

## المحاضرة الاولى

### *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare

The play is a romantic comedy, this means that, plot is based on the love relation. It is important to know the **features of Shakespearean comedy**:

1. In the comedies the important people use poetry whereas the other characters use prose.
2. Shakespeare uses pun( a play on words). Or ( the humorous use of a word or phrase so as to emphasize or suggest its different meanings or applications, or the use of words that are alike or nearly alike in sound but different in meaning.
3. Disguise is a very important characteristics in Shakespearean comedies.
4. In the comedies Shakespeare uses clowns ( Feast).
5. Finally it ends happily.

#### **Types of Shakespearean comedies:**

1. Comedy of humors
2. Comedy of ideas
3. Comedy of manner
4. Comedy of menace
5. Comedy of morals( satirical comedy)
6. Comedy of errors
7. Romantic comedy.

The aim of comedy is to create happiness, comedy is not associated with arousing laughter and not necessary associated with laughter. There are some comedies arouse laughter according different types such critical laughter ; when an actor make a mistake, one laughs at him, this is called a critical laughter. To laugh at someone is to criticized him.

Romantic comedy means that happiness achieved through laugh-love because it is a source of happiness.

