



## Take My Coxcomb: Shakespeares Clown-Servants from Late Feudal to Proto-Capitalist Economies in Early Modern England

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