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KS3 Shakespeare Statement Bank

"Parting is such sweet sorrow." | Juliet | Romeo and Juliet (2.2) | Love, Separation

"Though she be but little, she is fierce." | Helena | A Midsummer Night's Dream (3.2) | Confidence, Determination

"The course of true love never did run smooth." | Lysander | A Midsummer Night's Dream (1.1) | Love, Frustration

"O, I am fortune's fool!" | Romeo | Romeo and Juliet (3.1) | Regret, Fate

"I do perceive here a divided duty." | Cordelia | King Lear (1.1) | Loyalty, Conflict

"I am a man more sinn'd against than sinning." | King Lear | King Lear (3.2) | Anger, Injustice

"If music be the food of love, play on." | Orsino | Twelfth Night (1.1) | Love, Longing

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." | Malvolio (reading Maria's letter) | Twelfth Night (2.5) | Ambition, Pride

"Nothing will come of nothing." | King Lear | King Lear (1.1) | Authority, Frustration

"I wonder that you will still be talking, Signior Benedick: nobody marks you." | Beatrice | Much Ado About Nothing (1.1) | Mockery, Wit



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"Cowards die many times before their deaths." | Julius Caesar | Julius Caesar (2.2) | Courage, Fear

"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears." | Mark Antony | Julius Caesar (3.2) | Persuasion, Leadership

"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." | Marcellus | Hamlet (1.4) | Suspicion, Unease

"There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." | Hamlet | Hamlet (2.2) | Perspective, Reflection

"This above all: to thine own self be true." | Polonius | Hamlet (1.3) | Honesty, Identity

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other word would smell as sweet." | Juliet | Romeo and Juliet (2.2) | Identity, Love

"Lord, what fools these mortals be!" | Puck | A Midsummer Night's Dream (3.2) | Humour, Human Nature

"All the world's a stage." | Jaques | As You Like It (2.7) | Life, Identity

"Men at some time are masters of their fates." | Cassius | Julius Caesar (1.2) | Responsibility, Confidence

"I had rather hear my dog bark at a crow than a man swear he loves me." | Beatrice | Much Ado About Nothing (1.1) | Humour, Independence