Oberon Audition Monologue

*Context: Oberon and Titania, Fairy King and Queen are fighting, and after a stand-off he orders his servant Puck to find a magic flower that can make someone fall in love with the first thing they see upon waking so he can play a trick upon her and restore order to the quarrels of the four lovers by making Helena’s affections reciprocated.*

I pray thee, give it me.

I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,

Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,

Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,

With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine.

There sleeps Titania sometime of the night,

Lull'd in these flowers with dances and delight;

And with the juice of this I'll streak her eyes,

And make her full of hateful fantasies.

Take thou some of it, and seek through this grove:

A sweet Athenian lady is in love

With a disdainful youth: anoint his eyes;

Effect it with some care, that he may prove

More fond on her than she upon her love:

And look thou meet me ere the first cock crow.