

HERBERT POCKET AUDITION PIECE

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Enter HERBERT.

HERBERT Understand, Pip, a gentleman does not work.
 A gentleman lives off the work of others.
 A gentleman does not soil his hands.
 A gentleman may be a brewer, but never brew.
 He owns those who do.
 A gentleman may be a banker but never bank.
 He owns those who do. A gentleman does not build.
 He owns the builders.
 A gentleman does not labour. He owns the labourers.
 A gentleman does not work the earth.
 He owns the earth.
 (Enter JOE, timidly. PIP's first impulse is to greet him warmly.)

PIP Joe!

HERBERT You can tell a gentleman by his acquaintances. The acquaintances that befit a labouring boy do
 Not befit a gentleman. Good day

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(Enter HERBERT. HERBERT prepares PIP for the ball.)

PIP A gentleman, Pip, does not love.
 A gentleman bestows his affections.
 And he does not bestow his affections on your common doxy or whore.
 He may buy her, of course, but only under a decent cloak of discretion
 . His affections are elsewhere: directed towards purity
 and the greatest refinement.
 Are your affections bestowed, Mr Pip?
 Are they well bestowed?