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Character:	Bachelor
Gender:	Male
Age (range):	?
Style:	Comedy
Length:	4 minutes

BACHELOR: To wed, or not to wed;--that is the question:
 Whether 'tis nobler in a man to suffer
 The slings and sorrows of that blind young archer;
 Or fly to arms against a host of troubles,
 And at the altar end them. To woo--to wed--
 No more; and by this step to say we end
 The heartache, and the thousand hopes and fears
 The single suffer--'tis a consummation
 Devoutly to be wished. To woo--to wed;--
 To wed--perchance repent!--ay, there's the rub;
 For in that wedded state, what woes may come
 When we have launched upon that untried sea
 Must give us pause. There's the respect
 That makes *celibacy* of so *long* life;
 For who would bear the quips and jeers of friends,
 The husband's pity, and the coquette's scorn,
 The vacant hearth, the solitary cell,

The unshared sorrow, and the void within,
 he himself might his redemption gain
 a fair damsel. Who would beauty shun
To toil and plod over a barren heath;
But that the dread of something yet beyond--
The undiscovered country, from whose bourne
No bachelor returns--puzzles the will,
And makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of!
Thus forethought does make cowards of us all,
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,
And numberless flirtations, long pursued,
With this regard, their currents turn awry
And lose the name of marriage.

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