



Otázka: Romeo and Juliet

Jazyk: Angličtina

Přidal(a): M.J.

Romeo and Juliet

Written by: William Shakespeare

Notes: epic piece, written in William's early works

- drama
- mingled rhymes and prose
- a tragedy which starts like a comedy
- it's William's most famous romantic tragedy of love
- William uses a lot of oxymorons (ice heat, healthy illness, light heaviness...)

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

- most significant english poet and writer (playwriter) of renaissance
- was born in Stratford upon Avon

Story:

Story is about two young people (Romeo and Juliet), each born in a rich english family, although these families are enemies. The families are called Capulets (Juliet) and Montagues (Romeo).

Play is set in Verona and begins with a street brawl between Montague and Capulet servants. Later, Count Paris asks Capulet about marrying his daughter Juliet, but he refused, because of her young age (Juliet doesn't want to marry him) and recommended him to wait for two years. Then invites him to a traditional Capulet's ball.

Meanwhile, Benvolio (Romeo's best friend) talks to Romeo, who is depressed, and makes him go incognito to the Capulet's ball with him and friend Mercutio to meet Capulet's niece-Rosaline.

Romeo met Juliet instead and fell in love immediately. Tybalt, Juliet's cousin found out that Romeo sneaked into a ball and wanted to kill him. Capulet stopped him.

After the ball comes the balcony scene, when Romeo shares his feelings to Juliet who loves him too. They agreed on getting married the following day with the help of Friar Laurence.

In the afternoon of the secret wedding day Tybalt kills Marcutio in a fight. After that Romeo forgets Tybalt like his new family member and slays him. Romeo is exiled from Verona under penalty of death, if he returns.

Later Capulet said Juliet, she had to marry Count Paris or leave his house. Friar Laurence gives Juliet a drug which can put her in a deathlike coma for fourty hours. She was moved to family crypt. Friar Lurence promised sending a letter to Romeo, to let him know about the plan. But the messenger doesn't reach Romeo and he finds out, that Juliet is dead. He buys a poison and goes to the crypt. There he slays Paris in a fight and then heartbroken drinks the poison and kills himself.

When Juliet wakes up and realises that Romeo is dead. Takes a dagger a stabs herself. After that both families and Prince of Verona found the three dead people. Friar Laurence tells them whole story and both families decide to stop their feud. The play ends with the Prince's elegy for the lovers: „For never was a story of more woe / Than this of Juliet and her Romeo.“