

Shakespeare in the Square (solution)

When solvers submit poems to GC, they are allowed to make guesses to the answer, which is stated to be a Shakespearean character. When they make a guess, the GC volunteer responds with a couplet that hints at one of the letters in their guess matching a letter in the answer (or says there are no matching letters if there are no letters in common). For example, if a solver guessed ROMEO, the volunteer might say, “You wish to know this puzzle’s answer word / Your guess’s first is equal to its third.” Given enough letters, solvers should be able to work out that the answer is HORTENSIO, and when they guess this, they are told, “As Juliet once said, ‘What’s in a name?’ / Well, this one is correct. You win the game!”