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Dear Sir:

Are you just testing your readers to ascertain how many out there are literate enough to catch your mistake in identifying the comment of Cassius to Brutus about the stars as part of (presumably) Antony's funeral oration which every schoolboy knows? Or perhaps you were merely harkening back to your own days as a schoolboy, with satchel and shining morning face, creeping like snail unwilling to school? Or are you simply ignoring your own oft-repeated catechism to always check your sources?

I think it was Macaulay who first came up with the universal attribution ". . .as every schoolboy knows. . ." but you could look it up, (as, who was it, Casey Stengel? used to say). Punctuate that.

Sincerely,

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