

I1 Raleigh in this thy selfe thy selfe transcends

Notes. A longer version of the title, in another source, states that this is “advise” on the occasion of Raleigh “preparing for Guaiana 1617” (BL MS Cotton Titus c.7). Silvanus Scory was a client of Raleigh’s friend and fellow prisoner in the Tower, Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland.

“Sylvanus Scory to Sir Walter Raleigh”

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When howerly tastinge of a bitter Challice.

Sereninge¹ the sad faces of thy frends.

Thou smilest at fortunes minions and her Mallice.

Hold thee firme heere, cast ancor in this port.

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Heere art thou safe till death enfranchise thee

Heere neither harme nor feare of harmes resort.

Heere though enchaind thou livest in liberty.

Nothinge in earth hath permanent abode.

Nothinge shall languish under sorrow still.

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The fates have set a Certayne period.

As well to those that doe as suffer ill.

Source. Bodleian MS Smith 17, p. 124

Other known sources. Raleigh, *Poems* 189; BL MS Cotton Titus c.7, fol. 94r

¹ *Sereninge*: making calm.
