The wedding party assembles and the ceremony begins. Friar Francis asks if Claudio or Hero know of any reason why they should not be married. In front of everyone, Claudio asks Leonato if his daughter is a virgin.

Enter Don Pedro, Don John, Leonato, Friar Francis, Claudio, Benedick, Hero and Beatrice

Leonato
Come, Friar Francis, be brief. Only to the plain form of marriage, and you shall recount their particular duties afterwards.

Friar
You come hither, my lord, to marry this lady?

Claudio
No.

Leonato
To be married to her. Friar, you come to marry her.

Friar
Lady, you come hither to be married to this count?

Hero
I do.

Friar
If either of you know any inward impediment why you should not be conjoined, I charge you on your souls to utter it.

Claudio
Know you any, Hero?

Hero
None, my lord.

Friar
Know you any, Count?

Leonato
I dare make his answer: none.

Claudio
Know you any, Hero?

Hero
None, my lord.

Friar
Know you any, Count?

Leonato
I dare make his answer: none.

Claudio
O what men dare do! What men may do! What men daily do, not knowing what they do!

Benedick
How now! Interjections? Why then, some be of laughing, as ah, ha he!

Claudio
Stand thee by, Friar. Father, by your leave, Will you with free and unconstrained soul Give me this maid, your daughter?

Leonato
As freely, son, as God did give her me.