In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content:

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Robin Hood of England. "You don't need books in the forest and don't have to go to church, there being books in brooks," Russell Fraser, author of fifteen books and more than one hundred articles, is Austin Warren Professor of English Literature and Language at the University of Michigan. Comparing sermons in stones, "and good in everything." Back in society, men and women learn corruption. In the country, "exempt from public haunt," things go better. That is the Arcadian tradition and many take it for true. How Shakespeare took it distinguishes his play. Though the Court, our first venue, is corrupt and then some, quitting it we go from "the smoke to the smoker," no difference. Shakespeare's young ladies are innocent of this, going, they think, to liberty, not banishment. But a winter wind blows through Shakespeare's forest, the bitter sky freezes, and even in Arcadia Death has dominion. Time, ticking inexorably, is his accomplice. Travelers in this uncouth desert faint with hunger. No one goes to church there, not a good thing. Beneath melancholy foliage, wild animals lurk, and it wouldn't be Paradise without the serpent. "When I was at home," says one of Shakespeare's emigres, "I was in a better place." Dealing in absolutes, the Arcadian tradition says that God made the country, man made the town, disgraced with his tyrannies. But the country knows oppression too, personated by an absentee landlord. (This close-fisted man isn't heard from in Rosalind.) If the Golden Age is what you're looking for, Lodge's nice old shepherd tells them, choose the life of shepherds. But Shakespeare won't let us choose, and his town vs. country set off is fleshed out "in respect of" particular things. The shepherd's life is solitary, meriting praise, also lonely, deserving censure. Life in the country pleases but grows tedious, not being in court. This life is frugal, so far so good, "but as there is no more plenty in it, it goes much against my stomach." These tests or "touchstones" Shakespeare's clown applies, cancelling each other, discovering that absolutes aren't for us. As Shakespeare's pastoral ends, all except his two malcontents leave the enclosed garden and rejoin "the full stream of the world." Romantic storytellers prefer a different resolution, and having got the hero through our vale of tears, dismiss him to happiness in "a nook merely monastic." But Shakespeare's good duke observes that men are "compact of jars," that is, made up of discords. If they grow "musical," harmonious through and through, discord in the spheres is sure to follow. Jaques, a gloomy philosopher, is the man in question, but plot and old cosmologies suggest that this concord-discord equation isn't peculiar to him. On Shakespeare's old-fashioned view, the music of the spheres depends on their colliding. In Elysium, however, Russell Fraser all things are at peace and...
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