ISABELLA

O, how much is the good

duke deceived in Angelo! If ever he return, and I

 can speak to him, I will open my lips in vain, or

 discover his government.

DUKE*,*(*as Friar*)

 That shall not be much amiss. Yet,

a remedy presents itself.

ISABELLA

 Let me hear you speak farther.

DUKE*,*(*as Friar*)

Have you not heard speak of Mariana, the

 sister of Frederick, the great soldier who miscarried

 at sea?

ISABELLA

 I have heard of the lady.

DUKE(*as Friar*)

She should this Angelo have married,

 was affianced to her oath, and the nuptial appointed.

 Between which time of the contract and

 limit of the solemnity, her brother Frederick was

 wracked at sea, having in that perished vessel the

 dowry of his sister. There she lost a noble

and renowned brother, with him, the portion and

 sinew of her fortune, her marriage dowry; with

this well-seeming Angelo.

ISABELLA

Did Angelo so leave her?

DUKE*,*(*as Friar*)

Left her in her tears and dried not one

 of them with his comfort, swallowed his vows

 whole.

ISABELLA

What corruption in this

 life, that it will let this man live! But how out of this

can she avail?

DUKE*,*(*as Friar*)

 This forenamed maid hath yet in her

 the continuance of her first affection.

Go you to

Angelo, answer his requiring with a plausible obedience,

 agree with his demands to the point.

We shall advise this wronged maid

 to stead up your appointment, go in your place. If

 the encounter acknowledge itself hereafter, it may

 compel him to her recompense; and here, by this, is

your brother saved, your honor untainted, the poor

 Mariana advantaged, and the corrupt deputy

 scaled. What think you of it?

ISABELLA

 The image of it gives me content already

DUKE*,*(*as Friar*)

Haste you speedily to Angelo. If for this night he entreat

 you to his bed, give him promise of satisfaction. I

 will presently to Saint Luke’s. There at the moated

 grange resides this dejected Mariana. At that place

 call upon me, and dispatch with Angelo that it may

 be quickly.