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[Act 2. Scene 2 edited]

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

O Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo? Deny thy father and refuse thy name.

ROMEO

Shall I hear more, or shall I speak at this?

JULIET

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

ROMEO

I take thee at thy word.

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'erperch these walls, Therefore thy kinsmen are no stop to me.

JULIET

If they do see thee, they will murder thee.

ROMEO

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

JULIET

Dost thou love me?

ROMEO

Lady, by yonder blessèd moon I vow,

That tips with silver all these fruit-tree tops—

JULIET

O, swear not by the moon,

ROMEO

What shall I swear by?

JULIET

Do not swear at all.

Or, if thou wilt, swear by thy gracious self.

ROMEO

If my heart's dear love—

JULIET

Well, do not swear. Although I joy in thee, I have no joy of this contract tonight. It is too rash, too unadvised, too sudden, Too like the lightning. Good night, good night.

ROMEO

O, wilt thou leave me so unsatisfied?

JULIET

What satisfaction canst thou have tonight?

ROMEO

Th' exchange of thy love's faithful vow for mine. Wouldst thou withdraw it? For what purpose, love?

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 blessèd, blessèd night! I am afeard, Being in night, all this is but a dream, Too flattering sweet to be substantial.

JULIET

Three words, dear Romeo, and good night indeed. If that thy bent of love be honorable, Thy purpose marriage, send me word tomorrow, Where and what time thou wilt perform the rite.

ROMEO

So thrive my soul—

JULIET

A thousand times good night.

ROMEO

A thousand times the worse to want thy light. Love goes toward love as schoolboys from their books,

But love from love, toward school with heavy looks.

JULIET

Hist, Romeo, hist!

What o'clock tomorrow shall I send to thee?

ROMEO

By the hour of nine.

JULIET

I will not fail. 'Tis twenty year till then. I have forgot why I did call thee back.

ROMEO

Let me stand here till thou remember it.

JULIET

'Tis almost morning.

Good night, good night. Parting is such sweet sorrow That I shall say "Good night" till it be morrow.