

ROMEO & JULIET Act II Scene ii

ROMEO

But, soft! what light through yonder window breaks?
It is the east, and Juliet is the sun.

JULIET

Ay me!

ROMEO

She speaks! O, speak again, bright angel!

JULIET (*leaning her cheek upon her hand*)

O Romeo, Romeo! wherefore art thou Romeo?

ROMEO

See, how she leans her cheek upon her hand?

JULIET

Deny thy father and refuse thy name.

ROMEO

O, that I were a glove upon that hand,
That I might touch that cheek!

JULIET

What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.

ROMEO

Call me but love, and I never will be Romeo.

JULIET

How camest thou hither, tell me, and wherefore?

ROMEO

With love's light wings did I o'er-perch these walls.

JULIET

I would not for the world my kinsmen saw thee here.

ROMEO

I have night's cloak to hide me from their sight;
And but thou love me, let them find me here.

JULIET

Dost thou love me?

ROMEO

Lady, by yonder blessed moon I swear—

JULIET

O, swear not by the moon!

ROMEO

What shall I swear by?

JULIET

Swear by thy gracious self,

And I'll believe thee.

ROMEO

If my heart's dear love--

JULIET

Well, do not swear: although I joy in thee,

I have no joy of this contract to-night:

This bud of love, by summer's ripening breath,

May prove a beauteous flower when next we meet.

ROMEO

O! Wilt thou leave me so unsatisfied?

JULIET

What satisfaction canst thou have tonight?

ROMEO

The exchange of thy love's faithful vow for mine.

JULIET

My bounty is as boundless as the sea,

My love as deep; the more I give to thee,

The more I have, for both are infinite.

ROMEO

O blessed, blessed night! I am afeard.

Being in night, all this is but a dream,

Too flattering-sweet to be substantial.

JULIET

Good night, good night! parting is such sweet sorrow,

That I shall say good night till it be morrow.