

Romeo and Juliet Key Quotations

Romeo:

- 'O brawling love, O loving hate...feather of lead, bright smoke, cold fire, sick health...' Act 1.1 Romeo speaking about his feelings for Rosaline.
- 'Is love a tender thing? It is too rough, too rude, too boisterous, and it pricks like thorn.' Act 1.1 Romeo speaking to Benvolio and Mercutio.
- 'Did my heart love till now?' Act 1.5
- [taking Juliet's hand] 'If I profane with my unworhiest hand this holy shine...' Act 1.5
- 'It is the east and Juliet is the sun!' Act 2.2
- 'Here's to my love.' [he drinks] Act 5.3

Juliet:

- 'And palm to palm is holy palmers kiss.' Act 1.5
- 'O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo?' Act 2.2
- 'What's in a name? That which we call a rose by another word would smell as sweet.' Act 2.2
- 'Good father, I beseech you on my knees, hear me with patience but to speak a word.' Act 3.5
- 'What if it be a poison which the friar subtly hath ministered to have me dead...?' Act 4.3
- 'Romeo, I come! This do I drink to thee!' Act 4.3

Friar Lawrence:

- 'Holy Saint Francis, what a change is here! Is Rosaline, that thou didst love so dear, so soon forsaken?' Act 2.3
- 'Thy old groans ring yet in mine ancient ears.' Act 2.3
- 'These violent delights have violent end.' Act 2.6
- 'Arise, one knocks: good Romeo, hide thyself.' Act 3.3
- 'Now when the bridegroom in the morning comes to rouse thee from thy bed, there art thou dead.' Act 4.1
- 'Fear comes upon me. O, much I fear some ill unthrifty thing.' Act 5.3

Nurse:

- 'an should I live a thousand years, I never should forget it.' – Speaking of her memories of Juliet's childhood. Act 1.3
- 'if ye should lead her in a fool's paradise, as they say, it were a very gross kind of behaviour...' Act 2.4
- 'To fetch a ladder, by the which your love must climb.' Act 2.5
- 'Hie to your chamber. I'll find Romeo to comfort you.' Act 3.2
- 'Marry, I will; and this is wisely done.' – The Nurse advising Juliet to marry Paris. Act 3.5
- 'O woe! O woeful, woeful, woeful, woeful day!' Act 4.5

Lord Capulet:

- 'My child is yet a stranger in the world.' Act 1.2
- 'Earth hath swallowed all my hopes but she.' Act 1.2
- 'Sir Paris, I will make a desperate tender of my child's love: I think she will be ruled in all respects by me...' Act 3.4
- 'Doth she not give us thanks? Is she not proud?' Act 3.5
- 'Hang thee, young baggage, disobedient wretch!' Act 3.5
- 'Death lies on her like an untimely frost upon the sweetest flower of all the field.' Act 4.5

Lady Capulet:

- 'So shall you share all that he doth possess, by having him, making yourself no less...can you like of Paris' love?' Act 1.3
- 'I beg for justice, which thou, Prince, must give: Romeo slew Tybalt; Romeo must not live.' Act 3.1
- 'What, wilt thou wash him from his grave with tears? An if thou couldst, thou couldst not make him live.' Act 3.5
- 'You are too hot' – To Lord Capulet. Act 3.5
- 'O me, O me! My child, my only life! Revive, look up, or I will die with thee!' Act 4.5

Tybalt:

- 'talk of peace? I hate the word...' Act 1.1
- 'It fits when such a villain is a guest: I'll not endure him.' Act 1.5
- 'Romeo, the love I bear thee can afford no better term than this: thou art a villain.' Act 3.1

Benvolio:

- 'I do but keep the peace: put up thy sword.' Act 1.1
- 'What sadness lengthens Romeo's hours?' Act 1.1
- 'I'll pay that doctrine, or else die in debt.' Act 1.1
- 'I pray thee, good Mercutio, let's retire. The day is hot...and if we meet, we shall not scape a brawl.' Act 3.1
- 'Romeo, away, be gone!' – Protecting Romeo after he killed Tybalt. Act 3.1
- 'This is the truth, or let Benvolio die.' Act 3.1

Mercutio:

- 'Nay, gentle Romeo, we must have you dance.' Act 1.4
- 'O then I see Queen Mab hath been with you.' Act 1.4
- Romeo – 'Peace, peace, Mercutio, peace!' Act 1.4
- To the Nurse – 'Farewell, ancient lady; farewell, lady, [singing]' Act 2.4
- 'O calm, dishonourable, vile submission!' Act 3.1
- 'A plague o' both your houses! Act 3.1
- 'Why the devil came between us? I was hurt under your arm.' Act 3.1