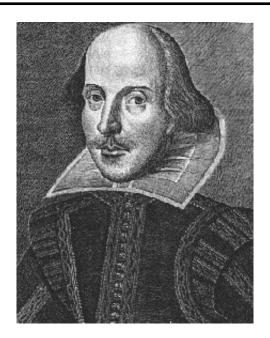
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The Taming of the Shrew

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Actus primus. Scaena Prima.

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Enter Begger and Hostes, Christophero Sly.
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        Begger.
4
     Ile pheeze you infaith.
        Host. A paire of stockes you rogue.
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        Beg. Y'are a baggage, the Slies are no
     Rogues. Looke in the Chronicles, we came
7
8
     in with Richard Conqueror: therefore Pau-cas
9
     pallabris, let the world slide: Sessa.
10
        Host. You will not pay for the glasses you have burst?
        Beg. No, not a deniere: go by S[aint]. Ieronimie, goe to thy
11
12
     cold bed, and warme thee.
        Host. I know my remedie, I must go fetch the Head- borough.
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15
        Beg. Third, or fourth, or fift Borough, Ile answere
     him by Law. Ile not budge an inch boy: Let him come,
16
     and kindly. Falles asleepe.
17
     Winde hornes. Enter a Lord from hunting, with his traine.
18
        Lo. Huntsman I charge thee, tender wel my hounds,
19
     Brach Meriman, the poore Curre is imbost,
20
     And couple Clowder with the deepe- mouth'd brach,
21
     Saw'st thou not boy how Siluer made it good
22
     At the hedge corner, in the couldest fault,
23
     I would not loose the dogge for twentie pound.
24
25
        Hunts. Why Belman is as good as he my Lord,
     He cried vpon it at the meerest losse,
26
     And twice to day pick'd out the dullest sent,
27
     Trust me, I take him for the better dogge.
28
        Lord. Thou art a Foole, if Eccho were as fleete,
29
30
     I would esteeme him worth a dozen such:
     But sup them well, and looke vnto them all,
31
32
     To morrow I intend to hunt againe.
        Hunts. I will my Lord.
33
34
        Lord. What's heere? One dead, or drunke? See doth
35
     he breath?
        2. Hun. He breath's my Lord. Were he not warm'd
36
     with Ale, this were a bed but cold to sleep so soundly.
37
38
        Lord. Oh monstrous beast, how like a swine he lyes.
     Grim death, how foule and loathsome is thine image:
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40
     Sirs, I will practise on this drunken man.
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- 41 What thinke you, if he were conuey'd to bed,
- Wrap'd in sweet cloathes: Rings put vpon his fingers:
- 43 A most delicious banquet by his bed,
- 44 And braue attendants neere him when he wakes,
- Would not the begger then forget himselfe?
- 1.*Hun*. Beleeue me Lord, I thinke he cannot choose.
- 47 2.*H*. It would seem strange vnto him when he wak'd
- 48 *Lord*. Euen as a flatt'ring dreame, or worthles fancie.
- Then take him vp, and manage well the iest:
- 50 Carrie him gently to my fairest Chamber,
- And hang it round with all my wanton pictures:
- 52 Balme his foule head in warme distilled waters,
- And burne sweet Wood to make the Lodging sweete:
- Procure me Musicke readie when he wakes,
- To make a dulcet and a heauenly sound:
- And if he chance to speake, be readie straight
- 57 (And with a lowe submissiue reuerence)
- Say, what is it your Honor wil command:
- 59 Let one attend him with a siluer Bason
- 60 Full of Rose- water, and bestrew'd with Flowers,
- Another beare the Ewer: the third a Diaper,
- 62 And say wilt please your Lordship coole your hands.
- Some one be readie with a costly suite,
- And aske him what apparrel he will weare:
- 65 Another tell him of his Hounds and Horse,
- And that his Ladie mournes at his disease.
- 67 Perswade him that he hath bin Lunaticke,
- And when he sayes he is, say that he dreames,
- 69 For he is nothing but a mightie Lord:
- 70 This do, and do it kindly, gentle sirs,
- 71 It wil be pastime passing excellent,
- 72 If it be husbanded with modestie.
- 73 1. Hunts. My Lord I warrant you we wil play our part
- As he shall thinke by our true diligence
- 75 He is no lesse then what we say he is.
- 76 Lord. Take him vp gently, and to bed with him,
- And each one to his office when he wakes.
- 78 Sound trumpets.
- 79 Sirrah, go see what Trumpet 'tis that sounds,
- 80 Belike some Noble Gentleman that meanes
- 81 (Trauelling some iourney) to repose him heere.
- 82 Enter Seruingman.
- How now? who is it?
- 84 Ser. An't please your Honor, Players
- 85 That offer seruice to your Lordship.
- 86 Enter Players.

Lord. Bid them come neere: 87 88 Now fellowes, you are welcome. Players. We thanke your Honor. 89 Lord. Do you intend to stay with me to night? 90 2. Player. So please your Lordshippe to accept our 91 92 dutie. 93 Lord. With all my heart. This fellow I remember, Since once he plaide a Farmers eldest sonne, 94 'Twas where you woo'd the Gentlewoman so well: 95 I have forgot your name: but sure that part [S3] 96 Was aptly fitted, and naturally perform'd. 97 98 Sincklo. I thinke 'twas Soto that your honor meanes. Lord. 'Tis verie true, thou didst it excellent: 99 Well you are come to me in happie time, 100 The rather for I haue some sport in hand, 101 Wherein your cunning can assist me much. 102 103 There is a Lord will heare you play to night; But I am doubtfull of your modesties, 104 105 Least (ouer- eying of his odde behauiour, For yet his honor neuer heard a play) 106 107 You breake into some merrie passion, 108 And so offend him: for I tell you sirs, 109 If you should smile, he growes impatient. Plai. Feare not my Lord, we can contain our selues, 110 Were he the veriest anticke in the world. 111 Lord. Go sirra, take them to the Butterie. 112 And give them friendly welcome euerie one, 113 Let them want nothing that my house affoords. 114 Exit one with the Players. 115 Sirra go you to Bartholmew my Page, 116 And see him drest in all suites like a Ladie: 117 118 That done, conduct him to the drunkards chamber. And call him Madam, do him obeisance: 119 Tell him from me (as he will win my loue) 120 He beare himselfe with honourable action, 121 Such as he hath obseru'd in noble Ladies 122 123 Vnto their Lords, by them accomplished, Such dutie to the drunkard let him do: 124 With soft lowe tongue, and lowly curtesie, 125 And say: What is't your Honor will command, 126 Wherein your Ladie, and your humble wife, 127 128 May shew her dutie, and make knowne her loue. And then with kinde embracements, tempting kisses, 129 130 And with declining head into his bosome Bid him shed teares, as being ouer-ioyed 131 132 To see her noble Lord restor'd to health,

- 133 Who for this seuen yeares hath esteemed him
- No better then a poore and loathsome begger:
- 135 And if the boy haue not a womans guift
- 136 To raine a shower of commanded teares,
- 137 An Onion wil do well for such a shift,
- Which in a Napkin (being close conuei'd)
- 139 Shall in despight enforce a waterie eie:
- 140 See this dispatch'd with all the hast thou canst,
- 141 Anon Ile giue thee more instructions.
- 142 Exit a seruingman.
- 143 I know the boy will wel vsurpe the grace,
- 144 Voice, gate, and action of a Gentlewoman:
- I long to heare him call the drunkard husband,
- And how my men will stay themselues from laughter,
- 147 When they do homage to this simple peasant,
- 148 Ile in to counsell them: haply my presence
- May well abate the ouer- merrie spleene,
- 150 Which otherwise would grow into extreames.
- 151 Enter aloft the drunkard with attendants, some with apparel,
- 152 Bason and Ewer, & other appurtenances, & Lord.
- 153 *Beg.* For Gods sake a pot of small Ale.
- 1.Ser. Wilt please your Lord drink a cup of sacke?
- 2.Ser. Wilt please your Honor taste of these Con-serues?
- 3.Ser. What raiment wil your honor weare to day.
- 158 Beg. I am Christophero Sly, call not mee Honour nor
- Lordship: I ne're drank sacke in my life: and if you give
- me any Conserues, giue me conserues of Beefe: nere ask
- me what raiment Ile weare, for I have no more doub-lets
- then backes: no more stockings then legges: nor
- no more shooes then feet, nay sometime more feete then
- shooes, or such shooes as my toes looke through the o-uer-leather.
- 166 *Lord.* Heauen cease this idle humor in your Honor.
- Oh that a mightie man of such discent,
- Of such possessions, and so high esteeme
- Should be infused with so foule a spirit.
- 170 Beg. What would you make me mad? Am not I Chri-stopher
- 171 Slie, old Slies sonne of Burton- heath, by byrth a
- 172 Pedler, by education a Cardmaker, by transmutation a
- 173 Beare- heard, and now by present profession a Tinker.
- 174 Aske Marrian Hacket the fat Alewife of Wincot, if shee
- know me not: if she say I am not xiiii.d. on the score for
- sheere Ale, score me vp for the lyingst knaue in Christen
- dome. What I am not bestraught: here's—
- 3.Man. Oh this it is that makes your Ladie mourne.
- 179 2.*Man*. Oh this is it that makes your seruants droop.
- 180 Lord. Hence comes it, that your kindred shuns your |(house

- 181 As beaten hence by your strange Lunacie.
- Oh Noble Lord, bethinke thee of thy birth,
- 183 Call home thy ancient thoughts from banishment,
- 184 And banish hence these abject lowlie dreames:
- Looke how thy seruants do attend on thee,
- 186 Each in his office readie at thy becke.
- 187 Wilt thou haue Musicke? Harke Apollo plaies, Musick
- 188 And twentie caged Nightingales do sing.
- Or wilt thou sleepe? Wee'l haue thee to a Couch,
- 190 Softer and sweeter then the lustfull bed
- On purpose trim'd vp for Semiramis.
- 192 Say thou wilt walke: we wil bestrow the ground.
- 193 Or wilt thou ride? Thy horses shal be trap'd,
- 194 Their harnesse studded all with Gold and Pearle.
- 195 Dost thou loue hawking? Thou hast hawkes will soare
- 196 Aboue the morning Larke. Or wilt thou hunt,
- 197 Thy hounds shall make the Welkin answer them
- 198 And fetch shrill ecchoes from the hollow earth.
- 1.Man. Say thou wilt course, thy gray- hounds are as |(swift
- 200 As breathed Stags: I fleeter then the Roe.
- 201 2.M. Dost thou loue pictures? we wil fetch thee strait
- 202 Adonis painted by a running brooke,
- 203 And Citherea all in sedges hid,
- 204 Which seeme to moue and wanton with her breath,
- 205 Euen as the wauing sedges play with winde.
- 206 Lord. Wee'l shew thee Io, as she was a Maid,
- 207 And how she was beguiled and surpriz'd,
- 208 As liuelie painted, as the deede was done.
- 3.Man. Or Daphne roming through a thornie wood,
- 210 Scratching her legs, that one shal sweare she bleeds,
- 211 And at that sight shal sad Apollo weepe,
- 212 So workmanlie the blood and teares are drawne.
- 213 *Lord.* Thou art a Lord, and nothing but a Lord:
- 214 Thou hast a Ladie farre more Beautifull,
- Then any woman in this waining age.
- 216 1.Man. And til the teares that she hath shed for thee,
- 217 Like enuious flouds ore- run her louely face,
- 218 She was the fairest creature in the world,
- 219 And yet shee is inferiour to none.
- 220 Beg. Am I a Lord, and haue I such a Ladie?
- Or do I dreame? Or haue I dream'd till now?
- 222 I do not sleepe: I see, I heare, I speake:
- 223 I smel sweet sauours, and I feele soft things:
- Vpon my life I am a Lord indeede,
- 225 And not a Tinker, nor Christopher Slie.
- Well, bring our Ladie hither to our sight,

- 227 And once againe a pot o'th smallest Ale. [S3v
- 228 2.Man. Wilt please your mightinesse to wash your
- 229 hands:
- 230 Oh how we ioy to see your wit restor'd,
- Oh that once more you knew but what you are:
- These fifteene yeeres you have bin in a dreame,
- Or when you wak'd, so wak'd as if you slept.
- 234 Beg. These fifteene yeeres, by my fay, a goodly nap,
- 235 But did I neuer speake of all that time.
- 236 1.Man. Oh yes my Lord, but verie idle words,
- For though you lay heere in this goodlie chamber,
- Yet would you say, ye were beaten out of doore,
- 239 And raile vpon the Hostesse of the house,
- 240 And say you would present her at the Leete,
- 241 Because she brought stone- Iugs, and no seal'd quarts:
- 242 Sometimes you would call out for Cicely Hacket.
- 243 Beg. I, the womans maide of the house.
- 3.Man. Why sir you know no house, nor no such maid
- Nor no such men as you haue reckon'd vp,
- 246 As Stephen Slie, and old Iohn Naps of Greece,
- 247 And Peter Turph, and Henry Pimpernell,
- 248 And twentie more such names and men as these,
- 249 Which neuer were, nor no man euer saw.
- 250 *Beg.* Now Lord be thanked for my good amends.
- 251 All. Amen.
- 252 Enter Lady with Attendants.
- 253 Beg. I thanke thee, thou shalt not loose by it.
- 254 *Lady*. How fares my noble Lord?
- 255 Beg. Marrie I fare well, for heere is cheere enough.
- 256 Where is my wife?
- 257 La. Heere noble Lord, what is thy will with her?
- 258 Beg. Are you my wife, and will not cal me husband?
- 259 My men should call me Lord, I am your good- man.
- 260 La. My husband and my Lord, my Lord and husband
- I am your wife in all obedience.
- 262 Beg. I know it well, what must I call her?
- 263 Lord. Madam.
- 264 Beg. Alce Madam, or Ione Madam?
- 265 Lord. Madam, and nothing else, so Lords cal Ladies
- 266 Beg. Madame wife, they say that I haue dream'd,
- 267 And slept aboue some fifteene yeare or more.
- 268 Lady. I, and the time seeme's thirty vnto me,
- 269 Being all this time abandon'd from your bed.
- 270 *Beg.* 'Tis much, seruants leaue me and her alone:
- 271 Madam vndresse you, and come now to bed.
- 272 La. Thrice noble Lord, let me intreat of you

- 273 To pardon me yet for a night or two:
- Or if not so, vntill the Sun be set.
- 275 For your Physitians haue expressely charg'd,
- 276 In perill to incurre your former malady,
- 277 That I should yet absent me from your bed:
- 278 I hope this reason stands for my excuse.
- 279 *Beg.* I, it stands so that I may hardly tarry so long:
- 280 But I would be loth to fall into my dreames againe: I
- wil therefore tarrie in despight of the flesh & the blood
- 282 Enter a Messenger.
- 283 Mes. Your Honors Players hearing your amendment,
- 284 Are come to play a pleasant Comedie,
- 285 For so your doctors hold it very meete,
- Seeing too much sadnesse hath congeal'd your blood,
- 287 And melancholly is the Nurse of frenzie,
- 288 Therefore they thought it good you heare a play,
- 289 And frame your minde to mirth and merriment,
- 290 Which barres a thousand harmes, and lengthens life.
- 291 Beg. Marrie I will let them play, it is not a Comon-tie,
- 292 a Christmas gambold, or a tumbling tricke?
- 293 Lady. No my good Lord, it is more pleasing stuffe.
- 294 Beg. What, houshold stuffe.
- 295 *Lady*. It is a kinde of history.
- 296 Beg. Well, we'l see't:
- 297 Come Madam wife sit by my side,
- 298 And let the world slip, we shall nere be yonger.
- 299 Flourish. Enter Lucentio, and his man Triano.
- 300 Luc. Tranio, since for the great desire I had
- 301 To see faire *Padua*, nurserie of Arts,
- 302 I am arriu'd for fruitfull Lumbardie,
- 303 The pleasant garden of great *Italy*,
- 304 And by my fathers loue and leaue am arm'd
- 305 With his good will, and thy good companie.
- 306 My trustie seruant well approu'd in all,
- 307 Heere let vs breath, and haply institute
- 308 A course of Learning, and ingenious studies.
- 309 *Pisa* renowned for graue Citizens
- 310 Gaue me my being, and my father first
- 311 A Merchant of great Trafficke through the world:
- 312 *Vincentio's* come of the *Bentiuolij*,
- 313 *Vincentio's* sonne, brought vp in *Florence*,
- 314 It shall become to serue all hopes conceiu'd
- 315 To decke his fortune with his vertuous deedes:
- 316 And therefore *Tranio*, for the time I studie,
- 317 Vertue and that part of Philosophie
- 318 Will I applie, that treats of happinesse,

- 319 By vertue specially to be atchieu'd.
- 320 Tell me thy minde, for I haue Pisa left,
- 321 And am to *Padua* come, as he that leaues
- 322 A shallow plash, to plunge him in the deepe,
- 323 And with sacietie seekes to quench his thirst.
- 324 *Tra. Me Pardonato*, gentle master mine:
- 325 I am in all affected as your selfe,
- 326 Glad that you thus continue your resolue,
- 327 To sucke the sweets of sweete Philosophie.
- 328 Onely (good master) while we do admire
- 329 This vertue, and this morall discipline,
- 330 Let's be no Stoickes, nor no stockes I pray,
- 331 Or so deuote to *Aristotles* checkes
- 332 As *Ouid*; be an out- cast quite abiur'd:
- 333 Balke Lodgicke with acquaintance that you haue,
- 334 And practise Rhetoricke in your common talke,
- 335 Musicke and Poesie vse, to quicken you,
- 336 The Mathematickes, and the Metaphysickes
- Fall to them as you finde your stomacke serues you:
- No profit growes, where is no pleasure tane:
- 339 In briefe sir, studie what you most affect.
- 340 *Luc.* Gramercies *Tranio*, well dost thou aduise,
- 341 If *Biondello* thou wert come ashore,
- We could at once put vs in readinesse,
- 343 And take a Lodging fit to entertaine
- 344 Such friends (as time) in *Padua* shall beget.
- 345 But stay a while, what companie is this?
- 346 *Tra.* Master some shew to welcome vs to Towne.
- 347 Enter Baptista with his two daughters, Katerina & Bianca,
- 348 Gremio a Pantelowne, Hortentio sister to Bianca.
- 349 Lucen. Tranio, stand by.
- 350 Bap. Gentlemen, importune me no farther,
- 351 For how I firmly am resolu'd you know:
- 352 That is, not to bestow my yongest daughter,
- 353 Before I have a husband for the elder:
- 354 If either of you both loue *Katherina*, [S4
- 355 Because I know you well, and loue you well,
- Leaue shall you have to court her at your pleasure.
- 357 *Gre.* To cart her rather. She's to rough for mee,
- 358 There, there *Hortensio*, will you any Wife?
- 359 *Kate.* I pray you sir, is it your will
- 360 To make a stale of me amongst these mates?
- 361 *Hor.* Mates maid, how meane you that?
- No mates for you,
- Vnlesse you were of gentler milder mould.
- 364 *Kate.* I'faith sir, you shall neuer neede to feare,

I-wis it is not halfe way to her heart: 365 But if it were, doubt not, her care should be, 366 To combe your noddle with a three-legg'd stoole, 367 And paint your face, and vse you like a foole. 368 Hor. From all such diuels, good Lord deliuer vs. 369 *Gre.* And me too, good Lord. 370 *Tra*. Husht master, heres some good pastime toward; 371 That wench is starke mad, or wonderfull froward. 372 Lucen. But in the others silence do I see. 373 Maids milde behauiour and sobrietie. 374 375 Peace Tranio. Tra. Well said Mr, mum, and gaze your fill. 376 Bap. Gentlemen, that I may soone make good 377 What I haue said, Bianca get you in, 378 And let it not displease thee good Bianca, 379 For I will loue thee nere the lesse my girle. 380 381 *Kate.* A pretty peate, it is best put finger in the eye, 382 and she knew why. 383 Bian. Sister content you, in my discontent. Sir, to your pleasure humbly I subscribe: 384 My bookes and instruments shall be my companie, 385 On them to looke, and practise by my selfe. 386 Luc. Harke Tranio, thou maist heare Minerua speak. 387 388 *Hor.* Signior *Baptista*, will you be so strange, 389 Sorrie am I that our good will effects Bianca's greefe. 390 391 Gre. Why will you mew her vp (Signior Baptista) for this fiend of hell, 392 And make her beare the pennance of her tongue. 393 Bap. Gentlemen content ye: I am resolud: 394 Go in Bianca. 395 396 And for I know she taketh most delight In Musicke, Instruments, and Poetry, 397 Schoolemasters will I keepe within my house, 398 Fit to instruct her youth. If you Hortensio, 399 400 Or signior *Gremio* you know any such, 401 Preferre them hither: for to cunning men, 402 I will be very kinde and liberall, To mine owne children, in good bringing vp, 403 404 And so farewell: Katherina you may stay, 405 For I have more to commune with Bianca. Exit. 406 Kate. Why, and I trust I may go too, may I not? What shall I be appointed houres, as though 407 408 (Belike) I knew not what to take, And what to leaue? Ha. Exit 409 Gre. You may go to the diuels dam: your guifts are 410

so good heere's none will holde you: Their loue is not 411 412 so great Hortensio, but we may blow our nails together, and fast it fairely out. Our cakes dough on both sides. 413 Farewell: yet for the loue I beare my sweet Bianca, if 414 I can by any meanes light on a fit man to teach her that 415 wherein she delights, I will wish him to her father. 416 *Hor.* So will I signiour *Gremio*: but a word I pray: 417 Though the nature of our quarrell yet neuer brook'd 418 parle, know now vpon aduice, it toucheth vs both: that 419 we may yet againe haue accesse to our faire Mistris, and 420 421 be happie riuals in *Bianca's* loue, to labour and effect 422 one thing specially. *Gre.* What's that I pray? 423 Hor. Marrie sir to get a husband for her Sister. 424 Gre. A husband: a diuell. 425 426 Hor. I say a husband. 427 Gre. I say, a diuell: Think'st thou Hortensio, though 428 her father be verie rich, any man is so verie a foole to be 429 married to hell? 430 Hor. Tush Gremio: though it passe your patience & mine to endure her lowd alarums, why man there bee 431 432 good fellowes in the world, and a man could light on 433 them, would take her with all faults, and mony enough. Gre. I cannot tell: but I had as lief take her dowrie 434 435 with this condition; To be whipt at the hie crosse euerie 436 morning. 437 Hor. Faith (as you say) there's small choise in rotten apples: but come, since this bar in law makes vs friends, 438 it shall be so farre forth friendly maintain'd, till by hel-ping 439 Baptistas eldest daughter to a husband, wee set his 440 yongest free for a husband, and then haue too't afresh: 441 442 Sweet Bianca, happy man be his dole: hee that runnes fastest, gets the Ring: How say you signior Gremio? 443 Grem. I am agreed, and would I had given him the 444 best horse in Padua to begin his woing that would tho-roughly 445 woe her, wed her, and bed her, and ridde the 446 house of her. Come on. 447 448 Exeunt ambo. Manet Tranio and Lucentio Tra. I pray sir tel me, is it possible 449 That loue should of a sodaine take such hold. 450 Luc. Oh Tranio, till I found it to be true, 451 452 I neuer thought it possible or likely. But see, while idely I stood looking on, 453 454 I found the effect of Loue in idlenesse, And now in plainnesse do confesse to thee 455 That art to me as secret and as deere 456

- 457 As *Anna* to the Queene of Carthage was:
- 458 Tranio I burne, I pine, I perish Tranio,
- 459 If I atchieue not this yong modest gyrle:
- 460 Counsaile me *Tranio*, for I know thou canst:
- 461 Assist me *Tranio*, for I know thou wilt.
- 462 Tra. Master, it is no time to chide you now,
- 463 Affection is not rated from the heart:
- 464 If loue haue touch'd you, naught remaines but so,
- 465 Redime te captam quam queas minimo.
- 466 *Luc.* Gramercies Lad: Go forward, this contents,
- The rest wil comfort, for thy counsels sound.
 - Tra. Master, you look'd so longly on the maide,
- Perhaps you mark'd not what's the pith of all.
- 470 Luc. Oh yes, I saw sweet beautie in her face,
- 471 Such as the daughter of *Agenor* had,

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- 472 That made great *Ioue* to humble him to her hand,
- When with his knees he kist the Cretan strond.
- 474 Tra. Saw you no more? Mark'd you not how hir sister
- Began to scold, and raise vp such a storme,
- 476 That mortal eares might hardly indure the din.
- 477 *Luc. Tranio*, I saw her corrall lips to moue,
- 478 And with her breath she did perfume the ayre,
- 479 Sacred and sweet was all I saw in her.
- 480 Tra. Nay, then 'tis time to stirre him fro[m] his trance:
- 481 I pray awake sir: if you loue the Maide,
- Bend thoughts and wits to atcheeue her. Thus it stands:
- 483 Her elder sister is so curst and shrew'd,
- 484 That til the Father rid his hands of her,
- 485 Master, your Loue must liue a maide at home,
- 486 And therefore has he closely meu'd her vp, [S4v
- 487 Because she will not be annoy'd with suters.
- 488 *Luc.* Ah *Tranio*, what a cruell Fathers he:
- But art thou not aduis'd, he tooke some care
- 490 To get her cunning Schoolemasters to instruct her.
- 491 Tra. I marry am I sir, and now 'tis plotted.
- 492 *Luc*. I haue it *Tranio*.
- 493 Tra. Master, for my hand,
- Both our inuentions meet and iumpe in one.
- 495 *Luc*. Tell me thine first.
- 496 Tra. You will be schoole- master,
- 497 And vndertake the teaching of the maid:
- 498 That's your deuice.
- 499 *Luc*. It is: May it be done?
- 500 Tra. Not possible: for who shall beare your part,
- 501 And be in *Padua* heere *Vincentio's* sonne,
- Keepe house, and ply his booke, welcome his friends,

- Visit his Countrimen, and banquet them?
- 504 *Luc. Basta*, content thee: for I haue it full.
- We have not yet bin seene in any house,
- Nor can we be distinguish'd by our faces,
- 507 For man or master: then it followes thus;
- Thou shalt be master, *Tranio* in my sted:
- 509 Keepe house, and port, and seruants, as I should,
- 510 I will some other be, some *Florentine*,
- 511 Some *Neapolitan*, or meaner man of *Pisa*.
- 'Tis hatch'd, and shall be so: *Tranio* at once
- Vncase thee: take my Coulord hat and cloake,
- 514 When Biondello comes, he waites on thee,
- 515 But I will charme him first to keepe his tongue.
- 516 Tra. So had you neede:
- 517 In breefe Sir, sith it your pleasure is,
- And I am tyed to be obedient,
- For so your father charg'd me at our parting:
- 520 Be seruiceable to my sonne (quoth he)
- 521 Although I thinke 'twas in another sense,
- 522 I am content to bee Lucentio,
- 523 Because so well I loue *Lucentio*.
- 524 Luc. Tranio be so, because Lucentio loues,
- And let me be a slaue, t' atchieue that maide,
- 526 Whose sodaine sight hath thral'd my wounded eye.
- 527 Enter Biondello.
- Heere comes the rogue. Sirra, where have you bin?
- *Bion.* Where haue I beene? Nay how now, where
- are you? Maister, ha's my fellow *Tranio* stolne your
- cloathes, or you stolne his, or both? Pray what's the
- 532 newes?
- 533 *Luc.* Sirra come hither, 'tis no time to iest,
- And therefore frame your manners to the time
- 535 Your fellow *Tranio* heere to saue my life,
- Puts my apparrell, and my count'nance on,
- And I for my escape haue put on his:
- For in a quarrell since I came a-shore,
- 539 I kil'd a man, and feare I was descried:
- Waite you on him, I charge you, as becomes:
- 541 While I make way from hence to saue my life:
- You vnderstand me?
- 543 Bion. I sir, ne're a whit.
- 544 *Luc*. And not a iot of *Tranio* in your mouth,
- 545 *Tranio* is chang'd into *Lucentio*.
- *Bion.* The better for him, would I were so too.
- 547 Tra. So could I 'faith boy, to have the next wish af-ter,
- that *Lucentio* indeede had *Baptistas* yongest daugh-ter.

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      But sirra, not for my sake, but your masters, I ad-uise
      you vse your manners discreetly in all kind of com-panies:
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      When I am alone, why then I am Tranio: but in
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      all places else, your master Lucentio.
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        Luc. Tranio let's go:
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      One thing more rests, that thy selfe execute,
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      To make one among these wooers: if thou ask me why,
555
      Sufficeth my reasons are both good and waighty.
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      Exeunt. The Presenters aboue speakes.
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         1.Man. My Lord you nod, you do not minde the
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      play.
        Beg. Yes by Saint Anne do I, a good matter surely:
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      Comes there any more of it?
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        Lady. My Lord, 'tis but begun.
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        Beg. 'Tis a verie excellent peece of worke, Madame
563
      Ladie: would 'twere done. They sit and marke.
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      Enter Petruchio, and his man Grumio.
        Petr. Verona, for a while I take my leaue,
566
      To see my friends in Padua; but of all
567
      My best beloued and approued friend
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      Hortensio: & I trow this is his house:
569
      Heere sirra Grumio, knocke I say.
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        Gru. Knocke sir? whom should I knocke? Is there
      any man ha's rebus'd your worship?
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        Petr. Villaine I say, knocke me heere soundly.
        Gru. Knocke you heere sir? Why sir, what am I sir,
574
      that I should knocke you heere sir.
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        Petr. Villaine I say, knocke me at this gate,
576
      And rap me well, or Ile knocke your knaues pate.
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        Gru. My Mr is growne quarrelsome:
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      I should knocke you first,
579
      And then I know after who comes by the worst.
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        Petr. Will it not be?
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      'Faith sirrah, and you'l not knocke, Ile ring it,
582
      Ile trie how you can Sol, Fa, and sing it.
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      He rings him by the eares
        Gru. Helpe mistris helpe, my master is mad.
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        Petr. Now knocke when I bid you: sirrah villaine.
586
      Enter Hortensio.
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        Hor. How now, what's the matter? My olde friend
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      Grumio, and my good friend Petruchio? How do you all
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590
      at Verona?
        Petr. Signior Hortensio, come you to part the fray?
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      Contutti le core bene trobatto, may I say.
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        Hor. Alla nostra casa bene venuto multo honorata signi-or
593
     mio Petruchio.
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595 Rise *Grumio* rise, we will compound this quarrell. Gru. Nay 'tis no matter sir, what he leges in Latine. 596 If this be not a lawfull cause for me to leave his seruice, 597 looke you sir: He bid me knocke him, & rap him sound-ly 598 sir. Well, was it fit for a seruant to vse his master so, 599 being perhaps (for ought I see) two and thirty, a peepe 600 out? Whom would to God I had well knockt at first, 601 then had not Grumio come by the worst. 602 Petr. A sencelesse villaine: good Hortensio, 603 I bad the rascall knocke vpon your gate, 604 And could not get him for my heart to do it. 605 606 Gru. Knocke at the gate? O heauens: spake you not these words plaine? Sirra, Knocke me heere: rappe me 607 heere: knocke me well, and knocke me soundly? And 608 come you now with knocking at the gate? 609 Petr. Sirra be gone, or talke not I aduise you. 610 611 Hor. Petruchio patience, I am Grumio's pledge: Why this a heavie chance twixt him and you, 612 Your ancient trustie pleasant seruant Grumio: 613 And tell me now (sweet friend) what happie gale 614 Blowes you to *Padua* heere, from old *Verona*? 615 Petr. Such wind as scatters yongmen through y world, [S5 616 To seeke their fortunes farther then at home, 617 Where small experience growes but in a few. 618 Signior Hortensio, thus it stands with me, 619 Antonio my father is deceast, 620 And I have thrust my selfe into this maze, 621 Happily to wive and thriue, as best I may: 622 Crownes in my purse I haue, and goods at home, 623 And so am come abroad to see the world. 624 Hor. Petruchio, shall I then come roundly to thee, 625 And wish thee to a shrew'd ill-fauour'd wife? 626 Thou'dst thanke me but a little for my counsell: 627 And yet Ile promise thee she shall be rich, 628 And verie rich: but th'art too much my friend, 629 630 And Ile not wish thee to her. Petr. Signior Hortensio, 'twixt such friends as wee, 631 Few words suffice: and therefore, if thou know 632 One rich enough to be *Petruchio's* wife: 633 (As wealth is burthen of my woing dance) 634 Be she as foule as was *Florentius* Loue, 635 636 As old as Sibell, and as curst and shrow'd As Socrates Zentippe, or a worse: 637 She moues me not, or not remoues at least 638 Affections edge in me. Were she is as rough 639 As are the swelling *Adriaticke* seas. 640

641 I come to wiue it wealthily in *Padua*: 642 If wealthily, then happily in *Padua*. Gru. Nay looke you sir, hee tels you flatly what his 643 minde is: why giue him Gold enough, and marrie him 644 to a Puppet or an Aglet babie, or an old trot with ne're a 645 tooth in her head, though she haue as manie diseases as 646 two and fiftie horses. Why nothing comes amisse, so 647 monie comes withall. 648 Hor. Petruchio, since we are stept thus farre in, 649 I will continue that I broach'd in iest, 650 I can Petruchio helpe thee to a wife 651 With wealth enough, and yong and beautious, 652 Brought vp as best becomes a Gentlewoman. 653 Her onely fault, and that is faults enough, 654 Is, that she is intollerable curst, 655 And shrow'd, and froward, so beyond all measure, 656 657 That were my state farre worser then it is, I would not wed her for a mine of Gold. 658 Petr. Hortensio peace: thou knowst not golds effect, 659 Tell me her fathers name, and 'tis enough: 660 For I will boord her, though she chide as loud 661 As thunder, when the clouds in Autumne cracke. 662 Hor. Her father is Baptista Minola, 663 An affable and courteous Gentleman. 664 Her name is Katherina Minola, 665 Renown'd in Padua for her scolding tongue. 666 Petr. I know her father, though I know not her, 667 And he knew my deceased father well: 668 I wil not sleepe Hortensio til I see her, 669 And therefore let me be thus bold with you, 670 To give you ouer at this first encounter, 671 672 Vnlesse you wil accompanie me thither. Gru. I pray you Sir let him go while the humor lasts. 673 A my word, and she knew him as wel as I do, she would 674 thinke scolding would doe little good vpon him. Shee 675 may perhaps call him halfe a score Knaues, or so: Why 676 that's nothing; and he begin once, hee'l raile in his rope 677 trickes. Ile tell you what sir, and she stand him but a li-tle, 678 he wil throw a figure in her face, and so disfigure hir 679 with it, that shee shal have no more eies to see withall 680 then a Cat: you know him not sir. 681 682 Hor. Tarrie Petruchio, I must go with thee, For in *Baptistas* keepe my treasure is: 683 684 He hath the Iewel of my life in hold, His yongest daughter, beautiful Bianca, 685 And her with- holds from me. Other more 686

- Suters to her, and riuals in my Loue:
- 688 Supposing it a thing impossible,
- 689 For those defects I have before rehearst,
- 690 That euer *Katherina* wil be woo'd:
- 691 Therefore this order hath *Baptista* tane,
- That none shal have accesse vnto *Bianca*,
- 693 Til Katherine the Curst, haue got a husband.
- 694 *Gru. Katherine* the curst,
- 695 A title for a maide, of all titles the worst.
- 696 Hor. Now shal my friend Petruchio do me grace,
- And offer me disguis'd in sober robes,
- 698 To old Baptista as a schoole- master
- 699 Well seene in Musicke, to instruct *Bianca*,
- 700 That so I may by this deuice at least
- Haue leaue and leisure to make loue to her,
- 702 And vnsuspected court her by her selfe.
- 703 Enter Gremio and Lucentio disguised.
- 704 *Gru*. Heere's no knauerie. See, to beguile the olde-folkes,
- 705 how the young folkes lay their heads together.
- Master, master, looke about you: Who goes there? ha.
- 707 *Hor.* Peace *Grumio*, it is the riual of my Loue.
- 708 Petruchio stand by a while.
- 709 *Grumio*. A proper stripling, and an amorous.
- 710 *Gremio*. O very well, I have perus'd the note:
- 711 Hearke you sir, Ile haue them verie fairely bound,
- 712 All bookes of Loue, see that at any hand,
- And see you reade no other Lectures to her:
- You vnderstand me. Ouer and beside
- 715 Signior Baptistas liberalitie,
- 716 Ile mend it with a Largesse. Take your paper too,
- And let me have them verie wel perfum'd;
- 718 For she is sweeter then perfume it selfe
- 719 To whom they go to: what wil you reade to her.
- 720 Luc. What ere I reade to her, Ile pleade for you,
- 721 As for my patron, stand you so assur'd,
- As firmely as your selfe were still in place,
- Yea and perhaps with more successefull words
- 724 Then you; vnlesse you were a scholler sir.
- 725 *Gre.* Oh this learning, what a thing it is.
- 726 *Gru*. Oh this Woodcocke, what an Asse it is.
- 727 Petru. Peace sirra.
- 728 *Hor. Grumio* mum: God saue you signior *Gremio*.
- 729 *Gre.* And you are wel met, Signior *Hortensio*.
- 730 Trow you whither I am going? To Baptista Minola,
- 731 I promist to enquire carefully
- About a schoolemaster for the faire *Bianca*,

- And by good fortune I have lighted well
- 734 On this yong man: For learning and behauiour
- 735 Fit for her turne, well read in Poetrie
- And other bookes, good ones, I warrant ye.
- 737 Hor. 'Tis well: and I haue met a Gentleman
- Hath promist me to helpe one to another,
- 739 A fine Musitian to instruct our Mistris,
- So shal I no whit be behinde in dutie
- To faire *Bianca*, so beloued of me.
- 742 *Gre.* Beloued of me, and that my deeds shal proue.
- 743 *Gru*. And that his bags shal proue.
- 744 *Hor. Gremio*, 'tis now no time to vent our loue,
- Listen to me, and if you speake me faire,
- 746 Ile tel you newes indifferent good for either.
- 747 Heere is a Gentleman whom by chance I met [S5v
- 748 Vpon agreement from vs to his liking,
- 749 Will vndertake to woo curst *Katherine*,
- Yea, and to marrie her, if her dowrie please.
- 751 *Gre.* So said, so done, is well:
- 752 Hortensio, haue you told him all her faults?
- 753 *Petr.* I know she is an irkesome brawling scold:
- 754 If that be all Masters, I heare no harme.
- 755 *Gre.* No, sayst me so, friend? What Countreyman?
- 756 *Petr.* Borne in *Verona*, old *Butonios* sonne:
- 757 My father dead, my fortune liues for me,
- And I do hope, good dayes and long, to see.
- 759 *Gre.* Oh sir, such a life with such a wife, were strange:
- 760 But if you have a stomacke, too't a Gods name,
- You shal have me assisting you in all.
- 762 But will you woo this Wilde- cat?
- 763 Petr. Will I liue?
- 764 *Gru*. Wil he woo her? I: or Ile hang her.
- 765 *Petr.* Why came I hither, but to that intent?
- 766 Thinke you, a little dinne can daunt mine eares?
- 767 Haue I not in my time heard Lions rore?
- Haue I not heard the sea, puft vp with windes,
- Rage like an angry Boare, chafed with sweat?
- Haue I not heard great Ordnance in the field?
- And heavens Artillerie thunder in the skies?
- Haue I not in a pitched battell heard
- Coud larums, neighing steeds, & trumpets clangue?
- And do you tell me of a womans tongue?
- 775 That gives not halfe so great a blow to heare,
- As wil a Chesse- nut in a Farmers fire.
- 777 Tush, tush, feare boyes with bugs.
- 778 *Gru*. For he feares none.

Grem. Hortensio hearke: 779 780 This Gentleman is happily arriu'd, My minde presumes for his owne good, and yours. 781 Hor. I promist we would be Contributors, 782 And beare his charge of wooing whatsoere. 783 Gremio. And so we wil, prouided that he win her. 784 Gru. I would I were as sure of a good dinner. 785 Enter Tranio braue, and Biondello. 786 Tra. Gentlemen God saue you. If I may be bold 787 Tell me I beseech you, which is the readiest way 788 To the house of Signior Baptista Minola? 789 790 Bion. He that ha's the two faire daughters: ist he you 791 meane? 792 *Tra*. Euen he *Biondello*. Gre. Hearke you sir, you meane not her to— 793 Tra. Perhaps him and her sir, what haue you to do? 794 795 Petr. Not her that chides sir, at any hand I pray. Tranio. I loue no chiders sir: Biondello, let's away. 796 797 Luc. Well begun Tranio. Hor. Sir, a word ere you go: 798 799 Are you a sutor to the Maid you talke of, yea or no? *Tra*. And if I be sir, is it any offence? 800 801 Gremio. No: if without more words you will get you 802 hence. Tra. Why sir, I pray are not the streets as free 803 For me, as for you? 804 805 Gre. But so is not she. 806 Tra. For what reason I beseech you. Gre. For this reason if you'l kno, 807 808 That she's the choise loue of Signior Gremio. Hor. That she's the chosen of signior Hortensio. 809 810 Tra. Softly my Masters: If you be Gentlemen Do me this right: heare me with patience. 811 Baptista is a noble Gentleman, 812 To whom my Father is not all vnknowne, 813 And were his daughter fairer then she is, 814 She may more sutors haue, and me for one. 815 816 Faire *Laedaes* daughter had a thousand wooers, Then well one more may faire Bianca haue; 817 818 And so she shall: Lucentio shal make one, Though *Paris* came, in hope to speed alone. 819 820 Gre. What, this Gentleman will out- talke vs all. Luc. Sir giue him head, I know hee'l proue a Iade. 821 822 Petr. Hortensio, to what end are all these words? Hor. Sir, let me be so bold as aske you, 823 Did you yet euer see *Baptistas* daughter? 824

Tra. No sir, but heare I do that he hath two: 825 The one, as famous for a scolding tongue, 826 As is the other, for beauteous modestie. 827 828 *Petr.* Sir, sir, the first's for me, let her go by. Gre. Yea, leaue that labour to great Hercules, 829 And let it be more then *Alcides* twelue. 830 Petr. Sir vnderstand you this of me (insooth) 831 832 The yongest daughter whom you hearken for, Her father keepes from all accesse of sutors, 833 834 And will not promise her to any man, Vntill the elder sister first be wed. 835 The yonger then is free, and not before. 836 837 *Tranio*. If it be so sir, that you are the man Must steed vs all, and me amongst the rest: 838 And if you breake the ice, and do this seeke, 839 Atchieue the elder: set the yonger free, 840 841 For our accesse, whose hap shall be to haue her, 842 Wil not so gracelesse be, to be ingrate. 843 Hor. Sir you say wel, and wel you do conceiue, And since you do professe to be a sutor, 844 You must as we do, gratifie this Gentleman, 845 To whom we all rest generally beholding. 846 *Tranio.* Sir, I shal not be slacke, in signe whereof, 847 848 Please ye we may contriue this afternoone, 849 And quaffe carowses to our Mistresse health, And do as aduersaries do in law, 850 Striue mightily, but eate and drinke as friends. 851 Gru. Bion. Oh excellent motion: fellowes let's be gon. 852 Hor. The motions good indeed, and be it so, 853 Petruchio, I shal be your Been venuto. Exeunt. 854 Enter Katherina and Bianca. 855 Bian. Good sister wrong me not, nor wrong your self, 856 To make a bondmaide and a slaue of mee, 857 That I disdaine: but for these other goods, 858 Vnbinde my hands, Ile pull them off my selfe, 859 860 Yea all my raiment, to my petticoate, Or what you will command me, wil I do, 861 862 So well I know my dutie to my elders. Kate. Of all thy sutors heere I charge tel 863 Whom thou lou'st best: see thou dissemble not. 864 Bianca. Beleeue me sister, of all the men aliue, 865 I neuer yet beheld that speciall face, 866 Which I could fancie, more then any other. 867 Kate. Minion thou lyest: Is't not Hortensio? 868 Bian. If you affect him sister, heere I sweare 869 Ile pleade for you my selfe, but you shal haue him. 870

871 *Kate*. Oh then belike you fancie riches more, 872 You wil haue *Gremio* to keepe you faire. Bian. Is it for him you do enuie me so? 873 Nay then you iest, and now I wel perceiue 874 You have but iested with me all this while: 875 I prethee sister Kate, vntie my hands. 876 Ka. If that be iest, then all the rest was so. Strikes her [S6] 877 878 Enter Baptista. Bap. Why how now Dame, whence growes this in-solence? 879 881 Bianca stand aside, poore gyrle she weepes: 882 Go ply thy Needle, meddle not with her. For shame thou Hilding of a diuellish spirit, 883 Why dost thou wrong her, that did nere wrong thee? 884 When did she crosse thee with a bitter word? 885 Kate. Her silence flouts me, and Ile be reueng'd. 886 Flies after Bianca 887 888 Bap. What in my sight? Bianca get thee in. Exit. Kate. What will you not suffer me: Nay now I see 889 She is your treasure, she must have a husband, 890 I must dance bare- foot on her wedding day, 891 And for your loue to her, leade Apes in hell. 892 Talke not to me, I will go sit and weepe, 893 894 Till I can finde occasion of reuenge. 895 Bap. Was euer Gentleman thus greeu'd as I? 896 But who comes heere. Enter Gremio, Lucentio, in the habit of a meane man, 897 Petruchio with Tranio, with his boy 898 bearing a Lute and Bookes. 899 Gre. Good morrow neighbour Baptista. 900 Bap. Good morrow neighbour Gremio: God saue 901 you Gentlemen. 902 903 Pet. And you good sir: pray haue you not a daugh-ter, cal'd Katerina, faire and vertuous. 904 905 Bap. I haue a daughter sir, cal'd Katerina. Gre. You are too blunt, go to it orderly. 906 907 Pet. You wrong me signior Gremio, giue me leaue. 908 I am a Gentleman of Verona sir, 909 That hearing of her beautie, and her wit, Her affability and bashfull modestie: 910 911 Her wondrous qualities, and milde behauiour, Am bold to shew my selfe a forward guest 912 913 Within your house, to make mine eye the witnesse 914 Of that report, which I so oft haue heard, 915 And for an entrance to my entertainment, 916 I do present you with a man of mine Cunning in Musicke, and the Mathematickes, 917

- To instruct her fully in those sciences, Whereof I know she is not ignorant,
- 920 Accept of him, or else you do me wrong.
- 921 His name is *Litio*, borne in *Mantua*.
- 922 Bap. Y'are welcome sir, and he for your good sake.
- 923 But for my daughter *Katerine*, this I know,
- 924 She is not for your turne, the more my greefe.
- 925 Pet. I see you do not meane to part with her,
- 926 Or else you like not of my companie.
- 927 Bap. Mistake me not, I speake but as I finde,
- 928 Whence are you sir? What may I call your name.
- 929 Pet. Petruchio is my name, Antonio's sonne,
- 930 A man well knowne throughout all Italy.
- 931 Bap. I know him well: you are welcome for his sake.
- 932 Gre. Sauing your tale Petruchio, I pray let vs that are
- poore petitioners speake too? *Bacare*, you are meruay-lous
- 934 forward.
- 935 *Pet.* Oh, Pardon me signior *Gremio*, I would faine be
- 936 doing.

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- 937 *Gre.* I doubt it not sir. But you will curse
- 938 Your wooing neighbors: this is a guift
- 939 Very gratefull, I am sure of it, to expresse
- The like kindnesse my selfe, that have beene
- More kindely beholding to you then any:
- 942 Freely giue vnto this yong Scholler, that hath
- 943 Beene long studying at *Rhemes*, as cunning
- 944 In Greeke, Latine, and other Languages,
- 945 As the other in Musicke and Mathematickes:
- 946 His name is *Cambio*: pray accept his seruice.
- 947 Bap. A thousand thankes signior Gremio:
- 948 Welcome good Cambio. But gentle sir,
- 949 Me thinkes you walke like a stranger,
- 950 May I be so bold, to know the cause of your comming?
 - *Tra.* Pardon me sir, the boldnesse is mine owne,
- 952 That being a stranger in this Cittie heere,
- 953 Do make my selfe a sutor to your daughter,
- 954 Vnto *Bianca*, faire and vertuous:
- Nor is your firme resolue vnknowne to me,
- 956 In the preferment of the eldest sister.
- 957 This liberty is all that I request,
- 958 That vpon knowledge of my Parentage,
- 959 I may have welcome 'mongst the rest that woo,
- 960 And free accesse and fauour as the rest.
- And toward the education of your daughters:
- 962 I heere bestow a simple instrument,
- And this small packet of Greeke and Latine bookes:

964 If you accept them, then their worth is great: 965 Bap. Lucentio is your name, of whence I pray. Tra. Of Pisa sir, sonne to Vincentio. 966 Bap. A mightie man of Pisa by report, 967 I know him well: you are verie welcome sir: 968 Take you the Lute, and you the set of bookes, 969 970 You shall go see your Pupils presently. Holla, within. 971 Enter a Seruant. 972 Sirrah, leade these Gentlemen 973 974 To my daughters, and tell them both 975 These are their Tutors, bid them vse them well, We will go walke a little in the Orchard, 976 And then to dinner: you are passing welcome, 977 And so I pray you all to thinke your selues. 978 979 Pet. Signior Baptista, my businesse asketh haste, 980 And euerie day I cannot come to woo, You knew my father well, and in him me, 981 982 Left solie heire to all his Lands and goods, Which I have bettered rather then decreast, 983 Then tell me, if I get your daughters loue, 984 What dowrie shall I haue with her to wife. 985 986 Bap. After my death, the one halfe of my Lands, And in possession twentie thousand Crownes. 987 988 Pet. And for that dowrie, Ile assure her of Her widdow- hood, be it that she suruiue me 989 990 In all my Lands and Leases whatsoeuer, 991 Let specialties be therefore drawne betweene vs, That couenants may be kept on either hand. 992 Bap. I, when the speciall thing is well obtain'd, 993 That is her loue: for that is all in all. 994 995 Pet. Why that is nothing: for I tell you father, I am as peremptorie as she proud minded: 996 And where two raging fires meete together, 997 They do consume the thing that feedes their furie. 998 Though little fire growes great with little winde, 999 1000 Yet extreme gusts will blow out fire and all: 1001 So I to her, and so she yeelds to me, For I am rough, and woo not like a babe. 1002 1003 *Bap.* Well maist thou woo, and happy be thy speed: 1004 But be thou arm'd for some vnhappie words. 1005 Pet. I to the proofe, as Mountaines are for windes, That shakes not, though they blow perpetually. 1006 1007 Enter Hortensio with his head broke. [S6v Bap. How now my friend, why dost thou looke so 1008 1009 pale?

- 1010 *Hor.* For feare I promise you, if I looke pale.
- 1011 Bap. What, will my daughter proue a good Musiti-an?
- 1013 Hor. I thinke she'l sooner proue a souldier,
- 1014 Iron may hold with her, but neuer Lutes.
- 1015 Bap. Why then thou canst not break her to the Lute?
- 1016 *Hor.* Why no, for she hath broke the Lute to me:
- 1017 I did but tell her she mistooke her frets,
- 1018 And bow'd her hand to teach her fingering,
- 1019 When (with a most impatient diuellish spirit)
- 1020 Frets call you these? (quoth she) Ile fume with them:
- 1021 And with that word she stroke me on the head,
- 1022 And through the instrument my pate made way,
- 1023 And there I stood amazed for a while,
- 1024 As on a Pillorie, looking through the Lute,
- 1025 While she did call me Rascall, Fidler,
- 1026 And twangling Iacke, with twentie such vilde tearmes,
- 1027 As had she studied to misvse me so.
- 1028 Pet. Now by the world, it is a lustie Wench,
- 1029 I loue her ten times more then ere I did,
- 1030 Oh how I long to haue some chat with her.
- 1031 Bap. Wel go with me, and be not so discomfited.
- 1032 Proceed in practise with my yonger daughter,
- 1033 She's apt to learne, and thankefull for good turnes:
- 1034 Signior Petruchio, will you go with vs,
- 1035 Or shall I send my daughter *Kate* to you.
- 1036 Exit. Manet Petruchio.
- 1037 Pet. I pray you do. Ile attend her heere,
- 1038 And woo her with some spirit when she comes,
- 1039 Say that she raile, why then Ile tell her plaine,
- 1040 She sings as sweetly as a Nightinghale:
- 1041 Say that she frowne, Ile say she lookes as cleere
- 1042 As morning Roses newly washt with dew:
- 1043 Say she be mute, and will not speake a word,
- 1044 Then Ile commend her volubility,
- 1045 And say she vttereth piercing eloquence:
- 1046 If she do bid me packe, Ile giue her thankes,
- 1047 As though she bid me stay by her a weeke:
- 1048 If she denie to wed, Ile craue the day
- 1049 When I shall aske the banes, and when be married.
- 1050 But heere she comes, and now Petruchio speake.
- 1051 Enter Katerina.
- 1052 Good morrow *Kate*, for thats your name I heare.
- 1053 Kate. Well have you heard, but something hard of
- 1054 hearing:
- 1055 They call me *Katerine*, that do talke of me.
- 1056 Pet. You lye infaith, for you are call'd plaine Kate,

- 1057 And bony *Kate*, and sometimes *Kate* the curst:
- 1058 But *Kate*, the prettiest *Kate* in Christendome,
- 1059 Kate of Kate- hall, my super- daintie Kate,
- 1060 For dainties are all *Kates*, and therefore *Kate*
- 1061 Take this of me, *Kate* of my consolation,
- 1062 Hearing thy mildnesse prais'd in euery Towne,
- 1063 Thy vertues spoke of, and thy beautie sounded,
- 1064 Yet not so deepely as to thee belongs,
- 1065 My selfe am moou'd to woo thee for my wife.
- 1066 Kate. Mou'd, in good time, let him that mou'd you
- 1067 hether
- 1068 Remoue you hence: I knew you at the first
- 1069 You were a mouable.
- 1070 Pet. Why, what's a mouable?
- 1071 Kat. A ioyn'd stoole.
- 1072 *Pet.* Thou hast hit it: come sit on me.
- 1073 *Kate*. Asses are made to beare, and so are you.
- 1074 Pet. Women are made to beare, and so are you.
- 1075 *Kate*. No such Iade as you, if me you meane.
- 1076 Pet. Alas good Kate, I will not burthen thee,
- 1077 For knowing thee to be but yong and light.
- 1078 *Kate.* Too light for such a swaine as you to catch,
- 1079 And yet as heauie as my waight should be.
- 1080 Pet. Shold be, should: buzze.
- 1081 *Kate*. Well tane, and like a buzzard.
- 1082 Pet. Oh slow- wing'd Turtle, shal a buzard take thee?
- 1083 *Kat.* I for a Turtle, as he takes a buzard.
- 1084 Pet. Come, come you Waspe, y'faith you are too
- 1085 angrie.
- 1086 *Kate*. If I be waspish, best beware my sting.
- 1087 *Pet.* My remedy is then to plucke it out.
- 1088 *Kate.* I, if the foole could finde it where it lies.
- 1089 Pet. Who knowes not where a Waspe does weare
- 1090 his sting? In his taile.
- 1091 *Kate*. In his tongue?
- 1092 Pet. Whose tongue.
- 1093 *Kate.* Yours if you talke of tales, and so farewell.
- 1094 *Pet.* What with my tongue in your taile.
- Nay, come againe, good *Kate*, I am a Gentleman,
- 1096 Kate. That Ile trie. she strikes him
- 1097 Pet. I sweare Ile cuffe you, if you strike againe.
- 1098 Kate. So may you loose your armes,
- 1099 If you strike me, you are no Gentleman,
- 1100 And if no Gentleman, why then no armes.
- 1101 *Pet.* A Herald *Kate*? Oh put me in thy bookes.
- 1102 *Kate.* What is your Crest, a Coxcombe?

- 1103 *Pet.* A comblesse Cocke, so *Kate* will be my Hen.
- 1104 *Kate.* No Cocke of mine, you crow too like a crauen
- 1105 Pet. Nay come Kate, come: you must not looke so
- 1106 sowre.
- 1107 *Kate*. It is my fashion when I see a Crab.
- 1108 Pet. Why heere's no crab, and therefore looke not
- 1109 sowre.
- 1110 *Kate*. There is, there is.
- 1111 *Pet.* Then shew it me.
- 1112 Kate. Had I a glasse, I would.
- 1113 *Pet.* What, you meane my face.
- 1114 *Kate*. Well aym'd of such a yong one.
- 1115 Pet. Now by S[aint]. George I am too yong for you.
- 1116 Kate. Yet you are wither'd.
- 1117 Pet. 'Tis with cares.
- 1118 Kate. I care not.
- 1119 Pet. Nay heare you Kate. Insooth you scape not so.
- 1120 Kate. I chafe you if I tarrie. Let me go.
- 1121 *Pet.* No, not a whit, I finde you passing gentle:
- 1122 'Twas told me you were rough, and coy, and sullen,
- 1123 And now I finde report a very liar:
- 1124 For thou art pleasant, gamesome, passing courteous,
- But slow in speech: yet sweet as spring- time flowers.
- 1126 Thou canst not frowne, thou canst not looke a sconce,
- 1127 Nor bite the lip, as angry wenches will,
- Nor hast thou pleasure to be crosse in talke:
- But thou with mildnesse entertain'st thy wooers,
- 1130 With gentle conference, soft, and affable.
- 1131 Why does the world report that *Kate* doth limpe?
- 1132 Oh sland'rous world: *Kate* like the hazle twig
- 1133 Is straight, and slender, and as browne in hue
- 1134 As hazle nuts, and sweeter then the kernels:
- Oh let me see thee walke: thou dost not halt.
- 1136 *Kate*. Go foole, and whom thou keep'st command.
- 1137 Pet. Did euer Dian so become a Groue
- 1138 As *Kate* this chamber with her princely gate:
- 1139 O be thou *Dian*, and let her be *Kate*, [T1
- 1140 And then let *Kate* be chaste, and *Dian* sportfull.
- 1141 *Kate*. Where did you study all this goodly speech?
- 1142 *Petr.* It is *extempore*, from my mother wit.
- 1143 *Kate.* A witty mother, witlesse else her sonne.
- 1144 Pet. Am I not wise?
- 1145 *Kat.* Yes, keepe you warme.
- 1146 *Pet.* Marry so I meane sweet *Katherine* in thy bed:
- 1147 And therefore setting all this chat aside,
- 1148 Thus in plaine termes: your father hath consented

- 1149 That you shall be my wife; your dowry greed on,
- 1150 And will you, nill you, I will marry you.
- 1151 Now Kate, I am a husband for your turne,
- For by this light, whereby I see thy beauty,
- 1153 Thy beauty that doth make me like thee well,
- 1154 Thou must be married to no man but me,
- 1155 Enter Baptista, Gremio, Trayno.
- For I am he am borne to tame you *Kate*,
- 1157 And bring you from a wilde *Kate* to a *Kate*
- 1158 Conformable as other houshold *Kates*:
- 1159 Heere comes your father, neuer make deniall,
- 1160 I must, and will haue Katherine to my wife.
- 1161 Bap. Now Signior Petruchio, how speed you with my (daughter?
- 1162 *Pet.* How but well sir? how but well?
- 1163 It were impossible I should speed amisse.
- 1164 Bap. Why how now daughter Katherine, in your |(dumps?
- 1165 Kat. Call you me daughter? now I promise you
- 1166 You have shewd a tender fatherly regard,
- 1167 To wish me wed to one halfe Lunaticke,
- 1168 A mad- cap ruffian, and a swearing Iacke,
- 1169 That thinkes with oathes to face the matter out.
- 1170 Pet. Father, 'tis thus, your selfe and all the world
- 1171 That talk'd of her, haue talk'd amisse of her:
- 1172 If she be curst, it is for pollicie,
- 1173 For shee's not froward, but modest as the Doue,
- 1174 Shee is not hot, but temperate as the morne,
- For patience shee will proue a second *Grissell*,
- 1176 And Romane *Lucrece* for her chastitie:
- 1177 And to conclude, we have greed so well together,
- 1178 That vpon sonday is the wedding day.
- 1179 *Kate*. Ile see thee hang'd on sonday first.
- 1180 *Gre.* Hark *Petruchio*, she saies shee'll see thee hang'd |(first.
- 1181 Tra. Is this your speeding? nay the[n] godnight our part.
- 1182 Pet. Be patient gentlemen, I choose her for my selfe,
- 1183 If she and I be pleas'd, what's that to you?
- 1184 'Tis bargain'd twixt vs twaine being alone,
- 1185 That she shall still be curst in company.
- 1186 I tell you 'tis incredible to beleeue
- How much she loues me: oh the kindest *Kate*,
- 1188 Shee hung about my necke, and kisse on kisse
- 1189 Shee vi'd so fast, protesting oath on oath,
- 1190 That in a twinke she won me to her loue.
- 1191 Oh you are nouices, 'tis a world to see
- How tame when men and women are alone,
- 1193 A meacocke wretch can make the curstest shrew:
- 1194 Giue me thy hand *Kate*, I will vnto *Venice*

- 1195 To buy apparell 'gainst the wedding day;
- 1196 Prouide the feast father, and bid the guests,
- 1197 I will be sure my *Katherine* shall be fine.
- 1198 Bap. I know not what to say, but give me your ha[n]ds,
- 1199 God send you ioy, Petruchio, 'tis a match.
- 1200 *Gre. Tra.* Amen say we, we will be witnesses.
- 1201 Pet. Father, and wife, and gentlemen adieu,
- 1202 I will to Venice, sonday comes apace,
- 1203 We will have rings, and things, and fine array,
- 1204 And kisse me *Kate*, we will be married a sonday.
- 1205 Exit Petruchio and Katherine.
- 1206 *Gre.* Was euer match clapt vp so sodainly?
- 1207 Bap. Faith Gentlemen now I play a marchants part,
- 1208 And venture madly on a desperate Mart.
- 1209 Tra. Twas a commodity lay fretting by you,
- 1210 'Twill bring you gaine, or perish on the seas.
- 1211 Bap. The gaine I seeke, is quiet me the match.
- 1212 *Gre.* No doubt but he hath got a quiet catch:
- But now *Baptista*, to your yonger daughter,
- 1214 Now is the day we long haue looked for,
- 1215 I am your neighbour, and was suter first.
- 1216 Tra. And I am one that loue Bianca more
- 1217 Then words can witnesse, or your thoughts can guesse.
- 1218 *Gre.* Yongling thou canst not loue so deare as I.
- 1219 *Tra*. Gray- beard thy loue doth freeze.
- 1220 *Gre.* But thine doth frie,
- 1221 Skipper stand backe, 'tis age that nourisheth.
- 1222 *Tra.* But youth in Ladies eyes that florisheth.
- 1223 Bap. Content you gentlemen, I wil co[m]pound this strife
- 1224 'Tis deeds must win the prize, and he of both
- 1225 That can assure my daughter greatest dower,
- 1226 Shall haue my *Biancas* loue.
- 1227 Say signior *Gremio*, what can you assure her?
- 1228 *Gre.* First, as you know, my house within the City
- 1229 Is richly furnished with plate and gold,
- 1230 Basons and ewers to laue her dainty hands:
- 1231 My hangings all of *tirian* tapestry:
- 1232 In Iuory cofers I haue stuft my crownes:
- 1233 In Cypres chests my arras counterpoints,
- 1234 Costly apparell, tents, and Canopies,
- 1235 Fine Linnen, Turky cushions bost with pearle,
- 1236 Vallens of Venice gold, in needle worke:
- 1237 Pewter and brasse, and all things that belongs
- 1238 To house or house-keeping: then at my farme
- 1239 I haue a hundred milch- kine to the pale,
- 1240 Sixe- score fat Oxen standing in my stalls,

- 1241 And all things answerable to this portion.
- 1242 My selfe am strooke in yeeres I must confesse,
- 1243 And if I die to morrow this is hers,
- 1244 If whil'st I liue she will be onely mine.
- 1245 *Tra*. That only came well in: sir, list to me,
- 1246 I am my fathers heyre and onely sonne,
- 1247 If I may have your daughter to my wife,
- 1248 Ile leaue her houses three or foure as good
- 1249 Within rich *Pisa* walls, as any one
- 1250 Old Signior Gremio has in Padua,
- 1251 Besides, two thousand Duckets by the yeere
- 1252 Of fruitfull land, all which shall be her ioynter.
- 1253 What, haue I pincht you Signior *Gremio*?
- 1254 *Gre*. Two thousand Duckets by the yeere of land,
- 1255 My Land amounts not to so much in all:
- 1256 That she shall haue, besides an Argosie
- 1257 That now is lying in Marcellus roade:
- 1258 What, haue I choakt you with an Argosie?
- 1259 *Tra. Gremio*, 'tis knowne my father hath no lesse
- 1260 Then three great Argosies, besides two Galliasses
- 1261 And twelue tite Gallies, these I will assure her,
- 1262 And twice as much what ere thou offrest next.
- 1263 Gre. Nay, I have offred all, I have no more,
- 1264 And she can have no more then all I have,
- 1265 If you like me, she shall have me and mine.
- 1266 Tra. Why then the maid is mine from all the world
- 1267 By your firme promise, *Gremio* is out- vied.
- 1268 Bap. I must confesse your offer is the best,
- 1269 And let your father make her the assurance, [T1v
- 1270 Shee is your owne, else you must pardon me:
- 1271 If you should die before him, where's her dower?
- 1272 *Tra*. That's but a cauill: he is olde, I young.
- 1273 *Gre.* And may not yong men die as well as old?
- 1274 Bap. Well gentlemen, I am thus resolu'd,
- 1275 On sonday next, you know
- 1276 My daughter *Katherine* is to be married:
- 1277 Now on the sonday following, shall *Bianca*
- 1278 Be Bride to you, if you make this assurance:
- 1279 If not, to Signior Gremio:
- 1280 And so I take my leaue, and thanke you both. Exit.
- 1281 *Gre.* Adieu good neighbour: now I feare thee not:
- 1282 Sirra, yong gamester, your father were a foole
- 1283 To give thee all, and in his wayning age
- 1284 Set foot vnder thy table: tut, a toy,
- 1285 An olde Italian foxe is not so kinde my boy. Exit.
- 1286 Tra. A vengeance on your crafty withered hide,

- 1287 Yet I have fac'd it with a card of ten:
- 1288 'Tis in my head to doe my master good:
- 1289 I see no reason but suppos'd *Lucentio*
- 1290 Must get a father, call'd suppos'd Vincentio,
- 1291 And that's a wonder: fathers commonly
- Doe get their children: but in this case of woing,
- 1293 A childe shall get a sire, if I faile not of my cunning. Exit.

Actus Tertia.

- 1295 Enter Lucentio, Hortentio, and Bianca.
- 1296 *Luc.* Fidler forbeare, you grow too forward Sir,
- 1297 Haue you so soone forgot the entertainment
- 1298 Her sister *Katherine* welcom'd you withall.
- 1299 *Hort.* But wrangling pedant, this is
- 1300 The patronesse of heauenly harmony:
- 1301 Then giue me leaue to haue prerogatiue,
- 1302 And when in Musicke we have spent an houre,
- 1303 Your Lecture shall have leisure for as much.
- 1304 *Luc.* Preposterous Asse that neuer read so farre,
- 1305 To know the cause why musicke was ordain'd:
- 1306 Was it not to refresh the minde of man
- 1307 After his studies, or his vsuall paine?
- 1308 Then give me leave to read Philosophy,
- 1309 And while I pause, serue in your harmony.
- 1310 *Hort.* Sirra, I will not beare these braues of thine.
- 1311 Bianc. Why gentlemen, you doe me double wrong,
- 1312 To striue for that which resteth in my choice:
- 1313 I am no breeching scholler in the schooles,
- 1314 Ile not be tied to howres, nor pointed times,
- But learne my Lessons as I please my selfe,
- 1316 And to cut off all strife: heere sit we downe,
- 1317 Take you your instrument, play you the whiles,
- 1318 His Lecture will be done ere you haue tun'd.
- 1319 *Hort*. You'll leaue his Lecture when I am in tune?
- 1320 *Luc*. That will be neuer, tune your instrument.
- 1321 Bian. Where left we last?
- 1322 Luc. Heere Madam: Hic Ibat Simois, hic est sigeria
- 1323 tellus, hic steterat Priami regia Celsa senis.
- 1324 Bian. Conster them.
- 1325 *Luc. Hic Ibat*, as I told you before, *Simois*, I am Lu-centio,
- 1326 hic est, sonne vnto Vincentio of Pisa, Sigeria tel-lus,
- disguised thus to get your loue, hic steterat, and that
- Lucentio that comes a wooing, *priami*, is my man Tra-nio,

1329 regia, bearing my port, celsa senis that we might be-guile

- 1330 the old Pantalowne.
- 1331 *Hort.* Madam, my Instrument's in tune.
- 1332 Bian. Let's heare, oh fie, the treble iarres.
- 1333 *Luc.* Spit in the hole man, and tune againe.
- 1334 Bian. Now let mee see if I can conster it. Hic ibat si-mois,
- 1335 I know you not, hic est sigeria tellus, I trust you not,
- 1336 hic staterat priami, take heede he heare vs not, regia pre-sume
- 1337 not, Celsa senis, despaire not.
- 1338 *Hort.* Madam, tis now in tune.
- 1339 *Luc*. All but the base.
- 1340 *Hort.* The base is right, 'tis the base knaue that iars.
- 1341 *Luc.* How fiery and forward our Pedant is,
- Now for my life the knaue doth court my loue,
- 1343 *Pedascule*, Ile watch you better yet:
- 1344 In time I may beleeue, yet I mistrust.
- 1345 Bian. Mistrust it not, for sure Aeacides
- 1346 Was Aiax cald so from his grandfather.
- 1347 *Hort*. I must beleeue my master, else I promise you,
- 1348 I should be arguing still vpon that doubt,
- 1349 But let it rest, now *Litio* to you:
- 1350 Good master take it not vnkindly pray
- 1351 That I have been thus pleasant with you both.
- 1352 *Hort.* You may go walk, and give me leave a while,
- 1353 My Lessons make no musicke in three parts.
- 1354 *Luc.* Are you so formall sir, well I must waite
- 1355 And watch withall, for but I be deceiu'd,
- 1356 Our fine Musitian groweth amorous.
- 1357 *Hor.* Madam, before you touch the instrument,
- 1358 To learne the order of my fingering,
- 1359 I must begin with rudiments of Art,
- 1360 To teach you gamoth in a briefer sort,
- 1361 More pleasant, pithy, and effectuall,
- 1362 Then hath beene taught by any of my trade,
- 1363 And there it is in writing fairely drawne.
- 1364 Bian. Why, I am past my gamouth long agoe.
- 1365 *Hor.* Yet read the gamouth of *Hortentio*.
- 1366 Bian. Gamouth I am, the ground of all accord:
- 1367 Are, to plead Hortensio's passion:
- 1368 Beeme, Bianca take him for thy Lord
- 1369 *Cfavt*, that loues with all affection:
- 1370 D sol re, one Cliffe, two notes haue I,
- 1371 Ela mi, show pitty or I die,
- 1372 Call you this gamouth? tut I like it not,
- 1373 Old fashions please me best, I am not so nice
- 1374 To charge true rules for old inuentions.

- 1375 Enter a Messenger.
- 1376 Nicke. Mistresse, your father prayes you leave your |(books,
- 1377 And helpe to dresse your sisters chamber vp,
- 1378 You know to morrow is the wedding day.
- 1379 Bian. Farewell sweet masters both, I must be gone.
- 1380 *Luc*. Faith Mistresse then I have no cause to stay.
- 1381 *Hor.* But I have cause to pry into this pedant,
- 1382 Methinkes he lookes as though he were in loue:
- 1383 Yet if thy thoughts *Bianca* be so humble
- 1384 To cast thy wandring eyes on euery stale:
- 1385 Seize thee that List, if once I finde thee ranging,
- 1386 Hortensio will be quit with thee by changing. Exit.
- 1387 Enter Baptista, Gremio, Tranio, Katherine, Bianca, and o-thers,
- 1388 attendants.
- 1389 Bap. Signior Lucentio, this is the pointed day
- 1390 That *Katherine* and *Petruchio* should be married,
- 1391 And yet we heare not of our sonne in Law:
- 1392 What will be said, what mockery will it be?
- 1393 To want the Bride- groome when the Priest attends
- 1394 To speake the ceremoniall rites of marriage?
- 1395 What saies *Lucentio* to this shame of ours? [T2
- 1396 *Kate.* No shame but mine, I must forsooth be forst
- 1397 To giue my hand oppos'd against my heart
- 1398 Vnto a mad-braine rudesby, full of spleene,
- 1399 Who woo'd in haste, and meanes to wed at leysure:
- 1400 I told you I, he was a franticke foole,
- 1401 Hiding his bitter iests in blunt behauiour,
- 1402 And to be noted for a merry man;
- 1403 Hee'll wooe a thousand, point the day of marriage,
- 1404 Make friends, inuite, and proclaime the banes,
- 1405 Yet neuer meanes to wed where he hath woo'd:
- 1406 Now must the world point at poore *Katherine*,
- 1407 And say, loe, there is mad *Petruchio*'s wife
- 1408 If it would please him come and marry her.
- 1409 Tra. Patience good Katherine and Baptista too,
- 1410 Vpon my life *Petruchio* meanes but well,
- 1411 What euer fortune stayes him from his word,
- 1412 Though he be blunt, I know him passing wise,
- 1413 Though he be merry, yet withall he's honest.
- 1414 *Kate.* Would *Katherine* had neuer seen him though.
- 1415 Exit weeping.
- 1416 Bap. Goe girle, I cannot blame thee now to weepe,
- 1417 For such an iniurie would vexe a very saint,
- 1418 Much more a shrew of impatient humour.
- 1419 Enter Biondello.
- 1420 Bion. Master, master, newes, and such newes as you

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1421
      neuer heard of,
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        Bap. Is it new and olde too? how may that be?
        Bion. Why, is it not newes to heard of Petruchio's (comming?
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        Bap. Is he come?
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        Bion. Why no sir.
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        Bap. What then?
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        Bion. He is comming.
        Bap. When will he be heere?
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        Bion. When he stands where I am, and sees you there.
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        Tra. But say, what to thine olde newes?
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        Bion. Why Petruchio is comming, in a new hat and
      an old ierkin, a paire of old breeches thrice turn'd; a
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      paire of bootes that have been candle- cases, one buck-led,
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      another lac'd: an olde rusty sword tane out of the
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      Towne Armory, with a broken hilt, and chapelesse: with
      two broken points: his horse hip'd with an olde mo-thy
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      saddle, and stirrops of no kindred: besides possest
      with the glanders, and like to mose in the chine, trou-bled
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      with the Lampasse, infected with the fashions, full
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      of Windegalls, sped with Spauins, raied with the Yel-lowes,
      past cure of the Fiues, starke spoyl'd with the
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      Staggers, begnawne with the Bots, Waid in the backe,
      and shoulder- shotten, neere leg'd before, and with a
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      halfe- chekt Bitte, & a headstall of sheepes leather, which
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      being restrain'd to keepe him from stumbling, hath been
      often burst, and now repaired with knots: one girth sixe
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      times peec'd, and a womans Crupper of velure, which
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      hath two letters for her name, fairely set down in studs,
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      and heere and there peec'd with packthred.
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        Bap. Who comes with him?
        Bion. Oh sir, his Lackey, for all the world Capari-son'd
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      like the horse: with a linnen stock on one leg, and
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      a kersey boot- hose on the other, gartred with a red and
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      blew list; an old hat, & the humor of forty fancies prickt
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      in't for a feather: a monster, a very monster in apparell,
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      & not like a Christian foot- boy, or a gentlemans Lacky.
        Tra. 'Tis some od humor pricks him to this fashion,
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1458
      Yet oftentimes he goes but meane apparel'd.
        Bap. I am glad he's come, howsoere he comes.
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1460
        Bion. Why sir, he comes not.
        Bap. Didst thou not say hee comes?
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1462
        Bion. Who, that Petruchio came?
        Bap. I, that Petruchio came.
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        Bion. No sir, I say his horse comes with him on his |(backe.
        Bap. Why that's all one.
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        Bion. Nay by S[aint]. Iamy, I hold you a penny, a horse and
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a man is more then one, and yet not many. 1467 1468 Enter Petruchio and Grumio. *Pet.* Come, where be these gallants? who's at home? 1469 1470 Bap. You are welcome sir. 1471 Petr. And yet I come not well. Bap. And yet you halt not. 1472 Tra. Not so well apparell'd as I wish you were. 1473 1474 *Petr.* Were it better I should rush in thus: But where is *Kate*? where is my louely Bride? 1475 How does my father? gentles methinkes you frowne, 1476 1477 And wherefore gaze this goodly company, 1478 As if they saw some wondrous monument, Some Commet, or vnusuall prodigie? 1479 1480 Bap. Why sir, you know this is your wedding day: 1481 First were we sad, fearing you would not come, Now sadder that you come so vnprouided: 1482 1483 Fie, doff this habit, shame to your estate, An eye- sore to our solemne festiuall. 1484 1485 Tra. And tell vs what occasion of import Hath all so long detain'd you from your wife, 1486 And sent you hither so vnlike your selfe? 1487 Petr. Tedious it were to tell, and harsh to heare, 1488 Sufficeth I am come to keepe my word, 1489 1490 Though in some part inforced to digresse, 1491 Which at more leysure I will so excuse, As you shall well be satisfied with all. 1492 1493 But where is *Kate*? I stay too long from her, The morning weares, 'tis time we were at Church. 1494 1495 *Tra.* See not your Bride in these vnreuerent robes, Goe to my chamber, put on clothes of mine. 1496 Pet. Not I, beleeue me, thus Ile visit her. 1497 Bap. But thus I trust you will not marry her. 1498 1499 Pet. Good sooth euen thus: therefore ha done with |(words, 1500 To me she's married, not vnto my cloathes: 1501 Could I repaire what she will weare in me, 1502 As I can change these poore accourrements, 'Twere well for *Kate*, and better for my selfe. 1503 1504 But what a foole am I to chat with you, When I should bid good morrow to my Bride? 1505 1506 And seale the title with a louely kisse. Exit. Tra. He hath some meaning in his mad attire, 1507 1508 We will perswade him be it possible, To put on better ere he goe to Church. 1509 1510 Bap. Ile after him, and see the euent of this. Exit. Tra. But sir, Loue concerneth vs to adde 1511 Her fathers liking, which to bring to passe 1512

- 1513 As before imparted to your worship,
- 1514 I am to get a man what ere he be,
- 1515 It skills not much, weele fit him to our turne,
- 1516 And he shall be *Vincentio* of *Pisa*,
- 1517 And make assurance heere in *Padua*
- 1518 Of greater summes then I have promised,
- 1519 So shall you quietly enioy your hope,
- 1520 And marry sweet *Bianca* with consent.
- 1521 Luc. Were it not that my fellow schoolemaster
- 1522 Doth watch *Bianca's* steps so narrowly:
- 1523 'Twere good me- thinkes to steale our marriage,
- 1524 Which once perform'd, let all the world say no,
- 1525 Ile keepe mine owne despite of all the world.
- 1526 Tra. That by degrees we meane to looke into, [T2v
- 1527 And watch our vantage in this businesse,
- 1528 Wee'll ouer- reach the grey- beard *Gremio*,
- 1529 The narrow prying father *Minola*,
- 1530 The quaint Musician, amorous Litio,
- 1531 All for my Masters sake Lucentio.
- 1532 Enter Gremio.
- 1533 Signior *Gremio*, came you from the Church?
- 1534 *Gre*. As willingly as ere I came from schoole.
- 1535 *Tra*. And is the Bride & Bridegroom coming home?
- 1536 *Gre.* A bridegroome say you? 'tis a groome indeed,
- 1537 A grumlling groome, and that the girle shall finde.
- 1538 *Tra*. Curster then she, why 'tis impossible.
- 1539 *Gre.* Why hee's a deuill, a deuill, a very fiend.
- 1540 *Tra.* Why she's a deuill, a deuill, the deuils damme.
- 1541 *Gre.* Tut, she's a Lambe, a Doue, a foole to him:
- 1542 Ile tell you sir Lucentio; when the Priest
- 1543 Should aske if *Katherine* should be his wife,
- 1544 I, by goggs woones quoth he, and swore so loud,
- 1545 That all amaz'd the Priest let fall the booke,
- 1546 And as he stoop'd againe to take it vp,
- 1547 This mad- brain'd bridegroome tooke him such a cuffe,
- 1548 That downe fell Priest and booke, and booke and Priest,
- Now take them vp quoth he, if any list.
- 1550 *Tra*. What said the wench when he rose againe?
- 1551 *Gre.* Trembled and shooke: for why, he stamp'd and
- swore, as if the Vicar meant to cozen him: but after ma-ny
- ceremonies done, hee calls for wine, a health quoth
- he, as if he had beene aboord carowsing to his Mates af-ter
- a storme, quaft off the Muscadell, and threw the sops
- all in the Sextons face: having no other reason, but that
- 1557 his beard grew thinne and hungerly, and seem'd to aske
- 1558 him sops as hee was drinking: This done, hee tooke the

1559 Bride about the necke, and kist her lips with such a cla-morous

- smacke, that at the parting all the Church did
- 1561 eccho: and I seeing this, came thence for very shame, and
- 1562 after mee I know the rout is comming, such a mad mar-ryage
- neuer was before: harke, harke, I heare the min-strels
- 1564 play. Musicke playes.
- 1565 Enter Petruchio, Kate, Bianca, Hortensio, Baptista.
- 1566 Petr. Gentlemen & friends, I thank you for your pains,
- 1567 I know you thinke to dine with me to day,
- 1568 And haue prepar'd great store of wedding cheere,
- 1569 But so it is, my haste doth call me hence,
- 1570 And therefore heere I meane to take my leaue.
- 1571 Bap. Is't possible you will away to night?
- 1572 Pet. I must away to day before night come,
- 1573 Make it no wonder: if you knew my businesse,
- 1574 You would intreat me rather goe then stay:
- 1575 And honest company, I thanke you all,
- 1576 That have beheld me give away my selfe
- 1577 To this most patient, sweet, and vertuous wife,
- 1578 Dine with my father, drinke a health to me,
- 1579 For I must hence, and farewell to you all.
- 1580 *Tra.* Let vs intreat you stay till after dinner.
- 1581 *Pet*. It may not be.
- 1582 *Gra*. Let me intreat you.
- 1583 *Pet.* It cannot be.
- 1584 *Kat.* Let me intreat you.
- 1585 Pet. I am content.
- 1586 *Kat.* Are you content to stay?
- 1587 *Pet.* I am content you shall entreat me stay,
- 1588 But yet not stay, entreat me how you can.
- 1589 *Kat.* Now if you loue me stay.
- 1590 Pet. Grumio, my horse.
- 1591 Gru. I sir, they be ready, the Oates have eaten the
- 1592 horses.
- 1593 Kate. Nay then,
- 1594 Doe what thou canst, I will not goe to day,
- No, nor to morrow, not till I please my selfe,
- 1596 The dore is open sir, there lies your way,
- 1597 You may be iogging whiles your bootes are greene:
- 1598 For me, Ile not be gone till I please my selfe,
- 1599 'Tis like you'll proue a iolly surly groome,
- 1600 That take it on you at the first so roundly.
- 1601 *Pet.* O *Kate* content thee, prethee be not angry.
- 1602 *Kat.* I will be angry, what hast thou to doe?
- 1603 Father, be quiet, he shall stay my leisure.
- 1604 *Gre.* I marry sir, now it begins to worke.

1605 Kat. Gentlemen, forward to the bridall dinner,

1606 I see a woman may be made a foole

1607 If she had not a spirit to resist.

1608 Pet. They shall goe forward Kate at thy command,

Obey the Bride you that attend on her.

1610 Goe to the feast, reuell and domineere,

1611 Carowse full measure to her maiden- head,

1612 Be madde and merry, or goe hang your selues:

1613 But for my bonny *Kate*, she must with me:

1614 Nay, looke not big, nor stampe, not stare, nor fret,

1615 I will be master of what is mine owne,

1616 Shee is my goods, my chattels, she is my house,

1617 My houshold- stuffe, my field, my barne,

1618 My horse, my oxe, my asse, my any thing,

1619 And heere she stands, touch her who euer dare,

1620 Ile bring mine action on the proudest he

1621 That stops my way in Padua: Grumio

1622 Draw forth thy weapon, we are beset with theeues,

1623 Rescue thy Mistresse if thou be a man:

1624 Feare not sweet wench, they shall not touch thee *Kate*,

1625 Ile buckler thee against a Million. Exeunt. P. Ka.

1626 Bap. Nay, let them goe, a couple of quiet ones.

1627 Gre. Went they not quickly, I should die with laugh-|(ing.

1628 Tra. Of all mad matches neuer was the like.

1629 Luc. Mistresse, what's your opinion of your sister?

1630 Bian. That being mad her selfe, she's madly mated.

1631 *Gre.* I warrant him *Petruchio* is Kated.

1632 Bap. Neighbours and friends, though Bride & Bride-|(groom wants

1633 For to supply the places at the table,

1634 You know there wants no iunkets at the feast:

1635 Lucentio, you shall supply the Bridegroomes place,

1636 And let *Bianca* take her sisters roome.

1637 *Tra.* Shall sweet *Bianca* practise how to bride it?

1638 Bap. She shall Lucentio: come gentlemen lets goe.

1639 Enter Grumio. Exeunt.

1640 Gru. Fie, fie on all tired Iades, on all mad Masters, &

all foule waies: was euer man so beaten? was euer man

so raide? was euer man so weary? I am sent before to

make a fire, and they are comming after to warme them:

1644 now were not I a little pot, & soone hot; my very lippes

might freeze to my teeth, my tongue to the roofe of my

1646 mouth, my heart in my belly, ere I should come by a fire

to thaw me, but I with blowing the fire shall warme my

selfe: for considering the weather, a taller man then I

will take cold: Holla, hoa Curtis.

1650 Enter Curtis.

1651 *Curt.* Who is that calls so coldly? 1652 Gru. A piece of Ice: if thou doubt it, thou maist slide from my shoulder to my heele, with no [T3] 1653 greater a run but my head and my necke. A fire good 1654 1655 Curtis. Cur. Is my master and his wife comming Grumio? 1656 Gru. Oh I Curtis I, and therefore fire, fire, cast on no 1657 water. 1658 1659 Cur. Is she so hot a shrew as she's reported. Gru. She was good Curtis before this frost: but thou 1660 know'st winter tames man, woman, and beast: for it 1661 hath tam'd my old master, and my new mistris, and my 1662 selfe fellow Curtis. 1663 *Gru*. Away you three inch foole, I am no beast. 1664 Gru. Am I but three inches? Why thy horne is a foot 1665 and so long am I at the least. But wilt thou make a fire, 1666 or shall I complaine on thee to our mistris, whose hand 1667 (she being now at hand) thou shalt soone feele, to thy 1668 cold comfort, for being slow in thy hot office. 1669 Cur. I prethee good Grumio, tell me, how goes the 1670 world? 1671 Gru. A cold world Curtis in euery office but thine, & 1672 therefore fire: do thy duty, and haue thy dutie, for my 1673 Master and mistris are almost frozen to death. 1674 1675 Cur. There's fire readie, and therefore good Grumio the newes. 1676 Gru. Why Iacke boy, ho boy, and as much newes as 1677 wilt thou. 1678 Cur. Come, you are so full of conicatching. 1679 Gru. Why therefore fire, for I have caught extreme 1680 cold. Where's the Cooke, is supper ready, the house 1681 trim'd, rushes strew'd, cobwebs swept, the seruingmen 1682 in their new fustian, the white stockings, and euery offi-cer 1683 his wedding garment on? Be the Iackes faire with-in, 1684 the Gils faire without, the Carpets laide, and euerie 1685 thing in order? 1686 Cur. All readie: and therefore I pray thee newes. 1687 Gru. First know my horse is tired, my master & mi-stris 1688 Cur. How? falne out. 1689 Gru. Out of their saddles into the durt, and thereby 1690 hangs a tale. 1691 1692 Cur. Let's ha't good Grumio. Gru. Lend thine eare. 1693 1694 Cur. Heere. Gru. There. 1695 Cur. This 'tis to feele a tale, not to heare a tale. 1696

Gru. And therefore 'tis cal'd a sensible tale: and this 1697 Cuffe was but to knocke at your eare, and beseech list-ning: 1698 now I begin, Inprimis wee came downe a fowle 1699 hill, my Master riding behinde my Mistris. 1700 Cur. Both of one horse? 1701 Gru. What's that to thee? 1702 Cur. Why a horse. 1703 *Gru*. Tell thou the tale: but hadst thou not crost me, 1704 thou shouldst have heard how her horse fel, and she vn-der 1705 1706 her horse: thou shouldst haue heard in how miery a place, how she was bemoil'd, how hee left her with the 1707 horse vpon her, how he beat me because her horse stum-bled, 1708 how she waded through the durt to plucke him off 1709 me: how he swore, how she prai'd, that neuer prai'd be-fore: 1710 how I cried, how the horses ranne away, how her 1711 bridle was burst: how I lost my crupper, with manie 1712 1713 things of worthy memorie, which now shall die in obli-uion, and thou returne vnexperienc'd to thy graue. 1714 1715 Cur. By this reckning he is more shrew than she. Gru. I, and that thou and the proudest of you all shall 1716 finde when he comes home. But what talke I of this? 1717 Call forth Nathaniel, Ioseph, Nicholas, Phillip, Walter, Su-gersop 1718 1719 and the rest: let their heads bee slickely comb'd, their blew coats brush'd, and their garters of an indiffe-rent 1720 1721 knit, let them curtsie with their left legges, and not presume to touch a haire of my Masters horse-taile, till 1722 1723 they kisse their hands. Are they all readie? Cur. They are. 1724 Gru. Call them forth. 1725 Cur. Do you heare ho? you must meete my maister 1726 to countenance my mistris. 1727 Gru. Why she hath a face of her owne. 1728 Cur. Who knowes not that? 1729 *Gru*. Thou it seemes, that cals for company to coun-tenance 1730 1731 her. 1732 Cur. I call them forth to credit her. Enter foure or fiue seruingmen. 1733 *Gru*. Why she comes to borrow nothing of them. 1734 Nat. Welcome home Grumio. 1735 Phil. How now Grumio. 1736 Ios. What Grumio. 1737 1738 Nick. Fellow Grumio. Nat. How now old lad. 1739 *Gru.* Welcome you: how now you: what you: fel-low 1740 you: and thus much for greeting. Now my spruce 1741 companions, is all readie, and all things neate? 1742

- 1743 *Nat.* All things is readie, how neere is our master?
- 1744 *Gre*. E'ne at hand, alighted by this: and therefore be
- 1745 not—Cockes passion, silence, I heare my master.
- 1746 Enter Petruchio and Kate.
- 1747 Pet. Where be these knaues? What no man at doore
- 1748 To hold my stirrop, nor to take my horse?
- 1749 Where is Nathaniel, Gregory, Phillip.
- 1750 All ser. Heere, heere sir, heere sir.
- 1751 *Pet.* Heere sir, heere sir, heere sir.
- 1752 You logger- headed and vnpollisht groomes:
- 1753 What? no attendance? no regard? no dutie?
- Where is the foolish knaue I sent before?
- 1755 *Gru*. Heere sir, as foolish as I was before.
- 1756 Pet. You pezant, swain, you horson malt- horse drudg
- 1757 Did I not bid thee meete me in the Parke,
- 1758 And bring along these rascal knaues with thee?
- 1759 Grumio. Nathaniels coate sir was not fully made,
- 1760 And *Gabrels* pumpes were all vnpinkt i'th heele:
- 1761 There was no Linke to colour *Peters* hat,
- 1762 And *Walters* dagger was not come from sheathing:
- 1763 There were none fine, but *Adam*, *Rafe*, and *Gregory*,
- 1764 The rest were ragged, old, and beggerly,
- 1765 Yet as they are, heere are they come to meete you.
- 1766 Pet. Go rascals, go, and fetch my supper in. Ex. Ser.
- 1767 Where is the life that late I led?
- 1768 Where are those? Sit downe *Kate*,
- 1769 And welcome. Soud, soud, soud, soud.
- 1770 Enter seruants with supper.
- 1771 Why when I say? Nay good sweete *Kate* be merrie.
- 1772 Off with my boots, you rogues: you villaines, when?
- 1773 It was the Friar of Orders gray,
- 1774 As he forth walked on his way.
- 1775 Out you rogue, you plucke my foote awrie,
- 1776 Take that, and mend the plucking of the other.
- 1777 Be merrie *Kate*: Some water heere: what hoa.
- 1778 Enter one with water.
- 1779 Where's my Spaniel *Troilus*? Sirra, get you hence,
- 1780 And bid my cozen Ferdinand come hither:
- 1781 One *Kate* that you must kisse, and be acquainted with.
- 1782 Where are my Slippers? Shall I haue some water?
- 1783 Come *Kate* and wash, & welcome heartily:
- 1784 You horson villaine, will you let it fall? [T3v
- 1785 *Kate.* Patience I pray you, 'twas a fault vnwilling.
- 1786 *Pet.* A horson beetle- headed flap- ear'd knaue:
- 1787 Come Kate sit downe, I know you haue a stomacke,
- 1788 Will you give thankes, sweete *Kate*, or else shall I?

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What's this, Mutton?
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         1.Ser. I.
         Pet. Who brought it?
1791
         Peter. I.
1792
         Pet. 'Tis burnt, and so is all the meate:
1793
      What dogges are these? Where is the rascall Cooke?
1794
1795
      How durst you villaines bring it from the dresser
1796
      And serue it thus to me that loue it not?
1797
      There, take it to you, trenchers, cups, and all:
1798
      You heedlesse iolt- heads, and vnmanner'd slaues.
1799
      What, do you grumble? Ile be with you straight.
1800
         Kate. I pray you husband be not so disquiet,
1801
      The meate was well, if you were so contented.
1802
         Pet. I tell thee Kate, 'twas burnt and dried away,
      And I expressely am forbid to touch it:
1803
      For it engenders choller, planteth anger,
1804
1805
      And better 'twere that both of vs did fast,
1806
      Since of our selues, our selues are chollericke,
1807
      Then feede it with such ouer- rosted flesh:
1808
      Be patient, to morrow't shalbe mended,
      And for this night we'l fast for companie.
1809
      Come I wil bring thee to thy Bridall chamber. Exeunt.
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1811
      Enter Seruants severally.
         Nath. Peter didst euer see the like.
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         Peter. He kils her in her owne humor.
         Grumio. Where is he?
1814
      Enter Curtis a Seruant.
1815
         Cur. In her chamber, making a sermon of continen-cie
1816
      to her, and railes, and sweares, and rates, that shee
1817
      (poore soule) knowes not which way to stand, to looke,
1818
      to speake, and sits as one new risen from a dreame. A-way,
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      away, for he is comming hither.
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1821
      Enter Petruchio.
         Pet. Thus haue I politickely begun my reigne,
1822
      And 'tis my hope to end successefully:
1823
      My Faulcon now is sharpe, and passing emptie,
1824
1825
      And til she stoope, she must not be full gorg'd,
1826
      For then she neuer lookes vpon her lure.
      Another way I have to man my Haggard,
1827
      To make her come, and know her Keepers call:
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1829
      That is, to watch her, as we watch these Kites,
1830
      That baite, and beate, and will not be obedient:
      She eate no meate to day, nor none shall eate.
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      Last night she slept not, nor to night she shall not:
      As with the meate, some vndeserued fault
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     Ile finde about the making of the bed,
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- 1835 And heere Ile fling the pillow, there the boulster,
- 1836 This way the Couerlet, another way the sheets:
- 1837 I, and amid this hurlie I intend,
- 1838 That all is done in reuerend care of her,
- 1839 And in conclusion, she shal watch all night,
- 1840 And if she chance to nod, Ile raile and brawle,
- 1841 And with the clamor keepe her stil awake:
- 1842 This is a way to kil a Wife with kindnesse,
- 1843 And thus Ile curbe her mad and headstrong humor:
- 1844 He that knowes better how to tame a shrew,
- Now let him speake, 'tis charity to shew. *Exit*
- 1846 Enter Tranio and Hortensio.
- 1847 Tra. Is't possible friend Lisio, that mistris Bianca
- 1848 Doth fancie any other but Lucentio,
- 1849 I tel you sir, she beares me faire in hand.
- 1850 *Luc.* Sir, to satisfie you in what I have said,
- 1851 Stand by, and marke the manner of his teaching.
- 1852 Enter Bianca.
- 1853 *Hor.* Now Mistris, profit you in what you reade?
- 1854 Bian. What Master reade you first, resolue me that?
- 1855 *Hor.* I reade, that I professe the Art to loue.
- 1856 Bian. And may you proue sir Master of your Art.
- 1857 Luc. While you sweet deere proue Mistresse of my
- 1858 heart.
- 1859 *Hor*. Quicke proceeders marry, now tel me I pray,
- 1860 you that durst sweare that your Mistris *Bianca*
- 1861 Lou'd me in the World so wel as Lucentio.
- 1862 Tra. Oh despightful Loue, vnconstant womankind,
- 1863 I tel thee *Lisio* this is wonderfull.
- 1864 Hor. Mistake no more, I am not Lisio,
- 1865 Nor a Musitian as I seeme to bee,
- 1866 But one that scorne to liue in this disguise,
- 1867 For such a one as leaues a Gentleman,
- 1868 And makes a God of such a Cullion;
- 1869 Know sir, that I am cal'd Hortensio.
- 1870 Tra. Signior Hortensio, I haue often heard
- 1871 Of your entire affection to Bianca,
- 1872 And since mine eyes are witnesse of her lightnesse,
- 1873 I wil with you, if you be so contented,
- 1874 Forsweare *Bianca*, and her loue for euer.
- 1875 *Hor.* See how they kisse and court: Signior *Lucentio*,
- 1876 Heere is my hand, and heere I firmly vow
- Neuer to woo her more, but do forsweare her
- 1878 As one vnworthie all the former fauours
- 1879 That I have fondly flatter'd them withall.
- 1880 Tra. And heere I take the like vnfained oath,

Neuer to marrie with her, though she would intreate, 1881 1882 Fie on her, see how beastly she doth court him. Hor. Would all the world but he had quite forsworn 1883 For me, that I may surely keepe mine oath. 1884 I wil be married to a wealthy Widdow, 1885 Ere three dayes passe, which hath as long lou'd me, 1886 As I have lou'd this proud disdainful Haggard, 1887 And so farewel signior *Lucentio*, 1888 Kindnesse in women, not their beauteous lookes 1889 Shal win my loue, and so I take my leaue, 1890 1891 In resolution, as I swore before. Tra. Mistris Bianca, blesse you with such grace, 1892 1893 As longeth to a Louers blessed case: Nay, I haue tane you napping gentle Loue, 1894 And haue forsworne you with Hortensio. 1895 Bian. Tranio you iest, but haue you both forsworne 1896 1897 *Tra*. Mistris we haue. 1898 Luc. Then we are rid of Lisio. 1899 Tra. I'faith hee'l haue a lustie Widdow now, 1900 That shalbe woo'd, and wedded in a day. 1901 Bian. God giue him ioy. 1902 1903 Tra. I, and hee'l tame her. 1904 Bianca. He sayes so Tranio. 1905 *Tra*. Faith he is gone vnto the taming schoole. *Bian.* The taming schoole: what is there such a place? 1906 1907 Tra. I mistris, and Petruchio is the master, 1908 That teacheth trickes eleuen and twentie long, To tame a shrew, and charme her chattering tongue. 1909 1910 Enter Biondello. 1911 Bion. Oh Master, master I haue watcht so long, 1912 That I am dogge- wearie, but at last I spied An ancient Angel comming downe the hill, 1913 Wil serue the turne. 1914 *Tra*. What is he *Biondello*? 1915 1916 Bio. Master, a Marcantant, or a pedant, [T4] I know not what, but formall in apparrell, 1917 In gate and countenance surely like a Father. 1918 Luc. And what of him Tranio? 1919

- Tra. If he be credulous, and trust my tale, 1920
- 1921 Ile make him glad to seeme *Vincentio*,
- 1922 And giue assurance to Baptista Minola.
- As if he were the right Vincentio. 1923
- 1924 Par. Take me your loue, and then let me alone.
- Enter a Pedant. 1925
- Ped. God saue you sir. 1926

1927 Tra. And you sir, you are welcome, 1928 Trauaile you farre on, or are you at the farthest? Ped. Sir at the farthest for a weeke or two, 1929 But then vp farther, and as farre as Rome, 1930 And so to Tripolie, if God lend me life. 1931 *Tra.* What Countreyman I pray? 1932 1933 Ped. Of Mantua. 1934 Tra. Of Mantua Sir, marrie God forbid, And come to Padua carelesse of your life. 1935 Ped. My life sir? how I pray? for that goes hard. 1936 Tra. 'Tis death for any one in Mantua 1937 1938 To come to Padua, know you not the cause? Your ships are staid at Venice, and the Duke 1939 For private quarrel 'twixt your Duke and him, 1940 Hath publish'd and proclaim'd it openly: 1941 1942 'Tis meruaile, but that you are but newly come, 1943 You might have heard it else proclaim'd about. 1944 *Ped.* Alas sir, it is worse for me then so, 1945 For I have bils for monie by exchange From Florence, and must heere deliuer them. 1946 *Tra.* Wel sir, to do you courtesie, 1947 This wil I do, and this I wil aduise you. 1948 1949 First tell me, haue you euer beene at Pisa? 1950 *Ped.* I sir, in Pisa haue I often bin, 1951 Pisa renowned for graue Citizens. *Tra*. Among them know you one *Vincentio*? 1952 1953 Ped. I know him not, but I have heard of him: 1954 A Merchant of incomparable wealth. 1955 *Tra*. He is my father sir, and sooth to say, In count'nance somewhat doth resemble you. 1956 *Bion.* As much as an apple doth an oyster, & all one. 1957 *Tra*. To saue your life in this extremitie, 1958 This fauor wil I do you for his sake, 1959 And thinke it not the worst of all your fortunes, 1960 That you are like to Sir Vincentio. 1961 1962 His name and credite shal you vndertake, And in my house you shal be friendly lodg'd, 1963 1964 Looke that you take vpon you as you should, You vnderstand me sir: so shal you stay 1965 1966 Til you haue done your businesse in the Citie: If this be court'sie sir, accept of it. 1967 1968 Ped. Oh sir I do, and wil repute you euer The patron of my life and libertie. 1969 1970 Tra. Then go with me, to make the matter good, This by the way I let you vnderstand, 1971 My father is heere look'd for euerie day, 1972

- 1973 To passe assurance of a dowre in marriage
- 1974 'Twixt me, and one *Baptistas* daughter heere:
- 1975 In all these circumstances Ile instruct you,
- 1976 Go with me to cloath you as becomes you. *Exeunt*.

Actus Quartus. Scena Prima.

- 1978 Enter Katherina and Grumio.
- 1979 *Gru*. No, no forsooth I dare not for my life.
- 1980 *Ka*. The more my wrong, the more his spite appears.
- 1981 What, did he marrie me to famish me?
- 1982 Beggers that come vnto my fathers doore,
- 1983 Vpon intreatie haue a present almes,
- 1984 If not, elsewhere they meete with charitie:
- 1985 But I, who neuer knew how to intreat,
- 1986 Nor neuer needed that I should intreate,
- 1987 Am staru'd for meate, giddie for lacke of sleepe:
- 1988 With oathes kept waking, and with brawling fed,
- 1989 And that which spights me more then all these wants,
- 1990 He does it vnder name of perfect loue:
- 1991 As who should say, if I should sleepe or eate
- 1992 'Twere deadly sicknesse, or else present death.
- 1993 I prethee go, and get me some repast,
- 1994 I care not what, so it be holsome foode.
- 1995 *Gru.* What say you to a Neats foote?
- 1996 *Kate.* 'Tis passing good, I prethee let me haue it.
- 1997 *Gru*. I feare it is too chollericke a meate.
- 1998 How say you to a fat Tripe finely broyl'd?
- 1999 *Kate.* I like it well, good Grumio fetch it me.
- 2000 *Gru*. I cannot tell, I feare 'tis chollericke.
- 2001 What say you to a peece of Beefe and Mustard?
- 2002 *Kate.* A dish that I do loue to feede vpon.
- 2003 *Gru.* I, but the Mustard is too hot a little.
- 2004 *Kate*. Why then the Beefe, and let the Mustard rest.
- 2005 Gru. Nay then I wil not, you shal haue the Mustard
- 2006 Or else you get no beefe of Grumio.
- 2007 *Kate*. Then both or one, or any thing thou wilt.
- 2008 *Gru*. Why then the Mustard without the beefe.
- 2009 Kate. Go get thee gone, thou false deluding slaue,
- 2010 Beats him.
- 2011 That feed'st me with the verie name of meate.
- 2012 Sorrow on thee, and all the packe of you
- 2013 That triumph thus vpon my misery:
- 2014 Go get thee gone, I say.

- 2015 Enter Petruchio, and Hortensio with meate.
- 2016 Petr. How fares my Kate, what sweeting all a-mort?
- 2017 *Hor.* Mistris, what cheere?
- 2018 *Kate*. Faith as cold as can be.
- 2019 *Pet.* Plucke vp thy spirits, looke cheerfully vpon me.
- 2020 Heere Loue, thou seest how diligent I am,
- 2021 To dresse thy meate my selfe, and bring it thee.
- 2022 I am sure sweet Kate, this kindnesse merites thankes.
- 2023 What, not a word? Nay then, thou lou'st it not:
- 2024 And all my paines is sorted to no proofe.
- 2025 Heere take away this dish.
- 2026 Kate. I pray you let it stand.
- 2027 *Pet.* The poorest seruice is repaide with thankes,
- 2028 And so shall mine before you touch the meate.
- 2029 Kate. I thanke you sir.
- 2030 *Hor.* Signior *Petruchio*, fie you are too blame:
- 2031 Come Mistris Kate, Ile beare you companie.
- 2032 *Petr.* Eate it vp all *Hortensio*, if thou louest mee:
- 2033 Much good do it vnto thy gentle heart:
- 2034 Kate eate apace; and now my honie Loue,
- 2035 Will we returne vnto thy Fathers house,
- 2036 And reuell it as brauely as the best,
- 2037 With silken coats and caps, and golden Rings,
- 2038 With Ruffes and Cuffes, and Fardingales, and things:
- 2039 With Scarfes, and Fannes, & double change of brau'ry,
- 2040 With Amber Bracelets, Beades, and all this knau'ry.
- 2041 What hast thou din'd? The Tailor staies thy leasure,
- 2042 To decke thy bodie with his ruffling treasure.
- 2043 Enter Tailor. [T4v
- 2044 Come Tailor, let vs see these ornaments.
- 2045 Enter Haberdasher.
- 2046 Lay forth the gowne. What newes with you sir?
- *Fel.* Heere is the cap your Worship did bespeake.
- 2048 *Pet.* Why this was moulded on a porrenger,
- 2049 A Veluet dish: Fie, fie, 'tis lewd and filthy,
- 2050 Why 'tis a cockle or a walnut-shell,
- 2051 A knacke, a toy, a tricke, a babies cap:
- 2052 Away with it, come let me haue a bigger.
- 2053 *Kate.* Ile haue no bigger, this doth fit the time,
- 2054 And Gentlewomen weare such caps as these.
- 2055 *Pet.* When you are gentle, you shall have one too,
- 2056 And not till then.
- 2057 *Hor*. That will not be in hast.
- 2058 *Kate.* Why sir I trust I may have leave to speake,
- 2059 And speake I will. I am no childe, no babe,
- 2060 Your betters have indur'd me say my minde,

2061 And if you cannot, best you stop your eares. 2062 My tongue will tell the anger of my heart, 2063 Or els my heart concealing it wil breake, 2064 And rather then it shall, I will be free, Euen to the vttermost as I please in words. 2065 Pet. Why thou saist true, it is paltrie cap, 2066 A custard coffen, a bauble, a silken pie, 2067 2068 I loue thee well in that thou lik'st it not. *Kate*. Loue me, or loue me not, I like the cap, 2069 2070 And it I will haue, or I will haue none. 2071 Pet. Thy gowne, why I: come Tailor let vs see't. Oh mercie God, what masking stuffe is heere? 2072 Whats this? a sleeue? 'tis like demi cannon, 2073 What, vp and downe caru'd like an apple Tart? 2074 Heers snip, and nip, and cut, and slish and slash, 2075 2076 Like to a Censor in a barbers shoppe: 2077 Why what a deuils name Tailor cal'st thou this? Hor. I see shees like to have neither cap nor gowne. 2078 2079 Tai. You bid me make it orderlie and well, According to the fashion, and the time. 2080 Pet. Marrie and did: but if you be remembred, 2081 I did not bid you marre it to the time. 2082 Go hop me ouer euery kennell home, 2083 For you shall hop without my custome sir: 2084 2085 Ile none of it; hence, make your best of it. *Kate*. I neuer saw a better fashion'd gowne, 2086 More queint, more pleasing, nor more commendable: 2087 Belike you meane to make a puppet of me. 2088 Pet. Why true, he meanes to make a puppet of thee. 2089 Tail. She saies your Worship meanes to make a 2090 puppet of her. 2091 2092 Pet. Oh monstrous arrogance: Thou lyest, thou thred, thou thimble, 2093 Thou yard three quarters, halfe yard, quarter, naile, 2094 Thou Flea, thou Nit, thou winter cricket thou: 2095 2096 Brau'd in mine owne house with a skeine of thred: Away thou Ragge, thou quantitie, thou remnant, 2097 2098 Or I shall so be- mete thee with thy yard, As thou shalt thinke on prating whil'st thou liu'st: 2099 2100 I tell thee I, that thou hast marr'd her gowne. Tail. Your worship is deceiu'd, the gowne is made 2101 2102 Iust as my master had direction: 2103 Grumio gaue order how it should be done. 2104 Gru. I gaue him no order, I gaue him the stuffe. Tail. But how did you desire it should be made? 2105 Gru. Marrie sir with needle and thred. 2106

- 2107 Tail. But did you not request to haue it cut?
- 2108 *Gru*. Thou hast fac'd many things.
- 2109 *Tail.* I haue.
- 2110 Gru. Face not mee: thou hast brau'd manie men,
- 2111 braue not me; I will neither bee fac'd nor brau'd. I say
- 2112 vnto thee, I bid thy Master cut out the gowne, but I did
- 2113 not bid him cut it to peeces. Ergo thou liest.
- 2114 *Tail.* Why heere is the note of the fashion to testify.
- 2115 Pet. Reade it.
- 2116 *Gru*. The note lies in's throate if he say I said so.
- 2117 *Tail.* Inprimis, a loose bodied gowne.
- 2118 Gru. Master, if euer I said loose- bodied gowne, sow
- 2119 me in the skirts of it, and beate me to death with a bot-tome
- 2120 of browne thred: I said a gowne.
- 2121 Pet. Proceede.
- 2122 *Tai.* With a small compast cape.
- 2123 *Gru*. I confesse the cape.
- 2124 *Tai*. With a trunke sleeue.
- 2125 *Gru.* I confesse two sleeues.
- 2126 Tai. The sleeues curiously cut.
- 2127 *Pet.* I there's the villanie.
- 2128 Gru. Error i'th bill sir, error i'th bill? I commanded
- 2129 the sleeues should be cut out, and sow'd vp againe, and
- 2130 that Ile proue vpon thee, though thy little finger be ar-med
- 2131 in a thimble.
- 2132 *Tail.* This is true that I say, and I had thee in place
- 2133 where thou shouldst know it.
- 2134 *Gru*. I am for thee straight: take thou the bill, giue
- 2135 me thy meat- yard, and spare not me.
- 2136 Hor. God- a- mercie Grumio, then hee shall haue no
- 2137 oddes.
- 2138 *Pet.* Well sir in breefe the gowne is not for me.
- 2139 *Gru*. You are i'th right sir, 'tis for my mistris.
- 2140 *Pet.* Go take it vp vnto thy masters vse.
- 2141 Gru. Villaine, not for thy life: Take vp my Mistresse
- 2142 gowne for thy masters vse.
- 2143 *Pet.* Why sir, what's your conceit in that?
- 2144 *Gru*. Oh sir, the conceit is deeper then you think for:
- 2145 Take vp my Mistris gowne to his masters vse.
- 2146 Oh fie, fie, fie.
- 2147 *Pet. Hortensio*, say thou wilt see the Tailor paide:
- 2148 Go take it hence, be gone, and say no more.
- 2149 *Hor.* Tailor, Ile pay thee for thy gowne to morrow,
- 2150 Take no vnkindnesse of his hastie words:
- 2151 Away I say, commend me to thy master. Exit Tail.
- 2152 *Pet.* Well, come my *Kate*, we will vnto your fathers,

- 2153 Euen in these honest meane habiliments:
- 2154 Our purses shall be proud, our garments poore:
- 2155 For 'tis the minde that makes the bodie rich.
- 2156 And as the Sunne breakes through the darkest clouds,
- 2157 So honor peereth in the meanest habit.
- 2158 What is the Iay more precious then the Larke?
- 2159 Because his feathers are more beautifull.
- 2160 Or is the Adder better then the Eele,
- 2161 Because his painted skin contents the eye.
- 2162 Oh no good *Kate*: neither art thou the worse
- 2163 For this poore furniture, and meane array.
- 2164 If thou accountedst it shame, lay it on me,
- 2165 And therefore frolicke, we will hence forthwith,
- 2166 To feast and sport vs at thy fathers house,
- 2167 Go call my men, and let vs straight to him,
- 2168 And bring our horses vnto Long- lane end,
- 2169 There wil we mount, and thither walke on foote,
- 2170 Let's see, I thinke 'tis now some seuen a clocke,
- 2171 And well we may come there by dinner time.
- 2172 Kate. I dare assure you sir, 'tis almost two,
- 2173 And 'twill be supper time ere you come there.
- 2174 *Pet.* It shall be seuen ere I go to horse:
- 2175 Looke what I speake, or do, or thinke to doe, [T5
- 2176 You are still crossing it, sirs let't alone,
- 2177 I will not goe to day, and ere I doe,
- 2178 It shall be what a clock I say it is.
- 2179 *Hor.* Why so this gallant will command the sunne.
- 2180 Enter Tranio, and the Pedant drest like Vincentio.
- 2181 *Tra*. Sirs, this is the house, please it you that I call.
- 2182 Ped. I what else, and but I be deceived,
- 2183 Signior *Baptista* may remember me
- 2184 Neere twentie yeares a goe in *Genoa*.
- 2185 *Tra.* Where we were lodgers, at the *Pegasus*,
- 2186 Tis well, and hold your owne in any case
- 2187 With such austeritie as longeth to a father.
- 2188 Enter Biondello.
- 2189 *Ped.* I warrant you: but sir here comes your boy,
- 2190 'Twere good he were school'd.
- 2191 *Tra*. Feare you not him: sirra *Biondello*,
- 2192 Now doe your dutie throughlie I aduise you:
- 2193 Imagine 'twere the right *Vincentio*.
- 2194 Bion. Tut, feare not me.
- 2195 *Tra*. But hast thou done thy errand to *Baptista*.
- 2196 Bion. I told him that your father was at Venice,
- 2197 And that you look't for him this day in *Padua*,
- 2198 Tra. Th'art a tall fellow, hold thee that to drinke,

- 2199 Here comes *Baptista*: set your countenance sir.
- 2200 Enter Baptista and Lucentio: Pedant booted
- 2201 and bare headed.
- 2202 *Tra.* Signior *Baptista* you are happilie met:
- 2203 Sir, this is the gentleman I told you of,
- 2204 I pray you stand good father to me now,
- 2205 Giue me *Bianca* for my patrimony.
- 2206 Ped. Soft son: sir by your leaue, hauing com to Padua
- 2207 To gather in some debts, my son Lucentio
- 2208 Made me acquainted with a waighty cause
- 2209 Of loue betweene your daughter and himselfe:
- 2210 And for the good report I heare of you,
- 2211 And for the loue he beareth to your daughter,
- 2212 And she to him: to stay him not too long,
- 2213 I am content in a good fathers care
- 2214 To have him matcht, and if you please to like
- 2215 No worse then I, vpon some agreement
- 2216 Me shall you finde readie and willing
- 2217 With one consent to have her so bestowed:
- 2218 For curious I cannot be with you
- 2219 Signior *Baptista*, of whom I heare so well.
- 2220 Bap. Sir, pardon me in what I haue to say,
- 2221 Your plainnesse and your shortnesse please me well:
- 2222 Right true it is your sonne *Lucentio* here
- 2223 Doth loue my daughter, and she loueth him,
- 2224 Or both dissemble deepely their affections:
- 2225 And therefore if you say no more then this,
- 2226 That like a Father you will deale with him,
- 2227 And passe my daughter a sufficient dower,
- 2228 The match is made, and all is done,
- 2229 Your sonne shall have my daughter with consent.
- 2230 Tra. I thanke you sir, where then doe you know best
- 2231 We be affied and such assurance tane,
- 2232 As shall with either parts agreement stand.
- 2233 Bap. Not in my house Lucentio, for you know
- 2234 Pitchers haue eares, and I haue manie seruants,
- 2235 Besides old *Gremio* is harkning still,
- 2236 And happilie we might be interrupted.
- 2237 Tra. Then at my lodging, and it like you,
- 2238 There doth my father lie: and there this night
- 2239 Weele passe the businesse privately and well:
- 2240 Send for your daughter by your seruant here,
- 2241 My Boy shall fetch the Scriuener presentlie,
- 2242 The worst is this that at so slender warning,
- You are like to haue a thin and slender pittance.
- 2244 *Bap*. It likes me well:

- 2245 Cambio hie you home, and bid Bianca make her readie
- 2246 straight:
- 2247 And if you will tell what hath hapned,
- 2248 Lucentios Father is arrived in Padua,
- 2249 And how she's like to be Lucentios wife.
- 2250 *Biond.* I praie the gods she may withall my heart.
- 2251 Exit.
- 2252 *Tran.* Dallie not with the gods, but get thee gone.
- 2253 Enter Peter.
- 2254 Signior Baptista, shall I leade the way,
- 2255 Welcome, one messe is like to be your cheere,
- 2256 Come sir, we will better it in *Pisa*.
- 2257 Bap. I follow you. Exeunt.
- 2258 Enter Lucentio and Biondello.
- 2259 Bion. Cambio.
- 2260 Luc. What saist thou Biondello.
- 2261 Biond. You saw my Master winke and laugh vpon
- 2262 you?
- 2263 Luc. Biondello, what of that?
- 2264 Biond. Faith nothing: but has left mee here behinde
- 2265 to expound the meaning or morrall of his signes and to-kens.
- 2267 *Luc.* I pray thee moralize them.
- 2268 *Biond*. Then thus: *Baptista* is safe talking with the
- 2269 deceiuing Father of a deceitfull sonne.
- 2270 Luc. And what of him?
- 2271 Biond. His daughter is to be brought by you to the
- 2272 supper.
- 2273 *Luc*. And then.
- 2274 Bio. The old Priest at Saint Lukes Church is at your
- 2275 command at all houres.
- 2276 *Luc.* And what of all this.
- 2277 Bion. I cannot tell, expect they are busied about a
- 2278 counterfeit assurance: take you assurance of her, Cum
- 2279 preuilegio ad Impremendum solem, to th' Church take the
- 2280 Priest, Clarke, and some sufficient honest witnesses:
- 2281 If this be not that you looke for, I have no more to say,
- 2282 But bid *Bianca* farewell for euer and a day.
- 2283 Luc. Hear'st thou Biondello.
- 2284 *Biond.* I cannot tarry: I knew a wench maried in an
- 2285 afternoone as shee went to the Garden for Parseley to
- 2286 stuffe a Rabit, and so may you sir: and so adew sir, my
- 2287 Master hath appointed me to goe to Saint *Lukes* to bid
- 2288 the Priest be readie to come against you come with your
- 2289 appendix. Exit.
- 2290 *Luc.* I may and will, if she be so contented:
- 2291 She will be pleas'd, then wherefore should I doubt:

- 2292 Hap what hap may, Ile roundly goe about her:
- 2293 It shall goe hard if *Cambio* goe without her. *Exit*.
- 2294 Enter Petruchio, Kate, Hortentio
- 2295 Petr. Come on a Gods name, once more toward our
- 2296 fathers:
- 2297 Good Lord how bright and goodly shines the Moone.
- 2298 Kate. The Moone, the Sunne: it is not Moonelight
- 2299 now.
- 2300 *Pet.* I say it is the Moone that shines so bright.
- 2301 Kate. I know it is the Sunne that shines so bright.
- 2302 *Pet.* Now by my mothers sonne, and that's my selfe, [T5v
- 2303 It shall be moone, or starre, or what I list,
- 2304 Or ere I iourney to your Fathers house:
- 2305 Goe on, and fetch our horses backe againe,
- 2306 Euermore crost and crost, nothing but crost.
- 2307 *Hort*. Say as he saies, or we shall neuer goe.
- 2308 Kate. Forward I pray, since we have come so farre,
- 2309 And be it moone, or sunne, or what you please:
- 2310 And if you please to call it a rush Candle,
- 2311 Henceforth I vowe it shall be so for me.
- 2312 *Petr.* I say it is the Moone.
- 2313 *Kate*. I know it is the Moone.
- 2314 *Petr.* Nay then you lye: it is the blessed Sunne.
- 2315 Kate. Then God be blest, it is the blessed sun,
- 2316 But sunne it is not, when you say it is not,
- 2317 And the Moone changes euen as your minde:
- 2318 What you will haue it nam'd, euen that it is,
- 2319 And so it shall be so for *Katherine*.
- 2320 Hort. Petruchio, goe thy waies, the field is won.
- 2321 Petr. Well, forward, forward, thus the bowle should |(run,
- 2322 And not vnluckily against the Bias:
- 2323 But soft, Company is comming here.
- 2324 Enter Vincentio.
- 2325 Good morrow gentle Mistris, where away:
- 2326 Tell me sweete *Kate*, and tell me truely too,
- 2327 Hast thou beheld a fresher Gentlewoman:
- 2328 Such warre of white and red within her cheekes:
- 2329 What stars do spangle heauen with such beautie,
- 2330 As those two eyes become that heauenly face?
- 2331 Faire louely Maide, once more good day to thee:
- 2332 Sweete *Kate* embrace her for her beauties sake.
- 2333 Hort. A will make the man mad to make the woman
- 2334 of him.
- 2335 Kate. Yong budding Virgin, faire, and fresh, & sweet,
- 2336 Whether away, or whether is thy aboade?
- 2337 Happy the Parents of so faire a childe;

- 2338 Happier the man whom fauourable stars
- 2339 A lots thee for his louely bedfellow.
- 2340 *Petr.* Why how now *Kate*, I hope thou art not mad,
- 2341 This is a man old, wrinckled, faded, withered,
- 2342 And not a Maiden, as thou saist he is.
- 2343 Kate. Pardon old father my mistaking eies,
- 2344 That have bin so bedazled with the sunne,
- 2345 That euery thing I looke on seemeth greene:
- 2346 Now I perceiue thou art a reuerent Father:
- 2347 Pardon I pray thee for my mad mistaking.
- 2348 Petr. Do good old grandsire, & withall make known
- 2349 Which way thou trauellest, if along with vs,
- 2350 We shall be ioyfull of thy companie.
- 2351 Vin. Faire Sir, and you my merry Mistris,
- 2352 That with your strange encounter much amasde me:
- 2353 My name is call'd *Vincentio*, my dwelling *Pisa*,
- 2354 And bound I am to Padua, there to visite
- 2355 A sonne of mine, which long I have not seene.
- 2356 *Petr.* What is his name?
- 2357 Vinc. Lucentio gentle sir.
- 2358 *Petr.* Happily met, the happier for thy sonne:
- 2359 And now by Law, as well as reuerent age,
- 2360 I may intitle thee my louing Father,
- 2361 The sister to my wife, this Gentlewoman,
- 2362 Thy Sonne by this hath married: wonder not,
- Nor be not grieued, she is of good esteeme,
- 2364 Her dowrie wealthie, and of worthie birth;
- 2365 Beside, so qualified, as may be eeme
- 2366 The Spouse of any noble Gentleman:
- 2367 Let me imbrace with old *Vincentio*,
- 2368 And wander we to see thy honest sonne,
- 2369 Who will of thy arrivall be full ioyous.
- 2370 *Vinc.* But is this true, or is it else your pleasure,
- 2371 Like pleasant trauailors to breake a Iest
- 2372 Vpon the companie you ouertake?
- 2373 *Hort.* I doe assure thee father so it is.
- 2374 *Petr.* Come goe along and see the truth hereof,
- 2375 For our first merriment hath made thee iealous. *Exeunt*.
- 2376 Hor. Well Petruchio, this has put me in heart;
- 2377 Haue to my Widdow, and if she froward,
- 2378 Then hast thou taught *Hortentio* to be vntoward. *Exit*.
- 2379 Enter Biondello, Lucentio and Bianca, Gremio
- 2380 is out before.
- 2381 *Biond*. Softly and swiftly sir, for the Priest is ready.
- 2382 Luc. I flie Biondello; but they may chance to neede
- 2383 thee at home, therefore leave vs. Exit.

- 2384 *Biond*. Nay faith, Ile see the Church a your backe,
- 2385 and then come backe to my mistris as soone as I can.
- 2386 *Gre.* I maruaile *Cambio* comes not all this while.
- 2387 Enter Petruchio, Kate, Vincentio, Grumio
- 2388 with Attendants.
- 2389 *Petr.* Sir heres the doore, this is *Lucentios* house,
- 2390 My Fathers beares more toward the Market- place,
- 2391 Thither must I, and here I leaue you sir.
- 2392 Vin. You shall not choose but drinke before you go,
- 2393 I thinke I shall command your welcome here;
- 2394 And by all likelihood some cheere is toward. *Knock*.
- 2395 *Grem.* They're busie within, you were best knocke
- 2396 lowder.
- 2397 *Pedant lookes out of the window.*
- 2398 *Ped.* What's he that knockes as he would beat downe
- 2399 the gate?
- 2400 Vin. Is Signior Lucentio within sir?
- 2401 *Ped.* He's within sir, but not to be spoken withall.
- 2402 Vinc. What if a man bring him a hundred pound or
- 2403 two to make merrie withall.
- 2404 *Ped.* Keepe your hundred pounds to your selfe, hee
- 2405 shall neede none so long as I liue.
- 2406 Petr. Nay, I told you your sonne was well beloued in
- 2407 *Padua*: doe you heare sir, to leaue friuolous circumstan-ces,
- 2408 I pray you tell signior Lucentio that his Father is
- 2409 come from *Pisa*, and is here at the doore to speake with
- 2410 him.
- 2411 Ped. Thou liest his Father is come from Padua, and
- 2412 here looking out at the window.
- 2413 *Vin.* Art thou his father?
- 2414 *Ped.* I sir, so his mother saies, if I may beleeue her.
- 2415 *Petr.* Why how now gentleman: why this is flat kna-uerie
- 2416 to take vpon you another mans name.
- 2417 *Peda*. Lay hands on the villaine, I beleeue a meanes
- 2418 to cosen some bodie in this Citie vnder my countenance.
- 2419 Enter Biondello.
- 2420 Bio. I have seene them in the Church together, God
- 2421 send 'em good shipping: but who is here? mine old Ma-ster
- 2422 *Vincentio*: now wee are vndone and brought to no-thing.
- 2424 *Vin.* Come hither crackhempe.
- 2425 Bion. I hope I may choose Sir.
- 2426 Vin. Come hither you rogue, what have you forgot
- 2427 mee?
- 2428 Biond. Forgot you, no sir: I could not forget you, for
- 2429 I neuer saw you before in all my life.
- 2430 *Vinc.* What, you notorious villaine, didst thou neuer

see thy Mistris father, Vincentio? [T6] 2431 2432 Bion. What my old worshipfull old master? yes marie sir see where he lookes out of the window. 2433 Vin. Ist so indeede. He beates Biondello. 2434 Bion. Helpe, helpe, here's a mad man will mur-der 2435 2436 me. Pedan. Helpe, sonne, helpe signior Baptista. 2437 Petr. Preethe Kate let's stand aside and see the end of 2438 this controuersie. 2439 Enter Pedant with seruants, Baptista, Tranio. 2440 2441 *Tra.* Sir, what are you that offer to beate my ser-uant? Vinc. What am I sir: nay what are you sir: oh immor-tall 2443 Goddes: oh fine villaine, a silken doublet, a vel-uet 2444 hose, a scarlet cloake, and a copataine hat: oh I am 2445 vndone, I am vndone: while I plaie the good husband 2446 at home, my sonne and my seruant spend all at the vni-uersitie. 2447 2449 *Tra.* How now, what's the matter? 2450 *Bapt.* What is the man lunaticke? 2451 *Tra*. Sir, you seeme a sober ancient Gentleman by 2452 your habit: but your words shew you a mad man: why sir, what cernes it you, if I weare Pearle and gold: I thank 2453 my good Father, I am able to maintaine it. 2454 2455 Vin. Thy father: oh villaine, he is a Saile- maker in Bergamo. 2456 Bap. You mistake sir, you mistake sir, praie what do 2457 you thinke is his name? 2458 2459 Vin. His name, as if I knew not his name: I haue brought him vp euer since he was three yeeres old, and 2460 his name is *Tronio*. 2461 Ped. Awaie, awaie mad asse, his name is Lucentio, and 2462 he is mine onelie sonne and heire to the Lands of me sig-nior 2463 Vincentio. 2464 Ven. Lucentio: oh he hath murdred his Master; laie 2465 hold on him I charge you in the Dukes name: oh my 2466 sonne, my sonne: tell me thou villaine, where is my son 2467 Lucentio? 2468 Tra. Call forth an officer: Carrie this mad knaue to 2469 2470 the Iaile: father *Baptista*, I charge you see that hee be forth comming. 2471 Vinc. Carrie me to the Iaile? 2472 *Gre.* Staie officer, he shall not go to prison. 2473 2474 Bap. Talke not signior Gremio: I saie he shall goe to prison. 2475 2476 *Gre.* Take heede signior *Baptista*, least you be coni-catcht in this businesse: I dare sweare this is the right 2477 Vincentio. 2478

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Ped. Sweare if thou dar'st.
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         Gre. Naie. I dare not sweare it.
         Tran. Then thou wert best saie that I am not Lu-centio.
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         Gre. Yes, I know thee to be signior Lucentio.
2483
         Bap. Awaie with the dotard, to the Iaile with him.
2484
      Enter Biondello, Lucentio and Bianeu.
2485
         Vin. Thus strangers may be haild and abusd: oh mon-strous
2486
2487
      villaine.
         Bion. Oh we are spoil'd, and yonder he is, denie him,
2488
      forsweare him, or else we are all vndone.
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2490
      Exit Biondello, Tranio and Pedant as fast as may be.
2491
         Luc. Pardon sweete father. Kneele.
2492
         Vin. Liues my sweete sonne?
         Bian. Pardon deere father.
2493
         Bap. How hast thou offended, where is Lucentio?
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         Luc. Here's Lucentio, right sonne to the right Vin-centio,
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2497
      That have by marriage made thy daughter mine,
      While counterfeit supposes bleer'd thine eine.
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2499
         Gre. Here's packing with a witnesse to deceiue vs all.
2500
         Vin. Where is that damned villaine Tranio,
      That fac'd and braued me in this matter so?
2501
         Bap. Why, tell me is not this my Cambio?
2502
         Bian. Cambio is chang'd into Lucentio.
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2504
         Luc. Loue wrought these miracles. Biancas loue
2505
      Made me exchange my state with Tranio,
      While he did beare my countenance in the towne,
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2507
      And happilie I have arrived at the last
2508
      Vnto the wished hauen of my blisse:
      What Tranio did, my selfe enforst him to;
2509
      Then pardon him sweete Father for my sake.
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2511
         Vin. Ile slit the villaines nose that would have sent
2512
      me to the Iaile.
         Bap. But doe you heare sir, have you married my
2513
      daughter without asking my good will?
2514
         Vin. Feare not Baptista, we will content you, goe to:
2515
      but I will in to be reueng'd for this villanie. Exit.
2516
         Bap. And I to sound the depth of this knauerie. Exit.
2517
2518
         Luc. Looke not pale Bianca, thy father will not frown.
2519
      Exeunt.
2520
         Gre. My cake is dough, but Ile in among the rest,
      Out of hope of all, but my share of the feast.
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2522
         Kate. Husband let's follow, to see the end of this adoe.
         Petr. First kisse me Kate, and we will.
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         Kate. What in the midst of the streete?
         Petr. What art thou asham'd of me?
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         Kate. No sir, God forbid, but asham'd to kisse.
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- 2527 *Petr.* Why then let's home againe: Come Sirra let's
- 2528 awaie.
- 2529 *Kate.* Nay, I will give thee a kisse, now praie thee
- 2530 Loue staie.
- 2531 *Petr.* Is not this well? come my sweete *Kate*.
- 2532 Better once then neuer, for neuer to late. Exeunt.

Actus Quintus.

- 2534 Enter Baptista, Vincentio, Gremio, the Pedant, Lucentio, and
- 2535 Bianca. Tranio, Biondello Grumio, and Widdow:
- 2536 The Seruingmen with Tranio bringing
- 2537 in a Banquet.
- 2538 *Luc.* At last, though long, our iarring notes agree,
- 2539 And time it is when raging warre is come,
- 2540 To smile at scapes and perils ouerblowne:
- 2541 My faire *Bianca* bid my father welcome,
- 2542 While I with selfesame kindnesse welcome thine:
- 2543 Brother *Petruchio*, sister *Katerina*,
- 2544 And thou *Hortentio* with thy louing *Widdow*:
- 2545 Feast with the best, and welcome to my house,
- 2546 My Banket is to close our stomakes vp
- 2547 After our great good cheere: praie you sit downe,
- 2548 For now we sit to chat as well as eate.
- 2549 *Petr.* Nothing but sit and sit, and eate and eate.
- 2550 Bap. Padua affords this kindnesse, sonne Petruchio.
- 2551 *Petr. Padua* affords nothing but what is kinde.
- 2552 *Hor.* For both our sakes I would that word were true.
- 2553 *Pet.* Now for my life *Hortentio* feares his Widow.
- 2554 *Wid.* Then neuer trust me if I be affeard.
- 2555 Petr. You are verie sencible, and yet you misse my
- 2556 sence:
- 2557 I meane Hortentio is afeard of you. [T6v
- 2558 *Wid.* He that is giddie thinks the world turns round.
- 2559 Petr. Roundlie replied.
- 2560 *Kat.* Mistris, how meane you that?
- 2561 *Wid.* Thus I conceive by him.
- 2562 Petr. Conceiues by me, how likes Hortentio that?
- 2563 Hor. My Widdow saies, thus she conceiues her tale.
- 2564 Petr. Verie well mended: kisse him for that good
- 2565 Widdow.
- 2566 *Kat.* He that is giddie thinkes the world turnes round,
- 2567 I praie you tell me what you meant by that.
- 2568 *Wid.* Your housband being troubled with a shrew,

- 2569 Measures my husbands sorrow by his woe:
- 2570 And now you know my meaning.
- 2571 *Kate.* A verie meane meaning.
- 2572 *Wid.* Right, I meane you.
- 2573 Kat. And I am meane indeede, respecting you.
- 2574 *Petr.* To her *Kate*.
- 2575 *Hor*. To her *Widdow*.
- 2576 *Petr.* A hundred marks, my *Kate* does put her down.
- 2577 *Hor.* That's my office
- 2578 *Petr.* Spoke like an Officer: ha to the lad.
- 2579 Drinkes to Hortentio.
- 2580 Bap. How likes Gremio these quicke witted folkes?
- 2581 *Gre.* Beleeue me sir, they But together well.
- 2582 Bian. Head, and but an hastie witted bodie,
- 2583 Would say your Head and But were head and horne.
- 2584 *Vin.* I Mistris Bride, hath that awakened you?
- 2585 Bian. I, but not frighted me, therefore Ile sleepe a-gaine.
- 2587 *Petr.* Nay that you shall not since you have begun:
- 2588 Haue at you for a better iest or too.
- 2589 Bian. Am I your Bird, I meane to shift my bush,
- 2590 And then pursue me as you draw your Bow.
- 2591 You are welcome all. Exit Bianca.
- 2592 *Petr.* She hath preuented me, here signior *Tranio*,
- 2593 This bird you aim'd at, though you hit her not,
- 2594 Therefore a health to all that shot and mist.
- 2595 Tri. Oh sir, Lucentio slipt me like his Gray-hound,
- 2596 Which runs himselfe, and catches for his Master.
- 2597 *Petr.* A good swift simile, but something currish.
- 2598 *Tra.* 'Tis well sir that you hunted for your selfe:
- 2599 'Tis thought your Deere does hold you at a baie.
- 2600 Bap. Oh, oh Petruchio, Tranio hits you now.
- 2601 *Luc*. I thanke thee for that gird good *Tranio*.
- 2602 *Hor.* Confesse, confesse, hath he not hit you here?
- 2603 *Petr.* A has a little gald me I confesse:
- 2604 And as the Iest did glaunce awaie from me,
- 2605 'Tis ten to one it maim'd you too out right.
- 2606 Bap. Now in good sadnesse sonne Petruchio,
- 2607 I thinke thou hast the veriest shrew of all.
- 2608 Petr. Well, I say no: and therefore sir assurance,
- 2609 Let's each one send vnto his wife,
- 2610 And he whose wife is most obedient,
- 2611 To come at first when he doth send for her,
- 2612 Shall win the wager which we will propose.
- 2613 *Hort.* Content, what's the wager?
- 2614 *Luc*. Twentie crownes.
- 2615 *Petr.* Twentie crownes,

Ile venture so much of my Hawke or Hound, 2616 But twentie times so much vpon my Wife. 2617 Luc. A hundred then. 2618 Hor. Content. 2619 Petr. A match, 'tis done. 2620 *Hor.* Who shall begin? 2621 2622 Luc. That will I. 2623 Goe *Biondello*, bid your Mistris come to me. 2624 Bio. I goe. Exit. Bap. Sonne, Ile be your halfe, Bianca comes. 2625 2626 Luc. Ile haue no halues: Ile beare it all my selfe. Enter Biondello. 2627 2628 How now, what newes? Bio. Sir, my Mistris sends you word 2629 That she is busie, and she cannot come. 2630 Petr. How? she's busie, and she cannot come: is that 2631 2632 an answere? *Gre.* I, and a kinde one too: 2633 Praie God sir your wife send you not a worse. 2634 2635 *Petr.* I hope better. Hor. Sirra Biondello, goe and intreate my wife to 2636 come to me forthwith. Exit. Bion. 2637 Pet. Oh ho, intreate her, nay then shee must needes 2638 come. 2639 Hor. I am affraid sir, doe what you can 2640 Enter Biondello. 2641 Yours will not be entreated: Now, where's my wife? 2642 Bion. She saies you have some goodly lest in hand, 2643 She will not come: she bids you come to her. 2644 Petr. Worse and worse, she will not come: 2645 Oh vilde, intollerable, not to be indur'd: 2646 Sirra Grumio, goe to your Mistris, 2647 Say I command her come to me. Exit. 2648 Hor. I know her answere. 2649 Pet. What? 2650 Hor. She will not. 2651 Petr. The fouler fortune mine, and there an end. 2652 2653 Enter Katerina. Bap. Now by my hollidam here comes Katerina. 2654 *Kat.* What is your will sir, that you send for me? 2655 Petr. Where is your sister, and Hortensios wife? 2656 2657 *Kate*. They sit conferring by the Parler fire. Petr. Goe fetch them hither, if they denie to come, 2658 2659 Swinge me them soundly forth vnto their husbands: Away I say, and bring them hither straight. 2660

Luc. Here is a wonder, if you talke of a wonder.

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Hor. And so it is: I wonder what it boads.
2662
         Petr. Marrie peace it boads, and loue, and quiet life,
2663
      An awfull rule, and right supremicie:
2664
      And to be short, what not, that's sweete and happie.
2665
         Bap. Now faire befall thee good Petruchio;
2666
      The wager thou hast won, and I will adde
2667
      Vnto their losses twentie thousand crownes,
2668
      Another dowrie to another daughter,
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2670
      For she is chang'd as she had neuer bin.
2671
         Petr. Nay, I will win my wager better yet,
2672
      And show more signe of her obedience,
      Her new built vertue and obedience.
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2674
      Enter Kate, Bianca, and Widdow.
      See where she comes, and brings your froward Wiues
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2676
      As prisoners to her womanlie perswasion:
      Katerine, that Cap of yours becomes you not,
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2678
      Off with that bable, throw it vnderfoote.
2679
         Wid. Lord let me neuer haue a cause to sigh,
      Till I be brought to such a sillie passe.
2680
         Bian. Fie what a foolish dutie call you this?
2681
         Luc. I would your dutie were as foolish too:
2682
      The wisdome of your dutie faire Bianca,
2683
      Hath cost me fiue hundred crownes since supper time.
2684
         Bian. The more foole you for laying on my dutie.
2685
         Pet. Katherine I charge thee tell these head- strong
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      women, what dutie they doe owe their Lords and hus-bands. [V1
2687
         Wid. Come, come, your mocking: we will have no
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      telling.
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         Pet. Come on I say, and first begin with her.
2691
         Wid. She shall not.
2692
         Pet. I say she shall, and first begin with her.
2693
         Kate. Fie, fie, vnknit that threatning vnkinde brow,
2694
      And dart not scornefull glances from those eies,
2695
      To wound thy Lord, thy King, thy Gouernour.
2696
      It blots thy beautie, as frosts doe bite the Meads,
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2698
      Confounds thy fame, as whirlewinds shake faire budds,
      And in no sence is meete or amiable.
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2700
      A woman mou'd, is like a fountaine troubled,
2701
      Muddie, ill seeming, thicke, bereft of beautie,
2702
      And while it is so, none so dry or thirstie
2703
      Will daigne to sip, or touch one drop of it.
2704
      Thy husband is thy Lord, thy life, thy keeper,
      Thy head, thy soueraigne: One that cares for thee,
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2706
      And for thy maintenance. Commits his body
      To painfull labour, both by sea and land:
2707
      To watch the night in stormes, the day in cold,
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- 2709 Whil'st thou ly'st warme at home, secure and safe,
- 2710 And craues no other tribute at thy hands,
- 2711 But loue, faire lookes, and true obedience;
- 2712 Too little payment for so great a debt.
- 2713 Such dutie as the subject owes the Prince,
- 2714 Euen such a woman oweth to her husband:
- 2715 And when she is froward, peeuish, sullen, sowre,
- 2716 And not obedient to his honest will,
- 2717 What is she but a foule contending Rebell,
- 2718 And gracelesse Traitor to her louing Lord?
- 2719 I am asham'd that women are so simple,
- 2720 To offer warre, where they should kneele for peace:
- 2721 Or seeke for rule, supremacie, and sway,
- 2722 When they are bound to serue, loue, and obay.
- 2723 Why are our bodies soft, and weake, and smooth,
- 2724 Vnapt to toyle and trouble in the world,
- 2725 But that our soft conditions, and our harts,
- 2726 Should well agree with our externall parts?
- 2727 Come, come, you froward and vnable wormes,
- 2728 My minde hath bin as bigge as one of yours,
- 2729 My heart as great, my reason haplie more,
- 2730 To bandie word for word, and frowne for frowne;
- 2731 But now I see our Launces are but strawes:
- 2732 Our strength as weake, our weakenesse past compare,
- 2733 That seeming to be most, which we indeed least are.
- 2734 Then vale your stomackes, for it is no boote,
- 2735 And place your hands below your husbands foote:
- 2736 In token of which dutie, if he please,
- 2737 My hand is readie, may it do him ease.
- 2738 Pet. Why there's a wench: Come on, and kisse mee
- 2739 Kate.
- 2740 *Luc.* Well go thy waies olde Lad for thou shalt ha't.
- Vin. Tis a good hearing, when children are toward.
- 2742 Luc. But a harsh hearing, when women are froward,
- 2743 Pet. Come Kate, wee'le to bed,
- 2744 We three are married, but you two are sped.
- 2745 'Twas I wonne the wager, though you hit the white,
- 2746 And being a winner, God giue you good night.
- 2747 Exit Petruchio
- 2748 Horten. Now goe thy wayes, thou hast tam'd a curst
- 2749 Shrow.
- 2750 *Luc*. Tis a wonder, by your leaue, she wil be tam'd so.

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Taming of the Shrew.	