**A Midsummer Night’s Dream**

**Act I, Scene i**

Theseus is anxious for the new noon on May Day when he will be married to Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons.

Egerus enters with daughter Hermia. She is courted by two men, Lysander and Demetrius. Egerus wants her to marry Demetrius. Athenian law says she must marry her father’s choice. Theseus says she must do this or become a nun. Hermia says she would rather die. Lysander tells how he is equal to Demetrius, and how he loves Hermia and she him. He also tells how Demetrius wooed Helena and dumped her. Theseus will not change his mind. The two (Hermia and Lysander) decide to elope. They tell Helena of the plan. Helena is Hermia’s best friend, but she loves Demetrius, so she decides to tell him of the elopement plan to win his favor.

**Scene ii**

Peter Quince and a group of actors will perform a play for Theseus and Hippolyta on the evening of their wedding. They will do the play of Pyramus and Thisbe who tried to elope but die by a lion. Nick Bottom will play Pyramus. Flute will play Thisbe. Snug will play the lion. Rehearsal is set for the woods where Lysander and Hermia plan to meet.

**Act II, Scene i**

Oberon is angry with Titania because of a boy she stole in India. He wants her to give him the boy. Puck/Robin plays tricks on mortals to make his master Oberon laugh. Titania and Oberon meet and begin to quarrel. They accuse each other of being in love with Hippolyta and Theseus. The fairies are likened to the Gods. Oberon asks Puck to get him the flower that will cause people to fall in love. Demetrius is trying to get rid of Helena. Oberon decides it will be fun to use the flower on Demetrius so he will fall in love with Helena. He leaves Puck to do this.

**Scene ii**

Puck anoints Lysander’s eyes by mistake. Demetrius and Helena appear. Demetrius goes off and Helena sees Lysander. He awakes and sees her and falls madly in love with her. Helena is frightened at Lysander’s reaction and runs away.

**Act III Scene i**

The actors are practicing in the woods for their play. Puck decides it will be fun to make Bottom’s head that of an ass. (very appropriate due to his behavior) The others become frightened and run away leaving Bottom alone. Puck has also decided it would be fun to sprinkle the magic flower on Titania who awakens and falls in love with Bottom.

**Scene ii**

Oberon sees the mistake and puts the flower on Demetrius eyes. He tells Puck to go and get Helena; Demetrius falls in love with Helena. So, now both men love her but she does not believe them. Hermia is hurt and angry and argues with Helena. Then the men plan a duel to win Helena’s love. Oberon orders Puck to remove the spell from Lysander; which he does.

**Act IV, Scene i**

Oberon tells Puck to change Bottom back and release the spell on Titania. When Demetrius awakens he is in love with Helena. They tell Theseus of this and he rules that the four will have a triple wedding with he and Hippolyta.

**Scene ii**

Actors will do the play.

**Act V, Scene i**

The weddings take place. The play is awful.