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To the last syllable of recorded time;  
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools  
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!  
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That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,  
And then is heard no more: it is a tale  
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