

Ode to the Comedy
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Sure is hard to write a new comedy
Just crib your lines from Aristophanes
Or plagiarize Plautus, enough is the same
Copy all the lines and then change the names

The comedy, we've learned, has quite the plot
Marry the queen and then boink the whole lot!
Impregnate the girl and then cry (done) "Divine!"
Re'just your toga and drink up the wine!

You're enslaved you say? Just trick your way free
Claim you're a eunuch, mute, deaf- you can't see!
In debt? With finances in disarray?
Bend o'r for Socrates! Argue your way!

You're a twin? Why of course! You always are
Long lost brother? He's in town from afar
You're horny? You're drunk? Must be in this play
Whores, pimps, old ninnies are plot interlay

To end, Aristotle was wrong to say,
Tragedy is the better of the play
Comedy's better! From above we aver,
The harder the laughs the greater the affair!