

Valentines Play extract

A Valentines Play with a difference. Never have men had such a raw deal! Imagine Rapunzel, Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella and Snow White all spurning their princes! Imagine Romeo spurning Juliet! This real life 'take' turns every story on its head!

Music 8 If you leave me now – Chicago

Narrator: Cut! Cut! This wasn't meant to happen! How can we finish the play now?

(Romeo dashes onto stage)

Romeo: What have you done? I've just galloped all the way back from Mantua ...

Narrator: Well, that bit's right!

Romeo: Yes, I know. But she's gone and drunk my poison! How am I supposed to die *now*?

Cupid: (Coughing) Er, what about your beloved Juliet?

Narrator: Yes. Couldn't you look just a *little* bit more upset?

Romeo: (Bracing himself) OK. I'll give it a go.

Music 9 I'll Always Love You – Whitney Houston

(Romeo sings really 'over the top' version of Whitney Houston's I'll Always Love You)

Juliet: (Sitting up abruptly) Right! That's it! A girl can only put up with so much. I was prepared to go along with the playing it dead thing. But to listen to you killing my favorite song? I don't think so! Consider us OVER!

Narrator: Hey! Wait a minute! Aren't you forgetting something?
(Dangling bag of sweets in front of her)

(Cast all stand up, shaking fists at Juliet)

Juliet: Oh very well. (Lies down again)

(To Romeo) Just make it quick, will you? Take my dagger – that should do it!

Romeo: (Looking doubtfully) Ooh. I don't know about this. Not sure this was totally what I signed up for.

Music 10 Love hurts – Nazareth

Juliet: Oh get on with it! If I can take your poison, you can take my dagger, you big girl's blouse!

Romeo: Hmm. I think I'd have preferred the poison! Ah well,

(Taking a dramatic stand) In the name of love (holds up dagger, about to plunge into chest ...)

(Enter Lady Capulet, plus 2 others dressed as The Supremes – launch into hearty rendition of Diana Ross song)

Music 11 Stop in the name of love – Diana Ross

(Lady Capulet goes over to Romeo, shaking her finger)

Lady Capulet: Didn't I make it clear last time we met? No blood! No cleaning bill! Weren't you listening?