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The sheep-Shearing: or, Florizel and Perdita.: a pastoral comedy. Taken from Shakespear. As it is acted at the Theatre-Royal in Dublin. The songs set by Mr. Arne.

The Last Phase London: Hollis and Carter, ; Standford U. Press, , rpt, in part in Kenneth Muir ed. The Comedies Englewood Cliffs: Methuen, , Chapter 9; Frank Kermode, Intro. If this is the case, what would be one function of the sheep-shearing scene? Why would it be proper for Perdita to sort of drip sexuality? There seems to be some concern here also for the idea of true royalty of nature. Traversi sees this concern with royalty as somehow connected with the theme of grace: Is it possible that Shakespeare is reverting to folktale motifs and aristocratic ideals during an interlude in a pastoral green world? Would Shakespeare also be reverting to standard technique in having Polixenes act like a "heavy" father in separating Perdita and Florizel? Traversi is undoubtedly right in calling attention to the rosemary and rue, flowers of the winter, that Perdita gives to Polixenes and Camillo. But are things quite this elegant? How old would Leontes be in the first part of the play? Robert Ornstein notes Leontes use of language in 1. Leontes is acting like a classical tyrant here and, in so doing, separating himself from the community. Note, though, the essentially comic sort of world here: The "chorus" types see Leontes as crazy, and Paulina significant name has the guts to oppose Leontes throughout. Moreover the gods are on the side of good and are apparently in working condition. What is the effect of having the play end with a resurrection? Does love, as well as religion, require faith? Can such faith make miracles? Can such faith produce miracles in a tragic world? The first is a ceremonious dance, stressing order. Time will have to work things out for them: What does it bring in comic worlds? How does time function in real life? Note the relationship between time and nature. Time is cyclical in terms of the seasons and in terms of life in general; it is linear in terms of individual people. Spring will follow winter and the daffodils will return. Time can bring the corruption of love, and it definitely brings the death of friends and the ultimate horror of our own deaths--time viewed tragically, in terms of the individual. Viewed in terms of nature and society, time brings death and rebirth, corruption and renewal, misunderstandings and truth. A work of art can place its emphases wherever it will. Time is a continuum. Nature works in cycles. A play takes a hunk out of that continuum and makes sense out of it. A play captures a part of a cycle or a whole cycle or a few cycles. Tragedy usually concentrates upon one individual during a time of vigor just before his or her death. Comedy concentrates on "death" sometimes real, sometimes just threatened, sometimes replaced with lesser evils and "rebirth". Comedy, then, can be said to include tragedy. In tragi-comedy this is rather explicit. Note that this is a very quiet scene, even somewhat dull; contrast the exciting openings of, e. Polixenes has been in Sicily for nine months. In this exchange between Polixenes and Hermione, note the themes of Original Sin, the Eternal Boy puer aeternus , youthful innocence in a kind of Golden Age--and sex. The reference to Original Sin is rather anachronistic; the play is set in the Once Upon a Time and long ago, before the invention of Christianity and the promulgation of the doctrine of Original Sin. Still, as wise pagans, these people might have intuited parts of Christian theology. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am," and presumably the more general Truths of Christian doctrine were always around to be discovered. A director must decide just what Hermione and Polixenes are doing while Leontes describes them, so alliteratively, "padding palms and pinching fingers. For the "neat" business you need only know that cuckolds grow horns in folklore and hence are associated with cattle. Leontes is maddened by jealousy here. Note the sophisticated grossness of his language and the cynicism of his vision: In Othello it takes a villain to tempt Othello into a mad jealousy. Leontes is self-tempted into his mistake. Note the objections by both Antigonus and the unnamed Lord. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. Note also that even the Gaoler i. Leontes wants to burn Hermione. Note also that Paulina indirectly makes the crucial accusation against Leontes: What one should do about a tyrant was a hot controversy among Renaissance political theorists; that a tyrant was unworthy to rule, however, was acknowledged almost universally. Note the number of people at Court who try to save the life of the baby, and how Antigonus is more or less tricked into exposing Perdita. Again, Apollo is alive and well, and, yet again, everybody sides with Hermione. The two points may be equally important. Apollo makes some important

points. Camillo is a "true subject" in his disobedience and self-imposed exile; Leontes is a "jealous tyrant"; and Leontes will indeed "live without an heir if that which is lost be not found. Leontes begins his repentance by acknowledging his crimes in public. Still, he has to do penance, which is about to begin and which will continue for some sixteen years. Paulina upbraids Leontes, with some comments by a Lord. Paulina calls Leontes "thou"--a grave insult in speaking with a king--and accuses him openly of being a tyrant. She numbers his offenses for him and even overstates his need for penance, suggesting that there is no forgiveness for what he has done. Shakespeare tricks his audience here or changed his mind later and never revised the beginning of his play: Note that Leontes admits his guilt and submits to penitential suffering. Last of the disasters, ending in the naming of Perdita and the destruction of all those directly involved with her exposure. Switch for now from verse to prose, from a tragic action to a rough kind of comedy. Enter Time, the Chorus. He is both a character in the play and outside of its action. Shakespeare observes such unity in only two plays *Comedy of Errors* and *The Tempest*; still, a sixteen-year break is extreme even for him. Exposition by Polixenes and Camillo, in prose. Apparently, even high-rank characters may speak prose in Bohemia. Autolycus and the Clown. In Jacobean usage, "blood" can refer to passion, including the passion of lust. Autolycus is in pastoral Bohemia, but he is no innocent; for one thing, his song here is rather bawdy so are some of his other songs. Autolycus anachronistically poses as the man going from Jerusalem to Jericho, who was set upon by thieves, and sets up the Clown as the Good Samaritan--and then robs him. Perdita and Florizel, in verse, on their spring-time love. As with *King Lear* they "may reflect nothing more than evasion, in the printed text, of a recent Parliamentary ruling, which in effect labelled God in stage speech as blasphemy, gods as mere classical allusion" Alfred Harbage, *Introduction to King Lear in the Pelican Shakespeare series*. Or, the use of "gods" and such may be mere obedience to the new law on stage as well as in the printed text. Note also that use of "Jove" for "God" was common even before the law "By Jove! Art is appropriate, and mildly ironic. More on the Lost Princess business. This is the Masque in this scene, a relatively stately dance by the Shepherds and Shepherdesses; the Anti-masque comes later, with the Satyrs. The Servant is sincere in seeing no bawdry in the songs, but he is very naive: Autolycus working his scams. Note that he is in at least the disguise of a pedlar, if not more fully disguised. There is a motif of disguise here: Camillo and Polixenes are disguised, as is Florizel as "Doricles"; and, metaphorically, Perdita is "disguised" as a low-born lass who here plays "Flora" a goddess and the queen of the feast. Note all this very well for the discussion between Autolycus and the rustics on the truth of his ballads. Note also that such complexities are standard in comedies: Engagement of Florizel and Perdita Note discussion of the proper role of a father in contracting marriage. Marrying for love vs. Polixenes interrupts the engagement ceremony.

2: SCENE IV. The Shepherd's cottage.

The sheep-shearing; or, Florizel and Perdita. A pastoral comedy. Taken from Shakespear. As it is acted at the Theatre-Royal in Dublin. The songs set by Mr. Arne.

A performance on November 5, is recorded in the Revels Account; another performance was given in the spring of 1611. The Master of the Revels was an officer of the royal court who licensed plays for performance in London and selected which plays would be performed at court. He also functioned as a royal censor. Despite numerous alterations, including the happy ending and the statue of Hermione, Shakespeare followed the core story as Greene devised it. However, Shakespeare added Paulina and Autolocus, whose tricks he derived from another work by Greene, *The Second Part of Cony-catching*, a study of the London criminal underworld. It was presented at court in 1611, 1612, and 1613. The theaters were closed in 1642 and did not reopen until 1660, after the Puritan revolution had failed and the monarchy was restored in 1660. Both of these adaptations placed a great emphasis on spectacle, replacing drama with scenery and singing, and significantly cutting much of the grim first three acts and focusing on the pastoral romance of the fourth. In 1811, Charles Kean set his production in ancient Greece, using elaborately evocative Hellenic sets and costumes. Henry Irving and Sir Herbert Beerbohm-Tree both produced spectacular versions of the play with elaborate costumes and scenery during the last decades of the nineteenth century. In 1901, Harley Granville-Barker staged the play with far less emphasis on scenery and spectacle and more focus on the actual text than had come to be the practice since 1611. Camillo assures him that the hospitality is freely given and nothing is expected in return. He rejoices at the great love for each other the two monarchs share and recalls its deep roots. Their bond goes back to their childhood. Archidamus says he thinks there is nothing which could make them alter their love for each other. He remarks what a treasure the young prince of Sicilia, Mamillius, is. Archidamus asks if otherwise they would be "content to die." Archidamus disagrees, saying they would always find a reason for wishing to stay alive, even if it were only to wait for the king to have a son. Act 1, Scene 2 Polixenes tells Leontes that he has already stayed nine months with him and must end his visit and return to Bohemia. Leontes asks him to stay a while longer. Polixenes tells him it is not possible. His absence so long may even threaten the security of his throne. Leontes persists in his entreaties and Polixenes continues to insist he must leave. Leontes then turns to his queen, Hermione, who is big with child, and asks her to try to persuade Polixenes to stay longer. When Hermione succeeds, rather than rejoicing, Leontes becomes overwhelmingly jealous. Insulted that Polixenes has acceded to her request while refusing his, he reasons they must be lovers and that the child Hermione is carrying belongs to Polixenes. In order to persuade Polixenes to stay, Hermione offered him, teasingly, the choice of being either her guest or her prisoner. Polixenes chivalrously accepted the offer to be her guest, saying that to be her prisoner would suggest he had offended her. She then asks him about himself and Leontes and how they were when they were boys. Polixenes paints a picture of a world of innocence in which they were innocent, before they knew the sin of sexual desire. Hermione chides him for suggesting that she and his wife are devils who have caused him and Leontes to fall, but assures him that if they have only fallen with their own wives, it has been no sin. It is at this point that Leontes asks, "Is he won yet?" He says to Hermione, when she tells him Polixenes will stay that this is the second time she has spoken well. Her answer, courtly in intent, cuts him. She seems to equate having "forever earned a royal husband" and having secured "for some while a friend" to stay. He takes his young son, Mamillius, on his lap and continues his self-tormenting monologue until Polixenes notices that Leontes seems distraught and comments on it to Hermione. She asks Leontes if something is disturbing him. He says no, he is only lost in thought looking at Mamillius. He says he recalled himself as a boy. He asks Polixenes if he is as fond of his son as he, Leontes, is of Mamillius. Polixenes describes the delight he takes in his boy. Hermione and Polixenes and some attendants leave for a walk around the garden. Leontes tangles himself further in jealous fantasies and rage and sends Mamillius off to play, giving the word a more sinister meaning as he repeats it to himself. Leontes, seeming to speak casually, comments that Polixenes will stay. He imagines he is already being spoken about as a deceived husband. When Camillo speaks of Hermione, he calls her the "good Queen. Leontes confides in Camillo his surety that Hermione and Polixenes are lovers. Camillo

denies it and calls the instances of proof Leontes offers "nothing. Camillo sees that Leontes cannot be shaken and is violent in his jealous passion. Consequently, to assuage him, he seems to come around. As Leontes leaves, Camillo tells him that if he poisons Polixenes, he will be rewarded, but if he fails to, he will himself be executed. He will not poison "good Polixenes," and his only option then is to leave Sicilia and the court. As he is ruminating, Polixenes enters and asks Camillo if something is wrong: Leontes looks distraught and his behavior has changed. Camillo tells him that Leontes is ill with the disease of jealousy, that he believes Polixenes has slept with Hermione, is the father of her child, and that he has ordered Camillo to poison him. If it were true, it would be a grave violation of trust and friendship. Act 2, Scene 1 The scene begins with Hermione expressing vexation. Mamillius is with her and she asks one of the women to take him. If she is, there is no indication why. Or it maybe Leontes to whom Hermione is referring. His behavior has become strange enough for Polixenes to have noticed. Hermione, feeling easier, takes the boy to her again, and at her urging, he begins to tell her a story. As he begins his tale of a man who "dwelt by a churchyard," a graveyard, Leontes enters speaking distractedly to several courtiers about how Polixenes and Camillo have stolen away from the court and how their hasty departure confirms his jealous fears and makes him realize that Camillo was part of a plot by Polixenes to steal his wife, kill him, and take his crown. He orders Hermione to give him Mamillius, and sends the boy away. He reaffirms that she is an adulteress, will not hear her protestations, and orders that she be taken to prison. She leaves with dignity, saying tears would have been appropriate only if she had been guilty and she voices tender concern for Leontes, sorry that she will see him having to be sorry. After Hermione has been removed, his courtiers try to convince Leontes that he is mistaken, that the queen is innocent and no woman more virtuous than she. He refuses to hear them and stubbornly insists on the truth of his indictment and on his sole power to bring it. Act 2, Scene 2 Visiting the prison in which Hermione is held, Paulina is forbidden to see the queen. She learns from Emilia, a lady-in-waiting with Hermione, that Hermione has given birth to a girl. Paulina convinces the jailer to allow her to take the baby to Leontes, thinking that the sight of his new daughter may cause him to soften. Act 2, Scene 3 In torment, Leontes thinks that if he has Hermione executed he may have some peace. A servant enters and informs him that Mamillius has rested well after becoming ill. Leontes continues to entertain crazy thoughts of taking vengeance on Hermione, and regrets that Camillo and Polixenes are out of reach of his punishment. He imagines that they are laughing at him. Paulina, carrying the baby, tries to enter the chamber. A Lord prevents her, but she rebuffs him, scolds him for obeying Leontes, whom she brands a tyrant. She reproaches the Lord for not being concerned about the queen. She tells the Lord she comes to bring Leontes comfort. Leontes, hearing the altercation, asks who is there. Paulina answers that regarding any act of virtue, he can, but she will not be ruled not to be virtuous, and Antigonus backs her up. Paulina shows Leontes the baby and defies him when she calls the queen good by reasserting the adjective when he denies it. She lays the baby at his feet. He calls her a witch. He orders Antigonus to pick up the baby, whom he calls the bastard, and give it back to Paulina. Paulina puts a curse on him if he picks up the baby. When Antigonus heeds his wife, Leontes calls him a traitor. He protests and so does Paulina. Leontes threatens to burn Paulina, but she returns his rage with defiance. She leaves, telling him to care for his daughter. Leontes orders Antigonus to throw the baby into the fire. Antigonus and the other courtiers beg Leontes to spare the child. He concedes, ordering, instead, that Antigonus take it to some distant, barren place and expose the child to the elements. Antigonus takes up the baby and departs to fulfill the command. He orders Hermione brought in, although he calls her "the prisoner" rather than using her name. In her presence, the indictment is read. She is accused of treason for committing adultery with Polixenes, plotting the murder of Leontes, and aiding in the flight of Camillo and Polixenes. Hermione proclaims her innocence, speaking quietly and eloquently. She speaks of her honor, her upbringing, her past life with Leontes, and the propriety of her behavior with Polixenes.

3: The Winter's Tale - Wikipedia

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Sheep-shearing festival Scene iv of Act V of the play. Perdita, as the hostess, with old shepherd and his son, the clown are celebrating sheepshearing festival, usually held in England after the winter when the season becomes warm. Florizel, King Polixenes and Camillo are present in the feast disguised as shepherds. The scene opens with a romantic dialogue between Perdita and Florizel. Perdita is dressed as a beautiful Queen by Florizel. But Florizel reminds her that in love even Apollo changed himself to a shepherd like him. So he is happy with his disguise for his love, Perdita a shepherdess quite ignorant about her royal descent. But Florizel assures her that in all circumstances he will stand by his love. She should not grieve and spoil the feast. Old shepherd also scolds Perdita and asks her to attend to the guests in proper spirit, move about sing and dance in the joyful spirit of the feast. Perdita then joins the festival in spirit and offers flowers to welcome the guests. She offers rosemary and rue to Polixenes and Camillo. Polixenes points out that they are winter flowers. Perdita replies that carnations and striped gillyflowers. The scene describes her love for flowers and her wish to offer daffodils and other flowers suitable to the age of young shepherds and shepherdesses. The scene enlivens with the singing, dancing and ballads and songs of Autolycus disguised as a pedlar selling petty things and also picking pockets of simple rustics. The clown buys several ballads from the rogue for his beloved Mopsa. Love of Perdita and Florizel Perdita and Florizel love each other sincerely. They are quite happy. The old shepherd is also quite pleased with their love-affair. Polixenes is also anxious to fathom the love of Florizel for Perdita. Florizel tells his father that he prizes his love for Perdita above everything in his life and the world. The old shepherd then proposes that it is time to announce the betrothal of the two in the presence of venerable gentlemen. But Polixenes stops him and asks Florizel if he has the consent of his father. Polixenes is in rage and throws away his disguise. He decries down Florizel that he would deprive him of accession to the throne of Bohemia if he marries low-born Perdita. He even threatens the old shepherd with dire consequence if he allowed them to meet in his cottage. Everybody is surprised at the sudden development. King leaves in anger and asks Camillo to bring the prince to the court with him. But Florizel asserts that he remains with his love and declares that he will marry Perdita. He asks Perdita to escape with him. Camillo is moved by the sincerity of their love and suggests that they should go to Sicilia and King Leontes. He gives them a letter and assures them that regenerated Leontes would welcome them and help them. Florizel agrees to follow the plan and they rush to the port. In the way they meet Autolycus and Camillo asks Florizel to change his clothes with Autolycus. Both Florizel and Perdita board a ship to Sicilia. The clown suggests to his father that he can go to the court and reveal that Perdita is not his daughter. He found her with casket of royal jewels and gold and picked up the infant. They offer him gold if he could approach the King for their pardon. Autolycus takes advantage of their stupidity and takes them to the ship travelling to Sicilia. Florizel and Perdita are also in the ship. Camillo persuades Polixenes that they should follow Florizel to Sicilia. Thus Camillo plans to bring Polixenes to reach the court of his friend, Leontes. He is interested in bringing all of them to the court of Sicilia. At Sicilia in Act V forgiveness and reconciliation is effected through a natural process. Forgiveness and reconciliations Act IV provides comic relief to the first three tragic Acts of the play. Leontes is very glad to meet her; and Polixenes is also very happy to know that Perdita is not low-born. She is the daughter of his old friend. Leontes sees Hermione in Perdita when he looks at her in his court with Florizel. Florizel and Perdita are betrothed. Paulina carries all of them to her place to witness a life-size statue of Hermione. The statue turns out to be Hermione alive. Hermione forgives regenerated Leontes and embraces him. The play ends on a happy note. A scene of romantic love Thus Act IV is not only a wonderful pastoral scene, but also a scene of romantic love between two happy young lovers—Florizel and Perdita. Their sincere love makes the two escape with the help of Camillo to Sicilia. Sixteen years after the incident when Leontes declared his daughter a bastard and ordered Antigonus to leave her to die by rigours of nature, the oracle comes true. The

play ends as a romantic comedy. In this way Act IV.

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O, pardon, that I name them! To me the difference forges dread; your greatness Hath not been used to fear. Even now I tremble To think your father, by some accident, Should pass this way as you did: How would he look, to see his work so noble Vilely bound up? What would he say? What would he think of his royal son being engaged to someone like me? And how would I, in this ridiculous outfit, respond to his anger? The gods themselves, Humbling their deities to love, have taken The shapes of beasts upon them: Their transformations Were never for a piece of beauty rarer, Nor in a way so chaste, since my desires Run not before mine honour, nor my lusts Burn hotter than my faith. Jupiter became a bull, Neptune became a ram, and the sun god, Apollo, became a shepherd just like I am now. My commitment to you goes beyond physical desire. One of these two must be necessities, Which then will speak, that you must change this purpose, Or I my life. One of two things will have to happen: For I cannot be Mine own, nor any thing to any, if I be not thine. To this I am most constant, Though destiny say no. Be merry, gentle; Strangle such thoughts as these with any thing That you behold the while. Your guests are coming: Lift up your countenance, as it were the day Of celebration of that nuptial which We two have sworn shall come. I belong to you, sweetheart, not my father. Be happy, relax, and get rid of all these negative thoughts. Your guests are coming! You are retired, As if you were a feasted one and not The hostess of the meeting: When your mother was alive, she was a jack-of-all-trades on the day of the festival. She welcomed everyone, served everyone, sang and dancedâ€”she was at one end of the table, then the other, serving this man and that man, sweating from working so hard and drinking all the while. I hope we can get to know them better. Come on, and welcome everyone to the sheep-shearing so that we can start enjoying ourselves. Give me those flowers there, Dorcas. Grace and remembrance be to you both, And welcome to our shearing! My father has asked me to play hostess today. And welcome to our shearing! You see, sweet maid, we marry A gentler scion to the wildest stock, And make conceive a bark of baser kind By bud of nobler race: You see, sweetheart, if we graft a purebred plant to a weed, we can make the weed produce a beautiful flower. This is "engineering" that improves nature, but the engineering itself is all natural.

5: THE WINTER'S TALE

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Hermione – The virtuous and beautiful Queen of Sicily. Camillo – An honest Sicilian nobleman. Paulina – A noblewoman of Sicily. Dion – A lord of Sicily. Cleomenes – A Sicilian lord. Gaoler – Charged with imprisoning Hermione. Mariner – His ship takes Antigonus to Bohemia. Perdita – The daughter of Leontes and Hermione, unaware of her royal lineage. Shepherd – An old and honorable sheep-tender. Autolycus – A roguish peddler, vagabond, and pickpocket. Mopsa – A shepherdess, in love with Young Shepherd. Dorcas – A shepherdess, in love with Young Shepherd. Paulina imploring Leontes to have mercy on his daughter, Perdita. Following a brief setup scene the play begins with the appearance of two childhood friends: Polixenes is visiting the kingdom of Sicilia, and is enjoying catching up with his old friend. However, after nine months, Polixenes yearns to return to his own kingdom to tend to affairs and see his son. Leontes desperately attempts to get Polixenes to stay longer, but is unsuccessful. Leontes then decides to send his wife, Queen Hermione, to try to convince Polixenes. Hermione agrees and with three short speeches is successful. Leontes orders Camillo, a Sicilian Lord, to poison Polixenes. Camillo instead warns Polixenes and they both flee to Bohemia. Furious at their escape, Leontes now publicly accuses his wife of infidelity, and declares that the child she is bearing must be illegitimate. He throws her in prison, over the protests of his nobles, and sends two of his lords, Cleomenes and Dion, to the Oracle at Delphos for what he is sure will be confirmation of his suspicions. Meanwhile, the queen gives birth to a girl, and her loyal friend Paulina takes the baby to the king, in the hopes that the sight of the child will soften his heart. Cleomenes and Dion return from Delphos with word from the Oracle and find Hermione publicly and humiliatingly put on trial before the king. She asserts her innocence, and asks for the word of the Oracle to be read before the court. The Oracle states categorically that Hermione and Polixenes are innocent, Camillo is an honest man, and that Leontes will have no heir until his lost daughter is found. Leontes shuns the news, refusing to believe it as the truth. Leontes vows to spend the rest of his days atoning for the loss of his son, his abandoned daughter, and his queen. Antigonus, meanwhile, abandons the baby on the coast of Bohemia, reporting that Hermione appeared to him in a dream and bade him name the girl Perdita. He leaves a fardel a bundle by the baby containing gold and other trinkets which suggest that the baby is of noble blood. A violent storm suddenly appears, wrecking the ship on which Antigonus arrived. Perdita is rescued by a shepherd and his son, also known as "Clown. Camillo, now in the service of Polixenes, begs the Bohemian king to allow him to return to Sicilia. Polixenes refuses and reports to Camillo that his son, Prince Florizel, has fallen in love with a lowly shepherd girl: He suggests to Camillo that, to take his mind off thoughts of home, they disguise themselves and attend the sheep-shearing feast where Florizel and Perdita will be betrothed. At the feast, hosted by the Old Shepherd who has prospered thanks to the gold in the fardel, the pedlar Autolycus picks the pocket of the Young Shepherd and, in various guises, entertains the guests with bawdy songs and the trinkets he sells. Disguised, Polixenes and Camillo watch as Florizel under the guise of a shepherd named Doricles and Perdita are betrothed. With the aid of Camillo, however, who longs to see his native land again, Florizel and Perdita take ship for Sicilia, using the clothes of Autolycus as a disguise. They are joined in their voyage by the Old Shepherd and his son who are directed there by Autolycus. In Sicilia, Leontes is still in mourning. Cleomenes and Dion plead with him to end his time of repentance because the kingdom needs an heir. Paulina, however, convinces the king to remain unmarried forever since no woman can match the greatness of his lost Hermione. Florizel and Perdita arrive, and they are greeted effusively by Leontes. Florizel pretends to be on a diplomatic mission from his father, but his cover is blown when Polixenes and Camillo, too, arrive in Sicilia. The meeting and reconciliation of the kings and princes is reported by gentlemen of the Sicilian court: The Old Shepherd and Young Shepherd, now made gentlemen by the kings, meet Autolycus, who asks them for their forgiveness for his roguery. As the play ends, Perdita and Florizel are engaged, and the whole company celebrates the miracle. Shakespeare, by contrast, sets in the foreground the restoration of the older, indeed aged, generation, in the reunion of Leontes and Hermione. Leontes not only lives, but seems to insist on the happy ending of the play. It has been

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suggested that the use of a pastoral romance from the s indicates that at the end of his career, Shakespeare felt a renewed interest in the dramatic contexts of his youth. Minor influences also suggest such an interest. As in *Pericles*, he uses a chorus to advance the action in the manner of the naive dramatic tradition; the use of a bear in the scene on the Bohemian seashore is almost certainly indebted to *Mucedorus*, [3] a chivalric romance revived at court around Arden Shakespeare editor J. Pafford found that "the language, style, and spirit of the play all point to a late date. But of more importance than a verse test is the similarity of the last plays in spirit and themes. Tannenbaum wrote that Malone subsequently "seems to have assigned it to ; later still, to ; and finally he settled on " Hunter assigned it to about

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Florizel. BACK; NEXT ; Character Analysis. The son of the Bohemian King Polixenes, Prince Florizel is the oh-so dreamy "Prince Charming" figure who falls in love and proposes to Perdita (who everyone believes is a lowly shepherd's daughter).

7: The Winter's Tale Act 4 - Perdita and Florizel plan to gain forgiveness

This your sheep-shearing is as a meeting of the petty gods, And you the queen on't. Exeunt FLORIZEL, PERDITA, and CAMILLO. AUTOLYCUS I understand the business, I.

8: The Winter's Tale Act 4, Scene 4 Translation | Shakescleare, by LitCharts

2. IV,4, Florizel. I bless the time When my good falcon made her flight across Thy father's ground. Perdita. Now Jove afford you cause! To me the difference forges dread; your greatness.

9: Joseph Durham's Florizel and Perdita

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