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The History of English Poetry

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*'Not marble nor the gilded monuments
Of princes shall outlive this powerful rhyme...'*
– Shakespeare

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