



## Resource 4

If it were done when 'tis done, then  
'twere well

It were done quickly.

... I was particularly chagrined at your  
sneers about the Negro theatre.

If th' assassination

Could up the consequence and catch  
With his surcease success, that but this  
blow

Might be the be-all and the end-all here,  
Why these reflections on our color, my  
good Mathews, so unworthy of your  
genius and humanity, your justice and  
generosity...

But here, upon this bank and shoal of  
time,

We'd jump the life to come.

Shakespeare makes sweet Desdemona  
say, "I saw Othello's visage in his mind."

But in these cases

We still have judgment here, that we but  
teach

Bloody instructions, which, being taught,  
return

To plague th' inventor.

Now, when you were ridiculing the "chief  
black tragedien" and burlesquing the  
"real Negro melody." was it my "mind" or  
my "visage" which should have made an  
impression on you.

This even-handed justice

Commends th' ingreience of our  
poisoned chalice

To our own lips...