Juliet without Romeo

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Based on Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet

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Rosenkranz and Guildenstern climb the wall and enter the garden.

ROSENKRANZ
There is a light in her window.

GUILDENSTERN
(total ham)
Ah ha! That must be the east and Juliet is the sun.

ROSENKRANZ
You’re weird!

GUILDENSTERN
Hark, she comes!

As if in a dream, Juliet Capulet emerges from her bedroom onto her balcony. She is picking the peddles off a flower and humming a song.

ROSENKRANZ
It is my lady.

GUILDENSTERN
Oh, it is my love.

JULIET
Ahhhh! Me!

ROSENKRANZ
She speaks.

He moves forward then hesitates.

ROSENKRANZ (CONT’D)
But I am too bold.

GUILDENSTERN
Yes, perhaps it is not to me that she speaks.

JULIET
Romeo, Romeo. Wherefore art thou Romeo?

ROSENKRANZ
Alas, that is not I.

GUILDENSTERN
Nor I. Crushed.
JULIET
Oh, but would you give up your family name. Then, I will too eagerly give up mine... in holy matrimony.

ROSENKRANZ
Should we hear more?

GUILDENSTERN
Or should we speak?

JULIET
Montague! Your name is so detestable to me. But what is in a name? A rose by any other name smells just as sweet.

ROSENKRANZ
Boy, will she be angry when she learns that Romeo isn’t coming.

JULIET
Who is there? Who is listening to me?

ROSENKRANZ
By a name, I know not how to tell thee who I am.

JULIET
Well I know the voice of Romeo... and you’re not Romeo.

GUILDENSTERN
We would gladly change our names to Romeo if thoust would only love us.

JULIET
Where’s my Romeo?

ROSENKRANZ
With fair Rosaline.

JULIET (HORROR)
Rosaline?

GUILDENSTERN
This very night.

ROSENKRANZ
She made him a offer he could not refuse.
The musical sound of the light brigade

JULIET
Oh, dear.
(After a pause)
How comest thou thither, tell me?
The walls are high and hard to
climb. And if my kinsmen find you,
they will murder thee.

ROSENKRANZ
We just came to peak in your
window.

GUILDENSTERN
We do it every night.

NURSE
Madam.

JULIET
Anon, good nurse.

NURSE
It is time for you to prepare for
bed.

JULIET
I will be in shortly to take off
all my cloths.
(To the boys)
By whose direction found’st thou
out this place?

ROSENKRANZ
All the boys in the village know
this window. There is Bruno.

Rosenkranz points out boys hidden in the trees.

BRUNO
Hi!

ROSENKRANZ
And there’s Roberto.

ROBERTO
Hello there!

ROSENKRANZ
And Alfraido, and Anthony, and
Carmine, and Jimmy. And even Friar
Lawrence.
FRIAR LAWRENCE
It is a pleasure to see you my lady.

JULIET
Enough all ready!

GUILDENSTERN
Maybe we had better be going.

JULIET
Wilst thou see Romeo this night?

GUILDENSTERN
Yes. We are going to look into Rosaline’s window next.

ALL
Ahhh. Fair Rosaline!

All sing the “Sweet Rosaline” song.

ALL (CONT’D)
Fair Rosaline, fair Rosaline, we love to watch fair Rosaline.
Fair Rosaline, fair Rosaline, we love to watch fair Rosaline.

JULIET
When you see Romeo, tell him my bounty is as boundless as the sea, My love as deep. The more I give to him, the more I have...for both are infinite.

ROSENKRANZ
(not believing)
Right!

GUILDENSTERN
(Sincere)
Yah. He will like that. He’s kind of strange that way.

JULIET
(total ham)
Anon. Parting is such sweet sorrow.

ROSENKRANZ
Sure thing. See you later.

(To Guildenstern)
I don’t think we should tell Romeo.
GUILDENSTERN
Why not, pray tell?

ROSENKRANZ
Romeo will probably get into a fight over Juliet and get banned from Verona. Then Juliet will take a sleeping power so she will not have to marry Paris. But Romeo will think she drank poison and died so he will kill himself. Then Juliet will wake up only to find out that Romeo dead so she will kill herself. It will be a horrible mess.

GUILDENSTERN
Oh!
(Thinks for awhile.)
But...
(Thinks for awhile.)
If we tell him, we could climb up on the balcony and watch.

ROSENKRANZ AND GUILDENSTERN
(wide eyed and smiling)
Right!

ROSENKRANZ
Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?

GUILDENSTERN
To fair Rosaline’s house in old Verona we go.

ALL
To Rosaline, to Rosaline, off to see fair Rosaline.
To Rosaline, to Rosaline, off to see fair Rosaline.

FADE TO BLACK.