

Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare Twelfth Night – Themes – Love transcript

VOICEOVER

Love gets put through its paces in Twelfth Night.

There's Orsino, Duke of Ilyria, who's madly in love with Countess Olivia.

It doesn't matter what Olivia says, he's not going to stop fancying her.

There's Olivia. She falls in love with Cesario, who doesn't return her affections.

And Cesario, who's really Viola dressed up as a man, falls in love with Orsino. She can't show her true feelings.

And Malvolio does show his true feelings, but they're based on a lie. He's definitely wasting his time.

Oh crikey. Looks like love's going to fight them all. But remember, love winning is a good thing.

It's just that winning can be messy.

But Shakespeare always tidies up in the end, which is just as well.

What are you cleaning up with? Truth.

That's what Shakespeare recommends for a Love Mess.