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Admit me Chorus to this history.

King Henry V., Act I., Chorus

* v d d *

Thou in this shall find thy monument,
When tyrants' crests and tombs of brass are spent.

Sonnet cxi.

So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

Sonnet xviii.

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When priests are more in word than matter ;
When brewers mar their malt with water ;
When nobles are their tailors' tutors ; . . .
When every case in law is right ;
No squire in debt, nor no poor knight ;
When slanders do not live in tongues ;
Nor cutpurses come not to throngs ;
When usurers tell their gold i' the field ; . . .
Then shall the realm of Albion
Come to great confusion.

King Lear, III. ii.

TO
Mrs. A. Ridley Bax
IN TOKEN OF
LOVE AND HOMAGE

Full many a lady
I have ey'd with best regard, . . . but you, O you,
So perfect and so peerless, are created
Of every creature's best !

Tempest, III. i.

Thy bosom is endeared with all hearts,

Sonnet xxxi.

A woman's gentle heart, but not acquainted
With shifting change, as is false women's fashion,

Sonnet xx.

You drop manna in the way
Of starved people.

Merchant of Venice, V. i.

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