



A Midsummer Night's Dream Themes in Hoffman's Film

Theme	Scene in the Text	Scene in the Film	Overall Effect
Dreams	Scene: Act 1, scene 2 There is no mention of Bottom's wife and there are no kids who throw things at Bottom. The reason the performers go to practice in the forest is so that no one will know they are intending to perform a play for the Duke.	Scene: Men are practicing in the town center for the play. Bottom's wife runs into a crowd looking for him, shouting he is a "useless dreamer." Also, Bottom is humiliated by a group of children, so he and the other performers all decide to practice in the forest so they won't be bothered or seen.	The different treatment in the film causes the audience to feel compassion for Bottom. We see that Bottom is more than a foolish guy. He has dreams, and we feel bad when he is humiliated. Bottom's wife wants him to be more stable, but Bottom can't help who he is.
Love/Desire			

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Jealousy			
Friendship			
Social Class			