

HELENA

Wherefore was I to this keen mockery born?
When at your hands did I deserve this scorn?
O, that a lady of one man refused
Should of another therefore be abused!

Exit

LYSANDER

She sees not Hermia. Hermia, sleep thou there,
And never mayst thou come Lysander near.

Exit

HERMIA *(waking)*

Lysander! What, removed? Lysander! Lord!
What, out of hearing? Gone? No sound, no word?
Alack, where are you? Speak, an if you hear:
Speak, of all loves! I swoon almost with fear.
No? then I well perceive you all not nigh.
Either death or you I'll find immediately.

Exit

UNIT 16

ACT 3

SCENE 1. The wood. TITANIA lying asleep.

Enter QUINCE, SNUG, BOTTOM, FLUTE, SNOUT, and STARVELING

BOTTOM

Are we all met?

QUINCE

Here's a marvellous convenient place
for our rehearsal. Come, sit down,
every mother's son, and rehearse your parts.
Pyramus, you begin: when you have spoken your
speech, *Enter into that brake: and so every one*
according to his cue.

Enter PUCK behind

PUCK

What hempen home-spuns have we swagg'ring here,
So near the cradle of the fairy queen?
What, a play toward. I'll be an auditor,
An actor too perhaps, if I see cause.

QUINCE

Speak, Pyramus. – Thisbe, stand forth.

BOTTOM

Thisbe, the flowers of odious savours sweet,--

QUINCE

Odours, odours.

BOTTOM

- odours savours sweet:
So hath thy breath, my dearest Thisbe dear.
But hark, a voice! Stay thou but here awhile,
And by and by I will to thee appear.

Exit

PUCK

A stranger Pyramus than e'er played here.

Exit

FLUTE

Must I speak now?

QUINCE

Ay, marry, must you; for you must understand he goes
but to see a noise that he heard, and is to come again.

FLUTE

Most radiant Pyramus, most lily-white of hue,
Of colour like the red rose on triumphant brier,
As true as truest horse that yet would never tire,
I'll meet thee, Pyramus, at Ninny's tomb.

QUINCE

'Ninus' tomb,' man! Why, you must not speak that
yet: that you answer to Pyramus. You speak all your
part at once, cues and all. Pyramus enter: your cue
is past; it is, 'never tire.'

FLUTE

O,--As true as truest horse that yet would
never tire.