

H6 Heere lyes hee that once was poore

Notes. In at least one source this poem—supposedly an “Epitaph” on Robert Carr, but presumably written in the expectation of his execution in 1615 or 1616 rather than after his death in 1645—is joined (as the first stanza) to “A page, a knight, a viscount and an Erle” (Bodleian MS Malone 23); however, in most cases it is treated as a discrete poem. The poem is analyzed by Lindley (189) and Bellany (Politics 166).

“An Epitaph”

Heere lyes hee that once was poore
Then rich, then great, then lov'd an whore.¹
Hee woed, then wedd: and in conclusion
His love and whore, was his confusion.

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

Other known sources. Bodleian MS Malone 23, p. 7; BL MS Egerton 2230, fol. 70v; CCRO MS CR 63/2/19, fol. 11r; V&A MS D25.F.39, fol. 99r

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¹ *whore*: Frances Howard.
