

## H8 The Sommers sun is sett

*Notes.* This poem is either a revision of a non-political verse, or else an attempt to make that verse more blatant. The more oblique lines (albeit transcribed in a series of poems on Carr and Howard) read: “Our Somer Sun is sett / and winter is come on / The Robin Redbreast leaves to chirpe / because his voice is gone” (Bodleian MS Rawl. D 1048). The poem is briefly discussed by Bellany (Politics 166).

The Sommers sun is sett

And will shyne out noe more

This sommersett did gett

By marryeing of an whore.<sup>1</sup>

**Source.** Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 26, fol. 17v

**Other known sources.** *Cort verhael van het grouwelick* (Dutch translation) B3v; Bodleian MS Rawl. D. 1048, fol. 64v; BL MS Sloane 1489, fol. 9v

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<sup>1</sup> *whore*: i.e. Frances Howard.

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