

## Romeo and Juliet abbreviated

Act 2, Scene 2.2

### Infatuation

**Situation:** Juliet, sighing and fantasizing, comes out on her balcony that overlooks the orchard. She hears some sounds, hoping the sounds are from Romeo Montague; Romeo scurrying around beneath her bedroom window.

Juliet to herself, No. 1

Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?  
What's in a name? Be some other name. O  
Romeo, dost thou love me? Just say 'Ay',  
And I will take thy word. If thou swearest,  
Jove laughs; it's promises lovers deny.  
Pronounce it faithfully. If thou thinkest  
I am too quickly won, I'd say thee nay  
And frown, as long as thou wilt still woo. Say  
Dear love, I'll prove more true than those who dare  
Be cunning. This dark night I should have sought  
More care, if thou hath overheard'st me. Fair  
Romeo, doff thy name for me, 'tis not  
Part of thee. And take me when next we meet.  
By any name a rose would smell as sweet.

JULIET: O, Romeo, deny thy father and refuse thy name, or, if thou wilt not, be but sworn my love, and I'll no longer be a Capulet.

ROMEO: I take thee at thy word. Call me but love, and I'll be new baptized. Henceforth I never will be Romeo.

JULIET: Art thou not Romeo, and a Montague?

ROMEO: Neither, fair maid, if either thee dislike.