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The Tempest

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Act I. Scene I.

On a Ship at Sea. A tempestuous noise of thunder and lightning heard.

Enter a Shipmaster and a Boatswain severally.

Mast. Boatswain!

Boats. Here, master: what cheer? 4

Mast. Good, speak to the mariners: fall to't yarely, or we run ourselves aground: bestir, bestir. [*Exit.*]

Enter Mariners.

Boats. Heigh, my hearts! cheerly, cheerly, my hearts! yare, yare! Take in the topsail. Tend to the master's whistle.—Blow, till thou burst thy wind, if room enough!

Enter ALONSO, SEBASTIAN, ANTONIO, FERDINAND, GONZALO, and others. 8

Alon. Good boatswain, have care. Where's the master? Play the men.

Boats. I pray now, keep below.

Ant. Where is the master, boson?

Boats. Do you not hear him? You mar our labour, keep your cabins: you do assist the storm. 12

Gon. Nay, good, be patient.

Boats. When the sea is. Hence! What cares these roarers for the name of king? To cabin: silence! trouble us not.

Gon. Good, yet remember whom thou hast aboard.

Boats. None that I more love than myself. You are a counsellor: if you can command these elements to silence, and work the peace of the present, we will not hand a rope more; use your authority: if you cannot, give thanks you have lived so long, and make yourself ready in your cabin for the mischance of the hour, if it so hap.—Cheerly, good hearts!—Out of our way, I say. [*Exit.*] 16

Gon. I have great comfort from this fellow: methinks he hath no drowning mark upon him; his complexion is perfect gallows. Stand fast, good Fate, to his hanging! make the rope of his destiny our cable, for our own doth little advantage! If he be not born to be hanged, our case is miserable. [*Exeunt.*]

Re-enter Boatswain.

Boats. Down with the topmast! yare! lower, lower! Bring her to try with main-course. [*A cry within.*] A plague upon this howling! they are louder than the weather, or our office.—

Re-enter SEBASTIAN, ANTONIO, and GONZALO. 20

Yet again? what do you here? Shall we give o'er, and drown? Have you a mind to sink?

Seb. A pox o' your throat, you bawling, blasphemous, incharitable dog!

Boats. Work you, then.

Ant. Hang, cur, hang! you whoreson, insolent noisemaker, we are less afraid to be drowned than thou art. 24

Gon. I'll warrant him for drowning; though the ship were no stronger than a nutshell, and as leaky as an unstanch'd wench.

Boats. Lay her a-hold, a-hold! Set her two courses; off to sea again; lay her off.

Enter Mariners, wet.

Mar. All lost! to prayers, to prayers! all lost! [*Exeunt.*] 28

Boats. What, must our mouths be cold?

Gon. The king and prince at prayers! let us assist them,
For our case is as theirs.

Seb. I am out of patience. 32

Ant. We are merely cheated of our lives by drunkards.—
This wide-chapp'd rascal,—would thou might'st lie drowning,
The washing of ten tides!

Gon. He'll be hang'd yet, 36
Though every drop of water swear against it,
And gape at wid'st to glut him.

[*A confused noise within,—*'Mercy on us!'—

'We split, we split!'—'Farewell, my wife and children!'— 40

'Farewell, brother!'—'We split, we split, we split!'—]

Ant. Let's all sink wi' the king. [*Exit.*

Seb. Let's take leave of him. [*Exit.*

Gon. Now would I give a thousand furlongs of sea for an acre of barren ground; long heath, 44
brown furze, any thing. The wills above be done! but I would fain die a dry death. [*Exit.*

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Act I. Scene 2.

The Island: before the Cell of PROSPERO.

Enter PROSPERO and MIRANDA.

Miro. If by your art, my dearest father, you have
Put the wild waters in this roar, allay them. 4
The sky, it seems, would pour down stinking pitch,
But that the sea, mounting to th' welkin's cheek,
Dashes the fire out. O! I have suffer'd
With those that I saw suffer: a brave vessel, 8
Who had, no doubt, some noble creatures in her,
Dash'd all to pieces. O! the cry did knock
Against my very heart. Poor souls, they perish'd.
Had I been any god of power, I would 12
Have sunk the sea within the earth, or e'er
It should the good ship so have swallow'd and
The fraughting souls within her.
Pro. Be collected: 16
No more amazement. Tell your piteous heart
There's no harm done.
Mira. O, woe the day!
Pro. No harm. 20
I have done nothing but in care of thee,—
Of thee, my dear one! thee, my daughter!—who
Art ignorant of what thou art, nought knowing
Of whence I am: nor that I am more better 24
Than Prospero, master of a full poor cell,
And thy no greater father.
Mira. More to know
Did never meddle with my thoughts. 28
Pro. 'Tis time

I should inform thee further. Lend thy hand,
And pluck my magic garment from me.—So: [*Lays down his mantle.*
Lie there, my art.—Wipe thou thine eyes; have comfort. 32
The direful spectacle of the wrack, which touch'd
The very virtue of compassion in thee,
I have with such provision in mine art
So safely order'd, that there is no soul— 36
No, not so much perdition as an hair,
Betid to any creature in the vessel
Which thou heard'st cry, which thou saw'st sink. Sit down;
For thou must now know further. 40
Mira. You have often
Begun to tell me what I am, but stopp'd,
And left me to a bootless inquisition,
Concluding, 'Stay; not yet.' 44
Pro. The hour's now come,
The very minute bids thee ope thine ear;
Obey and be attentive. Canst thou remember
A time before we came unto this cell? 48
I do not think thou canst, for then thou wast not
Out three years old.
Mira. Certainly, sir, I can.
Pro. By what? by any other house or person? 52
Of anything the image tell me, that
Hath kept with thy remembrance.
Mira. 'Tis far off;
And rather like a dream than an assurance 56
That my remembrance warrants. Had I not
Four or five women once that tended me?
Pro. Thou hadst, and more, Miranda. But how is it
That this lives in thy mind? What seest thou else 60
In the dark backward and abysm of time?

If thou remember'st aught ere thou cam'st here,
How thou cam'st here, thou may'st.

Mira. But that I do not.

64

Pro. Twelve year since, Miranda, twelve year since,
Thy father was the Duke of Milan and
A prince of power.

Mira. Sir, are not you my father?

68

Pro. Thy mother was a piece of virtue, and
She said thou wast my daughter; and thy father
Was Duke of Milan, and his only heir
A princess,—no worse issued.

72

Mira. O, the heavens!

What foul play had we that we came from thence?
Or blessed was't we did?

Pro. Both, both, my girl:

76

By foul play, as thou say'st, were we heav'd thence;
But blessedly holp hither.

Mira. O! my heart bleeds

To think o' the teen that I have turn'd you to,
Which is from my remembrance. Please you, further.

80

Pro. My brother and thy uncle, call'd Antonio,—

I pray thee, mark me,—that a brother should
Be so perfidious!—he whom next thyself,

84

Of all the world I lov'd, and to him put
The manage of my state; as at that time,
Through all the signiories it was the first,

And Prospero the prime duke; being so reputed
In dignity, and for the liberal arts,

88

Without a parallel: those being all my study,
The government I cast upon my brother,

And to my state grew stranger, being transported
And rapt in secret studies. Thy false uncle—

92

Dost thou attend me?

Mira. Sir, most heedfully.

Pro. Being once perfected how to grant suits, 96
How to deny them, who t'advance, and who
To trash for over-topping; new created
The creatures that were mine, I say, or chang'd 'em,
Or else new form'd 'em: having both the key 100
Of officer and office, set all hearts i' the state
To what tune pleas'd his ear; that now he was
The ivy which had hid my princely trunk,
And suck'd my verdure out on't.—Thou attend'st not. 104

Mira. O, good sir! I do.

Pro. I pray thee, mark me.
I, thus neglecting worldly ends, all dedicated 108
To closeness and the bettering of my mind
With that, which, but by being so retir'd,
O'erpriz'd all popular rate, in my false brother
Awak'd an evil nature; and my trust,
Like a good parent, did beget of him 112
A falsehood in its contrary as great
As my trust was; which had, indeed no limit,
A confidence sans bound. He being thus lorded,
Not only with what my revenue yielded, 116
But what my power might else exact,—like one,
Who having, into truth, by telling of it,
Made such a sinner of his memory,
To credit his own lie,—he did believe 120
He was indeed the duke; out o' the substitution,
And executing th' outward face of royalty,
With all prerogative:—Hence his ambition growing,—
Dost thou hear? 124

Mira. Your tale, sir, would cure deafness.

Pro. To have no screen between this part he play'd
And him he play'd it for, he needs will be
Absolute Milan. Me, poor man,—my library 128
Was dukedom large enough: of temporal royalties
He thinks me now incapable; confederates,—
So dry he was for sway,—wi' the king of Naples
To give him annual tribute, do him homage; 132
Subject his coronet to his crown, and bend
The dukedom, yet unbow'd,—alas, poor Milan!—
To most ignoble stooping.

Mira. O the heavens! 136

Pro. Mark his condition and the event; then tell me
If this might be a brother.

Mira. I should sin
To think but nobly of my grandmother: 140
Good wombs have borne bad sons.

Pro. Now the condition.
This King of Naples, being an enemy
To me inveterate, hearkens my brother's suit; 144
Which was, that he, in lieu o' the premises
Of homage and I know not how much tribute,
Should presently extirpate me and mine
Out of the dukedom, and confer fair Milan, 148
With all the honours on my brother: whereon,
A treacherous army levied, one midnight
Fated to the purpose did Antonio open
The gates of Milan; and, i' the dead of darkness, 152
The ministers for the purpose hurried thence
Me and thy crying self.

Mira. Alack, for pity!
I, not rememb'ring how I cried out then, 156
Will cry it o'er again: it is a hint,

That wrings mine eyes to 't.

Pro. Hear a little further,

And then I'll bring thee to the present business

160

Which now's upon us; without the which this story

Were most impertinent.

Mira. Wherefore did they not

That hour destroy us?

164

Pro. Well demanded, wench:

My tale provokes that question. Dear, they durst not,

So dear the love my people bore me, nor set

A mark so bloody on the business; but

168

With colours fairer painted their foul ends.

In few, they hurried us aboard a bark,

Bore us some leagues to sea; where they prepar'd

A rotten carcass of a boat, not rigg'd,

172

Nor tackle, sail, nor mast; the very rats

Instinctively have quit it: there they hoist us,

To cry to the sea that roar'd to us; to sigh

To the winds whose pity, sighing back again,

176

Did us but loving wrong.

Mira. Alack! what trouble

Was I then to you!

Pro. O, a cherubin

180

Thou wast, that did preserve me! Thou didst smile,

Infused with a fortitude from heaven,

When I have deck'd the sea with drops full salt,

Under my burden groan'd; which rais'd in me

184

An undergoing stomach, to bear up

Against what should ensue.

Mira. How came we ashore?

Pro. By Providence divine.

188

Some food we had and some fresh water that

A noble Neapolitan, Gonzalo,
Out of his charity,—who being then appointed
Master of this design,—did give us; with 192
Rich garments, linens, stuffs, and necessaries,
Which since have steaded much; so, of his gentleness,
Knowing I lov'd my books, he furnish'd me,
From mine own library with volumes that 196
I prize above my dukedom.
Mira. Would I might
But ever see that man!
Pro. Now I arise:— [*Resumes his mantle.* 200
Sit still, and hear the last of our sea-sorrow.
Here in this island we arriv'd; and here
Have I, thy schoolmaster, made thee more profit
Than other princes can, that have more time 204
For vainer hours and tutors not so careful.
Mira. Heavens thank you for't! And now, I pray you, sir,—
For still 'tis beating in my mind,—your reason
For raising this sea-storm? 208
Pro. Know thus far forth.
By accident most strange, bountiful Fortune,
Now my dear lady, hath mine enemies
Brought to this shore; and by my prescience 212
I find my zenith doth depend upon
A most auspicious star, whose influence
If now I court not but omit, my fortunes
Will ever after droop. Here cease more questions; 216
Thou art inclin'd to sleep; 'tis a good dulness,
And give it way;—I know thou canst not choose.— [*MIRANDA sleeps.*
Come away, servant, come! I'm ready now.
Approach, my Ariel; come! 220

Enter ARIEL.

Ari. All hail, great master! grave sir, hail! I come
To answer thy best pleasure; be't to fly,
To swim, to dive into the fire, to ride 224
On the curl'd clouds: to thy strong bidding task
Ariel and all his quality.

Pro. Hast thou, spirit,
Perform'd to point the tempest that I bade thee? 228

Ari. To every article.
I boarded the king's ship; now on the beak,
Now in the waist, the deck, in every cabin,
I flam'd amazement: sometime I'd divide 232
And burn in many places; on the topmast,
The yards, and boresprit, would I flame distinctly,
Then meet, and join: Jove's lightnings, the precursors
O' the dreadful thunder-claps, more momentary 236
And sight-outrunning were not: the fire and cracks
Of sulphurous roaring the most mighty Neptune
Seem to besiege and make his bold waves tremble,
Yea, his dread trident shake. 240

Pro. My brave spirit!
Who was so firm, so constant, that this coil
Would not infect his reason? 244

Ari. Not a soul 244
But felt a fever of the mad and play'd
Some tricks of desperation. All but mariners,
Plunged in the foaming brine and quit the vessel,
Then all a-fire with me: the king's son, Ferdinand, 248
With hair up-staring,—then like reeds, not hair,—
Was the first man that leap'd; cried, 'Hell is empty,
And all the devils are here.'

Pro. Why, that's my spirit! 252

But was not this nigh shore?

Ari. Close by, my master.

Pro. But are they, Ariel, safe?

Ari. Not a hair perish'd; 256

On their sustaining garments not a blemish,

But fresher than before: and, as thou bad'st me,

In troops I have dispers'd them 'bout the isle.

The king's son have I landed by himself; 260

Whom I left cooling of the air with sighs

In an odd angle of the isle and sitting,

His arms in this sad knot.

Pro. Of the king's ship 264

The mariners, say how thou hast dispos'd,

And all the rest o' the fleet.

Ari. Safely in harbour

Is the king's ship; in the deep nook, where once 268

Thou call'dst me up at midnight to fetch dew

From the still-vex'd Bermoothes; there she's hid:

The mariners all under hatches stow'd;

Who, with a charm join'd to their suffer'd labour, 272

I have left asleep: and for the rest o' the fleet

Which I dispers'd, they all have met again,

And are upon the Mediterranean flote,

Bound sadly home for Naples, 276

Supposing that they saw the king's ship wrack'd,

And his great person perish.

Pro. Ariel, thy charge

Exactly is perform'd: but there's more work: 280

What is the time o' th' day?

Ari. Past the mid season.

Pro. At least two glasses. The time 'twixt six and now

Must by us both be spent most preciouslly. 284

Ari. Is there more toil? Since thou dost give me pains,
Let me remember thee what thou hast promis'd
Which is not yet perform'd me.

Pro. How now! moody? 288

What is 't thou canst demand?

Ari. My liberty.

Pro. Before the time be out? no more!

Ari. I prithee 292

Remember, I have done thee worthy service;

Told thee no lies, made no mistakings, serv'd

Without or grudge or grumblings: thou didst promise

To bate me a full year. 296

Pro. Dost thou forget

From what a torment I did free thee?

Ari. No.

Pro. Thou dost; and think'st it much to tread the ooze 300

Of the salt deep,

To run upon the sharp wind of the north,

To do me business in the veins o' th' earth

When it is bak'd with frost. 304

Ari. I do not, sir.

Pro. Thou liest, malignant thing! Hast thou forgot

The foul witch Sycorax, who with age and envy

Was grown into a hoop? hast thou forgot her? 308

Ari. No, sir.

Pro. Thou hast. Where was she born? speak; tell me.

Ari. Sir, in Argier.

Pro. O! was she so? I must, 312

Once in a month, recount what thou hast been,

Which thou forget'st. This damn'd witch, Sycorax,

For mischiefs manifold and sorceries terrible

To enter human hearing, from Argier, 316
Thou know'st, was banish'd: for one thing she did
They would not take her life. Is not this true?

Ari. Ay, sir.

Pro. This blue-ey'd hag was hither brought with child 320
And here was left by the sailors. Thou, my slave,
As thou report'st thyself, wast then her servant:

And, for thou wast a spirit too delicate
To act her earthy and abhorr'd commands, 324
Refusing her grand hests, she did confine thee,

By help of her more potent ministers,
And in her most unmitigable rage,
Into a cloven pine; within which rift 328

Imprison'd, thou didst painfully remain
A dozen years; within which space she died
And left thee there, where thou didst vent thy groans

As fast as mill-wheels strike. Then was this island,— 332
Save for the son that she did litter here,
A freckled whelp hag-born,—not honour'd with

A human shape.
Ari. Yes; Caliban her son. 336

Pro. Dull thing, I say so; he that Caliban,
Whom now I keep in service. Thou best know'st
What torment I did find thee in; thy groans

Did make wolves howl and penetrate the breasts 340
Of ever-angry bears: it was a torment
To lay upon the damn'd, which Sycorax

Could not again undo; it was mine art,
When I arriv'd and heard thee, that made gape 344
The pine, and let thee out.

Ari. I thank thee, master.

Pro. If thou more murmur'st, I will rend an oak

And peg thee in his knotty entrails till 348
Thou hast howl'd away twelve winters.
Ari. Pardon, master;
I will be correspondent to command,
And do my spiriting gently. 352
Pro. Do so; and after two days
I will discharge thee.
Ari. That's my noble master!
What shall I do? say what? what shall I do? 356
Pro. Go make thyself like a nymph of the sea: be subject
To no sight but thine and mine; invisible
To every eyeball else. Go, take this shape,
And hither come in't: go, hence with diligence! [*Exit ARIEL.* 360
Awake, dear heart, awake! thou hast slept well;
Awake!
Mira. [*Waking.*] The strangeness of your story put
Heaviness in me. 364
Pro. Shake it off. Come on;
We'll visit Caliban my slave, who never
Yields us kind answer.
Mira. 'Tis a villain, sir, 368
I do not love to look on.
Pro. But, as 'tis,
We cannot miss him: he does make our fire,
Fetch in our wood; and serves in offices 372
That profit us.—What ho! slave! Caliban!
Thou earth, thou! speak.
Cal. [*Within.*] There's wood enough within.
Pro. Come forth, I say; there's other business for thee: 376
Come, thou tortoise! when?

Re-enter ARIEL, *like a water-nymph*.

Fine apparition! My quaint Ariel,

Hark in thine ear.

380

Ari. My lord, it shall be done. [*Exit*.

Pro. Thou poisonous slave, got by the devil himself
Upon thy wicked dam, come forth!

Enter CALIBAN.

384

Cal. As wicked dew as e'er my mother brush'd
With raven's feather from unwholesome fen
Drop on you both! a south-west blow on ye,
And blister you all o'er!

388

Pro. For this, be sure, to-night thou shalt have cramps,
Side-stitches that shall pen thy breath up; urchins
Shall forth at vast of night, that they may work
All exercise on thee: thou shalt be pinch'd
As thick as honeycomb, each pinch more stinging
Than bees that made them.

392

Cal. I must eat my dinner.
This island's mine, by Sycorax my mother,
Which thou tak'st from me. When thou camest first,
Thou strok'dst me, and mad'st much of me; wouldst give me
Water with berries in't; and teach me how
To name the bigger light, and how the less,
That burn by day and night: and then I lov'd thee
And show'd thee all the qualities o' th' isle,
The fresh springs, brine-pits, barren place, and fertile.

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400

Cursed be I that did so!—All the charms
Of Sycorax, toads, beetles, bats, light on you!
For I am all the subjects that you have,
Which first was mine own king; and here you sty me
In this hard rock, whiles you do keep from me

404

408

The rest o' th' island.

Pro. Thou most lying slave,

Whom stripes may move, not kindness! I have us'd thee,

Filth as thou art, with human care; and lodg'd thee

412

In mine own cell, till thou didst seek to violate

The honour of my child.

Cal. Oh ho! Oh ho!—would it had been done!

Thou didst prevent me; I had peopled else

416

This isle with Calibans.

Pro. Abhorred slave,

Which any print of goodness will not take,

Being capable of all ill! I pitied thee,

420

Took pains to make thee speak, taught thee each hour

One thing or other: when thou didst not, savage,

Know thine own meaning, but wouldst gabble like

A thing most brutish, I endow'd thy purposes

424

With words that made them known: but thy vile race,

Though thou didst learn, had that in't which good natures

Could not abide to be with; therefore wast thou

Deservedly confin'd into this rock,

428

Who hadst deserv'd more than a prison.

Cal. You taught me language; and my profit on't

Is, I know how to curse: the red plague rid you,

For learning me your language!

432

Pro. Hag-seed, hence!

Fetch us in fuel; and be quick, thou 'rt best,

To answer other business. Shrug'st thou, malice?

If thou neglect'st, or dost unwillingly

436

What I command, I'll rack thee with old cramps,

Fill all thy bones with aches; make thee roar,

That beasts shall tremble at thy din.

Cal. No, pray thee!—

440

[*Aside.*] I must obey: his art is of such power,
It would control my dam's god, Setebos,
And make a vassal of him.

Pro. So, slave; hence! [*Exit* CALIBAN.

444

Re-enter ARIEL *invisible, playing and singing; FERDINAND following.*

ARIEL'S SONG.

Come unto these yellow sands,
And then take hands:
Curtsied when you have, and kiss'd,—
The wild waves whist,—
Foot it featly here and there;
And, sweet sprites, the burden bear.
Hark, hark! [*Burden: Bow, wow, dispersedly.*
The watch-dogs bark: [*Burden: Bow, wow, dispersedly.*
Hark, hark! I hear
The strain of strutting Chanticleer [*Cry, Cock-a-diddle-dow.*

Fer. Where should this music be? i' th' air, or th' earth?

It sounds no more;—and sure, it waits upon

448

Some god o' th' island. Sitting on a bank,
Weeping again the king my father's wrack,

This music crept by me upon the waters,

Allaying both their fury, and my passion,

452

With its sweet air: thence I have follow'd it,—

Or it hath drawn me rather,—but 'tis gone.

No, it begins again.

Full fathom five thy father lies;
Of his bones are coral made:
Those are pearls that were his eyes:
Nothing of him that doth fade,
But doth suffer a sea-change
Into something rich and strange.
Sea-nymphs hourly ring his knell: [*Burden:* ding-dong.
Hark! now I hear them,—ding-dong, bell.

Fer. The ditty does remember my drown'd father.

This is no mortal business, nor no sound
That the earth owes:—I hear it now above me.

Pro. The fringed curtains of thine eye advance,
And say what thou seest yond.

460

Mira. What is't? a spirit?
Lord, how it looks about! Believe me, sir,
It carries a brave form:—but 'tis a spirit.

464

Pro. No, wench; it eats and sleeps, and hath such senses
As we have, such; this gallant which thou see'st,
Was in the wrack; and, but he's something stain'd
With grief,—that's beauty's canker,—thou might'st call him
A goodly person: he hath lost his fellows
And strays about to find 'em.

468

Mira. I might call him
A thing divine; for nothing natural
I ever saw so noble.

472

Pro. [*Aside.*] It goes on, I see,
As my soul prompts it.—Spirit, fine spirit! I'll free thee
Within two days for this.

476

Fer. Most sure, the goddess
On whom these airs attend!—Vouchsafe, my prayer
May know if you remain upon this island;
And that you will some good instruction give

480

How I may bear me here: my prime request,
Which I do last pronounce, is,—O you wonder!—
If you be maid or no?

Mira. No wonder, sir;

484

But certainly a maid.

Fer. My language! heavens!—

I am the best of them that speak this speech,
Were I but where 'tis spoken.

488

Pro. How! the best?

What wert thou, if the King of Naples heard thee?

Fer. A single thing, as I am now, that wonders

To hear thee speak of Naples. He does hear me;

492

And, that he does, I weep: myself am Naples,

Who with mine eyes,—ne'er since et ebb,—beheld

The king, my father wrack'd.

Mira. Alack, for mercy!

496

Fer. Yes, faith, and all his lords; the Duke of Milan,

And his brave son being twain.

Pro. [*Aside.*] The Duke of Milan,

And his more braver daughter could control thee,

500

If now 'twere fit to do't.—At the first sight [*Aside.*]

They have changed eyes:—delicate Ariel,

I'll set thee free for this!—[*To FER.*] A word, good sir;

I fear you have done yourself some wrong: a word.

504

Mira. [*Aside.*] Why speaks my father so ungently? This

Is the third man that e'er I saw; the first

That e'er I sigh'd for: pity move my father

To be inclin'd my way!

508

Fer. [*Aside.*] O! if a virgin,

And your affection not gone forth, I'll make you

The Queen of Naples.

Pro. Soft, sir: one word more—

512

[*Aside.*] They are both in either's powers: but this swift business

I must uneasy make, lest too light winning

Make the prize light.—[*To FER.*] One word more: I charge thee

That thou attend me. Thou dost here usurp

516

The name thou ow'st not; and hast put thyself

Upon this island as a spy, to win it

From me, the lord on't.

Fer. No, as I am a man.

520

Mira. There's nothing ill can dwell in such a temple:

If the ill spirit have so fair a house,

Good things will strive to dwell with't.

Pro. [*To FER.*] Follow me.—

524

[*To MIRA.*] Speak not you for him; he's a traitor.—[*To FER.*] Come;

I'll manacle thy neck and feet together:

Sea-water shalt thou drink; thy food shall be

The fresh-brook muscles, wither'd roots and husks

528

Wherein the acorn cradled. Follow.

Fer. No;

I will resist such entertainment till

Mine enemy has more power.

532

[*He draws, and is charmed from moving.*]

Mira. O dear father!

Make not too rash a trial of him, for

He's gentle, and not fearful.

536

Pro. What! I say,

My foot my tutor?—Put thy sword up, traitor;

Who mak'st a show, but dar'st not strike, thy conscience

Is so possess'd with guilt: come from thy ward,

540

For I can here disarm thee with this stick

And make thy weapon drop.

Mira. Beseech you, father!

Pro. Hence! hang not on my garments.

544

Mira. Sir, have pity:

I'll be his surety.

Pro. Silence! one word more

Shall make me chide thee, if not hate thee. What!

548

An advocate for an impostor? hush!

Thou think'st there is no more such shapes as he,

Having seen but him and Caliban: foolish wench!

To the most of men this is a Caliban

552

And they to him are angels.

Mira. My affections

Are then most humble; I have no ambition

To see a goodlier man.

556

Pro. [To FER.] Come on; obey:

Thy nerves are in their infancy again,

And have no vigour in them.

Fer. So they are:

560

My spirits, as in a dream, are all bound up.

My father's loss, the weakness which I feel,

The wrack of all my friends, or this man's threats,

To whom I am subdued, are but light to me,

564

Might I but through my prison once a day

Behold this maid: all corners else o' th' earth

Let liberty make use of; space enough

Have I in such a prison.

568

Pro. [Aside.] It works.—[To FER.] Come on.—

Thou hast done well, fine Ariel!—[To FER.] Follow me.—

[To ARIEL.] Hark, what thou else shalt do me.

Mira. Be of comfort;

572

My father's of a better nature, sir,

Than he appears by speech: this is unwonted,
Which now came from him.

Pro. Thou shalt be as free

576

As mountain winds; but then exactly do

All points of my command.

Ari. To the syllable.

Pro. [*To FER.*] Come, follow.—Speak not for him. [*Exeunt.*]

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Act II. Scene I.

Another Part of the Island.

Enter ALONSO, SEBASTIAN, ANTONIO, GONZALO, ADRIAN, FRANCISCO, *and others.*

Gon. Beseech you, sir, be merry: you have cause,
So have we all, of joy; for our escape 4
Is much beyond our loss. Our hint of woe
Is common: every day some sailor's wife,
The masters of some merchant and the merchant,
Have just our theme of woe; but for the miracle, 8
I mean our preservation, few in millions
Can speak like us: then wisely, good sir, weigh
Our sorrow with our comfort.

Alon. Prithee, peace. 12

Seb. He receives comfort like cold porridge.

Ant. The visitor will not give him o'er so.

Seb. Look, he's winding up the watch of his wit; by and by it will strike.

Gon. Sir,— 16

Seb. One: tell.

Gon. When every grief is entertain'd that's offer'd,
Comes to the entertainer—

Seb. A dollar. 20

Gon. Dolour comes to him, indeed: you have spoken truer than you purposed.

Seb. You have taken it wiselier than I meant you should.

Gon. Therefore, my lord,—

Ant. Fie, what a spendthrift is he of his tongue! 24

Alon. I prithee, spare.

Gon. Well, I have done: but yet—

Seb. He will be talking.

Ant. Which, of he or Adrian, for a good wager, first begins to crow? 28

Seb. The old cock.

Ant. The cockerel.

Seb. Done. The wager?

Ant. A laughter.

32

Seb. A match!

Adr. Though this island seem to be desert,—

Seb. Ha, ha, ha! So you're paid.

Adr. Uninhabitable, and almost inaccessible,—

36

Seb. Yet—

Adr. Yet—

Ant. He could not miss it.

Adr. It must needs be of subtle, tender, and delicate temperance.

40

Ant. Temperance was a delicate wench.

Seb. Ay, and a subtle; as he most learnedly delivered.

Adr. The air breathes upon us here most sweetly.

Seb. As if it had lungs, and rotten ones.

44

Ant. Or as 'twere perfumed by a fen.

Gon. Here is everything advantageous to life.

Ant. True; save means to live.

Seb. Of that there's none, or little.

48

Gon. How lush and lusty the grass looks! how green!

Ant. The ground indeed is tawny.

Seb. With an eye of green in 't.

Ant. He misses not much.

52

Seb. No; he doth but mistake the truth totally.

Gon. But the rarity of it is,—which is indeed almost beyond credit,—

Seb. As many vouch'd rarities are.

Gon. That our garments, being, as they were, drenched in the sea, hold notwithstanding their freshness and glosses; being rather new-dyed than stain'd with salt water.

56

Ant. If but one of his pockets could speak, would it not say he lies?

Seb. Ay, or very falsely pocket up his report.

Gon. Methinks, our garments are now as fresh as when we put them on first in Afric, at the marriage of the king's fair daughter Claribel to the King of Tunis.

Seb. 'Twas a sweet marriage, and we prosper well in our return. 60

Adr. Tunis was never graced before with such a paragon to their queen.

Gon. Not since widow Dido's time.

Ant. Widow! a pox o' that! How came that widow in? Widow Dido!

Seb. What if he had said, widower Æneas too? Good Lord, how you take it! 64

Adr. Widow Dido, said you? you make me study of that: she was of Carthage, not of Tunis.

Gon. This Tunis, sir, was Carthage.

Adr. Carthage?

Gon. I assure you, Carthage. 68

Ant. His word is more than the miraculous harp.

Seb. He hath rais'd the wall, and houses too.

Ant. What impossible matter will he make easy next?

Seb. I think he will carry this island home in his pocket, and give it his son for an apple. 72

Ant. And, sowing the kernels of it in the sea, bring forth more islands.

Alon. Ay?

Ant. Why, in good time.

Gon. [To ALON.] Sir, we were talking that our garments seem now as fresh as when we were at Tunis at the marriage of your daughter, who is now queen. 76

Ant. And the rarest that e'er came there.

Seb. Bate, I beseech you, widow Dido.

Ant. O! widow Dido; ay, widow Dido.

Gon. Is not, sir, my doublet as fresh as the first day I wore it? I mean, in a sort. 80

Ant. That sort was well fish'd for.

Gon. When I wore it at your daughter's marriage?

Alon. You cram these words into mine ears, against

The stomach of my sense. Would I had never 84

Married my daughter there! for, coming thence,

My son is lost; and, in my rate, she too,

Who is so far from Italy remov'd,

I ne'er again shall see her. O thou, mine heir 88

Of Naples and of Milan! what strange fish

Hath made his meal on thee?

Fran. Sir, he may live:

I saw him beat the surges under him, 92
 And ride upon their backs: he trod the water,
 Whose enmity he flung aside, and breasted
 The surge most swoln that met him: his bold head
 'Bove the contentious waves he kept, and oar'd 96
 Himself with his good arms in lusty stroke
 To the shore, that o'er his wave-worn basis bow'd,
 As stooping to relieve him. I not doubt
 He came alive to land. 100

Alon. No, no; he's gone.

Seb. Sir, you may thank yourself for this great loss,
 That would not bless our Europe with your daughter,
 But rather lose her to an African; 104
 Where she at least is banish'd from your eye,
 Who hath cause to wet the grief on't.

Alon. Prithee, peace.

Seb. You were kneel'd to and importun'd otherwise 108
 By all of us; and the fair soul herself
 Weigh'd between loathness and obedience, at
 Which end o' the beam should bow. We have lost your son,
 I fear, for ever: Milan and Naples have 112
 More widows in them of this business' making,
 Than we bring men to comfort them: the fault's
 Your own.

Alon. So is the dearest of the loss. 116

Gon. My lord Sebastian,
 The truth you speak doth lack some gentleness
 And time to speak it in; you rub the sore,
 When you should bring the plaster. 120

Seb. Very well.

Ant. And most chirurgically.

Gon. It is foul weather in us all, good sir,
When you are cloudy. 124

Seb. Foul weather?

Ant. Very foul.

Gon. Had I plantation of this isle, my lord,—

Ant. He'd sow't with nettle-seed. 128

Seb. Or docks, or mallows.

Gon. And were the king on't, what would I do?

Seb. Scape being drunk for want of wine.

Gon. I' the commonwealth I would by contraries 132
Execute all things; for no kind of traffic
Would I admit; no name of magistrate;
Letters should not be known; riches, poverty,
And use of service, none; contract, succession, 136
Bourn, bound of land, tilth, vineyard, none;
No use of metal, corn, or wine, or oil;
No occupation; all men idle, all;
And women too, but innocent and pure; 140
No sovereignty,—

Seb. Yet he would be king on't.

Ant. The latter end of his commonwealth forgets the beginning.

Gon. All things in common nature should produce 144
Without sweat or endeavour: treason, felony,
Sword, pike, knife, gun, or need of any engine,
Would I not have; but nature should bring forth,
Of its own kind, all foison, all abundance, 148
To feed my innocent people.

Seb. No marrying 'mong his subjects?

Ant. None, man; all idle; whores and knaves.

Gon. I would with such perfection govern, sir, 152
To excel the golden age.

Seb. Save his majesty!

Ant. Long live Gonzalo!

Alon. And,—do you mark me, sir?

156

Alon. Prithee, no more: thou dost talk nothing to me.

Gon. I do well believe your highness; and did it to minister occasion to these gentlemen, who are of such sensible and nimble lungs that they always use to laugh at nothing.

Ant. 'Twas you we laugh'd at.

Gon. Who in this kind of merry fooling am nothing to you; so you may continue and laugh at nothing still.

160

Ant. What a blow was there given!

Seb. An it had not fallen flat-long.

Gon. You are gentlemen of brave mettle: you would lift the moon out of her sphere, if she would continue in it five weeks without changing.

Enter ARIEL, invisible, playing solemn music.

164

Seb. We would so, and then go a-bat-fowling.

Ant. Nay, good my lord, be not angry.

Gon. No, I warrant you; I will not adventure my discretion so weakly. Will you laugh me asleep, for I am very heavy?

Ant. Go sleep, and hear us. [*All sleep but ALON., SEB., and ANT.*]

168

Alon. What! all so soon asleep! I wish mine eyes

Would, with themselves, shut up my thoughts: I find

They are inclin'd to do so.

Seb. Please you, sir,

172

Do not omit the heavy offer of it:

It seldom visits sorrow; when it doth

It is a comforter.

Ant. We two, my lord,

176

Will guard your person while you take your rest,

And watch your safety.

Alon. Thank you. Wondrous heavy. [*ALONSO sleeps. Exit ARIEL.*]

Seb. What a strange drowsiness possesses them!

180

Ant. It is the quality o' the climate.

Seb. Why

Doth it not then our eyelids sink? I find not
Myself dispos'd to sleep.

184

Ant. Nor I: my spirits are nimble.

They fell together all, as by consent;
They dropp'd, as by a thunder-stroke. What might,
Worthy Sebastian? O! what might?—No more:—

188

And yet methinks I see it in thy face,
What thou should'st be. The occasion speaks thee; and
My strong imagination sees a crown
Dropping upon thy head.

192

Seb. What! art thou waking?

Ant. Do you not hear me speak?

Seb. I do; and surely,

It is a sleepy language, and thou speak'st
Out of thy sleep. What is it thou didst say?

196

This is a strange repose, to be asleep
With eyes wide open; standing, speaking, moving,
And yet so fast asleep.

200

Ant. Noble Sebastian,

Thou let'st thy fortune sleep—die rather; wink'st
Whiles thou art waking.

Seb. Thou dost snore distinctly:

204

There's meaning in thy snores.

Ant. I am more serious than my custom: you
Must be so too, if heed me; which to do
Trebles thee o'er.

208

Seb. Well; I am standing water.

Ant. I'll teach you how to flow.

Seb. Do so: to ebb,

Hereditary sloth instructs me.

212

Ant. O!

If you but knew how you the purpose cherish
Whiles thus you mock it! how, in stripping it,
You more invest it! Ebbing men, indeed,
Most often do so near the bottom run
By their own fear or sloth.

216

Seb. Prithee, say on:

The setting of thine eye and cheek proclaim
A matter from thee, and a birth indeed
Which throes thee much to yield.

220

Ant. Thus, sir:

Although this lord of weak remembrance, this
Who shall be of as little memory
When he is earth'd, hath here almost persuaded,—
For he's a spirit of persuasion, only
Professes to persuade,—the king, his son's alive,
'Tis as impossible that he's undrown'd
As he that sleeps here swims.

224

228

Seb. I have no hope

That he's undrown'd.

232

Ant. O! out of that 'no hope

What great hope have you! no hope that way is
Another way so high a hope that even
Ambition cannot pierce a wink beyond,
But doubts discovery there. Will you grant with me
That Ferdinand is drown'd?

236

Seb. He's gone.

Ant. Then tell me

Who's the next heir of Naples?

240

Seb. Claribel.

Ant. She that is Queen of Tunis; she that dwells
Ten leagues beyond man's life; she that from Naples

244

Can have no note, unless the sun were post—

The man i' th' moon's too slow—till new-born chins

Be rough and razorable: she that, from whom?

We all were sea-swallow'd, though some cast again,

248

And by that destiny to perform an act

Whereof what's past is prologue, what to come

In yours and my discharge.

Seb. What stuff is this!—How say you?

252

'Tis true my brother's daughter's Queen of Tunis;

So is she heir of Naples; 'twixt which regions

There is some space.

Ant. A space whose every cubit

256

Seems to cry out, 'How shall that Claribel

Measure us back to Naples?—Keep in Tunis,

And let Sebastian wake!'—Say, this were death

That now hath seiz'd them; why, they were no worse

260

Than now they are. There be that can rule Naples

As well as he that sleeps; lords that can prate

As amply and unnecessarily

As this Gonzalo; I myself could make

264

A chough of as deep chat. O, that you bore

The mind that I do! what a sleep were this

For your advancement! Do you understand me?

Seb. Methinks I do.

268

Ant. And how does your content

Tender your own good fortune?

Seb. I remember

You did supplant your brother Prospero.

272

Ant. True:

And look how well my garments sit upon me;

Much feather than before; my brother's servants

Were then my fellows; now they are my men.

276

Seb. But, for your conscience,—

Ant. Ay, sir; where lies that? if it were a kibe,
 'Twould put me to my slipper; but I feel not
 This deity in my bosom: twenty consciences, 280
 That stand 'twixt me and Milan, candied be they,
 And melt ere they molest! Here lies your brother,
 No better than the earth he lies upon,
 If he were that which now he's like, that's dead; 284
 Whom I, with this obedient steel,—three inches of it,—
 Can lay to bed for ever; whiles you, doing thus,
 To the perpetual wink for aye might put
 This ancient morsel, this Sir Prudence, who 288
 Should not upbraid our course. For all the rest,
 They'll take suggestion as a cat laps milk;
 They'll tell the clock to any business that
 We say befits the hour. 292

Seb. Thy case, dear friend,
 Shall be my precedent: as thou got'st Milan,
 I'll come by Naples. Draw thy sword: one stroke
 Shall free thee from the tribute which thou pay st, 296
 And I the king shall love thee.

Ant. Draw together;
 And when I rear my hand, do you the like,
 To fall it on Gonzalo. 300

Seb. O! but one word. [*They converse apart.*]

Music. Re-enter ARIEL, invisible.

Ari. My master through his art foresees the danger
 That you, his friend, are in; and sends me forth— 304

For else his project dies—to keep thee living. [*Sings in GONZALO'S ear.*

While you here do snoring lie,
Open-ey'd Conspiracy
His time doth take.
If of life you keep a care,
Shake off slumber, and beware:
Awake! awake!

Ant. Then let us both be sudden.

Gon. Now, good angels

Preserve the king! [*They wake.*

308

Alon. Why, how now! ho, awake! Why are you drawn?

Wherefore this ghastly looking?

Gon. What's the matter?

Seb. Whiles we stood here securing your repose,

312

Even now, we heard a hollow burst of bellowing

Like bulls, or rather lions; did't not wake you?

It struck mine ear most terribly.

Alon. I heard nothing.

316

Ant. O! 'twas a din to fright a monster's ear,

To make an earthquake: sure it was the roar

Of a whole herd of lions.

Alon. Heard you this, Gonzalo?

320

Gon. Upon mine honour, sir, I heard a humming,

And that a strange one too, which did awake me.

I shak'd you, sir, and cry'd; as mine eyes open'd,

I saw their weapons drawn:—there was a noise,

324

That's verily. 'Tis best we stand upon our guard,

Or that we quit this place: let's draw our weapons.

Alon. Lead off this ground, and let's make further search

For my poor son.

328

Gon. Heavens keep him from these beasts!

For he is, sure, i' the island.

Alon. Lead away. [*Exit with the others.*

Ari. Prospero my lord shall know what I have done:
So, king, go safely on to seek thy son. [*Exit.*

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Act II. Scene II.

Another Part of the Island.

Enter CALIBAN, with a burden of wood.

A noise of thunder heard.

Cal. All the infections that the sun sucks up
4
From bogs, fens, flats, on Prosper fall, and make him
By inch-meal a disease! His spirits hear me,
And yet I needs must curse. But they'll nor pinch,
8
Fright me with urchin-shows, pitch me i' the mire,
Nor lead me, like a firebrand, in the dark
Out of my way, unless he bid 'em; but
For every trifle are they set upon me:
Sometime like apes, that mow and chatter at me
12
And after bite me; then like hedge-hogs, which
Lie tumbling in my bare-foot way and mount
Their pricks at my foot-fall; sometime am I
16
All wound with adders, who with cloven tongues
Do hiss me into madness.—

Enter TRINCULO.

Lo now! lo!
20
Here comes a spirit of his, and to torment me
For bringing wood in slowly: I'll fall flat;
Perchance he will not mind me.

Trin. Here's neither bush nor shrub to bear off any weather at all, and another storm brewing; I hear it sing i' the wind: yond same black cloud, yond huge one, looks like a foul bombard that would shed his liquor. If it should thunder as it did before, I know not where to hide my head: yond same cloud cannot choose but fall by pailfuls.—What have we here? a man or a fish? Dead or alive? A fish: he smells like a fish; a very ancient and fish-like smell; a kind of not of the newest Poor-John. A strange fish! Were I in England now,—as once I was,—and had but this fish painted, not a holiday fool there but would give a piece of silver: there would this monster make a man; any strange beast there makes a man. When they will not give a doit to relieve a lame beggar, they will lay out ten to see a dead Indian. Legg'd like a man! and his fins like arms! Warm, o' my troth! I do now let loose my opinion, hold it no longer; this is no fish, but an islander, that hath lately suffered by a thunderbolt. [*Thunder.*] Alas! the storm is come again: my best way is to creep under his gaberdine; there is no other shelter hereabout: misery acquaints a man with strange bedfellows. I will here shroud till the dregs of the storm be past.

Enter STEPHANO, *singing; a bottle in his hand.*

24

Ste.

I shall no more to sea, to sea,
Here shall I die a-shore:—

This is a very scurvy tune to sing at a man's funeral:

Well, here's my comfort. [*Drinks.*

The master, the swabber, the boatswain and I,
The gunner and his mate,
Lov'd Mall, Meg, and Marian and Margery,
But none of us car'd for Kate;
For she had a tongue with a tang,
Would cry to a sailor, 'Go hang!'
She lov'd not the savour of tar nor of pitch,
Yet a tailor might scratch her where-e'er she did itch:
Then to sea, boys, and let her go hang.

This is a scurvy tune too: but here's my comfort. [*Drinks.*

28

Cal. Do not torment me: O!

Ste. What's the matter?

Have we devils here? Do you put tricks upon us with savages and men of Ind? Ha! I have not 'scaped drowning, to be afeard now of your four legs; for it hath been said, As proper a man as ever went on four legs cannot make him give ground: and it shall be said so again while Stephano breathes at's nostrils.

Cal. The spirit torments me: O!

32

Ste. This is some monster of the isle with four legs, who hath got, as I take it, an ague. Where the devil should he learn our language? I will give him some relief, if it be but for that: if I can recover him and keep him tame and get to Naples with him, he's a present for any emperor that ever trod on neat's-leather.

Cal. Do not torment me, prithee: I'll bring my wood home faster.

Ste. He's in his fit now and does not talk after the wisest. He shall taste of my bottle: if he have never drunk wine afore it will go near to remove his fit. If I can recover him, and keep him tame, I will not take too much for him: he shall pay for him that hath him, and that soundly.

Cal. Thou dost me yet but little hurt; thou wilt anon, I know it by thy trembling: now Prosper works upon thee. 36

Ste. Come on your ways: open your mouth; here is that which will give language to you, cat. Open your mouth: this will shake your shaking, I can tell you, and that soundly [*gives CALIBAN drink*]: you cannot tell who's your friend; open your chaps again.

Trin. I should know that voice: it should be—but he is drowned, and these are devils. O! defend me.

Ste. Four legs and two voices; a most delicate monster! His forward voice now is to speak well of his friend; his backward voice is to utter foul speeches, and to detract. If all the wine in my bottle will recover him, I will help his ague. Come. Amen! I will pour some in thy other mouth.

Trin. Stephano! 40

Ste. Doth thy other mouth call me? Mercy! mercy! This is a devil, and no monster: I will leave him; I have no long spoon.

Trin. Stephano!—if thou beest Stephano, touch me, and speak to me; for I am Trinculo:—be not afeard—thy good friend Trinculo.

Ste. If thou beest Trinculo, come forth. I'll pull thee by the lesser legs: if any be Trinculo's legs, these are they. Thou art very Trinculo indeed! How cam'st thou to be the siege of this moon-calf? Can he vent Trinculos?

Trin. I took him to be killed with a thunder-stroke. But art thou not drowned, Stephano? I hope now thou art not drowned. Is the storm overblown? I hid me under the dead moon-calf's gaberdine for fear of the storm. And art thou living, Stephano? O Stephano! two Neapolitans 'scaped! 44

Ste. Prithee, do not turn me about: my stomach is not constant.

Cal. [*Aside.*] These be fine things an if they be not sprites.

That's a brave god and bears celestial liquor:

I will kneel to him. 48

Ste. How didst thou 'scape? How cam'st thou hither? swear by this bottle, how thou cam'st hither. I escaped upon a butt of sack, which the sailors heaved overboard, by this bottle! which I made of the bark of a tree with mine own hands, since I was cast ashore.

Cal. I'll swear upon that bottle, to be thy true subject; for the liquor is not earthly.

Ste. Here: swear then, how thou escapedst.

Trin. Swam ashore, man, like a duck: I can swim like a duck, I'll be sworn. 52

Ste. Here, kiss the book [*gives TRINCULO drink*]. Though thou canst swim like a duck, thou art made like a goose.

Trin. O Stephano! hast any more of this?

Ste. The whole butt, man: my cellar is in a rock by the seaside, where my wine is hid. How now, moon-calf! how does thine ague?

Cal. Hast thou not dropped from heaven? 56

Ste. Out o' the moon, I do assure thee: I was the man in the moon, when time was.

Cal. I have seen thee in her, and I do adore thee; my mistress showed me thee, and thy dog, and thy bush.

Ste. Come, swear to that; kiss the book; I will furnish it anon with new contents; swear.

Trin. By this good light, this is a very shallow monster.—I afeard of him!—a very weak monster.—The man i' the moon! a most poor credulous monster!—Well drawn, monster, in good sooth. 60

Cal. I'll show thee every fertile inch o' the island;

And I will kiss thy foot. I prithee, be my god.

Trin. By this light, a most perfidious and drunken monster: when his god's asleep, he'll rob his bottle.

Cal. I'll kiss thy foot: I'll swear myself thy subject. 64

Ste. Come on then; down, and swear.

Trin. I shall laugh myself to death at this puppy-headed monster. A most scurvy monster! I could find in my heart to beat him,—

Ste. Come, kiss.

Trin. But that the poor monster's in drink: an abominable monster! 68

Cal. I'll shew thee the best springs; I'll pluck thee berries;

I'll fish for thee, and get thee wood enough.

A plague upon the tyrant that I serve!

I'll bear him no more sticks, but follow thee, 72

Thou wondrous man.

Trin. A most ridiculous monster, to make a wonder of a poor drunkard!

Cal. I prithee, let me bring thee where crabs grow;

And I with my long nails will dig thee pig-nuts;

76

Show thee a jay's nest and instruct thee how

To snare the nimble marmozet; I'll bring thee

To clust'ring filberts, and sometimes I'll get thee

Young scamels from the rock. Wilt thou go with me?

80

Ste. I prithee now, lead the way, without any more talking.—Trinculo, the king and all our company else being drowned, we will inherit here.—Here; bear my bottle.—Fellow Trinculo, we'll fill him by and by again.

Cal. Farewell, master; farewell, farewell. [*Sings drunkenly.*

Trin. A howling monster, a drunken monster.

Cal. No more dams I'll make for fish;

84

Nor fetch in firing

At requiring,

Nor scrape trenchering, nor wash dish;

'Ban, 'Ban, Ca—Caliban,

88

Has a new master—Get a new man.

Freedom, high-day! high-day, freedom! freedom! high-day, freedom!

Ste. O brave monster! lead the way. [*Exeunt.*

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Act III. Scene I.

Before PROSPERO'S Cell.

Enter FERDINAND, bearing a log.

Fer. There be some sports are painful, and their labour
Delight in them sets off: some kinds of baseness 4
Are nobly undergone, and most poor matters
Point to rich ends. This my mean task
Would be as heavy to me as odious; but
The mistress which I serve quickens what's dead 8
And makes my labours pleasures: O! she is
Ten times more gentle than her father's crabbed,
And he's compos'd of harshness. I must remove
Some thousands of these logs and pile them up, 12
Upon a sore injunction: my sweet mistress
Weeps when she sees me work, and says such baseness
Had never like executor. I forget:
But these sweet thoughts do even refresh my labours, 16
Most busiest when I do it.

Enter MIRANDA; and PROSPERO behind.

Mira. Alas! now, pray you,
Work not so hard: I would the lightning had 20
Burnt up those logs that you are enjoin'd to pile!
Pray, set it down and rest you: when this burns,
'Twill weep for having wearied you. My father
Is hard at study; pray now, rest yourself: 24
He's safe for these three hours.

Fer. O most dear mistress,
The sun will set, before I shall discharge
What I must strive to do. 28

Mira. If you'll sit down,
I'll bear your logs the while. Pray, give me that;
I'll carry it to the pile.

Fer. No, precious creature: 32
I had rather crack my sinews, break my back,
Than you should such dishonour undergo,
While I sit lazy by.

Mira. It would become me 36
As well as it does you: and I should do it
With much more ease; for my good will is to it,
And yours it is against.

Pro. [*Aside.*] Poor worm! thou art infected: 40
This visitation shows it.

Mira. You look wearily.
Fer. No, noble mistress; 'tis fresh morning with me
When you are by at night. I do beseech you— 44
Chiefly that I might set it in my prayers—
What is your name?

Mira. Miranda.—O my father!
I have broke your hest to say so. 48

Fer. Admir'd Miranda!
Indeed, the top of admiration; worth
What's dearest to the world! Full many a lady
I have ey'd with best regard, and many a time 52
The harmony of their tongues hath into bondage
Brought my too diligent ear: for several virtues
Have I lik'd several women; never any
With so full soul but some defect in her 56
Did quarrel with the noblest grace she ow'd,
And put it to the foil: but you, O you!
So perfect and so peerless, are created
Of every creature's best. 60

Mira. I do not know

One of my sex; no woman's face remember,
Save, from my glass, mine own: nor have I seen
More that I may call men than you, good friend,
And my dear father: how features are abroad,
I am skill-less of; but, by my modesty,—
The jewel in my dower,—I would not wish
Any companion in the world but you;
Nor can imagination form a shape,
Besides yourself, to like of. But I prattle
Something too wildly and my father's precepts
I therein do forget.

64

68

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Fer. I am in my condition

A prince, Miranda; I do think, a king;—
I would not so!—and would no more endure
This wooden slavery than to suffer
The flesh-fly blow my mouth.—Hear my soul speak:—
The very instant that I saw you did
My heart fly to your service; there resides,
To make me slave to it; and for your sake
Am I this patient log-man.

76

80

Mira. Do you love me?

Fer. O heaven! O earth! bear witness to this sound,
And crown what I profess with kind event
If I speak true: if hollowly, invert
What best is boded me to mischief! I,
Beyond all limit of what else i' the world,
Do love, prize, honour you.

84

88

Mira. I am a fool

To weep at what I am glad of.

Pro. [*Aside.*] Fair encounter

Of two most rare affections! Heavens rain grace

92

On that which breeds between them!

Fer. Wherefore weep you?

Mira. At mine unworthiness, that dare not offer

What I desire to give; and much less take

96

What I shall die to want. But this is trifling;

And all the more it seeks to hide itself

The bigger bulk it shows. Hence, bashful cunning!

And prompt me, plain and holy innocence!

100

I am your wife, if you will marry me;

If not, I'll die your maid: to be your fellow

You may deny me; but I'll be your servant

Whether you will or no.

104

Fer. My mistress, dearest;

And I thus humble ever.

Mira. My husband then?

Fer. Ay, with a heart as willing

108

As bondage e'er of freedom: here's my hand.

Mira. And mine, with my heart in't: and now farewell

Till half an hour hence.

Fer. A thousand thousand! [*Exeunt FER. and MIR. severally.*]

112

Pro. So glad of this as they, I cannot be,

Who are surpris'd withal; but my rejoicing

At nothing can be more. I'll to my book;

For yet, ere supper time, must I perform

116

Much business appertaining. [*Exit.*]

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Act III. Scene II.

Another Part of the Island

Enter CALIBAN, with a bottle, STEPHANO, and TRINCULO.

Ste. Tell not me:—when the butt is out, we will drink water; not a drop before: therefore bear up, and board'em.—Servant-monster, drink to me.

Trin. Servant-monster! the folly of this island! They say there's but five upon this isle: we are three of them; if th' other two be brained like us, the state totters. 4

Ste. Drink, servant-monster, when I bid thee: thy eyes are almost set in thy head.

Trin. Where should they be set else? he were a brave monster indeed, if they were set in his tail.

Ste. My man-monster hath drowned his tongue in sack: for my part, the sea cannot drown me; I swam, ere I could recover the shore, five-and-thirty leagues, off and on, by this light. Thou shalt be my lieutenant, monster, or my standard.

Trin. Your lieutenant, if you list; he's no standard. 8

Ste. We'll not run, Monsieur monster.

Trin. Nor go neither: but you'll lie, like dogs; and yet say nothing neither.

Ste. Moon-calf, speak once in thy life, if thou beest a good moon-calf.

Cal. How does thy honour? Let me lick thy shoe. I'll not serve him, he is not valiant. 12

Trin. Thou liest, most ignorant monster: I am in case to juggle a constable. Why, thou deboshed fish thou, was there ever a man a coward that hath drunk so much sack as I to-day? Wilt thou tell a monstrous lie, being but half a fish and half a monster?

Cal. Lo, how he mocks me! wilt thou let him, my lord?

Trin. 'Lord' quoth he!—that a monster should be such a natural!

Cal. Lo, lo, again! bite him to death, I prithee. 16

Ste. Trinculo, keep a good tongue in your head: if you prove a mutineer, the next tree! The poor monster's my subject, and he shall not suffer indignity.

Cal. I thank my noble lord. Wilt thou be pleas'd
To hearken once again the suit I made thee?

Ste. Marry, will I; kneel, and repeat it: I will stand, and so shall Trinculo. 20

Enter ARIEL, invisible.

Cal. As I told thee before, I am subject to a tyrant, a sorcerer, that by his cunning hath cheated me of the island.

Ari. Thou liest.

Cal. Thou liest, thou jesting monkey thou;

24

I would my valiant master would destroy thee;

I do not lie.

Ste. Trinculo, if you trouble him any more in his tale, by this hand, I will supplant some of your teeth.

Trin. Why, I said nothing.

28

Ste. Mum then and no more.—[*To CALIBAN.*] Proceed.

Cal. I say, by sorcery he got this isle;

From me he got it: if thy greatness will,

Revenge it on him,—for, I know, thou dar'st;

32

But this thing dare not,—

Ste. That's most certain.

Cal. Thou shalt be lord of it and I'll serve thee.

Ste. How now shall this be compassed? Canst thou bring me to the party?

36

Cal. Yea, yea, my lord: I'll yield him thee asleep,

Where thou may'st knock a nail into his head.

Ari. Thou liest; thou canst not.

Cal. What a pied ninny's this! Thou scurvy patch!—

40

I do beseech thy greatness, give him blows,

And take his bottle from him: when that's gone

He shall drink nought but brine; for I'll not show him

Where the quick freshes are.

44

Ste. Trinculo, run into no further danger: interrupt the monster one word further, and, by this hand, I'll turn my mercy out o' doors and make a stock-fish of thee.

Trin. Why, what did I? I did nothing. I'll go further off.

Ste. Didst thou not say he lied?

Ari. Thou liest.

48

Ste. Do I so? take thou that. [*Strikes TRIN.*]

As you like this, give me the lie another time.

Trin. I did not give thee the lie:—Out o' your wits and hearing too?—A pox o' your bottle! this can sack and drinking do.—A murrain on your monster, and the devil take your fingers!

Cal. Ha, ha, ha!

52

Ste. Now, forward with your tale.—Prithee stand further off.

Cal. Beat him enough: after a little time

I'll beat him too.

Ste. Stand further.—Come, proceed.

56

Cal. Why, as I told thee, 'tis a custom with him

I' the afternoon to sleep: there thou may'st brain him,

Having first seiz'd his books; or with a log

Batter his skull, or paunch him with a stake,

60

Or cut his wezand with thy knife. Remember

First to possess his books; for without them

He's but a sot, as I am, nor hath not

One spirit to command: they all do hate him

64

As rootedly as I. Burn but his books;

He has brave utensils,—for so he calls them,—

Which, when he has a house, he'll deck withal:

And that most deeply to consider is

68

The beauty of his daughter; he himself

Calls her a nonpareil: I never saw a woman,

But only Sycorax my dam and she;

But she as far surpasseth Sycorax

72

As great'st does least.

Ste. Is it so brave a lass?

Cal. Ay, lord; she will become thy bed, I warrant,

And bring thee forth brave brood.

76

Ste. Monster, I will kill this man: his daughter and I will be king and queen,—save our graces!
and Trinculo and thyself shall be viceroys. Dost thou like the plot, Trinculo?

Trin. Excellent.

Ste. Give me thy hand: I am sorry I beat thee; but, while thou livest, keep a good tongue in thy
head.

Cal. Within this half hour will he be asleep;

80

Wilt thou destroy him then?

Ste. Ay, on mine honour.

Ari. This will I tell my master.

Cal. Thou mak'st me merry: I am full of pleasure.

84

Let us be jocund: will you troll the catch

You taught me but while-ere?

Ste. At thy request, monster, I will do reason, any reason: Come on, Trinculo, let us sing. [*Sings.*

Flout 'em, and scout 'em; and scout 'em, and flout 'em; Thought is free.

Cal. That's not the tune. [*ARIEL plays the tune on a Tabor and Pipe.*

88

Ste. What is this same?

Trin. This is the tune of our catch, played by the picture of Nobody.

Ste. If thou beest a man, show thyself in thy likeness: if thou beest a devil, take't as thou list.

Trin. O, forgive me my sins!

92

Ste. He that dies pays all debts: I defy thee.—Mercy upon us!

Cal. Art thou afeard?

Ste. No, monster, not I.

Cal. Be not afeard: the isle is full of noises,

96

Sounds and sweet airs, that give delight, and hurt not.

Sometimes a thousand twangling instruments

Will hum about mine ears; and sometime voices,

That, if I then had wak'd after long sleep,

100

Will make me sleep again: and then, in dreaming,

The clouds methought would open and show riches

Ready to drop upon me; that, when I wak'd

I cried to dream again.

104

Ste. This will prove a brave kingdom to me, where I shall have my music for nothing.

Cal. When Prospero is destroyed.

Ste. That shall be by and by: I remember the story.

Trin. The sound is going away: let's follow it, and after do our work.

108

Ste. Lead, monster; we'll follow.—I would I could see this taborer! he lays it on. Wilt come?

Trin. I'll follow, Stephano. [*Exeunt.*

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Act III. Scene III.

Another Part of the Island.

Enter ALONSO, SEBASTIAN, ANTONIO, GONZALO, ADRIAN, FRANCISCO, *and others.*

Gon. By'r lakin, I can go no further, sir;

My old bones ache: here's a maze trod indeed,

4

Through forth-rights, and meanders! by your patience,

I needs must rest me.

Alon. Old lord, I cannot blame thee,

Who am myself attach'd with weariness,

8

To the dulling of my spirits: sit down, and rest.

Even here I will put off my hope, and keep it

No longer for my flatterer: he is drown'd

Whom thus we stray to find; and the sea mocks

12

Our frustrate search on land. Well, let him go.

Ant. [*Aside to SEB.*] I am right glad that he's so out of hope.

Do not, for one repulse, forego the purpose

That you resolv'd to effect.

16

Seb. [*Aside to ANT.*] The next advantage

Will we take throughly.

Ant. [*Aside to SEB.*] Let it be to-night;

For, now they are oppress'd with travel, they

20

Will not, nor cannot, use such vigilance

As when they are fresh.

Seb. [*Aside to ANT.*] I say to-night: no more.

Solemn and strange music; and PROSPERO above, invisible. Enter below several strange Shapes, bringing in a banquet: they dance about it with gentle actions of salutation; and, inviting the King, &c., to eat, they depart.

24

Alon. What harmony is this? my good friends, hark!

Gon. Marvellous sweet music!

Alon. Give us kind keepers, heavens! What were these?

Seb. A living drollery. Now I will believe

28

That there are unicorns; that in Arabia

There is one tree, the phoenix' throne; one phoenix

At this hour reigning there.

Ant. I'll believe both;

32

And what does else want credit, come to me,

And I'll be sworn 'tis true: travellers ne'er did lie,

Though fools at home condemn them.

Gon. If in Naples

36

I should report this now, would they believe me?

If I should say I saw such islanders,—

For, certes, these are people of the island,—

Who, though they are of monstrous shape, yet, note,

40

Their manners are more gentle-kind than of

Our human generation you shall find

Many, nay, almost any.

Pro. [*Aside.*] Honest lord,

44

Thou hast said well; for some of you there present

Are worse than devils.

Alon. I cannot too much muse,

Such shapes, such gesture, and such sound, expressing,—

48

Although they want the use of tongue,—a kind

Of excellent dumb discourse.

Pro. [*Aside.*] Praise in departing.

Fran. They vanish'd strangely.

52

Seb. No matter, since

They have left their viands behind; for we have stomachs.—

Will't please you to taste of what is here?

Alon. Not I.

56

Gon. Faith, sir, you need not fear. When we were boys,

Who would believe that there were mountaineers
Dew-lapp'd like bulls, whose throats had hanging at them
Wallets of flesh? or that there were such men 60
Whose heads stood in their breasts? which now we find
Each putter-out of five for one will bring us
Good warrant of.

Alon. I will stand to and feed, 64
Although my last; no matter, since I feel
The best is past.—Brother, my lord the duke,
Stand to and do as we.

*Thunder and lightning. Enter ARIEL like a harpy; claps his wings upon the table; and, with a
quaint device, the banquet vanishes.* 68

Ari. You are three men of sin, whom Destiny—
That hath to instrument this lower world
And what is in't,—the never-surfeited sea
Hath caused to belch up you; and on this island 72
Where man doth not inhabit; you 'mongst men
Being most unfit to live. I have made you mad; [*Seeing ALON., SEB., &c., draw their swords.*
And even with such-like valour men hang and drown
Their proper selves. You fools! I and my fellows 76
Are ministers of fate: the elements
Of whom your swords are temper'd, may as well
Wound the loud winds, or with bemock'd-at stabs
Kill the still-closing waters, as diminish 80
One dowle that's in my plume; my fellow-ministers
Are like invulnerable. If you could hurt,
Your swords are now too massy for your strengths.
And will not be uplifted. But, remember,— 84
For that's my business to you,—that you three
From Milan did supplant good Prospero;
Expos'd unto the sea, which hath requit it,

Him and his innocent child: for which foul deed 88
The powers, delaying, not forgetting, have
Incens'd the seas and shores, yea, all the creatures,
Against your peace. Thee of thy son, Alonso,
They have bereft; and do pronounce, by me, 92
Lingering perdition,—worse than any death
Can be at once,—shall step by step attend
You and your ways; whose wraths to guard you from—
Which here in this most desolate isle, else falls 96
Upon your heads,—is nothing but heart-sorrow
And a clear life ensuing.

*He vanishes in thunder: then, to soft music, enter the Shapes again, and dance with mocks and
mows, and carry out the table.*

Pro. [*Aside.*] Bravely the figure of this harpy hast thou 100
Perform'd, my Ariel; a grace it had, devouring:
Of my instruction hast thou nothing bated
In what thou hadst to say: so, with good life
And observation strange, my meaner ministers 104
Their several kinds have done. My high charms work,
And these mine enemies are all knit up
In their distractions: they now are in my power;
And in these fits I leave them, while I visit 108
Young Ferdinand,—whom they suppose is drown'd,—
And his and mine lov'd darling. [*Exit above.*]

Gon. I' the name of something holy, sir, why stand you
In this strange stare? 112

Alon. O, it is monstrous! monstrous!
Methought the billows spoke and told me of it;
The winds did sing it to me; and the thunder,
That deep and dreadful organ-pipe, pronounc'd 116
The name of Prosper: it did bass my trespass.

Therefore my son i' th' ooze is bedded; and
I'll seek him deeper than e'er plummet sounded,
And with him there lie mudded. [*Exit.*

120

Sob. But one fiend at a time,
I'll fight their legions o'er.

Ant. I'll be thy second. [*Exeunt* SEB. and ANT.

Gon. All three of them are desperate; their great guilt,
Like poison given to work a great time after,
Now 'gins to bite the spirits.—I do beseech you
That are of suppler joints, follow them swiftly
And hinder them from what this ecstasy
May now provoke them to.

124

128

Adr. Follow, I pray you. [*Exeunt.*

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Act VI. Scene I.

Before PROSPERO'S Cell.

Enter PROSPERO, FERDINAND, and MIRANDA.

Pro. If I have too austere'ly punish'd you,

Your compensation makes amends; for I 4

Have given you here a thrif of mine own life,

Or that for which I live; whom once again

I tender to thy hand: all thy vexations

Were but my trials of thy love, and thou 8

Hast strangely stood the test: here, afore Heaven,

I ratify this my rich gift. O Ferdinand!

Do not smile at me that I boast her off,

For thou shalt find she will outstrip all praise, 12

And make it halt behind her.

Fer. I do believe it

Against an oracle.

Pro. Then, as my gift and thine own acquisition 16

Worthily purchas'd, take my daughter: but

If thou dost break her virgin knot before

All sanctimonious ceremonies may

With full and holy rite be minister'd, 20

No sweet aspersion shall the heavens let fall

To make this contract grow; but barren hate,

Sour-ey'd disdain and discord shall bestrew

The union of your bed with weeds so loathly 24

That you shall hate it both: therefore take heed,

As Hymen's lamps shall light you.

Fer. As I hope

For quiet days, fair issue and long life, 28

With such love as 'tis now, the murkiest den,

The most opportune place, the strong'st suggestion

Our worser genius can, shall never melt

Mine honour into lust, to take away

32

The edge of that day's celebration

When I shall think, or Phœbus' steeds are founder'd,

Or Night kept chain'd below.

Pro. Fairly spoke:

36

Sit then, and talk with her, she is thine own.

What, Ariel! my industrious servant Ariel!

Enter ARIEL.

Ari. What would my potent master? here I am.

40

Pro. Thou and thy meaner fellows your last service

Did worthily perform; and I must use you

In such another trick. Go bring the rabble,

O'er whom I give thee power, here to this place:

44

Incite them to quick motion; for I must

Bestow upon the eyes of this young couple

Some vanity of mine art: it is my promise,

And they expect it from me.

48

Ari. Presently?

Pro. Ay, with a twink.

Ari. Before you can say, 'Come,' and 'Go,'

And breathe twice; and cry, 'so, so,'

52

Each one, tripping on his toe,

Will be here with mop and mow.

Do you love me, master? no?

Pro. Dearly my delicate Ariel. Do not approach

56

Till thou dost hear me call.

Ari. Well, I conceive. [*Exit.*

Pro. Look, thou be true; do not give dalliance

Too much the rein: the strongest oaths are straw

60

To the fire i' the blood: be more abstemious,
Or else good night your vow!

Fer. I warrant you, sir;

The white-cold virgin snow upon my heart
Abates the ardour of my liver.

64

Pro. Well.—

Now come, my Ariel! bring a corollary,
Rather than want a spirit: appear, and pertly.
No tongue! all eyes! be silent. [*Soft music.*]

68

A Masque. Enter IRIS.

Iris. Ceres, most bounteous lady, thy rich leas
Of wheat, rye, barley, vetches, oats, and peas;
Thy turfy mountains, where live nibbling sheep,
And flat meads thatch'd with stover, them to keep;

72

Thy banks with pioned and twilled brims,
Which spongy April at thy hest betrimms,

76

To make cold nymphs chaste crowns; and thy broom groves,
Whose shadow the dismissed bachelor loves,

Being lass-lorn; thy pole-clipt vineyard;

And thy sea-marge, sterile and rocky-hard,

80

Where thou thyself dost air: the queen o' the sky,

Whose watery arch and messenger am I,

Bids thee leave these; and with her sovereign grace,

Here on this grass-plot, in this very place,

84

To come and sport; her peacocks fly amain:

Approach, rich Ceres, her to entertain.

Enter CERES.

Cer. Hail, many-colour'd messenger, that ne'er
Dost disobey the wife of Jupiter;
Who with thy saffron wings upon my flowers

88

Diffusest honey-drops, refreshing showers:

And with each end of thy blue bow dost crown

92

My bosky acres, and my unshrubbed down,

Rich scarf to my proud earth; why hath thy queen

Summon'd me hither, to this short-grass'd green?

Iris. A contract of true love to celebrate,

96

And some donation freely to estate

On the blessed lovers.

Cer. Tell me, heavenly bow,

If Venus or her son, as thou dost know,

100

Do now attend the queen? since they did plot

The means that dusky Dis my daughter got,

Her and her blind boy's scandal'd company

I have forsworn.

104

Iris. Of her society

Be not afraid; I met her deity

Cutting the clouds towards Paphos and her son

Dove-drawn with her. Here thought they to have done

108

Some wanton charm upon this man and maid,

Whose vows are, that no bed-rite shall be paid

Till Hymen's torch be lighted; but in vain:

Mars's hot minion is return'd again;

112

Her waspish-headed son has broke his arrows,

Swears he will shoot no more, but play with sparrows,

And be a boy right out.

Cer. Highest queen of state,

116

Great Juno comes; I know her by her gait.

Enter JUNO.

Jun. How does my bounteous sister? Go with me

To bless this twain, that they may prosperous be,

120

And honour'd in their issue.

SONG.

Jun.

Honour, riches, marriage-blessing,
Long continuance, and increasing,
Hourly joys be still upon you!
Juno sings her blessings on you.

Cer.

Earth's increase, foison plenty,
Barns and garners never empty:
Vines, with clust'ring bunches growing;
Plants with goodly burden bowing;
Spring come to you at the farthest
In the very end of harvest!
Scarcity and want shall shun you;
Ceres' blessing so is on you.

Fer. This is a most majestic vision, and
Harmonious charmingly: May I be bold
To think these spirits?

124

Pro. Spirits, which by mine art
I have from their confines call'd to enact
My present fancies.

128

Fer. Let me live here ever:
So rare a wonder'd father and a wise,
Makes this place Paradise. [*JUNO and CERES whisper, and send IRIS en employment.*

132

Pro. Sweet, now, silence!
Juno and Ceres whisper seriously,
There's something else to do: hush, and be mute,
Or else our spell is marr'd.

136

Iris. You nymphs, call'd Naiades, of the windring brooks,
With your sedg'd crowns, and ever-harmless looks,
Leave your crisp channels, and on this green land
Answer your summons: Juno does command.
Come, temperate nymphs, and help to celebrate

140

A contract of true love: be not too late.

Enter certain Nymphs.

You sun-burn'd sicklemen, of August weary, 144
Come hither from the furrow, and be merry:
Make holiday: your rye-straw hats put on,
And these fresh nymphs encounter every one
In country footing. 148

Enter certain Reapers, properly habited: they join with the Nymphs in a graceful dance; towards the end whereof PROSPERO starts suddenly, and speaks; after which, to a strange, hollow, and confused noise, they heavily vanish.

Pro. [*Aside.*] I had forgot that foul conspiracy
Of the beast Caliban, and his confederates
Against my life: the minute of their plot 152
Is almost come.—[*To the Spirits.*] Well done! avoid; no more!

Fer. This is strange: your father's in some passion
That works him strongly.

Mira. Never till this day 156
Saw I him touch'd with anger so distemper'd.

Pro. You do look, my son, in a mov'd sort,
As if you were dismay'd: be cheerful, sir:
Our revels now are ended. These our actors, 160
As I foretold you, were all spirits and
Are melted into air, into thin air:

And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,
The cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces, 164

The solemn temples, the great globe itself,
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve

And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff 168

As dreams are made on, and our little life

Is rounded with a sleep.—Sir, I am vex'd:

Bear with my weakness; my old brain is troubled.

Be not disturb'd with my infirmity.

172

If you be pleas'd, retire into my cell

And there repose: a turn or two I'll walk,

To still my beating mind.

Fer. Mira. We wish your peace. [*Exeunt.*]

176

Pro. Come with a thought!—[*To them.*] I thank thee: Ariel, come!

Enter ARIEL.

Ari. Thy thoughts I cleave to. What's thy pleasure?

Pro. Spirit,

180

We must prepare to meet with Caliban.

Ari. Ay, my commander; when I presented Ceres,

I thought to have told thee of it; but I fear'd

Lest I might anger thee.

184

Pro. Say again, where didst thou leave these varlets?

Ari. I told you, sir, they were red-hot with drinking;

So full of valour that they smote the air

For breathing in their faces; beat the ground

188

For kissing of their feet; yet always bending

Towards their project. Then I beat my tabor;

At which, like unback'd colts, they prick'd their ears,

Advanc'd their eyelids, lifted up their noses

192

As they smelt music: so I charm'd their ears

That, calf-like, they my lowing follow'd through

Tooth'd briers, sharp furzes, pricking goss and thorns,

Which enter'd their frail shins: at last I left them

196

I' the filthy-mantled pool beyond your cell,

There dancing up to the chins, that the foul lake

O'erstunk their feet.

Pro. This was well done, my bird.

200

Thy shape invisible retain thou still:

The trumpery in my house, go bring it hither,
For stale to catch these thieves.

Ari. I go, I go. [*Exit.*]

204

Pro. A devil, a born devil, on whose nature
Nurture can never stick; on whom my pains,
Humanely taken, are all lost, quite lost;

And as with age his body uglier grows,

208

So his mind cankers. I will plague them all,

Even to roaring. [*Re-enter ARIEL, loaden with glistering apparel, &c.*]

Come, hang them on this line.

PROSPERO and ARIEL remain invisible. Enter CALIBAN, STEPHANO, and TRINCULO, all wet.

212

Cal. Pray you, tread softly, that the blind mole may not

Hear a foot fall: we now are near his cell.

Ste. Monster, your fairy, which you say is a harmless fairy, has done little better than played the Jack with us.

Trin. Monster, I do smell all horse-piss; at which my nose is in great indignation.

216

Ste. So is mine.—Do you hear, monster? If I should take a displeasure against you, look you,—

Trin. Thou wert but a lost monster.

Cal. Good my lord, give me thy favour still:

Be patient, for the prize I'll bring thee to

220

Shall hoodwink this mischance: therefore speak softly;

All's hush'd as midnight yet.

Trin. Ay, but to lose our bottles in the pool,—

Ste. There is not only disgrace and dishonour in that, monster, but an infinite loss.

224

Trin. That's more to me than my wetting: yet this is your harmless fairy, monster.

Ste. I will fetch off my bottle, though I be o'er ears for my labour.

Cal. Prithee, my king, be quiet. Seest thou here,

This is the mouth o' the cell: no noise, and enter.

228

Do that good mischief, which may make this island

Thine own for ever, and I, thy Caliban,

For aye thy foot-licker.

Ste. Give me thy hand: I do begin to have bloody thoughts. 232

Trin. O king Stephano! O peer! O worthy Stephano! look, what a wardrobe here is for thee!

Cal. Let it alone, thou fool; it is but trash.

Trin. O, ho, monster! we know what belongs to a frippery.—O king Stephano!

Ste. Put off that gown, Trinculo; by this hand, I'll have that gown. 236

Trin. Thy grace shall have it.

Cal. The dropsy drown this fool! what do you mean

To dote thus on such luggage? Let's along,

And do the murder first: if he awake, 240

From toe to crown he'll fill our skins with pinches;

Make us strange stuff.

Ste. Be you quiet, monster.—Mistress line, is not this my jerkin? Now is the jerkin under the line: now, jerkin, you are like to lose your hair and prove a bald jerkin.

Trin. Do, do: we steal by line and level, an't like your grace. 244

Ste. I thank thee for that jest; here's a garment for't: wit shall not go unrewarded while I am king of this country: 'Steal by line and level,' is an excellent pass of pate; there's another garment for't.

Trin. Monster, come, put some lime upon your fingers, and away with the rest.

Cal. I will have none on't: we shall lose our time,

And all be turn'd to barnacles, or to apes 248

With foreheads villanous low.

Ste. Monster, lay-to your fingers: help to bear this away where my hogshead of wine is, or I'll turn you out of my kingdom. Go to; carry this.

Trin. And this.

Ste. Ay, and this. 252

A noise of hunters heard. Enter divers Spirits, in shape of hounds, and hunt them about; PROSPERO and ARIEL setting them on.

Pro. Hey, Mountain, hey!

Ari. Silver! there it goes, Silver!

Pro. Fury, Fury! there, Tyrant, there! hark, hark! [CAL., STE., and TRIN. are driven out. 256

Go, charge my goblins that they grind their joints

With dry convulsions; shorten up their sinews

With aged cramps, and more pinch-spotted make them
Than pard, or cat o' mountain.

260

Ari. Hark! they roar.

Pro. Let them be hunted soundly. At this hour
Lie at my mercy all mine enemies:

Shortly shall all my labours end, and thou
Shalt have the air at freedom: for a little,
Follow, and do me service. [*Exeunt.*

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Act V. Scene I.

Before the Cell of PROSPERO.

Enter PROSPERO in his magic robes; and ARIEL.

Pro. Now does my project gather to a head:

My charms crack not; my spirits obey, and time
Goes upright with his carriage. How's the day?

4

Ari. On the sixth hour; at which time, my lord,
You said our work should cease.

Pro. I did say so,
When first I rais'd the tempest. Say, my spirit,
How fares the king and's followers?

8

Ari. Confin'd together
In the same fashion as you gave in charge;
Just as you left them: all prisoners, sir,
In the line-grove which weather-fends your cell;
They cannot budge till your release. The king,
His brother, and yours, abide all three distracted,

12

And the remainder mourning over them,
Brimful of sorrow and dismay; but chiefly
Him, that you term'd, sir, 'The good old lord Gonzalo:'
His tears run down his beard, like winter's drops
From eaves of reeds; your charm so strongly works them,
That if you now beheld them, your affections
Would become tender.

16

20

Pro. Dost thou think so, spirit?

24

Ari. Mine would, sir, were I human.

Pro. And mine shall.

Hast thou, which art but air, a touch, a feeling
Of their afflictions, and shall not myself,
One of their kind, that relish all as sharply,

28

Passion as they, be kindlier mov'd than thou art?

Though with their high wrongs I am struck to the quick,

Yet with my nobler reason 'gainst my fury

32

Do I take part: the rarer action is

In virtue than in vengeance: they being penitent,

The sole drift of my purpose doth extend

Not a frown further. Go, release them, Ariel.

36

My charms I'll break, their senses I'll restore,

And they shall be themselves.

Ari. I'll fetch them, sir. [*Exit.*

Pro. Ye elves of hills, brooks, standing lakes, and groves;

40

And ye, that on the sands with printless foot

Do chase the ebbing Neptune and do fly him

When he comes back; you demi-puppets, that

By moonshine do the green sour ringlets make

44

Whereof the ewe not bites; and you, whose pastime

Is to make midnight mushrooms; that rejoice

To hear the solemn curfew; by whose aid,—

Weak masters though ye be—I have bedimm'd

48

The noontide sun, call'd forth the mutinous winds,

And 'twixt the green sea and the azur'd vault

Set roaring war: to the dread-rattling thunder

Have I given fire and rifted Jove's stout oak

52

With his own bolt: the strong-bas'd promontory

Have I made shake; and by the spurs pluck'd up

The pine and cedar: graves at my command

Have wak'd their sleepers, op'd, and let them forth

56

By my so potent art. But this rough magic

I here abjure; and, when I have requir'd

Some heavenly music,—which even now I do,—

To work mine end upon their senses that

60

This airy charm is for, I'll break my staff,

Bury it certain fathoms in the earth,
And, deeper than did ever plummet sound,
I'll drown my book. [*Solemn music.*

64

Re-enter ARIEL: after him, ALONSO, with a frantic gesture, attended by GONZALO; SEBASTIAN and ANTONIO in like manner, attended by ADRIAN and FRANCISCO: they all enter the circle which PROSPERO had made, and there stand charmed; which PROSPERO observing, speaks.

A solemn air and the best comforter
To an unsettled fancy, cure thy brains,
Now useless, boil'd within thy skull! There stand,
For you are spell-stopp'd.

68

Holy Gonzalo, honourable man,
Mine eyes, even sociable to the show of thine,
Fall fellowly drops. The charm dissolves apace;

72

And as the morning steals upon the night,
Melting the darkness, so their rising senses
Begin to chase the ignorant fumes that mantle
Their clearer reason.—O good Gonzalo!

76

My true preserver, and a loyal sir
To him thou follow'st, I will pay thy graces
Home, both in word and deed.—Most cruelly
Didst thou, Alonso, use me and my daughter:

80

Thy brother was a furtherer in the act;—
Thou'rt pinch'd for't now, Sebastian.—Flesh and blood,
You, brother mine, that entertain'd ambition,
Expell'd remorse and nature; who, with Sebastian,—

84

Whose inward pinches therefore are most strong,—
Would here have kill'd your king; I do forgive thee,
Unnatural though thou art!—Their understanding
Begins to swell, and the approaching tide

88

Will shortly fill the reasonable shores
That now lie foul and muddy. Not one of them

That yet looks on me, or would know me.—Ariel,
Fetch me the hat and rapier in my cell:— [*Exit* ARIEL.
I will discase me, and myself present,
As I was sometime Milan.—Quickly, spirit;
Thou shalt ere long be free.

92

ARIEL *re-enters, singing, and helps to attire* PROSPERO.

96

Ari.

Where the bee sucks, there suck I
In a cowslip's bell I lie;
There I couch when owls do cry.
On the bat's back I do fly
After summer merrily:
Merrily, merrily shall I live now
Under the blossom that hangs on the bough.

Pro. Why, that's my dainty Ariel! I shall miss thee;

But yet thou shalt have freedom;—so, so, so.—

To the king's ship, invisible as thou art:

100

There shalt thou find the mariners asleep

Under the hatches; the master and the boat-swain

Being awake, enforce them to this place,

And presently, I prithee.

104

Ari. I drink the air before me, and return

Or e'er your pulse twice beat. [*Exit.*

Gon. All torment, trouble, wonder, and amazement

Inhabits here: some heavenly power guide us

108

Out of this fearful country!

Pro. Behold, sir king,

The wronged Duke of Milan, Prospero.

For more assurance that a living prince

112

Does now speak to thee, I embrace thy body;

And to thee and thy company I bid

A hearty welcome.

Alon. Whe'r thou beest he or no, 116
Or some enchanted trifle to abuse me,
As late I have been, I not know: thy pulse
Beats, as of flesh and blood; and, since I saw thee,
Th' affliction of my mind amends, with which, 120
I fear, a madness held me: this must crave,—
An if this be at all—a most strange story.
Thy dukedom I resign, and do entreat
Thou pardon me my wrongs.—But how should Prospero 124
Be living, and be here?
Pro. First, noble friend,
Let me embrace thine age; whose honour cannot
Be measur'd, or confin'd. 128
Gon. Whether this be,
Or be not, I'll not swear.
Pro. You do yet taste
Some subtilties o' the isle, that will not let you 132
Believe things certain.—Welcome! my friends all:—
[*Aside to SEB. and ANT.*] But you, my brace of lords, were I so minded,
I here could pluck his highness' frown upon you,
And justify you traitors: at this time 136
I will tell no tales.
Seb. [*Aside.*] The devil speaks in him.
Pro. No.
For you, most wicked sir, whom to call brother 140
Would even infect my mouth, I do forgive
Thy rankest fault; all of them; and require
My dukedom of thee, which, perforce, I know,
Thou must restore. 144
Alon. If thou beest Prospero,
Give us particulars of thy preservation;
How thou hast met us here, who three hours since

Were wrack'd upon this shore; where I have lost,— 148
How sharp the point of this remembrance is!—
My dear son Ferdinand.
Pro. I am woe for't, sir.
Alon. Irreparable is the loss, and patience 152
Says it is past her cure.
Pro. I rather think
You have not sought her help; of whose soft grace,
For the like loss I have her sovereign aid, 156
And rest myself content.
Alon. You the like loss!
Pro. As great to me, as late; and, supportable
To make the dear loss, have I means much weaker 160
Than you may call to comfort you, for I
Have lost my daughter.
Alon. A daughter?
O heavens! that they were living both in Naples, 164
The king and queen there! that they were, I wish
Myself were mudded in that oozy bed
Where my son lies. When did you lose your daughter?
Pro. In this last tempest. I perceive, these lords 168
At this encounter do so much admire
That they devour their reason, and scarce think
Their eyes do offices of truth, their words
Are natural breath: but, howsoe'er you have 172
Been justled from your senses, know for certain
That I am Prospero and that very duke
Which was thrust forth of Milan; who most strangely
Upon this shore, where you were wrack'd, was landed, 176
To be the lord on't. No more yet of this;
For 'tis a chronicle of day by day,
Not a relation for a breakfast nor

Befitting this first meeting. Welcome, sir; 180
This cell's my court: here have I few attendants
And subjects none abroad: pray you, look in.
My dukedom since you have given me again,
I will requite you with as good a thing; 184
At least bring forth a wonder, to content ye
As much as me my dukedom.

The entrance of the Cell opens, and discovers FERDINAND and MIRANDA playing at chess.

Mira. Sweet lord, you play me false. 188

Fer. No, my dearest love,

I would not for the world.

Mira. Yes, for a score of kingdoms you should wrangle,

And I would call it fair play. 192

Alon. If this prove

A vision of the island, one dear son

Shall I twice lose.

Seb. A most high miracle! 196

Fer. Though the seas threaten, they are merciful:

I have curs'd them without cause. [*Kneels to ALON.*]

Alon. Now, all the blessings

Of a glad father compass thee about! 200

Arise, and say how thou cam'st here.

Mira. O, wonder!

How many goodly creatures are there here!

How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world, 204

That has such people in't!

Pro. 'Tis new to thee.

Alon. What is this maid, with whom thou wast at play?

Your eld'st acquaintance cannot be three hours: 208

Is she the goddess that hath sever'd us,

And brought us thus together?

Fer. Sir, she is mortal;

But by immortal Providence she's mine; 212

I chose her when I could not ask my father

For his advice, nor thought I had one. She

Is daughter to this famous Duke of Milan,

Of whom so often I have heard renown, 216

But never saw before; of whom I have

Receiv'd a second life; and second father

This lady makes him to me.

Alon. I am hers: 220

But O! how oddly will it sound that I

Must ask my child forgiveness!

Pro. There, sir, stop:

Let us not burden our remembrances 224

With a heaviness that's gone.

Gon. I have inly wept,

Or should have spoke ere this. Look down, you gods,

And on this couple drop a blessed crown; 228

For it is you that have chalk'd forth the way

Which brought us hither!

Alon. I say, Amen, Gonzalo!

Gon. Was Milan thrust from Milan, that his issue 232

Should become kings of Naples? O, rejoice

Beyond a common joy, and set it down

With gold on lasting pillars. In one voyage

Did Claribel her husband find at Tunis, 236

And Ferdinand, her brother, found a wife

Where he himself was lost; Prospero his dukedom

In a poor isle; and all of us ourselves,

When no man was his own. 240

Alon. [To FER. and MIRA.] Give me your hands:

Let grief and sorrow still embrace his heart

That doth not wish you joy!

Gon. Be it so: Amen!

244

Re-enter ARIEL, with the Master and Boatswain amazedly following.

O look, sir! look, sir! here are more of us.

I prophesied, if a gallows were on land,

This fellow could not drown.—Now, blasphemy,

248

That swear'st grace o'erboard, not an oath on shore?

Hast thou no mouth by land? What is the news?

Boats. The best news is that we have safely found

Our king and company: the next, our ship,—

252

Which but three glasses since we gave out split,—

Is tight and yare and bravely rigg'd as when

We first put out to sea.

Ari. [*Aside to PRO.*] Sir, all this service

256

Have I done since I went.

Pro. [*Aside to ARI.*] My tricky spirit!

Alon. These are not natural events; they strengthen

From strange to stranger.—Say, how came you hither?

260

Boats. If I did think, sir, I were well awake,

I'd strive to tell you. We were dead of sleep,

And,—how we know not,—all clapp'd under hatches,

Where, but even now, with strange and several noises

264

Of roaring, shrieking, howling, jingling chains,

And no diversity of sounds, all horrible,

We were awak'd; straightway, at liberty:

Where we, in all her trim, freshly beheld

268

Our royal, good, and gallant ship; our master

Capering to eye her: on a trice, so please you,

Even in a dream, were we divided from them,

And were brought moping hither.

272

Ari. [*Aside to PRO.*] Was't well done?

Pro. [*Aside to ARI.*] Bravely, my diligence! Thou shalt be free.

Alon. This is as strange a maze as e'er men trod;

And there is in this business more than nature

276

Was ever conduct of: some oracle

Must rectify our knowledge.

Pro. Sir, my liege,

Do not infest your mind with beating on

280

The strangeness of this business: at pick'd leisure

Which shall be shortly, single I'll resolve you,—

Which to you shall seem probable,—of every

These happen'd accidents; till when, be cheerful,

284

And think of each thing well.—[*Aside to ARI.*] Come hither, spirit;

Set Caliban and his companions free;

Untie the spell. [*Exit ARI.*] How fares my gracious sir?

There are yet missing of your company

288

Some few odd lads that you remember not.

Re-enter ARIEL, driving in CALIBAN, STEPHANO, and TRINCULO, in their stolen apparel.

Ste. Every man shift for all the rest, and let no man take care for himself, for all is but fortune.—Coragio! bully-monster, Coragio!

Trin. If these be true spies which I wear in my head, here's a goodly sight.

292

Cal. O Setebos! these be brave spirits, indeed.

How fine my master is! I am afraid

He will chastise me.

Seb. Ha, ha!

296

What things are these, my lord Antonio?

Will money buy them?

Ant. Very like; one of them

Is a plain fish, and, no doubt, marketable.

300

Pro. Mark but the badges of these men, my lords,

Then say, if they be true.—This mis-shapen knave,—

His mother was a witch; and one so strong
That could control the moon, make flows and ebbs, 304
And deal in her command without her power.

These three have robb'd me; and this demi-devil,—
For he's a bastard one,—had plotted with them
To take my life: two of these fellows you 308
Must know and own; this thing of darkness I
Acknowledge mine.

Cal. I shall be pinch'd to death

Alon. Is not this Stephano, my drunken butler? 312

Seb. He is drunk now: where had he wine?

Alon. And Trinculo is reeling-ripe: where should they
Find this grand liquor that hath gilded them?
How cam'st thou in this pickle? 316

Trin. I have been in such a pickle since I saw you last that, I fear me, will never out of my bones:
I shall not fear fly-blowing.

Seb. Why, how now, Stephano!

Ste. O! touch me not: I am not Stephano, but a cramp.

Pro. You'd be king of the isle, sirrah? 320

Ste. I should have been a sore one then.

Alon. This is a strange thing as e'er I look'd on. [*Pointing to CAL.*]

Pro. He is as disproportion'd in his manners
As in his shape.—Go, sirrah, to my cell; 324
Take with you your companions: as you look
To have my pardon, trim it handsomely.

Cal. Ay, that I will; and I'll be wise hereafter,
And seek for grace. What a thrice-double ass 328
Was I, to take this drunkard for a god,
And worship this dull fool!

Pro. Go to; away!

Alon. Hence, and bestow your luggage where you found it. 332

Seb. Or stole it, rather. [*Exeunt CAL., STE., and TRIN.*]

Pro. Sir, I invite your highness and your train
To my poor cell, where you shall take your rest
For this one night; which—part of it—I'll waste 336
With such discourse as, I not doubt, shall make it
Go quick away; the story of my life
And the particular accidents gone by
Since I came to this isle: and in the morn 340
I'll bring you to your ship, and so to Naples,
Where I have hope to see the nuptial
Of these our dear-beloved solemniz'd;
And thence retire me to my Milan, where 344
Every third thought shall be my grave.
Alon. I long
To hear the story of your life, which must
Take the ear strangely. 348
Pro. I'll deliver all;
And promise you calm seas, auspicious gales
And sail so expeditious that shall catch
Your royal fleet far off.—[*Aside to ARI.*] My Ariel, chick, 352
That is thy charge: then to the elements
Be free, and fare thou well!—Please you, draw near. [*Exeunt.*]

EPILOGUE.

Spoken by PROSPERO.

Now my charms are all o'erthrown,
And what strength I have 's mine own;
Which is most faint: now, 'tis true,
I must be here confin'd by you,
Or sent to Naples. Let me not,
Since I have my dukedom got
And pardon'd the deceiver, dwell
In this bare island by your spell;
But release me from my bands
With the help of your good hands.

Gentle breath of yours my sails
Must fill, or else my project fails,
Which was to please. Now I want
Spirits to enforce, art to enchant;
And my ending is despair,
Unless I be reliev'd by prayer,
Which pierces so that it assaults
Mercy itself and frees all faults.
As you from crimes would pardon'd be,
Let your indulgence set me free.