

# Shakespeare's Sisters

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Mothers and mistresses, saints and sinners, fairies and murderers, witches and wenches - this recital puts Shakespeare's female characters centre stage and lets them speak their minds.

Miranda Richardson reads from Harriet Walter's riveting new anthology *She Speaks!* which imagines what the women in Shakespeare's plays might have been secretly thinking, while soprano Sophie Bevan and pianist Christopher Glynn explore how these heroines and anti-heroines have inspired composers down the ages. Join them to ask whether the greatest writer ever known was a radical feminist or a sexist pig.

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## Prelude

Schubert  
*Shakespeare*  
Vaughan Williams

Hark hark the lark  
*Sonnet 128*  
Orpheus with his lute

## Viola and Olivia

*Shakespeare*  
Haydn  
*Harriet Walter*

*I left no ring with her: what means this lady?*  
She never told her love  
*Olivia questions her sexuality: Let it be!*

## Desdemona

Grainger  
*Harriet Walter*  
Verdi

Willow Song  
*Desdemona: Unique we were, Othello, you and I*  
Ave Maria

## Sisters

Madeleine Dring  
Amy Beach

Under the greenwood tree  
Take O take those lips away

Alison Bauld

Titania's Song

**Lady Macbeth**

*Harriet Walter*

Horovitz

*Harriet Walter*

*Lady Macbeth: It was all talk (Part I)*

Lady Macbeth: A Scene

*Lady Macbeth: It was all talk (Part II)*

**Interval**

**Witches**

*Harriet Walter*

*Three Witches Rap*

**Fairies**

Liza Lehmann

Verdi

Titania's Cradle

Fairy Queen

**Spirits**

*Harriet Walter*

Purcell-Ades

*Shakespeare*

Arne

*Ariel: Much as an actor hides behind a role*

Come unto these yellow sands

*Full fathom five*

Where the bee sucks

**Ophelia**

*Harriet Walter*

Elizabeth Maconchy

*Shakespeare*

Berlioz

*Ophelia Fooled Ya*

Ophelia's Song

*There is a willow grows aslant a brook*

La Mort d'Ophelie

**Juliet and her Nurse**

*Harriet Walter*

Bernstein

*How Juliet's nurse bemoaned her loss*

Somewhere

**Epilogue**

*Shakespeare*

Dring

*It is not the fashion to see the lady (As you like it)*

It was a lover and his lass

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