

Whoso that will all feats

Verse 1

Whoso that will all feats obtain.
In love he must be without disdain

Verse 2

For love enforceth all mobile kind,
And disdain discourages all gentle kind.

Verse 3

Wherefore to love and be not loved
Is worse than death? Let it be proved!

Verse 4

Love encourageth and maketh one bold
Disdain abateth and maketh him cold.

Verse 5

Love is given to God and man;
To woman also, I think, the same.

Verse 6

But disdain is vice and should be refused;
Yet nevertheless it is too much used.

Verse 7

Great pity it were, love for to compel
With disdain both false and subtel.