

# THE DREAM

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HELENA

You know Demetrius, there was a time, not that long ago that I longed to hear those words. When I dreamed of hearing you say them to me. But thanks to this night of midsummers madness, I have realised that I don't love you, I don't even like you!

I heard a wise woman once say that "Shakespeare, in a time when women were not allowed to act on the stage, gave them a voice. He wrote incredible, passionate, complex, multifaceted roles for women which delved deep into their psyche. But the situations he placed them reflected the times." A time when it was ok for women to be treated like servants to their husbands. A time when it was ok for men to threaten, to beat, to punish their wives, to speak to them like they were worth nothing, and for women to pick up the scraps, to endure, to settle. But we have come a long way in 400 years, and it's not ok anymore. *(She smiles, empowered)* This Helena will not settle!

Goodbye Demetrius.