SHAKESPEARE WROTE two narrative poems when the theatres were closed in 1593: The Rape of Lucrece and Venus and Adonis.

AN IAMB IS A METRICAL FOOT OF ONE STRESSED & UNSTRESSED SYLLABLE

IAMBIC PENTAMETER

So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,
So long lives this and this gives life to thee.

Sonnet 18

Iambic Pentameter sounds like:
daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM daDUM.

THE FIRST FOLIO

published in 1623, seven years after his death, was the first collected edition of Shakespeare’s works. It contained thirty-six plays, and eighteen of these had never been published before. The publishers, John Hemminge and Henry Condell, separated the plays into Histories, Comedies and Tragedies.