



Bone, Robert Treweek, artist. [*Venus and Adonis*]. early to mid-19th century. Folger ART Box B697.5 no.4 (size L)

Shakespeare's *Venus and Adonis* is an epyllion, part of an extremely popular genre of poems based on love stories from Roman mythology. Most epyllia source their stories from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, which was a common text used to teach Latin in early modern English grammar schools. This scene from *Venus and Adonis* depicts the titular character's meeting in a cave where they consummate their relationship.

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