

Romeo and Juliet abbreviated

Act 3, Scene 2

Love

Situation: The Nurse has returned to the Capulet compound with a rope ladder that will facilitate Romeo's secret entrance into Juliet's bedroom that night. The Nurse reports to a yearning-for-Romeo Juliet that following their secret wedding, Romeo and Tybalt engaged in a fight and that Romeo killed him. She tells Juliet that the prince is upset with the fatal incident, and that the prince, concerning Romeo, said "we do exile him hence."

Juliet to herself, No. 2

Spread thy close curtain, love-performing night,
When lovers best do their amorous rite,
That does agree with night. Come, thou matron
All in black, that our love may grow so bold
That we may choose to shun the garish sun.
O, this mansion of love I have been sold,
Yet not possessed or enjoyed. Tedious
This day, as if before a dance I fuss
As an impatient child with robes she may
Not yet wear. Sober-suited night, give me
Romeo to hold in these arms. That day
That he dies make him into stars that he
May make the face of heaven lightly bright,
So all the world will be in love with night.

The Nurse enters with a rope ladder.

JULIET: Now, Nurse, what news? What hast thou there? The cords that Romeo bid thee fetch?

NURSE: Ay, ay, the cords.

JULIET: Why dost thou wring thy hands?

NURSE: He's dead, he's dead!

JULIET: Hath Romeo slain himself?

NURSE: I saw the wound, I saw it with mine eyes. A piteous corpse, a bloody piteous corpse. I swooned at the sight. O Tybalt, Tybalt, the best friend I had!

JULIET: Is Romeo slaughtered and is Tybalt dead? My dearest cousin, and my dearer lord?

NURSE: Tybalt is gone and Romeo banished. Romeo that killed him-----he is banished.