



The Riverside Shakespeare Company performs *Midsummer Night's* in 1978, NYC.

“Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind, / And therefore is winged Cupid painted blind; / ... And therefore is Love said to be a child, / Because in choice he is so oft beguiled.”

Vocab | Please define the following words:

Dowager - Solemnities - Vexation - Filched - Entreat - Abjure - Tempest - Avouch - Visage - Beguiled - Perjure

Summary

1. Why does Egeus come before Theseus? What does he demand, and how does Theseus respond?
2. What do Hermia and Lysander decide to do together? Who does Hermia tell of their plans? What results, and why?

Analysis

1. Check out Helena's quote above. What is she talking about, and how does it relate to the story?
2. Do you agree with her sentiment? Why or why not?