SCENE IV. A street.

Enter ROMEO, MERCUTIO, BENVOLIO, with five or six Maskers, Torch-bearers, and others

MERCUTIO

You are a lover; borrow Cupid's wings, And soar with them above a common bound.

ROMEO

I am too sore enpierced with his arrow
To soar with his light feathers, and so bound,
I cannot bound a pitch above dull woe:
Under love's heavy burden do I sink.

MERCUTIO

If love be rough with you, be rough with love; Prick love for pricking, and you beat love down.

BENVOLIO

Come, knock and enter; and no sooner in, But every man betake him to his legs.

ROMEO

I dream'd a dream to-night.

MERCUTIO

O, then, I see Queen Mab hath been with you. Her chariot is an empty hazel-nut And in this state she gallops night by night Through lovers' brains, and then they dream of love; O'er ladies ' lips, who straight on kisses dream, This is that very Mab, This is she--

ROMEO

Peace, peace, Mercutio, peace! Thou talk'st of nothing.

BENVOLIO

Supper is done, and we shall come too late.

ROMEO

I fear, too early. Direct my sail! On, lusty gentlemen.

BENVOLIO

Strike, drum.