

The Taming of the Shrew

ADDITIONAL PASSAGES

The Taming of A Shrew, printed in 1594 and believed to derive from Shakespeare's play as performed, contains episodes continuing and rounding off the Christopher Sly framework which may echo passages written by Shakespeare but not printed in the Folio. They are given below.

A. The following exchange occurs at a point for which there is no exact equivalent in Shakespeare's play. It could come at the end of 2.1. The 'fool' of the first line is Sander, the counterpart of Grumio.

Then Sly speaks

SLY Sim, when will the fool come again?

LORD He'll come again, my lord, anon.

SLY Gi's some more drink here. Zounds, where's the tapster? Here, Sim, eat some of these things.

LORD So I do, my lord. 5

SLY Here, Sim, I drink to thee.

LORD My lord, here comes the players again.

SLY O brave, here's two fine gentlewomen.

B. This passage comes between 4.5 and 4.6. If it originates with Shakespeare it implies that Grumio accompanies Petruccio at the beginning of 4.6.

SLY Sim, must they be married now?

LORD Ay, my lord.

Enter Ferando and Kate and Sander

SLY Look, Sim, the fool is come again now.

C. Sly interrupts the action of the play-within-play. This is at 5.1.102 of Shakespeare's play.

Phylotus and Valeria runs away.

Then Sly speaks

SLY I say we'll have no sending to prison. 5

LORD My lord, this is but the play. They're but in jest.

SLY I tell thee, Sim, we'll have no sending to prison, that's flat. Why, Sim, am not I Don Christo Vary? Therefore I say they shall not go to prison.

LORD No more they shall not, my lord. They be run away.

SLY Are they run away, Sim? That's well. Then gi's some more drink, and let them play again.

LORD Here, my lord.

Sly drinks and then falls asleep

D. Sly is carried off between 5.1 and 5.2.

Exeunt omnes

Sly sleeps

LORD

Who's within there? Come hither, sirs, my lord's
Asleep again. Go take him easily up
And put him in his own apparel again,
And lay him in the place where we did find him
Just underneath the alehouse side below. 5
But see you wake him not in any case.

BOY

It shall be done, my lord. Come help to bear him hence.

Exit

E. The conclusion.

*Then enter two bearing of Sly in his own apparel again
and leaves him where they found him and then goes
out.*

Then enter the Tapster

TAPSTER

Now that the darksome night is overpast
And dawning day appears in crystal sky,
Now must I haste abroad. But soft, who's this?

What, Sly! O wondrous, hath he lain here all night?
I'll wake him. I think he's starved by this, 5
But that his belly was so stuffed with ale.
What ho, Sly, awake, for shame!

SLY

Sim, gi's some more wine. What, 's all the players
gone? Am not I a lord?

TAPSTER

A lord with a murrain! Come, art thou drunken still? 10

SLY

Who's this? Tapster? O Lord, sirrah, I have had
The bravest dream tonight that ever thou
Heardest in all thy life.

TAPSTER

Ay, marry, but you had best get you home,
For your wife will course you for dreaming here tonight. 15

SLY

Will she? I know now how to tame a shrew.
I dreamt upon it all this night till now,
And thou hast waked me out of the best dream
That ever I had in my life. But I'll to my
Wife presently and tame her too, 20
An if she anger me.

TAPSTER

Nay, tarry, Sly, for I'll go home with thee
And hear the rest that thou hast dreamt tonight.

Exeunt omnes