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THE  
FAIR MAID  
OF THE WEST.

OR,

*A Girl worth gold.*

The first part.

As it was lately acted before the King and  
Queen, with approved liking.

*By the Queen's Majesty's Comedians.*

*Written by T. H.*

LONDON,

Printed for *Richard Royston*, and are to be sold  
*at his Shop in Ivy Lane. 1631.*

To the much worthy, and my  
most respected, JOHN OTHOW,  
Esquire, Counselor at Law, in  
the noble Society of  
*Gray's Inn.*

SIR,  
EXcuse this my boldness,  
(I entreat you) and let it  
pass under the title of my  
love and respect, long  
devoted unto you; of  
which, if I endeavor to  
present the world with a due acknowledgement  
without the sordid expectation  
of reward, or servile imputation of  
flattery, I hope it will be the rather accepted.  
I must ingenuously acknowledge, a weightier  
argument would have better suited with  
your grave employment; but there are retirements  
necessarily belonging to all the labors  
of the body and brain: If in any such cessation,  
you will deign to cast an eye upon  
this weak and unpolished Poem, I shall receive  
it as a courtesy from you, much exceeding

any merit in me, (my good meaning  
only accepted.) Thus wishing

In 0027  
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you healthful ability in body, untroubled  
content in mind: with the happy fruition  
of both the temporal felicities of the  
world present, and the eternal blessedness  
of the life future; I still remain as ever,

In 0032  
In 0033

Yours, most affectionately  
devoted,

In 0034

THOMAS HEYWOOD.

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In 0001

*To the READER.*

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*Courteous Reader, my Plays have not  
been exposed to the public view of  
the world in numerous sheets, and  
a large volume; but singly (as thou  
seest) with great modesty, and  
small noise. These Comedies, bearing  
the title of, The fair Maid  
of the West: if they prove but as gracious in thy  
private reading, as they were plausible in the public  
acting, I shall not much doubt of their success. Nor  
need they (I hope) much fear a rugged and censorious  
brow from thee, on whom the greatest and best in the  
kingdom, have vouchsafed to smile. I hold it no necessity  
to trouble thee with the Argument of the story, the  
matter itself lying so plainly before thee in Acts and  
Scenes, without any deviations, or winding indents.  
Peruse it through, and thou mayst find in it,  
Some mirth, some matter, and, perhaps, some wit.*

*He that would study thy  
content,*

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In 0022

T. H.

In 0001

*Dramatis personae.*

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<i>TWo Sea Captains.</i>	<i>A kitchen Maid; by Master</i>
<i>Master Carrol, a Gentleman.</i>	<i>Anthony Furner.</i>
<i>Master Spencer. By Master</i>	<i>The Mayor of Foy, an Alderman,</i>
<i>Michael Bowyer.</i>	<i>and a servant.</i>
<i>Captain Goodlack, Spencer's</i>	<i>A Spanish Captain by. C. Goad</i>
<i>friend; by Master Richard</i>	<i>An English Merchant; by</i>
<i>Perkins.</i>	<i>Robert Axell.</i>
<i>Two Vintner's boys.</i>	<i>Mullisheg, King of Fez, by</i>
<i>Bess Bridges, The fair</i>	<i>Master William Allen.</i>
<i>Maid of the west; by Hugh</i>	<i>Bashaw Alcade; by Master</i>
<i>Clark.</i>	<i>Wilbraham.</i>

In 0013	Master Forset, <i>a Gentleman</i> ;	<i>Bashaw Joffer.</i>
In 0014	by Christopher Goad.	<i>Two Spanish Captains.</i>
In 0015	Master Roughman, <i>a swaggering</i>	<i>A French Merchant.</i>
In 0016	<i>Gentleman</i> ; by William	<i>An Italian Merchant.</i>
In 0017	Shearlock.	<i>A Chorus.</i>
In 0018	Clem, <i>a drawer of wine</i>	<i>The Earl of Essex going</i>
In 0019	<i>under Bess Bridges</i> ; by Mr.	<i>to Cales: the Mayor of Plymouth,</i>
In 0020	William Robinson.	<i>with Petitioners,</i>
In 0021	<i>Three Sailors. A Surgeon.</i>	<i>Mutes, personated.</i>

Prologue.

*Amongst the Grecians there were annual feasts,  
 To which none were invited as chief guests,  
 Save Princes and their Wives. Amongst the men,  
 There was no argument disputed then,  
 But who best governed: And (as't did appear)  
 He was esteemed sole Sovereign for that year.  
 The Queens and Ladies argued at that time,  
 For Virtue and for beauty which was prime,  
 And she had the high honor. Two here be,  
 For Beauty one, the other Majesty,  
 Most worthy (did that custom still persever)  
 Not for one year, but to be Sovereigns ever.*

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THE FAIR MAID  
 of the West:  
 OR,  
 A Girl worth Gold.

*Enter two Captains, and Master Carrol.*

*1. Captain*

When puts my Lord to Sea?

*2. Captain* When the wind's fair.

*Carrol* Resolve me I entreat, can you not guess  
 The purpose of this voyage?

*1. Captain* Most men think  
 The Fleet's bound for the Islands.

*Carrol* Nay, 'tis like.  
 The great success at Cales under the conduct  
 Of such a Noble General, hath put heart  
 Into the English: They are all on fire  
 To purchase from the Spaniard. If their Carracks  
 Come deeply laden, we shall tug with them  
 For golden spoil.

*2. Captain* O, were it come to that!

*1 Captain* How Plymouth swells with Gallants! how the streets  
 Glisten with gold! You cannot meet a man  
 But tricked in scarf and feather, that it seems  
 As if the pride of England's Gallantry  
 Were harbored here. It doth appear (methinks)

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A very Court of Soldiers.

*Carrol* It doth so.

Where shall we dine today?

2. *Captain* At the next Tavern by; there's the best wine,

1 *Captain* And the best wench, *Bess Bridges*, she's the flower

Of Plymouth held: the Castle needs no bush,

Her beauty draws to them more gallant Customers

Than all the signs i' th' town else.

2. *Captain* A sweet Lass,

If I have any judgement.

1. *Captain* Now in troth

I think she's honest.

*Carrol* Honest, and live there?

What, in a public Tavern, where's such confluence

Of lusty and brave Gallants? Honest said you?

2. *Captain* I vow she is for me.

1. *Captain* For all, I think. I'm sure she's wondrous modest.

*Carrol* But withal

Exceeding affable.

2 *Captain* An argument that she's not proud.

*Carrol* No, were she proud, she'd fall.

1 *Captain* Well, she's a most attractive Adamant,

Her very beauty hath upheld that house,

And gained her master much.

*Carrol* That Adamant

Shall for this time draw me too, we'll dine there.

2. *Captain* No better motion: Come to the Castle then.

*Enter Master Spencer, and Captain Goodlack.*

*Goodlack* What, to the old house still?

*Spencer* Canst blame me, Captain,

Believe me, I was never surprised till now,

Or caught upon the sudden.

*Goodlack* Pray resolve me,

Why being a Gentleman of fortunes, means,

And well revenued, will you adventure thus

A doubtful voyage, when only such as I

Born to no other fortunes then my sword

Should seek abroad for pillage.

*Spencer* Pillage, Captain?

No, 'tis for honor; And the brave society

Of all these shining Gallants that attend

The great Lord General, drew me hither first:

No hope of gain or spoil.

*Goodlack* Ay, but what draws you to this house so oft?

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*Spencer* As if thou knewst it not.  
*Goodlack* What, *Bess*?  
*Spencer* Even she.  
*Goodlack* Come, I must tell you, you forget yourself,  
One of your birth and breeding, thus to dote  
Upon a Tanner's daughter: why, her father  
Sold hides in Somersetshire, and being trade-fallen,  
Sent her to service.  
*Spencer* Prithee speak no more,  
Thou tell'st me that which I would fain forget,  
Or wish I had not known. If thou wilt humor me  
Tell me she's fair and honest.  
*Goodlack* Yes, and loves you.  
*Spencer* To forget that, were to exclude the rest:  
All saving that, were nothing. Come let's enter.

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*Enter 2. Drawers.*

*1. Drawer* You are welcome Gentlemen. Show them into  
the next room there.  
*2. Drawer* Look out a Towel, and some Rolls, a Salt and  
Trenchers.  
*Spencer* No sir, we will not dine.  
*2. Drawer* I am sure ye would if ye had my stomach.  
What wine drink ye, Sack or Claret?  
*Spencer* Where's *Bess*?  
*2. Drawer* Marry above with three or four Gentlemen.  
*Spencer* Go call her.  
*2. Drawer* I'll draw you a cup of the neatest wine in Plymouth  
*Spencer* I'll taste none of your drawing. Go call *Bess*.

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*2 Drawer* There's nothing in the mouths of these Gallants,  
but *Bess*, *Bess*.  
*Spencer* What sa' ye Sir?  
*2. Drawer* Nothing sir, but I'll go call her presently.  
*Spencer* Tell her who's here.  
*2. Drawer* The devil rid her out of the house for me.  
*Spencer* Sa' ye sir?  
*2 Drawer* Nothing but anon anon sir.

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*Enter Bess Bridges.*

*Spencer* See she's come.  
*Bess* Sweet Master *Spencer*, y' are a stranger grown,  
Where have you been these three days?  
*Spencer* The last night  
I sat up late, at game: here take this bag,  
And lay 't up till I call for 't.  
*Bess* Sir I shall.  
*Spencer* Bring me some wine.  
*Bess* I know your taste,

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And I shall please your palate.

*Goodlack* Troth 'tis a pretty soul.

*Spencer* To thee I will unbosom all my thoughts,  
Were her low birth but equal with her beauty  
Here would I fix my thoughts.

*Goodlack* You are not mad sir?

You say you love her.

*Spencer* Never question that.

*Goodlack* Then put her to 't, win Opportunity,  
She's the best bawd: If (as you say) she loves you,  
She can deny you nothing.

*Spencer* I have proved her  
Unto the utmost test. Examined her.  
Even to a modest force: but all in vain:  
She'll laugh, confer, keep company, discourse,  
And something more, kiss: but beyond that compass  
She no way can be drawn.

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*Goodlack* 'Tis a virtue,  
But seldom found in taverns.

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*Enter Bess with wine.*

*Bess.* 'Tis of the best Graves wine sir.

*Spencer* Gramercy Girl, come sit.

*Bess.* Pray pardon sir, I dare not.

*Spencer* I'll ha' it so.

*Bess.* My fellows love me not, and will complain  
Of such a saucy boldness.

*Spencer* Pox on your fellows,  
I'll try whether their pottle pots or heads  
Be harder, if I do but hear them grumble.  
Sit: now *Bess* drink to me.

*Bess.* To your good voyage.

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*Enter the second Drawer.*

*2 Drawer* Did you call sir?

*Spencer* Yes sir, to have your absence. Captain, this health.

*Goodlack* Let it come sir.

*2 Drawer* Must you be set, and we wait, with a —

*Spencer* What say you sir?

*2 Drawer* Anon, anon, I come there.

*Exit.*

*Spencer* What will you venture *Bess* to sea with me?

*Bess.* What I love best, my heart: for I could wish  
I had been born to equal you in fortune,  
Or you so low, to have been ranked with me,  
I could have then presumed boldly to say,  
I love none but my *Spencer*.

*Spencer* *Bess* I thank thee.

Keepe still that hundred pound till my return

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From th' Islands with my Lord: if never, wench  
Take it, it is thine own.

*Bess.* You bind me to you.

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*Enter the first Drawer.*

*1 Drawer* *Bess*, you must fill some wine into the Portcullis,  
the Gentlemen there will drink none but of your  
drawing.

*Spencer* She shall not rise sir, go, let your Master snick-up.

*1 Drawer* And that should be cousin-german to the hiccup.

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*Enter the second Drawer.*

*2 Drawer* *Bess*, you must needs come, the gentlemen  
fling pots, pottles, drawers, and all down stairs. The  
whole house is in an uproar.

*Bess.* Pray pardon sir, I needs must be gone.

*2 Drawer* The Gentlemen swear if she come not up to them  
They will come down to her.

*Spencer* If they come in peace,  
Like civil Gentlemen, they may be welcome:  
If otherwise, let them usurp their pleasures.  
We stand prepared for both.

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*Enter Carrol and two Captains.*

*Carrol* Save you gallants, we are somewhat bold to press  
Into your company. It may be held scarce manners,  
Therefore fit that we should crave your pardon.

*Spencer* Sir, you are welcome, so are your friends.

*1 Captain* Some wine.

*Bess.* Pray give me leave to fill it.

*Spencer* You shall not stir. So please you we'll join company.  
Drawer, more stools.

*Carrol* I take 't that's a she drawer. Are you of the house?

*Bess.* I am sir.

*Carrol.* In what place?

*Bess.* I draw.

*Carrol.* Beer, do you not? You are some tapstress.

*Spencer* Sir, the worst character you can bestow  
Upon the maid is to draw wine.

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*Carrol.* She would draw none to us,  
Perhaps she keeps a Rundlet for your taste,  
Which none but you must pierce.

*2 Captain* I pray be civil.

*Spencer* I know not, Gentlemen, what your intents be,  
Nor do I fear or care. This is my room,



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And if you bear you, as you seem in show,  
Like Gentlemen, sit and be sociable.  
*Carrol* We will. Minx, by your leave: Remove I say.  
*Spencer* She shall not stir.  
*Carrol* How sir?  
*Spencer* No sir: could you outface the devil,  
We do not fear your roaring.  
*Carrol* Though you may be companion with a drudge,  
It is not fit she should have place by us.  
About your business, huswife.  
*Spencer* She is worthy  
The place as the best here, and she shall keep 't.  
*Carrol* You lie. *They bustle. Carrol slain.*  
*Goodlack* The Gentleman's slain, away.  
*Bess.* Oh heaven, what have you done?  
*Goodlack* Undone thyself and me too. Come away!  
*Bess.* Oh sad misfortune, I shall lose him ever.  
What, are you men or milk sops? Stand you still  
Senseless as stones, and see your friend in danger  
To expire his last?  
*1 Captain* Tush, all our help's in vain.  
*2 Captain* This is the fruit of whores.  
This mischief came through thee.  
*Bess.* It grew first from your incivility.  
*1 Captain* Lend me a hand to lift his body hence.  
It was a fatal business. *Exeunt Captains.*

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*Enter the two Drawers.*

*1 Drawer* One call my Master, another fetch the constable,  
Here's a man killed in the room.

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*2 Drawer* How, a man killed sayest thou. Is all paid?  
*1 Drawer* How fell they out, canst thou tell?  
*2 Drawer* Sure about this bold Bettrice: 'tis not so much for  
the death of the man, but how shall we come by our  
reckoning? *Exeunt Drawers.*  
*Bess.* What shall become of me! Of all lost creatures  
The most infortunate. My innocence  
Hath been the cause of blood, and I am now  
Purpled with murder, though not within compass  
Of the Law's severe censure: but which most  
Adds unto my affliction, I by this  
Have lost so worthy and approved a friend,  
Whom to redeem from exile, I would give  
All that's without and in me.

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*Enter Forset.*

*Forset* Your name's *Bess Bridges*?  
*Bess.* An unfortunate Maid.

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Known by that name too well in Plymouth here.  
Your business, sir, with me?  
*Forset* Know you this Ring?  
*Bess.* I do: it is my *Spencer's*.  
I know withal you are his trusty friend,  
To whom he would commit it. Speak, how fares he?  
Is he in freedom, know ye?  
*Forset* He's in health  
Of body, though in mind somewhat perplexed  
For this late mischief happened.  
*Bess.* Is he fled, and freed from danger?  
*Forset* Neither. By this token  
He lovingly commends him to you *Bess*,  
And prays you when 'tis dark meet him o' th' Hoe  
Near to the new-made Fort, where he'll attend you,  
Before he flies, to take a kind farewell.  
There's only *Goodlack* in his company,  
He entreats you not to fail him.

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*Bess* Tell him from me, I'll come, I'll run, I'll fly,  
Stand Death before me: were I sure to die.

*Exit.*

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*Enter Spencer and Goodlack.*  
*Goodlack* You are too full of passion.  
*Spencer* Canst thou blame me,  
To have the guilt of murder burden me,  
And next, my life in hazard to a death  
So ignominious: last, to lose a Love  
So sweet, so fair, so am'rous, and so chaste,  
And all these at an instant? Art thou sure  
*Carrol* is dead?  
*Goodlack* I can believe no less.  
You hit him in the very speeding place.  
*Spencer* Oh but the last of these sits nearest my heart.  
*Goodlack* Sir be advised by me.  
Try her before you trust her. She perchance  
May take th'advantage of your hopeful fortunes:  
But when she finds you subject to distress  
And casualty, her flattering love may die:  
Your deceased hopes.  
*Spencer* Thou counsel'st well.  
I'll put her to the test and utmost trial  
Before I trust her further. Here she comes.

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*Enter Forset, and Bess with a bag.*

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*Forset* I have done my message sir.  
*Bess* Fear not sweet *Spencer*, we are now alone,  
And thou art sanctuaried in these mine arms.

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*Goodlack* While these confer we'll sentinel their safety.  
This place I'll guard.  
*Forset* I this.  
*Bess* Are you not hurt?  
Or your skin razed with his offensive steel?  
How is it with you?

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*Spencer* *Bess*, all my afflictions  
Are that I must leave thee: thou know'st withal  
My extreme necessity, and that the fear  
Of a most scandalous death doth force me hence.  
I am not near my Country, and to stay  
From new supply from thence, might deeply engage me  
To desperate hazard.  
*Bess*. Is it coin you want?  
Here is the hundred pound you gave me late,  
Use that, beside what I have stored and saved  
Which makes it fifty more: were it ten thousand  
Nay, a whole million, *Spencer*, all were thine.  
*Spencer* No, what thou hast keep still, 'tis all thine own.  
Here be my keys, my trunks take to thy charge:  
Such gold fit for transportage as I have,  
I'll bear along: the rest are freely thine,  
Money, apparel, and what else thou findest,  
Perhaps worth my bequest and thy receiving,  
I make thee mistress of.  
*Bess*. Before I doted,  
But now you strive to have me ecstasied.  
What would you have me do, in which t'express  
My zeal to you?  
*Spencer* Which in my chamber hangs,  
My picture, I enjoin thee to keep ever,  
For when thou partest with that, thou lovest me.  
*Bess*. My soul may from my body be divorced,  
But never that from me.  
*Spencer* I have a house in Foy, a tavern called  
The Windmill, that I freely give thee too,  
And thither if I live I'll send to thee.  
*Bess*. So soon as I have cast my reckonings up,  
And made even with my Master, I'll not fail  
To visit Foy in Cornwall. Is there else  
Aught that you will enjoin me?  
*Spencer* Thou art fair,

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Join to thy beauty virtue. Many suitors  
I know will tempt thee: beauty's a shrewd bait,  
But unto that if thou add'st chastity,

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Thou shalt o'ercome all scandal. Time calls hence,  
We now must part.

*Bess.* Oh that I had the power to make Time lame,  
To stay the stars, or make the Moon stand still,  
That future day might never haste thy flight.  
I could dwell here forever in thine arms.  
And wish it always night.

*Spencer* We trifle hours. Farewell.

*Bess.* First take this Ring:  
'Twas the first token of my constant love  
That passed betwixt us. When I see this next,  
And not my *Spencer*, I shall think thee dead:  
For till death part thy body from thy soul  
I know thou wilt not part with it.

*Spencer* Swear for me *Bess*: for thou mayst safely do 't.  
Once more farewell: at *Foy* thou shalt hear from me.

*Bess.* There's not a word that hath a parting sound  
Which through mine ears shrills not immediate death.  
I shall not live to lose thee.

*Forset* Best be gone, for hark I hear some tread.

*Spencer* A thousand farewells are in one contracted.  
Captain away.

*Exit Spencer, and Goodlack.*

*Bess.* Oh, I shall die.

*Forset* What mean you *Bess*, will you betray your friend,  
Or call my name in question? Sweet, look up.

*Bess.* Ha, is my *Spencer* gone?

*Forset* With speed towards *Foy*,  
There to take ship for *Fayal*.

*Bess.* Let me recollect myself,  
And what he left in charge. Virtue and Chastity.  
Next, with all sudden expedition

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Prepare for *Foy*: all these will I conserve,  
And keep them strictly, as I would my life.  
*Plymouth* farewell: in *Cornwall* I will prove  
A second fortune, and forever mourn,  
Until I see my *Spencer*'s safe return.

*Hautboys.*

*A dumb Show. Enter General, Captains, the Mayor:  
Petitioners the other way with papers: amongst these the  
Drawers. The General gives them bags of money. All  
go off saving the two Drawers.*

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*I Drawer* 'Tis well yet we have gotten all the money due  
to my Master. It is the commonest thing that can be for  
these Captains to score and to score: but when the scores  
are to be paid, *Non est inventus*.

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*2 Drawer* 'Tis ordinary amongst Gallants nowadays,  
who had rather swear forty oaths, than only this one  
oath, God let me never be trusted.

*1 Drawer* But if the Captains would follow the noble  
mind of the General, before night there would not be  
one score owing in Plymouth.

*2 Drawer* Little knows *Bess* that my Master hath got  
in these desperate debts: but she hath cast up her account:  
and is gone.

*1 Drawer* Whither canst thou tell?

*2 Drawer* They say to keep a Tavern in Foy, and that  
Master *Spencer* hath given her a stock to set up for herself.  
Well, howsoever, I am glad, though he killed the man we  
have got our money.

*Explicit Actus primus.*

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*Actus secundus, Scaena prima.*

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*Enter Forset and Roughman.*

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*Forset.*

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IN your time have you seen a sweeter creature?

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*Roughman* Some week or thereabouts.

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*Forset* And in that small time she hath almost undone  
all the other Taverns. The Gallants make no rendezvous  
now but at the Windmill.

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*Roughman* Spite of them I'll have her. It shall cost me  
the setting on but I'll have her.

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wln 0423

*Forset* Why, do you think she is so easily won?

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*Roughman* Easily or not, I'll bid as fair and far as any  
man within twenty miles of my head, but I will put her  
to the squeak.

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*Forset* They say there are Knights' sons already come  
as suitors to her.

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*Roughman* 'Tis like enough, some younger brothers, and  
so I intend to make them.

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*Forset* If these doings hold, she will grow rich in short  
time.

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*Roughman* There shall be doings that shall make this  
Windmill my grand seat, my mansion, my palace, and  
my Constantinople.

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*Enter Bess Bridges like a Mistress,  
and Clem*

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*Forset* Here she comes: observe how modestly she bears

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herself.

*Roughman* I must know of what burden this vessel is, I shall not bear with her till she bear with me, and till then, I cannot report her for a woman of good carriage.

*Bess.* Your old Master that dwelt here before my coming, hath turned over your years to me.

*Clem* Right forsooth: before he was a Vintner, he was a shoemaker, and left two or three turn-overs more besides myself.

*Bess.* How long hast thou to serve.

*Clem* But eleven years next grass, and then I am in hope of my freedom. For by that time I shall be at full age.

*Bess.* How old art thou now?

*Clem* Forsooth newly come into my Teens. I have scraped trenchers this two years, and the next Vintage I hope to be Bar-boy.

*Bess.* What's thy name?

*Clem* My name is *Clem*, my father was a Baker, and by the report of his neighbors, as honest a man as ever lived by bread.

*Bess* And where dwelt he?

*Clem* Below here in the next crooked street, at the sign of the Leg. He was nothing so tall as I, but a little wee-man, and somewhat huck-backed.

*Bess.* He was once Constable?

*Clem* He was indeed, and in that one year of his reign, I have heard them say, he bolted and sifted out more business, than others in that office in many years before him.

*Bess.* How long is 't since he died?

*Clem* Marry the last dear year. For when corn grew to be at an high rate, my father never dowed after.

*Bess.* I think I have heard of him.

*Clem* Then I am sure you have heard he was an honest neighbor, and one that never loved to be meal-mouthed.

*Bess.* Well sirrah, prove an honest servant, and you shall find me your good Mistress. What company is in the *Marmaid*?

*Clem* There be four Sea captains. I believe they be little better than spirats, they are so flush of their ruddocks.

*Bess* No matter, we will take no note of them. Here they vent many brave commodities, By which some gain accrues. Th' are my good customers, And still return me profit.

*Clem* Wot you what Mistress, how the two Sailors

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would have served me, that called for the pound and half  
of Cheese?

*Bess* How was it *Clem*?

*Clem* When I brought them a reckoning, they would  
have had me to have scored it up. They took me for a simple  
gull indeed, that would have had me to have taken  
Chalk for Cheese:

*Bess.* Well, go wait upon the Captains, see them  
want no wine.

*Clem* Nor reckoning neither, take my word Mistress.

*Roughman* She's now at leisure, I'll to her.  
Lady, what Gentlemen are those above?

*Bess.* Sir they are such as please to be my guests,  
And they are kindly welcome.

*Roughman* Give me their names.

*Bess.* You may go search the Church-book where  
they were christened.

There you perhaps may learn them.

*Roughman* Minion, how?

*Forset* Fie, fie, you are too rude with this fair creature,  
That no way seeks t' offend you.

*Bess* Pray hands off.

*Roughman* I tell thee maid, wife, or whate'er thou beest,  
No man shall enter here but by my leave.

Come, let's be more familiar.

*Bess* 'Las goodman.

*Roughman* Why know'st thou whom thou slight'st. I am *Roughman*,  
The only approved gallant of these parts,

A man of whom the Roarers stand in awe,  
And must not be put off.

*Bess* I never yet heard man so praise himself,

But proved in th' end a coward.

*Roughman* Coward, *Bess*?

You will offend me, raise in me that fury  
Your beauty cannot calm. Go to, no more,

Your language is too harsh and peremptory.

Pray let me hear no more on 't. I tell thee

That quiet day scarce past me these seven years

I have not cracked a weapon in some fray,

And will you move my spleen?

*Forset* What, threat a woman?

*Bess* Sir, if you thus persist to wrong my house,  
Disturb my guests, and nightly domineer,

To put my friends from patience, I'll complain,

And right myself before the Magistrate.

Can we not live in compass of the Law,

But must be swaggered out on 't?

*Roughman* Go to, wench,

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I wish thee well, think on 't, there's good for thee  
Stored in my breast, and when I come in place  
I must have no man to offend mine eye:  
My love can brook no rivals. For this time  
I am content your Captains shall have peace,  
But must not be used to 't.

*Bess* Sir if you come like other free and civil Gentlemen  
Y' are welcome, otherwise my doors are barred you.

*Roughman* That's my good Girl,  
I have fortunes laid up for thee: what I have  
Command it as thine own. Go to, be wise.

*Bess* Well, I shall study for 't.

*Roughman* Consider on 't. Farewell.

*Exit.*

*Bess* My mind suggests me that this prating fellow  
Is some notorious Coward. If he persist  
I have a trick, to try what metal's in him.

*Enter Clem*

What news with you?

*Clem* I am now going to carry the Captains a reckoning.

*Bess.* And what's the sum?

*Clem* Let me see, eight shillings and six pence.

*Bess* How can you make that good? write them a bill.

*Clem* I'll watch them for that, 'tis no time of night to  
use our bills, the Gentlemen are no dwarfs, and with one  
word of my mouth, I can tell them what is to *be-tall*.

*Bess.* How comes it to so much?

*Clem* *Imprimis*, six quarts of wine at seven pence the  
quart, seven sixpences.

*Bess.* Why dost thou reckon it so?

*Clem* Because as they came in by hab nab, so I will  
bring them in a reckoning at six and at sevens.

*Bess* Well, wine — 3 s, 6 d.

*Clem* And what wants that of ten groats?

*Bess.* 'Tis two pence over.

*Clem* Then put six pence more to it, and make it 4 s,  
wine, though you bate it them in their meat.

*Bess.* Why so I prithee?

*Clem* Because of the old proverb, What they want in  
meat, let them take out in drink. Then for twelve pennyworth  
of Anchoves, 18 d.

*Bess.* How can that be?

*Clem* Marry very well Mistress, 12 d. Anchoves, and  
6 d. oil and vinegar. Nay they shall have a saucy reckoning

*Bess* And what for the other half crown?

*Clem* Bread, beer, salt, napkins, trenchers, one thing  
with another, so the *summa totalis* is — 8 s, 6 d.

*Bess* Well, take the reckoning from the bar.

*Clem* What needs that forsooth? The Gentlemen seem



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to be high flown already, send them in but another pottle  
of Sack, and they will cast up the reckoning of themselves.  
Yes, I'll about it.

*Bess* Were I not with so my suitors pestered,  
And might I enjoy my *Spencer*, what a sweet  
Contented life were this? For money flows  
And my gain's great. But to my *Roughman* next:

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I have a trick to try what spirit's in him,  
It shall be my next business: in this passion  
For my dear *Spencer*, I propose me this,  
'Mongst many sorrows some mirth's not amiss,

*Exit.*

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*Enter Spencer, and Goodlack.*

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*Goodlack* What were you thinking sir?

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*Spencer* Troth of the world, what any man should see in 't  
To be in love with it.

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*Goodlack* The reason of your meditation.

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*Spencer* To imagine that in the same instant that one forfeits  
all his estate, another enters upon a rich possession: as  
one goes to the Church to be married, another is hurried  
to the gallows to be hanged, the last having no feeling  
of the first man's joy, nor the first of the last man's misery.  
At the same time that one lies tortured upon the Rack,  
another lies tumbling with his Mistress over head and  
ears in down and feathers. This when I truly consider,  
I cannot but wonder why any fortune should make a man  
ecstasied.

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*Goodlack* You give yourself too much to melancholy.

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*Spencer* These are my Maxims, and were they as faithfully  
practiced by others, as truly apprehended by me, we  
should have less oppression, and more charity.

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*Enter the two Captains that were before.*

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*1 Captain* Make good thy words.

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*2 Captain* I say thou hast injured me.

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*1 Captain* Tell me wherein.

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*2 Captain* When we assaulted Fayal,

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And I had by the General's command  
The onset, and with danger of my person  
Enforced the Spaniard to a swift retreat,  
And beat them from their Fort, thou when thou saw'st  
All fear and danger past, mad'st up with me

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To share that honor which was sole mine own,  
And never ventured shot for 't, or e'er came

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Where bullet grazed.  
*Spencer* See Captain a fray towards,  
Let's if we can atone this difference.  
*Goodlack* Content.  
*1 Captain* I'll prove it with my sword,  
That though thou hadst the foremost place in field,  
And I the second, yet my Company  
Was equal in the entry of the Fort.  
My sword was that day drawn as soon as thine,  
And that poor honor which I won that day  
Was but my merit.  
*2 Captain* Wrong me palpably  
And justify the same?  
*Spencer* You shall not fight.  
*1 Captain* Why sir, who made you first a Justicer,  
And taught you that word *shall?* you are no General,  
Or if you be, pray show us your Commission.  
*Spencer* Sir you have no commission but my counsel,  
And that I'll show you freely.  
*2 Captain* 'Tis some Chaplain,  
*1 Captain* I do not like his text.  
*Goodlack* Let's beat their weapons down.  
*1 Captain* I'll aim at him that offers to divide us!  
*2 Captain* Pox of these part-frays, see I am wounded  
By beating down my weapon.  
*Goodlack* How fares my friend?  
*Spencer* You sought for blood, and Gentlemen you have it,  
Let mine appease you, I am hurt to death.  
*1 Captain* My rage converts to pity, that this Gentleman  
Shall suffer for his goodness.  
*Goodlack* Noble friend,  
I will revenge thy death.  
*Spencer* He is no friend  
That murmurs such a thought. Oh Gentlemen.

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I killed a man in Plymouth, and by you  
Am slain in Fayal, *Carrol* fell by me,  
And I fall by a *Spencer*. Heaven is just,  
And will not suffer murder unrevenged,  
Heaven pardon me, as I forgive you both,  
Shift for yourselves: away.  
*2 Captain* We saw him die,  
But grieve you should so perish.  
*Spencer* Note Heaven's justice,  
And henceforth make that use on 't. I shall faint.  
*1 Captain* Short Farewells now must serve. If thou survivest  
Live to thine honor: but if thou expir'st  
Heaven take thy soul to mercy. *Exeunt.*  
*Spencer* I bleed much,

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I must go seek a Surgeon.

*Goodlack* Sir how cheer you?

*Spencer* Like one that's bound upon a new adventure

To th' other world: yet thus much worthy friend

Let me entreat you, since I understand

The Fleet is bound for England, take your occasion

To ship yourself, and when you come to Foy

Kindly commend me to my dearest *Bess*,

Thou shalt receive a Will, in which I have

Possessed her of five hundred pounds a year.

*Goodlack* A noble Legacy.

*Spencer* The rest I have bestowed amongst my friends,

Only reserving a bare hundred pounds

To see me honestly and well interred.

*Goodlack* I shall perform your trust as carefully

As to my father, breathed he.

*Spencer* Mark me Captain:

Her Legacy I give with this *proviso*,

If at thy arrival where my *Bess* remains,

Thou findest her well reported, free from scandal,

My Will stands firm: but if thou hear'st her branded

For loose behavior, or immodest life,

What she should have, I here bestow on thee,

It is thine own: but as thou lov'st thy soul

Deal faithfully betwixt my *Bess* and me.

*Goodlack* Else let me die a prodigy.

*Spencer* This Ring was hers, that, be she loose or chaste,

Being her own, restore her, she will know it,

And doubtless she deserves it. Oh my memory,

What had I quite forgot? She hath my picture,

*Goodlack* And what of that?

*Spencer* If she be ranked amongst the loose and lewd,

Take it away, I hold it much undecent,

A whore should ha't in keeping: but if constant

Let her enjoy it: this my Will perform

As thou art just and honest.

*Goodlack* Sense else forsake me.

*Spencer* Now lead me to my Chamber, all's made even,

My peace with earth, and my atone with heaven.

*Enter Bess Bridges like a Page with a sword,  
and Clem*

*Bess* But that I know my mother to be chaste,  
I'd swear some Soldier got me.

*Clem* It may be many a Soldier's Buff Jerkin came  
out of your father's Tan-fat.

*Bess.* Methinks I have a manly spirit in me

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In this man's habit.

*Clem* Now am not I of many men's minds, for if you should do me wrong, I should not kill you, though I took you pissing against a wall.

*Bess* Methinks I could be valiant on the sudden:  
And meet a man i' th' field.

I could do all that I have heard discoursed  
Of *Mary Ambree* or *Westminster's Long Meg*.

*Clem* What *Mary Ambree* was I cannot tell, but unless you were taller you will come short of *Long Meg*.

*Bess* Of all thy fellows thee I only trust,  
And charge thee to be secret.

*Clem* I am bound in my indentures to keep my Master's secrets, and should I find a man in bed with you, I would not tell.

*Bess* Be gone sir, but no words as you esteem my favor.

*Clem* But Mistress, I could wish you to look to your long seams, fights are dangerous. But am not I in a sweet taking think you?

*Bess*. I prithee why?

*Clem* Why, if you should swagger and kill anybody, I being a Vintner should be called to the Bar.

*Bess*. Let none condemn me of immodesty,  
Because I try the courage of a man  
Who on my soul's a Coward: beats my servants,  
Cuffs them, and as they pass by him kicks my maids,  
Nay domineers over me, making himself  
Lord o'er my house and household. Yesternight  
I heard him make appointment on some business  
To pass alone this way. I'll venture fair,  
But I will try what's in him.

*Enter Roughman and Forset.*

*Forset* Sir, I can now no further, weighty business  
Calls me away.

*Roughman* Why at your pleasure then,  
Yet I could wish that ere I passed this field,  
That I could meet some *Hector*, so your eyes  
Might witness what myself have oft repeated,  
Namely that I am valiant.

*Forset* Sir no doubt. But now I am in haste. Farewell,

*Roughman* How many times brave words bear out a man?  
For if he can but make a noise, he's feared.  
To talk of frays, although he ne'er had heart  
To face a man in field, that's a brave fellow,  
I have been valiant I must needs confess,

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In street and Tavern, where there have been men  
Ready to part the fray: but for the fields  
They are too cold to fight in.

*Bess.* You are a villain, a Coward, and you lie.

*Roughman* You wrong me I protest. Sweet courteous Gentleman  
I never did you wrong.

*Bess.* Wilt tell me that?

Draw forth thy coward sword, and suddenly,  
Or as I am a man I'll run thee through,  
And leave thee dead i' th' field.

*Roughman* Hold as you are a Gentleman. I have ta'en an oath  
I will not fight today.

*Bess.* Th'ast took a blow already and the lie,  
Will not both these enrage thee?

*Roughman* No, would you give the bastinado too,  
I will not break mine oath.

*Bess.* Oh, your name's *Roughman*.  
No day doth pass you but you hurt or kill.  
Is this out of your calendar?

*Roughman* Ay, you are deceived,  
I ne'er drew sword in anger I protest,  
Unless it were upon some poor weak fellow  
That ne'er wore steel about him.

*Bess.* Throw your Sword.

*Roughman* Here sweet young sir, but as you are a gentleman,  
Do not impair mine honor.

*Bess.* Tie that shoe.

*Roughman* I shall sir.

*Bess.* Untruss that point.

*Roughman* Any thing this day to save mine oath.

*Bess.* Enough: yet not enough, lie down  
Till I stride o'er thee.

*Roughman* Sweet sir any thing.

*Bess.* Rise, thou hast leave. Now *Roughman* thou art blest  
This day thy life is saved, look to the rest.  
Take back thy sword.

*Roughman* Oh you are generous: honor me so much  
As let me know to whom I owe my life.

*Bess.* I am *Bess Bridges*'s brother,

*Roughman* Still methought that you were something like her.

*Bess.* And I have heard,  
You domineer and revel in her house,  
Control her servants, and abuse her guests,  
Which if I ever shall hereafter hear,  
Thou art but a dead man.

*Roughman* She never told me of a brother living,  
But you have power to sway me.

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*Bess* But for I see you are a Gentleman,  
I am content this once to let you pass,  
But if I find you fall into relapse,  
The second's far more dangerous.

*Roughman* I shall fear it. Sir will you take the wine?

*Bess* I am for London.

And for these two terms cannot make return:  
But if you see my sister, you may say  
I was in health.

*Roughman* Too well, the devil take you.

*Bess* Pray use her well, and at my coming back  
I'll ask for your acquaintance. Now farewell.

*Roughman* None saw 't: he's gone for London: I am unhurt,  
Then who shall publish this disgrace abroad?  
One man's no slander, should he speak his worst,  
My tongue's as loud as his, but in this country  
Both of more fame and credit. Should we contest  
I can outface the proudest. This is then  
My comfort: *Roughman*, thou art still the same,  
For a disgrace not seen, is held no shame.

wln 0830

*Enter two Sailors.*

wln 0831

*1 Sailor* Aboard, aboard, the wind stands fair for England,  
The ships have all weighed anchor.

wln 0832

*2 Sailor* A stiff gale blows from the shore.

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wln 0834

*Enter Captain Goodlack.*

wln 0835

*Goodlack* The Sailors call aboard, and I am forced  
To leave my friend now at the point of death,  
And cannot close his eyes. Here is the Will,  
Now may I find yon Tanner's daughter turned  
Unchaste or wanton, I shall gain by it  
Five hundred pounds a year: here is good evidence.

wln 0836

*1 Sailor.* Sir will you take the long boat and aboard?

wln 0837

*Enter a third Sailor.*

wln 0838

*Goodlack* With all my heart.

wln 0839

*3 Sailor* What are you ready Mates?

wln 0840

*1 Sailor* We stayed for you. Thou canst not tell who's dead?  
The great bell rung out now.

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*3 Sailor.* They say 'twas for one *Spencer*, who this night  
Died of a mortal wound.

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*Goodlack* My worthy friend.

wln 0843

Unhappy man that cannot stay behind

wln 0844

To do him his last rights. Was his name *Spencer*?

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*3 Sailor* Yes sir, a Gentleman of good account

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And well known in the navy.

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*Goodlack* This is the end of all mortality:

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It will be news displeasing to his *Bess*.  
I cannot fair amiss, but long to see  
Whether these Lands belong to her or me.

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*Enter Spencer, and his Surgeon.*

*Surgeon* Nay fear not sir, now you have scaped this dressing  
My life for yours.

*Spencer* I thank thee honest Friend.

*Surgeon* Sir I can tell you news.

*Spencer* What is 't I prithee?

*Surgeon* There is a Gentleman one of your name,  
That died within this hour.

*Spencer* My name? what was he, of what sickness died he?

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*Surgeon* No sickness, but a slight hurt in the body,  
Which showed at first no danger, but being searched,  
He died at the third dressing.

*Spencer* At my third search I am in hope of life.  
The heavens are merciful.

*Surgeon* Sir doubt not your recovery.

*Spencer* That hundred pound I had prepared t' expend  
Upon mine own expected Funeral  
I for namesake will now bestow on his.

*Surgeon* A noble resolution.

*Spencer* What ships are bound for England, I would gladly  
Venture to sea, though weak.

*Surgeon* All bound that way are under sail already.

*Spencer* Here's no security,  
For when the beaten Spaniards shall return,  
They'll spoil whom they can find.

*Surgeon* We have a ship,  
Of which I am Surgeon, that belongs unto  
A London merchant, now bound for Mamorah  
A town in Barbary, please you to use that,  
You shall command free passage: ten months hence  
We hope to visit England.

*Spencer* Friend I thank thee.

*Surgeon* I'll bring you to the Master, who I know  
Will entertain you gladly.

*Spencer* When I have seen the funeral rights performed  
To the dead body of my Country man  
And kinsman, I will take your courteous offer.  
England no doubt will hear news of my death,  
How *Bess* will take it is to me unknown:  
On her behavior I will build my fate,  
There raise my love, or thence erect my hate.

*Explicit Actus secundus.*

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*Actus tertius. Scaena prima.*

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*Enter Roughman and Forset.*

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*Forset.*

wln 0903

OH y' are well met, just as I prophesied

wln 0904

So it fell out.

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*Forset* As how I pray?

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*Roughman* Had you but stayed the crossing of one field,

wln 0907

You had beheld a *Hector*, the boldest Trojan

wln 0908

That ever *Roughman* met with.

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*Forset* Pray what was he?

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*Roughman* You talk of *Little Davy*, *Cutting Dick*,

wln 0911

And divers such, but tush, this hath no fellow.

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*Forset* Of what stature and years was he?

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*Roughman* Indeed I must confess he was no giant,

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Nor above fifty, but he did bestir him,

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Was here and there, and everywhere at once,

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That I was ne'er so put to 't since the Midwife

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First wrapped my head in linen. Let's to *Bess*.

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I'll tell her the whole project.

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*Forset* Here's the house, we'll enter if you please.

wln 0920

*Roughman* Where be these Drawers, Rascals I should say?

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That will give no attendance.

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*Enter Clem*

wln 0923

*Clem.* Anon, anon sir, please you see a room. What you here again? Now we shall have such roaring.

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*Roughman* You sirrah call your Mistress.

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*Clem* Yes sir, I know it is my duty to call her Mistress.

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*Roughman* See and the slave will stir.

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*Clem* Yes I do stir.

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*Roughman* Shall we have humors, sauce-box, you have ears

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I'll teach you pricksong.

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*Clem* But you have now a wrong Sow by the ear. I will call her,

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*Roughman* Do sir, you had best.

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*Clem* If you were twenty *Roughmans*, if you lug me by the ears again, I'll draw.

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*Roughman* Ha, what will you draw?

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*Clem* The best wine in the house for your worship: and I would call her, but I can assure you she is either not stirring, or else not in case.

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*Roughman* How not in case?

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*Clem* I think she hath not her smock on, for I think

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I saw it lie at her bed's head.

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*Roughman* What, Drawers grow capricious?  
*Clem* Help, help.

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*Enter Bess Bridges.*

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*Bess.* What uproar's this? shall we be never rid  
From these disturbances?

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*Roughman* Why how now *Bess*? Is this your huswifry?

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When you are mine I'll have you rise as early as the Lark,

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Look to the Bar yourself: these lazy rascals

wln 0951

Will bring your state behind hand.

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*Clem* You lie sir?

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*Roughman* How? lie?

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*Clem* Yes sir at the Raven in the high-street, I was at  
your lodging this morning for a pottle pot.

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*Roughman* You will about your business, must you here

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Stand gaping and idle?

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*Bess* You wrong me sir,

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And tyrannize too much over my servants.

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I will have no man touch them but myself.

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*Clem* If I do not put Ratsbane into his wine instead

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of Sugar, say I am no true Baker.

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*Roughman* What, rise at noon?

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A man may fight a tall fray in a morning,

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And one of your best friends too be hacked and mangled,

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And almost cut to pieces, and you fast

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Close in your bed, ne'er dream on 't.

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*Bess.* Fought you this day?

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*Roughman* And ne'er was better put to 't in my days.

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*Bess.* I pray, how was't?

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*Roughman* Thus: as I passed yon fields:

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*Enter the Kitchen-maid.*

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*Maid.* I pray forsooth, what shall I reckon for the Jowl  
of Ling in the Portcullis.

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*Roughman* A pox upon your Jowls, you kitchen-stuff,

wln 0976

Go scour your skillets, pots, and dripping-pans,

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And interrupt not us.

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*Maid.* The Devil take your Oxheels, you foul

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Codshead, must you be kicking?

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*Roughman* Minion dare you scold?

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*Maid.* Yes sir, and lay my ladle over your coxcomb.

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*Bess.* I do not think that thou dar'st strike a man,

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That swagger'st thus o'er women.

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*Roughman* How now *Bess*?

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*Bess.* Shall we be never quiet?

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*Forset* You are too rude.

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*Roughman* Now I profess all patience.

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*Bess* Then proceed.

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*Roughman* Rising up early, Minion whilst you slept,

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To cross yon field, I had but newly parted  
With this my friend, but that I soon espied  
A gallant fellow, and most strongly armed.  
In the mid-field we met, and both being resolute,  
We justled for the wall.

*Bess* Why, did there stand a wall in the mid-field?

*Roughman* I meant strove for the way.

Two such brave spirits meeting, straight both drew.

*Enter Clem*

*Clem* The Maid forsooth sent me to know whether  
you would have the shoulder of mutton roasted or sod.

*Roughman* A mischief on your shoulders.

*Clem* That's the way to make me never prove good porter

*Bess.* You still heap wrongs on wrongs.

*Roughman* I was in fury

To think upon the violence of that fight,

And could not stay my rage.

*Forset* Once more proceed.

*Roughman* Oh had you seen two tilting meteors justle

In the mid Region, with like fear and fury

We two encountered. Not *Briareus*

Could with his hundred hands have struck more thick.

Blows came about my head, I took them still.

Thrusts by my sides twixt body and my arms,

Yet still I put them by.

*Bess.* When they were past he put them by. Go on.

But in this fury what became of him?

*Roughman* I think I paid him home, he's soundly mauled,

I bosomed him at every second thrust.

*Bess* 'Scaped he with life?

*Roughman* Ay, that's my fear: if he recover this,  
I'll never trust my sword more.

*Bess.* Why fly you not if he be in such danger?

*Roughman* Because a witch once told me

I ne'er should die for murder.

*Bess.* I believe thee,

But tell me pray, was not this gallant fellow,

A pretty fair young youth about my years?

*Roughman* Even thereabouts.

*Clem* He was not fifty then.

*Bess.* Much of my stature?

*Roughman* Much about your pitch.

*Clem* He was no giant then.

*Bess.* And wore a suit like this?

*Roughman* I half suspect.

*Bess.* That gallant fellow,

So wounded and so mangled, was myself,

You base white-livered slave, it was this shoe

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That thou stooped to untie: untrussed those points:  
And like a beastly coward lay along,  
Till I strid over thee. Speak, was't not so?  
*Roughman* It cannot be denied.  
*Bess.* Hare-hearted fellow, Milksop, dost not blush?  
Give me that Rapier: I will make thee swear,  
Thou shalt redeem this scorn thou hast incurred,  
Or in this woman shape I'll cudgel thee,  
And beat thee through the streets. As I am *Bess*, I'll do 't.  
*Roughman* Hold, hold; I swear.  
*Bess* Dare not to enter at my door till then.  
*Roughman* Shame confounds me quite.  
*Bess* That shame redeem: perhaps we'll do thee grace  
I love the valiant, but despise the base.  
*Clem* Will you be kicked sir?  
*Roughman* She hath wakened me,  
And kindled that dead fire of courage in me,  
Which all this while hath slept: To spare my flesh  
And wound my fame, what is 't? I will not rest  
Till by some valiant deed I have made good  
All my disgraces past. I'll cross the street,  
And strike the next brave fellow that I meet.  
*Forset* I am bound to see the end on 't.  
*Roughman* Are you sir?  
*Beats off Forset.*

*Exit.*

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*Enter Mayor of Foy, an Alderman; and Servant.*

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*Mayor.* Believe me sir, she bears herself so well,  
No man can justly blame her: and I wonder  
Being a single woman as she is,  
And living in an house of such resort,  
She is no more distasted.  
*Alderman* The best Gentlemen  
The Country yields, become her daily guests.  
Sure sir I think she's rich.

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*Mayor.* Thus much I know, would I could buy her state  
Were 't for a brace of thousands. *A shot.*  
*Alderman* 'Twas said a ship is now put into harbor,  
Know whence she is.  
*Servant* I'll bring news from the quay.  
*Mayor.* To tell you true sir, I could wish a match  
Betwixt her and mine own and only son,  
And stretch my purse too upon that condition.  
*Alderman* Please you I'll motion it.

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wln 1127

*Enter the Servant.*

*Servant* One of the ships is new come from the Islands,  
The greatest man of note's one Captain *Goodlack*.  
It is but a small Vessel.

*Enter Goodlack and Sailors.*

*Goodlack* I'll meet you straight at th' Windmill.  
Not one word of my name.  
*I Sailor* We understand you.  
*Mayor.* Sir 'tis told us you came late from th' Islands:  
*Goodlack* I did so:  
*Mayor.* Pray sir the news from thence.  
*Goodlack* The best is, that the General is in health,  
And Fayal won from th' Spaniards: but the Fleet  
By reason of so many dangerous tempests  
Extremely weather-beaten. You sir I take it,  
Are Mayor o' th' town.  
*Mayor.* I am the King's Lieutenant.  
*Goodlack* I have some Letters of import from one  
A Gentleman of very good account,  
That died late in the Islands, to a Maid  
That keeps a Tavern here.  
*Mayor.* Her name *Bess Bridges*?  
*Goodlack* The same. I was desired to make inquiry  
What fame she bears, and what report she's of.  
Now you sir being here chief Magistrate,  
Can best resolve me.

*Mayor.* To our understanding,  
She's without stain or blemish well reputed,  
And by her modesty and fair demeanor,  
Hath won the love of all.  
*Goodlack* The worse for me.  
*Alderman* I can assure you many narrow eyes  
Have looked on her and her condition,  
But those that with most envy have endeavored  
T' entrap her, have returned won by her virtues.  
*Goodlack* So all that I inquire of make report.  
I am glad to hear 't. Sir I have now some business,  
And I of force must leave you.  
*Mayor.* I entreat you to sup with me tonight.  
*Goodlack* Sir I may trouble you.  
Five hundred pound a year out of my way.  
Is there no flaw that I can tax her with,  
To forfeit this revenue? Is she such a Saint,  
None can missay her? why then I myself  
Will undertake it. If in her demeanor  
I can but find one blemish, stain or spot,  
It is five hundred pound a year well got.

*Exit.*

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*Enter Clem and the Sailors on the one side, at the other  
Roughman, who draws upon them, and beats them  
off.*

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wln 1140

*Enter Bess, Clem, and the Sailors.*  
*Bess* But did he fight it bravely?  
*Clem* I assure you mistress most dissolutely: he hath  
run this Sailer three times through the body, and yet  
never touched his skin.  
*Bess.* How can that be?  
*Clem* Through the body of his doublet I meant.  
*Bess,* How shame, base imputation, and disgrace  
Can make a coward valiant: Sirrah you  
Look to the bar.

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*Clem* I'll hold up my hand there presently.  
*Bess* I understand, you came now from the Islands,  
*1 Sailor* We did so.  
*Bess* If you can tell me tidings of one Gentleman  
I shall requite you largely.  
*1 Sailor.* Of what name?  
*Bess* One *Spencer*.  
*1 Sailor.* We both saw and knew the man.  
*Bess.* Only for that call for what wine you please.  
Pray tell me where you left him.  
*2 Sailor.* In Fayal.  
*Bess* Was he in health? how did he fare?  
*2 Sailor* Why well.  
*Bess* For that good news, spend, revel, and carouse,  
Your reckoning's paid beforehand. I'm ecstasied,  
And my delights unbounded.  
*1 Sailor* Did you love him?  
*Bess* Next to my hopes in heaven.  
*1 Sailor* Then change your mirth.  
*Bess.* Why, as I take it, you told me he was well,  
And shall I not rejoice?  
*1 Sailor* He's well in heaven, For Mistress, he is dead,  
*Bess* Ha, dead! was't so you said? Th'ast given me, friend  
But one wound yet, speak but that word again,  
And kill me outright.  
*2 Sailor* He lives not.  
*Bess* And shall I? Wilt thou not break heart?  
Are these my ribs wrought out of brass or steel,  
Thou canst not craze their bars?  
*1 Sailor* Mistress use patience, which conquers all despair.  
*Bess.* You advise well:  
I did but jest with sorrow: you may see  
I am now in gentle temper.

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wln 1175  
wln 1176

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*2 Sailor* True, we see 't.  
*Bess* Pray take the best room in the house, and there  
Call for what wine best tastes you: at my leisure

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wln 1178  
wln 1179  
wln 1180  
wln 1181  
wln 1182  
wln 1183

I'll visit you myself.  
*I Sailor* I'll use your kindness. *Exeunt.*  
*Bess.* That it should be my fate. Poor poor sweetheart  
I do but think how thou becomest thy grave,  
In which would I lay by thee: what's my wealth  
To enjoy 't without my *Spencer*. I will now  
Study to die, that I may live with him.

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*Enter Goodlack.*  
*Goodlack* The further I inquire, the more I hear  
To my discomfort. If my discontinuance  
And change at Sea disguise me from her knowledge  
I shall have scope enough to prove her fully.  
This sadness argues she hath heard some news  
Of my Friend's death.  
*Bess.* It cannot sure be true  
That he is dead, Death could not be so envious  
To snatch him in his prime. I study to forget  
That e'er was such a man.  
*Goodlack* If not impeach her,  
My purpose is to seek to marry her.  
If she deny me, I'll conceal the Will,  
Or at the least make her compound for half.  
Save you fair Gentlewoman.  
*Bess* You are welcome sir.  
*Goodlack* I hear say there's a whore here that draws wine,  
I am sharp set, and newly come from sea,  
And I would see the trash.  
*Bess* Sure you mistake sir.  
If you desire attendance and some wine  
I can command you both. Where be these boys?  
*Goodlack* Are you the Mistress?  
*Bess.* I command the house.  
*Goodlack* Of what birth are you, pray?  
*Bess.* A Tanner's daughter.  
*Goodlack* Where born?

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*Bess.* In Somersetshire.  
*Goodlack* A trade-fallen Tanner's daughter go so brave:  
Oh you have tricks to compass these gay clothes.  
*Bess.* None sir, but what are honest.  
*Goodlack* What's your name?  
*Bess.* *Bess Bridges* most men call me.

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*Goodlack* Y' are a whore.  
*Bess.* Sir, I will fetch you wine to wash your mouth,  
It is so foul, I fear 't may fester else.  
There may be danger in 't.  
*Goodlack* Not all this move her patience.  
*Bess.* Good sir, at this time I am scarce myself  
By reason of a great and weighty loss  
That troubles me: but I should know that Ring.  
*Goodlack* How, this, you baggage? It was never made  
To grace a strumpet's finger.  
*Bess.* Pardon sir, I both must and will leave you. *Exit.*  
*Goodlack* Did not this well? This will stick in my stomach  
I could repent my wrongs done to this maid:  
But I'll not leave her thus: if she still love him.  
I'll break her heartstrings with some false report  
Of his unkindness.

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*Enter Clem*

*Clem* You are welcome Gentleman: what wine will  
you drink? Claret, Metheglin, or Muscadine, Cider or  
Perry, to make you merry, Aragoosa, or Peter-see-me,  
Canary or Charnico? But by your nose sir you should love  
a cup of Malmsey: you shall have a cup of the best in Cornwall.

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*Goodlack* Here's a brave drawer will quarrel with his wine.  
*Clem* But if you prefer the Frenchman before the  
Spaniard, you shall have either here of the deep red grape  
or the pallid white. You are a pretty tall Gentleman, you  
should love High-Country wine: none but Clerks and  
Sextons love Graves wine. Or are you a married man, I'll

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furnish you with bastard, white or brown, according to  
the complexion of your bedfellow.  
*Goodlack* You rogue, how many years of your prenticeship  
Have you spent in studying this set speech?  
*Clem* The first line of my part was, Anon anon, sir: and  
the first question I answered to, was loggerhead, or blockhead,  
I know not whether.  
*Goodlack* Speak, where's your Mistress?  
*Clem* Gone up to her chamber.  
*Goodlack* Set a pottle of Sack in th' fire, and carry it into  
the next room. *Exit.*  
*Clem* Score a pottle of Sack in the Crown, and see at  
the bar for some rotten eggs to burn it: we must have  
one trick or other to vent away our bad commodities.

*Exit.*

*Exit.*

*Enter Bess with Spencer's Picture.*

wln 1263

*Bess.* To die, and not vouchsafe some few commends

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Before his death, was most unkindly done.  
This Picture is more courteous: 'twill not shrink  
For twenty thousand kisses: no nor blush:  
Then thou shalt be my husband, and I vow  
Never to marry other.

*Enter Goodlack.*

*Goodlack* Where's this harlot?

*Bess.* You are immodest sir to press thus rudely  
Into my private chamber.

*Goodlack* Pox of modesty

When punks must have it mincing in their mouths.  
And have I found thee? then shalt hence with me.

*Bess.* Rob me not of the chiefest wealth I have:  
Search all my trunks, take the best Jewels there:  
Deprive me not that treasure, I'll redeem it  
With plate, and all the little coin I have,  
So I make keep that still.

*Goodlack* Thinkst thou that bribes  
Can make me leave my friend's Will unperformed?

*Bess.* What was that Friend?

*Goodlack* One *Spencer*, dead i' th' Islands,  
Whose very last words uttered at his death  
Were these, If ever thou shalt come to Foy,  
Take thence my picture, and deface it quite:  
For let it not be said, my portraiture  
Shall grace a strumpet's chamber.

*Bess* 'Twas not so:

You lie, you are a villain: 'twas not so.  
'Tis more than sin thus to belie the dead:  
He knew if ever I would have transgressed,  
'T had been with him: he dared have sworn me chaste,  
And died in that belief.

*Goodlack* Are you so brief?

Nay, I'll not trouble you: God b' wi' you.

*Bess.* Yet leave me still that Picture, and I'll swear  
You are a Gentleman, and cannot lie.

*Goodlack* I am inexorable.

*Bess.* Are you a Christian, have you any name  
That ever good man gave you?  
'Twas no Saint you were called after. What's thy name?

*Goodlack* My name is Captain *Thomas Good* —

*Bess* I can see no good in thee. Race that syllable  
Out of thy name.

*Goodlack* *Goodlack's* my name.

*Bess.* I cry you mercy sir: I now remember you,  
You were my *Spencer's* friend, and I am sorry,  
Because he loved you, I have been so harsh:  
For whose sake, I entreat ere you take 't hence,  
I may but take my leave on 't.

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*Goodlack* You'll return it?  
*Bess.* As I am chaste I will.  
*Goodlack* For once I'll trust you.  
*Bess.* Oh thou the perfect semblance of my Love,  
And all that's left of him, take one sweet kiss,  
As my last farewell. Thou resemblest him

For whose sweet safety I was every morning  
Down on my knees, and with the Larks' sweet tunes  
I did begin my prayers: and when sad sleep  
Had charmed all eyes, when none save the bright stars  
Were up and waking, I remembered thee,  
But all, all to no purpose.

*Goodlack* Sure, most sure, this cannot be dissembled.

*Bess.* To thee I have been constant in thine absence,  
And when I looked upon this painted piece  
Remembered thy last rules and principles:  
For thee I have given alms, visited prisons,  
To Gentlemen and passengers lent coin,  
That if they ever had ability  
They might repay 't to *Spencer*: yet for this,  
All this, and more, I cannot have so much  
As this poor table.

*Goodlack* I should question truth, if I should wrong this creature.

*Bess.* I am resolved.

See sir, this Picture I restore you back,  
Which since it was his will you should take hence,  
I will not wrong the dead.

*Goodlack* God be w' you.

*Bess.* One word more.

*Spencer* you say was so unkind in death:

*Goodlack* I tell you true.

*Bess.* I do entreat you even for goodness' sake  
Since you were one that he entirely loved,  
If you some few days hence hear me expired,  
You will 'mongst other good men, and poor people  
That haply may miss *Bess*, grace me so much  
As follow me to th' grave. This if you promise,  
You shall not be the least of all my friends  
Remembered in my will. Now fare you well.

*Goodlack* Had I a heart of flint or adamant  
It would relent at this. My Mistress *Bess*,  
I have better tidings for you.

*Bess.* You will restore my Picture? will you?

*Goodlack* Yes, and more than that,  
This Ring from my friend's finger sent to you,

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With infinite commends.

*Bess.* You change my blood.

*Goodlack* These writings are the evidence of Lands,  
Five hundred pound a year's bequeathed to you,  
Of which I here possess you: all is yours.

*Bess.* This surplusage of love, hath made my loss  
That was but great before: now infinite.

It may be compassed: there's in this my purpose  
No impossibility.

*Goodlack* What study you?

*Bess.* Four thousand pound besides this Legacy,  
In Jewels, gold, and silver I can make,  
And every man discharged. I am resolved  
To be a pattern to all Maids hereafter  
Of constancy in love.

*Goodlack* Sweet Mistress *Bess*, will you command my service,  
If to succeed your *Spencer* in his Love,  
I would expose me wholly to your wishes.

*Bess.* Alas my love sleeps with him in his grave,  
And cannot thence be wakened: yet for his sake  
I will impart a secret to your trust,  
Which, saving you, no mortal should partake.

*Goodlack* Both for his love and yours, command my service.

*Bess.* There's a prize  
Brought into Falmouth Road, a good tight Vessel,  
The Bottom will but cost eight hundred pound,  
You shall have money: buy it.

*Goodlack* To what end?

*Bess.* That you shall know hereafter. Furnish her  
With all provision needful: spare no cost:  
And join with you a ging of lusty lads,  
Such as will bravely man her: all the charge  
I will commit to you: and when she's fitted,

Captain she is thine own.

*Goodlack* I sound it not.

*Bess.* Spare me the rest. This voyage I intend,  
Though some may blame, all Lovers will commend.

*Exeunt.*

*Explicit Actus tertius.*

*Actus quartus. Scaena prima.*

*After an Alarum, Enter a Spanish Captain, with Sailors,  
bringing in a Merchant, Spencer, and the Surgeon prisoners.*

*Spaniard.*

FOR Fayal's loss, and spoil by th' English done,

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We are in part revenged. There's not a Vessel  
That bears upon her top Saint *George's* Cross,  
But for that act shall suffer.

*Merchant.* Insult not Spaniard,  
Nor be too proud, that thou by odds of Ships,  
Provision, men, and powder mad'st us yield.  
Had you come one to one, or made assault  
With reasonable advantage; we by this  
Had made the carcase of your ship your graves,  
Low sunk to the Sea's bottom.

*Spaniard* Englishman, thy ship shall yield us pillage,  
These prisoners we will keep in strongest Hold,  
To pay no other ransom than their lives.

*Spencer* Degenerate Spaniard, there's no noblesse in thee  
To threaten men unarmed and miserable,  
Thou mightst as well tread o'er a field of slaughter,  
And kill them o'er, that are already slain,  
And brag thy manhood.

*Spaniard* Sirrah, what are you?

*Spencer* Thy equal as I am a prisoner,  
But once to stay a better man than thou,

A Gentleman in my Country.

*Spaniard* Wert thou not so, we have strappado, bolts,  
And engines to the Main-mast fastened,  
Can make you gentle.

*Spencer* Spaniard do thy worst, thou canst not act  
More tortures than my courage is able to endure.

*Spaniard* These Englishmen  
Nothing can daunt them: Even in misery  
They'll not regard their masters.

*Spencer* Masters! Insulting bragging *Thrasoes*.

*Spaniard* His sauciness we'll punish 'bove the rest.  
About their censures we will next devise,  
And now towards Spain with our brave English prize.

*Flourish*

*Exeunt.*

*Enter Bess, Mayor, Alderman, Clem.*  
*A table set out, and stools.*

*Bess.* A Table and some stools.

*Clem* I shall give you occasion to ease your tails presently.

*Bess* Will 't please you sit?

*Mayor.* With all our hearts, and thank you.

*Bess.* Fetch me that parchment in my Closet window.

*Clem* The three sheepskins with the wrong side outward

*Bess.* That with the seal.

*Clem* I hope it is my Indenture, and now she means  
to give me my time.

*Alderman* And now you are alone, fair Mistress *Elizabeth*

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I think it good to taste you with a motion.  
That no way can displease you.  
*Bess.* Pray speak on.  
*Alderman* 'T hath pleased here Master Mayor so far to look  
Into your fair demeanor that he thinks you  
A fit match for his Son.

*Enter Clem with the parchment.*

*Clem* Here's the parchment, but if it be the lease of  
your house, I can assure you 'tis out.

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wln 1490  
wln 1491  
wln 1492

*Bess.* The years are not expired.

*Clem* No, but it is out of your Closet.

*Bess.* About your business.

*Clem* Here's even *Susanna* betwixt the two wicked elders.

*Alderman* What think you Mistress *Elizabeth*?

*Bess.* Sir I thank you.

And how much I esteem this goodness from you  
The trust I shall commit unto your charge  
Will truly witness. Marry, gentle Sir!  
'Las I have sadder business now in hand,  
Than sprightly marriage, witness these my tears.  
Pray read there.

*Mayor.* The last Will and Testament of *Elizabeth Bridges*  
to be committed to the trust of the Mayor and Aldermen  
of Foy, and their Successors forever.  
To set up young beginners in their trade, a thousand pound  
To relieve such as have had loss by Sea, 500 pound.  
To every Maid that's married out of Foy,  
Whose name's *Elizabeth* ten pound.  
To relieve maimed Soldiers, by the year ten pound.  
To Captain *Goodlack*, if he shall perform  
The business he's employed in, five hundred pound.  
The Legacies for *Spencer* thus to stand,  
To number all the poorest of his kin,  
And to bestow on them. Item to —

*Bess.* Enough: you see sir I am now too poor  
To bring a dowry with me fit for your son.

*Mayor.* You want a precedent, you so abound  
In charity and goodness.

*Bess.* All my servants  
I leave at your discretions to dispose  
Not one but I have left some legacy.  
What shall become of me, or what I purpose  
Spare further to inquire.

*Mayor.* We'll take our leaves.  
And prove to you faithful Executors.

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wln 1496  
wln 1497

In this bequest.

*Alderman* Let never such despair,  
As dying rich, shall make the poor their heir.

*Exit.*

*Bess.* Why what is all the wealth the world contains.  
Without my *Spencer*?

wln 1498  
wln 1499  
wln 1500  
wln 1501  
wln 1502  
wln 1503

*Enter Roughman and Forset.*

*Roughman* where's my sweet *Bess*?  
Shall I become a welcome suitor now?  
That I have changed my Copy?

*Bess.* I joy to hear it.  
I'll find employment for you.

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*Enter Goodlack, Sailors, and Clem*

*Goodlack* A gallant ship, and wondrous proudly trimmed,  
Well calked, well tackled, every way prepared.

*Bess.* Here then our mourning for a season end.

*Roughman* *Bess*, shall I strike that Captain? say the word,  
I'll have him by the ears.

*Bess.* Not for the world.

*Goodlack* What saith that fellow?

*Bess.* He desires your love, good, Captain let him ha' it.

*Goodlack* Then change a hand.

*Bess.* Resolve me all. I am bound upon a voyage,  
Will you in this adventure take such part,  
As I myself shall do?

*Roughman* With my fair *Bess*, to the world's end.

*Bess.* Then Captain and Lieutenant both, join hands,  
Such are your places now.

*Goodlack* We two are friends.

*Bess* I next must swear you two, with all your ging  
True to some articles you must observe,  
Reserving to myself a prime command,  
Whilst I enjoin nothing unreasonable.

*Goodlack* All this is granted.

*Bess* Then first, you said your ship was trim and gay,

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wln 1537  
wln 1538

I'll have her pitched all o'er, no spot of white,  
No color to be seen, no Sail but black,  
No Flag but sable.

*Goodlack* 'Twill be ominous, and bode disaster fortune.

*Bess.* I'll ha' it so.

*Goodlack* Why then she shall be pitched black as the devil,

*Bess.* She shall be called *The Negro*, when you know  
My conceit, Captain, you will thank for 't.

*Roughman* But whither are we bound?

*Bess.* Pardon me that.

When we are out at sea I'll tell you all.  
For mine own wearing I have rich apparel,

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wln 1584

For man or woman as occasion serves.

*Clem* But Mistress, if you be going to sea, what shall become of me aland.

*Bess.* I'll give thee thy full time.

*Clem* And shall I take time, when time is, and let my Mistress slip away. No, it shall be seen that my teeth are as strong to grind biscuit as the best sailor of them all, and my **stomach** as able to digest powdered beef and Poor-john. Shall I stay here to score a pudding in the Half-moon, and see my Mistress at the Main yard with her sails up, and spread. No it shall be seen that I who have been brought up to draw wine, will see what water the ship draws, or I'll bewray the Voyage.

*Bess.* If thou hast so much courage, the Captain shall accept thee.

*Clem* If I have so much courage? When did you see a black beard with a white liver, or a little fellow without a tall stomach. I doubt not but to prove an honor to all the Drawers in Cornwall.

*Goodlack* What now reimains?

*Forset* To make myself associate in this bold enterprise.

*Goodlack* Most gladly sir.

And now our number's full, what's to be done.

*Bess.* First, at my charge I'll feast the town of Foy,

Then set the Cellars ope, that these my Mates  
May quaff unto the health of our boon voyage,  
Our needful things being once conveyed aboard,  
Then casting up our caps in sign of joy.  
Our purpose is to bid farewell to Foy.

*Hautboys long.*

*Enter Mullisheg Bashaw Alcade, and Joffer:  
with other Attendants.*

*Mullisheg* Out of these bloody and intestine broils  
We have at length attained a fort'nate peace,  
And now at last established in the Throne  
Of our great Ancestors, and reign King  
Of Fez and great Morocco.

*Alcade.* Mighty *Mullisheg*,  
Pride of our age, and glory of the Moors,  
By whose victorious hand all Barbary  
Is conquered, awed, and swayed: behold thy vassals  
With loud applauses greet thy victory.

*shout. flourish.*

*Mullisheg* Upon the slaughtered bodies of our foes,  
We mount our high Tribunal, and being sole  
Without competitor, we now have leisure  
To 'stablish laws first for our Kingdom's safety,

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wln 1596

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The enriching of our public Treasury,  
And last our state and pleasure: then give order  
That all such Christian Merchants as have traffic  
And freedom in our Country, that conceal  
The least part of our Custom due to us,  
Shall forfeit ship and goods.

*Joffer* There are appointed  
Unto that purpose careful officers.

*Mullisheg* Those forfeitures must help to furnish up  
Th' exhausted treasure that our wars consumed,  
Part of such profits as accrue that way  
We have already tasted.

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wln 1617

*Alcade* 'Tis most fit,  
Those Christians that reap profit by our Land  
Should contribute unto so great a loss.

*Mullisheg* *Alcade*, They shall. But what's the style of King,  
Without his pleasure? Find us concubines,  
The fairest Christian Damsels you can hire,  
Or buy for gold: the loveliest of the Moors  
We can command, and Negroes everywhere:  
Italians, French, and Dutch, choice Turkish Girls  
Must fill our Alkedavy, the great Palace,  
Where *Mullisheg* now deigns to keep his Court.

*Joffer* Who else are worthy to be Libertines,  
But such as bear the Sword?

*Mullisheg* *Joffer*, Thou pleasest us.  
If Kings on earth be termed Demigods.  
Why should we not make here terrestrial heaven?  
We can, we will, our God shall be our pleasure,  
For so our *Meccan Prophet* warrants us.  
And now the music of the Drums surcease,  
We'll learn to dance to the soft tunes of peace.

*Hautboys.*

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wln 1619

*Enter Bess like a Sea-captain, Goodlack, Roughman,  
Forset, and Clem.*

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wln 1626  
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wln 1629  
wln 1630

*Bess* Good morrow Captain. Oh this last Sea-fight  
Was gallantly performed. It did me good  
To see the Spanish Carvel veil her top  
Unto my Maiden Flag. Where ride we now?

*Goodlack* Among the Islands.

*Bess.* What coast is this we now descry from far.

*Goodlack* Yon Fort's called Fayal.

*Bess* Is that the place where *Spencer's* body lies?

*Goodlack* Yes, in yon Church he's buried.

*Bess.* Then know, to this place was my voyage bound  
To fetch the body of my *Spencer* thence.

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wln 1666

In his own Country to erect a tomb,  
And lasting monument, where when I die  
In the same bed of earth my bones may lie  
Then all that love me, arm and make for shore,  
Yours be the spoil, he mine, I crave no more.  
*Roughman* May that man die derided and accurst  
That will not follow where a woman leads.  
*Goodlack* *Roughman*, you are too rash, and counsel ill,  
Have not the Spaniards fortified the town?  
In all our Ging we are but sixty five.  
*Roughman* Come, I'll make one.  
*Goodlack* Attend me good Lieutenant.  
And sweet *Bess*, listen what I have devised,  
With ten tall Fellows I have manned our Boat,  
To see what stragging Spaniards they can take.  
And see where *Forset* is returned with prisoners.  
*Enter Forset with two Spaniards.*  
*Forset* These Spaniards we by break of day surprised,  
As they were ready to take boat for Fishing.  
*Goodlack* Spaniards, upon your lives resolve us truly  
How strong's the Town and Fort.  
*Spaniard* Since English *Raleigh* won and spoiled it first,  
The Town's re-edified and Fort new built,  
And four Field-pieces in the Block-house lie  
To keep the Harbor's mouth.  
*Goodlack* And what's one ship to these?  
*Bess.* Was there not in the time of their abode  
A Gentleman called *Spencer* buried there  
Within the Church, whom some report was slain,  
Or perished by a wound?  
*Spaniard* Indeed there was,  
And o'er him raised a goodly monument,  
But when the English Navy were sailed thence,  
And that the Spaniards did possess the Town.  
Because they held him for an Heretic,  
They straight removed his body from the Church.

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wln 1675

*Bess* And would the tyrants be so uncharitable  
To wrong the dead? where did they then bestow him?  
*Spaniard* They buried him i' th' fields.  
*Bess.* Oh still more cruel.  
*Spaniard* The man that ought the field, doubtful his corn  
Would never prosper whilst an heretic's body  
Lay there, he made petition to the Church  
To ha' it digged up and burnt, and so it was.  
*Bess.* What's he that loves me would persuade me live.



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wln 1688

Not rather leap o'er hatches into th' Sea:  
Yet ere I die I hope to be revenged  
Upon some Spaniards for my *Spencer's* wrong.  
*Roughman* Let's first begin with these.  
*Bess* 'Las these poor slaves! besides their pardoned lives  
One give them money. And Spaniards where you come,  
Pray for *Bess Bridges*, and speak well o' th' English.  
*Spaniard* We shall.  
*Bess* Our mourning we will turn into revenge,  
And since the Church hath censured so my *Spencer*,  
Bestow upon the Church some few cast Pieces,  
Command the Gunner do 't.  
*Goodlack* And if he can to batter it to the earth. *A Piece.*

wln 1689

*Enter Clem falling for haste.*

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wln 1700

*Clem* A Sail, a Sail.  
*Bess.* From whence?  
*Clem* A pox upon yon Gunner, could he not give warning  
before he had shot?  
*Roughman* Why I prithee?  
*Clem* Why? I was sent to the topmast to watch, and  
there I fell fast asleep. Bounce quoth the guns, down  
tumbles *Clem*, and if by chance my feet had not hung in  
the tackles, you must have sent to England for a bonesetter,  
for my neck had been in a pitiful taking,  
*Roughman* Thou toldst us of a Sail.

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*Enter Sailor above.*  
*Sailor.* Arm Gentlemen, a gallant ship of war  
Makes with her full sails this way: who it seems  
Hath took a Bark of England.  
*Bess.* Which we'll rescue.  
Or perish in th'adventure. You have sworn  
That howsoe'er we conquer or miscarry  
Not to reveal my sex.  
*All.* We have.  
*Bess* Then for your Country's honor, my revenge,  
For your own fame, and hope of golden spoil,  
Stand bravely to 't. The manage of the fight  
We leave to you.  
*Goodlack* Then now up with your fights, and let your ensigns  
Blest with Saint *George's* Cross, play with the winds.  
Fair *Bess*, keep you your cabin.  
*Bess.* Captain you wrong me, I will face the fight,  
And where the bullets sing loudest 'bout mine ears,  
There shall you find me cheering up my men.  
*Roughman* This wench would of a coward make an *Hercules*.  
*Bess.* Trumpets a charge, and with your whistles shrill

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wln 1725  
wln 1726  
wln 1727

Sound boatswains an alarum to your mates.  
With music cheer up their astonished souls,  
The whilst the thundering Ordnance bear the Base.  
*Goodlack* To fight against the Spaniards we desire,  
Alarm Trumpets.  
*Roughman* Gunners straight give fire.

*Alarm.*  
*Shot.*

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wln 1734  
wln 1735

*Enter Goodlack hurt. Bess, Roughman,  
Forset, Clem*  
*Goodlack* I am shot and can no longer man the Deck,  
Yet let not my wound daunt your courage mates.  
*Bess.* For every drop of blood that thou hast shed,  
I'll have a Spaniard's life. Advance your Targets,  
And now cry all, Board, board, amain for England.

*Alarm.*

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wln 1736  
wln 1737

*Enter with victory Bess, Roughman, Forset, Clem etc.  
The Spaniards Prisoners.*

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*Bess.* How is it with the Captain?  
*Roughman* Nothing dangerous,  
But being shot i' th' thigh he keeps his Cabin,  
And cannot rise to greet your victory.  
*Bess.* He stood it bravely out whilst he could stand.  
*Clem* But for these Spaniards, now you *Don Diegos*,  
You that made *Paul's* to stink.  
*Roughman* Before we further censure them, let's know  
What English prisoners they have here aboard.  
*Spaniard* You may command them all. We that were now  
Lords over them, Fortune hath made your slaves,  
Release our prisoners.  
*Bess.* Had my captain died  
Not one proud Spaniard had escaped with life,  
Your ship is forfeit to us, and your goods.  
So live. Give him his long Boat: him and his  
Set safe ashore; and pray for English *Bess*.  
*Spaniard* I know not whom you mean, but be 't your Queen  
Famous *Elizabeth*, I shall report  
She and her subjects both are merciful.

*Exeunt.*

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wln 1765  
wln 1766

*Enter Roughman, with the Merchant and Spencer.*  
*Bess* Whence are you sir? and whither were you bound?  
*Merchant* I am a London bound for Barbary,  
But by this Spanish Man-of-war surprised,  
Pillaged and captived.  
*Bess.* We much pity you,  
What loss you have sustained, this Spanish prey  
Shall make good to you to the utmost farthing.  
*Merchant* Our lives, and all our fortunes whatsoever

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Are wholly at your service.

*Bess.* These Gentlemen have been dejected long,  
Let me peruse them all, and give them money

To drink our health, and pray forget not Sirs,  
To pray for — Hold, support me, or I faint.

*Roughman* What sudden unexpected ecstasy  
Disturbs your conquest.

*Bess.* Interrupt me not,  
But give me way for Heaven's sake.

*Spencer.* I have seen a face ere now like that young Gentleman,  
But not remember where.

*Bess.* But he was slain,  
Lay buried in yon Church, and thence removed,  
Denied all Christian rights, and like an Infidel  
Confined unto the fields, and thence digged up,  
His body after death had martyrdom:

All these assure me 'tis his shadow dogs me,  
For some most just revenge thus far to Sea.

Is it because the Spaniards 'scaped with life,  
That were to thee so cruel after death

Thou hauntest me thus? Sweet ghost thy rage forbear,  
I will revenge thee on the next we seize.

I am amazed, this sight I'll not endure.

Sleep, sleep, fair ghost, for thy revenge is sure.

*Roughman* Forset, convey the owner to his cabin.

*Spencer.* I pray sir what young Gentleman is that?

*Roughman* He's both the owner of the ship and goods,  
That for some reasons hath his name concealed.

*Spencer.* Methink he looks like *Bess*, for in his eyes  
Lives the first love that did my heart surprise.

*Roughman* Come Gentlemen, first make your losses good  
Out of this Spanish prize. Let's then divide

Both several ways, and heavens be our guide.

*Merchant* We towards Mamorrah.

*Roughman* We where the Fate's do please,  
Till we have tracked a wilderness of Seas.

*Flourish.*

*Enter Chorus.*

Our Stage so lamely can express a Sea,  
That we are forced by *Chorus* to discourse  
What should have been in action. Now imagine  
Her passion o'er, and *Goodlack* well recovered,  
Who had he not been wounded and seen *Spencer*,  
Had sure descried him. Much prize they have ta'en,  
The French and Dutch she spares, only makes spoil

wln 1812 Of the rich Spaniard, and the barbarous Turk.  
wln 1813 And now her fame grows great in all these seas.  
wln 1814 Suppose her rich, and forced for want of water  
wln 1815 To put into Mamorrah in Barbary,  
wln 1816 Where wearied with the habit of a man,  
wln 1817 She was discovered by the Moors aboard,  
wln 1818 Which told it to the amorous King of Fez,  
wln 1819 That ne'er before had English Lady seen.  
wln 1820 He sends for her on shore, how he receives her,  
wln 1821 How she and *Spencer* meet, must next succeed.  
wln 1822 Sit patient then, when these are fully told,  
wln 1823 Some may hap say, Ay, there's a Girl worth gold.  
wln 1824 *Act long. Exeunt.*

wln 1825 *Explicit Actus quartus.*

wln 1826 *Actus quintus. Scaena prima.*

wln 1827 *Enter Mullisheg, Alcade, Joffer, and Attendants, etc.*

wln 1828 *Mullisheg.*

wln 1829 But was she of such presence?

wln 1830 *Alcade* To describe her were to make eloquence dumb

wln 1831 *Mullisheg* Well habited?

wln 1832 *Alcade* I ne'er beheld a beauty more complete.

wln 1833 *Mullisheg* Thou hast inflamed our spirits. In England born?

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wln 1834 *Alcade* The Captain so reported.

wln 1835 *Mullisheg* How her ship?

wln 1836 *Alcade* I never saw a braver Vessel sail,

wln 1837 And she is called *The Negro*.

wln 1838 *Mullisheg* Ominous

wln 1839 Perhaps to our good fate, She in a *Negro*

wln 1840 Hath sailed thus far to bosom with a Moor.

wln 1841 But for the motion made to come ashore,

wln 1842 How did she relish that?

wln 1843 *Alcade* I promised to the Captain large reward

wln 1844 To win him to it, and this day he hath promised

wln 1845 To bring me her free answer.

wln 1846 *Mullisheg* When he comes

wln 1847 Give him the entertainment of a Prince.

wln 1848 *Enter a Moor.*

wln 1849 The news with thee?

wln 1850 *Moor.* The Captain of *The Negro* craves admittance

wln 1851 Unto your Highness' presence.

wln 1852 *Mullisheg* A Guard attend him, and our noblest Bashaws

wln 1853 Conduct him safe where we will parley him. *Flourish.*

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wln 1864  
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wln 1901

*Enter Goodlack, and Roughman.*

*Goodlack* Long live the high and mighty King of Fez.

*Mullisheg* If thou bringst her then dost thou bring me life.

Say, will she come?

*Goodlack* She will my Lord, but yet conditionally  
She may be free from violence.

*Mullisheg* Now by the mighty Prophet we adore,  
She shall live Lady of her free desires,  
'Tis love, not force, must quench our amorous fires.

*Roughman* We will conduct her to your presence straight.

*Mullisheg* We will have banquets, revels. and what not  
To entertain this stranger. *Hautboys.*

*Enter Bess Bridges veiled, Goodlack, Roughman, Forset,  
and Moors.*

A goodly presence! why's that beauty veiled?

*Bess.* Long live the King of Fez.

*Mullisheg* I am amazed,  
This is no mortal creature I behold,  
But some bright Angel that is dropped from heaven,  
Sent by our prophet. Captain, let me thus  
Embrace thee in my arms. Load him with gold  
For this great favor.

*Bess* Captain, touch it not.  
Know King of Fez my followers want no gold,  
I only came to see thee for my pleasure,  
And show thee, what these say thou never saw'st,  
A woman born in England.

*Mullisheg* That English earth may well be termed a heaven,  
That breeds such divine beauties. Make me sure  
That thou art mortal, by one friendly touch.

*Bess.* Keep off: for till thou swearest to my demands  
I will have no commerce with *Mullisheg*,  
But leave thee as I came.

*Mullisheg* Were 't half my Kingdom,  
That, beauteous English Virgin, thou shalt have.

*Bess.* Captain read.

*Goodlack* First, liberty for her and hers to leave the Land  
at her pleasure.

Next, safe conduct to and from her ship at her own  
discretion.

Thirdly, to be free from all violence, either by the King  
or any of his people.

Fourthly, to allow her mariners fresh victuals aboard.

Fifthly, to offer no further violence to her person, than  
what he seeks by kingly usage, and free entreaty.

*Mullisheg* To these I vow and seal.

*Bess.* These being assured  
Your courtship's free, and henceforth we secured.

wln 1902  
wln 1903  
wln 1904

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*Mullisheg* Say Gentlemen of England, what's your fashion  
And garb of entertainment?  
*Goodlack* Our first greeting

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wln 1906  
wln 1907  
wln 1908  
wln 1909  
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wln 1937  
wln 1938  
wln 1939  
wln 1940

Begins still on the lips.  
*Mullisheg* Fair creature, shall I be immortalized  
With that high favor?  
*Bess.* 'Tis no immodest thing  
You ask, nor shame, for *Bess* to kiss a King.  
*Mullisheg* This kiss hath all my vitals ecstasied.  
*Roughman* Captain this king is mightily in love. Well let her  
Do as she list, I'll make use of his bounty.  
*Goodlack* We should be mad men else.  
*Mullisheg* Grace me so much as take your seat by me.  
*Bess.* I'll be so far commanded.  
*Mullisheg* Sweet, your age?  
*Bess.* Not fully yet seventeen.  
*Mullisheg* But how your birth? how came you to this wealth,  
To have such Gentlemen at your command?  
And what your cause of travel?  
*Bess.* Mighty Prince,  
If you desire to see me beat my breast,  
Pour forth a river of increasing tears,  
Than you may urge me to that sad discourse.  
*Mullisheg* Not for Mamorrah's wealth, nor all the gold  
Coined in rich Barbary. Nay sweet arise,  
And ask of me be it half this kingdom's treasure,  
And thou art Lady on 't.  
*Bess.* If I shall ask, 't must be, you will not give.  
Our country breeds no beggars, for our hearts  
Are of more noble temper.  
*Mullisheg* Sweet, your name?  
*Bess.* *Elizabeth.*  
*Mullisheg* There's virtue in that name.  
The Virgin Queen so famous through the world,  
The mighty Empress of the maiden-Isle,  
Whose predecessors have o'errun great France,  
Whose powerful hand doth still support the Dutch,  
And keeps the potent King of Spain in awe,  
Is not she titled so?

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wln 1941  
wln 1942  
wln 1943  
wln 1944  
wln 1945  
wln 1946

*Bess.* She is.  
*Mullisheg* Hath she herself a face so fair as yours  
When she appears for wonder.  
*Bess.* Mighty *Fez*,  
You cast a blush upon my maiden cheek,  
To pattern me with her. Why England's Queen

wln 1947  
wln 1948  
wln 1949  
wln 1950  
wln 1951  
wln 1952  
wln 1953  
wln 1954  
wln 1955  
wln 1956  
wln 1957  
wln 1958

She is the only Phoenix of her age,  
The pride and glory of the Western Isles:  
Had I a thousand tongues they all would tire  
And fail me in her true description.

*Mullisheg* Grant me this,

Tomorrow we supply our Judgement-seat,  
And sentence causes, sit with us in state,  
And let your presence beautify our Throne.

*Bess* In that I am your servant.

*Mullisheg* And we thine.

Set on in state, attendants, and full train:  
But find to ask, we vow thou shalt obtain.

wln 1959  
wln 1960  
wln 1961  
wln 1962  
wln 1963  
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wln 1965  
wln 1966  
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wln 1968  
wln 1969  
wln 1970  
wln 1971  
wln 1972  
wln 1973  
wln 1974  
wln 1975

*Enter Clem, manet Goodlack.*

*Clem* It is not now as when *Andrea* lived,  
Or rather *Andrew* our elder Journeyman: what, Drawers  
become Courtiers? Now may I speak with the old ghost  
in *Jeronimo*;

When this eternal substance of my soul  
Did live imprisoned in this wanton flesh,  
I was a Courtier in the Court of Fez.

*Goodlack* Oh well done *Clem*. It is your Mistress' pleasure  
None come ashore that's not well habited.

*Clem* Nay for mine own part, I hold myself as good  
a Christian in these clothes, as the proudest Infidel of  
them all.

*Enter Alcade and Joffer*

*Alcade.* Sir, by your leave, y' are of the English train?

*Clem* I am so thou great Monarch of the Mauritanians.

*Joffer* Then 'tis the King's command we give you all attendance

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wln 1976  
wln 1977  
wln 1978  
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wln 1986  
wln 1987  
wln 1988  
wln 1989  
wln 1990  
wln 1991  
wln 1992  
wln 1993

*Clem* Great Signior of the Sarazens I thank thee.

*Alcade* Will you walk in to banquet?

*Clem* I will make bold to march in towards your banquet,  
and there comfit myself, and cast all caraways  
down my throat, the best way I have to conserve myself  
in health: and for your country's sake which is called  
Barbery, I will love all Barbers and Barberies the better:  
And for you Moors, thus much I mean to say,  
I'll see if More I eat the More I may.

*Enter two Merchants.*

*1. Merchant* I pray sir are you of the English train?

*Clem* Why what art thou my friend?

*1 Merchant* Sir, a French merchant run into relapse,  
And forfeit of the Law: here's for you sir  
Forty good Barbery pieces to deliver  
Your Lady this petition, who I hear  
Can all things with the King.

*Clem* Your gold doth bind me to you: you may see

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wln 1995  
wln 1996  
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wln 2007  
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wln 2009  
wln 2010  
wln 2011

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what it is to be a sudden Courtier. I no sooner put my nose  
into the Court, but my hand itches for a bribe already.

What's your business my friend?

*2 Merchant* Some me of my men for a little outrage done  
Are sentenced to the Gallies.

*Clem* To the Gallows?

*2 Merchant* No, to the Gallies: now could your Lady purchase  
Their pardon from the King, here's twenty angels?

*Clem* What are you sir?

*2 Merchant* A Florentine Merchant.

*Clem* Then you are, as they say, a Christian?

*2 Merchant* Heaven forbid else.

*Clem* I should not have the faith to take your gold else.  
Attend on me, I'll speak in your behalf.

Where be my Bashaws? usher us in state, Flourish.

And when we sit to banquet see you wait.

*Exit.*

*Enter Spencer solus.*

*Spencer* This day the king ascends his royal throne,

wln 2012  
wln 2013  
wln 2014  
wln 2015  
wln 2016

The honest Merchant in whose ship I came,  
Hath by a cunning quiddit in the Law  
Both ship and goods made forfeit to the king,  
To whom I will petition. But no more,  
He's now upon his entrance.

*Hautboys.*

wln 2017  
wln 2018

*Enter the King, Bess, Goodlack, Roughman, Alcade, Joffer,  
with all the other Train.*

wln 2019  
wln 2020  
wln 2021  
wln 2022  
wln 2023  
wln 2024  
wln 2025  
wln 2026  
wln 2027  
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wln 2037  
wln 2038  
wln 2039

*Mullisheg* Here seat thee Maid of England like a Queen,  
The style we'll give thee, wilt thou deign us love.

*Bess.* Bless me you holy Angels.

*Mullisheg* What is 't offends you Sweet?

*Spencer* I am amazed, and know not what to think on 't.

*Bess.* Captain, dost not see? Is not that *Spencer's* ghost?

*Goodlack* I see, and like you I am ecstasied.

*Spencer* If mine eyes mistake not,  
That should be Captain *Goodlack*, and that *Bess*.  
But o, I cannot be so happy.

*Goodlack* 'Tis he, and I'll salute him.

*Bess.* Captain stay,  
You shall be swayed by me.

*Spencer* Him I well know, but how should she come hither

*Mullisheg* What is 't that troubles you?

*Bess.* Most mighty king,  
Spare me no longer time, but to bestow  
My Captain on a message.

*Mullisheg* Thou shalt command my silence, and his ear.

*Bess.* Go wind about, and when you see least eyes  
Are fixed on you, single him out and see



wln 2040  
wln 2041  
wln 2042  
wln 2043  
wln 2044  
wln 2045

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sig: I2v

If we mistake not. If he be the man,  
Give me some private note.  
*Goodlack* This.  
*Bess* Enough. What said you highness?  
*Mullisheg* Hark what I proffer thee, Continue here,  
And grant me full fruition of thy love.

wln 2046  
wln 2047  
wln 2048  
wln 2049  
wln 2050  
wln 2051  
wln 2052  
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wln 2059  
wln 2060  
wln 2061  
wln 2062

*Bess* Good.  
*Mullisheg* Thou shalt have all my Peers to honor thee  
Next our great prophet.  
*Bess.* Well.  
*Mullisheg* And when th' art weary of our Sunburnt clime,  
Thy *Negro* shall be ballast home with gold.  
*Bess* I am eternized ever.  
Now all you sad disasters dare your worst,  
I neither care nor fear: my *Spencer* lives.  
*Mullisheg* You mind me not sweet Virgin.  
*Bess.* You talk of love.  
My Lord, I'll tell you more of that hereafter.  
But now to your State-business: bid him do thus  
No more, and not be seen till then.  
*Goodlack* Enough: come sir, you must along with me.  
*Bess* Now stood a thousand deaths before my face,  
I would not change my cheer, since *Spencer's* safe.

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wln 2064  
wln 2065  
wln 2066  
wln 2067  
wln 2068  
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wln 2079  
wln 2080

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*Enter Clem and the Merchants.*  
*Clem* By your leave my Masters: room for Generosity.  
*1 Merchant* Pray sir remember me.  
*2 Merchant* Good sir, my suit.  
*Clem* I am perfect in both your parts without prompting.  
Mistress, here are two christen friends of mine have forfeited  
ships and men to the black a Morrian king. Now one  
sweet word from your lips might get their release. I have  
had a feeling of the business already.  
*Mullisheg* For dealing in commodities forbid  
Y' are fined a thousand ducats.  
*Bess.* Cast off the burden of your heavy doom,  
A follower of my train petitions for him.  
*Mullisheg* One of thy train, sweet *Bess*?  
*Clem* And no worse man than myself sir.  
*Mullisheg* Well sirrah, for your Lady's sake,  
His ship and goods shall be restored again.  
*1 Merchant* Long live the King of Fez.

wln 2081  
wln 2082  
wln 2083

*Clem* Mayst thou never want sweet water to wash thy  
black face in, most mighty Monarch of Morocco.  
Mistress, another friend, Ay, and paid before hand.

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wln 2085  
wln 2086  
wln 2087  
wln 2088  
wln 2089  
wln 2090  
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wln 2118  
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wln 2129  
wln 2130  
wln 2131

*Mullisheg* Sirrah, your men for outrage and contempt  
Are doomed unto the Galleys.

*Bess* A censure too severe for Christians.  
Great King, I'll pay their ransom.

*Mullisheg* Thou my *Bess*?  
Thy word shall be their ransom, th' are discharged.  
What grave old man is that?

*Joffer* A Christian Preacher, one that would convert  
Your Moors, and turn them to a new belief.

*Mullisheg* Then he shall die, as we are king of Fez.

*Bess* For these I only spake, for him I kneel,  
If I have any grace with mighty Fez.

*Mullisheg* We can deny thee nothing beauteous maid,  
A kiss shall be his pardon.

*Bess* Thus I pay 't.

*Clem* Must your black face be smooching my Mistress's  
white lips with a moorian. I would you had kissed her a —

*Alcade* Ha, how is that sir?

*Clem* I know what I say sir, I would he had kissed her a —

*Alcade.* A— what?

*Clem* A thousand times to have done him a pleasure.

*Enter Spencer and Goodlacke.*

*Mullisheg* That kiss was worth the ransom of a King.  
What's he of that brave presence?

*Bess.* A Gentleman of England, and my friend,  
do him some grace for my sake.

*Mullisheg* For thy sake what would not I perform?  
He shall have grace and honor. *Joffer*, go  
And see him gelded to attend on us,  
He shall be our chief Eunuch.

*Bess.* Not for ten worlds. Behold great king I stand  
Betwixt him and all danger. Have I found thee?  
Seize what I have, take both my ship and goods,

Leave naught that's mine unrifled: spare me him.  
And have I found my *Spencer*!

*Clem* Please your Majesty, I see all men are not capable  
of honor, what he refuseth, may it please you to bestow  
on me.

*Mullisheg* With all my heart. Go bear him hence *Alcade*,  
Into our Alkedavy, honor him,  
And let him taste the razor.

*Clem* There's honor for me.

*Alcade* Come follow.

*Clem* No sir, I'll go before you for mine honor.

*Exit.*

*Spencer* Oh show yourself renowned king the same  
Fame blazons you: bestow this Maid on me,  
'Tis such a gift as kingdoms cannot buy:  
She is a precedent of all true love,

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wln 2145  
wln 2146  
wln 2147

And shall be registered to after times,  
That ne'er shall pattern her.  
*Goodlack* Heard you the story of their constant love.  
'Twould move in you compassion.  
*Roughman* Let not intemperate love sway you 'bove pity,  
That foreign nation that ne'er heard your name,  
May chronicle your virtues.  
*Mullisheg* You have wakened in me an heroic spirit:  
Lust shall not conquer virtue. Till this hour  
We graced thee for thy beauty English woman,  
But now we wonder at thy constancy.  
*Bess* Oh were you of our faith, I'd swear great *Mullisheg*  
To be a god on earth. And lives my *Spencer*?  
In troth I thought thee dead.  
*Spencer* In hope of thee  
I lived to gain both life and liberty.

wln 2148  
wln 2149  
wln 2150  
wln 2151

*Enter Clem running.*

*Clem* No more of your honor if you love me. Is this  
your Moorish preferment to rob a man of his best jewels?  
*Mullisheg* Hast thou seen our Alkedavy?

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*Clem* *Davy* do you call him? he may be called shavee  
I am sure he hath tickled my current commodity,  
No more your cutting honor if you love me.  
*Mullisheg* All your strange fortunes we will hear discoursed  
And after that your fair espousals grace,  
If you can find a man of your belief  
To do that grateful office.  
*Spencer* None more fit  
Than this religious and grave Gentleman  
Late rescued from death's sentence.  
*Preacher.* None more proud  
To do you that poor service.  
*Mullisheg* Noble Englishman,  
I cannot fasten bounty to my will,  
Worthy thy merit, move some suit to us.  
*Spencer.* To make you more renowned great king, and us  
The more indebted, there's an Englishman  
Hath forfeited his ship for goods uncustomed.  
*Mullisheg* Thy suit is granted ere it be half begged,  
Dispose them at thy pleasure.  
*Spencer* Mighty king  
We are your Highness' servants,  
*Mullisheg* Come beauteous Maid, we'll see thee crowned a bride,  
At all our pompous banquets these shall wait.  
Thy followers and thy servants press with gold,  
And not the mean'st that to thy train belongs,  
But shall approve our bounty. Lead in state,

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wln 2181

And wheresoever thy fame shall be enrolled,  
The world report thou art a Girl worth gold.

*Explicit Actus quintus.*

wln 2182

*FINIS.*

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### Textual Notes

1. **479 (11-b)**: Clem's word for *pirates* is purposefully misspoken.
2. **902 (17-b)**: Speech is by Roughman, erroneously attributed to Forset.
3. **1020 (19-a)**: The regularized reading *Roughman* is supplied for the original *Roug[·]*.
4. **1020 (19-a)**: The regularized reading *Ay* is supplied for the original *[·]*.
5. **1250 (22-b)**: The regularized reading *speech* is amended from the original *speeh*.
6. **1546 (26-b)**: The regularized reading *stomach* is supplied for the original *somac[·]e*.
7. **1580 (27-a)**: The regularized reading *shout* is supplied for the original *sh[·]*.