

## LEONATO SIDE #2, 1.1

*Enter Don Pedro, Prince of Aragon, with Claudio, Benedick, Balthasar, and John the Bastard.*

PRINCE Good Signior Leonato, are you come to meet  
your trouble? The fashion of the world is to avoid  
cost, and you encounter it. 75

LEONATO Never came trouble to my house in the  
likeness of your Grace, for trouble being gone,  
comfort should remain, but when you depart from  
me, sorrow abides and happiness takes his leave. 80

PRINCE You embrace your charge too willingly. *Turning  
to Hero.* I think this is your daughter.

LEONATO Her mother hath many times told me so.

BENEDICK Were you in doubt, sir, that you asked her?

LEONATO Signior Benedick, no, for then were you a  
child. 85

PRINCE You have it full, Benedick. ~~We may guess by  
this what you are, being a man.~~ Truly the lady  
fathers herself.—Be happy, lady, for you are like  
an honorable father.

*Leonato and the Prince move aside.*