

Basic Detail Report



Imogen in the Cave of Belarius (Cymbeline)

Primary Maker

Sir William Quiller Orchardson

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

30.5 x 53.3 cm

Description

A woman lies lengthways across this painting. She is asleep. Her head leans against a soft surface on the right. Her dark brown hair contrasts sharply with the warm brown tones of her surroundings and the pale olive green and white of her dress. She is wearing sandals. The background depicting a cave is indistinct. The scene is taken from William Shakespeare's play Cymbeline (Act III, Scene VI), where Imogen, disguised as a boy, takes refuge in a cave, where she is discovered by Belarius, Guiderius, and Arviragus. 'A study for a larger picture' - Municipal Gallery of Art Illustrated Catalogue 1908.