

CONSTANCE: (CONT'D)

And, if you need to get up to speed quickly, we do offer complimentary classes in "Elizabethan English as a Second Language."

You will find that the variety of activities here is overwhelming. You know what we are wont to say...

ART joins in, speaking in bored monotone

ART AND CONSTANCE:

"One never gets bored with the Bard."

ART:

Say, by any chance, are you a carpenter?

CONSTANCE:

No...

ART:

Then tell me... why do *bards* suddenly appear, every time you are near?

(beat)

Hey, I'll grant you that Shakespeare was a great guy and all that, and I do admit that I occasionally like to watch the thezbians perform.

ART rhymes "thespians" with "lesbians"

ROSE:

How many times do I have to tell you? It's pronounced thespian, not thez-bian.

ART:

Hey, I got nothing against thezbians. They are what they are. You know what the man said - "To each his own."

ROSE:

What he said was, "To thine own self be true." And that was not just some *man*, that was *Shakespeare!*

ART:

Yeah, but like I was saying, we've decided to retire to Graceland Village. Our week here was just to prove to my wife how much better it will be for us to retire and live around Elvis and his people. No slam against Billy Shakes, but Elvis - he's the king.

ROSE:

Arthur, you're such an oaf! I haven't decided to retire to Graceland! If you're going to play that game, you may just be moving there by yourself. Arrivederci, Elvis!

And, by the way - William Shakespeare is the greatest playwright of all time!

(MORE)

ROSE: (CONT'D)

No one who has ever lived can even begin to compare to his legacy.

CONSTANCE:

So thou pondereth our fine sister community of Graceland Village? It be most infrequent that we entertain couples who are interested in both retirement communities.

ART:

I get it, Const. The artsy snobs all live here, and the blue collar folks, well, we go slummin' in Graceland.

You know, I grew up "in the ghet-to."

ROSE:

You grew up in the suburbs, Art. I love it here. After seeing this place, there's no power on Earth that would make be want to move to Graceland to live with those... Elviruses.

ART:

And I hate it here! How many times can you eat "Hamlet and eggs" for breakfast in "Ye Olde Elizabethan Diner?" Talk about cheesy!

And this place isn't even quiet! There's still construction work going on everywhere.

CONSTANCE:

I'm happy to inform you that construction on our authentic Globe Theater reproduction is nearly two-thirds complete. Surely thou knoweth that it taketh time to faithfully recreate the Shakespearean stage! As they say... Romeo wasn't built in a day!

ART:

Speaking of stages...

(As Elvis in Love me
Tender)

You know, someone said, "the world's a stage, and each must play a part"

ROSE:

That wasn't just "someone," that was Shakespeare! Elvis was trying to quote Shakespeare, and not doing a very good job of it, I might add.

ART:

Elvis didn't write that song, he just made it famous. And by the way, Elvis did know how to do Shakespeare.

CONSTANCE:

Pray tell? That is surely news to mine ears!