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Character Sketch of Banquo.

Banquo has a very complex character. In the beginning Banquo like Macbeth is a brave general of the King Duncan. Both Ross and a wounded soldier praise his courage and heroism. The king himself says that he is worthy of his love and regards.

If Banquo has been a character who rejects his rise to power at the cost of loyalty, he would have been a straightforward character. But, indeed, he is not so, he appears to be a man of double characters. When the witches prophesied about the future of Macbeth and Banquo, he is not at all excited. Moreover, he tells Macbeth that these super naturals can win the confidence in the beginning but deceive in the end. He wants that Macbeth should not believe in prophecies of the super naturals.

But further we find that there is no correlation between what Banquo says and what he does. It is known to Banquo that Macbeth is planning to become the King of Scotland, but he does not report this matter to the king. Perhaps he is waiting for the moment when after Macbeth his sons will be the kings of Scotland. It is a highly complex matter whether Banquo is loyal to the King or not.

Banquo knows that Macbeth has killed the king for getting the throne of Scotland. But he does not go against Macbeth; on the contrary, he alleges the grooms for killing the king. He also participates in the coronation party of Macbeth. Everything happened in his knowledge but he never protested against the evil plan of Macbeth. Because he very well knows after Macbeth his sons will be the kings of Scotland. His character appears to be very puzzling. By his speech he appears to be an honest and noble man. But he is a silent traitor waiting for the death of Duncan as well as the turn his sons to be the king of the Scotland.