

SHAKESPEARIENCE!

Midsummer Night's Dream

Act V, Scene 1: Puck Soliloquy

At the end of the play, Puck steps out of the action to talk to the audience.

If we shadows have offended, think but this, and all is mended,
That you have but slumber'd here,
While these visions did appear.

And this weak and idle theme, no more yielding but a DREAM...

Gentles, do not reprehend:

If you pardon, we will mend:

And, as I am an honest Puck, If we have unearned luck

Now to scape the serpent's tongue,

We will make amends ere long;

Else the Puck a liar call: So, good night unto you all!

Give me your hands, if we be friends,

And Robin shall restore amends.