

# Who Was William Shakespeare?

SHAKESPEARE:       ...in the company of The Merry Wives of Windsor!

- 1     This man was born in Stratford, you've heard his name before,  
On the 23rd of April in Fifteen Sixty-four.  
He married Mistress Hathaway, she was his good wife Anne,  
And soon they had two daughters and family life began.  
His name was William Shakespeare,  
A Tudor through and through,  
He wrote more than thirty plays  
And he wrote lots of sonnets too (154 to be precise).

CHORUS       *He wrote Merry Wives of Windsor,  
Comedy of Errors,  
And The Taming of the Shrew.  
Measure for Measure, Richard the Third  
And Hen-e-ry the Fourth Part 2!  
He wrote Romeo and Juliet,  
Hamlet and Othello,  
And Twelfth Night and Much Ado,  
Merchant of Venice, King Lear and Tempest,  
And the Scottish Play to name a few!*

- 2     This playwright went to London and there beside the Thames  
He formed the Globe Theatre with a troop of actor men.  
There were tragedies and histories with tales of do and dare  
And convoluted comedies for everyone to share.  
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- 3     When Good Queen Bess was on the throne then William was her favourite,  
And when he played by Royal Command he knew that he had made it!  
His plays are on the stage today, his fame goes on forever,  
We learn in school about his life because he was so clever.  
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