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SONNET XXIX

When in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes,  
I all alone beweepe my outcast state,  
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,  
And look upon myself and curse my fate,  
Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,  
Featured like him, like him with friends possessed,  
Desiring this man's art and that man's scope,  
With what I most enjoy contented least;  
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,  
Haply I think on thee, and then my state,  
Like to the lark at break of day arising  
From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate;  
For thy sweet love remembered, such wealth brings  
That then I scorn to change my state with kings.

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## CHARACTERS

SHAKESPEARE

JOHN FLETCHER

MISTRESS STEPHAN BELLOTT

NAN BELLOTT, her Daughter, aged 9

NOLL, aged 14

JACK, aged 10