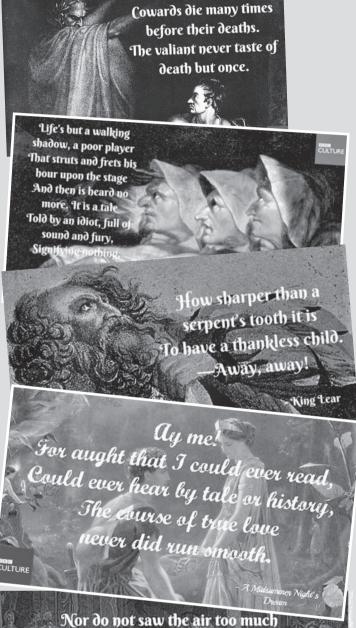
The memorable Shakespeare lines

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William Shakespeare is widely considered to be the greatest dramatist of all time. Often called England's 'national poet', his work consists of about 38 plays and 154 sonnets which capture the complete range of human emotion and conflict. His plays have been performed and reinterpreted throughout the world for more than 400 years, both on stage and screen.

Shakespeare's lines continue to impress us to this day. To celebrate his birthday – he is believed to have been born on April 23, 1564 – BBC Culture asked readers to share their favourite quotes. This is what they sent.



with your hand thus, but use all gently, for in the very torrent, tempest,

and whirlwind of passion, you must acquire and beget a temperance that may give it smoothness

- Hamlet

A Midsummer Night's Dream

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And yet, to say the truth, reason and love keep little company together nowadays. The more the pity that some honest neighbours will not make them friends. Nay, I can gleek upon occasion.

All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances, And one man in his time plays many parts, His acts being seven ages.

- As You Like It

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Sonnet 150

Of though I love what others do abhor, With others thou shouldst not abhor my state. If thy unworthiness raised love in me, More worthy I to be beloved of thee.

Hell is empty And all the devils are here. - The Tempest



You have witchcraft in your lips, Kate.

- Henry V

