

## Pericles abbreviated

Act 5, Scene 1

### Disclosure

**Situation:** Lysimachus boards Pericles' ship, hoping to speak with him. A despondent Pericles hasn't talked to anyone for months. Lysimachus brings Marina with him. She encourages Pericles to speak. He does.

LYSIMACHUS: Come, let us leave her.

Lysimachus, Helicanus and others move aside. Marina sings.

MARINA TO PERICLES: Hail, sir! My lord, lend ear.

He forcefully pushes her away.

PERICLES: Hum, ha!

### Marina to Pericles

I am a maid who never has been one  
To invite eyes, but have been gazed upon  
Like a comet. This maid who speaks, my lord,  
May have endured a grief every bit the  
Equal of yours, if fairness did afford.  
Truly, wayward Fortune poorly led me,  
Misfortune changing the life I was meant  
To live, my ancestors equivalent  
With mighty kings. Time hath rooted out my  
Parentage. Awkward accidents have bound  
Me to servitude. (I will desist. I  
Hear a voice say "Let him speak.") If you'd found  
Opportunity to experience  
My parents, you'd not do me violence.