

#### H14 Dazal'd thus with hight of place

*Notes.* The scribal history of this poem is examined by Pebworth (“Sir Henry Wotton’s ‘Dazel’d Thus, with Height of Place’”). Bellany (Politics 166-67) explores the poem’s analysis of Somerset’s fall in the context of other representations of the fallen favourite.

“Upon Somersets fall”<sup>1</sup>

Dazal’d thus with hight of place,

Whilst our hopes our witts beguile,

No man marks the narrow space

’Twixt a prison, & a smile.

Then since fortunes favours fade,

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You that in her armes doe sleep,

Learn to swimm & not to wade;

For, the hearts of Kings are deep.

But, if greatnes be so blind,

As to trust in tow’rs of aire,

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Let it be with goodness lin’d

That, at least the fall be faire.

Then, though darkn’d, you shall say,

When friends fail, & Princes frown,

Vertue is the roughest way,

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But proves at night a bed of down.

**Source.** BL MS Sloane 1925, fols. 30v-29v<sup>2</sup>

**Other known sources.** Pebworth; Wotton 522; Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 147, p. 97; Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 166, p. 83; Bodleian MS Tanner 465, fol. 61v; BL Add. MS 25707, fol. 185v; BL Add. MS 69968A, fol. 30v; BL Add. MS 72439, fol. 148r; BL MS Harley 1221, fol. 110v; BL MS Harley 6038, fol. 44r; BL MS Lans. 777, fol. 64v; BL MS Sloane 1446, fol. 76v; Rosenbach MS 239/23, fol. 95v

- <sup>1</sup> *Upon Somersets fall*: the poem is not universally linked in contemporary copies to Somerset's fall.
- <sup>2</sup> Due to a fault in the binding of this manuscript, the text begins on fol. 30v and ends on fol. 29v.