AS A DECREPIT FATHER TAKES DELIGHT
(from "Book of Sonnets" - for Leslie)

Wm. Shakespeare (Sonnet XXXVII)

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So I, Made lame by Fortune's dearest spight

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Take all my comfort of thy worth and truth.

For whether all my comfort

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beauty, Birth, Or wealth, or wit, Or any of these all, All, Or all or more, For whether

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For whether beauty, Birth, or wealth, or wit, Or any of these all, or all, or more.

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En- ti-tled in thy parts, Do crown-éd sit, I make my love en-graft’d to this store:

En- ti-tled in thy parts, Do crown-éd sit, I make my love en-graft-ed to this store:

En- ti-tled in thy parts, Do crown-éd sit, I make my love en-graft-ed to this store:

So then I am not Lame, Not lame, poor, nor de- spis’d,

So then I am not Lame, Not lame, poor,
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Not lame, poor, nor despis'd

Whilst that this shadow doth such

Nor despis'd

Whilst

That

This shadow doth such substance give,

That

I

In thy

Abundance am suf-

That

I

In thy

Abundance am suf-

That

I

In thy

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ficed,
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f diced, And by a part of all thy glory live; Look, look, look what is best That best

mf And by a part of, And by a part of all thy glory live; Look, look what is best That best

And by a part of, And by a part of all thy glory live; Lookwhat is best That best

I wish In thee; This wish I have; Then ten times happy me.

I wish In thee; This wish I have; Then ten times happy me.

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tempore fabula