

# **Dr Faustus**

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Things aren't what they were.  
Man, having mastered earth,  
starves and poisons her;  
extends his firman further:  
water and air  
suffer his mandate too.  
He'll find it doesn't do.  
Land, ocean, wind,  
starved and poisoned must  
starve and poison him  
—unless rather his first  
but still wildest, least biddable slave, fire  
twist in his hand  
and make a suddener end.