



The Shoemaker's Holiday by Thomas Dekker (1599)

CHARACTERS

The King
Lovell, courtier

Sir Hugh Lacy, Earl of Lincoln
Rowland Lacy, otherwise Hans/ Askew- nephew of Sir Hugh Lacy, Earl of Lincoln
Dodger, servant to Earl of Lincoln (parasite)

Sir Roger Oteley, Lord Major of London
Rose, daughter of Sir Roger Oteley, Lord Major of London
Sybil-Rose's maid
Master Scott- Rose's cousin

Master Warner-Citizen of London, brother in law of Master Hammond
Master Hammond-Citizen of London, (first seeks Rose and when she refuses pursues Jane, Ralph's wife)

Simon Eyre, the shoemaker

Margery, wife of Simon Eyre, the shoemaker
Hodge, Fink, Ralph- Simon Eyre's journeymen
Jane (Ralph's wife)

The Shoemaker's Holiday as a (London) City Comedy

- 1. The comedy centers around the city of London**
- 2. The comedy gives insight into the economic and social milieu of London during the years 1598-1600**
- 3. It portrays the ordinary life in London and celebrates the lives of ordinary citizens (and their language).**
- 4. All major characters are engaged in buying and selling goods.**

Elements of Comedy

- 1. Disguise**
- 2. Mistaken Identity**
- 3. Misunderstanding/misdirection**
- 4. Word Play**
- 5. Stock characters**
- 6. aside**