

Pericles abbreviated

Act 5, Scene 1

Recognition

Situation: Having heard Marina provide him with her personal history, Pericles emotionally comes to realize that she's his daughter, he having been told that Dionyza had had her killed. An overwhelmed Pericles asks her to "Tell thy story. Come, sit by me."

PERICLES: I do think so. Pray you turn your eyes upon me. What country are you from? Here of these shores?

MARINA: No, nor of any shores. Yet I was born of mortals, and am no other than I appear.

Pericles to Himself and Marina

This maid is like my dearest wife and one
My daughter might have been. She here has done
As she'd have done, my queen's brows, her stature
To an inch, and as wand-like straight; her eyes
As jewel-like and encased as richly. Her
Voice starves the ears she feeds, drawing out sighs,
Making them hungry as she gives them speech.
Where bred? Your accomplishments seem to reach
Beyond others; thou seemest a palace
Of Justice where truth doth dwell. Who were thy
Parents, for thou lookest like one of us
We loved indeed. Didst thou not say when I
Pushed thee back when thou made your appearance
That you were descended from good parents?

MARINA: So indeed I did.

PERICLES: Report thy parentage. I think thou said'st thou hadst been tossed from wrong to injury, and that thou thought'st thy griefs might equal mine, if both were revealed.

MARINA: Some such thing I said.

PERICLES; Tell thy story. I do beseech thee. Come, sit by me.