

MY FIRST AND LAST SHAKESPEAREAN SONNET

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O! Woe to those who have to write in verse,
For it is not an easy task to do;
And those condemned with such an ugly curse
Will quickly prove my declaration true!
The master of the sonnet was Shakespeare;
I gasp in wonderment to think of him,
For thoughts of writing sonnets dredge up fear—
Enough, in fact, to shake my ev'ry limb!
But now 'tis time to pen these last few lines,
Of which I am so very glad to do;
And as I terminate my final rhymes,
I leave this note of interest to you:
 Although unique I found to write a sonnet,
 Never again shall I spend hours on it!