

## Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare

### Romeo and Juliet – Character – Friar Lawrence transcript

#### FRIAR LAWRENCE

So smile the heavens upon this holy act,  
That after-hours with sorrow chide us not.

#### ROMEO

Amen, amen! but come what sorrow can,  
It cannot countervail the exchange of joy  
That one short minute gives me in her sight.  
Do thou but close our hands with holy words,  
Then love-devouring Death do what he dare,  
It is enough I may but call her mine.

#### FRIAR LAWRENCE

These violent delights have violent ends,  
And in their triumph die like fire and powder,  
Which as they kiss consume. The sweetest honey  
Is loathsome in his own deliciousness,  
And in the taste confounds the appetite.  
Therefore love moderately, long love doth so;  
Too swift arrives as tardy as too slow.

#### JULIET

Here comes the lady. O, so light a foot  
Will ne'er wear out the everlasting flint;  
A lover may bestride the gossamers  
That idles in the wanton summer air,  
And yet not fall, so light is vanity.

#### JULIET

Good even to my ghostly confessor.

#### FRIAR LAWRENCE

Romeo shall thank thee, daughter, for us both.