Romeo and Juliet Useful Quotes:

[Two households, both alike in dignity . . .](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/P1.html#1)
—In the first line of the play, the Chorus describes two of the main actors—the families of the Montagues and Capulets

[From forth the fatal loins of these two foes
A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life;
Whose misadventured piteous overthrows
Do with their death bury their parents' strife.](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/P1.html#5)
—The Chorus tells us the essence of the plot of *Romeo and Juliet*.

[O, she doth teach the torches to burn bright!
It seems she hangs upon the cheek of night
Like a rich jewel in an Ethiope's ear;
Beauty too rich for use, for earth too dear!](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T15.html#44)
—Upon first seeing Juliet, Romeo is struck into wonderment by her beauty.

[My only love sprung from my only hate!
Too early seen unknown, and known too late!](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T15.html#138)
—As all the guests are leaving the party, Juliet discovers that Romeo is a Montague, and laments that she has fallen in love with him.

[But, soft! what light through yonder window breaks?
It is the east, and Juliet is the sun.](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T22.html#2)
—Upon first seeing Juliet at her window, Romeo says that her beauty shines like the sun.

. [stony limits cannot hold love out,
And what love can do, that dares love attempt.](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T22.html#67)
—When Juliet asks how he managed to get over the high wall to Capulet's garden, Romeo replies that he flew on the wings of love, which is stronger than "stony limits."

[Alack, there lies more peril in thine eye
Than twenty of their swords!](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T22.html#71)
—When Juliet warns Romeo that her kinsmen will kill him if they find him in the Capulet's garden, Romeo replies that her beauty is more likely to kill him than is a Capulet sword.

   [*Romeo*. Lady, by yonder blessed moon I swear,
That tips with silver all these fruit-tree tops—](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T22.html#107)
   [*Juliet*. O swear not by the moon, the inconstant moon,
That monthly changes in her circled orb,
Lest that thy love prove likewise variable.](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T22.html#107)
—Romeo tries to swear that he is a faithful lover, but Juliet interrupts him

  [when he shall die,
Take him and cut him out in little stars,
And he will make the face of heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night,
And pay no worship to the garish sun.](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T32.html#21)
—On her wedding night, waiting for Romeo to come to her, Juliet says that Romeo, her new husband, will be her glorious lover forever.

[Romeo, Romeo, Romeo! Here's drink—I drink to thee.](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T43.html#58)
—In her last words before she drinks the sleeping potion, Juliet reminds herself of why she is doing it.

[Eyes, look your last!
Arms, take your last embrace! and, lips, O you
The doors of breath, seal with a righteous kiss
A dateless bargain to engrossing death!](http://www.shakespeare-navigators.com/romeo/T53.html#112)
—Just before he takes the poison, takes his farewell of Juliet with a kiss.