

“I dreamt a dream tonight” Romeo and Juliet, Act I, scene iv

1. We know that Romeo has two dream, a dream of Rosaline and the dream he mentions in Act I, scene iv. What do we know about the dream in scene iv?

2. Mercutio has some interesting ideas about dreams. According to Mercutio, what are the dreams that Queen Mab delivers to each of the following people?:

Lovers dream of:

Courtiers dream of:

Lawyers dream of:

Ladies dream of:

Courtiers (2nd mention) dream of:

A soldier dreams of:

3. Is Queen Mab the queen of good dreams, nightmares or both? Explain.

4. Reread Mercutio's exchange with Romeo at the end of this scene. What does Mercutio think of dreams? Explain.

5. Why do you suppose Mercutio told such a fantastic story to Romeo? Explain.

6. At this point, what is your opinion of Mercutio? Give examples to explain.