Hermia Audition Monologue

*Context: Hermia and Lysander escaped into he woods to flee from her father’s demand that she marry someone else. They went to sleep in a secluded grove but when she woke up he was no longer there. Knowing that Demetrius, the man her father wanted her to marry, was envious of her love for Lysander, she thinks he might have killed him to win her by default.*

Now I but chide; but I should use thee worse,

For thou, I fear, hast given me cause to curse,

If thou hast slain Lysander in his sleep,

Being o'er shoes in blood, plunge in the deep,

And kill me too.

The sun was not so true unto the day

As he to me. Would he have stolen away

From sleeping Hermia? I'll believe as soon

This whole earth may be bored and that the moon

May through the centre creep and so displease

Her brother's noontide with Antipodes.

It cannot be but thou hast murder'd him.

So should a murderer look: so dead, so grim.