

[Scene 3]

Enter Sir John the Bastard, and Conrade, his companion.

FTLN 0352	CONRADE	What the goodyear, my lord, why are you	
FTLN 0353		thus out of measure sad?	
FTLN 0354	DON JOHN	There is no measure in the occasion that	
FTLN 0355		breeds. Therefore the sadness is without limit.	
FTLN 0356	CONRADE	You should hear reason.	5
FTLN 0357	DON JOHN	And when I have heard it, what blessing	
FTLN 0358		brings it?	
FTLN 0359	CONRADE	If not a present remedy, at least a patient	
FTLN 0360		sufferance.	
FTLN 0361	DON JOHN	I wonder that thou, being, as thou sayst thou	10
FTLN 0362		art, born under Saturn, goest about to apply a moral	
FTLN 0363		medicine to a mortifying mischief. I cannot hide	
FTLN 0364		what I am. I must be sad when I have cause, and	
FTLN 0365		smile at no man's jests; eat when I have stomach,	
FTLN 0366		and wait for no man's leisure; sleep when I am	15
FTLN 0367		drowsy, and tend on no man's business; laugh when	
FTLN 0368		I am merry, and claw no man in his humor.	
FTLN 0369	CONRADE	Yea, but you must not make the full show of	
FTLN 0370		this till you may do it without controlment. You	
FTLN 0371		have of late stood out against your brother, and he	20
FTLN 0372		hath ta'en you newly into his grace, where it is	
FTLN 0373		impossible you should take true root but by the fair	
FTLN 0374		weather that you make yourself. It is needful that	
FTLN 0375		you frame the season for your own harvest.	
FTLN 0376	DON JOHN	I had rather be a canker in a hedge than a	25
FTLN 0377		rose in his grace, and it better fits my blood to be	
FTLN 0378		disdained of all than to fashion a carriage to rob	
FTLN 0379		love from any. In this, though I cannot be said to be	
FTLN 0380		a flattering honest man, it must not be denied but I	
FTLN 0381		am a plain-dealing villain. I am trusted with a	30
FTLN 0382		muzzle and enfranchised with a clog; therefore I	
FTLN 0383		have decreed not to sing in my cage. If I had my	

FTLN 0384 mouth, I would bite; if I had my liberty, I would do
 FTLN 0385 my liking. In the meantime, let me be that I am, and
 FTLN 0386 seek not to alter me. 35
 FTLN 0387 CONRADE Can you make no use of your discontent?
 FTLN 0388 DON JOHN I make all use of it, for I use it only. Who
 FTLN 0389 comes here?

Enter Borachio.

FTLN 0390 What news, Borachio?
 FTLN 0391 BORACHIO I came yonder from a great supper. The 40
 FTLN 0392 Prince your brother is royally entertained by
 FTLN 0393 Leonato, and I can give you intelligence of an
 FTLN 0394 intended marriage.
 FTLN 0395 DON JOHN Will it serve for any model to build mischief
 FTLN 0396 on? What is he for a fool that betroths himself to 45
 FTLN 0397 unquietness?
 FTLN 0398 BORACHIO Marry, it is your brother's right hand.
 FTLN 0399 DON JOHN Who, the most exquisite Claudio?
 FTLN 0400 BORACHIO Even he.
 FTLN 0401 DON JOHN A proper squire. And who, and who? Which 50
 FTLN 0402 way looks he?
 FTLN 0403 BORACHIO Marry, on Hero, the daughter and heir of
 FTLN 0404 Leonato.
 FTLN 0405 DON JOHN A very forward March chick! How came you
 FTLN 0406 to this? 55
 FTLN 0407 BORACHIO Being entertained for a perfumer, as I was
 FTLN 0408 smoking a musty room, comes me the Prince and
 FTLN 0409 Claudio, hand in hand, in sad conference. I
 FTLN 0410 whipped me behind the arras, and there heard it
 FTLN 0411 agreed upon that the Prince should woo Hero for 60
 FTLN 0412 himself, and having obtained her, give her to Count
 FTLN 0413 Claudio.
 FTLN 0414 DON JOHN Come, come, let us thither. This may prove
 FTLN 0415 food to my displeasure. That young start-up hath
 FTLN 0416 all the glory of my overthrow. If I can cross him any 65

FTLN 0417 way, I bless myself every way. You are both sure, and
FTLN 0418 will assist me?

FTLN 0419 CONRADE To the death, my lord.

FTLN 0420 DON JOHN Let us to the great supper. Their cheer is the
FTLN 0421 greater that I am subdued. Would the cook were o'
FTLN 0422 my mind! Shall we go prove what's to be done?

FTLN 0423 BORACHIO We'll wait upon your Lordship.

They exit.

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