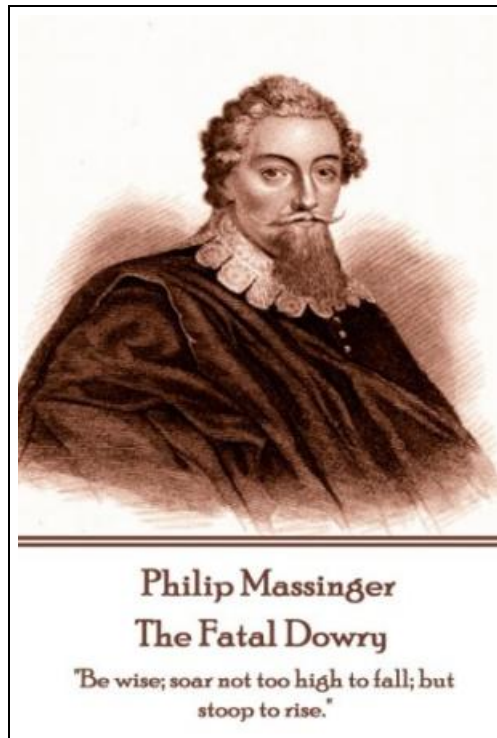# Philip Massinger - The Fatal Dowry: Be Wise; Soar Not Too High to Fall; But Stoop to Rise. (Paperback)

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