

Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare Much Ado About Nothing – Language – Puns and wordplay transcript

BENEDICK

By my sword, Beatrice, thou lovest me.

BEATRICE

Do not swear and eat it.

BENEDICK

I will swear by it that you love me, and
I will make him eat it that says
I love not you.

BEATRICE

Will you not eat your word?

BENEDICK

With no sauce that can be devised to it:
I protest I love thee.

BEATRICE

Why then God forgive me.

BENEDICK

What offence, sweet Beatrice?

BEATRICE

You have stayed me in a happy hour,
I was about to protest I loved you.

BENEDICK

And do it with all thy heart.

BEATRICE

I love you with so much of my heart,
that none is left to protest.