Side 3: Hamlet & Horatio – Season your admiration

HORATIO	Season your admiration for awhile
HORAHO	
	With an attent ear, till I may deliver, Upon the witness of these gentlemen,
	This marvel to you.
HAMLET	For God's love, let me hear.
HORATIO	Two nights together had this gentlemen,
	Marcellus, on his watch,
	In the dead vast and middle of the night,
	Been thus encounter'd. A figure like your father
	Appears before him, thrice he walk'd
	By his oppress'd and fear-surprised eyes,
	whilst Marcellus, distilled
	Almost to jelly with the act of fear,
	Stands dumb and speaks not to him. This to me
	In dreadful secrecy impart he did;
	And I with him the third night kept the watch;
	Where, as he had deliver'd, both in time,
	Form of the thing, each word made true and good,
	The apparition comes: I knew your father;
	These hands are not more like.
HAMLET	But where was this?
HORATIO	My lord, upon the platform where we watch'd.
HAMLET	Did you not speak to it?
HORATIO	My lord, I did;
	But answer made it none: yet once methought
	It lifted up its head and did address
	Itself to motion, like as it would speak;
	But even then the morning cock crew loud,
	And at the sound it shrunk in haste away,
	And vanish'd from our sight.
HAMLET	'Tis very strange.
HORATIO	As I do live, my honour'd lord, 'tis true;
	And we did think it writ down in our duty
	To let you know of it.
HAMLET	I would I had been there.
HORATIO	It would have much amazed you.
HAMLET	I will watch to-night;
	Perchance 'twill walk again.
HORATIO	I warrant it will.
HAMLET	If it assume my noble father's person,
	I'll speak to it, though hell itself should gape
	And bid me hold my peace. I pray you all,
	If you have hitherto conceal'd this sight,
	Let it be tenable in your silence still;
	And whatsoever else shall hap to-night,
	Give it an understanding, but no tongue:
	I will requite your loves. So, fare you well:
	Upon the platform, 'twixt eleven and twelve,
	I'll visit you.