

## **TAMING OF THE SHREW**

Kate & Petruchio

### **PART 1**

**PETRUCHIO:**

I will attend her here,  
And woo her with some spirit when she comes.  
But here she comes; and now, Petruchio, speak.  
*(Enter KATHARINA)*

Good morrow, Kate; for that's your name, I hear.

**KATHARINA:**

Well have you heard, but something hard of hearing:  
They call me Katharina that do talk of me.

**PETRUCHIO:**

You lie, in faith; for you are call'd plain Kate,  
And bonny Kate and sometimes Kate the curst;  
But Kate, I myself am moved to woo thee for my wife.

**KATHARINA:**

Moved! in good time: let him that moved you hither  
Remove you hence. You are a moveable!

**PETRUCHIO:**

Why, what's a moveable?

**KATHARINA:**

A joint-stool.

**PETRUCHIO:**

Thou hast hit it: come, sit on me.

**KATHARINA:**

No such jade as you.

**PETRUCHIO:**

I will not burden thee;  
For, knowing thee to be but young and light—

**KATHARINA:**

As heavy as my weight should be.

**PETRUCHIO:**

Come, come, you wasp; i' faith, you are too angry.

**KATHARINA:**

If you talk of tails, so farewell.

**PETRUCHIO:**

Nay, come again, good Kate; I am a gentleman.

**KATHARINA**

That I'll try!

*(She strikes him)*

**PETRUCHIO**

I swear I'll cuff you, if you strike again.

**KATHARINA:**

So may you lose your arms:  
If you strike me, you are no gentleman!