



SPEAK LIKE SHAKESPEARE

GLOSSARY

- Alas - an exclamation of despair
Anon - Later. A way to delay doing something right away while still agreeing vaguely
As you will - Okay, or whatever, stating you will let the other person get her way
Aye - Yes
Beshrew me - like saying "Darn it!" -wishing an angry wife on yourself as a mild curse
By your leave - Excuse me or please, when in the company of another
By my troth! - By my truth! I swear it to be true!
Chide - to scold or nag
Cutpurse- Thief
Fie - a curse, sometimes "Fie on [annoying thing]"
Grammercy - Thank you
Hither - Over here
Huzzah! - Hurrah! a cheer
I' Faith - "In faith", Honest
Maid or Maiden - A young woman of upstanding virtue
Mark thee this! - Look at this!
Marry! - An exclamation of shock
Mayhap - Perhaps. Do not mistakenly say "Mayhaps" - there is no plural
Methinks - "I think," marks the following as an opinion
Nay! - No
Oft - Often
Perchance - Maybe or Possibly
Poppet - A doll or a young child
Pray pardon me - Excuse me
Pray tell - Please tell me
Prithee - Please, literally "I pray thee"
Privy - Bathroom, or more literally, outhouse
Stay - Stop or wait
Sweeting - a term of endearment, like Sweetheart
T'would be folly! - That would be crazy/stupid
Verily - Very, Truly or Truthfully
Wench - A young woman
Wherefore - Why
Yonder - Over there

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