

## **Much Ado About Nothing abbreviated**

Act 3, Scene 3

### **Remorse**

**Situation:** Borachio shares with Conrade his sense of remorse, he having wooed his girlfriend Margaret in Hero's bedroom earlier that evening, calling her Hero while she "leaning me out at her mistress' chamber window bidding me a thousand times goodnight." The evening of this ruse was the eve of Claudio and Hero's planned wedding.

**BORACHIO:** Conrade, I say!

**CONRADE:** Here, man, I am at thy elbow.

**BORACHIO:** Stand thee close, then, under this penthouse, for it drizzles rain, and I will, like a true drunkard, utter all to thee.

**SEACOAL ASIDE:** Some treason, masters. Yet stand close.

**BORACHIO:** Didst thou not hear somebody?

**CONRADE:** No, 'twas the vane on the house.

### **Borachio to Conrade**

**What a deformed thief this fashion is. How  
Doth he get all of these young men to now  
Fashion themselves as hot bloods, giddily.  
Know that I have tonight wooed Margaret  
As if she Hero. Claudio did see  
The encounter, bidding me her love, yet  
Master Don John knew of this frightful sin,  
Placing both Prince and Claudio there in  
The orchard, where they both thought Margaret  
Was Hero. My villainy sent away  
Claudio enraged, swearing he would get  
Even before all the church the next day,  
With what he saw, shaming her o'er the land  
And sending her home without a husband.**