

#### J4 Greedie, Envious, malicious proud unstable

*Notes.* In the only known source, this poem immediately follows a copy of the more widely circulated “*Heere lyes the breife of badnes vices nurse*”.

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Suborner, Plotter, no waies tractable<sup>1</sup>

Forger of Mischeifes, vertues onely Foe

Usurers Mynion Contriver of woe

The nurse of vice, I will not say a whore

Lyes nowe demancd<sup>2</sup> confin'd with in the tower<sup>3</sup>

A place too good for such a one to take

Who list to knowe her, tis the Ladie Lake.

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**Source.** Bodleian MS Malone 23, pp. 5-6

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<sup>1</sup> *tractable*: the scribe also inserts “warrantable”, as though considering an alternative reading.

<sup>2</sup> *demancd*: not in the *OED*, but perhaps an anglicized version of the French verb *demancher*, to dislocate.

<sup>3</sup> *tower*: Mary Lake was imprisoned in the Tower of London from 1619 to 1620.

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