

# Brush Up Your Shakespeare

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**Men:** The girls today in society  
Go for classical poetry,  
So to win their hearts one must quote with ease  
Aeschylus and Euripides.  
But the poet of them all  
Who will start 'em simply ravin'  
Is the poet people call  
The bard of Stratford-on-Avon.

**Women:** Brush up your Shakespeare,  
Start quoting him now.  
Brush up your Shakespeare  
And the women you will wow.

**Men:** Just declaim a few lines from "Othella"  
And they think you're a heckuva fella.  
If your blonde won't respond when you flatter 'er  
Tell her what Tony told Cleopaterer,  
And if still, to be shocked, she pretends well,  
Just remind her that "All's Well That Ends Well."

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And they'll all kowtow.  
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**Men:** If your goil is a Washington Heights dream  
Treat the kid to "A Midsummer Night Dream."  
If she fights when her clothes you are mussing,  
What are clothes? "Much Ado About Nussing."  
If she says your behavior is heinous  
Kick her right in the "Coriolanus."

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