

# Historical Interlude



# Shakespeare First Folio circa 1620

Digital facsimile of the Bodleian

First Folio of Shakespeare's plays, Arch. G c.7

<http://firstfolio.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/downloads.html#images>

*The.* Either to dye the death, or to abiure  
For euer the society of men:  
Therefore faire Hermia question your desires,  
Know of your youth, examine well your blood,  
Whether (if you yeeld not to your fathers choice)  
You can endure the liverie of a Nunne,  
For aye to be in shady Cloister mew'd,  
To liue a barren sister all your life,  
Chanting faint hymnes to the cold fruitlesse Moone,  
Thrice blessed they that master so their blood.

