

# Hamlet

## Passage Analysis

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# Hamlet is suicidal: “Should I live or die”

Is life worth living, even with all of the pain and suffering?

To be, or not to be: that is the question:

Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,

Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,

Fight back, or be passive?

“To fight back and end troubles” in other words, to die and end pain

Die

And by opposing end them? To die: to sleep;  
No more; and by a **sleep** to say we end  
The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks  
That flesh is heir to, 'tis a consummation

Is death worth it? What comes next, if anything?

That's the problem

Devoutly to be wish'd. To die, to sleep;  
To sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub;  
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come  
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,

After life

Is there any way of knowing what happens next?  
How do we know that it's better than life?