

### Fields

- **Name:** Type either the last name, first name or just the last name (e.g. “Wordsworth, William” or “Wordsworth”) of poet or playwright, etc.
- **Title:** Type the complete title, or any key word or phrase from the title.
- **Line:** Type any key word or phrase from a line of a literary piece. You can search by speaker, phrase, or title.
- **Epigraph, Dedication, Notes:** Many pieces of literature include opening comments or quotes and many include notes containing quotations from other works or explanatory comments, or are dedicated to specific people.
- **Cast List Information:** Type a character name (Hint: for best results, type in a partial spelling of the character’s name, because if the text of the verse drama abbreviates the name, a complete spelling may not be recognized. E.g. “Ophel” instead of “Ophelia” because the text of Hamlet abbreviates it).
- **Play Genre:** Type in the kind of verse drama you are looking for. Genres include: Ballet, Comedy, Drama, History, Opera and Tragedy. For a complete list, see **Search Tips** within the drama databases.
- **Keyword Search:** You can search and retrieve passages by entering a word or phrase. In *Editions and Adaptations of Shakespeare*, words can be searched in the complete set of full texts, in only play and poem lines (check the box under the keyword search box), within a single author’s edition, or within a specific adaptation. To search within an adaptation, click on adaptations and then choose the specific work you want to search.
- **Parallel Text Search:** In *The Bible in English* you can select a Book and chapter you want to compare with other editions. You can then select the two, three, or four bible editions you would like to compare.
- **Browsing:** In *Eighteenth Century Fiction*, you can browse through each author in the database, or you can select any one of the 96 works of prose fiction.

### General Search Hints

- These databases are not case sensitive.
- Apostrophies must be included to achieve desired results.
- Hyphenated words are not recognized as such. If you suspect a word contains a hyphen, search only on a portion of the title or line, omitting the hyphenated words (e.g. “gather ye” instead of “gather ye rose-buds while ye may”).
- These databases automatically truncate your search meaning that “wolf” as your search term returns “wolf,” “wolfish,” and “Wolfram.”
- When they are available, use the links provided on the search screen, rather than your browser’s forward and backward buttons. This will prevent your session from timing out.

### Advanced Search Hints

Advanced searching is available using connectors and limits in the poetry and drama databases. Select **Full Search Form** to use these connectors and limits.

Advanced search terms:

- **AND:** means that all search terms must be present in passages /poems retrieved (e.g. “shrew and love” retrieves only those passages/poems in which both “shrew” and “love” appear).
- **OR:** means that all passages/poems containing either search term will be retrieved (e.g. “stars or sun” retrieves any passage/poem that contains either “stars” or “sun,” expanding your search).
- **NOT:** means that all passages/poems with the second term will be excluded from search results (e.g. “don not juan” retrieves any passage that includes “don” when “juan” is not present).
- **FBY:** “followed by” means that only passages with the first search term followed by the second search term within 200 characters will be retrieved (e.g. “unleavened bread fby moses” only finds passages with the phrase “unleavened bread” followed by “moses”).\*
- **NEAR:** means that only passages with the two search terms within 200 characters of one another will be retrieved (e.g. “unleavened bread near moses” finds passages with the two terms in either order).\*

\* Both **FBY** and **NEAR** can be adjusted to look within fewer than 200 characters or beyond 200 characters with an additional command (e.g. “water near.500 wine” finds the words “water” and “wine” within 500 characters of each other.

In addition to the above list of connectors, the drama databases offer advanced searching fields such as speech line, prose line, speaker, publisher, city of publication, etc.

### Questions?

If you still have questions about any of these databases, please consult your library staff.