

Exeunt fairies

O, how I love thee! How I dote on thee!

They sleep

UNIT 27

Enter PUCK

OBERON (*advancing*)

Welcome, good Robin.

See'st thou this sweet sight?

Her dotage now I do begin to pity.

Be thou as thou wast wont to be;

See as thou wast wont to see.

Dian's bud o'er Cupid's flower

Hath such force and blessèd power.

Now, my Titania, wake you, my sweet queen.

TITANIA

My Oberon! What visions have I seen!

Methought I was enamour'd of an ass.

OBERON

There lies your love.

TITANIA

How came these things to pass?

O, how mine eyes do loathe his visage now!

OBERON

Silence awhile.--- Robin, take off this head.---

Music, still

PUCK

Now, when thou wak'st, with thine own fool's eyes peep.

OBERON

Sound, music! Come, my queen, take hands with me,

And rock the ground whereon these sleepers be.

PUCK

Fairy king, attend, and mark:

I do hear the morning lark.

TITANIA

Come, my lord, and in our flight
 Tell me how it came this night
 That I sleeping here was found
 With these mortals on the ground.

Exeunt

UNIT 28

Horns winded within

Enter THESEUS, HIPPOLYTA, EGEUS, and train

THESEUS

But, soft! What nymphs are these?

EGEUS

My lord, this is my daughter here asleep,
 And this, Lysander; this Demetrius is,
 This Helena, old Nedar's Helena.
 I wonder of their being here together.

THESEUS

Go, bid the huntsmen wake them with their horns.
 Horns and shout within. LYSANDER, DEMETRIUS, HELENA, and HERMIA wake and start up
 Good morrow, friends. Saint Valentine is past.
 Begin these woodbirds but to couple now?

LYSANDER

Pardon, my lord.

THESEUS

I pray you all stand up.
 I know you two are rival enemies.
 How comes this gentle concord in the world,
 That hatred is so far from jealousy,
 To sleep by hate and fear no enmity?

LYSANDER

My lord, I shall reply amazedly,
 Half sleep, half waking. But as yet, I swear,
 I cannot truly say how I came here.

EGEUS

I beg the law, the law, upon his head.----
 They would have stolen away, they would, Demetrius,
 Thereby to have defeated you and me:
 You of your wife and me of my consent,
 Of my consent that she should be your wife.