

SIDE 1 Act I, Scene 3 OLIVIA'S house.

[Enter **SIR TOBY BELCH** and **MARIA**]

Sir Toby Belch. What a plague means my niece, to take the death of her brother thus? I am sure care's an enemy to life.

Maria. By my troth, Sir Toby, you must come in earlier o' nights: your cousin, my lady, takes great exceptions to your ill hours. 120

Sir Toby Belch. Why, let her except, before excepted.

Maria. Ay, but you must confine yourself within the modest limits of order.

Sir Toby Belch. Confine! I'll confine myself no finer than I am: these clothes are good enough to drink in; and so be these boots too: an they be not, let them hang themselves in their own straps. 125

Maria. That quaffing and drinking will undo you: I heard my lady talk of it yesterday; and of a foolish knight that you brought in one night here to be her wooer.
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Sir Toby Belch. Who, Sir Andrew Aguecheek?

Maria. Ay, he.

Sir Toby Belch. He's as tall a man as any's in Illyria.

Maria. What's that to the purpose?

Sir Toby Belch. Why, he has three thousand ducats a year. 135

Maria. Ay, but he'll have but a year in all these ducats: he's a very fool and a prodigal.

Sir Toby Belch. Fie, that you'll say so! he plays o' the viol-de-gamboys, and speaks three or four languages word for word without book, and hath all the good gifts of nature. 140

Maria. He hath indeed, almost natural: for besides that
he's a fool, he's a great quarreller: and but that
he hath the gift of a coward to allay the gust he
hath in quarrelling, 'tis thought among the prudent
he would quickly have the gift of a grave. 145

Sir Toby Belch. By this hand, they are scoundrels and subtractors
that say so of him. Who are they?

Maria. They that add, moreover, he's drunk nightly in your company.

Sir Toby Belch. With drinking healths to my niece: I'll drink to
her as long as there is a passage in my throat and
drink in Illyria: he's a coward and a coystrill
that will not drink to my niece till his brains turn
o' the toe like a parish-top. What, wench!

Castiliano vulgo! for here comes Sir Andrew Agueface. 155