

## Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare

### Twelfth Night – Plot summary transcript

Oh this is a real simple story of boy meets girl dressed as boy, who sends girl boy to girl who doesn't want boy, but wants girl boy, but girl boy doesn't want girl she wants boy, and when boy boy who's the brother of girl boy turns up everybody gets married. See? Simple!

If music be the food of love, get me a sick bucket!  
This is Orsino, Duke of Ilyria.  
He's totally in love with Countess Olivia,  
but she's not interested.  
She's in mourning for her brother and won't accept visitors.  
Apart from this little guy, Cesario: he's Orsino's new message boy.

Except he's - a she! Called Viola!

She disguises herself as a boy to get a job with the Duke, after she lost her twin brother Sebastian, when their ship got wrecked.  
What she doesn't know is that Sebastian is alive, rescued by a friendly pirate called Antonio.  
And Whattayaknow! Countess Olivia falls in love with Cesario. Awkward!  
And Cesario falls in love with Orsino. Double Awkward!

While Viola's Cesario disguise is working upstairs, there's a lot of people not working downstairs.  
Mainly Sir Toby Belch, Olivia's uncle; Maria, her maid; and Sir Andrew Aguecheek; who fancies Olivia, but is getting no where.

It's PARTAAAY, until Malvolio, who's Olivia's steward, tells them to SHUT UP.  
In revenge, Maria fakes a love letter from Olivia to Malvolio. Malvolio tries to impress Olivia, but he acts so weird, she thinks he's gone crazy, so Sir Toby locks him up.

Sir Toby also sets up his pal Sir Andrew.  
He tells him "Cesario wants to fight you."  
And when they're forced to duel, it's lame.  
But SUDDENLY, in leaps Pirate Antonio- who thinks Cesario is Sebastian, and fights off Sir Andrew and then Sir Toby!

The guard appear and nick Antonio for his pirate crimes. Antonio's like Hiya Pal! And Cesario's like "Who me!?"

Then Sebastian appears and Olivia, who thinks

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he's Cesario, says "Marry me", and Sebastian says "Yeah! Why not? Hot ladies don't throw themselves at a guy every day." He's right in there!

The Duke Orsino turns up and says "HEY!" but everything becomes clear when Cesario appears and the twins are reunited. Cesario says "I'm Viola", the Duke says "Let's get hitched baby!" And even Malvolio gets released. Hey Malve. You might want to get out of here. They're playing a song about it raining every day.