

## Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare

### Romeo and Juliet – Character – Juliet transcript

#### JULIET

O serpent heart, hid with a flow'ring face!  
Did ever dragon keep so fair a cave?  
Beautiful tyrant, fiend angelical!  
Dove-feathered raven, wolvis-ravens lamb!  
Despised substance of divinest show!  
Just opposite to what thou justly seem'st,  
A damnèd saint, an honourable villain!  
O nature, what hadst thou to do in hell  
When thou didst bower the spirit of a fiend  
In mortal paradise of such sweet flesh?  
Was ever book containing such vile matter  
So fairly bound? O that deceit should dwell  
In such a gorgeous palace!

#### NURSE

There's no trust,  
No faith, no honesty in men, all perjured,  
All forsworn, all naught, all dissemblers.  
Ah, where's my man? Give me some aqua-vitae;  
These griefs, these woes, these sorrows make me old.  
Shame come to Romeo!

#### JULIET

Blistered be thy tongue  
For such a wish! he was not born to shame:  
Upon his brow shame is ashamed to sit;  
For 'tis a throne where honour may be crowned  
Sole monarch of the universal earth.  
O, what a beast was I to chide at him!

#### NURSE

Will you speak well of him that killed your cousin?

#### JULIET

Shall I speak ill of him that is my husband?