand brothers could not, with all their quantity of love, make up my sum..." (Act 5. 1. 276-278)

• Spying / Eavesdropping

"At such a time I'll loose my daughter to him: Be you and I behind an Arras then; Mark the encounter..." (Act 2. 2. 164-166)