

Romeo and Juliet: Act 2

Prologue

Now Romeo's old feelings of desire are dying, and a new desire is eager to take their place. Romeo groaned for the beautiful Rosaline and said he would die for her, but compared with tender Juliet, Rosaline doesn't seem beautiful now. Now someone loves Romeo, and he's in love again- both of them falling for each others' good looks. But he has to make his speeches of love to a woman who's supposed to be his enemy. And she's been hooked by someone she should fear. Because he's an enemy, Romeo has no chance to see Juliet and say the things a lover normally says. And Juliet's just as much in love as he, but she has even less opportunity to meet her lover. But love give them power, and time gives them the chance to meet, sweetening the extreme danger with intense pleasure.

Aside: a conversation on the side (with the audience); the audience is being address, the other characters can't hear it

Monologue: one speech given by a character

Soliloquy: characters shares his/her thoughts

- The party has ended and people are headed home
- Romeo got away from his group and went looking for Juliet
- Juliet is on the balcony thinking about what had just happen
- Romeo surprises Juliet and climbs up to the balcony and they confess their love for each other
- They kiss
- They plan to meet up the next day and marry
- Juliet will send her nurse for him when it is time (the nurse wants Juliet's happiness)
 - nurse is sent to let Romeo know where and when to meet up
- They meet at the church to have Friar Laurence marry them
- They get married and the only ones that know of this marriage are: the Nurse, Friar Laurence, Romeo and Juliet

Lines 95-100

Friar Laurence says,

Oh, she knew well

Thy love did read by rote, that could not spell.

But come, young waverer, come go with me.

In one respect I'll thy assistant be;

For this alliance may so happy prove

To turn your households' rancor to pure love.

What is Friar Laurence's reasons for agreeing to marry *Romeo & Juliet*?