

Scripture-by-Stanza Unpacking — Wisdom from Hushai

Stanza 1

*When kingdoms shook with fear and pride
I walked where hidden dangers hide.
The halls of power burned with flame,
Yet wisdom would not play their game.*

This stanza reflects the political and spiritual chaos surrounding Absalom's rebellion against David in 2 Samuel 15–17. Hushai entered a dangerous environment filled with pride, betrayal, manipulation, and ambition. Yet instead of responding emotionally, he chose wisdom and restraint.

Supporting Scriptures:

"The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance..." — Proverbs 8:13

"The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason..." — James 3:17

Measured words refuse to be swept away by the emotional fire of the moment.

Stanza 2

*I learned that words can wound or heal,
Reveal the heart or truth conceal.
A reckless tongue destroys with haste,
But measured speech is never waste.*

This stanza centers on the biblical truth that speech carries tremendous power. Hushai understood that words can preserve life or destroy it. His careful counsel became an instrument God used to protect David and preserve the kingdom.

Supporting Scriptures:

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." — Proverbs 18:21

"There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." — Proverbs 12:18

"When words are many, transgression is not lacking..." — Proverbs 10:19

Measured words are disciplined words—not wasted words.

Stanza 3

*Before the king who sought the throne,
I stood, yet did not stand alone.
The Lord can guide a careful tongue,
And steady hearts when storms are strong.*

Here the poem reflects Hushai standing before Absalom while depending fully upon God's guidance. Though the situation was dangerous, God directed the outcome through faithful speech.

Supporting Scriptures:

"For the Lord had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel..." — 2 Samuel 17:14

"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." — Proverbs 16:9

"A man's steps are from the Lord..." — Proverbs 20:24

Measured words are not merely human restraint—they are often Spirit-governed speech.

Stanza 4

*I did not shout to prove my might,
Nor answer every wrong with fight.
Discernment often whispers low,
Where louder voices overflow.*

This stanza contrasts godly wisdom with the world's obsession with loudness, dominance, and reaction. Hushai succeeded not through force or intimidation, but through discernment and careful timing.

Supporting Scriptures:

"A soft answer turns away wrath..." — Proverbs 15:1

"Whoever restrains his words has knowledge..." — Proverbs 17:27

"Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king..." — Ecclesiastes 4:13

The loudest voice in the room is not always the wisest.

Stanza 5

*Young leader, guard the words you speak,
For pride appears when tongues grow weak.
Let patience shape what leaves your mouth,
Like gentle rains upon the south.*

This stanza becomes direct leadership instruction. Speech often exposes pride, insecurity, impatience, or emotional instability. Measured leaders learn to let patience and wisdom govern their words.

Supporting Scriptures:

“Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life...” — Proverbs 13:3

“Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.” — James 1:19

“Gracious words are like a honeycomb...” — Proverbs 16:24

Leadership maturity is often revealed more through controlled speech than impressive talent.

Stanza 6

*For wisdom knows both time and tone,
And trusts the Lord to rule alone.
A measured word in troubled days
May turn a nation's course and ways.*

The closing stanza captures the heart of Hushai's story. His measured counsel altered the course of Israel's history because God used wisely governed speech at the right moment.

Supporting Scriptures:

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.” — Proverbs 25:11

“To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!” — Proverbs 15:23

“The tongue of the wise commends knowledge...” — Proverbs 15:2

Measured words understand that timing, tone, wisdom, and trust in God matter deeply.

Sometimes a single wise sentence, spoken at the right time, changes the direction of families, churches, businesses—even nations.