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SHAKESPEARE, WILL

What's in a name? Full oft a name's forgot
Before its sharpest edge upon the tomb
Has lost a single grain; before its bones
All wrapped in earthy silence have sloughed
Its flesh away. 'Tis left a fleeting blur
Upon some hurried curate's heedless eye
Who leafs the worn baptismal ledger through
In search of living names.
Of those whose deeds do warrant long esteemed
Recall, whose works have changed the face of earth
Or moved the mighty gods to wrath or boon
Or lifted men above the slime of earth
To heaven's gate and brought them back again
Renewed to struggle in the grime below
Or plunged the proud from thrones of fool's gold
To urge the lowly rise to new estate . . .
Even of these who've earned unending fame
Who will be remembered? (Name one name)

SHAKESPEARE WILL!

To the last syllable of recorded time!

—CLARENCE A. AMANN