

CS553 Cryptography

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The given Homophonic cipher decrypts to the Shakespearean classic from *The twelfth night*:

"If music be the love of food play on"

By itself, it is interpreted as equating music to food for love. On its own, as it is commonly quoted, speakers interpret it as promoting love in one's life as one might seek out more food to sate one's appetite. But, in the context of the play and the entire quote, it becomes clear that the speaker is asking for more music because he hopes that it will cure him of his obsessive love for Countess Olivia. He hopes that with more music, his "appetite may sicken and so die."