

**SCENE II. A room in LEONATO's house.**

*Enter LEONATO and ANTONIO, meeting*

**LEONATO**

How now, brother! Where is my cousin, your son?  
hath he provided this music?

**ANTONIO**

He is very busy about it. But, brother, I can tell  
you strange news that you yet dreamt not of.

**LEONATO**

Are they good?

**ANTONIO**

As the event stamps them: but they have a good  
cover; they show well outward. The prince and Count  
Claudio, walking in a thick-pleached alley in mine  
orchard, were thus much overheard by a man of mine:  
the prince discovered to Claudio that he loved my  
niece your daughter and meant to acknowledge it  
this night in a dance: and if he found her  
accordant, he meant to take the present time by the  
top and instantly break with you of it.

**LEONATO**

Hath the fellow any wit that told you this?

**ANTONIO**

A good sharp fellow: I will send for him; and  
question him yourself.

**LEONATO**

No, no; we will hold it as a dream till it appear  
itself: but I will acquaint my daughter withal,  
that she may be the better prepared for an answer,  
if peradventure this be true. Go you and tell her of it.