**ER 3.1 ‘*H*arrogance and *H*insolence’**

This is the text of the poem found at the end of Henry H’s *Poor Letter H* (H. Henry, Hon., 1859)*.* It is a version of a poem found elsewhere in the nineteenth century.

**PETITION OF THE LETTER H TO CERTAIN PERSONS, FLAGRANT OFFENDERS IN THE MATTER OF ASPIRATION**

Whereas by you I have been driven,   
From *h*ouse, from *h*ome, from *h*ope, from *h*eaven,   
And placed by your most learn'd society,   
In *h*exile, *h*anguish, and *h*anxiety;   
And used, without the least pretence,  
With *h*arrogance and *h*insolence:  
I hereby ask full restitution,   
And beg you'll mend your elocution.

**SAD REPLY FROM SOME**

Whereas we've rescued you, *h*ingrate,   
From ‘ell, from ‘orror, and from 'ate

From 'orsepond, 'edgebill, and from 'alter,  
And consecrated you in *h*altar;  
We think your talking an intrusion,   
And shall not mend our elocution.