

## **As You Like It abbreviated**

Act 5, Scene 2

### **Love**

**Situation:** Oliver tells Orlando that he wants to marry Aliena, and Orlando tells his brother “you have my consent” to marry her, Oliver having fallen fell for her during their brief conversation. Not to be denied, Rosalind as Ganymede tells Orlando that “I can do strange things” and then speaking of Rosalind says “I can set her before your eyes tomorrow.”

ORLANDO: You have my consent. Let your wedding be tomorrow.

Oliver exits.

ROSALIND AS GANYMEDE: O my dear Orlando, how it grieves me to see thee wear thy heart in a scarf.

ORLANDO: It is my arm.

ROSALIND AS GANYMEDE: I thought thy heart had been wounded with the claws of a lion.

ORLANDO: Wounded it is, but with the eyes of a lady.

ROSALIND AS GANYMEDE: Did your brother tell you how I counterfeited to swoon when he showed me your handkerchief?

ORLANDO: Ay, and greater wonders than that.

ROSALIND AS GANYMEDE: O, I know where you are. Nay, ‘tis true.

### **Rosalind as Ganymede to Orlando, No. 3**

Your brother and my sister no sooner  
Looked but loved; he no sooner looked at her  
But sighed, as then she; and no sooner sighed  
But they asked one another the reason;  
No sooner knew the reason but they eyed  
A remedy; in these stages as one  
They made the stairs to marriage, which they will  
Climb tomorrow. Clubs cannot keep them still.  
Now I speak to some purpose. Believe, sir,  
If you please, I with magic am able  
To do strange things. Doth seem in your gesture  
‘Tis Rosalind you love. Impossible  
For me it’s not to reduce your sorrow;  
To set her before your eyes tomorrow.