

MEMORABLE LINES



How much better is it to weep at joy than to joy at weeping!
(LEONATO 1.1.27–8)

He wears his faith but as the fashion of his hat.
(BEATRICE 1.1.70–1)

I see, lady, the gentleman is not in your books.
(MESSENGER 1.1.73–4)

BENEDICK What, my dear Lady Disdain! Are you yet living?
BEATRICE Is it possible disdain should die while she hath such
meet food to feed it as Signor Benedick? (1.1.13–16)

... as merry as the day is long. (BEATRICE 2.1.46)

Speak low, if you speak love. (DON PEDRO 2.1.93)

Friendship is constant in all other things
Save in the office and affairs of love. (CLAUDIO 2.1.169–70)

It keeps on the windy side of care. (BEATRICE 2.1.299–300)

Rich she shall be, that's certain; wise, or I'll none; virtuous, or
I'll never cheapen her; fair, or I'll never look on her; mild, or
come not near me; noble, or not I for an angel; of good dis-
course, an excellent musician, and her hair shall be of what
color it please God. (BENEDICK 2.3.29–34)

[Song] Sigh no more, ladies, sigh no more.
Men were deceivers ever. (BALTHASAR 2.3.61–2)

Sits the wind in that corner? (BENEDICK 2.3.101–2)

Contempt, farewell, and maiden pride, adieu!
(BEATRICE 3.1.109)

To be a well-favored man is the gift of fortune, but to write and
read comes by nature. (DOGBERRY 3.3.15–16)

They that touch pitch will be defiled. (DOGBERRY 3.3.56)

The fashion wears out more apparel than the man.
(CONRADE 3.3.138–9)

If I were as tedious as a king, I could find in my heart to bestow
it all of Your Worship. (DOGBERRY 3.5.20–1)

Oh, what men dare do! What men may do! What men daily do,
not knowing what they do! (CLAUDIO 4.1.18–19)

Oh, that I had been writ down an ass! (DOGBERRY 4.2.86)

For there was never yet philosopher
That could endure the toothache patiently.
(LEONATO 5.1.35–6)

What though care killed a cat, thou hast mettle enough in thee
to kill care. (CLAUDIO 5.1.133–4)

I was not born under a rhyming planet. (BENEDICK 5.2.39–40)