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To discontinue, or not to discontinue : that is the question :
Whether 'tis nobler to suffer these great losses and anxieties,
Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,
And by discontinuing end them ? To edit : to publish ;
No more ; and by a discontinuation to end
The heart-ache and the thousand natural shocks
That publishers are heir to, 'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. To discontinue ;
Yea, to discontinue : but there's the rub ;
For by that act what scoffs and jeers may come
When we have shuffled off this burden,
Must give us pause :
For who would bear the reviewer's caustic words,
The advertiser's censure, and the subscriber's complaints,
The debtor's delay,
The insolence of creditors and the ridicule
Our friends us give,
When we ourselves might our quietus make
By discontinuing ? Who would fardels bear,
To grunt and sweat under a weary task,
But that the dread of something after discontinuation,
The ridicule of contemporaries, and the thousand other things,
Doth make us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of ?
Thus reflection does make cowards of us all ;
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought,
And acts to us of great pith and moment
With this regard their currents turn awry,
And lose the name of action.

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* With apologies to William Shakespeare, Esq., deceased.