

Romeo and Juliet abbreviated

Act 2, Scene 2.1

Infatuation

Situation: Romeo ditches Mercutio and Benvolio, as the three of them are heading home, having just left Capulet's masquerade dinner party late in the evening. Romeo heads for Capulet's compound, running and leaping over the wall surrounding his orchard. His friends decide not to interfere with his plans.

ROMEO: He jests at scars that never felt a wound. But soft, what light through yonder window breaks?
It is the East and Juliet is the sun.

Romeo to himself, No. 2

What if the fairest stars as daylight goes
Do ask your eyes to take their place? If those
Stars were your eyes, then your cheeks quite as bright
Would shame the stars as lamps shamed as daylight
Breaks; so bright your eyes and cheeks that birds might
Sing and roosters crow thinking it not night.
O speak again bright angel, as if a
Winged messenger of heaven astride the
Lazy-paced clouds sailing upon the staid
Bosom of air. The envious moon weans
Itself from night, pale with grief; though her maid,
You're the far more fair. If your hand where leans
Your cheek were to need a glove, then I seek
To be a glove, that I might touch your cheek.

JULIET: Ay me.

ROMEO: She speaks. Speak again, bright angel, for thou art as glorious as the night.