



# RS #7 Shakespeare, Nigel & Portia

#### SHAKESPEARE

(polite greetings as HE works the room)

Start Hi... hi... how are you, thanks for coming... good to see you, yes you can touch me, oooh, I wanna talk to you...

(as the excited guest stands)

Not now.

(arriving at Nigel)

So... Nigel Bottom – playwright, poet and prestigious prodigy.

(to the crowd)

Oooh, that was a lot of alliteration –

(sing-song)

OCCUPATIONAL HA-ZARD!

(playing to crowd, then back to Nigel)

So – Nicky Bottom's little brother. His "secret weapon", all grown up. And who is this delightful damsel, this maiden fair, this feast for the eyes?

NIGEL

Oh, um... This is Portia.

## **SHAKESPEARE**

Portia. Good name.

# **PORTIA**

PORTIA stares stage-struck, mouth quivering, breathing quickening

#### **SHAKESPEARE**

That's right. This is happening. Just breathe...

# **PORTIA**

M-m-master Shakespeare...

SHE bows and is now so tipsy she collapses to the ground.

### **SHAKESPEARE**

Aw, she's bedazzled. You like that word? I made it up, it's what I do!

End