

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

## Sonnet 135

Whoever hath her wish, thou hast thy Will,  
And Will to boot<sup>1</sup>, and Will in overplus<sup>2</sup>;  
More than enough am I that vex<sup>3</sup> thee still,  
To thy sweet will making addition thus.

- 5 Wilt thou, whose will is large and spacious,  
Not once vouchsafe<sup>4</sup> to hide my will in thine?  
Shall will in others seem right gracious,  
And in my will no fair acceptance shine?  
The sea, all water, yet receives rain still,  
10 And in abundance addeth to his store<sup>5</sup>;  
So thou being rich in Will add to thy Will  
One will of mine to make thy large Will more.  
Let no unkind, no fair beseechers<sup>6</sup> kill;  
Think all but one, and me in that one Will.  
(116 words)

<sup>1</sup>**to boot** in addition – <sup>2</sup>**overplus** excess – <sup>3</sup>**vex** trouble, irritate – <sup>4</sup>**vouchsafe** grant, agree – <sup>5</sup>**store** abundant stock – <sup>6</sup>**no unkind, no fair beseechers** neither cruel and ungenerous lovers, nor honourable lovers (or flatterers)