

## I19 Fly Fame, report, that all the world may knowe

*Notes.* Aligning Raleigh with the English nation against a diabolic Spanish enemy, this poem is a good example of the posthumous reinvention of Raleigh as a Protestant “Patriot” hero, that would become standard in much 1620s’ anti-Spanish polemic.

### “Upon Sir Walter Raleighe”

Fly Fame, report, that all the world may knowe,  
England hath loste a freind, esteemed a foe.  
For as some would it, but alack they fayld;  
Faythfull he prooved, yet faithlesse they prevayled.  
They wisht they sayd him false, and falsely prov’d  
Their ground was hate: Spayne and the devill moov’d

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Tell where thow comest, Raleigh my freind is dead:  
Not myne alone, but all true English bredd.  
But how deservedly, lett wise men judge.  
And sure hee’le fynde desert much lesse then grudge  
His well-wisht welfare to his natyve soyle,  
Wofull destrucion to him did recoyle.

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A Knight, a Captaine, and a souldyer bould,  
as Hee by treacherie never soe was sould.  
A Judas wish,<sup>1</sup> not kisse, did him betray:  
Butt cursed hee, that could not say him nay.  
Whoe thoughe offended, might hee still have lyved  
In soveraigne favor, nowe of life bereaved.

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But being deade, thy fame shall never dy:

But Raleigh’s name shall lyve eternally.

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**Other known sources.** Raleigh, *Poems* 198

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<sup>1</sup> *A Judas wish*: probably a reference to Stukeley's betrayal of Raleigh.

