

Romeo and Juliet – Quotes from Act 5 Scene 3

*“Sweet flower, with flowers thy
bridal bed I strew -”*

Paris has come to Juliet’s grave to lay flowers which he had hoped would have been scattered on her bed on their wedding night. He is a good man who loved Juliet.

Romeo says that death has taken Juliet’s life but not her beauty. He does not know, of course, that she is still alive and soon to wake up, which is why she is not as pale as one would expect a dead person to be.

*“Death, that had sucked the
honey of thy breath,
Hath had no power yet upon
thy beauty.”*

*“I will kiss thy lips.
Haply some poison yet doth
hang on them To make me die
with a restorative.”*

Juliet wakes to find Romeo dead and hopes there is some poison left on his lips. If perhaps (haply) there is, then she will die too when she kisses him. However, her plan fails as there is no poison left.

Prince Escalus tells Capulet and Montague that their feud has brought about the terrible deaths of Romeo and Juliet. He also blames himself for not dealing with the feud and says he has lost relations as a result. Everyone suffers.

*“Capulet, Montague,
See what a scourge is laid upon
your hate
That heaven finds means to kill
your joys with love.
And I, for winking at your discords
too,
Have lost a brace of kinsmen
All are punished.”*