

Song — has a songlike style

## LADY MARY WROTH

Love a child is ever crying;

Please him, and he straight is flying;

Give him he the more is craving;

Never satisfied with having.

Personification not serious // His desires have no measure;

Endless folly is his treasure;

What he promiseth he breaketh.

Trust not one word that he speaketh.

He vows nothing but false matter,

And to cozen you he'll flatter

Let him gain the hand, he'll leave you,

And still glory to deceive you.

He will triumph in your wailing,

And yet cause be of your failing.

These his virtues are, and slighter

Are his gifts, his favours lighter.

## IRONY

Feathers are as firm in staying,

Wolves no fiercer in their preying.

As a child then leave him crying,

Nor seek him so given to flying.

straight] immediately

false matter] i.e. lies

cozen] deceive

Let him gain the hand] i.e. if you allow him  
to get the upper hand

glory to] relish the opportunity to

his favours lighter] his kindnesses even flimsier

as firm in staying] as rigidly fixed (i.e. not at all)

doesn't stop  
cycle

A sports team winning  
positive characteristics  
-inflicting pain  
sadness

false sense of security  
promise + vow : love is a lie  
→ give him what he wants and  
he's gone → Please him and  
he straight is flying  
sadness

abandons  
destroys trust