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Then flash'd the living lightning from her eyes,
In glitt'ring dust, and painted fragments lie!

These lines from a part of *Anto III* of Alexander Pope's famous mock-heroic poem, "The Rape of the Lock". After the card game and coffee-taking, the Baron (Lord Peter) cut off the beautiful lock of Belinda. The poet is describing the consequential reaction that followed the rape of Belinda's lock. Belinda could not tolerate this onslaught.

When Lord Peter raped the lock of Belinda's hair, the lightning of anger flashed from Belinda's eyes, and cries of horror broke through the skies which seemed also to be afraid. Ladies do not cry so loudly to pitying heaven even when their husbands or lap-dogs die or when costly china pots fall from height, and are broken into shining and painted pieces, as Belinda cried on that occasion.

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