



**Buckley, J. E. *Merchant of Venice*, V, 1, Lorenzo and Jessica, Lor.: "The moon shines bright". 1859. Folger ART Box B924 no.1 (size L)**

This watercolor depicts the opening lines of *The Merchant of Venice's* Act 5, Scene 1, in which Jessica and Lorenzo compare their love (quite comically) to several other ill-fated pairings, including Pyramus and Thisbe, Troilus and Cressida, and Dido and Aeneas. Jessica wears a large cross, prominently displaying a sign of her conversion to Christianity.

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