

### Complimentary Epigram On Maria Riddell

"Praise Woman still," his lordship roars,  
"Deserv'd or not, no matter?"  
But thee, whom all my soul adores,  
Ev'n Flattery cannot flatter:

Maria, all my thought and dream,  
Inspires my vocal shell;  
The more I praise my lovely theme,  
The more the truth I tell.