

All's Well That Ends Well

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Enter Helen, the Widow, and Diana, with two attendants

HELEN

But this exceeding posting day and night
Must wear your spirits low. We cannot help it.
But since you have made the days and nights as one
To wear your gentle limbs in my affairs,
Be bold you do so grow in my requital
As nothing can unroot you.

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Enter a Gentleman Austringer

In happy time!

This man may help me to his majesty's ear,
If he would spend his power.±±God save you, sir.

GENTLEMAN And you.

HELEN

Sir, I have seen you in the court of France.

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GENTLEMAN I have been sometimes there.

HELEN

I do presume, sir, that you are not fall'n
From the report that goes upon your goodness,
And therefore, goaded with most sharp occasions
Which lay nice manners by, I put you to
The use of your own virtues, for the which
I shall continue thankful.

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GENTLEMAN What's your will?

HELEN That it will please you

To give this poor petition to the King,
And aid me with that store of power you have
To come into his presence.

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GENTLEMAN The King's not here.

HELEN Not here, sir?

GENTLEMAN

Not

indeed.

He hence removed last night, and with more haste
Than is his use.

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WIDOW Lord, how we lose our pains.

HELEN All's well that ends well yet,
Though time seem so adverse, and means unfit.±±
I do beseech you, whither is he gone?

GENTLEMAN
Marry, as I take it, to Roussillon, 30
Whither I am going.

HELEN I do beseech you, sir,
Since you are like to see the King before me,
Commend the paper to his gracious hand,
Which I presume shall render you no blame,
But rather make you thank your pains for it. 35
I will come after you with what good speed
Our means will make us means.

GENTLEMAN (*taking the paper*) This I'll do for you.

HELEN
And you shall find yourself to be well thanked,
Whate'er falls more. We must to horse again.±±
Go, go, provide. 40
Exeunt severally