

# *A Midsummer Night's Dreame*

Act IV, sc. 1 (line 200)

## **BOTTOM**

When my cue comes, call me, and I will answer: my next is, 'Most fair Pyramus.' Heigh-  
ho! Peter Quince! Flute, the bellows-mender! Snout, the tinker! Starveling! God's my life,  
stolen hence, and left me asleep! I have had a most rare vision. I have had a dream, past  
the wit of man to say what dream it was: man is but an ass, if he go about to expound this  
dream. Methought I was—there is no man can tell what. Methought I was,—and  
methought I had,—but man is but a patched fool, if he will offer to say what methought I  
had. The eye of man hath not heard, the ear of man hath not seen, man's hand is not able  
to taste, his tongue to conceive, nor his heart to report, what my dream was. I will get  
Peter Quince to write a ballad of this dream: it shall be called Bottom's Dream, because it  
hath no bottom; and I will sing it in the latter end of a play, before the duke:  
peradventure, to make it the more gracious, I shall sing it at her death.