

Baptista Minola

**Baptista Minola**. Gentlemen, importune me no farther,  
For how I firmly am resolv'd you know;  
That is, not to bestow my youngest daughter  
Before I have a husband for the elder.  
If either of you both love Katherina,  
Because I know you well and love you well,  
Leave shall you have to court her at your pleasure.

**Baptista Minola**. Gentlemen, content ye; I am resolv'd.

Go in, Bianca.

Exit BIANCA

And for I know she taketh most delight  
In music, instruments, and poetry,  
Schoolmasters will I keep within my house  
Fit to instruct her youth. If you, Hortensio,  
Or, Signior Gremio, you, know any such,  
Prefer them hither; for to cunning men  
I will be very kind, and liberal  
To mine own children in good bringing-up;  
And so, farewell. Katherina, you may stay;  
For I have more to commune with Bianca.

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