

Sonnet

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Now might I do it pat, now he is praying;
And now I'll do't. And so he goes to heaven;
And so am I revenged. That would be scann'd:
A villain kills my father, and for that,
I, his sole son, do this same villain send To heaven.
O, this is hire and salary, not revenge.
He took my father grossly, full of bread;
With all his crimes broad blown, as flush as May;
And how his audit stands who knows save heaven?
But in our circumstance and course of thought,
'Tis heavy with him: and am I then revenged,
To take him in the purging of his soul,
When he is fit and season'd for his passage?
No! Up, sword; and know thou a more horrid hent:
When he is drunk asleep, or in his rage,
Or in the incestuous pleasure of his bed;
At gaming, swearing, or about some act
That has no relish of salvation in't;
Then trip him, that his heels may kick at heaven,
And that his soul may be as damn'd and black As
hell,
whereto it goes. My mother stays:
This physic but prolongs thy sickly days.

Hamlet plans to slay the King
And send his soul to Heaven
He fulfills his need for revenge.
But if he did kill the King at the altar
He would be doing him a favor.
For if he dies praying he dies well
King Hamlet died without having the opportunity
To purge his sins
Hamlet wants to kill him when he is full
Of sin so that his death is worse, being sent to
purgatory/
Hamlet decides not to kill the King just yet.
At least, not until he is full of sin.
Either when he is drunk, or angry,
Or even when he is with Hamlets mother.
He wants to kill the King when
There is no hope for the Kings salvation.
Therefore, Hamlet will wait, and this prayer will
Only serve to save the king a short while.