A Song: Lying is an occupation

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Lying is an occupation,
    Used by all who mean to rise;
Politicians owe their station,
    But to well concerted lies.

These to lovers give assistance,
    To ensnare the fair-one’s heart;
And the virgin’s best resistance
    Yields to this commanding art.

Study this superior science,
    Would you rise in Church or State;
Bid to Truth a bold defiance,
    ’Tis the practice of the great.