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1. Can't Buy a Thrill (1972) and A Midsummer Night's Dream

Both the album and the play share a sense of playfulness and exploration. "Can't Buy a Thrill" introduces Steely Dan's unique blend of jazz and rock, much like how "A Midsummer Night's Dream" explores the magical and unpredictable world of fairies and lovers. Tracks like "Do It Again" and "Reelin' In the Years" evoke the same sense of enchantment and youthful energy found in Shakespeare's play.

2. Countdown to Ecstasy (1973) and Twelfth Night

"Countdown to Ecstasy" is marked by its eclecticism and emotional depth, similar to "Twelfth Night"'s exploration of love, identity, and deception. The album's diverse tracks, such as "Bodhisattva" and "Your Gold Teeth," mirror the play's complex characters and relationships. Both the album and the play showcase a sense of joyful chaos.

3. Pretzel Logic (1974) and The Merchant of Venice

"Pretzel Logic" features a more refined and complex sound, much like the intricate plot and themes of "The Merchant of Venice." Tracks like "Rikki Don't Lose That Number" and "Pretzel Logic" showcase Steely Dan's growing sophistication, paralleling the play's exploration of money, love, and social status.

4. Katy Lied (1975) and The Tempest

"Katy Lied" marks a darker and more introspective phase in Steely Dan's career, similar to the themes of power, betrayal, and redemption in "The Tempest." The album's moody tracks, such as "Bad Sneakers" and "Doctor Wu," evoke the same sense of mystery and complexity found in Shakespeare's play.

5. The Royal Scam (1976) and Hamlet

"The Royal Scam" is known for its biting satire and complex characters, much like "Hamlet"'s exploration of ambition, power, and deception. Tracks like "Kid Charlemagne" and "The Fez" showcase Steely Dan's ability to craft intricate narratives, paralleling the play's complex characters and plot.

6. Aja (1977) and Othello

"Aja" is a masterpiece of jazz-rock, featuring complex arrangements and emotional depth. Similarly, "Othello" is a tragedy marked by its complex characters and exploration of jealousy, love, and betrayal. Tracks like "Aja" and "Peg" showcase Steely Dan's ability to craft nuanced and emotionally resonant music.

7. Gaucho (1980) and Macbeth

"Gaucho" features a more atmospheric and introspective sound, similar to the dark and haunting themes of "Macbeth." The album's tracks, such as "Hey Nineteen" and "Gaucho," evoke the same sense of complexity and moral ambiguity found in Shakespeare's play ^{1 2}.