

## Some rhetorical questions in Shakespeare?

Hamlet in *Hamlet* 2.2.568

Am I a coward?

Who calls me villain? Breaks my pate across?

Plucks off my beard and blows it in my face?

Tweaks me by the nose? Gives me the lie i'th' throat

As deep as to the lungs? Who does me this?

Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice* 3.1.53

Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions? Fed with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject to the same diseases, healed by the same means, warmed and cooled by the same winter and summer as a Christian is? If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die? And if you wrong us, shall we not revenge?

Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet* 2.2.33

O Romeo, Romeo – wherefore art thou Romeo? ... What's Montague? ...

What's in a name?

Antony, in *Julius Caesar* 3.1.148

O mighty Caesar! Dost thou lie so low?

Are all thy conquests, glories, triumphs, spoils

Shrunk to this little measure?

*Sonnet* 4.1

Unthrifty loveliness, why dost thou spend

Upon thyself thy beauty's legacy?

*Sonnet* 8.1

Music to hear, why hear'st thou music sadly?

*Sonnet* 18.1

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?