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*III. O th'unsure hopes of men.*

O th'unsure hopes of men! the brittle state!  
The vaine contentions that vnluckilie,  
Oft in midst of the race fall ruinate,  
And in their course long ouerwhelmed be,  
And swallow'd vp ere they the port could see.

2 O womens fruitlesse loue! vnquiet state!  
Too deare affections, that despightfully,  
Ev' n in their height of blisse proue desolate!  
And often fall farre from all hope of ioy,  
Ere they haue time to dreame on their annoy.