

Words Commonly Used in Elizabethan England

ADIEU - farewell

AN, AND - if

ANON - soon

ATTEND - listen to

AYE - yes

BUT SOFT - wait a minute, hold on

BUT - only, except for

COUNSEL - advice

DECREE - order

DISCOURSES - speaks

DISPATCH - kill

DOTH - does

E'EN - even

E'ER - ever

FOE - enemy

HAPLY - perhaps

HAPPY - fortunate

HEAVY - sad, depressed

HENCE - away from here

HIE - hurry

HITHER - here

MARK - pay attention

MARRY - indeed

METHINKS - I think

NAY - no

NOUGHT - nothing

PLAGUE - curse

PRAY - beg

PRIVY - allowed to know a secret

RESOLVE - plan

SIRRAH - used to address a person of an inferior rank like a boy

THEE, THOU - you

THITHER - there

THOU ART - you are

THY - your

TIDINGS - news

WHENCE - where

WHEREFORE - why

WILT - will, will you

WOE - misery

WOULD - wish

WILL - desire

WITHAL - in addition

WOO - pursue, as in a boy or girl