

# *Love's Labour's Lost*

Act II, sc. 1 (line 234)

## **KING FERDINAND**

Madam, your father here doth intimate  
The payment of a hundred thousand crowns;  
Being but the one half of an entire sum  
Disbursed by my father in his wars.  
But say that he or we, as neither have,  
Received that sum, yet there remains unpaid  
A hundred thousand more; in surety of the which,  
One part of Aquitaine is bound to us,  
Although not valued to the money's worth.  
If then the king your father will restore  
But that one half which is unsatisfied,  
We will give up our right in Aquitaine,  
And hold fair friendship with his majesty.  
But that, it seems, he little purposeth,  
For here he doth demand to have repaid  
A hundred thousand crowns; and not demands,  
On payment of a hundred thousand crowns,  
To have his title live in Aquitaine;  
Which we much rather had depart withal  
And have the money by our father lent  
Than Aquitaine so gelded as it is.

Dear Princess, were not his requests so far  
From reason's yielding, your fair self should make  
A yielding 'gainst some reason in my breast  
And go well satisfied to France again.