Final Draft 7 Demo

Juliet without Romeo

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Based on Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet

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Rosenkranz and Guildenstern climb the wall and enter the garden.

ROSENKRANZ

There is a light in her window.

GUILDENSTERN

(total ham)

Ah ha! That must be the east and Juliet is the sun.

ROSENKRANZ

You're weird!

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GUILDENSTERN

Hark, she comes!

As if in a dream, Juliet Capulet emerges from her bedroom onto her balcony. She is picking the peddles off a flower and humming a song.

ROSENKRANZ

It is my lady.

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JULTET

Ahhhh! Me!

ROSENKRANZ

She speaks.

He moves forward then hesitates.

ROSENKRANZ (CONT'D)

But I am too bold.

GUILDENSTERN

Yes, perhaps it is not to me that she speaks.

JULIET

Romeo, Romeo. Wherefore art thou Romeo?

ROSENKRANZ

Alas, that is not I.

GUILDENSTERN

Nor I. Crushed.

JULIET

Oh, but would you give up your family name. Then, I will too eagerly give up mine... in holy matrimony.

ROSENKRANZ

Should we hear more?

GUILDENSTERN

Or should we speak?

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JULIET

Montague! Your name is so detestable to me. But what is in a name? A rose by any other name smells just as sweet.

ROSENKRANZ

Boy, will she be angry when she learns that Romeo isn't coming.

JULIET

Who is there? Who is listening to me?

ROSENKRANZ

By a name, I know not how to tell thee who I am.

JULIET

Well I know the voice of Romeo... and you're not Romeo.

GUILDENSTERN

We would gladly change our names to Romeo if thoust would only love us.

JULIET

Where's my Romeo?

LNaL ROSENKRANZ

With fair Rosaline.

JULIET (HORROR)

Rosaline?

GUILDENSTERN

This very night.

ROSENKRANZ

She made him a offer he could not refuse.

The musical sound of the light brigade

JULIET

Oh, dear.

(After a pause)

How comest thou thither, tell me? The walls are high and hard to climb. And if my kindsmen find you, they will murder thee.

ROSENKRANZ We just came to peak in your

window.

GUILDENSTERN

We do it every night.

NURSE

Madam.

JULIET

Anon, good nurse.

NURSE

It is time for you to prepare for

JULIET

I will be in shortly to take off all my cloths.

(To the boys)

By whose direction found'st thou out this place?

ROSENKRANZ

All the boys in the village know this window. There is Bruno.

Rosenkranz points out boys hidden in the trees.

ROSENKRANZ

And there's Roberto.

ROBERTO

Hello there!

ROSENKRANZ

And Alfraido, and Anthony, and Carmine, and Jimmy. And even Friar Lawrence.

FRIAR LAWRENCE

It is a pleasure to see you my lady.

JULIET

Enough all ready!

GUILDENSTERN

Maybe we had better be going.

JULIET T Wilst thou see Romeo this night?

GUILDENSTERN

Yes. We are going to look into Rosaline's window next.

ALL

Ahhh. Fair Rosaline!

All sing the "Sweet Rosaline" song.

ALL (CONT'D)

Fair Rosaline, fair Rosaline, we love to watch fair Rosaline. Fair Rosaline, fair Rosaline, we love to watch fair Rosaline.

JULIET

When you see Romeo, tell him my bounty is as boundless as the sea, My love as deep. The more I give to him, the more I have...for both are infinite.

ROSENKRANZ

(not believing)

Right!

GUILDENSTERN

(sincere)
Yah. He will like that. He's kind of strange that way.

JULIET

(total ham)

Anon. Parting is such sweet sorrow.

ROSENKRANZ

Sure thing. See you later. (To Guildenstern)

I don't think we should tell Romeo.

GUILDENSTERN

Why not, pray tell?

ROSENKRANZ

Romeo will probably get into a fight over Juliet and get banned from Verona. Then Juliet will take a sleeping power so she will not have to marry Paris. But Romeo will think she drank poison and died so he will kill himself. Then Juliet will wake up only to find out that Romeo dead so she will kill herself. It will be a horrible mess.

GUILDENSTERN

Oh!

(Thinks for awhile.)

But...

(Thinks for awhile.)
If we tell him, we could climb up on the balcony and watch.

ROSENKRANZ AND GUILDENSTERN
(wide eyed and smiling)
Right!

ROSENKRANZ

Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?

GUILDENSTERN

To fair Rosaline's house in old Verona we go.

ALL

To Rosaline, to Rosaline, off to see fair Rosaline.

To Rosaline, to Rosaline, off to see fair Rosaline.

FADE TO BLACK.