

Romeo and Juliet – Quotes from Act 4 Scenes 1 to 5

*“O bid me leap, rather than
marry Paris,
From off the battlements of
any tower.”*

Juliet tells Friar Laurence that she would rather jump to her death from the top of a castle wall than marry Paris.

Alone in her room and about to take the potion, Juliet expresses her fears.

*“I have a faint cold fear
thrills through my veins
That almost freezes up my
heat of life.”*

*“How if, when I am laid into
the tomb,
I wake before the time that
Romeo
Come to redeem me?”*

In her soliloquy before she takes the Friar’s potion, Juliet explores the dreadful risk she is about to take and imagines what might go wrong. She fears she might wake alone in the tomb before Romeo arrives.

Lord Capulet is heartbroken when he discovers his daughter is – as he believes – dead. He compares her to a beautiful flower killed by an early frost.

*“Death lies on her like an
untimely frost
Upon the sweetest flower of all
the field”*