

**Sonetto dedicato a Florio dall'attore William Shagsper di Stratford che in questo caso usa lo pseudonimo 'Phaeton'. Il sonetto si trova nei Second Fruits di Florio del 1591**

"Phaeton to his friend Florio"

Sweet friend whose name agrees with thy increase,  
how fit a rivall art thou of the Spring?  
For when each branche hath left his flourishing,  
And green-locked Summer's shadie pleasures cease:  
She makes the Winters stormes repose in peace,  
And spends her franchise on each living thing:  
The dazies sprout, the litle birds doo sing,  
Hearbs, gummes, and plants doo vaunt of their release.  
So when that all our English witts lay dead,  
(Exept the Laurell that is ever greene,)   
Thou with thy frutes our barrennes o're-spread,  
And set thy flowerie pleasant to be seene.  
Sutch frutes, sutch flowrets of moralities,  
Were never before brought out of Italy."