



Every Cloud Has a Silver Lining



Every bad situation has some upside to it. This proverb is usually spoken as an encouragement to a person who is overcome by some difficulty and is unable to see any positive way forward; as such, it is cognate with the exhortation '**Look at the bright side**'. **John Milton** coined the phrase 'silver lining' in **Comus: A Mask Presented at Ludlow Castle** in 1634, when he wrote:

*Was I deceived, or did a sable cloud
Turn forth her silver lining on the night?*