

SHAKESPEARE'S PEN

Prolific and enlightening,
Shakespeare with his pen
Wrote plays replete with humanness,
Chastity and sin.

Simple saints and star-crossed lovers
Sanctified his page;
Careless kings and wanton witches
Strutted 'cross his stage.

Scenes with awkward situations
Laced his comedies;
Wise and eloquent orations
Graced his tragedies.

Scripts where honor fought ambition;
Love and duty churned;
Passion wrestled with contrition:
Crowds to these returned.

He wove lines in verse's measure—
Beauty wed to wit—
Wrapping tales the world would treasure,
Never to forget.

Curtains fall on poet-sages. . . .
Famous names will fade,
But the Bard has won the ages
Where his pen is played.

— *David L. Hatton, 4/15/2016*