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HAMLET  
ROSENCRANTZ  
GUILDENSTERN

*Hamlet's childhood friends corner him. They also like to sing, Disney-style.*

ROSENCRANTZ

There he is!

GUILDERSTERN

Indeed there he is!

HAMLET

Excuse me, I have a book to read. And I'm also quite crazy right now.

ROSENCRANTZ

I know – I saw you stab that man!

HAMLET

What man?

ROSENCRANTZ

Never mind.

GUILDERSTERN

But don't you remember us, Prince Hamlet?

HAMLET

Do I know you?

ROSENCRANTZ and GUILDENSTERN *(in unison)*

We're Rosencrantz and Guildenstern!

*(doesn't ring a bell)*

Your childhood friends!

ROSENCRANTZ

Actually, I was your childhood friend, he was your childhood enemy.

GUILDERSTERN

But I was a very friendly enemy! And he was a very enemiious friend!

ROSENCRANTZ

There's no such word as enemiious.

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GUILDERSTERN

There is now. I just said it. Huzzah.

HAMLET

I do remember you. You were the annoying ones.

ROSENCRANTZ

That's us!

GUILDERSTERN

See? He remembers!

HAMLET

Well – what do you want with me?

ROSENCRANTZ and GUILDERSTERN *(in unison)*

We want to make you happy!

ROSENCRANTZ

Do a dance for him, Guildenstern.

GUILDENSTERN

No you do a dance for him, Rosencrantz.

ROSENCRANTZ

I'll bash you in the head.

GUILDENSTERN

And I will kick you in the shins.

ROSENCRANTZ

I always liked your mother.

*(GUILDENSTERN attacks him.)*

Stop! This is madness.

HAMLET

Really? I'm afraid I don't have time for you right now.

*(They're suddenly right next to him, on either shoulder.)*

GUILDENSTERN

Really? What are you up to?

ROSENCRANTZ

Schemes?

GUILDERSTERN

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Plans?

ROSENCRANTZ

Scheming plans?

GUILDENSTERN

Planning schemes?

ROSENCRANTZ

Planning scheming plans?

GUILDENSTERN

Scheming planning schemes?

ROSENCRANTZ and GUILDENSTERN *(in unison)*

Scheming planning scheming plans?

Planning scheming planning scheming plans?

HAMLET

Shut up!

*(They put their hands over the mouths.)*

Who sent you?

GUILDENSTERN

The king. Whoops. I didn't mean to say that. I mean no one.

HAMLET

Well tell the king that I'm insane now. And he's no king. My father was the king. Until he was run over by a stampede of wildebeests.

ROSENCRANTZ

This sounds familiar, my lord.

GUILDENSTERN

Indeed it does.

HAMLET

Or poisoned. I can't remember which. If there was only some dramatic way to confront him.

ROSENCRANTZ

You see, that's your problem, Hamlet, right there:

GUILDENSTERN

Confrontation. We have a saying:

ROSENCRANTZ and GUILDENSTERN *(in unison)*

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Who cares?

*(They launch into a song)*

ROSENCRANTZ *(singing)*

Your father's dead and your Mom's a fox

GUILDSTERN *(singing)*

Who cares?

ROSENCRANTZ *(singing)*

Your girlfriend's dumb as a box of rocks

GUILDSTERN *(singing)*

Who cares?

HAMLET

I don't know, guys. It just doesn't seem –

*(They intercept him trying to walk away.)*

GUILDSTERN *(singing)*

Your uncle's king and he's not too nice

ROSENCRANTZ *(singing)*

Who cares?

GUILDSTERN *(singing)*

Your dinner consists of a bunch of mice

*(GUILDSTERN grabs a mouse and takes a bite.)*

ROSENCRANTZ *(singing)*

Who cares?

HAMLET

You are making a good point.

ROSENCRANTZ *(singing)*

You burned your face and your friend's too blame

GUILDSTERN *(singing)*

Who cares?

HAMLET *(singing)*

The prince has finally gone insane

ROSENCRANTZ and GUILDSTERN *(singing)*

Who cares?

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ALL THREE

Who cares?

Who cares?

Who-ooo—oo cares!

*(ROSENCRANTZ and GUILDENSTERN bow.)*

ROSENCRANTZ

Listen – let’s go off someplace nice, like...

GUILDENSTERN

Belgium.

ROSENCRANTZ

They have waffles!

HAMLET

You know what? Let me just take care of something around here and then I’ll want to leave the country.

GUILDERNSTERN

We are all ears!

ROSENCRANTZ

And noses!

GUILDERSTERN

I’m sorry. He’s stupid.

ROSENCRANTZ

You’re stupid.

HAMLET

I’ll catch up with you later. Get out of here.

GUILDENSTERN

We can’t wait, and remember:

ROSENCRANTZ and GUILDENSTERN

Who cares?

*(They scamper off.)*