

↔ romeo and juliet ↔

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The names "Romeo" and "Juliet" have entered our vocabulary and have inspired ballets, operas, and even rock songs. The rock group Dire Straits produced this song in 1980.

a lovestruck romeo sings a streetsuss
serenade
laying everybody low with a lovesong that
he made
finds a convenient streetlight steps out of
the shade
says something like you and me babe how
about it?

juliet says hey it's romeo you nearly gimme
a heart attack
he's underneath the window she's singing
hey la my boyfriend's back
you shouldn't come around here singing up
at people like that
anyway what you gonna do about it?

juliet the dice were loaded from the start
and i bet and you exploded in my heart
and i forget i forget the movie song
when you gonna realise it was just that
the time was wrong juliet?

come up on different streets they both were
streets of shame
both dirty both mean yes and the dream
was just the same
and i dreamed your dream for you and now
your dream is real
how can you look at me as if i was just
another one of your deals?

when you can fall for chains of silver you
can fall for chains of gold
you can fall for pretty strangers and the
promises they hold

you promised me everything you promised
me thick and thin
now you just say oh romeo yeah you know
i used to have a scene with him

juliet when we made love you used to cry
you said i love you like the stars above
i'll love you till i die
there's a place for us you know the movie
song
when you gonna realise it was just that
the time was wrong juliet?

i can't do the talk like they talk on tv
and i can't do a love song like the way it's
meant to be
i can't do everything but i'd do anything for you
i can't do anything except be in love with you

and all i do is miss you and the way we
used to be
all i do is keep the beat and bad company
all i do is kiss you through the bars of a
rhyme
julie i'd do the stars with you any time

Repeat second refrain.

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What do the Romeos and Juliets in Shakespeare's and Knopfler's versions have in common? How are they different?

Create a rock video or a rock video script for this song. Dire Straits produced a video for this song. If you can obtain a copy, view it and then write a short paragraph expressing your opinion of the video.