**Romeo and Juliet – Text Messaging Version**

*Act 1*

[Login](http://nicoleodell.com/2013/03/on-educating-teens-romeo-juliet-texting-version/): Romeo : R u awake? Want 2 [chat](http://nicoleodell.com/2013/03/on-educating-teens-romeo-juliet-texting-version/)?

Juliet: O Rom. Where4 art thou?

Romeo: Outside yr window.

Juliet: Stalker!

Romeo: Had 2 come. feeling jiggy.

Juliet: B careful. My family h8 u

Romeo: Tell me about it. What about u?

Juliet: ‘m up for marriage f u are.. Is tht a bit fwd?

Romeo: No. Yes. No. Oh, dsnt mat-r, 2moro @ 9?

Juliet: Luv U xxxx

Romeo: CU then xxxx

***Act 2***

Friar: Do u?

Juliet: I do

Romeo: I do

***Act 3***

Juliet: Come bck 2 bed. It’s the nightingale not the lark.

Romeo: OK

Juliet: !!! I ws wrong !!!. It’s the lark. U gotta go. Or die.

Romeo: I shouldn’t hv wasted Tybalt & gt banished.

Juliet: When CU again?

Romeo: Soon. Promise. Dry sorrow drinks our blood. Adieu.

Juliet: Miss u big time.

***Act 4***

Nurse: Yr mum says u have 2 marry Paris!!

Juliet: No way. Yuk yuk yuk. n-e-way, am mard 2 Rom.

***Act 5***

Friar: Really? O no. U wl have 2 take potion that makes u look ded.

Juliet: Gr8

***Act 6***

Romeo: J-why r u not returning my texts?

Romeo: RUOK? Am abroad but phone still works.

Romeo: TEXT ME!

Batty: Bad news. J dead. Sorry l8

***Act 7***

Romeo: J-wish u wr able 2 read this…am now poisoning & and climbing in yr grave. LUV U Ju xxxx

***Act 8***

Juliet: R-got yr text! Am alive! Ws faking it! Whr RU? Oh…

Friar: Vry bad situation.

Juliet: Nightmare. LUVU2. Always. Dagger. Ow!!! Logout

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