

RCB - QUOTES OF SHAKESPEARE APPEARING IN THE CONGRESSIONAL
RECORD FROM ALL 37 PLAYS, 1994.

JULIUS CAESAR February 4, 1994 S 845

"But I am constant as the northern star, of whose
true-fix'd and resting quality there is no fellow
in the firmament."

TITUS ANDRONICUS February 4, 1994 S 846

"Every mother breeds not sons alike."

February 4, 1994 S 846

"All the water in the ocean can never turn a swan's
black legs to white, although she lave them hourly
in the flood."

FIRST PART OF HENRY IV February 4, 1994 S 887

"...as ragged as Lazarus in the painted cloth,
where the glutton's dogs licked his sores."

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA February 4, 1994 S 888

"...the common curse of mankind, folly and ignorance."

SECOND PART OF HENRY VI February 7, 1994 S 1012

"...Ignorance is the curse of God, knowledge
the wing wherewith we fly to heaven."

KING RICHARD III February 7, 1994 S 1013

"True hope is swift, and flies with swallow's wings;
Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings."

July 22, 1994 S 9576

"Was never mother had so dear a loss!

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Alas, you three, on me, threefold distress'd,
Pour all your tears! I am your sorrow's nurse,
And I will pamper it with lamentations.

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA February 7, 1994 S 1013

"And I as rich in having such a jewel
As twenty seas, if all their sand were pearl,
The water nectar, and the rocks pure gold."

MEASURE FOR MEASURE February 10, 1994 S 1370

"He who the sword of heaven will bear
Should be as holy as severe."

AS YOU LIKE IT February 10, 1994 S 1375

"...my affection hath an unknown bottom, like
the bay of Portugal."

April 13, 1994 S 4191

"Thus we may see, how the world wags:
'Tis but an hour ago since it was nine;
And after one hour more 'twill be eleven;
And so, from hour to hour, we ripe and ripe,
And then, from hour to hour, we rot and rot."

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ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL February 10, 1994 S 1375

"It is like a barber's chair that fits all buttocks."

KING JOHN March 1, 1994 S 2140

"O, that my tongue were in the thunder's mouth!
Then with a passion would I shake the world..."

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW March 22, 1994 S 3441

"Winter tames man, woman, and best."

THE WINTER'S TALE March 22, 1994 S 3441

"...The marigold, that goes to bed with the sun,
And with him rises weeping...daffodils,
That come before the swallow dares, and take
The winds of March with beauty; violets dim,
But sweeter than the lids of Juno's eyes
Or Cytherea's breath; pale primroses,
That die unmarried ere they can behold
Bright Phoebus in his strength...."

ROMEO AND JULIET April 13, 1994 S 4216

"...when well-apparel'd April on the heel
of limping winter treads."

July 25, 1994 S 9604

"...in a minute there are many days."

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CYMBELINE June 20, 1994 S 7106

"The benediction of these covering heavens
Fall on their heads like dew! for they are
worthy
To inlay heaven with stars."

(Also on ----- July 22, 1994 S 9576
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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM June 20, 1994 S 7107

"...when Phoebe doth behold
Her silver visage in the watery glass,
Decking with liquid pearl the bladed grass,...
and to sense there in the might of towering
mountains and plunging crevasses the paradox
of individual human life.
There the --
...seasons alter: hoary-headed frosts
Fall in the fresh lap of the crimson rose,
And on old Hiems' thin and icy crown
An odorous chaplet of sweet summer buds
Is, as in mockery set; the spring, the summer,
The childing autumn, angry winter, change
Their wonted liveries,

TIMON OF ATHENS June 29, 1994 S 7937

"When Fortune in her shift and change of mood
Spurns down her late beloved, all his dependents
Which labour'd after him to the mountain's top
Even on their knees and hands, let him slip down,
Not one accompanying his declining foot."

KING HENRY V June 30, 1994 S 8049

"For peace itself should not so dull a kingdom,
Though war nor no known quarrel were in question,
But that defences, musters, preparations,
Should be maintain'd, assembled and collected,
As were a war in expectation.

LOVE'S LABOR'S LOST June 30, 1994 S 8050

"Let fame, that all hunt after in their lives,
Live register'd upon our brazen tombs
And then grace us in the disgrace of death;
When, spite of cormorant devouring Time,
The endeavour of this present breath may buy
That honour which shall bate his scythe's
 keen edge
And make us heirs of all eternity.

King HENRY VI, PART I July 1, 1994 S 8150

"One would have lingering wars with little cost;
Another would fly swift, but wanteth wings;
A third thinks, without expense at all,
By guileful fair words peace may be obtain'd."

October 7, 1994 S 14646

"For ere the glass that now begins to run
Finish the process of his sandy hour,
These eyes, that see now well coloured,
Shall see thee wither'd, bloody, pale,
and dead."

October 7, 1994 S 14646

"One drop of blood drawn from thy country's bosom, should
grieve thee more than streams of foreign gore...."

THE TEMPEST July 25, 1994 S 9587

"...The great globe itself
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
We are such stuff
As dreams are made on, and
Our little life is rounded with a sleep."

CORIOLANUS July 25, 1994 S 9604

"...one that converses more with the buttock of the night than with the forehead of the morning."

KING RICHARD II July 25, 1994 S 9625

"I shall root away the noisome weeds which, without profit, suck the soils' fertility from wholesome flowers."

MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR July 26, 1994 S 9665

"...life is a shuttle."

KING LEAR July 26, 1994 S 9665

"I can keep honest counsel, ride, run, mar a curious tale in telling it, and deliver a plain message bluntly: that which ordinary men are fit for, I am qualified in, and the best of me is diligence."

MACBETH July 26, 1994 S 9681

"If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well It were done quickly...."

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS July 26, 1994 S 9682

"...careful hours with time's deformed hand Have written strange defeatures in my face...."

ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA July 26, 1994 S 9722

"Give me my robe, put on my crown. I have immortal longings in me."

PERICLES July 26, 1994 S 9673

"We cannot but obey
The powers above us. Could I rage and roar
As doth the sea. . . yet the end
Must be as 'tis.
Until our stars that frown lend us a smile.

HENRY IV, PART TWO July 27, 1994 S 9914

"When we mean to build,
We first survey the plot, then draw the model,
And we see the figure of the house,
Then we must rate the cost of the erection;
Which if we find outweighs ability,
What do we then but draw anew the model
In fewer offices, or at least desist
To build at all?"

KING HENRY VIII July 28, 1994 S 9974

"Men's evil manners live in brass.
Their virtues we write in water."

August 18, 1994 S 12077

"He [is] a scholar, and a ripe, and good one,
exceeding wise, fair-spoken, and persuading."

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE July 28, 1994 S 10021

"If to do were as easy as to know what were good to do,
chapels had been churches, and poor men's cottages
princes' palaces. It is a good divine that follows
his own instructions: I can easier teach twenty what were
good to be done, than be one of the 20 to follow mine own
teaching."

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Twelfth Night August 24, 1994 S 12428

"And all those sayings will I over-swear;
And all those swearings keep as true in soul
As doth that orb'd continent the fire
That severs day from night."

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING August 24, 1994 S 12429

"...words are a very fantastical banquet--just so many
strange dishes."

OTHELLO August 24, 1994 S 12429

"There are many events in the womb of time which will be
delivered."

Hamlet September 28, 1994 S 13546

"A man may fish with the worm that hath
eat of a king, and eat of the fish that hath
fed of that worm."

King Henry VI (Part III) November 30, 1994 S 15104

"But Hercules himself must yield to odds;
And many strokes, though with a little ax,
Hew down and fell the hardest-timber'd oak."