

PROSPERO

Child of a hag! Son of the devil!
Go forth and bring in the wood. If you argue more,
I'll make you roar that all the beasts shall pity you.

CALIBAN

No, pray thee.
(grumbles to himself) His magic is of such power
not even my mother could control him.

PROSPERO

Go, slave, hence!

CALIBAN exits.

SCENE 5

*IRIS, JUNO, and CERES enter the stage. They each ring a bell once.
Other SPIRITS enter from the center isle, singing slowly and carrying bells.*

Melody of "SUMMER IS A COMIN' IN" may be used.

VESTA and FLORA
Come into these yellow sands

IRIS, JUNO and CERES
Come and take our hands!

LUNA and ARIEL
Curtsied when you have, and kissed...

VESTA and FLORA
The wild waves whist.

IRIS, JUNO and CERES
Ding, dong, bell!

ALL SPIRITS
Ding, dong, bell!

ARIEL
Foot it featly, here and there
Let the spirits bear

VESTA and FLORA
the burden of your worried legs

LUNA and ARIEL
Listen and come near...

ALL SPIRITS
Ding, dong, bell!
Ding, dong, bell!

FERDINAND enters up the isle, behind ARIEL.

FERDINAND
Where should this music be?
In the air or of the earth?
It found me sitting on the shore, weeping for my father.
So I've followed it. Is it gone?

ARIEL
(singing) Full fathom five your father lies,
His bones are coral made...

JUNO and LUNA
Those pearls that were his eyes, have closed.
He's suffered a sea-change...

ARIEL
Something rich and strange...

ALL SPIRITS
Something rich and strange...
Something rich and strange...

SPIRITS start to exit, bells ringing.

ARIEL
Something rich and strange...

*MIRANDA steps forward to watch FERDINAND.
FERDINAND sits down below the stage.*

FERDINAND
These spirits sing of my drowned father.

PROSPERO

Say, Miranda. Say what it is you see.

MIRANDA

What is it? A spirit?
What a beautiful form. It is a spirit?

PROSPERO

No, girl. It breathes and eats like you and I.
This man who you see was in the wreck.
He seeks his fellows, but cannot find them.

ARIEL appears at PROSPERO'S side.

MIRANDA

Only a man? He is divine!

PROSPERO and ARIEL step aside.

PROSPERO

(to ARIEL) All goes according to plan!
Fine spirit! I'll free thee within two days for this!

FERDINAND sees MIRANDA and stands quickly.

FERDINAND

Oh goddess! Are these songs sung for you?
How did I come here?
O Wonder! Are you god or maid?

MIRANDA

No wonder, sir, but certainly a maid.

FERDINAND

She speaks my language.

FERDINAND climbs to the stage.

If only we were in Naples, I'd make you queen!

PROSPERO

(to ARIEL) Ariel, they are in love!
(to FERDINAND) And what would the King of Naples have to say about that?

FERDINAND

He cannot hear me, for he is my father and he has drowned.

MIRANDA

Oh, I'm sorry to hear it!

FERDINAND

It is true. And all his noblemen. All lost at sea.

PROSPERO

Now, one moment.
How am I to believe you?

MIRANDA

Father, why speak so harshly?

PROSPERO

(to MIRANDA) How are we to trust this man?
(to FERDINAND) Have you put thyself upon this island as a spy?
Are you to win it from me?

FERDINAND

No! This is not true!

MIRANDA

How could evil dwell in something so beautiful?
Father, do not do this.

PROSPERO

(to MIRANDA) Speak not for him in this way.
(to FERDINAND) Follow me. I shall tie you well.

FERDINAND

No. I will fight for my freedom
until my enemy proves his strength.

FERDINAND draws his sword.

PROSPERO raises his staff and FERDINAND is powerless.

MIRANDA

Father, have mercy!