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Shakespearean Idioms

Each of the following idioms or expressions was either coined by William Shakespeare or made more popular due to its use in one of his plays. Look up each expression in the Visual Thesaurus, and define it in the corresponding blank in the right-hand column of the chart.

Idiom or Expression (Shakespearean play where it can be found, Act and Scene)	Visual Thesaurus Definition of Phrase
1. fancy-free (<i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i> , Act II, Scene 1)	
2. fool's paradise (<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , II, 4)	
3. foregone conclusion (<i>Othello</i> , III, Sc. 3)	
4. foul play (<i>Hamlet</i> , I, 2)	
5. high time (<i>Comedy of Errors</i> , III, 2)	
6. hot-blooded (<i>King Lear</i> , II, 4)	
7. lie low (<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i> , V, 1)	
8. mind's eye (<i>Hamlet</i> , I, 2)	
9. primrose path (<i>Hamlet</i> , I, 3)	
10. salad days (<i>Antony and Cleopatra</i> , I, 5)	
11. sea change (<i>The Tempest</i> , I, 2)	
12. send packing (<i>Henry IV--Part I</i> , II, 4)	
13. short shrift (<i>Richard III</i> , III, 4)	
14. thin air (<i>The Tempest</i> , IV, 1)	
15. turn the tide (<i>Henry V</i> , II, 3)	
16. wild-goose chase (<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , II, 4)	