

Quoth Hill-iam Shakespeare (A Modest Challenge)



Lines I-XIV



Gentle solver: a challenge, sooth, be thine:
A-rhyme written, purpose perchance muddy.
Soft! Elizabethan Sonnet design

IV Maketh a model earning keen study.

Suppose, solver, bemask'd tactics access
Special letters the setters let scatter?
Folly! Mistake! Ne'er a sniff o' success!

LVIII Letters from sonnet pluck'd little matter.

Prithee, paltry time to th'above squander.
Stress possesseth instead meaning conferr'd.
To bare coded crossroads afar yonder,

XII Aloud utter advice slyly offer'd:

'I am won!' Stand thou south-east; $\frac{\text{H}}{\text{III XII V VII IV X VI X X XII}}$

Be handy means to answer thus: $\frac{\text{6 2 9 6 10 4}}{\text{---}}$

