This is a plot summary of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The play follows the events of Midsummer Eve when Theseus, Duke of Athens, and Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons, are preparing for their wedding. Egeus, Hermia's father, presents a problem by complaining that his daughter has refused to marry Demetrius. Hermia is given the choice to obey her father or face death or life as a nun. Hermia and her lover Lysander decide to elope and confide their plans to Helena, Hermia's best friend, who is in love with Demetrius. Helena, hoping to win Demetrius's favor, reveals their elopement to him, leading to confusion as all four escape to the enchanted forest.

Oberon, King of the Fairies, and his Queen Titania, are also in the forest, waiting to attend Theseus and Hippolyta's wedding. After a quarrel over Titania's refusal to surrender her page-boy to Oberon, Oberon seeks to punish her disobedience. He instructs the goblin Puck to drop the juice of a magical flower on the eyes of the sleeping Titania, making her fall in love with the first creature she sees upon waking. Puck also mistakenly enchants Lysander instead of Demetrius, who immediately falls in love with Helena. The confusion deepens as the lovers quarrel, and lose one another in the night-time maze of the forest.

Meanwhile, a group of Athenian workers have entered the forest to rehearse the play they are to perform at Theseus and Hippolyta's wedding, the tragic story of Pyramus and Thisbe. Puck interrupts their rehearsal, transforming the weaver Nick Bottom's head into a donkey's. Titania awakens to this sight, lavishing her love on him, blissfully unaware of his transformation. Out of this comic chaos order is gradually restored. Oberon gets his page-boy, releases Titania, Bottom, and the four Athenian lovers from their magical bondage. Demetrius at last proclaims his true love for Helena, leaving Hermia free to marry Lysander, with Theseus now overrules Egeus, and commands the two reunited couples to join the ceremony of his own wedding to Hippolyta. The three happy couples enjoy the spectacle of the workers' bad play before retiring for the night. The sleeping newlyweds are blessed with a happy future by the reconciled Oberon and Titania, the night's final visitors. But has it all been a dream?