

How would you describe the relationship between Prospero and Ariel?

- 'do you love me master?' – later on Prospero refers to Ariel as not having human features
- Prospero responds 'dearly, my delicate angel' – more affectionate than typical servant master relationship – makes the relationship more complex

What do Prospero's words (after Ariel's exit) to Ferdinand show us? What might be happening on stage? What image does Ferdinand use to reassure Prospero?

- Ferdinand and Miranda = flirting
- Prospero warns him "do not give dalliance too much rain" – like a horse having control
- 'The strongest oaths are straw to th' fire I' the ' blood'
- sexual passion is stronger than oaths – strongest oaths aren't always kept – his brother didn't keep his oath
- the image he uses to reassure Prospero
- "the white cold virgin shows upon my heart abades the ardon of my liver" passions come from the liver
- knowledge about love and the body is limited – could he be referring to butterflies in tummy?

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