

The Taming of the Shrew

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Enter Lucentio and Biondello

BIONDELLO Cambio.

LUCENTIO What sayst thou, Biondello?

BIONDELLO You saw my master wink and laugh upon you?

LUCENTIO Biondello, what of that? 5

BIONDELLO Faith, nothing, but he's left me here behind to expound the meaning or moral of his signs and tokens.

LUCENTIO I pray thee, moralize them.

BIONDELLO Then thus: Baptista is safe, talking with the deceiving father of a deceitful son. 10

LUCENTIO And what of him?

BIONDELLO His daughter is to be brought by you to the supper.

LUCENTIO And then?

BIONDELLO The old priest at Saint Luke's church is at your 15 command at all hours.

LUCENTIO And what of all this?

BIONDELLO I cannot tell, except they are busied about a counterfeit assurance. Take you assurance of her *cum privilegio ad imprimendum solum*±±to th' church take the 20 priest, clerk, and some sufficient honest witnesses. If this be not that you look for, I have no more to say,

But bid Bianca farewell for ever and a day.

LUCENTIO Hear'st thou, Biondello?

BIONDELLO I cannot tarry, I knew a wench married in an 25 afternoon as she went to the garden for parsley to stuff a rabbit, and so may you, sir, and so adieu, sir. My master hath appointed me to go to Saint Luke's to bid the priest be ready t'attend against you come with your appendix. 30

Exit

LUCENTIO

I may and will, if she be so contented.

She will be pleased, then wherefore should I doubt?

Hap what hap may, I'll roundly go about her.
It shall go hard if Cambio go without her.

Exit