

Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare A Midsummer Night's Dream – Plot Summary transcript

VOICEOVER

This is about how crazy love and lovers can be.
Throw in some interfering fairies with magic eye drops
and a guy with the head of an ass and you've got something
so cooky it can only be a Midsummer Night's Dream.

Letmeguess: Athens!

He's Theseus, Duke of Athens. He's getting married.
Everybody's got wedding fever. Like rabies.

Ask Hermia. Her Dad is like 'marry Demetrius', or DIE,
and she's like, 'Yeah, as if!'

She thinks Demetrius is a jerk. And she LOVES Lysander.
Whereas her best pal Helena LOVES Demetrius,
but he ain't interested! What a mess!
Oh Shakespeare! You SO understand!

So, Hermia and Lysander run away together into the woods.
With Demetrius and Helena hot footing it after them.

But it's not just any woods! No! They're ENCHANTED WOODS!

Oh, here come some bad actors rehearsing a play for the Duke.
One of them is called Nick Bottom. Seriously!

Oh look some Fairies! The King's Oberon, The Queen's Titania,
and the guy with the flappy wings is Puck. Cute!

Except, how cute is arguing over the custody of an adopted child?
Yeah a little Indian baby! This is SO Hollywood!

Titania won't give the baby up, so jealous Oberon asks Puck
to make some eye drops that'll make her fall in love
with the first creature she sees.

He's a SORE loser. But funny with it.

Puck squirts the potion in Titania's eyes, and who does she fall
in love with? Bottom. And Puck has turned his head into an ASS!

Meanwhile Lysander, Hermia, Demetrius and Helena

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are still in the woods arguing.

Oberon's got enough magic juice to sort them out...
But this SO goes wrong. Oberon tells Puck to put it in
Demetrius' eyes so that he'll love Helena,
but it goes in Lysander's eyes instead, and when he wakes up,
does he see Hermia? NO! He sees Helena!
Like it wasn't complicated enough!

To solve this crazy situation, Puck puts the juice in
Demetrius' eyes, so that he'll love Helena.

WOAH! Remember this started crazy! Just got crazier!
So now both boys are juiced up, it's totally crazy!
Helena's like THIS IS A SICK JOKE!?
And Hermia's like 'How could you Helena!'

The girls totally fall out and the guys want to fight,
but over Helena this time! Fairyland is crazy land!

Oberon's had enough. He brings down a fog to make
everyone think they were dreaming.
He makes Lysander love Hermia again.

Titania lets Oberon have the custody kid, so Oberon
stops her going crazy for Bottom. [LAUGHS]

Everybody wakes up thinking it was a crazy dream!
Even Bottom stops being an Ass!

The Duke appears, blesses the couples, the bad actors
perform their play, and EVERYONE gets married!

Even these guys.

Only joking! At the end Puck says, if you hate this play,
then it was all a dream. WHAT?

Hey Shakespeare! You're a lazy HACK!