

Romeo and Juliet Act I, End of Scene 4, Scene 5

1. "Translate" the following lines:

Romeo: I fear, too early, for my mind misgives
Some consequence yet hanging in the stars
Shall bitterly begin his fearful date
With this night's revels and expire the term
Of a despised life, closed in my breast,
By some vile forfeit of untimely death
But he that hath the steerage of my course
Direct my sail!

(103)

He is saying he feels like something bad is going to happen that night at the party. And that he would be seeking an early death if he goes.

2. What is the mood of the party? Provide a detail in support.

Mood: Jolly

Detail: everyone is smiling and laughing. Having a great time.

3. As soon as Romeo sees Juliet, he immediately forgets about his love for Rosaline and falls in love with Juliet. What conclusion can we make about Romeo based on this fact?

He thought he was in love but once he opened his eyes he seen he wasn't

4. Write two phrases that Romeo uses to describe Juliet.

1st: He says It seems she hangs upon a cheek of night.

2nd: "Beauty too rich for use"

5. Lord Capulet finds out that Romeo, a Montague, is at his party. He decides to let Romeo stay. Why might he have made this decision?

Maybe he seen he wasn't causing any harm, or because he didn't want to listen to Prince Escalus.

6. Why do you think Shakespeare uses religious imagery in the conversation between Romeo and Juliet (lines 94-111)?

because that's how formal the time is, and most of the rules they have to obey are so strict they seem religious.

7. What is Juliet's strategy for finding out Romeo's name?

She tells the nurse to go ask him his name