

Twelfth Night, or What You Will

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Enter Sebastian and Antonio

SEBASTIAN

I would not by my will have troubled you,
But since you make your pleasure of your pains
I will no further chide you.

ANTONIO

I could not stay behind you. My desire,
More sharp than file—Ad steel, did spur me forth, 5
And not all love to see you—though so much
As might have drawn one to a longer voyage—
But jealousy what might befall your travel,
Being skillless in these parts, which to a stranger,
Unguided and unfriended, often prove 10
Rough and unhospitable. My willing love
The rather by these arguments of fear
Set forth in your pursuit.

SEBASTIAN

My kind Antonio,

I can no other answer make but thanks,
And thanks; and ever oft good turns 15
Are shuffled off with such uncurrent pay.
But were my worth as is my conscience firm,
You should find better dealing. What's to do?
Shall we go see the relics of this town?

ANTONIO

Tomorrow, sir. Best first go see your lodging. 20

SEBASTIAN

I am not weary, and 'tis long to night.
I pray you let us satisfy our eyes
With the memorials and the things of fame
That do renown this city.

ANTONIO

Would you'd pardon me.

I do not without danger walk these streets. 25
Once in a sea-fight 'gainst the Count his galleys
I did some service, of such note indeed
That were I ta'en here it would scarce be answered.

SEBASTIAN

Belike you slew great number of his people.

ANTONIO

Th'offence is not of such a bloody nature, 30
Albeit the quality of the time and quarrel
Might well have given us bloody argument.
It might have since been answered in repaying
What we took from them, which for traffic's sake
Most of our city did. Only myself stood out, 35
For which if I be latcheÁd in this place
I shall pay dear.

SEBASTIAN Do not then walk too open.

ANTONIO

It doth not fit me. Hold, sir, here's my purse.
In the south suburbs at the Elephant
Is best to lodge. I will bespeak our diet 40
Whiles you beguile the time and feed your knowledge
With viewing of the town. There shall you have me.

SEBASTIAN Why I your purse?

ANTONIO

Haply your eye shall light upon some toy
You have desire to purchase; and your store 45
I think is not for idle markets, sir.

SEBASTIAN

I'll be your purse-bearer, and leave you
For an hour.

ANTONIO To th' Elephant.

SEBASTIAN

I do remember.

Exeunt severally