

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? 65

TITANIA
 Then I must be thy lady. Why art thou here, 70
 Come from the farthest steep of India,
 But that, forsooth, the bouncing Amazon,
 Your buskined mistress and your warrior love,
 To Theseus must be wedded, and you come
 To give their bed joy and prosperity? 75

OBERON
 How canst thou thus for shame, Titania,
 Glance at my credit with Hippolyta,
 Knowing I know thy love to Theseus?

TITANIA
 These are the forgeries of jealousy;
 And never, since the middle summer's spring, 85
 Met we on hill, in dale, forest, or mead,
 To dance our ringlets to the whistling wind,
 But with thy brawls thou hast disturbed our sport. 90
 Therefore the winds, piping to us in vain,
 As in revenge have sucked up from the sea
 Contagious fogs, which, falling in the land,
 Hath every pelting river made so proud
 That they have overborne their continents. 95
 And this same progeny of evils comes
 From our debate, from our dissension;
 We are their parents and original. 120

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: 125
 The Fairyland buys not the child of me.
 His mother was a vot'ress of my order,
 But she, being mortal, of that boy did die, 140
 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 dance in our round 145
 And see our moonlight revels, go with us.
 If not, shun me, and I will spare your haunts.

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. 150

OBERON
 Well, go thy way. Thou shalt not from this grove
 Till I torment thee for this injury.—

Titania and her fairies exit.