

## Degrees

Grandfather had a degree in English  
Which he used to teach  
Sonnets and soliloquies  
To unsuspecting young men  
And women who wanted  
Degrees in English;  
He died of a broken heart  
When grandmother whom  
He kept under lock and key  
To his bosom and other things,  
Died. Mother keeps his degree  
And a picture of him posing with it  
Along with his death certificate  
In a locker with her trinkets.  
She has a degree in Math.

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