



**Bida, Alexandre, artist. *Midsummer night's dream*, IV, 1, Titania adorns Bottom with Flowers. Nineteenth century.
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This watercolor by Alexandre Bida shows a scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* that, although popular with artists, does not explicitly appear in the text. Titania promises that Bottom will sleep "on pressèd flowers" (3.1.161), but the inspiration for this image of Bottom with a garland likely comes from the description of Titania's behavior towards the Indian Boy in act 2: "But she perforce withhold the lovèd boy, Crowns him with flowers and makes him all her joy" (2.1.26-27).

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