

Youthstage Summer Acting Monologues (Pick One – it does not need to be memorized)

DENNIS

Listen, strange women lying in ponds distributing swords is no basis for a system of government. Supreme executive power derives from a mandate from the masses, not from some fake aquatic ceremony. If I went around saying I was an emperor just because some watery lady had lobbed a sword at me they'd put me away! I think you made it up! Oh sure, if the Lady of the Lake exists, I will join your army and enlist as a knight. And for the tooth Fairy, 'll join the Navy...

FRENCH TAUNTER

'Allo! This is the castle of my master, Guy de Lombard! I don't think he'll be very keen to join your quest. He's already got a grail, you see? It's very nice. *(Aside laughing)* Hey! I told him we already got a Holy Grail!

(back to Arthur) You don't frighten us, English pig-dogs! Go and boil your bottoms, sons of a silly person. I blow my nose at you, so-called Arthur-king, you and all your silly English KUH-nights. I don't want to talk to you no more you empty-headed, animal-food-trough wipers!... I fart in your general direction! Your mother was a hamster and your father smelt of elderberries! Now go away or we shall taunt you a second time!

LADY OF THE LAKE

But you're not alone Arthur. Haven't you noticed? I've been with you all the time. Who gave you the sword? Who made you King? Who welcomed you to Camelot? Who helped you off on your Quest? Me! Sure, I've been offstage for far too long, but I am here to help you and I always have been. You see, Arthur dear, we're all here to help each other. You're in a Broadway show. You've been in a Broadway show all the time. Now you have to finish it. It is a musical, so you have to find the Grail and end with a big musical number.