**Paraphrasing Shakespeare**

**Directions**: Try your hand at paraphrasing the following short passages from Act 2, scene 3, of *Romeo and Juliet.*

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| **Shakespeare’s Lines** | **Paraphrase** |
| 1. Friar   Therefore thy earliness doth me assure  Thou art up-rous’d by some distemp’rature;  Or if not so, then here I hit it right,  Our Romeo hath not been in bed tonight. |  |
| 1. Romeo   Then plainly know my heart’s dear love is set  On the fair daughter of rich Capulet.  As mine on her, so hers is set on mine,  And all combin’d, save whay thou must combine  By holy marriage. |  |
| 1. Friar   Holy Saint Francis, what a change is here!  Is Rosaline, that thou didst love so dear,  So soon forsaken? Young men’s love then lies  Not truly in their hearts, but in their eyes. |  |
| 1. Friar   But come, young waverer, come, go with me,  In one respect I’ll thy assistant be;  For this alliance may so happy prove  To turn your households’ rancor to pure love. |  |