**Act 2, Scene 4, 5 & 6**

* Juliet waits for her nurse whom tells her Romeo is waiting for her at Friar Laurence’s to marry them.
* Comic scene – Juliet can barely contain herself when the nurse pretends to be too tired to give her the news.
* Romeo is equally excited, brashly and blasphemously proclaiming his love to be the most powerful force in the world.
* Shakespeare emphasises the thrilling joy of young, romantic love.
* Romeo & Juliet are electric with anticipation.
* Although love dominates, ominous foreshadowing is revealed – “these violent delights have violent ends”
* The Friar’s words reinforce the power and presence of fate.
* Friar Laurence recommends moderation which offers a contradiction to the way the characters live their lives.
* Every character follows passion and forsakes moderation.
* The passion of the young lovers might be destructive, but it is also exquisitely beautiful.