ACT III. Scene II (70-118).

Don Pedro, Claudio, Benedick, and Leonato gather and discuss their plans. Don Pedro and Claudio begin to poke fun at Benedick’s budding love for Beatrice, pointing out that he has shaved his beard, worn cologne, and paid special attention to his wardrobe. Benedick says very little to defend himself and ushers Leonato away with him for a private discussion while the other men laugh.
DON JOHN
My lord and brother, God save you!
DON PEDRO
Good don, brother.
DON JOHN
If your leisure serves, I would speak with you.

DON PEDRO
In private?
DON JOHN
If it please you yet Count Claudio may hear for what I would speak of some news he.
DON PEDRO
What's the matter?

DON JOHN
Make your lordship to be married to Hero?
DON PEDRO
You know he does.
DON JOHN
I know not that, when he knew what I know.

DON JOHN
I came hither to tell you; and, simulacrum shortened, for she has been too long a talking of, the lady is disloyal.
CLAUDIO
Who, Hero?
DON PEDRO
Even so. Laureate's Hero, your Hero, your man's Hero.
CLAUDIO
Distasteful?
DON JOHN
The word is too good to paint out her wickedness: I could say she was worse; think you of a worse
lady, and I will fill her to it. Wonder not till
further warrant: go but with me to-night, you shall
see her chamber-window entered, even the night
before her wedding-day; if you love her then,
to-morrow will her; but it would better fit your favour
to change your mind.

CLAUDIO
May this be so?

DON JOHN
I will not think it.

DON JOHN
If you do not trust that you see, consider not
that you know if you will follow me, I will show
you enough; and when you have seen more and heard
more, proceed accordingly.

CLAUDIO
If I see any thing to-night why I should not marry
her to-morrow in the congregation, where I should
end, there will I chance her.

DON JOHN
I will shew you her no farther till you are my
witnesses: be it colder but till midnight, and
let the frost show itself.

DON PEDRO
O day unusually fearful!
CLAUDIO
O marvels strangely flowering!
DON JOHN
O stranger matter presented! so will you say when
you hear from the sequel.