Romeo’s is sad at the beginning of act 1 is due to the fact that his love doesn’t love him. His love’s name is Rosaline and on page 909 it says “… and in strong proof of chastity well-armed, from love’s weak childish bow she lives uncharmed.” Meaning that she promised to never have sex and stay a virgin like Dian from roman mythology. Since she has sworn that oath she cannot give Romeo what he wants, why he hangs out under the sycamore grove, where Benvolio has seen him many mornings. Also another reason we can tell he is very sad in the beginning of act is because he uses oxymorons like “feather of lead, bright smoke, cold fire, sick health, still waking sleep….” Romeo thinks that he will suffer forever because Rosaline is the only one for him. Then the invite list falls into Romeo’s hands and he see that Rosaline is invited, so he decides to go. While at the feast he changes his mind about Rosaline being the only one for him.

While asking a servingman who is the girl dance that is so beautiful, he is heard by Tybalt, who now want to end his life. Lord Capulet hears of this and calms Tybalt down and saves Romeo. Then, he sees Juliet, who he now believes to be the most beautiful girl in the world. He kisses her over and over by the wits of his words. His words speak of the pilgrims that traveled long distances to a sacred shrine. Then they would pray and kiss the shrine. He is happier because Romeo believes that he found a girl that will give him what he wanted and wasn’t bound by a chastised oath. This is until he finds out that the girl he is in love with is a foe, a Capulet as he is a Montague, from Juliet’s nurse, though he doesn’t know any more than that. Shakespeare, William. Elements of Literature. Vol. 3. Austin, Texas: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 2007. Print.