

Twelfth Night (a Shakespeare story): Part 6

Orsino was alone when Viola found him. He was singing a song about doomed lovers and how, no matter how brightly the sun shone, somewhere the rain was sure to be pouring down like tears. Viola waited until the song was over, then told Orsino what Olivia had said.

Orsino closed his eyes. "Ah!" he groaned tragically. "If you knew what agony love can be, Cesario!" "Oh, I do, my lord!" Viola said.

Orsino unpinned a brooch and handed it to Viola. "Then go to Olivia again. Give her this brooch and tell her that even though she will not be my wife, my love will last as long as the diamonds that are set into it!"

Meanwhile Malvolio had returned to the garden. Olivia was not there, but as he hurried towards the house to find her, he found a letter lying on the path and picked it up. He was so interested in the letter that he failed to see Sir Toby and Sir Andrew, hidden in a bank of laurel bushes nearby.

To M, my dearest love,

Though you are my servant, you are master of my heart. Be bold and my hand is yours! If you love me, wear yellow tights, cross-gartered, as a secret sign.

Malvolio clutched the letter to his heart.

As soon as Malvolio was out of sight, the laurel bushes began to shake with laughter. "I knew it would work!" Sir Toby told Sir Andrew.

1. Put these events in the order that they happened (1-5):

Malvolio held the letter tightly. ___

Orsino sang a song. ___

Orsino gave Viola a brooch. ___

Laurel bushes moved. ___

Malvolio found a letter. ___

2. What does "M" stand for?
3. Why did Malvolio hold the letter to his heart?
4. Who wrote the letter?
5. Draw a picture of the brooch. Read the whole of paragraph 4 first - there is one thing that the brooch must have to look like the one Orsino wanted to give to Olivia.
6. Why were Toby and Andrew hiding?
7. What do you think Malvolio will do next? Explain how you made your prediction using some evidence from the text.
8. Write a **one-word** summary to summarise each paragraph.