

H4 Robbin of Essex all in a rage

Notes. The last line of this epigram suggests that, despite its similarity to poems on the Essex nullity and Somerset marriage (see Section F), it was probably written after the revelation of the Somersets' complicity in Overbury's murder.

Robbin of Essex¹ all in a rage
Turn'd over his wife² to Robin the Page.³
And shee agayne for the pleasant evill,
Turn'd him over to the devill.

Source. Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 26, fol. 18r

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¹ *Robbin of Essex:* Robert Devereux, 3rd Earl of Essex.

² *his wife:* Frances Howard.

³ *Robin the Page:* Robert Carr, Earl of Somerset, who came to the Jacobean court in England as a page to George Home, Earl of Dunbar.