

## **SHAKESPEARENCE!**

*Midsummer Night's Dream*

*Oberon & Titania*

### **OBERON**

Ill met by moonlight, proud Titania.

### **TITANIA**

What, jealous Oberon! Fairies, skip hence:  
I have forsworn his bed and company.

### **OBERON**

Tarry, rash wanton: am not I thy lord?

### **TITANIA**

Then I must be thy lady:  
Forsooth, the bouncing Amazon, and your warrior love,  
To Theseus must be wedded, and you come  
To give their bed joy and prosperity?

### **OBERON**

How canst thou thus for shame, Titania,  
Knowing I know thy love to Theseus?

### **TITANIA**

These are the forgeries of jealousy:  
And never, since the middle summer's spring,  
Met we on hill, in dale, forest or mead,  
By paved fountain or by rushy brook,  
Or in the beached margent of the sea,  
To dance our ringlets to the whistling wind,  
But with thy brawls thou hast disturb'd our sport.

**OBERON**

Do you amend it then; it lies in you:  
Why should Titania cross her Oberon?  
I do but beg a little changeling boy, to be my henchman.

**TITANIA**

Set your heart at rest:  
The fairy land buys not the child of me.  
His mother was a votress of my order:  
But she, being mortal, of that boy did die;  
And for her sake do I rear up her boy,  
And for her sake I will not part with him.

**OBERON**

How long within this wood intend you stay?

**TITANIA**

Perchance till after Theseus' wedding-day.  
If you will patiently see our moonlight revels, go with us...

**OBERON**

Give me that boy, and I will go with thee.

**TITANIA**

Not for thy fairy kingdom! Fairies, away!  
We shall chide downright, if I longer stay.

*[Exit TITANIA with her train]*

**OBERON**

Well, go thy way: thou shalt not from this grove  
Till I torment thee for this injury.

