TEI By Example

TEI by Example. Module 7

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The following example is a critical edition of Emily Dickinson's poem *Faith is a Fine Invention*, encoded and made available by the University of Maryland University Libraries.

In this example, 7 different versions of a 4-line poem are encoded using the parallel segmentation method. Each apparatus entry (<app>) contains different <rdg> elements documenting the variants occurring in the different text versions. Note how the choice for equal <rdg> elements (instead of one ‘preferred’ reading, encoded in a <lem> element), and the use of the parallel segmentation method abolish the notion of a base text.

The location of the <listWit> element as part of the TEI header's <sourceDesc> section implies that this electronic edition has been created from scratch. Each witness definition inside <witness> marks its corresponding sigil in an @xml:id attribute; an alternative identifier is provided in the @n attribute. For three of the text witnesses (A660, CP, and LL) digital facsimiles are provided in the edition, and linked to the corresponding witness definitions with the global @facs attribute.

**Crosslink**

See [TBE Module 6: Primary Sources -- 3.2. Facsimiles](#) for a discussion of the @facs attribute.
  <teiHeader>
    <fileDesc>
      <titleStmt>
        <title>“Faith is a fine invention”</title>
        <author>by Emily Dickinson</author>
      </titleStmt>
      <respStmt>
        <name>Jarom McDonald</name>
        <resp>Text encoding</resp>
      </respStmt>
      <respStmt>
        <name>Lara Vetter</name>
        <resp>Proofing</resp>
      </respStmt>
    </fileDesc>
    <publicationStmt>
      <availability>
        <p>This poem is available only for demonstration purposes. It was created as part of a research project to experiment with ways of displaying multiple witnesses of a TEI-encoded poem using XML, XSLT and JavaScript.</p>
      </availability>
    </publicationStmt>
    <sourceDesc>
      <listWit>
        <witness xml:id="A660" n="va660" facs="images/p1891.jpg">A 660, verse embedded in letter to Samuel Bowles.</witness>
        <witness xml:id="H201" n="vh201">H 201, fascicle version of poem.</witness>
        <witness xml:id="H72" n="vh72">H 72, fascicle version of poem.</witness>
        <witness xml:id="P1891" n="vp1891">Published as poem XXX in the second volume of Todd and Higginson's <title rend="italic">Poems of Emily Dickinson</title>.</witness>
        <witness xml:id="CP" n="vcp32" facs="images/cp32.jpg">Published as poem LVI in Martha Dickinson Bianchi's <title rend="italic">Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson</title>.</witness>
        <witness xml:id="LL" n="vll227" facs="images/ll227.jpg">Letter to Samuel Bowles published in Bianchi's <title rend="italic">The Life and Letters of Emily Dickinson</title>.</witness>
      </listWit>
    </sourceDesc>
  </teiHeader>
</TEI>

FAITH

is a fine invention.

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1 Based on a TEI P4 XML encoding of Dickinson, Emily, *Faith is a Fine Invention*. Encoded and made available by the University of Maryland University Libraries, as sample for the Versioning Machine. Available online at http://v-machine.org/samples/faith.xml