

Description

• *To Lucinda*

Since you the fatal Strife endurâ??d, 25
And yielded to his Dart:
How can I hope to be securâ??d,
And guard a weaker Heart?

1 dissuade Variation of dissuade 'to give advice against'• (OED).

7 *CUPID* The Roman God of love, son of Venus; often appears as an infant with wings carrying a bow, and arrows that have the power to inspire love in those they pierce (*Encyclopædia Britannica*); *Medes Decree* Refers to the laws of the Medes and Persians, being an ancient Indo-European people whose empire encompassed most of Persia; in the Bible, laws of the Medes is a proverbial phrase meaning, something that is unalterable (OED).

21 *LOVE* The God of love, Cupid.

22 *Sway* Power (OED).

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