MILJENKO I DOBRILA

Once upon a time love happened. True love that was worth dying for.

Miljenko Rušinić i Dobrila Vitturi lived in Kaštel Lukšić, in the second half of 17th century. They were children of two noble families who hated each other beacuse they couldn't agree about feudal rights. They fell very deeply in love with each other and met secretly but a small Dalmatian village couldn't keep their secret for a long time. Their relationship angered Dobrila's father who decided to stop this maddness so he followed her every step. Miljenko was sent to Venice by hist father and Dobrila's father arranged a marriage to a nobleman from Trogir whose name was Družimir. The news about the marriage of his beloved Dobrila travelled to Venice. Miljenko arrived at the moment of pronouncing married vows and in front of the whole village stopped the wedding. Dobrila's father was ashamed and sent her to saint Nicholas monastery in Trogir but Miljenko didn't want to give up to save his love. He met the boat and caused a mess so the city authorities sent him to saint frances monastery on the island of Visovac. Dobrila's father felt so humiliated that he ordered Miljenko's murder. Miljenko disguised himself into the friar and managed to escape the evil destiny.

With the help of Dobrila's nanny Miljenko sent messages to Dobrila and they arranged their common escape and a wedding on the island of Visovac. The news came to the Vitturi family so Radoslav invited a youg couple to the reconciliation and wedding in their native Kaštel Lukšić. Without feeling the evil Miljenko i Dobrila accpeted the reconciliation of the two families and got married at church.

Radoslav couldn't accept the fact that love and persistance had won and destroyed his authority and power. The night after the wedding, led by anger and revenge, he waited Miljenko in the ambush in front of his castle and killed him. Dobrila lost her mind out of sorrow, she got very ill and died after few months. Her last wish was to be burried next to her one and only love in saint Ivan church on Rušinac. Love that they fought so strongly for could only survive in eternity.

To this day there is a gravestone with an inscription „Lovers rest in piece“ as a memory of true and indomitable love.