

Measure for Measure Quotations

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Quotes

"Mortality and mercy in Vienna / Live in thy tongue and heart."

"As surfeit is the father of much fast, / So every scope by the immoderate use / Turns to restraint."

"The baby beats the nurse, and quite athwart / Goes all decorum."

"Our doubts are traitors, / And makes us lose the good we oft might win / By fearing to attempt."

"When I that censure him do so offend, / Let mine own judgment pattern out my death, / And nothing come in partial."

"Some rise by sin and some by virtue fall."

"Which is the wiser here, Justice or Iniquity?"

"The law hath not been dead, though it hath slept."

"O, it is excellent / To have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous / To use it like a giant."

"Sir, believe this: / I had rather give my body than my soul."

"Then, Isabel, live chaste, and, brother, die. / More than our brother is our chastity."

"The weariest and most loathèd worldly life ... is a paradise / To what we fear of death."

"O, what may man within him hide / Though angel on the outward side!"

"You must be so good, sir, to rise and be put to death."

***"Haste still pays haste, and leisure answers leisure; / Like doth quit like, and measure
still for measure."***