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Transcript

Hello and welcome to Shakespeare's Key Scenes, performed and explored. I'm Emma Smith and episode one is Hamlet, To Be or Not to Be. Hamlet's most famous soliloquy comes to life as actor Ben Whishaw performs To Be or Not to Be. I will explore the scene's themes of doubt, mortality and the birth of modern introspection.