

Sir Thomas Wyatt

Divers Doth Use

DIVERS doth use, as I have heard and know,
When that to change their ladies do begin,
To mourn and wail, and never for to lynn,¹
Hoping thereby to 'pease their painful woe.
And some there be that when it chanceth so
That women change, and hate where love hath been,
They call them false, and think with words to win
The hearts of them which otherwhere doth grow.

But as for me, though that by chance indeed
Change hath outworn the favour that I had,
I will not wail, lament, nor yet be sad,
Nor call her false that falsely did me feed ;
 But let it pass, and think it is of kind
 That often change doth please a woman's mind.

Reading

Key words

Dualism, Relationship, love, attitudes and behavior

Themes

End of love relationship, female behavior and response of men.

Structure

Italian Sonnet, or Petrarchan

Form and Devices

The language of the poem , The meter.