

NPAT RSC Character Information - Titania

Titania is the Queen of the Fairies. At the start of the play we find her having an argument with Oberon. She refuses to give him a changeling boy that she has promised to look after. She leaves Oberon's company with her fairies. She tells them to sing her a lullaby to help her sleep. While she is asleep, Oberon puts a magic love potion from a flower in her eyes. When she wakes up, she sees Bottom with an ass' head and immediately falls in love with him. She showers him with gifts and makes her fairies tend on him. While in this state, Oberon convinces her to give him the changeling boy. At the end of the play the magic is reversed, and she is repulsed by Bottom's appearance. Finally, she and Oberon bless the marriages of Theseus and Hippolyta, and the other lovers.

Facts we learn about Titania at the start of the play:

- She wants to end the argument with Oberon as it is having a negative effect on the natural world.
- She promised the changeling boy's mother that she would look after him.
- She is served by several fairies and has her own 'bower' where she sleeps in the forest.

THINGS THEY SAY

'Then I must be thy lady...' (Titania, 2:1).

Titania is Oberon's equal, in her opinion.

'I am a spirit of no common rate.' (Titania, 3:1)

Titania is incredibly powerful and magical.

THINGS OTHERS SAY ABOUT THEM

'...rash wanton...' (Oberon, 2:1)

Titania is argumentative and Oberon thinks she is impulsive.