

RJ Romeo and Juliet
From Code Poems (1982)
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LZT	Mike:	I have received the following message from agents.
TCD	Romeo:	Party?
VHX	Mike:	Saturday night
OAR	Romeo:	Happy to hear it or that
FS	Mike:	Be very careful in your intercourse with strangers
YCG	Romeo:	I do not trust too much to my _____
EZF	Mike:	Article indicated can be supplied, but it will require fitting.
		I will lend what is required
QNA	Romeo:	All precautions have been taken
TCD	Mike:	Proceed to rendezvous
FY	Romeo:	Hot bearings
TIV	Mike:	By no means plain
SDQ	Romeo:	What is her name?
SDL	Juliet:	My name is
J		Juliet
ENC		dazzling, am, is, are
SDT		What is your name?
SLD	Romeo:	My name is
R		Romeo
EBQ	Juliet:	Your name is not on my list; spell it alphabetically
JG	Romeo:	I wish to have personal communication with you
LI	Juliet:	Unless your communication is very important, I must be excused
JM	Mike:	Stranger is suspicious
MYX	Romeo:	Fine day
EBL	Juliet:	I beg to be excused
PCF	Romeo:	The ice is so solid I cannot break through; send help
YCS	Mike:	Try again
H	Romeo:	Stop, heave to, or come nearer, I have something to communicate
USX	Juliet:	Sorry, I am unable to comply with your request
AGS	Romeo:	The following is in plain language
TQB	Juliet:	I doubt if it is possible
RIC	Romeo:	Cannot make it out
EQO	Mike:	I decline to have anything further to say or do in the matter.
KUM		Nothing to be depended upon beyond your own resources
DJX		Farewell. Adieu (Mike leaves)
NM	Romeo:	I am on fire
MLI		You must not or cannot make any excuse
TMV		Shall I have the pleasure to or of
F		Foxtrot
FBX	Juliet:	As you please
QRA		I am willing to
T		Tango
QAW	Romeo:	It is very kind of you
FIG		At last
B		Bravo
OYP	Juliet:	Horny
BKS		Idiot
IVL		You are too close. Keep farther off.

DN		I have orders for you not to touch
HFL	<i>Romeo:</i>	Will you breakfast with me?
LS	<i>Juliet:</i>	It is not safe to go so fast
LAX	<i>Romeo:</i>	Will you dine with me?
MIL		Tomorrow evening
TQB	<i>Juliet:</i>	I doubt if it is possible
MIK	<i>Romeo:</i>	This evening?
LAW	<i>Juliet:</i>	What time is dinner or when will dinner be ready?
FBM	<i>Romeo:</i>	As soon as it is dark
DCA	<i>Juliet:</i>	With pleasure. I will accept.
MHL		A small establishment
HAJ	<i>Romeo:</i>	Cafe. Restaurant
DOQ	<i>Juliet:</i>	What would you recommend?
TUN	<i>Romeo:</i>	Preserved soup
GDC		Fresh beef and vegetables
STJ		Potato
IOG		Cheese
ISD		Ale, beer
BSU	<i>Juliet:</i>	We shall have
WVR		Sherry
SYR		Are any oysters to be had?
LMT		Half dozen
QXT		Lobster
ZGE		Rhine wine
OEZ		Goose
UWS		Rice
SON		Mushroom
ZGE		Burgundy wine
TUJ		Preserved fruit
KC		Champagne
WIZ	<i>Romeo:</i>	Bicarbonate of soda
DZI		Have been short on allowance for some time
GKI		Can I get a bill cashed here?
IVK		Will you keep close to me during the night?
OXY		Hope you will
OXW	<i>Juliet:</i>	Hope you can
IP	<i>Romeo:</i>	Shall we keep company?
ITY	<i>Juliet:</i>	A visit from a Protestant clergyman would be much valued
GHI	<i>Romeo:</i>	Will you lead into or point out a good berth?
IHL	<i>Juliet:</i>	When do lay days commence?
DQU	<i>Romeo:</i>	After dinner
ZMD	<i>Juliet:</i>	Your zeal has been particularly noted by ____
MIR	<i>Romeo:</i>	Have you ever?
MIG	<i>Juliet:</i>	Every evening
KIQ		Every day. Daily
MJA		Every opportunity
NWC		Have you a proper certificate of competency?
TU	<i>Romeo:</i>	Have you a clean bill of health?
GHI		You are in very fair berth
GIA	<i>Juliet:</i>	This is my best point
SHJ		Some swell
XOR	<i>Romeo:</i>	Thank you
GDS		May I begin to?

GIT
 MFO
 MFD
 KZU
 OOX
 HBK
 HAY
 FHR
 ODI
 HC
 KZY
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 VLA
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 AN
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 JCQ
 JDC
 LCO
 ZHC
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 WGD
 DXY

Juliet: The sooner the better
Romeo: Entrance is difficult
Juliet: Try to enter
Romeo: I am in difficulties; direct me how to steer
Juliet: You should swing and enter stern first
Romeo: What is the nature of the bottom or what kind of bottom have you?
Juliet: Double bottom
Romeo: Stern way. Going astern
Romeo: I am going full speed
Juliet: It is not safe to go so fast
Romeo: It is difficult to extricate
Juliet: Is anything the matter
Romeo: Cock broken or damaged
Juliet: What do the cost of repairs amount to?
Romeo: With some assistance I shall be able to set things to rights
Juliet: Are you in a condition to proceed?
Romeo: It it comes on to blow
Juliet: Blowing hard
Romeo: Blowing too hard
Juliet: Can you renew the action?
 According to the usual practice?
Romeo: I shall, or will if I can
Juliet: Can you lift your screw?
Romeo: Every exertion has been made
 Operations have commenced
Juliet: You
 Screw well
Romeo: Are you coming?
Juliet: I shall come off by and by or at the time indicated
Romeo: I fear I cannot hold out much longer
Juliet: Stop carrying out your intentions and wait for my signals
Romeo: When will you or it be finished?
Juliet: I will come
Romeo: Come directly, immediately
Juliet: Coming at once
Romeo: Discharging
 Shall or will be withdrawn
Juliet: Can you renew the action?
Romeo: I will not abandon you. I will remain by you
Juliet: Sleep, sleepy, sleeping, slept
Romeo Juliet: All snug