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*It is the cause, it is the cause, my
soul,—*

*Let me not name it to you, you chaste
stars!—*

*It is the cause.—Yet I'll not shed her blood;
Nor scar that whiter skin of hers than snow,
And smooth as monumental alabaster.
Yet she must die, else she'll betray more
men.*

*Put out the light, and then put out the light:
If I quench thee, thou flaming minister,
I can again thy former light restore,
Should I repent me:—but once put out thy light,
Thou cunning'st pattern of excelling nature,
I know not where is that Promethean heat
That can thy light relume. When I have
pluck'd thy rose,
I cannot give it vital growth again,
It needs must wither:—I'll smell it on the
tree.—*

*O balmy breath, that dost almost persuade
Justice to break her sword!—One more, one
more.—*

*Be thus when thou art dead, and I will kill thee,
And love thee after.—One more, and that's
the last:*

*So sweet was ne'er so fatal. I must weep,
But they are cruel tears: this sorrow's heavenly;
It strikes where it doth love.*

Othello, Act V, Scene II

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