

## ACT TWO

### Act Two ♦ Scene One

*Romeo has forgotten Rosaline. Now he loves Juliet and she loves him. Their love must be secret because their families are enemies.*

*Romeo is outside the garden wall of the Capulet house.*

**ROMEO** How can I go home when she is here?

*He jumps over the wall and into the garden. At that moment, Juliet comes onto her balcony. She doesn't see Romeo.*

**ROMEO** It is Juliet. It is my love!

*Romeo moves closer to the balcony as Juliet begins to speak. She doesn't see him.*



**JULIET** **Oh Romeo, Romeo, why is your name Romeo?**  
A rose is beautiful and smells sweet. If we call it by a different name, it smells just as sweet. If you change your name, Romeo, you are still the man I love.

**O Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?**  
*wherefore = why; art = are; thou = you*

**ROMEO** If you love me, I can change my name.

**JULIET** Oh! Who is there?

**ROMEO** I cannot say my name. It is a word you hate.

**JULIET** I know that voice. I have only heard it say a hundred words, but I know it. Are you Romeo and a Montague?

**ROMEO** I am not Romeo or a Montague if you dislike those names.

*Romeo climbs up to Juliet's balcony.*

**JULIET** How did you reach my balcony? The walls are



high and hard to climb.

**ROMEO** Walls cannot stop love.

**JULIET** Why are you here? My family must not see you here – they will kill you.