

Until her husband and my lord's return.  
 There is a monastery two miles off,  
 And there we will abide. I do desire you  
 Not to deny this imposition,  
 The which my love and some necessity  
 Now lay upon you.

*Lor.* Madam, with all my heart;  
 I shall obey you in all fair commands.

*Por.* My people do already know my mind,  
 And will acknowledge you and *Jessica*  
 In place of lord *Bassanio* and myself.  
 So fare you well till we shall meet again.

*Lor.* Fair thoughts and happy hours attend on you!

*Jes.* I wish your ladyship all heart's content.

*Por.* I thank you for your wish, and am well pleas'd  
 To wish it back on you: fare you well, *Jessica*. [*Exe. Jes. & Lor.*  
 Now, *Balthazar*,

As I have ever found thee honest, true,  
 So let me find thee still: take this same letter,  
 And use thou all th' endeavour of a man,  
 In speed to *Padua*; see thou render this  
 Into my cousin's hand, doctor *Bellarion*;  
 And, look, what notes and garments he doth give thee,  
 Bring them, I pray thee, with imagin'd speed  
 Unto the traject, to the common ferry  
 Which trades to *Venice*: waste no time in words,  
 But get thee gone; I shall be there before thee.

*Bal.* Madam, I go with all convenient speed. [*Exit.*

*Por.* Come on, *Nerissa*; I have work in hand  
 That you yet know not of: we'll see our husbands  
 Before they think of us.

*Ner.* Shall they see us?

*Por.* They shall, *Nerissa*; but in such a habit,  
 That they shall think we are accomplished  
 With what we lack. I'll hold thee any wager,  
 When we are both apparell'd like young men,

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