William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Sonnet 135

Whoever hath her wish, thou hast thy Will,

And Will to boot¹, and Will in overplus²;

More than enough am I that vex³ thee still,

To thy sweet will making addition thus.

5 Wilt thou, whose will is large and spacious,

Not once vouchsafe⁴ 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 store⁵;

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 beseechers⁶ kill;

Think all but one, and me in that one Will. (116 Wörter)

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