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that silence is farre to bee preferred before speech: but specially a man ought to keepe his owne secrets. For as Seneca faith, If thou art not able to keepe thyne owne secrets, how canst thou require an other man to doe it? And therefore the proverb faith, Thou shalt be counted diuers, and wife, if thou keepest thy secrets to thy self, and, that a man bringeth him felle in subjection by speech, but shall never bee harmed by silence.

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But yet I wold not have thee heere, to be so straitly tyed:
That from thy deere &special friend thou shouldest thy doings hide.
For why? it were to great offence,
Of abufe his friendship for:
And euen the redclyst way it were, to make thy friend thy foe.

The Paraphrase.

Seneca in his third epistle secteth homne, the way and meanes how to get friends, and being gotten, how to kepe them. Laying

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