**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 assureThou 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 setOn the fair daughter of rich Capulet.As mine on her, so hers is set on mine,And all combin’d, save whay thou must combineBy 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 liesNot 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 proveTo turn your households’ rancor to pure love. |  |