Poetry from Peele; Academy thanks donors

James Peele
Academy secretary, Al Roberts, has submitted the following poem taken from James Peele's *Maner and Fourme*, published in 1553. James Peele did on occasion lapse into verse in order to stress a point. The message of this verse may be appropriate today.

An exhortation to learne sciences especially of the accompt in the trade of merchandise

As lacke of Science caueth povertie,
And dooeth abate mans estimation,
So learning dooeth brynge to prosperitie,
Suche as of goodes have finall possession.

Then muste we counte hym ware, discreete, and wyse,
Whyle tyme dooeth serve, can tyme so well reteyne.
That in good tyme hym tymely can advise,
Tyme well to spende, and tourne it to his gayne.

For tyme well spente to gayne and not to waste,
The gayne will byde, though tyme dooth passe and runne.
But all to late, yt tyme shall ones [once] bee paste,
For tyme ones [once] loste, can not a gayne bee wonne.

In tyme beganne kyng Dionysius,
Some thinge to learne, and it in tyme to take,
His kyngdom loste in tyme he ganne saye thus,
I wyll take tyme, least tyme shall me forsake,

The yeute also I will instruct and teache.
Somme thynge to learne, and in tyme to beware,
So maye they rule, thoughghe in greate heate and breache,
Fortune shall frowne, and theym would make fulle bare.

Thus dydde I rule, my kyngedome gone and loste,
Whych beeynge kyng, no kyngely power coulde have,
Thus may eche man fynde wealth in towne and coast.
When wealthie is gone, that they moste faynede woulde save.

O woorthy prince, though fortune sought thy ende.
Yet thou in tyme as bookes dooth it recorde,
Dydst make fortune to the bothe boowe and bende,
As bonde to thee, and servile to her lorde.

Sithhe knowledge then, is of such price and grace,
And tyme ones [once] loste, will not agayne renewe,
Learne well this booke, while you have time and space,
That you the lacke doe not lamente and rewe.

J.P.

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