

STORY MAP SCRIPT

In Norwich, on the 21st August 1578.

Queen Elizabeth the First was visiting The Bishop's Palace to attend a magnificent performance called The Gift-Giving Masque hosted by Master Goldingham.

That night the music was loud and harmonious. Everyone wore flowing gowns and decorated masks.

Many Gods and Goddesses entered holding flaming torches.

They said:

“Your Majesty we offer you poetry and many gifts.”

The Queen smiled and clapped.

The Gods and Goddesses marched around the chamber to the music.

Each in turn stepped up to present their gift to the Queen.

First was Mercury, the God of Merchants he said:

“Welcome Your Majesty,
we rejoice in your company.”

Following him was Jupiter, King of the Gods and God of the sky and thunder. He presented a small and slender wand.

Then came Mars, God of War. He presented a fine pair of knives.

Venus, Goddess of Love moved forward and released a white dove.

Then Apollo, God of Music presented a musical instrument called a Bandonet.

Next came Pallas, Goddess of Wisdom. She presented a book of wise words.

Neptune, God of the Sea offered the Queen a model of a fish within a fish.

Then Diana, Goddess of hunting presented a bow and arrows tipped with silver.

Finally, Cupid, Young God of Love presented the Queen with a golden arrow.

Queen Elizabeth I was thrilled and thanked the Gods and Goddess for their gifts.

Finally the masque was over and the Gods and Goddesses danced out of the chamber.