

D23 You that reade passing by

Notes. This poem by William Herbert, 3rd Earl of Pembroke, is one of four extant verses defending Cecil that circulated in manuscript. In both the Chetham and Clifton manuscripts, Pembroke's poem is transcribed together with another defence of Cecil, Samuel Daniel's "If greatnes, wisdom, pollicie of state". Croft ("Reputation" 66) discusses Pembroke's poem and prints it in full.

"The Earle of Penbrockes Memoriall for the earle of Salsiebury deceased"

You that read in passinge by

Robert Earle of Salisbury

know that in soe short¹ a storie

Thou canst never fyend such glorie

All Statte secretts on him laide

Hee the staff of Treasure² swayd

Gave his maister all the gaine

of the wardes³ reserved the paine

Governd all with so cleare hands

as most mallice silence standes

And who snarles⁴ wilbe soone

founde doggs barekinge att the moone

This Tombe hath his bonnes possest

Heven and frends hould deare the rest

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Source. Nottingham, Clifton MS CL LM 24

Other known sources. *Dr Farmer Chetham Manuscript* 2.188; Pitcher 173; NCRO MS IL 4296;

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¹ *short*: an affectionate allusion to Cecil's small physical stature.

² *staff of Treasure*: symbol of the Lord Treasurer's office.

³ *wardes*: Cecil was Master of the Wards.

⁴ *And who snarles*: i.e. the libellers.

