**Act 1, Scene 5 – Romeo first sees Juliet (Part 1)**

**Activities:**

1. What does the simile “Like a rich jewel in an Ethiope’s ear” suggest?
2. What does the repetition of “too” suggest in the quotation ‘*Beauty too rich for use, for earth too dear!’*
3. What does the juxtaposition show in the line *‘So shows a snowy dove trooping with crows’*?
4. This is a very poetic monologue. Can you find a metaphor which suggests that Romeo is entranced with Juliet? What is the effect?
5. Can you find any references to light and dark in the speech? What do they suggest? (eg. dove/crow suggests white and black.)
6. Does Shakespeare intend us to be swept along with the pace of events here, making us believe that lives can be transformed in an instant and that love is an powerful emotion?

**ROMEO:** O, she doth teach the torches to burn bright!
It seems she hangs upon the cheek of night
Like a rich jewel in an Ethiope's**\*** ear;
Beauty too rich for use, for earth too dear!
So shows a snowy dove trooping with crows,
As yonder lady o'er her fellows shows.
The measure done, I'll watch her place of stand,
And, touching hers, make blessed my rude hand.
Did my heart love till now? forswear it, sight!
For I ne'er saw true beauty till this night.

INCREASING CHALLENGE

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