

Puzzle 17: Shakespearean Fools

William Shakespeare elevated the concept of the literary fool above that of a simple jester who performed tricks and amusements to entertain the audience. The fools of his plays became the commentators with which many of the playgoers could identify, and the commentary given by those fools provided insight upon the themes, characters, and ironies of the work as a whole.

Below are five quotes from five Shakespearean fools. The letters have been arranged such that the quotes may be spelled out by hopping from one letter to the next (in any of the eight directions, once you decide where to begin). A letter may be reused, but you *must* make a hop each time (i.e. double letters in a quote may not be created by remaining stationary). Every letter will be used at least once.

Once you have determined the quotes, extracting the foolish message should be a simpleton's task.

