

Canzoni

Reading Romeo and Juliet

Romeo and Juliet at fourteen
are overly dramatic
Two murders, two suicides for romance
are overly traumatic.

Are they modern role models for our teens
or just young love gone tragic?
Grand melodrama of those by-gone days
today loses its magic?

Canzoni: Italian. Several stanzas of alternating 10 syllable and 7 syllable lines. The **Ballata** from the 13th century is a song accompanied by a dance. It starts with a refrain which is repeated at the end of each stanza. Many medieval forms rhymed.