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PERICLES

by William Shakespeare



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Editor's General Note

The Text. The editor has kept before him the aim of presenting to the modern reader the nearest possible approximation to what Shakespeare actually wrote. The text is therefore conservative, and is based on the earliest reliable printed text. But to avoid distraction (*a*) the spelling is modernised, and (*b*) a limited number of universally accepted emendations is admitted without comment. Where a Quarto text exists as well as the First Folio the passages which occur only in the Quarto are enclosed in square brackets [] and those which occur only in the Folio in brace brackets { }.

Scene Division. The rapid continuity of the Elizabethan curtainless production is lost by the 'traditional' scene divisions. Where there is an essential difference of place these scene divisions are retained. Where on the other hand the change of place is insignificant the scene division is indicated only by a space on the page. For ease of reference, however, the 'traditional' division is retained at the head of the page and in line numbering.

Notes. Passages on which there are notes are indicated by a † in the margin.

Punctuation adheres more closely than has been usual to the 'Elizabethan' punctuation of the early texts. It is often therefore more indicative of the way in which the lines were to be delivered than of their syntactical construction.

Glossaries are arranged on a somewhat novel principle, not alphabetically, but in the order in which the words or phrases occur. The editor is much indebted to Mr J. N. Bryson for his collaboration in the preparation of the glossaries.



Preface

The Text. The first appearance of the play in print was in quarto in 1609. It had the following title-page:—THE LATE, / And much admired Play, / Called / Pericles, Prince / of Tyre / With the true Relation of the whole Historie, / adventures, and fortunes of the said Prince : / As also, / The no lesse strange, and worthy accidents, / in the Birth and Life, of his Daughter / *MARIANA*. / As it hath been diuers and sundry times acted by / his Maiesties Seruants, at the Globe on / the Banck-side. / By William Shakespeare. / Imprinted at London for *Henry Gosson*, and are / to be sold at the signe of the Sunne in / Pater-noster row, &c. / 1609. It is a thoroughly bad text. There is some mislineation; a good deal of verse is (as in *King Lear*) printed as prose, some prose is printed as though it were verse; there are frequent non-metrical lines, in which a word has evidently been omitted, and there is a good deal of mere corruption. But the errors suggest the blunders of a more than ordinarily careless compositor (or of a compositor working from more than ordinarily difficult copy) rather than the auditory errors of a reporter, or the errors of a too familiar, and so careless, transcriber. The play was evidently popular, since it ran through six quarto editions by 1635, but it was not included in the First Folio, and indeed had to wait for canonisation till the Third Folio, where it is definitely attributed to Shakespeare.

Date of Composition. Even the approximate determination of this depends on the view we take of the relation between Wilkins' novel and the play. If the play to which Wilkins alludes was the play as we have it, then we must put Shakespeare's work

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back to 1607. If on the other hand we assume that Shakespeare was indebted to the novel, then we must advance his work to 1609 or late 1608. It should be noticed that there is a passage in III. i. 30-37 (*i.e.* in the accepted Shakespearean portion of the play) in which the verbal coincidence with Wilkins is beyond the reach of chance.

Authorship. The attribution of the Quarto, accepted by the Third Folio, had evidently not commended itself to Heminge and Condell. Indeed their failure to include a play so popular is surely in itself a tacit denial of the title-page of the Quartos. And hardly any editors since have accepted the attribution, though that some of the play is Shakespeare's most would agree. The play falls clearly into several sections. There are the 'Gower' passages and the dumb-shows; the first two acts; the bulk of the last three acts; and the brothel-scenes in the fourth act. There is a general agreement that Shakespeare had no share, or the smallest possible share, in the Gower passages and the first two acts, but that he wrote either the whole or at least much the greater part of the last three acts less the brothel-scenes. With this general allocation the instinct of readers will pretty certainly agree. The first two acts are written in verse which reaches a somewhat low level of competence, but is for the most part dull and mechanical, and does not sound like Shakespeare at any stage of his development. The last three acts, on the other hand, give us again and again the true Shakespearean ring, and the ring of Shakespeare's later manner. But I think that they also give one the feeling of Shakespeare in something of a hurry, so that the characteristic felicities are less frequent than in what one may take to be his more deliberate work. As to the brothel-scenes, opinions have differed widely and feeling

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has run high. Fleay's remarks are worth quoting:—"These scenes are totally unlike Shakespeare's in feeling in such matters. He would not have indulged in the morbid anatomy of such loathsome characters; he would have covered the ulcerous sores with a film of humour, if it were a necessary part of his moral surgery to treat them at all—and above all he would not have married Marina to a man whose acquaintance she had first made in a public brothel, to which *his* motives of resort were not recommendatory, however involuntary *her* sojourn there may have been. A still stronger argument is the omission of any allusion in the after-scenes to these." This is a curious mixture of sentimentality and sound criticism. The scenes are loathsome; therefore let us at all costs, as another critic phrases it, 'relieve' Shakespeare of them. There is no end to the operation of this kind of piety, which would surely excise at once the Overdone-Pompey scenes of *Measure for Measure*, which are little less rancid. Shakespeare was a 'moral surgeon'; possibly, but he was also a practical playwright, and if these scenes would tell in the theatre I do not think that he would have hesitated about them. But do they? Here Fleay might have put much more strongly the point which he implies; not only are the scenes not mentioned later, but as they stand they are barely organic; as a method either of 'illustrating Marina's virginal purity' or of introducing Lysimachus to her, they are surely intolerably clumsy. And I think also that when one compares them with the scenes in *Measure for Measure* with which they are regularly compared by those who support Shakespeare's authorship of them, one is struck by the justice of Fleay's other point (though without any consideration of moral surgery); even in *Measure for Measure* there are touches of humour, cold-blooded, dreary, and to modern taste unsavoury though it is;

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but these scenes are utterly humourless. They do not read to me as un-Shakespearean, and I am not clear that any of his contemporaries could have written them with such economy and trenchancy; but if they are Shakespeare's they are his in his blackest mood of disillusioned realism, the mood of *Timon*.

As to the authorship of the recognisedly non-Shakespearean portions of the play conjecture seems a sterile occupation. The favourite claimants are Wilkins and Rowley; and even if their reputation were a matter of importance to anybody, I do not see that it would be seriously enhanced or lowered by the attribution. The connection of Wilkins with the play is undoubted, though what exactly the connection was is a matter of dispute. In 1608 Wilkins published a novel, *The Painful Adventures of Pericles Prince of Tyre. Being the true History of the Play of Pericles, as it was lately presented by the worthy and ancient Poet Iohn Gower*. In an 'epistle' prefixed to this he says, "A poore infant of my braine comes naked unto you." It is an interesting illustration of the conscious or unconscious dishonesty of critics hotly supporting a thesis that it has been again and again stated that Wilkins refers to the *play* as 'a poore infant of his braine,' when he clearly does nothing of the sort, but is speaking of the novel. For all that he may easily have been responsible for the first two acts of the play. But if he were 'novelising' his own work one would have expected the verbal parallels to have been closer than and different from what in fact we find them to be. But the whole problem seems to me so obscure, and a solution of it, even if one could be arrived at, so inconsiderable in value, that an examination of its intricacies would be, I think, waste of time. It is at least a reasonable view that Shakespeare took an existing play, could not be bothered to do

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anything with its episodic first two acts, but wrote on to them the whole of the Marina-story of the last three acts.

Sources. Both Wilkins' novel and the play are based on Gower's story of *Appollinus, the Prince of Tyr*, in *Confessio Amantis*, and on a novel by Twine, *The Patternes of Painefull Adventures*.

Duration of Action. Daniel divides into fourteen days, with intervals of varying lengths for a variety of voyages, and one long interval between Acts III and IV of fourteen years. The whole action is so episodic that one need hardly trouble about exact determination of time. But Daniel makes one remark, which, though he does not develop it, is of some significance as to the problem of authorship. He says that "the play consists of *seven* acts, distinctly marked by the choruses." If we follow this up we find that the Shakespearean portion of the play, the last three acts, not only forms a coherent whole in itself, but also falls into the traditional five acts, brief though they are.

Criticism. *Swinburne*.¹—It is of course inexplicable, but it is equally of course undeniable, that the mention of Shakespeare's *Pericles* would seem immediately and invariably to recall to a virtuous critical public of nice and nasty mind the prose portions of the fourth act, the whole of the prose portions of the fourth act, and nothing but the prose portions of the fourth act. To readers and writers of books who readily admit their ineligibility as members of a Society for the Suppression of Shakespeare or Rabelais, of Homer or the Bible, it will seem that the third and

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fifth acts of this ill-fated and ill-famed play, and with them the poetical parts of the fourth act, are composed of metal incomparably more attractive. But the virtuous critic, after the alleged nature of the vulturine kind, would appear to have eyes and ears and nose for nothing else. . . .

But what now shall I say that may not be too pitifully unworthy of the glories and the beauties, the unsurpassable pathos and sublimity inwoven with the imperial texture of this very play? the blood-red Tyrian purple of tragic maternal jealousy, which might seem to array it in a worthy attire of its Tyrian name; the flower-soft loveliness of maiden lamentation over the flower-strewn seaside grave of Marina's old sea-tossed nurse, where I am unvirtuous enough (as virtue goes among moralists) to feel more at home and better at ease than in the atmosphere of her later lodging in Mitylene? What, above all, shall be said of that storm above all storms ever raised in poetry, which ushered into a world of such wonders and strange chances the daughter of the wave-worn and world-wandering prince of Tyre? Nothing but this perhaps, that it stands—or rather let me say that it blows and sounds and shines and rings and thunders and lightens as far ahead of all others as the burlesque sea-storm of Rabelais beyond all possible storms of comedy.

PERICLES, PRINCE OF TYRE

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

ANTIOCHUS, *king of Antioch.*

PERICLES, *prince of Tyre.*

HELICANUS, } *two lords of Tyre.*
ESCANES, }

SIMONIDES, *king of Pentapolis.*

CLEON, *governor of Tarsus.*

LYSIMACHUS, *governor of Mytilene.*

CERIMON, *a lord of Ephesus.*

THALIARD, *a lord of Antioch.*

PHILEMON, *servant to Cerimon.*

LEONINE, *servant to Dionyza.*

Marshal.

A Pandar.

BOULT, *his servant.*

The daughter of Antiochus.

DIONYZA, *wife to Cleon.*

THAISA, *daughter to Simonides.*

MARINA, *daughter to Pericles and Thaisa.*

LYCHORIDA, *nurse to Marina.*

A Bawd.

Lords, Knights, Gentlemen, Sailors, Pirates,
Fishermen, and Messengers.

DIANA.

GOWER, *as Chorus.*

SCENE : *Dispersedly in various countries*

PERICLES, PRINCE OF TYRE

Act First

Enter Gower

Before the palace of Antioch

Gow. To sing a song that old was sung,
From ashes ancient Gower is come,
Assuming man's infirmities,
To glad your ear, and please your eyes :
It hath been sung at festivals,
On ember-eves and holy-ales ;
And lords and ladies in their lives
Have read it for restoratives :
The purchase is to make men glorious ;
Et bonum quo antiquius, eo melius.
If you, born in these latter times,
When wit's more ripe, accept my rhymes,
And that to hear an old man sing
May to your wishes pleasure bring,
I life would wish, and that I might
Waste it for you, like taper-light.
This Antioch, then, Antiochus the Great

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Built up, this city, for his chiefest seat,
The fairest in all Syria :
I tell you what mine authors say : 20
This king unto him took a fere,
Who died, and left a female heir,
So buxom, blithe and full of face
As heaven had lent her all his grace ;
With whom the father liking took,
And her to incest did provoke :
Bad child, worse father, to entice his own
To evil should be done by none :
But custom what they did begin
Was with long use account'd no sin. 30
The beauty of this sinful dame
Made many princes thither frame,
To seek her as a bed-fellow,
In marriage-pleasures play-fellow :
Which to prevent, he made a law,
To keep her still, and men in awe,
That whoso ask'd her for his wife,
His riddle told not, lost his life :
So for her many a wight did die,
As yon grim looks do testify. 40
What now ensues, to the judgement of your eye
I give my cause, who best can justify. *Exit*

SCENE I

*Antioch. A room in the palace**Enter Antiochus, Prince Pericles and Followers*

Ant. Young prince of Tyre, you have at large receiv'd
The danger of the task you undertake.

Per. I have, Antiochus, and, with a soul
Embolden'd with the glory of her praise,
Think death no hazard in this enterprisc.

Ant. Bring in our daughter, clothed like a bride,
Fit for embracements even of Jove himself ;
At whose conception, till Lucina reign'd,
Nature this dowry gave ; to glad her presence,
The senate-house of planets all did sit,
To knit in her their best perfections.

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Music. Enter Antiochus' Daughter

Per. See where she comes, apparell'd like the spring,
Graces her subjects, and her thoughts the king
Of every virtue gives renown to men !
Her face the book of praises, where is read
Nothing but curious pleasures, as from thence
Sorrow were ever raz'd, and testy wrath
Could never be her mild companion.
You gods that made me man, and sway in love,

PERICLES

That have inflam'd desire in my breast, 20
To taste the fruit of yon celestial tree,
Or die in the adventure, be my helps,
As I am son and servant to your will,
To compass such a boundless happiness !

Ant. Prince Pericles,—

Per. That would be son to great Antiochus.

Ant. Before thee stands this fair Hesperides, †
With golden fruit, but dangerous to be touch'd ;
For death-like dragons here affright thee hard : †
Her face, like heaven, enticeth thee to view 30
Her countless glory, which desert must gain ;
And which, without desert, because thine eye
Presumes to reach, all the whole heap must die.
Yon sometimes famous princes, like thyself,
Drawn by report, adventurous by desire,
Tell thee, with speechless tongues, and semblance pale,
That without covering, save yon field of stars,
Here they stand martyrs, slain in Cupid's wars ;
And with dead cheeks advise thee to desist
For going on death's net, whom none resist. 40

Per. Antiochus, I thank thee, who hath taught
My frail mortality to know itself,
And by those fearful objects to prepare
This body, like to them, to what I must ;

For death remember'd should be like a mirror,
 Who tells us life 's but breath, to trust it error :
 I 'll make my will then, and, as sick men do,
 Who know the world, see heaven, but feeling woe
 Gripe not at earthly joys as erst they did,
 So I bequeath a happy peace to you 50
 And all good men, as every prince should do ;
 My riches to the earth, from whence they came ;
 But my unspotted fire of love to you.
(to the Princess) Thus ready for the way of life or death,
 I wait the sharpest blow.

Ant. Scorning advice : read the conclusion then :
 Which read and not expounded, 'tis decreed,
 As these before thee thou thyself shalt bleed.

Dau. Of all 'say'd yet, mayst thou prove prosperous !
 Of all 'say'd yet, I wish thee happiness ! 60

Per. Like a bold champion I assume the lists,
 Nor ask advice of any other thought
 But faithfulness and courage.

He reads the riddle

' I am no viper, yet I feed
 On mother's flesh which did me breed.
 I sought a husband, in which labour
 I found that kindness in a father :
 He 's father, son, and husband mild ;

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I mother, wife ; and yet his child.

How they may be, and yet in two,

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As you will live, resolve it you.'

(aside) Sharp physic is the last : but, O you powers,

That give heaven countless eyes to view men's acts,

Why cloud they not their sights perpetually,

If this be true, which makes me pale to read it ?

Fair glass of light, I lov'd you, and could still,

Were not this glorious casket stor'd with ill :

But I must tell you, now my thoughts revolt,

For he 's no man on whom perfections wait

That, knowing sin within, will touch the gate.

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You 're a fair viol, and your sense the strings,

Who, finger'd to make man his lawful music,

Would draw heaven down and all the gods, to hearken ;

But being play'd upon before your time,

Hell only danceth at so harsh a chime.

Good sooth, I care not for you.

Ant. Prince Pericles, touch not, upon thy life,

For that 's an article within our law,

As dangerous as the rest. Your time 's expir'd :

Either expound now, or receive your sentence.

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Per. Great king,

Few love to hear the sins they love to act ;

'Twould braid yourself too near for me to tell it.

Who has a book of all that monarchs do,
 He's more secure to keep it shut than shown :
 For vice repeated 's like the wandering wind,
 Blows dust in others' eyes to spread itself ;
 And yet the end of all is bought thus dear,
 The breath is gone, and the sore eyes see clear
 To stop the air would hurt them. The blind mole
 casts

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Copp'd hills towards heaven, to tell the earth is
 throng'd

By man's oppression ; and the poor worm doth die
 for 't.

Kings are earth's gods ; in vice, their law 's their will ;

And if Jove stray, who dares say Jove doth ill ?

It is enough you know ; and it is fit,

What being more known grows worse, to smother it.

All love the womb that their first being bred,

Then give my tongue like leave to love my head.

Ant. (aside) Heaven, that I had thy head ! He has found
 the meaning :

But I will gloze with him.—Young prince of Tyre, 110

Though by the tenour of our strict edict,

Your exposition misinterpreting,

We might proceed to cancel of your days ;

Yet hope, succeeding from so fair a tree

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As your fair self, doth tune us otherwise :
Forty days longer we do respite you,
If by which time our secret be undone,
This mercy shows we 'll joy in such a son :
And until then your entertain shall be
As doth befit our honour and your worth. 120

Exeunt all but Pericles

Per. How courtesy would seem to cover sin,
When what is done is like an hypocrite,
The which is good in nothing but in sight !
If it be true that I interpret false,
Then were it certain you were not so bad,
As with foul incest to abuse your soul ;
Where now you 're both a father and a son,
By your untimely claspings with your child
(Which pleasure fits a husband, not a father),
And she an eater of her mother's flesh, 130
By the defiling of her parent's bed ;
And both like serpents are, who though they feed
On sweetest flowers, yet they poison breed.
Antioch, farewell ! for wisdom sees, those men
Blush not in actions blacker than the night,
Will shun no course to keep them from the light.
One sin, I know, another doth provoke ;
Murder 's as near to lust as flame to smoke :

Poison and treason are the hands of sin,
 Ay, and the targets to put off the shame : 140
 Then, lest my life be cropp'd to keep you clear,
 By flight I'll shun the danger which I fear. *Exit*

Re-enter Antiochus

Ant. He hath found the meaning, for the which we mean
 To have his head.

He must not live to trumpet forth my infamy,
 Nor tell the world Antiochus doth sin
 In such a loathed manner :

And therefore instantly this prince must die,
 For by his fall my honour must keep high.

Who attends us there ? 150

Enter Thaliard

Tba. Doth your highness call ?

Ant. Thaliard,

You are of our chamber, and our mind partakes
 Her private actions to your secrecy :
 And for your faithfulness we will advance you.
 Thaliard, behold, here 's poison, and here 's gold ;
 We hate the prince of Tyre, and thou must kill him :
 It fits thee not to ask the reason why :
 Because we bid it. Say, is it done ?

Tba.

My lord,

'Tis done.

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Ant. Enough.

Enter a Messenger

Let your breath cool yourself, telling your haste.

Mes. My lord, prince Pericles is fled. *Exit*

Ant. As thou

Wilt live, fly after : and like an arrow shot
From a well experienc'd archer hits the mark
His eye doth level at, so thou ne'er return
Unless thou say ' Prince Pericles is dead.'

Tha. My lord,

If I can get him within my pistol's length,
I'll make him sure enough, so, farewell to your
highness,

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Ant. Thaliard, adieu ! (*exit Tha.*) Till Pericles be dead,
My heart can lend no succour to my head. *Exit*

SCENE II

Tyre. *A room in the palace*

Enter Pericles

Per. (*to Lords without*) Let none disturb us. Why should
this change of thoughts,
The sad companion, dull-ey'd melancholy,
Be my so us'd a guest as not an hour,

In the day's glorious walk, or peaceful night,
 The tomb where grief should sleep, can breed me
 quiet ?

Here pleasures court mine eyes, and mine eyes shun
 them,

And danger, which I fear'd, is at Antioch,
 Whose arm seems far too short to hit me here :

Yet neither pleasure's art can joy my spirits,
 Nor yet the other's distance comfort me.

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Then it is thus : the passions of the mind,
 That have their first conception by mis-dread,
 Have after-nourishment and life by care ;
 And what was first but fear what might be done,
 Grows elder now, and cares it be not done.

And so with me : the great Antiochus,
 'Gainst whom I am too little to contend,
 Since he's so great, can make his will his act,
 Will think me speaking, though I swear to silence,

Nor boots it me to say I honour him,

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If he suspect I may dishonour him :
 And what may make him blush in being known,
 He'll stop the course by which it might be known :
 With hostile forces he'll o'erspread the land,
 And with the ostent of war will look so huge,
 Amazement shall drive courage from the state,

PERICLES

Our men be vanquish'd ere they do resist,
And subjects punish'd that ne'er thought offence :
Which care of them, not pity of myself,
Who am no more but as the tops of trees 30
Which fence the roots they grow by and defend them,
Makes both my body pine, and soul to languish,
And punish that before that he would punish.

Enter Helicanus, with other Lords

1.L. Joy and all comfort in your sacred breast !

2.L. And keep your mind, till you return to us,
Peaceful and comfortable !

Hel. Peace, peace, and give experience tongue.

They do abuse the king that flatter him :
For flattery is the bellows blows up sin ;
The thing the which is flatter'd, but a spark, 40
To which that blast gives heat and stronger glowing ;
Whereas reproof, obedient and in order,
Fits kings, as they are men, for they may err.
When Signior Sooth here does proclaim a peace,
He flatters you, makes war upon your life.
Prince, pardon me, or strike me, if you please ;
I cannot be much lower than my knees.

Per. All leave us else ; but let your cares o'erlook
What shipping and what lading 's in our haven,
And then return to us. (*exeunt Lords.*) Helicanus, thou 50

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Are arms to princes and bring joys to subjects.
Her face was to mine eye beyond all wonder ;
The rest—hark in thine ear—as black as incest :
Which by my knowledge found, the sinful father
Seem'd not to strike, but smooth : but thou know'st
this,

'Tis time to fear when tyrants seem to kiss.
Which fear so grew in me, I hither fled, 80
Under the covering of a careful night,
Who seem'd my good protector ; and, being here,
Bethought me what was past, what might succeed.
I knew him tyrannous ; and tyrants' fears
Decrease not, but grow faster than the years :
And should he doubt it, as no doubt he doth,
That I should open to the listening air
How many worthy princes' bloods were shed,
To keep his bed of blackness unlaid ope,
To lop that doubt, he 'll fill this land with arms, 90
And make pretence of wrong that I have done him ;
When all, for mine, if I may call offence,
Must feel war's blow, who spares not innocence :
Which love to all, of which thyself art one,
Who now reprov'dst me for it,—

Hel.

Alas, sir !

Per. Drew sleep out of mine eyes, blood from my cheeks,

Musings into my mind, with thousand doubts
 How I might stop this tempest ere it came ;
 And finding little comfort to relieve them,
 I thought it princely charity to grieve them. 100

Hel. Well, my lord, since you have given me leave to speak,
 Freely will I speak. Antiochus you fear,
 And justly too, I think, you fear the tyrant,
 Who either by public war or private treason
 Will take away your life.

Therefore, my lord, go travel for a while,
 Till that his rage and anger be forgot,
 Or till the Fates do cut his thread of life.

Your rule direct to any ; if to me,
 Day serves not light more faithful than I'll be. 110

Per. I do not doubt thy faith ; but should he wrong
 My liberties in my absence ?

Hel. We'll mingle our bloods together in the earth,
 From whence we had our being and our birth.

Per. Tyre, I now look from thee then, and to Tarsus
 Intend my travel, where I'll hear from thee,
 And by whose letters I'll dispose myself.
 The care I had and have of subjects' good
 On thee I lay, whose wisdom's strength can bear it.
 I'll take thy word for faith, not ask thine oath : 120
 Who shuns not to break one will sure crack both :

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But in our orbs we 'll live so round and safe,
That time of both this truth shall ne'er convince,
Thou show'dst a subject's shine, I a true prince.

Exeunt

SCENE III

Tyre. An ante-chamber in the palace

Enter Thaliard

Tba. So, this is Tyre, and this the court. Here must I kill King Pericles, and if I do it not, I am sure to be hang'd at home : 'tis dangerous. Well, I perceive he was a wise fellow, and had good discretion, that, being bid to ask what he would of the king, desir'd he might know none of his secrets : now I do see he had some reason for 't ; for if a king bid a man be a villain, he 's bound by the indenture of his oath to be one. Hush ! here come the lords of Tyre.

Enter Helicanus and Escanes, with other Lords

Hel. You shall not need, my fellow peers of Tyre, 10
Further to question me of your king's departure :
His seal'd commission left in trust with me
Doth speak sufficiently he 's gone to travel.

Tba. (aside) How ? the king gone ?

Hel. If further yet you will be satisfied,

Why, as it were unlicens'd of your loves,
 He would depart, I'll give some light unto you.
 Being at Antioch—

Tba. (aside) What from Antioch ?

Hel. Royal Antiochus—on what cause I know not— 20
 Took some displeasure at him ; at least he judg'd so :
 And doubting lest that he had err'd or sinn'd,
 To show his sorrow, he 'ld correct himself ;
 So puts himself unto the shipman's toil,
 With whom each minute threatens life or death.

Tba. (aside) Well, I perceive I shall not be hang'd now,
 although I would ; but since he 's gone, the king's
 scas must please : he 'scap'd the land, to perish at
 the sea. I'll present myself. Peace to the lords of
 Tyre ! 30

Hel. Lord Thaliard from Antiochus is welcome.

Tba. From him I come
 With message unto princely Pericles ;
 But since my landing I have understood
 Your lord has betook himself to unknown travels ;
 Now message must return from whence it came.

Hel. We have no reason to desire it,
 Commended to our master, not to us :
 Yet, ere you shall depart, this we desire,
 As friends to Antioch, we may feast in Tyre. *Exeunt* 40

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SCENE IV

Tarsus. A room in the Governor's house

*Enter Cleon the Governor of Tarsus, with Dionyza
and others*

Cle. My Dionyza, shall we rest us here,
And by relating tales of others' griefs,
See if 'twill teach us to forget our own ?

Dio. That were to blow at fire in hope to quench it ;
For who digs hills because they do aspire
Throws down one mountain to cast up a higher.
O my distressed lord, even such our griefs are ;
Here they 're but felt, and seen with mischief's eyes,
But like to groves, being topp'd, they higher rise.

Cle. O Dionyza, 10
Who wanteth food, and will not say he wants it,
Or can conceal his hunger till he famish ?
Our tongues and sorrows do sound deep
Our woes into the air ; our eyes do weep,
Till tongues fetch breath that may proclaim them
louder ;
That, if heaven slumber while their creatures want,
They may awake their helps to comfort them.
I 'll then discourse our woes, felt several years,

And wanting breath to speak help me with tears.

Dio. I'll do my best, sir. 20

Cle. This Tarsus, o'er which I have the government,
A city on whom plenty held full hand,
For riches strew'd herself even in the streets ;
Whose towers bore heads so high they kiss'd the
clouds,

And strangers ne'er beheld but wonder'd at,
Whose men and dames so jetted and adorn'd,
Like one another's glass to trim them by :
Their tables were stor'd full, to glad the sight,
And not so much to feed on as delight ;
All poverty was scorn'd, and pride so great, 30
The name of help grew odious to repeat.

Dio. O, 'tis too true.

Cle. But see what heaven can do ! By this our change,
These mouths, who but of late earth, sea and air,
Were all too little to content and please,
Although they gave their creatures in abundance,
As houses are defil'd for want of use,
They are now starv'd for want of exercise :
Those palates who, not yet two summers younger,
Must have inventions to delight the taste, 40
Would now be glad of bread, and beg for it :
Those mothers who, to nouse up their babes,

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Thought nought too curious, are ready now
To eat those little darlings whom they lov'd.
So sharp are hunger's teeth, that man and wife
Draw lots who first shall die, to lengthen life :
Here stands a lord, and there a lady weeping ;
Here many sink, yet those which see them fall
Have scarce strength left to give them burial.
Is not this true ?

50

Dio. Our cheeks and hollow eyes do witness it.

Cle. O, let those cities that of plenty's cup
And her prosperities so largely taste,
With their superfluous riots, hear these tears !
The misery of Tarsus may be theirs.

Enter a Lord

Lo. Where 's the lord governor ?

Cle. Here.

Speak out thy sorrows which thou bring'st in haste,
For comfort is too far for us to expect.

Lo. We have descried, upon our neighbouring shore, 60
A portly sail of ships make hitherward.

Cle. I thought as much.

One sorrow never comes but brings an heir,
That may succeed as his inheritor ;
And so in ours : some neighbouring nation,
Taking advantage of our misery,

Hath stuff'd the hollow vessels with their power,
 To beat us down, the which are down already,
 And make a conquest of unhappy me,
 Whereas no glory's got to overcome. 70

Lo. That's the least fear; for, by the semblance,
 Of their white flags display'd, they bring us peace,
 And come to us as favourers, not as foes.

Cle. Thou speak'st like him's untutor'd to repeat:
 Who makes the fairest show means most deceit.
 But bring they what they will and what they can,
 What need we fear?
 The ground's the lowest, and we are half way there.
 Go tell their general we attend him here,
 To know for what he comes, and whence he comes, 80
 And what he craves.

Lo. I go, my lord.

Exit

Cle. Welcome is peace, if he on peace consist;
 If wars, we are unable to resist.

Enter Pericles with Attendants

Per. Lord governor, for so we hear you are,
 Let not our ships and number of our men
 Be like a beacon fir'd, to amaze your eyes.
 We have heard your miseries as far as Tyre,
 And seen the desolation of your streets,
 Nor come we to add sorrow to your tears, 90

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But to relieve them of their heavy load ;
And these our ships, you happily may think
Are like the Trojan horse, was stuff'd within
With bloody veins expecting overthrow,
Are stor'd with corn to make your needy bread,
And give them life whom hunger starv'd half dead.

All. The gods of Greece protect you !

And we 'll pray for you.

Per. Arise, I pray you, rise :

We do not look for reverence, but for love
And harbourage for ourself, our ships and men.

100

Cle. The which when any shall not gratify,

Or pay you with unthankfulness in thought,
Be it our wives, our children, or ourselves,
The curse of heaven and men succeed their evils !
Till when,—the which I hope shall ne'er be seen—
Your grace is welcome to our town and us.

Per. Which welcome we 'll accept ; feast here awhile,

Until our stars that frown lend us a smile. *Exeunt*

Act Second

Enter Gower

Gow. Here have you seen a mighty king
 His child, I wis, to incest bring ;
 A better prince and benign lord,
 That will prove awful both in deed and word.
 Be quiet then as men should be,
 Till he hath pass'd necessity.
 I'll show you those in troubles reign,
 Losing a mite, a mountain gain.
 The good in conversation,
 To whom I give my benison, 10
 Is still at Tarsus, where each man
 Thinks all is writ he speken can ;
 And, to remember what he does,
 Build his statue to make him glorious :
 But tidings to the contrary
 Are brought your eyes ; what need speak I ?

DUMB SHOW

*Enter, at one door, Pericles, talking with Cleon, all the train
 with them. Enter, at another door, a Gentleman, with a*

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letter to Pericles, Pericles shows the letter to Cleon ; gives the Messenger a reward, and knights him. Exit Pericles at one door, and Cleon at another.

Good Helicane, that stay'd at home,
Not to eat honey like a drone
From others' labours ; though he strive
To killen bad, keep good alive ; 20
And to fulfil his prince' desire,
Sends word of all that haps in Tyre :
How Thaliard came full bent with sin
And had intent to murder him ;
And that in Tarsus was not best
Longer for him to make his rest.
He, doing so, put forth to seas,
Where when men been, there 's seldom ease ;
For now the wind begins to blow ;
Thunder above and dceps below 30
Make such unquiet that the ship
Should house him safe is wreck'd and split ;
And he, good prince, having all lost,
By waves from coast to coast is tost :
All perishen of man, of pelf,
Ne aught escapen but himself ;
Till fortune, tir'd with doing bad,

Threw him ashore, to give him glad :
 And here he comes. What shall be next,
 Pardon old Gower,—this longs the text.

Exit 40

SCENE I

Pentapolis. An open place by the sea-side

Enter Pericles, wet

Per. Yet cease your ire, you angry stars of heaven !
 Wind, rain, and thunder, remember, earthly man
 Is but a substance that must yield to you ;
 And I, as fits my nature, do obey you :
 Alas, the sea hath cast me on the rocks,
 Wash'd me from shore to shore, and left me
 breath
 Nothing to think on but ensuing death :
 Let it suffice the greatness of your powers
 To have bereft a prince of all his fortunes ;
 And having thrown him from your watery grave, 10
 Here to have death in peace is all he'll crave.

Enter three Fishermen

1.F. What, ho, Pilch !

2.F. Ha, come and bring away the nets !

PERICLES

1.F. What, Patchbreech, I say !

3.F. What say you, master ?

1.F. Look how thou stirrest now ! come away, or I'll fetch thee with a wanion.

3.F. Faith, master, I am thinking of the poor men that were cast away before us even now.

1.F. Alas, poor souls, it grieved my heart to hear what pitiful cries they made to us to help them, when, well-a-day, we could scarce help ourselves. 20

3.F. Nay, master, said not I as much when I saw the porpoise, how he bounc'd and tumbled ? they say they're half fish, half flesh : a plague on them, they ne'er come but I look to be wash'd. Master, I marvel how the fishes live in the sea.

1.F. Why, as men do a-land ; the great ones eat up the little ones : I can compare our rich misers to nothing so fitly as to a whale ; a' plays and tumbles, driving the poor fry before him, and at last devours them all at a mouthful : such whales have I heard on o' the land, who never leave gaping till they've swallow'd the whole parish, church, steeple, bells, and all. 30

Per. (aside) A pretty moral.

3.F. But, master, if I had been the sexton,
I would have been that day in the belfry.

2.F. Why, man ?

3.F. Because he should have swallowed me too : and 40
 when I had been in his belly, I would have kept
 such a jangling of the bells, that he should never
 have left till he cast bells, steeple, church, and
 parish, up again. But if the good King Simonides
 were of my mind,—

Per. (*aside*) Simonides ?

3.F. We would purge the land of these drones, that rob
 the bee of her honey.

Per. (*aside*) How from the finny subject of the sea
 These fishers tell the infirmities of men ; 50
 And from their watery empire recollect
 All that may men approve or men detect !—
 Peace be at your labour, honest fishermen. †

2.F. Honest ! good fellow, what 's that ? If it be a day
 fits you, search out of the calendar, and nobody look
 after it.

Per. May see the sea hath cast upon your coast.

2.F. What a drunken knave was the sea to cast thee in
 our way !

Per. A man whom both the waters and the wind, 60
 In that vast tennis-court, have made the ball
 For them to play upon, entreats you pity him ;
 He asks of you, that never us'd to beg.

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1.F. No, friend, cannot you beg? Here's them in our country of Greece gets more with begging than we can do with working.

2.F. Canst thou catch any fishes then?

Per. I never practis'd it.

2.F. Nay, then thou wilt starve, sure; for here's nothing to be got now-a-days, unless thou canst fish for't. 70

Per. What I have been I have forgot to know:

But what I am, want teaches me to think on:
A man throng'd up with cold: my veins are chill, †
And have no more of life than may suffice
To give my tongue that heat to ask your help;
Which if you shall refuse, when I am dead,
For that I am a man, pray see me buried.

1.F. Die, quoth-a? Now gods forbid't! And I have a gown here, come, put it on, keep thee warm. Now, afore me, a handsome fellow! Come, thou shalt go home, and we'll have flesh for holidays, fish for fasting-days, and moreo'er puddings and flap-jacks, and thou shalt be welcome. 80

Per. I thank you, sir.

2.F. Hark you, my friend; you said you could not beg?

Per. I did but crave.

2.F. But crave? Then I'll turn craver too, and so I shall 'scape whipping.

Per. Why, are all your beggars whipped then ?

2.*F.* O, not all, my friend, not all ; for if all your beggars 90
were whipped, I would wish no better office than to
be beadle. But, master, I 'll go draw up the net.

Exit with Third Fisherman

Per. (*aside*) How well this honest mirth becomes their
labour !

1.*F.* Hark you, sir, do you know where ye are ?

Per. Not well.

1.*F.* Why, I 'll tell you : this is called Pentapolis, and
our king the good Simonides.

Per. The good Simonides, do you call him ?

1.*F.* Ay, sir ; and he deserves so to be called for his
peaceable reign and good government. 100

Per. He is a happy king, since he gains from his subjects
the name of good by his government. How far is
his court distant from this shore ?

1.*F.* Marry, sir, half a day's journey : and I 'll tell you,
he hath a fair daughter, and to-morrow is her birth-
day ; and there are princes and knights come from all
parts of the world to just and tourney for her love.

Per. Were my fortunes equal to my desires, I could wish
to make one there.

1.*F.* O, sir, things must be as they may ; and what a man 110
cannot get, he may lawfully deal for his wife's soul.

PERICLES

Re-enter Second and Third Fishermen, drawing up a net

2.F. Help, master, help ! here 's a fish hangs in the net,
like a poor man's right in the law ; 'twill hardly come
out. Ha ! bots on 't, 'tis come at last, and 'tis
turn'd to a rusty armour.

Per. An armour, friends ? I pray you, let me see it.
Thanks, fortune, yet, that after all thy crosses
Thou givest me somewhat to repair myself ;
And though it was mine own, part of my heritage,
Which my dead father did bequeath to me, 120
With this strict charge, even as he left his life,
' Keep it, my Pericles ; it hath been a shield
'Twixt me and death : '—and pointed to this brace—
' For that it sav'd me, keep it ; in like necessity—
The which the gods protect thee from !—may defend †
thee.'

It kept where I kept, I so dearly lov'd it,
Till the rough seas, that spare not any man,
Took it in rage, though calm'd have given 't again :
I thank thee for 't, my shipwreck now 's no ill,
Since I have here my father gave in 's will. †

1.F. What mean you, sir ? 131

Per. To beg of you, kind friends, this coat of worth,
For it was sometime target to a king ;
I know it by this mark. He lov'd me dearly,

And for his sake I wish the having of it ;
 And that you 'ld guide me to your sovereign's court,
 Where with it I may appear a gentleman ;
 And if that ever my low fortune 's better,
 I 'll pay your bounties ; till then rest your debtor.

1.F. Why, wilt thou tourney for the lady ? 140

Per. I 'll show the virtue I have borne in arms.

1.F. Why, do 'e take it, and the gods give thee good on 't !

2.F. Ay, but hark you, my friend ; 'twas we that made
 up this garment through the rough seams of the
 waters : there are certain condolences, certain vails.
 I hope, sir, if you thrive, you 'll remember from
 whence you had them.

Per. Believe 't, I will.

By your furtherance I am cloth'd in steel ;
 And spite of all the rapture of the sea 150
 This jewel holds his building on my arm :
 Unto thy value I will mount myself
 Upon a courser, whose delightful steps
 Shall make the gazer joy to see him tread.
 Only, my friend, I yet am unprovided
 Of a pair of bascs.

2.F. We 'll sure provide : thou shalt have my best gown
 to make thee a pair ; and I 'll bring thee to the court
 myself.

PERICLES

Per. Then honour be but a goal to my will, 160
This day I 'll rise, or else add ill to ill. *Exeunt*

SCENE II

The same. *A public way or platform leading to the lists. A pavilion by the side of it for the reception of the King, Princess, Lords, &c.*

Enter Simonides, Thaisa, Lords, and Attendants

Sim. Are the knights ready to begin the triumph ?

I.L. They are, my liege,

And stay your coming to present themselves.

Sim. Return them, we are ready ; and our daughter,
In honour of whose birth these triumphs are,
Sits here, like beauty's child, whom nature gat
For men to see, and seeing wonder at. *Exit a Lord*

Tha. It pleaseth you, my royal father, to express
My commendations great, whose merit 's less.

Sim. It 's fit it should be so, for princes are 10
A model which heaven makes like to itself :
As jewels lose their glory, if neglected,
So princes their renowns, if not respected.
'Tis now your honour, daughter, to entertain
The labour of each knight in his device.

Tha. Which, to preserve mine honour, I'll perform.

*Enter a Knight ; he passes over, and his Squire presents
his shield to the Princess*

Sim. Who is the first that doth prefer himself ?

Tha. A knight of Sparta, my renowned father ;

And the device he bears upon his shield

Is a black Ethiope reaching at the sun ;

20

The word, ' Lux tua vita mihi.'

Sim. He loves you well that holds his life of you.

The Second Knight passes

Who is the second that presents himself ?

Tha. A prince of Macedon, my royal father ;

And the device he bears upon his shield

Is an arm'd knight that 's conquer'd by a lady ;

The motto thus, in Spanish, ' Piu por dulzura que por
fuerza.'

The Third Knight passes

Sim. And what 's the third ?

Tha. The third of Antioch ;

And his device, a wreath of chivalry ;

The word, ' Me pompæ provexit apex.'

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The Fourth Knight passes

Sim. What is the fourth ?

Tha. A burning torch that 's turned upside down ;

The word, ' Quod me alit, me extinguit.'

Sim. Which shows that beauty hath his power and will,

PERICLES

Which can as well inflame as it can kill.

The Fifth Knight passes

Tha. The fifth, an hand environed with clouds,
Holding out gold that 's by the touchstone tried ;
The motto thus, ' Sic spectanda fides.'

The Sixth Knight, Pericles, passes

Sim. And what 's

The sixth and last, the which the knight himself 40
With such a graceful courtesy deliver'd ?

Tha. He seems to be a stranger ; but his present is
A wither'd branch, that 's only green at top ;
The motto, ' In hac spe vivo.'

Sim. A pretty moral ;

From the dejected state wherein he is,
He hopes by you his fortunes yet may flourish.

1.*L.* He had need mean better than his outward show
Can any way speak in his just commend ;
For by his rusty outside he appears 50
To have practised more the whipstock than the lance.

2.*L.* He well may be a stranger, for he comes
To an honour'd triumph strangely furnished.

3.*L.* And on set purpose let his armour rust
Until this day, to scour it in the dust.

Sim. Opinion 's but a fool, that makes us scan
The outward habit by the inward man.

But stay, the knights are coming : we will withdraw
 Into the gallery. *Exeunt*

Great shouts within, and all cry ' The mean knight ! '

SCENE III

The same. A hall of state : a banquet prepared

Enter Simonides, Thaisa, Lords, Knights, and Attendants

Sim. Knights,

To say you 're welcome were superfluous.
 To place upon the volume of your deeds,
 As in a title-page, your worth in arms,
 Were more than you expect, or more than 's fit,
 Since every worth in show commends itself.
 Prepare for mirth, for mirth becomes a feast :
 You are princes and my guests.

Tba. But you, my knight and guest,

To whom this wreath of victory I give,
 And crown you king of this day's happiness.

Per. 'Tis more by fortune, lady, than my merit.

Sim. Call it by what you will, the day is yours ;
 And here, I hope, is none that envies it.
 In framing an artist, art hath thus decreed,
 To make some good, but others to exceed,

PERICLES

And you are her labour'd scholar. Come, queen o'
the feast,—

For, daughter, so you are,—here take your place :
Marshal the rest as they deserve their grace.

Knights. We are honour'd much by good Simonides. 20

Sim. Your presence glads our days : honour we love ;
For who hates honour hates the gods above.

Mar. Sir, yonder is your place.

Per. Some other is more fit.

I.K. Contend not, sir ; for we are gentlemen
That neither in our hearts nor outward eyes
Envy the great nor do the low despise.

Per. You are right courteous knights.

Sim. Sit, sir, sit.

(aside) By Jove, I wonder, that is king of thoughts,
These cates resist me, he but thought upon.

Tha. (aside) By Juno, that is queen of marriage, 30
All viands that I eat do seem unsavoury,
Wishing him my meat.—Sure he 's a gallant gentleman.

Sim. He 's but a country gentleman ;
Has done no more than other knights have done ;
Has broken a staff or so ; so let it pass.

Tha. (aside) To me he seems like diamond to glass.

Per. (aside) Yon king 's to me like to my father's picture,

Which tells me in that glory once he was ;
 Had princes sit like stars about his throne,
 And he the sun, for them to reverence ; 40
 None but beheld him but, like lesser lights,
 Did vail their crowns to his supremacy :
 Where now his son 's like a glow-worm in the night,
 The which hath fire in darkness, none in light :
 Whereby I see that Time 's the king of men ;
 He 's both their parent, and he is their grave,
 And gives them what he will, not what they crave.

Sim. What, are you merry, knights ?

Knights. Who can be other in this royal presence ?

Sim. Here, with a cup that 's stor'd unto the brim, 50
 As you do love, fill to your mistress' lips,
 We drink this health to you.

Knights. We thank your grace.

Sim. Yet pause awhile :

Yon knight doth sit too melancholy,
 As if the entertainment in our court
 Had not a show might countervail his worth.
 Note it not you, Thaisa ?

Tha. What is it to me, my father ?

Sim. O, attend, my daughter :

Princes, in this, should live like gods above, 60
 Who freely give to every one that comes

PERICLES

To honour them :
And princes not doing so are like to gnats,
Which make a sound, but kill'd are wonder'd at.
Therefore to make his entrance more sweet,
Here, say we drink this standing-bowl of wine to him.

Tha. Alas, my father, it befits not me
Unto a stranger knight to be so bold :
He may my proffer take for an offence,
Since men take women's gifts for impudence. 70

Sim. How ?
Do as I bid you, or you 'll move me else.

Tha. (*aside*) Now, by the gods, he could not please me
better.

Sim. And furthermore tell him, we desire to know of him,
Of whence he is, his name, and parentage.

Tha. The king my father, sir, has drunk to you.

Per. I thank him.

Tha. Wishing it so much blood unto your life.

Per. I thank both him and you, and pledge him freely.

Tha. And further he desires to know of you 80
Of whence you are, your name, and parentage.

Per. A gentleman of Tyre ; my name, Pericles ;
My education been in arts and arms ;
Who, looking for adventures in the world,
Was by the rough seas reft of ships and men,

And after shipwreck driven upon this shore.

Tha. He thanks your grace ; names himself Pericles,
A gentleman of Tyre,
Who only by misfortune of the seas
Bereft of ships and men, cast on this shore. 90

Sim. Now, by the gods, I pity his misfortune,
And will awake him from his melancholy.
Come, gentlemen, we sit too long on trifles,
And waste the time, which looks for other revells.
Even in your armours, as you are address'd,
Will very well become a soldier's dance.
I will not have excuse, with saying this
Loud music is too harsh for ladies' heads,
Since they love men in arms as well as beds.

The Knights dance

So, this was well ask'd, 'twas so well perform'd. 100
Come, sir,

Here's a lady that wants breathing too :
And I have heard, you knights of Tyre
Are excellent in making ladies trip,
And that their measures are as excellent.

Per. In those that practise them they are, my lord.

Sim. O, that's as much as you would be denied
Of your fair courtesy. *The Knights and Ladies dance*

Unclasp, unclasp :

PERICLES

Thanks, gentlemen, to all ; all have done well,
(*to Per.*) But you the best. Pages and lights, to
conduct 110

These knights unto their several lodgings ! Yours, sir,
We have given order to be next our own.

Per. I am at your grace's pleasure.

Sim. Princes, it is too late to talk of love,
And that 's the mark I know you level at :
Therefore each one betake him to his rest ;
To-morrow all for speeding do their best. *Exeunt*

SCENE IV

Tyre. *A room in the Governor's house*

Enter Helicanus and Escanes

Hel. No, Escanes, know this of me,
Antiochus from incest lived not free :
For which, the most high gods not minding longer
To withhold the vengeance that they had in store,
Due to this heinous capital offence,
Even in the height and pride of all his glory,
When he was seated in a chariot
Of an inestimable value, and
His daughter with him,

A fire from heaven came, and shrivell'd up 10
 Their bodies, even to loathing ; for they so stunk,
 That all those eyes ador'd them ere their fall
 Scorn now their hand should give them burial.

Esc. 'Twas very strange.

Hel. And yet but justice ; for though
 This king were great, his greatness was no guard
 To bar heaven's shaft, but sin had his reward.

Esc. 'Tis very true.

Enter two or three Lords

1.*L.* See, not a man in private conference
 Or council has respect with him but he.

2.*L.* It shall no longer grieve without reproof. 20

3.*L.* And curs'd be he that will not second it.

1.*L.* Follow me then. Lord Helicane, a word.

Hel. With me ? and welcome : happy day, my lords.

1.*L.* Know that our griefts are risen to the top,
 And now at length they overflow their banks.

Hel. Your griefts ? for what ? wrong not your prince you
 love.

1.*L.* Wrong not yourself, then, noble Helicane ;
 But if the prince do live, let us salute him,
 Or know what ground 's made happy by his breath.
 If in the world he live, we 'll seek him out ; 30
 If in his grave he rest, we 'll find him there ;

PERICLES

And be resolv'd he lives to govern us,
Or dead, give 's cause to mourn his funeral,
And leave us to our free election.

2.L. Whose death 's indeed the strongest in our censure :

And knowing this kingdom is without a head,—
Like goodly buildings left without a roof
Soon fall to ruin—your noble self,
That best know how to rule and how to reign,
We thus submit unto, our sovereign.

40

All. Live, noble Helicane !

Hel. For honour's cause, forbear your suffrages :

If that you love Prince Pericles, forbear.
Take I your wish, I leap into the sea,
Where 's hourly trouble for a minute's case.
A twelvemonth longer yet let me entreat
You to forbear the absence of your king ;
If in which time expir'd he not return,
I shall with aged patience bear your yoke.
But if I cannot win you to this love,

50

Go search like nobles, like noble subjects,
And in your search spend your adventurous worth ;
Whom if you find and win unto return,
You shall like diamonds sit about his crown.

1.L. To wisdom he 's a fool that will not yield ;

And since Lord Helicane enjoineth us,

We with our travels will endeavour it.

Hel. Then you love us, we you, and we'll clasp hands :
When peers thus knit, a kingdom ever stands.

Exeunt

SCENE V

Pentapolis. A room in the palace

*Enter Simonides, reading a letter, at one door :
the Knights meet him*

1.K. Good morrow to the good Simonides.

Sim. Knights, from my daughter this I let you know,
That for this twelvemonth she'll not undertake
A married life.

Her reason to herself is only known,
Which from her by no means can I get.

2.K. May we not get access to her, my lord ?

Sim. Faith, by no means ; she hath so strictly tied
Her to her chamber, that 'tis impossible.
One twelve moons more she'll wear Diana's livery ; 10
This by the eye of Cynthia hath she vow'd,
And on her virgin honour will not break it.

3.K. Loath to bid farewell, we take our leaves.

Exeunt Knights

PERICLES

Sim. So,

They are well dispatch'd ; now to my daughter's
letter :

She tells me here, she'll wed the stranger knight,

Or never more to view nor day nor light.

'Tis well, mistress ; your choice agrees with mine ;

I like that well : nay, how absolute she 's in 't,

Not minding whether I dislike or no !

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Well, I do commend her choice ;

And will no longer have it be delay'd.

Soft ! here he comes : I must dissemble it.

Enter Pericles

Per. All fortune to the good Simonides !

Sim. To you as much, sir ! I am beholding to you

For your sweet music this last night : I do

Protest my ears were never better fed

With such delightful pleasing harmony.

Per. It is your grace's pleasure to commend ;

Not my desert.

Sim. Sir, you are music's master.

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Per. The worst of all her scholars, my good lord.

Sim. Let me ask you one thing : what do you think of
my daughter, sir ?

Per. A most virtuous princess.

Sim. And she is fair too, is she not ?

Per. As a fair day in summer, wondrous fair.

Sim. Sir, my daughter thinks very well of you,

Ay, so well, that you must be her master,

And she will be your scholar : therefore look to it.

Per. I am unworthy for her schoolmaster.

Sim. She thinks not so ; peruse this writing else. 40

Per. (*aside*) What 's here ?

A letter, that she loves the knight of Tyre !

'Tis the king's subtilty to have my life.—

O, seek not to entrap me, gracious lord,

A stranger and distressed gentleman,

That never aim'd so high to love your daughter,

But bent all offices to honour her.

Sim. Thou hast bewitch'd my daughter, and thou art
A villain.

Per. By the gods, I have not : 50

Never did thought of mine levy offence ;

Nor never did my actions yet commence

A deed might gain her love or your displeasure.

Sim. Traitor, thou liest.

Per. Traitor !

Sim. Ay, traitor.

Per. Even in his throat, unless it be the king,

That calls me traitor, I return the lie.

Sim. (*aside*) Now, by the gods, I do applaud his courage.

PERICLES

Per. My actions are as noble as my thoughts,
That never relish'd of a base descent.
I came unto your court for honour's cause, 60
And not to be a rebel to her state ;
And he that otherwise accounts of me,
This sword shall prove he 's honour's enemy.

Sim. No ?
Here comes my daughter, she can witness it.

Enter Thaisa

Per. Then, as you are as virtuous as fair,
Resolve your angry father, if my tongue
Did e'er solicit, or my hand subscribe
To any syllable that made love to you.
Tha. Why, sir, say if you had, 70
Who takes offence at that would make me glad ?

Sim. Yea, mistress, are you so peremptory ?
(*aside*) I am glad on 't with all my heart.—
I 'll tame you ; I 'll bring you in subjection.
Will you, not having my consent,
Bestow your love and your affections
Upon a stranger ? (*aside*) who, for aught I know,
May be, nor can I think the contrary,
As great in blood as I myself.—
Therefore hear you, mistress ; either frame 80
Your will to mine,—and you, sir, hear you,

Either be rul'd by me, or I will make you—
Man and wife :

Nay, come, your hands and lips must seal it too
And being join'd, I'll thus your hopes destroy ;
And for a further grief,—God give you joy !
What, are you both pleas'd ?

Tba. Yes, if you love me, sir.

Per. Even as my life my blood that fosters it.

Sim. What, are you both agreed ?

Both. Yes, if 't please your majesty.

Sim. It pleaseth me so well, that I will see you wed ;
And then, with what haste you can, get you to bed.

Exeunt

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Act Third

Enter Gower

Gow. Now sleep y-slaked hath the rout ;
No din but snores the house about,
Made louder by the o'er-fed breast
Of this most pompous marriage-feast.
The cat, with eyne of burning coal,
Now couches 'fore the mouse's hole ;
And crickets sing at the oven's mouth,

PERICLES

Are the blither for their drouth.
Hymen hath brought the bride to bed,
Where, by the loss of maidenhead,
A babe is moulded. Be attent,
And time that is so briefly spent
With your fine fancies quaintly eche :
What 's dumb in show I 'll plain with speech.

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DUMB SHOW

Enter Pericles and Simonides at one door, with Attendants ; a Messenger meets them, kneels, and gives Pericles a letter : Pericles shows it Simonides ; the Lords kneel to the former. Then enter Thaisa with child, with Lychorida, a nurse : the King shows her the letter ; she rejoices : she and Pericles take leave of her father, and depart with Lychorida and their Attendants. Then exeunt Simonides and the rest.

By many a dern and painful perch
Of Pericles the careful search,
By the four opposing coigns
Which the world together joins,
Is made with all due diligence
That horse and sail and high expense
Can stead the quest. At last from Tyre,

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Fame answering the most strange inquire,
 To the court of King Simonides
 Are letters brought, the tenour these :
 Antiochus and his daughter dead,
 The men of Tyrus on the head
 Of Helicanus would set on
 The crown of Tyre, but he will none :
 The mutiny he there hastes t' oppress ;
 Says to 'em, if King Pericles 30
 Come not home in twice six moons,
 He, obedient to their dooms,
 Will take the crown. The sum of this,
 Brought hither to Pentapolis,
 Y-ravished the regions round,
 And every one with claps can sound,
 ' Our heir-apparent is a king !
 Who dream'd, who thought of such a thing ?'
 Brief, he must hence depart to Tyre :
 His queen with child makes her desire— 40
 Which who shall cross ?—along to go.
 Omit we all their dole and woe :
 Lychorida, her nurse, she takes,
 And so to sea : their vessel shakes
 On Neptune's billow ; half the flood
 Hath their keel cut : but fortune's mood

PERICLES

Varies again ; the grisled north
Disgorges such a tempest forth,
That, as a duck for life that dives,
So up and down the poor ship drives : 50
The lady shrieks and well-a-neighbor
Does fall in travail with her fear :
And what ensues in this fell storm
Shall for itself itself perform.
I will relate, action may
Conveniently the rest convey ;
Which might not what by me is told.
In your imagination hold
This stage the ship, upon whose deck
The sea-tost Pericles appears to speak. *Exit* 60

SCENE I

Enter Pericles, on shipboard

Per. Thou god of this great vast, rebuke these surges,
Which wash both heaven and hell ; and thou, that hast
Upon the winds command, bind them in brass,
Having call'd them from the deep ! O, still
Thy deafening dreadful thunders ; gently quench
Thy nimble sulphurous flashes ! O, how, Lychorida,

How does my queen ? Thou stormest venomously ;
 Wilt thou spit all thyself ? The seaman's whistle
 Is as a whisper in the ears of death,
 Unheard. Lychorida !—Lucina, O 10
 Divinest patroness and midwife gentle
 To those that cry by night, convey thy deity
 Aboard our dancing boat ; make swift the pangs
 Of my queen's travails ! Now, Lychorida !

Enter Lychorida, with an Infant

Lyc. Here is a thing too young for such a place,
 Who, if it had conceit, would die, as I
 Am like to do : take in your arms this piece
 Of your dead queen.

Per. How, how, Lychorida ?

Lyc. Patience, good sir, do not assist the storm.
 Here's all that is left living of your queen, 20
 A little daughter : for the sake of it,
 Be manly, and take comfort.

Per. O you gods !
 Why do you make us love your goodly gifts,
 And snatch them straight away ? We here below
 Recall not what we give, and therein may
 Use honour with you.

Lyc. Patience, good sir,
 Even for this charge.

PERICLES

Per. Now, mild may be thy life !
For a more blustrous birth had never babe :
Quiet and gentle thy conditions, for
Thou art the rudeliest welcome to this world 30
That ever was prince's child. Happy what follows !
Thou hast as chiding a nativity
As fire, air, water, earth and heaven can make,
To herald thee from the womb : even at the first
Thy loss is more than can thy portage quit, †
With all thou canst find here. Now, the good gods
Throw their best eyes upon 't !

Enter two Sailors

1.S. What courage, sir ? God save you !
Per. Courage enough, I do not fear the flaw ;
It hath done to me the worst. Yet, for the love 40
Of this poor infant, this fresh new sea-farer,
I would it would be quiet.
1.S. Slack the bolins there ! Thou wilt not, wilt thou ? †
Blow, and split thyself.
2.S. But sea-room, an the brine and cloudy billow kiss the
moon, I care not.
1.S. Sir, your queen must overboard : the sea works
high, the wind is loud, and will not lie till the ship
be clear'd of the dead.
Per. That 's your superstition. 50

1.S. Pardon us, sir ; with us at sea it hath been still
observed ; and we are strong in custom. Therefore
briefly yield her ; for she must overboard straight.

Per. As you think meet. Most wretched queen !

Lyc. Here she lies, sir.

Per. A terrible childbed hast thou had, my dear ;
No light, no fire : the unfriendly elements
Forgot thee utterly, nor have I time
To give thee hallow'd to thy grave, but straight
Must cast thee, scarcely coffin'd, in the ooze ;
Where, for a monument upon thy bones,
And aye-remaining lamps, the belching whale
And humming water must o'erwhelm thy corpse,
Lying with simple shells. O Lychorida,
Bid Nestor bring me spices, ink and paper,
My casket and my jewels ; and bid Nicander
Bring me the satin coffer : lay the babe
Upon the pillow : hie thee, whiles I say
A priestly farewell to her : suddenly, woman.

60

Exit Lychorida

2.S. Sir, we have a chest beneath the hatches, caulked
and bitumed ready. 70

Per. I thank thee. Mariner, say what coast is this ?

2.S. We are near Tarsus.

Per. Thither, gentle mariner,

PERICLES

Alter thy course for Tyre. When canst thou reach it ?
2.S. By break of day, if the wind cease.

Per. O, make for Tarsus !

There will I visit Cleon, for the babe
Cannot hold out to Tyrus : there I 'll leave it
At careful nursing. Go thy ways, good mariner, 80
I 'll bring the body presently. *Exeunt*

SCENE II

Ephesus. A room in Cerimon's bouse

*Enter Cerimon, a Servant, and some Persons who have
been shipwrecked*

Cer. Philemon, ho !

Enter Philemon

Phi. Doth my lord call ?

Cer. Get fire and meat for these poor men ;
'T has been a turbulent and stormy night.

Ser. I have been in many ; but such a night as this
Till now, I ne'er endur'd.

Cer. Your master will be dead ere you return ;
There 's nothing can be minister'd to nature
That can recover him. (*to Phi.*) Give this to the
'pothecary,

And tell me how it works. *Exeunt all but Cerimon*

Enter two Gentlemen

1.G. Good morrow. 10

2.G. Good morrow to your lordship.

Cer. Gentlemen,

Why do you stir so early ?

1.G. Sir,

Our lodgings, standing bleak upon the sea

Shook as the earth did quake ;

The very principals did seem to rend

And all to topple : pure surprise and fear

Made me to quit the house.

2.G. That is the cause we trouble you so early ;

'Tis not our husbandry.

Cer. O, you say well. 20

1.G. But I much marvel that your lordship, having
Rich tire about you, should at these early hours
Shake off the golden slumber of repose.

'Tis most strange,

Nature should be so conversant with pain,

Being thereto not compell'd.

Cer. I hold it ever,
Virtue and cunning were endowments greater
Than nobleness and riches : careless heirs
May the two latter darken and expend,

PERICLES

But immortality attends the former, 30
Making a man a god. 'Tis known, I ever
Have studied physic, through which secret art,
By turning o'er authorities, I have,
Together with my practice, made familiar
To me and to my aid the blest infusions
That dwell in vegetives, in metals, stones ;
And I can speak of the disturbances
That nature works, and of her cures ; which doth
give me

A more content in course of true delight
Than to be thirsty after tottering honour, 40
Or tie my pleasure up in silken bags, †
To please the fool and death.

2.G. Your honour has through Ephesus pour'd forth
Your charity, and hundreds call themselves
Your creatures, who by you have been restor'd :
And not your knowledge, your personal pain, but even
Your purse, still open, hath built Lord Cerimon
Such strong renown as time shall never. . . .

Enter two or three Servants with a chest

1.S. So ; lift there.

Cer. What 's that ? 50

1.S. Sir,

Even now did the sea toss up upon our shore

This chest : 'tis of some wreck.

Cer. Set 't down, let 's look upon 't.

2.G. 'Tis like a coffin, sir.

Cer. Whate'er it be,

'Tis wondrous heavy. Wrench it open straight :

If the sea's stomach be o'ercharg'd with gold,

'Tis a good constraint of fortune it belches upon us.

2.G. 'Tis so, my lord.

Cer. How close 'tis caulk'd and bitum'd ! Did the sea 60
cast it up ?

1.S. I never saw so huge a billow, sir, as toss'd it upon
shore.

Cer. Wrench it open :

Soft ! it smells most sweetly in my sense.

2.G. A delicate odour.

Cer. As ever hit my nostril. So, up with it.

O you most potent gods ! what 's here ? a corse ?

1.G. Most strange !

Cer. Shrouded in cloth of state ; balmed and entreaured
With full bags of spiccs ! A passport too ! 70
Apollo, perfect me in the characters !

Reads from a scroll

' Here I give to understand,
If e'er this coffin drive a-land,
I, King Pericles, have lost

PERICLES

This queen, worth all our mundane cost.
Who finds her, give her burying ;
She was the daughter of a king :
Besides this treasure for a fee,
The gods requite his charity ! *

If thou livest, Pericles, thou hast a heart 80
That even cracks for woe ! This chanc'd to-night.

2.G. Most likely, sir.

Cer. Nay, certainly to-night ;
For look how fresh she looks ! They were too rough
That threw her in the sea. Make a fire within :
Fetch hither all my boxes in my closet.

Exit a servant

Death may usurp on nature many hours,
And yet the fire of life kindle again
The o'erpress'd spirits. I heard of an Egyptian
That had nine hours lien dead,
Who was by good appliance recovered. 90

Re-enter a Servant, with boxes, napkins, and fire
Well said, well said ; the fire and cloths.
The rough and woful music that we have,
Cause it to sound, beseech you.
The viol once more : how thou stirr'st, thou block !
The music there ! I pray you, give her air.
Gentlemen,

This queen will live : nature awakes ; a warmth †
 Breathes out of her : she hath not been entranc'd
 Above five hours : see how she 'gins to blow
 Into life's flower again !

1.G. The heavens, 100
 Through you, increase our wonder, and set up
 Your fame for ever.

Cer. She is alive ; behold,
 Her eyelids, cases to those heavenly jewels
 Which Pericles hath lost, begin to part
 Their fringes of bright gold : the diamonds
 Of a most praised water do appear
 To make the world twice rich. Live,
 And make us weep to hear your fate, fair creature,
 Rare as you seem to be.

Tha. O dear Diana,
 Where am I ? Where 's my lord ? What world is
 this ? 110

2.G. Is not this strange ?

1.G. Most rare.

Cer. Hush, my gentle neighbours !
 Lend me your hands ; to the next chamber bear her.
 Get linen : now this matter must be look'd to,
 For her relapse is mortal. Come, come ;
 And Æsculapius guide us ! *Exeunt, carrying her away*

PERICLES

SCENE III

Tarsus. A room in the Governor's house

*Enter Pericles, Cleon, Dionyza, and Lychorida with
Marina in her arms*

Per. Most honour'd Cleon, I must needs be gone ;
My twelve months are expired, and Tyrus stands
In a litigious peace. You, and your lady,
Take from my heart all thankfulness ! The gods
Make up the rest upon you !

Cle. Your shafts of fortune, though they hurt you mortally †
Yet glance full wanderingly on us.

Dio. O your sweet queen !
That the strict fates had pleas'd you had brought
her hither,
To have bless'd mine eyes with her ! .

Per. We cannot but obey
The powers above us. Could I rage and roar 10
As doth the sea she lies in, yet the end
Must be as 'tis. My gentle babe Marina, whom,
For she was born at sea, I have named so, here
I charge your charity withal, leaving her
The infant of your care ; beseeching you
To give her princely training, that she may be

Manner'd as she is born.

Cle. Fear not, my lord, but think
 Your grace, that fed my country with your corn,
 For which the people's prayers still fall upon you,
 Must in your child be thought on. If neglection 20
 Should therein make me vile, the common body,
 By you reliev'd, would force me to my duty :
 But if to that my nature need a spur,
 The gods revenge it upon me and mine,
 To the end of generation !

Per. I believe you ;
 Your honour and your goodness teach me to 't,
 Without your vows. Till she be married, madam,
 By bright Diana, whom we honour, all
 Unscissar'd shall this hair of mine remain,
 Though I show ill in 't. So I take my leave. 30
 Good madam, make me blessed in your care
 In bringing up my child.

Dio. I have one myself,
 Who shall not be more dear to my respect
 Than yours, my lord.

Per. Madam, my thanks and prayers.

Cle. We 'll bring your grace e'en to the edge o' the
 shore,
 Then give you up to the mask'd Neptune, and †

PERICLES

The gentlest winds of heaven.

Per. I will embrace
Your offer. Come, dearest madam. O, no tears,
Lychorida, no tears :
Look to your little mistress, on whose grace 40
You may depend hereafter. Come, my lord.

Exeunt

SCENE IV

Ephesus. A room in Cerimon's house

Enter Cerimon and Thaisa

Cer. Madam, this letter, and some certain jewels,
Lay with you in your coffer : which are
At your command. Know you the character ?

Tha. It is my lord's.

That I was shipp'd at sea, I well remember,
Even on my eaning time ; but whether there †
Delivered, by the holy gods,
I cannot rightly say. But since King Pericles,
My wedded lord, I ne'er shall see again,
A vestal livery will I take me to, 10
And never more have joy.

Cer. Madam, if this you purpose as ye speak,
Diana's temple is not distant far,

Where you may abide till your date expire ;
 Moreover, if you please, a niece of mine
 Shall there attend you.

Tha. My recompense is thanks, that 's all ;
 Yet my good will is great, though the gift small.

Exeunt

Act Fourth

Enter Gower

Gow. Imagine Pericles arriv'd at Tyre,
 Welcom'd and settled to his own desire.
 His woeful queen we leave at Ephesus,
 Unto Diana there 's a votaress.
 Now to Marina bend your mind,
 Whom our fast-growing scene must find
 At Tarsus, and by Cleon train'd
 In music, letters, who hath gain'd
 Of education all the grace,
 Which makes her both the heart and place
 Of general wonder. But, alack,
 That monster envy, oft the wrack
 Of earned praise, Marina's life

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PERICLES

Seeks to take off by treason's knife ;
And in this kind hath our Cleon
One daughter, and a wench full grown,
Even ripe for marriage rite ; this maid
Hight Philoten : and it is said
For certain in our story, she
Would ever with Marina be : 20
Be 't when she weav'd the sleided silk
With fingers long, small, white as milk,
Or when she would with sharp needl wound
The cambric, which she made more sound
By hurting it, or when to the lute
She sung, and made the night-bird mute,
That still records with moan, or when
She would with rich and constant pen †
Vail to her mistress Dian ; still
This Philoten contends in skill 30
With absolute Marina : so
With the dove of Paphos might the crow
Vie feathers white. Marina gets
All praises, which are paid as debts,
And not as given. This so darks
In Philoten all graceful marks,
That Cleon's wife, with envy rare,
A present murderer does prepare

For good Marina, that her daughter
 Might stand peerless by this slaughter. 40
 The sooner her vile thoughts to stead,
 Lychorida, our nurse, is dead :
 And cursed Dionyza hath
 The pregnant instrument of wrath
 Prest for this blow. The unborn event
 I do commend to your content :
 Only I carry winged time
 Post on the lame feet of my rhyme ;
 Which never could I so convey,
 Unless your thoughts went on my way. 50
 Dionyza does appear,
 With Leonine, a murderer. *Exit*

SCENE I

Tarsus. An open place near the sea-shore

Enter Dionyza with Leonine

Dio. Thy oath remember, thou hast sworn to do 't : 'tis †
 but a blow, which never shall be known. Thou
 canst not do a thing in the world so soon to yield
 thee so much profit : let not conscience, which is
 but cold, inflaming love i' thy bosom, inflame too †

PERICLES

nically, nor let pity, which even women have cast off, melt thee, but be a soldier to thy purpose.

Leo. I will do 't ; but yet she is a goodly creature.

Dio. The fitter then the gods should have her. Here she comes weeping for her only mistress' death. Thou †
art resolv'd ? I I

Leo. I am resolv'd.

Enter Marina, with a basket of flowers

*Mar.*No, I will rob Tellus of her weed,
To strew thy green with flowers : the yellows, blues,
The purple violets, and marigolds,
Shall, as a carpet, hang upon thy grave,
While summer-days do last. Ay me, poor maid,
Born in a tempest, when my mother died,
This world to me is like a lasting storm,
Whirring me from my friends. 20

Dio. How now, Marina ? why do you keep alone ?
How chance my daughter is not with you ?
Do not consume your blood with sorrowing :
You have a nurse of me. Lord, how your favour 's
Changed with this unprofitable woe !
Come, give me your flowers, ere the sea mar it.
Walk with Leonine ; the air is quick there,
And it pierces and sharpens the stomach.
Come, Leonine, take her by the arm, walk with her.

Mar. No, I pray you ;

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I'll not bereave you of your servant.

Dio. Come, come ;

I love the king your father and yourself

With more than foreign heart. We every day

Expect him here : when he shall come, and find

Our paragon to all reports thus blasted,

He will repent the breadth of his great voyage ;

Blame both my lord and me, that we have taken

No care to your best courses. Go, I pray you,

Walk, and be cheerful once again, reserve

40

That excellent complexion, which did steal

The eyes of young and old. Care not for me ;

I can go home alone.

Mar.

Well, I will go ;

But yet I have no desire to it.

Dio. Come, come, I know 'tis good for you.

Walk half an hour, Leonine, at the least :

Remember what I have said.

Leo.

I warrant you, madam.

Dio. I'll leave you, my sweet lady, for a while :

Pray, walk softly, do not heat your blood :

What ! I must have care of you.

Mar.

My thanks, sweet madam. 50

Exit Dionyza

PERICLES

Is this wind westerly that blows ?

Leo. South-west.

Mar. When I was born, the wind was north.

Leo. Was 't so ?

Mar. My father, as nurse said, did never fear,
But cried ' Good seamen ! ' to the sailors, galling
His kingly hands, haling ropes ;
And, clasping to the mast, endur'd a sea
That almost burst the deck.

Leo. When was this ?

Mar. When I was born :

Never was waves nor wind more violent ; 60
And from the ladder-tackle washes off
A canvas-climber. ' Ha ! ' says one, ' wilt out ? ' †
And with a dropping industry they skip
From stem to stern : the boatswain whistles, and
The master calls and trebles their confusion.

Leo. Come, say your prayers.

Mar. What mean you ?

Leo. If you require a little space for prayer,
I grant it : pray ; but be not tedious,
For the gods are quick of ear, and I am sworn 70
To do my work with haste.

Mar. Why will you kill me ?

Leo. To satisfy my lady.

Mar. Why would she have me kill'd ?

Now, as I can remember, by my troth,
 I never did her hurt in all my life :
 I never spake bad word, nor did ill turn
 To any living creature : believe me, la,
 I never kill'd a mouse, nor hurt a fly :
 I trod upon a worm against my will,
 But I wept for it. How have I offended,
 Wherein my death might yield her any profit,
 Or my life imply her any danger ?

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Leo. My commission

Is not to reason of the deed, but do't.

Mar. You will not do't for all the world, I hope.

You are well favour'd, and your looks foreshow
 You have a gentle heart. I saw you lately,
 When you caught hurt in parting two that fought :
 Good sooth, it show'd well in you : do so now :
 Your lady seeks my life ; come you between,
 And save poor me, the weaker.

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Leo.

I am sworn,

And will dispatch.

He seizes her

Enter Pirates

1.P. Hold, villain !

Leonine runs away

2.P. A prize ! a prize !

3.P. Half-part, mates, half-part.

PERICLES

Come let 's have her aboard suddenly.

Exeunt Pirates with Marina

Re-enter Leonine

Leo. These roguing thieves serve the great pirate Valdes ;
And they have seized Marina. Let her go :
There 's no hope she 'll return. I 'll swear she 's dead,
And thrown into the sea. But I 'll see further : 100
Perhaps they will but please themselves upon her,
Not carry her aboard. If she remain,
Whom they have ravish'd must by me be slain.

Exit

SCENE II

Mytilene. A room in a brothel

Enter Pandar, Bawd, and Boul

Pan. Boul !

Bou. Sir ?

Pan. Search the market narrowly ; Mytilene is full of
gallants. We lost too much money this mart by
being too wenchless.

Bawd. We were never so much out of creatures. We
have but poor three, and they can do no more than
they can do, and they with continual action are even
as good as rotten.

Pan. Therefore let 's have fresh ones, what'er we pay for 10
 them. If there be not a conscience to be us'd in
 every trade, we shall never prosper.

Bawd. Thou sayest true ; 'tis not our bringing up of poor
 bastards,—as, I think, I have brought up some
 eleven—

Bou. Ay, to eleven ; and brought them down again.
 But shall I search the market ?

Bawd. What else, man ? The stuff we have, a strong
 wind will blow it to picces, they are so pitifully
 sodden. 20

Pan. Thou sayest true ; they 're too unwholesome, o'
 conscience. The poor Transylvanian is dead, that
 lay with the little baggage.

Bou. Ay, she quickly poop'd him ; she made him roast-
 meat for worms. But I 'll go search the market.

Exit

Pan. Three or four thousand chequins were as pretty a
 proportion to live quietly, and so give over.

Bawd. Why to give over, I pray you ? is it a shame to get
 when we are old ?

Pan. O, our credit comes not in like the commodity, nor 30
 the commodity wages not with the danger : there-
 fore, if in our youths we could pick up some pretty
 estate, 'twere not amiss to keep our door hatch'd.

PERICLES

Besides, the sore terms we stand upon with the gods will be strong with us for giving o'er.

Bawd. Come, other sorts offend as well as we.

Pan. As well as we ! ay, and better too ; we offend worse.

Neither is our profession any trade ; it 's no calling.

But here comes Boul.

Re-enter Boul, with the Pirates and Marina

Bou. (to *Mar.*) Come your ways. My masters, you say 40
she 's a virgin ?

I.P. O, sir, we doubt it not.

Bou. Master, I have gone through for this piece you see :
if you like her, so ; if not, I have lost my earnest.

Bawd. Boul, has she any qualities ?

Bou. She has a good face, speaks well, and has excellent
good clothes : there 's no farther necessity of
qualities can make her be refus'd.

Bawd. What 's her price, Boul ?

Bou. I cannot be bated one doit of a thousand pieces. 50

Pan. Well, follow me, my masters, you shall have your
money presently. Wife, take her in, instruct her
what she has to do, that she may not be raw in her
entertainment.

Exeunt Pandar and Pirates

Bawd. Boul, take you the marks of her, the colour of
her hair, complexion, height, her age, with warrant
of her virginity ; and cry ' He that will give most

shall have her first.' Such a maidenhead were no
 cheap thing, if men were as they have been. Get
 this done as I command you. 60

Bou. Performance shall follow. *Exit*

Mar. Alack that Leonine was so slack, so slow !
 He should have struck, not spoke ; or that these
 pirates,
 Not enough barbarous, had o'erboard thrown me
 For to seek my mother !

Bawd. Why lament you, pretty one ?

Mar. That I am pretty.

Bawd. Come, the gods have done their part in you.

Mar. I accuse them not.

Bawd. You are light into my hands, where you are like to 70
 live.

Mar. The more my fault,
 To 'scape his hands where I was like to die.

Bawd. Ay, and you shall live in pleasure.

Mar. No.

Bawd. Yes, indeed shall you, and taste gentlemen of all
 fashions, you shall fare well, you shall have the differ-
 ence of all complexions. What, do you stop your
 ears ?

Mar. Are you a woman ? 80

Bawd. What would you have me be, an I be not a woman ?

PERICLES

Mar. An honest woman, or not a woman.

Bawd. Marry, whip thee, gosling : I think I shall have something to do with you. Come, you 're a young foolish sapling, and must be bow'd as I would have you.

Mar. The gods defend me !

Bawd. If it please the gods to defend you by men, then men must comfort you, men must feed you, men must stir you up. Boul't's returned.

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Re-enter Boul't

Now, sir, hast thou cried her through the market ?

Bou. I have cried her almost to the number of her hairs, I have drawn her picture with my voice.

Bawd. And I prithee tell me, how dost thou find the inclination of the people, especially of the younger sort ?

Bou. Faith, they listened to me as they would have hearkened to their father's testament ; there was a Spaniard's mouth so water'd, that he went to bed to her very description.

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Bawd. We shall have him here to-morrow with his best ruff on.

Bou. To-night, to-night. But, mistress, do you know the French knight that cowers i' the hams ?

Bawd. Who, Monsieur Veroles ?

Bou. Ay, he : he offered to cut a caper at the proclamation, but he made a groan at it, and swore he would see her to-morrow.

Bawd. Well, well ; as for him, he brought his disease hither ; here he does but repair it. I know he will 110
come in our shadow, to scatter his crowns in the sun.

Bou. Well, if we had of every nation a traveller, we should lodge them with this sign.

Bawd. Pray you, come hither awhile ; you have fortunes coming upon you ; mark me, you must seem to do that fearfully which you commit willingly, despise profit where you have most gain ; to weep that you live as we do makes pity in your lovers, seldom but that pity begets you a good opinion, and that opinion 120
a mere profit.

Mar. I understand you not.

Bou. O, take her home, mistress, take her home : these blushes of hers must be quench'd with some present practice.

Bawd. Thou sayest true, i' faith, so they must, for your bride goes to that with shame which is her way to go with warrant.

Bou. Faith, some do, and some do not. But, mistress, if I have bargained for the joint,—

Bawd. Thou mayst cut a morsel off the spit. 130

PERICLES

Bou. I may so.

Bawd. Who should deny it? Come, young one, I like the manner of your garments well.

Bou. Ay, by my faith, they shall not be chang'd yet.

Bawd. Boul, spend thou that in the town: report what a sojourner we have, you 'll lose nothing by custom. When nature fram'd this piece, she meant thee a good turn; therefore say what a paragon she is, and thou hast the harvest out of thine own report.

Bou. I warrant you, mistress, thunder shall not so awake 140
the beds of eels as my giving out her beauty stirs up
the lewdly-inclined. I'll bring home some to-night.

Bawd. Come your ways; follow me.

Mar. If fires be hot, knives sharp, or waters deep,
Untied I still my virgin knot will keep.
Diana, aid my purpose!

Bawd. What have we to do with Diana? Pray you, will
you go with us? *Exeunt*

SCENE III

Tarsus. *A room in the Governor's house*

Enter Cleon and Dionyza

Dio. Why, are you foolish? Can it be undone?

Cle. O Dionyza, such a piece of slaughter

The sun and moon ne'er look'd upon !

Dio. I think

You'll turn a child again.

Cle. Were I chief lord of all this spacious world,
I'd give it to undo the deed. O lady,
Much less in blood than virtue, yet a princess
To equal any single crown o' the earth
P' the justice of compare ! O villain Leonine !
Whom thou hast poison'd too :

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If thou hadst drunk to him, 't had been a kindness
Becoming well thy fact : what canst thou say
When noble Pericles shall demand his child ?

Dio. That she is dead. Nurses are not the fates,
To foster it, nor ever to preserve.
She died at night ; I'll say so. Who can cross it ?
Unless you play the pious innocent,
And for an honest attribute cry out
' She died by foul play.'

Cle. O, go to. Well, well,
Of all the faults beneath the heavens, the gods
Do like this worst.

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Dio. Be one of those that think
The pretty wrens of Tarsus will fly hence
And open this to Pericles. I do shame
To think of what a noble strain you are

PERICLES

And of how coward a spirit.

Cle. To such proceeding
Who ever but his approbation added,
Though not his prime consent, he did not flow
From honourable sources.

Dio. Be it so, then :
Yet none does know, but you, how she came dead,
Nor none can know, Leonine being gone. 30
She did distain my child, and stood between
Her and her fortunes : none would look on her,
But cast their gazes on Marina's face ;
Whilst ours was blurtd at, and held a malkin,
Not worth the time of day. It pierc'd me thorough ;
And though you call my course unnatural,
You not your child well loving, yet I find
It greets me as an enterprise of kindness
Perform'd to your sole daughter.

Cle. Heavens forgive it !

Dio. And as for Pericles, 40
What should he say ? We wept after her hearse,
And yet we mourn : her monument
Is almost finish'd, and her epitaphs
In glittering golden characters express
A general praise to her, and care in us
At whose expense 'tis done.

- Cle.* Thou art like the harpy, †
Which, to betray, dost, with thine angel's face,
Seize with thine eagle's talons.
- Dio.* You are like one that superstitiously
Doth swear to the gods that winter kills the flies : 50
But yet I know you 'll do as I advise. *Exeunt*

SCENE IV

Enter Gower, before the monument of Marina at Tarsus

- Gow.* Thus time we waste, and longest leagues make short ;
Sail seas in cockles, have and wish but for 't ;
Making, to take our imagination,
From bourn to bourn, region to region.
By you being pardon'd, we commit no crime
To use one language in each several clime
Where our scenes seem to live. I do beseech you
To learn of me, who stand i' the gaps to teach you
The stages of our story. Pericles
Is now again thwarting the wayward seas, 10
Attended on by many a lord and knight,
To see his daughter, all his life's delight.
Old Helicanus goes along ; behind
Is left to govern it, you bear in mind

PERICLES

Old Escanes, whom Helicanus late
Advanc'd in time to great and high estate.
Well-sailing ships and bounteous winds have brought
This king to Tarsus,—think this pilot thought :
So with his steerage shall your thoughts grow on,—
To fetch his daughter home, who first is gone. 20
Like motes and shadows see them move awhile ;
Your ears unto your eyes I'll reconcile.

DUMB SHOW

Enter Pericles at one door, with all his train ; Cleon and Dionyza at the other. Cleon shows Pericles the tomb ; whereat Pericles makes lamentation, puts on sackcloth, and in a mighty passion departs. Then exeunt Cleon, Dionyza, and the rest.

See how belief may suffer by foul show !
This borrow'd passion stands for true old woe ;
And Pericles, in sorrow all devour'd,
With sighs shot through, and biggest tears o'er-
shower'd,
Leaves Tarsus, and again embarks. He swears
Never to wash his face, nor cut his hairs :
He puts on sackcloth, and to sea. He bears
A tempest, which his mortal vessel tears,

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And yet he rides it out. Now please you wit
 The epitaph is for Marina writ
 By wicked Dionyza.

Reads the inscription on Marina's monument

' The fairest, sweet'st and best, lies here,
 Who wither'd in her spring of year.
 She was of Tyrus the king's daughter,
 On whom foul death hath made this slaughter ;
 Marina was she call'd ; and at her birth,
 Thetis, being proud, swallow'd some part o' the earth :
 Therefore the earth, fearing to be o'erflow'd : 40
 Hath Thetis' birth-child on the heavens bestow'd :
 Wherefore she does, and swears she 'll never stint,
 Make raging battery upon shores of flint.'

No visor does become black villany
 So well as soft and tender flattery.
 Let Pericles believe his daughter 's dead,
 And bear his courses to be ordered
 By Lady Fortune, while our scene must play
 His daughter's woe and heavy well-a-day
 In her unholy service. Patience, then, 50
 And think you now are all in Mytilene. *Exit*

PERICLES

SCENE V

Mytilene. A street before the brothel

Enter, from the brothel, two Gentlemen

1.G. Did you ever hear the like ?

2.G. No, nor never shall do in such a place as this, she being once gone.

1.G. But to have divinity preach'd there, did you ever dream of such a thing ?

2.G. No, no. Come, I am for no more bawdy-houses : shall's go hear the vestals sing ?

1.G. I'll do any thing now that is virtuous, but I am out of the road of rutting for ever. *Exeunt*

SCENE VI

The same. A room in the brothel

Enter Pandar, Bawd, and Boul

Pan. Well, I had rather than twice the worth of her she had ne'er come here.

Bawd. Fie, fie upon her ! she's able to freeze the god Priapus, and undo a whole generation. We must either get her ravish'd or be rid of her. When she should do for clients her fitment and do me the

kindness of our profession, she has me her quirks,
her reasons, her master reasons, her prayers, her
knees, that she would make a puritan of the devil,
if he should cheapen a kiss of her.

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Bou. Faith, I must ravish her, or she 'll disfurnish us of
all our cavaliers and make our swearers priests.

Pan. Now, the pox upon her green-sickness for me !

Bawd. Faith, there 's no way to be rid on 't but by the
way to the pox. Here comes the Lord Lysimachus
disguised.

Bou. We should have both lord and lown, if the pceevish
baggage would but give way to customers.

Enter Lysimachus

Lys. How now, how a dozen of virginities ?

Bawd. Now, the gods to-bless your honour !

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Bou. I am glad to see your honour in good health.

Lys. You may so ; 'tis the better for you that your
resorters stand upon sound legs. How now,
wholesome iniquity, have you that a man may deal
withal, and defy the surgeon ?

Bawd. We have here one, sir, if she would—but there
never came her like in Mytilene.

Lys. If she 'ld do the deed of darkness, thou wouldst say.

Bawd. Your honour knows what 'tis to say well enough.

Lys. Well, call forth, call forth.

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PERICLES

Bou. For flesh and blood, sir, white and red, you shall see a rose ; and she were a rose indeed, if she had but—

Lys. What, prithee ?

Bou. O, sir, I can be modest.

Lys. That dignifies the renown of a bawd, no less than it gives a good report to a number to be chaste. †

Exit Boul

Bawd. Here comes that which grows to the stalk ; never plucked yet, I can assure you.

Re-enter Boul with Marina

Is she not a fair creature ? 40

Lys. Faith, she would serve after a long voyage at sea. Well, there's for you : leave us.

Bawd. I beseech your honour, give me leave a word, and I'll have done presently.

Lys. I beseech you, do.

Bawd. (to Marina) First, I would have you note, this is an honourable man.

Mar. I desire to find him so, that I may worthily note him.

Bawd. Next, he's the governor of this country, and a man whom I am bound to. 50

Mar. If he govern the country, you are bound to him indeed, but how honourable he is in that, I know not.

Bawd. Pray you, without any more virginal fencing, will you use him kindly? He will line your apron with gold.

Mar. What he will do graciously, I will thankfully receive.

Lys. Ha' you done?

Bawd. My lord, she's not pac'd yet: you must take some pains to work her to your manage. Come, 60
we will leave his honour and her together. Go thy ways.

Exeunt Bawd, Pandar, and Boulst

Lys. Now, pretty one, how long have you been at this trade?

Mar. What trade, sir?

Lys. Why, I cannot name't but I shall offend.

Mar. I cannot be offended with my trade. Please you to name it.

Lys. How long have you been of this profession?

Mar. E'er since I can remember. 70

Lys. Did you go to it so young? Were you a gamester at five or at seven?

Mar. Earlier too, sir, if now I be one.

Lys. Why, the house you dwell in proclaims you to be a creature of sale.

Mar. Do you know this house to be a place of such resort, and will come into't? I hear say you are of honourable parts and are the governor of this place.

PERICLES

Lys. Why, hath your principal made known unto you
who I am ? 80

Mar. Who is my principal ?

Lys. Why, your herb-woman ; she that sets seeds and
roots of shame and iniquity. O, you have heard
something of my power, and so stand aloof for
more serious wooing. But I protest to thee, pretty
one, my authority shall not see thee, or else look
friendly upon thee. Come, bring me to some
private place ; come, come.

Mar. If you were born to honour, show it now ;
If put upon you, make the judgement good 90
That thought you worthy of it.

Lys. How's this ? how's this ? Some more ; be sage.

Mar. For me

That am a maid, though most ungentle fortune
Have placed me in this sty, where, since I came,
Diseases have been sold dearer than physic,
O, that the gods
Would set me free from this unhallow'd place,
Though they did change me to the meanest bird
That flies i' the purer air !

Lys. I did not think
Thou couldst have spoke so well ; ne'er dream'd
thou couldst. 100

Had I brought hither a corrupted mind,
 Thy speech had alter'd it. Hold, here's gold for thee :
 Persever in that clear way thou goest,
 And the gods strengthen thee !

Mar. The good gods preserve you !

Lys. For me, be you thoughten

That I came with no ill intent ; for to me
 The very doors and windows savour vilely.
 Fare thee well. Thou art a piece of virtue, and
 I doubt not but thy training hath been noble.
 Hold, here's more gold for thee.

110

A curse upon him, die he like a thief,
 That robs thee of thy goodness ! If thou dost
 Hear from me, it shall be for thy good.

Re-enter Boul

Bou. I beseech your honour, one piece for me.

Lys. Avaunt, thou damned door-keeper !

Your house, but for this virgin that doth prop it,
 Would sink, and overwhelm you. Away ! *Exit*

Bou. How's this ? We must take another course with
 you. If your peevish chastity, which is not worth
 a breakfast in the cheapest country under the cope, 120
 shall undo a whole household, let me be gelded like
 a spaniel. Come your ways.

Mar. Whither would you have me ?

PERICLES

Bou. I must have your maidenhead taken off, or the common hangman shall execute it. Come your ways. We'll have no more gentlemen driven away. Come your ways, I say.

Re-enter Bawd

Bawd. How now, what's the matter?

Bou. Worse and worse, mistress; she has here spoken holy words to the Lord Lysimachus. 130

Bawd. O abominable!

Bou. She makes our profession as it were to stink afore the face of the gods.

Bawd. Marry, hang her up for ever!

Bou. The nobleman would have dealt with her like a nobleman, and she sent him away as cold as a snowball, saying his prayers too.

Bawd. Boulton, take her away, use her at thy pleasure, crack the glass of her virginity, and make the rest malleable.

Bou. An if she were a thornier piece of ground than she is, she shall be ploughed. 140

Mar. Hark, hark, you gods!

Bawd. She conjures, away with her! Would she had never come within my doors! Marry, hang you! She's born to undo us. Will you not go the way of women-kind? Marry, come up, my dish of chastity with rosemary and bays! *Exit*

Bou. Come, mistress, come your ways with me.

Mar. Whither wilt thou have me ?

Bou. To take from you the jewel you hold so dear. 150

Mar. Prithee, tell me one thing first.

Bou. Come now, your one thing.

Mar. What canst thou wish thine enemy to be ?

Bou. Why, I could wish him to be my master, or rather,
my mistress.

Mar. Neither of these are so bad as thou art,

Since they do better thee in their command.

Thou hold'st a place, for which the pained'st fiend

Of hell would not in reputation change :

Thou art the damned door-keeper to every 160

Coistrel that comes inquiring for his Tib ;

To the choleric fisting of every rogue

Thy ear is liable ; thy food is such

As hath been belch'd on by infected lungs.

Bou. What would you have me do ? go to the wars, would
you ? where a man may serve seven years for the loss
of a leg, and have not money enough in the end to
buy him a wooden one ?

Mar. Do any thing but this thou doest. Empty

Old receptacles, or common shores, of filth ;

Serve by indenture to the common hangman : 170

Any of these ways are yet better than this ;

PERICLES

For what thou professest, a baboon, could he speak,
Would own a name too dear. O, that the gods
Would safely deliver me from this place !

Here, here 's gold for thee.

If that thy master would gain by me,
Proclaim that I can sing, weave, sew, and dance,
With other virtues, which I'll keep from boast ;
And I will undertake all these to teach.

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I doubt not but this populous city will
Yield many scholars.

Bou. But can you teach all this you speak of ?

Mar. Prove that I cannot, take me home again,
And prostitute me to the basest groom
That doth frequent your house.

Bou. Well, I will see what I can do for thee : if I can
place thee, I will.

Mar. But amongst honest women.

Bou. Faith, my acquaintance lies little amongst them. 190
But since my master and mistress have bought you,
there 's no going but by their consent : therefore I
will make them acquainted with your purpose, and
I doubt not but I shall find them tractable enough.
Come, I'll do for thee what I can ; come your ways.

Exeunt

Act Fifth

Enter Gower

Gow. Marina thus the brothel 'scapes, and chances
 Into an honest house, our story says.
 She sings like one immortal, and she dances
 As goddess-like to her admired lays ;
 Deep clerks she dumbs, and with her needle
 composes
 Nature's own shape, of bud, bird, branch, or
 berry,
 That even her art sisters the natural roses ;
 Her inkle, silk, twin with the rubied cherry :
 That pupils lacks she none of noble race,
 Who pour their bounty on her, and her gain 10
 She gives the cursed bawd. Here we her place ;
 And to her father turn our thoughts again,
 Where we left him, on the sea. We there him lost :
 Whence, driven before the winds, he is arriv'd
 Here where his daughter dwells, and on this coast
 Suppose him now at anchor. The city's hiv'd †
 God Neptune's annual feast to keep : from whence
 Lysimachus our Tyrian ship espies,

PERICLES

His banners sable, trimm'd with rich expense ;
And to him in his barge with fervour hies. 20
In your supposing once more put your sight
Of heavy Pericles ; think this his bark :
Where what is done in action, more, if might, †
Shall be discover'd ; please you, sit, and hark.
Exit

SCENE I

On board Pericles' ship, off Mytilene. A close pavilion on deck, with a curtain before it ; Pericles within it, reclined on a couch. A barge lying beside the Tyrian vessel

Enter two sailors, one belonging to the Tyrian vessel, the other to the barge ; to them Helicanus

T.S. *(to the Sailor of Mytilene)* Where is Lord Helicanus ?
he can resolve you.

O, here he is.

Sir, there is a barge put off from Mytilene,
And in it is Lysimachus the governor,
Who craves to come aboard. What is your will ?

Hel. That he have his. Call up some gentlemen.

T.S. Ho, gentlemen ! my lord calls.

Enter two or three Gentlemen

I.G. Doth your lordship call ?

Hel. Gentlemen, there is some of worth would come
aboard ; I pray, greet him fairly. 10

*The Gentlemen and the two Sailors descend,
and go on board the barge*

*Enter from thence, Lysimachus, and Lords ; with the
Gentlemen and the two Sailors*

T.S. Sir,

This is the man that can, in aught you would,
Resolve you.

Lys. Hail, reverend sir ! the gods preserve you !

Hel. And you, sir, to outlive the age I am,
And die as I would do.

Lys. You wish me well.

Being on shore, honouring of Neptune's triumphs,
Secing this goodly vessel ride before us,
I made to it, to know of whence you are.

Hel. First, what is your place ? 20

Lys. I am the governor of this place you lie before.

Hel. Sir,

Our vessel is of Tyre, in it the king ;
A man who for this three months hath not spoken
To any one, nor taken sustenance
But to prorogue his grief.

Lys. Upon what ground is his distemperature ?

Hel. 'Twould be too tedious to repeat ;

PERICLES

But the main grief springs from the loss
Of a beloved daughter and a wife. 30

Lys. May we not see him ?

Hel. You may ;

But bootless is your sight ; he will not speak
To any.

Lys. Yet let me obtain my wish.

Hel. Behold him. (*Pericles discovered*) This was a goodly
person,

Till the disaster that, one mortal night,
Drove him to this.

Lys. Sir king, all hail ! the gods preserve you !
Hail, royal sir ! 40

Hel. It is in vain ; he will not speak to you.

I.L. Sir,

We have a maid in Mytilene, I durst wager,
Would win some words of him.

Lys. 'Tis well bethought.

She, questionless, with her sweet harmony
And other chosen attractions, would allure,
And make a battery through his deafen'd parts,
Which now are midway stopp'd :
She is all happy as the fairest of all,
And with her fellow maids is now upon 50
The leafy shelter that abuts against

The island's side. *Whispers a Lord, who goes off
in the barge of Lysimachus*

Hel. Sure, all's effectless ; yet nothing we'll omit
That bears recovery's name. But, since your kind-
ness

We have stretch'd thus far, let us beseech you
That for our gold we may provision have,
Wherein we are not destitute for want,
But weary for the staleness.

Lys. O, sir, a courtesy
Which if we should deny, the most just gods
For every graff would send a caterpillar,
And so inflict our province. Yet once more
Let me entreat to know at large the cause
Of your king's sorrow.

Hel. Sit, sir, I will recount it to you.
But, see, I am prevented.

*Re-enter, from the barge, Lord, with Marina, and
a young Lady*

Lys. O, here is
The lady that I sent for. Welcome, fair one !—
Is't not a goodly presence ?

Hel. She's a gallant lady.

Lys. She's such a one, that, were I well assur'd
Came of a gentle kind and noble stock,

PERICLES

I'd wish no better choice, and think me rarely wed.
Fair one, all goodness that consists in bounty
Expect even here, where is a kingly patient :
If that thy prosperous and artificial feat
Can draw him but to answer thee in aught,
Thy sacred physic shall receive such pay
As thy desires can wish.

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Mar. Sir, I will use
My utmost skill in his recovery, provided
That none but I and my companion maid
Be suffer'd to come near him.

Lys. Come, let us leave her ;
And the gods make her prosperous ! *Marina sings*

Lys. Mark'd he your music ?

Mar. No, nor look'd on us.

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Lys. See, she will speak to him.

Mar. Hail, sir ! my lord, lend ear.

Per. Hum, ha !

Mar. I am a maid,

My lord, that ne'er before invited eyes,
But have been gaz'd on like a comet : she speaks,
My lord, that, may be, hath endur'd a grief
Might equal yours, if both were justly weigh'd.
Though wayward fortune did malign my state,
My derivation was from ancestors

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Who stood equivalent with mighty kings :
 But time hath rooted out my parentage,
 And to the world and awkward casualties
 Bound me in servitude. (*aside*) I will desist ;
 But there is something glows upon my cheek,
 And whispers in mine ear ' Go not till he speak.'

Per. My fortunes—parentage—good parentage—
 To equal mine !—was it not thus ? what say you ?

Mar. I said, my lord, if you did know my parentage,
 You would not do me violence. 100

Per. I do think so. Pray you, turn your eyes upon me.
 You are like something that—What countrywoman ?
 Here of these shores ?

Mar. No, nor of any shores :
 Yet I was mortally brought forth, and am
 No other than I appear.

Per. I am great with woe, and shall deliver weeping.
 My dearest wife was like this maid, and such a one
 My daughter might have been : my queen's square
 brows ;
 Her stature to an inch ; as wand-like straight,
 As silver-voic'd, her eyes as jewel-like, 110
 And cas'd as richly, in pace another Juno ;
 Who starves the ears she feeds, and makes them
 hungry,

PERICLES

The more she gives them speech. Where do you live ?

Mar. Where I am but a stranger : from the deck
You may discern the place.

Per. Where were you bred ?
And how achiev'd you these endowments, which
You make more rich to owe ?

Mar. If I should tell my history, it would seem
Like lies disdain'd in the reporting.

Per. Prithee, speak :
Falseness cannot come from thee, for thou look'st 120
Modest as Justice, and thou seem'st a palace
For the crown'd Truth to dwell in : I will believe
thee,
And make my senses credit thy relation
To points that seem impossible, for thou look'st
Like one I lov'd indeed. What were thy friends ?
Didst thou not say, when I did push thee back—
Which was when I perceiv'd thee—that thou cam'st
From good descending ?

Mar. So indeed I did.

Per. Report thy parentage. I think thou said'st
Thou hadst been toss'd from wrong to injury, 130
And that thou thought'st thy griefs might equal mine,
If both were open'd.

Mar. Some such thing

I said, and said no more but what my thoughts
Did warrant me was likely.

Per. Tell thy story ;
If thine consider'd prove the thousandth part
Of my endurance, thou art a man, and I
Have suffer'd like a girl : yet thou dost look
Like Patience gazing on kings' graves and smiling
Extremity out of act. What were thy friends ?
How lost thou them ? Thy name, my most kind
virgin ?

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Recount, I do beseech thee : come, sit by me.

Mar. My name is Marina.

Per. O, I am mock'd,
And thou by some incensed god sent hither
To make the world to laugh at me.

Mar. Patience, good sir,
Or here I 'll cease.

Per. Nay, I 'll be patient.
Thou little know'st how thou dost startle me,
To call thyself Marina.

Mar. The name
Was given me by one that had some power,
My father, and a king.

Per. How, a king's daughter ?
And call'd Marina ?

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Mar. You said you would believe me ; 150
But, not to be a troubler of your peace,
I will end here.

Per. But are you flesh and blood ?
Have you a working pulse, and are no fairy ?
No motion ? Well ; speak on. Where were you
born ?
And wherefore call'd Marina ?

Mar. Call'd Marina
For I was born at sea.

Per. At sea ? what mother ?

Mar. My mother was the daughter of a king ;
Who died the minute I was born,
As my good nurse Lychorida hath oft
Deliver'd weeping.

Per. O, stop there a little ! 160
(*aside*) This is the rarest dream that e'er dull'd sleep
Did mock sad fools withal : this cannot be :
My daughter 's buried.—Well : where were you bred ?
I 'll hear you more, to the bottom of your story,
And never interrupt you.

Mar. You scorn : believe me, 'twere best I did give o'er. †

Per. I will believe you by the syllable
Of what you shall deliver. Yet, give me leave :
How came you in these parts ? where were you bred ?

Mar. The king my father did in Tarsus leave me, 170
 Till cruel Cleon, with his wicked wife,
 Did seek to murder me : and having woo'd
 A villain to attempt it, who having drawn to do 't,
 A crew of pirates came and rescued me ;
 Brought me to Mytilene. But, good sir, whither
 Will you have me ? Why do you weep ? It may be,
 You think me an impostor : no, good faith ;
 I am the daughter to King Pericles,
 If good King Pericles be.

Per. Ho, Helicanus ! 180

Hel. Calls my lord ?

Per. Thou art a grave and noble counsellor,
 Most wise in general : tell me, if thou canst,
 What this maid is, or what is like to be,
 That thus hath made me weep.

Hel. I know not ; but
 Here is the regent, sir, of Mytilene
 Speaks nobly of her.

Lys. She never would tell
 Her parentage ; being demanded that,
 She would sit still and weep.

Per. O Helicanus, strike me, honour'd sir ; 190
 Give me a gash, put me to present pain ;
 Lest this great sea of joys rushing upon me

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O'erbear the shores of my mortality,
 And drown me with their sweetness. O, come hither,
 Thou that beget'st him that did thee beget :
 Thou that wast born at sea, buried at Tarsus,
 And found at sea again ! O Helicanus,
 Down on thy knees ; thank the holy gods as loud
 As thunder threatens us : this is Marina.
 What was thy mother's name ? tell me but that, 200
 For truth can never be confirm'd enough,
 Though doubts did ever sleep.

Mar. First, sir, I pray, what is your title ?

Per.

I

Am Pericles of Tyre : but tell me now
 My drown'd queen's name, as in the rest you said
 Thou hast been godlike perfect, the heir of kingdoms,
 And another like to Pericles thy father.

Mar. Is it no more to be your daughter than
 To say my mother's name was Thaisa ?

Thaisa was my mother, who did end 210
 The minute I began.

Per. Now, blessing on thee ! rise ; thou art my child.
 Give me fresh garments. Mine own, Helicanus :
 She is not dead at Tarsus, as she should have been,
 By savage Cleon : she shall tell thee all ;
 When thou shalt kneel, and justify in knowledge

She is thy very princess. Who is this ?

Hel. Sir, 'tis the governor of Mytilene,
Who, hearing of your melancholy state,
Did come to see you.

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Per. I embrace you.

Give me my robes. I am wild in my beholding.
O heavens bless my girl ! But, hark, what music ?
Tell Helicanus, my Marina, tell him
O'er, point by point, for yet he seems to doubt,
How sure you are my daughter. But, what music ?

Hel. My lord, I hear none.

Per. None !

The music of the spheres ! List, my Marina.

Lys. It is not good to cross him ; give him way.

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Per. Rarest sounds !

Do you not hear ?

Lys. Music, my lord ?

Per.

I hear

Most heavenly music !

It nips me unto listening, and thick slumber

Hangs upon mine eyes : let me rest.

Sleeps

Lys. A pillow for his head :

So, leave him all. Well, my companion friends,

If this but answer to my just belief,

I'll well remember you.

Exeunt all but Pericles

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Diana appears to Pericles in a vision

Dia. My temple stands in Ephesus : hie thee thither, 240
 And do upon mine altar sacrifice.
 There, when my maiden priests are met together,
 Before the people all,
 Reveal how thou at sea didst lose thy wife :
 To mourn thy crosses, with thy daughter's, call,
 And give them repetition to the life.
 Or perform my bidding, or thou liv'st in woe ;
 Do it, and happy ; by my silver bow !
 Awake, and tell thy dream. *Disappears*

Per. Celestial Dian, goddess argentine, 250
 I will obey thee. Helicanus !

Re-enter Helicanus, Lysimachus, and Marina

Hel. Sir ?

Per. My purpose was for Tarsus, there to strike
 The inhospitable Cleon ; but I am
 For other service first : toward Ephesus
 Turn our blown sails ; eftsoons I 'll tell thee why.
 (*to Lys.*) Shall we refresh us, sir, upon your shore,
 And give you gold for such provision
 As our intents will need ?

Lys. Sir,
 With all my heart ; and, when you come ashore, 260
 I have another suit.

Per. You shall prevail,
 Were it to woo my daughter ; for it seems
 You have been noble towards her.

Lys. Sir, lend me your arm.

Per. Come, my Marina. *Exeunt*

SCENE II

Enter Gower, before the temple of Diana at Ephesus

Gow. Now our sands are almost run ;
 More a little, and then dumb.
 This, my last boon, give me,
 For such kindness must relieve me,
 That you aptly will suppose
 What pageantry, what feats, what shows,
 What minstrelsy and pretty din,
 The regent made in Mytilene,
 To greet the king. So he thrived,
 That he is promis'd to be wived
 To fair Marina ; but in no wise
 Till he had done his sacrifice,
 As Dian bade : whereto being bound,
 The interim pray you all confound.
 In feather'd briefness sails are fill'd,

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PERICLES

And wishes fall out as they 're will'd.

At Ephesus, the temple see,

Our king and all his company.

That he can hither come so soon,

Is by your fancies' thankful doom.

Exit 20

SCENE III

The temple of Diana at Ephesus ; Thaisa standing near the altar, as high priestess ; a number of Virgins on each side ; Cerimon and other Inhabitants of Ephesus attending

Enter Pericles, with his train ; Lysimachus, Helicanus, Marina, and a Lady

Per. Hail, Dian ! to perform thy just command,

I hear confess myself the king of Tyre ;

Who, frighted from my country, did wed

At Pentapolis the fair Thaisa.

At sea in childbed died she, but brought forth

A maid-child call'd Marina ; who, O goddess,

Wears yet thy silver livery. She at Tarsus

Was nurs'd with Cleon, who at fourteen years

He sought to murder, but her better stars

Brought her to Mytilene, 'gainst whose shore

Riding, her fortunes brought the maid aboard us,

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Where, by her own most clear remembrance, she
Made known herself my daughter.

Tha. Voice and favour !

You are, you are—O royal Pericles !— *Faints*

Per. What means the nun ? she dies ! help, gentlemen !

Cer. Noble sir,

If you have told Diana's altar true,
This is your wife.

Per. Reverend appearer, no ;
I threw her overboard with these very arms.

Cer. Upon this coast, I warrant you.

Per. 'Tis most certain. 20

Cer. Look to the lady. O, she 's but overjoy'd.
Early in blustering morn this lady was
Thrown upon this shore. I op'd the coffin,
Found there rich jewels, recover'd her, and plac'd her
Here in Diana's temple.

Per. May we see them ?

Cer. Great sir, they shall be brought you to my house,
Whither I invite you. Look, Thaisa is
Recovered.

Tha. O, let me look !

If he be none of mine, my sanctity 30
Will to my sense bend no licentious ear,
But curb it, spite of seeing. O, my lord,

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Are you not Pericles ? Like him you spake,
Like him you are : did you not name a tempest,
A birth, and death ?

Per. The voice of dead Thaisa !

Tha. That Thaisa am I, supposed dead
And drown'd.

Per. Immortal Dian !

Tha. Now I know you better.

When we with tears parted Pentapolis,
The king my father gave you such a ring.

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Shows a ring

Per. This, this : no more, you gods ! your present kindness
Makes my past miseries sports : you shall do well,
That on the touching of her lips I may
Melt, and no more be seen. O, come, be buried
A second time within these arms.

Mar. My heart
Leaps to be gone into my mother's bosom.

Kneels to Thaisa

Per. Look, who kneels here ! Flesh of thy flesh, Thaisa ;
Thy burden at the sea, and call'd Marina
For she was yielded there.

Tha. Blest, and mine own !

Hel. Hail, madam, and my queen !

Tha. I know you not.

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Per. You have heard me say, when I did fly from Tyre,
 I left behind an ancient substitute :
 Can you remember what I call'd the man ?
 I have named him oft.

Tha. 'Twas Helicanus then.

Per. Still confirmation :
 Embrace him, dear Thaisa ; this is he.
 Now do I long to hear how you were found ;
 How possibly preserv'd ; and who to thank,
 Besides the gods, for this great miracle.

Tha. Lord Cerimon, my lord ; this man, 60
 Through whom the gods have shown their power :
 that can
 From first to last resolve you.

Per. Reverend sir,
 The gods can have no mortal officer
 More like a god than you. Will you deliver
 How this dead queen re-lives ?

Cer. I will, my lord.
 Beseech you, first go with me to my house,
 Where shall be shown you all was found with her ;
 How she came plac'd here in the temple ;
 No needful thing omitted.

Per. Pure Dian, I bless thee for thy vision, and 70
 Will offer night-oblations to thee. Thaisa,

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This prince, the fair-betrothed of your daughter,
Shall marry her at Pentapolis. And now,
This ornament
Makes me look dismal will I clip to form ;
And what this fourteen years no razor touch'd,
To grace thy marriage-day, I 'll beautify.

Tha. Lord Cerimon hath letters of good credit, sir,
My father 's dead.

Per. Heavens make a star of him ! Yet there, my queen, 80
We 'll celebrate their nuptials, and ourselves
Will in that kingdom spend our following days :
Our son and daughter shall in Tyrus reign.
Lord Cerimon, we do our longing stay
To hear the rest untold : sir, lead the way. *Exeunt*

Enter Gower

Gow. In Antiochus and his daughter you have heard
Of monstrous lust the due and just reward :
In Pericles, his queen and daughter, seen,
Although assail'd with fortune fierce and keen,
Virtue preserved from fell destruction's blast,
Led on by heaven and crown'd with joy at last :
In Helicanus may you well descry
A figure of truth, of faith, of loyalty :
In reverend Cerimon there well appears
The worth that learned charity aye wears :

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For wicked Cleon and his wife, when fame
Had spread their cursed deed, the honour'd name
Of Pericles, to rage the city turn,
That him and his they in his palace burn ;
The gods for murder seemed so content 100
To punish, although not done, but meant.
So, on your patience evermore attending,
New joy wait on you ! Here our play has ending.

Exit

Notes

I have confined the Notes almost entirely to the last three acts. (It is, by the way, noteworthy that the text is much more corrupt in the first two acts than in the last three.) Exactly what unmetrical nonsense Wilkins (if it was Wilkins) talked, or is made to talk by the compositor of *Q*, or what steps we take to allow him to talk approximate metre and sense, seem to me of trivial importance. I have therefore, in the first two acts, allowed some apparent corruptions to stand, admitted to the text accepted emendations for others without comment, and even in three places (as I have been cautious not to do elsewhere in this edition) inserted without comment readings of my own.

I. i. 27. *Hesperides*; one of the labours of Hercules was to bring back the golden apples of the 'daughters of the sunset,' which were guarded by a dragon. In l. 29 *affright* is unsatisfactory; one wants a word meaning 'stand close to,' and *affront* has been suggested.

II. i. 53-56. Something has evidently gone very wrong here, since there is no possible point in the fisherman's rejoinder as the text stands. Pericles must have said something about a day. Deighton suggests that before *Peace be at your labour* Pericles said *Hoyday!* which seems to start the interchange on the right lines. But I think he misses the point of what follows, by taking *fits* to mean 'is to your liking'; the fisherman means, I think, 'If the day is one that fits the poor bedraggled creature you are, away with it from the calendar and no one will miss it'; and we can emend *search* accordingly; Steevens read *scratch it*.

II. i. 73. *throng'd up*; the Arden editor takes the bull by the

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horns and says that this means 'shrivelled' or 'clemmed.' I feel no doubt that this is right and would add 'shrammed' to the meanings; but it is fair to add that the N.E.D. gives small support to any meaning more particular and vivid than 'oppressed.'

II. i. 125. *protect thee from*; Q reads *protect thee Fame*; and I should be inclined to read *The which the gods protect!*—*the same defend thee.*

II. i. 130. *my father gave*; so Q; usually emended to *my father's gift*. But one of the marks of the diction of this play is the large number of harsh omissions of the relative.

III. i. 35. *portage quit*; a reference to the full entry in N.E.D. will make this phrase clear. One embarking on a 'merchant-adventure' was allowed to put on board goods, the profit on which would be in lieu of wages or of part of his wages. Here then 'what you have lost is more than can be counterbalanced by any goods for traffic that you can possibly have on board.'

III. i. 43. *bolins*; a form of 'bowlines,' but that in itself is not very helpful, since to us a 'bowline' is rather a knot than a sheet. They were apparently ropes attached to the weather side of a square sail to aid in trimming it so that the ship would sail as near the wind as might be.

III. ii. 41. *pleasure*; so Q; almost universally emended to *treasure*, surely a very commonplace reading and less Shakespearean than the text.

III. ii. 97. *nature awakes*; . . . ; this is the ordinary reading, but I am not sure that Q's reading, *nature awakes a warmib breath*, does not rather point to *nature awakes a warm breath*.

III. iii. 6. *Your shafts* . . . ; Q reads *shakes, hant, and wondrously for shafts, hurt, and wanderingly*. I give the ordinary emendation; but would somewhat prefer Schmidt's *woundingly*.

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III. iii. 36. *mask'd*; if this is sound it must mean, I suppose, Neptune who is for the moment masking all his potentialities for storm and fury. Many emendations have been suggested.

III. iv. 6. *eaning*; so F. Q reads *learning*, for which *bearing* would be graphically rather easier.

IV. prol. 28. *rich and constant pen Vail*; if this means anything at all it must mean that she worshipped Dian by writing poetry to her. But though *vail* can no doubt mean 'worship,' it is a very curious word to use of that kind of worship.

IV. i. 1-7. This passage is usually given as verse, though not by either Q or F. And it makes such indifferent verse that I prefer to leave it, not least because it seems more fitting that the verse should not begin till Marina's entrance.

IV. i. 5. *inflaming love i' thy bosom*; this is Knight's reading, usually adopted. Q reads *in flaming thy love bosome*, and F the same, but joining the first two words to *inflaming*. I am not clear that any of the emendations helps matters much. The sense is clear, that neither conscience nor pity should be allowed to stand in his way.

IV. i. 10. *mistress*; I leave the QF reading, unsatisfactory though it is, since the facile emendation to *nurse's* seems too easy to be true.

IV. i. 62. '*Ha!*' says one, '*wilt out?*'; one editor suggests 'perhaps "will you not cease," apostrophising the storm'; and another wants to emend to *wilt thou?* commenting that the sailor is perhaps addressing the shroud which the wind blows out. But why all this complication? The remark is surely just a rather brutally humorous one to the man who has been washed off; 'Must you really be going?'

IV. i. 79. *I trod upon . . .*; I do not think that the emendation of *Nor* for *I* quite meets the case, since *against my will* and *But I wept for*

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it are really saying the same thing. I would much prefer to transpose ll. 78 and 79 and read :

*I trod upon a worm against my will,
I never kill'd a mouse, nor hurt a fly,
But I wept for it.*

IV. iii. 46. *barpy*; the mythical creature, a winged fury, that 'snatched' (hence the name) away things, especially banquets before the eyes of the banqueters. Cf. *The Tempest*.

IV. vi. 37. *number*; this, the reading of Q, has been justified, with the meaning 'the profession of modesty gives an air of decency to a bawd, just as it gains for a number of women the credit of being chaste.' That no doubt makes sense, but I cannot believe that any Elizabethan ever wrote so colourless and ill-balanced a sentence. The 'run' surely is 'to be modest dignifies the renown of a bawd, as to be chaste gives a good report to a —'. To fill the gap there have been suggestions as diverse as *pander*, *lecher*, *wanton*, and *maiden*.

V. prol. 16. *city's biv'd*; Steevens' emendation of Q's *city striv'd*.

V. prol. 23. *action*; this phrase seems to be usually taken to mean 'where what is done in action shall be discovered (*i.e.* revealed to you) and more would be if we could do it.' But *action* in that interpretation seems oddly redundant, and I feel that the sense is rather 'where what is done shall be represented in our acting of it, and we would make the representation more complete if we could'; *i.e.* *in action* goes with *shall be discovered*, not with *done*.

V. i. 166. *You scorn*; so Q. But this will hardly do, since there has been no sign of scorn. Malone's *You'll scarce believe* is tempting.

Glossary

MANY words and phrases in Shakespeare require glossing, not because they are in themselves unfamiliar, but for the opposite reason, that Shakespeare uses in their Elizabethan and unfamiliar sense a large number of words which seem so familiar that there is no incentive to look for them in the glossary. It is hoped that a glossary arranged as below will make it easy to see at a glance what words and phrases in any particular scene require elucidation. A number of phrases are glossed by what seems to be, in their context, the modern equivalent rather than by lexicographical glosses on the words which compose them.

Act First

BEFORE THE PALACE OF ANTIOCH

<i>line</i>	<i>line</i>
21 FERE, mate	32 FRAME, <i>sc.</i> their course
24 HIS, its	40 YON GRIM LOOKS, <i>i.e.</i> the be-headed heads (<i>cf.</i> I. i. 36)

SCENE I

8 LUCINA, goddess of childbirth	101 THRONG'D, overwhelmed
40 ON DEATH'S NET, into death's snare	110 GLOZE, quibble
93 BRAID, touch	152 PARTAKES, shares out
101 COPP'D, round-topped	165 LEVEL, aim

SCENE II

25 OSTENT, display	86 DOUBT, suspect
38 DO ABUSE, are disloyal to	109 DIRECT, delegate
48 LADENG, cargo	

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SCENE IV

<i>line</i>		<i>line</i>	
9	TOPP'D, pollarded	43	CURIOUS, superfine
26	JETTED, strutted	61	PORTLY SAIL, impressive fleet
	ADORN'D, <i>sc.</i> themselves	83	CONSIST, agree
27	GLASS, mirror	92	HAPPILY, haply
42	NOUSLE, nurse		

Act Second

ENTER GOWER

4 AWFUL, awe-inspiring

DUMB SHOW

40 LONGS THE TEXT, belongs to the
action of the play

SCENE I

17	WITH A WANION, with a ven- geance	126	KEPT, lodged
73	THRONG'D, oppressed	145	CONDOLEMENT, solatium VAILS, 'tips'
83	FLAP-JACKS, pancakes	150	RAPTURE, snatching
123	BRACE, (?) suit of armour	156	PAIR OF BASES, a kind of kilt

SCENE II

1	TRIUMPH, display	30	ME POMPAE PROVEXIT APEX, the summit of honour has led me on
4	RETURN, reply to	33	QUOD ME ALIT, ME EXTINGUIT, what feeds me quenches me
21	LUX TUA VITA MIHI, thy light my life	38	SIC SPECTANDA FIDES, thus must faith be tried
27-28	PIU POR DULZURA QUE POR FUERZA, more by sweetness than by force	51	WHIPSTOCK, whipping-post

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SCENE III

<i>line</i>		<i>line</i>	
29	RESIST ME, HE BUT THOUGHT UPON, mislike me, as soon as I think of him	70	IMPUDENCE, shamelessness
42	VAIL, bow	95	ADDRESS'D, arrayed
		105	MEASURES, dancing-steps

SCENE IV

3	MINDING, intending	35	CENSURE, opinion
35	STRONGEST, most probable	44	TAKE I, if I take

SCENE V

20 MINDING, caring

Act Third

ENTER GOWER

4	POMPOUS, splendid	13	ECHE, eke out

DUMB SHOW

1	DERN, drear	3	COIGNS, corners
	PERCH, measure of land (<i>prop.</i> 5½ yards)	21	STEAD, forward
		55	NILL, will not

SCENE I

16	CONCEIT, intelligence	62	AYE-REMAINING LAMPS, the lamp in the vault, always burning
61	FOR, instead of		

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SCENE II

<i>line</i>	<i>line</i>
16 PRINCIPALS, main-beams	75 MUNDANE COST, treasures of the world
20 OUR HUSBANDRY, 'on business'	90 GOOD APPLIANCE, application of right treatment
27 CUNNING, knowledge	116 IS, would be
36 VEGETIVES, vegetable kingdom	

Act Fourth

ENTER GOWER

21 SLEIDED, floss	44 PREGNANT, prompt
22 SMALL, thin	45 PREST, ready
23 NEED, needle	48 POST, in post haste
33 VIE, compete in the matter of	

SCENE I

13 TELLUS, Earth-goddess	63 DROPPING, dripping wet
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SCENE II

24 POOF'D, foundered	43 I HAVE GONE THROUGH, I bid to the limit
26 CHEQUINS, Italian gold coins, sequins	70 LIGHT, lit
31 WAGES NOT, does not counter-balance	120 MERE, sheer
33 HATCH'D, closed with half-door (<i>the mark of a brothel</i>)	136 BY CUSTOM, by bringing in customers

SCENE III

16 CROSS, question	34 BLURTED AT, scorned
18 FOR AN HONEST ATTRIBUTE, to gain reputation for honesty	MALKIN, slut

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SCENE IV

<i>line</i>		<i>line</i>
2 HAVE AND WISH BUT FOR 'T,		18 PILOT, <i>adj.</i>
have by wishing		19 STEERAGE, steering
10 THWARTING, traversing		41 THETIS, sea-goddess

SCENE VI

17 LOWN, loon, yokel		105 BE YOU THOUGHTEN, believe
60 MANAGE, control (from horse- training, manège)		120 COPE, vault of sky
90 PUT UPON YOU, invested with it		161 COISTREL, oaf

Act Fifth

ENTER GOWER

8 INKLE, yarn

SCENE I

26 PROROGUE, keep alive		117 TO OWE, in owing
60 GRAFF, scion		250 ARGENTINE, silver
72 ARTIFICIAL FEAT, exercise of art		255 EFTSOONS, soon
93 AWKWARD CASUALTIES, sinister chances		

SCENE II

279 FEATHER'D BRIEFNESS, winged
 speed

SCENE III

18 APPEARER, one who suddenly
 appears | 49 YIELDED, born

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