

## Bitesize KS3 English Literature – Shakespeare Much Ado About Nothing – Themes – Love transcript

### VOICEOVER

In Much Ado About Nothing, love seems a bit like a game.

It's a game that's both fun, funny and entertaining to watch.  
And deadly serious.

I wonder if this is why he's called Shakey?

Oh dear. For example, Beatrice and Benedick's friends  
play a trick on them to get them together.

Love wins through in the end, as Beatrice and Benedick  
really do love one another.

But what about the cruel game played by Don John?

Don John makes Claudio think that his bride-to-be,  
Hero, is unfaithful. What happens to love then?

Claudio publicly shames Hero. He doesn't believe her at all. Ouch.

And Hero's dad Leonato. He doesn't believe his own daughter.  
His love is hardly unconditional.

Shakespeare's telling us that love can win  
where we expect it to fail,  
and fail where we expect it to win.

But don't worry.  
It's a happy ending despite the twists and turns.  
Love wins in the end.