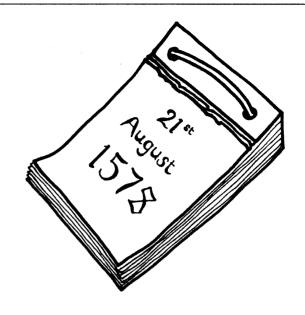
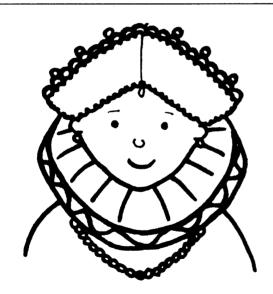


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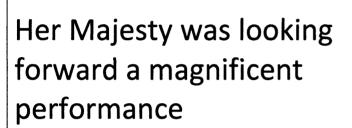
Queen Elizabeth I



was staying at the Bishop's Palace.

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created and hosted by Master Goldingham.

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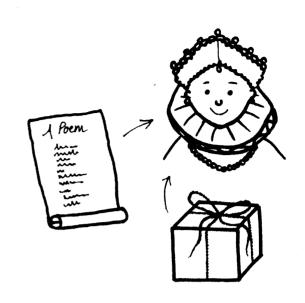
That night the music was loud and harmonious.



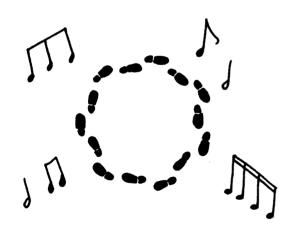
Everyone wore flowing gowns and decorated masks.



Many Gods and Goddesses entered holding flaming torches.



They said: "Your Majesty we offer you poetry and many gifts." The Queen smiled and clapped.

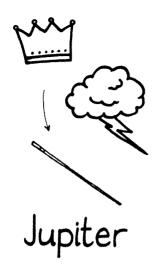


The Gods and Goddesses marched around the chamber to the music. Each in turn presented their gift to the Queen.



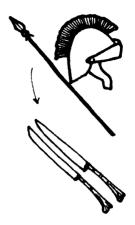


First was Mercury, the God of Merchants.
He said, "Welcome Your Majesty we rejoice in your company."



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

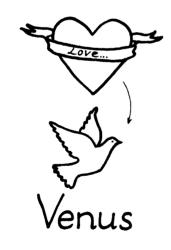




Then came Mars, God of War. He presented a fine pair of knives.

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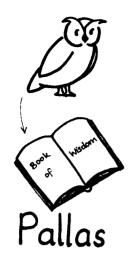




Venus, Goddess of Love moved forward and released a white dove.

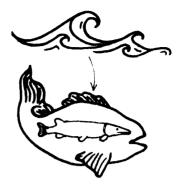


Then, Apollo, God of Music presented a musical instrument called a Bandonet.



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

Neptune

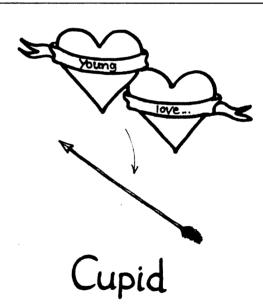


Neptune, God of the Sea, offered the Queen a model of a fish within a fish.

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Then Diana, Goddess of Hunting presented a bow and arrows with silver tips.



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

at the end

At the end of The Gift Giving Masque



Queen Elizabeth I was thrilled and thanked the Gods and Goddesses.

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Finally, the performance was over



and the Gods and Goddesses danced out of the chamber.

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