

# **SHAKESPEARENCE!**

## *Midsummer Night's Dream*

### Act II, Scene 1: *Helena & Demetrius*

#### **DEMETRIUS**

I love thee not, therefore pursue me not. Where is Lysander and fair Hermia? Hence! Get thee gone, and follow me no more.

#### **HELENA**

You draw me, you hard-hearted adamant;  
But yet you draw not iron, for my heart is true as steel:

#### **DEMETRIUS**

Do I entice you? do I speak you fair? Or, rather, do I not in plainest truth tell you, I do not, nor I cannot love you?

#### **HELENA**

And even for that do I love you the more!

#### **DEMETRIUS**

Tempt not too much the hatred of my spirit; For I am sick when I do look on thee.

#### **HELENA**

And I am sick when I look not on you.

#### **DEMETRIUS**

I'll run from thee and hide me in the brakes, and leave thee to the mercy of wild beasts.

#### **HELENA**

The wildest hath not such a heart as you.

*[she grabs him/his ankles or hand]*

**DEMETRIUS**

I will not stay thy questions; let me go!  
Or, if thou follow me, do not believe but I shall do thee mischief in the  
wood.

**HELENA**

Ay, in the temple, in the town, the field,  
You do me mischief. Fie, Demetrius!

*[Exit DEMETRIUS]*

I'll follow thee and make a heaven of hell,  
To die upon the hand I love so well.

*[Exit]*