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### **EXPLANATION**

Q.           *Disguise, I see thou art a wickedness ,  
Wherein the pregnant enemy does much.  
How easy is it for the proper-false  
In women's waxen hearts to set their forms!*

Ans.                   These lines have been taken from Act-I  
Scene-V of Shakespeare's great comedy, "The Twelfth Night" .In  
these lines Viola curses the evil device of disguise.

Viola feels disguise to be a wicked  
technique. She is shocked to find the evil effect of her disguise  
on the heart of poor Olivia. The poor lady, Olivia has passionately  
fallen in love with another lady, Viola disguised in a young man,

Cesario. Viola compares a disguised man to Satan who betrays the mankind by disguising himself into various forms. A handsome and deceitful person can easily befool an innocent young woman through the wicked device of disguise. The heart of a woman is soft and impressionable like wax. This weakness of the woman's heart can easily be exploited by a good-looking clever young man. Viola feels that there is no help for woman because their emotional weakness is the root cause of their suffering and their downfall.

These lines are remarkable for expressing Shakespeare's view about the innocent and soft heart of a woman.

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