

**Title:** El amor y la locura

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Habiendo la locura  
Con el amor reñido,  
Dejó ciego de un golpe  
Al miserable niño,  
Venganza pide al cielo  
Venus, mas ¡con qué gritos!  
Era madre y esposa:  
Con esto queda dicho.

Queréllase a los dioses,  
presentando a su hijo:  
"¿De qué sirven las flechas,  
De qué el arco a Cupido,  
faltándole la vista  
Para asestar sus tiros?  
Quítensele las alas  
Y aquel ardiente cirio,  
Si a su luz ser no pueden  
Sus vuelos dirigidos."

Atendiendo a que el ciego  
Siguiere su ejercicio,  
Y a que la delincuente  
Tuviese su castigo,  
Júpiter, presidente  
De la asamblea, dijo:  
"Ordeno a la locura,  
Desde este instante mismo,  
Que eternamente sea  
de amor el lazarillo."

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Madness, having  
Quarrelled with Love,  
Struck the miserable  
Child blind.  
Venus implored the sky  
For Vengeance, with such cries!

She was a mother and a wife:  
Nothing more need be said.  
She challenged the gods  
Presenting her son:  
What use are arrows,  
What use Cupid's bow,  
If he cannot see  
To aim his shots?  
Take his wings away  
Take away that burning candle too,  
If his flights cannot  
Be directed at its light.

To ensure that the blind child  
Continued his labours,  
And that the wrongdoer  
Received his just punishment.  
Jupiter, president  
Of the assembly, said:  
'I hereby order Madness,  
From this moment forth,  
To be Love's blind's guide  
For all eternity.'