

**OLIVER**

Now, sir! what make you here?

**ORLANDO**

Nothing: I am not taught to make any thing.

**OLIVER**

What mar you then, sir?

**ORLANDO**

Marry, sir, I am helping you to mar that which God made, a poor unworthy brother of yours, with idleness.

**OLIVER**

Marry, sir, be better employed, and be naught awhile.

**ORLANDO**

Shall I keep your hogs and eat husks with them?  
What prodigal portion have I spent, that I should come to such penury?

**OLIVER**

Know you where your are, sir?

**ORLANDO**

O, sir, very well; here in your orchard.

**OLIVER**

Know you before whom, sir?

**ORLANDO**

Ay, better than him I am before knows me. I know you are my eldest brother; and, in the gentle condition of blood, you should so know me. The courtesy of nations allows you my better, in that you are the first-born; but the same tradition takes not away my blood, were there twenty brothers betwixt us: I have as much of my father in me as you; albeit, I confess, your coming before me is nearer to his reverence.

**OLIVER**

What, boy!

**ORLANDO**

Come, come, elder brother, you are too young in this.

**OLIVER**

Wilt thou lay hands on me, villain?

**ORLANDO**

I am no villain; I am the youngest son of Sir Rowland de Boys; he was my father, and he is thrice a villain that says such a father begot villains. Wert thou not my brother, I would not take this hand from thy throat till this other had pulled out thy tongue for saying so: thou hast railed on thyself.

**ADAM**

~~Sweet masters, be patient: for your father's remembrance, be at accord.~~

**OLIVER**

Let me go, I say.

**ORLANDO**

I will not, till I please: you shall hear me. My father charged you in his will to give me good education: you have trained me like a peasant, obscuring and hiding from me all gentleman-like qualities. The spirit of my father grows strong in me, and I will no longer endure it: therefore allow me such exercises as may become a gentleman, or give me the poor allottery my father left me by testament; with that I will go buy my fortunes.