

APPENDICES

SYNOPSIS OF A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Theseus, Duke of Athens, is preparing his wedding with Hippolyta. Their wedding is interrupted by Egeus, begging help of Theseus. Hermia, his daughter; is in love with young Lysander, and wants to marry him. Egeus wants to marry her to Demetrius, who is in love with Hermia but Hermia's friend, Helena, is in love with Demetrius. Egeus forces Hermia to accept Demetrius, so Lysander and Hermia decide to run away together into the woods.

They reveal their plan to the heart-broken Helena in an attempt to console her. Helena decides to inform Demetrius about this plan, for she is certain that he will reward her for the information. She hopes that Demetrius will pursue the lovers and decides to follow him to the woods.

In the woods outside Athens where the fairies live, Oberon and Titania quarrel about the little boy whom both claimed as a follower. Because of their fighting, the weather has been upset and the crops have failed. When Titania leaves, Oberon sends Puck for a magic flower. When its juice is put on the eyes of a sleeping person, it will make that person fall in love with the first living creature that is seen. Oberon plans to bewitch Titania in this way.

While Oberon is waiting for Puck to return with the flower, he sees Helena who is very heart-broken. Oberon decides to help her. He tells Puck to go and find the Athenian youth with a lady and anoints his eyes with the juice of the flower.

Puck makes mistakes; the lovers become messed up. The lovers fight one another. When Oberon realizes that Puck has made a mistake, he orders him to remove all spells. Puck applies a remedy, so that when the lovers wake up, they will love each other as before.

The next morning, Theseus and Hippolyta enter with Egeus, they wake up early to celebrate May Day. The lovers wake up, Lysander in love with Hermia and Demetrius with Helena. After Theseus finds them, he decides that those lovers shall all be married on his own wedding day. Later, Theseus and Hippolyta, Lysander and Hermia, and Demetrius and Helena return to the palace for a triple wedding and they live happily ever after.

BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

William Shakespeare was born on 23rd of April, 1564 in Stratford-on-Avon, a small town outside London. His parents were Mary Arden and John Shakespeare. He was educated at the King's Free School of Stratford, where he studied the Bible and Latin. Shakespeare was withdrawn from school due to his family's financial difficulties, and he never completed his education. In 1582, Shakespeare married an older woman, Anne Hathaway, at the age of 18, and he began to find writing poetry as a profession to support his family. They had three children: Susanna and the twins: Judith and Hamnet.

In 1590, Shakespeare left his family behind and traveled to London to work as an actor and a playwright. He eventually became the most popular playwright in England and part-owner of the Globe Theatre. Queen Elizabeth I really admired Shakespeare's works.

Shakespeare wrote his works probably from 1590 to 1612. He wrote 154 sonnets, 2 narrative poems, and 36 plays. His masterpieces on the tragedies were Hamlet, Othello, Macbeth, Anthony and Cleopatra, and King Lear. Shakespeare also created masterpieces on comedies, such as A Midsummer Night's Dream, As You Like It, The Merchant of Venice, and Much Ado About Nothing. Most of his works are considered to be of great literary value.

Shakespeare died on April 23rd, 1616. He was buried in the chancel of Holy Trinity Church.