

Romeo and Juliet – Quotes from Act 3 Scene 3

*“Ha, banishment? Be merciful,
say ‘death’
For exile hath more terror in
his look.
Much more than death.”*

Romeo thinks banishment is a fate worse than death, as it will separate him from Juliet.

Friar Laurence tries to persuade Romeo not to over-react to his banishment.

*“Be patient, for the world is
broad and wide.”*

*“The law, that threatened
death, becomes thy friend
And turns it to exile. There
art thou happy.”*

Friar Laurence tries to make Romeo see sense and realise that he could have been sentenced to death, rather than merely exiled.

