

# *My Own Private Shakespeare*

## Synopsis

A man takes a call from his toilet, which turns out to be his sister calling to let him know that their estranged father has died. A month earlier, his wife awakens him on his birthday to let him know that she is having an affair with another man. Between these two events, he learns that a tumour is growing in his brain. The play is a series of reflections on these events and their aftermath, as the man's life and mental health unravel. Woven throughout are passages from Shakespeare—Lear's rejection of Cordelia, Othello's suspicions of infidelity, the Macbeth's marital breakdown, Hamlet's encounter with his father's ghost—echoing the themes and lived experiences, inviting the audience to feel how art resonates with life.