

The Summer Garden - Costume Suggestions

Villagers and Athelstan's servants:

Earthy colours: brown, beige, russet, grey.

Loose smocks or tunics gathered at the waist with leather belts or fabric ties. Leggings under.

Headscarves and cloth shawls for females. Girls' long hair should be loose, in pony-tails or gathered in coils and pinned on top of their head.

Athelstan:

Deep blue tunic or tabard (possibly sleeveless with undershirt of contrasting colour).

A pendant or neck-chain of gold or silver.

Buckles on shoes (made with silver or gold card)

Tricorn hat

Wilda, Orva, Nelda:

Wigs, frilly dresses with exaggerated pleats, folds or bustles in pastel colours (not rich colours), woollen shawls, rings, earrings and necklaces. Their hair should be plaited or braided.

Odelia:

As for her mother and sisters but a plainer dress in a brighter colour and without the jewellery. Her hair could be gathered in a hair-band.

Elvina:

A plain, knee-length dress in a dark colour, gathered at the waist and ragged around the edges. Her hair could be tied in bunches. Later, a Sunday best dress, again of a dull colour.

Wulfstan:

3/4 length crimson or burgundy coat or tailcoat with gold or silver sleeves and buttons and, if possible, and exaggerated high neck. A white shirt underneath with lace or frilly sleeves and collar protruding. A belt around the waist with a ceremonial dagger tucked in it. The whole costume could have military elements. A neckerchief tied loosely around the neck.

Wulfstan could wear a mask to hide his deformity; ideally a half mask so that his acting is not inhibited. This would ease the transformation back to a handsome prince. The bear-like impression could be brought out by stance and body language.

Footmen, servants at castle:

Livery: bottle green coats or tunics with black or silver buttons, black lining to the sleeves and black collars. Wolf's head emblem on back of coats in a dark colour or possibly gold.

Courtiers/Nobles:

Males: Tunics tabards or long coats over leggings, in bright colours such as blue, purple or gold.

Sashes in contrasting colours tied around waist or from shoulder to waist.

Gold or silver buttons and buckles. Ceremonial swords.

Females: ball gowns of bright colours, pearls, tiaras. If this is a masked ball, the ladies could wear simple half masks on sticks which they could lower at will.

Garmangarbis:

Black or grey coat and leggings, belt and buckles.

Pointed shoes.

Tall hat with buckle

Sorcerer:

Black cloak, cane or staff, black headband or skull-cap, heavy eye makeup.

Avoid classic wizard costume. Should be more of a mystic.