

Lecture no-14

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Explanation - 04

What tender maid but must a victim fall
To one man's treat, but for another's ball?

where wigs with wigs, with sword-knots sword-
knots drive,
Beaux banish beaux, and coaches drive.

In these lines the poet describes the
function of the sylphs. owing to their con-
-trivance the soft-hearted maidens reject
one suitor in preference to another. when
they are about to yield to the desire of
one, there appears another by whose charm
they are fascinated. Thus the fascination exer-
-cised by the lack of one lover is counteracted
by the greater fascination of another
lover. Every young woman surrenders her
virtue to a lover who gives her some
entertainment, if the effects of the enter-
-tainment were not counteracted by a
dance party arranged by a rival lover.
If the lady is fascinated by the fine
conversation of Florio, she is soon allured
by Damon who warmly presses her hand.
In this way they constantly shift their
heart with all its vanities and frivolities
from one person to another. This interesting
competition among young men for ladies'
lovers is created by the sylphs. They instigate
them to oust one another from this
sweethearts favours. Thus the heart of
women became unity shop with ever changing
articles for sale. Their hearts are fickle
and full of light frivolous pleasures which
are constantly changing.

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