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<p><i>O Vanity of Youthfull Blood, So by misuse to poison Good! Woman formid for Social Love, Fairest Gift of Lovers above!</i></p>	<p><i>Source of every Household Blessing, All Charms on Innocence possessing, But turn'd to Vice, all Plagues above, Foe to thy Being, Foe to Love!</i></p>	<p><i>Guest Divine to outward Vic'ring, Altho' Minister of Rain! And Thou, no less of Gift divine, Sweet Poison of Misused Wine!</i></p>	<p><i>With Freedom led to every Part, And secret Chamber of the Heart, Dost thou thy friendly Host betray, And show thy riotous Gang the way!</i></p>	<p><i>To enter in with covert Treason, O'erthrow the drowsy Guard of Reason, To ransack the abandoned Place, And revel there with wild Excess.</i></p>
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