Approaches to Literature: Lamb to the Slaughter

For each prompt below, apply a distinct critical perspective (e.g., historical, archetypal, or formalist) to guide your analysis. A successful response will integrate an understanding of the chosen literary theory with a close reading of the text's plot development and author's craft (literary devices).

1) What drives people to betray one another? Cite evidence from this text, your own experience, and other literature, art, or history in your answer

2) How did love contribute to Mary Maloney's decision to violently attack her husband? Cite evidence from this text, your own experience, and other literature, art, or history in your answer