

Jaques: A fool, a fool! I met a fool i' th' forest,
A motley fool...
And then he drew a dial from his poke [pocket],
And looking on it with lack-lustre eye
Says very wisely 'It is ten o'clock.'
'Thus may we see', quoth he, 'how the world wags...'

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Starter: how did people tell the time in
Shakespeare's day?



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