

*Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare**1.4: "I Dreamt a Dream Tonight"**

*There are both advantages and disadvantages to dreams. Dreams provide direction. They haunt. They inspire. They relieve the subconscious. They clarify our fears and desires. They may be unrealistic.*

**Directions:** As you read through lines 1.4.53-110, complete the following:

1. We know that Romeo has at least two dreams, a dream of a relationship with Rosaline and the dream he mentions in 1.4.
  - a. What do we know about his dream of Rosaline?
  - b. What does this dream reveal about Romeo?
2. Mercutio has some interesting ideas about dreams, too.
  - a. On the back of this paper, sketch a simple picture of Queen Mab and her carriage according to Mercutio's description. The drawing does not need to be artistic, but it does need to be neat and clear. Label each part of your drawing with its corresponding line from the speech. Focus specifically on lines 59-74, and use the notes on the opposite page to help you!
  - b. According to Mercutio, what are the dreams that Queen Mab delivers for each of the following people?
    - i. Lovers dream of:
    - ii. Courtiers (first mention) dream of:
    - iii. Lawyers dream of:
    - iv. Ladies dream of:
    - v. Courtiers (second mention) dream of:
    - vi. A parson dreams of:
    - vii. A soldier dreams of:
  - c. In your opinion (but based on the text), is Queen Mab a queen of good dreams, nightmares, or both? Explain.
  - d. Reread Mercutio's exchange with Romeo toward the end of the excerpt. What does Mercutio think of dreams?
  - e. Why do you suppose Mercutio told such a fantastic story to Romeo?
  - f. Based on the text, what kind of person *is* Mercutio?