

we might call random acts of kindness.

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### 1.3 Charles Lamb's All fool's day

"All Fools Day" is an essay written in a light - hearted mood and in a humorous vein. In fact, the principal quality of this essay is its rich humour and gay abandon. Lamb here spontaneously enters the spirit of the first' of April, a day on which people try to befool one another and enjoy the fooling. After wishing many happy returns of this day to others, Lamb directs the shaft of his wit against himself by calling himself a fool, though in the same breath he wants others also to look upon themselves in the same light. The "Four quarters of the globe". Are on the side of the fraternity of fools, he humorously says.

Lamb gets into the spirit of all fools day on which all kinds of practical jokes are played by people on one another. Lamb gets into the spirit of all fool's day and wishes many happy returns of the day to every body, No body, he says, should keep away from the celebration of this festival. Every body, according to Lamb, has a touch of the fool in him "speck of the motley". He himself, says Lamb, belongs to the category of fools and would like his readers to regard themselves as having a touch. Of the fool in their composition. Here in the following lines one can see the humour.

What 1 man, we have four quarters of the globe on our side at the least computation. Fill us a cup of that sparkling gooseberry we-will drink no wise, melancholy, politic port on this day - and let us troll the catch of Amiens - due ad me - due ad me - how goes it? Here shall he see Gross fools as he Now would I give a trifle to know, historically and authentically, who was the greatest fool that ever lived. I would certainly give him a bumper Marry, of the present breed, 1 think I could without much difficulty name you the party.

The meaning of these lines is that the majority of the people in this world have something of the fool in their make-up. Lamb invites every dy to share the goose berry wine with him and to sing the song of folly that Amiens sings in Shakespeare's play. He would like to know who was the greatest fool that ever lived and would like to drink a toast to that man.

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### 1.4 Oliver Goldsmith's National Prejudice

Oliver Goldsmith (10 November 1728 – 4 April 1774) was an Irish novelist, playwright and poet, who is best known for his novel *The Vicar of Wakefield* (1766), his pastoral poem *The Deserted Village* (1770), and his plays *The Good-Natur'd Man* (1768) and *She Stoops to Conquer* (1771, first performed in 1773). He is thought to have written