

The sea-coast

VIOLA. SAILOR

V: My name is Viola. There was a storm. I was on a boat. My brother Sebastian was on the boat too. Sebastian is surely dead. I love my brother, my poor brother. I'm so cold, so very cold.

Sa: Who are you? You poor woman, you were in that storm! How cold you look - can I help you?

V: I was on a boat with my brother - Sebastian, my twin. He looks like me. Have you seen a man who looks like me?

Sa: No, Madam.

V: Then he is dead... What country is this, Sir?

Sa: Illyria, Madam.

V: Who rules this country?

Sa: Duke Orsino is the ruler. A good man, but sad. The problem is, he loves Lady Olivia.

V: What's the problem?

Sa: Lady Olivia does not love Duke Orsino ...

Lady Olivia's house

SIR TOBY BELCH. SIR ANDREW AGUECHEEK

T: *(To audience)* Hello there. My name is Belch (*belches*). Sir Toby Belch. I live here, in Lady Olivia's house. I'm her uncle, you know, so she's my ... niece. Let's drink to my niece - To Lady Olivia. Cheers! Maria says I drink too much, but I like drinking. I like Maria - very much. She's Lady Olivia's servant, you know. An excellent woman! I'll tell you a secret. I want to marry Maria.

A: Ah, Sir Toby. How are you today?

T: Ah, sweet Sir Andrew.

A: Sir Toby. I'm leaving. Lady Olivia refuses to see me. She will never marry me. She will marry Duke Orsino.

T: Don't worry, Lady Olivia will not marry Duke Orsino ... But stay, Sir Andrew - don't leave.

A: Oh, all right, I'll stay...for one month - if we can have fun.

T: Of course we can have fun. You like dancing, don't you?

A: So we can have parties and dancing?

T: Yes! Yes! Parties and dancing. Let's see you dance.

A: *(Dances)*

T: That's it. Higher! Higher!

A: *(Dances off stage)*

T: *(To audience)* Maria says Sir Andrew is stupid. She is right - he is stupid. But he speaks three or four languages. He's very rich, too, and I like his money. We **do** drink too much. But we have lots of fun together. Cheers!