

## **SHAKESPEARIENCE!**

### *Romeo & Juliet*

Act 2, scene 5: Juliet, the Nurse

#### **JULIET**

I did send the nurse to him, and in half an hour she promised to return...O God, she comes!

*(Enter the Nurse, gasping and panting)*

O honey nurse, what news? Hast thou met with him? O Lord, why look'st thou sad?

#### **NURSE**

I am a-weary, give me leave awhile: Fie, how my bones ache!

#### **JULIET**

Nay, come, I pray thee, speak; good, good nurse, speak.

#### **NURSE**

Jesu, what haste? Do you not see that I am out of breath?

#### **JULIET**

How art thou out of breath, when thou hast breath to say to me that thou art out of breath? Let me be satisfied, is't good or bad?

**NURSE**

Well, you have made a simple choice; you know not how to choose a man... What, have you dined at home?

**JULIET**

No, no: What says he of our marriage? What of that?

**NURSE**

Lord, how my head aches!,--O, my back, my back!

**JULIET**

I' faith, I am sorry that thou art not well. Sweet, sweet, sweet nurse, tell me, what says my love?

**NURSE**

Your love says, like an honest gentleman, and a kind, and a handsome, --Where is your mother?

**JULIET**

Where is my mother! Why, she is within; Where should she be?

**NURSE**

Are you so hot? Henceforward do your messages yourself!

**JULIET**

Come, come, what says Romeo?

**NURSE**

Have you got leave to go to church today?

**JULIET**

I have!!!

**NURSE**

Then get you to Friar Laurence' cell; There stays a  
**husband** to make you a **wife!!** To church!

**JULIET**

To high fortune!