

Proverbes of a noble

that silence is farre to bee preferred before
speech: but specially a man ought to keepe
his owne secrets. For as Seneca saith, If
thou art not able to keepe thine owne
secrets, how canst thou require an other
man to doe it? And therefore the proverbe
saith, Thou shalt be counted discrete and
wise, if thou kepest thy secrets to thy self,
and that a man bringeth him selfe in
subiection by speech, but shall neuer bee
harmd by silence.

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But yet I would not haue thee heere,
to be so straightly tyed:
That from thy deere & speciall friend
thou shouldst thy doings hide.
For why? it were to great offence,
t'abuse his friendship so:
And euen the redyest way it were,
to make thy friend thy foe.

The Paraphrase.

Seneca in his third epistle setteth downe,
the way and meane how to get frends,
and being gotten, how to kepe them, saying

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