

Hamlet and the Case for Spelling Reform

The English Spelling Society wants to make spelling simpler. From 35 proposed schemes, it has selected a short list of six. A sample of each is shown on this page. Which do you prefer?

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Traditional Spelling

To be, or not to be, that is the question:
whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,
or to take arms against a sea of troubles
and by opposing end them.

— *Hamlet*, Act 3, Scene 1.
William Shakespeare, 1601

Lytspel

Tu bee, or not tu bee, dhat is dhe queschen:
wedher 'tis noabler in dhe mynd tu sufer
dhe slings and arroas ov out'raijuss forchun,
or tu taik arms a'genst a see ov trubls
and by o'poasing end dhem.

RichSpel-Long

Too be or not too be, that is the qestshen:
wether 'tis noabler in the miend too sufer
the slings and arroas of outraijus fortune,
or too taik arms against a see of trubels
and by opoazing end them.

SoundSpel

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ReadScript

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or too tàk armz agànst a sè ov trubelz
and bi opòzing end them.

RichSpel-Short

Too bè, or not too bè, that iz the qestshen:
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Traditional Spelling Revised

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