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Shakespeare's Life (1564-1616)

William Shakespeare was born on or about the 23rd April, 1564, at Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire. He was the son of a prosperous tradesman of the town, who a little later became its 'High Bailiff' or 'mayor'. Though there is no actual record of the fact, it is practically certain that, like other Stratford boys of his class, he went to the local grammar school, an excellent institution of its kind, where he was taught Latin and arithmetic. While he never became a learned man, his few years at school thus gave him a sound education as far as it went. Financial misfortunes presently overtook his father, and when he was about fourteen, he was taken from school that he might help the family by earning money on his own account. Of the nature of his employment, however, we know nothing. In his 19th year he married Anne Hathaway

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like the moon, maddens lovers. He means to say that love turns the wit of a shallow-brained person and makes him behave like a fool. But when love works on the souls of sensitive lovers like Faulkland, it excites their tender feelings so much so that they torture them as does the frenzy of a mad man. Faulkland holds the god of love responsible for the tortures to which he has been subjected under the influence of what he calls true love.

The influence of love has been compared with that of the moon which, when it is full, is said to increase the madness of people. Hence, Luna, i.e. the moon.

The end. //

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