

19 Hope flattered thee though lawes did life convince

Notes. In its only known source, this poem follows “Who best did Calculate the life of man”.

“An other”

Hope flattered thee though lawes did life convince¹

Yet thou might'st dy in favour of thy prince

His mercy & thy liberty² at last

did sealle beleife, and make opinion fast

In truth, when time had puld thee out of jayle

And newe hopes had sett againe newe saille

As many of this world as held free will

Thought thou wert safe, & had'st escapt thy ill

But nowe wee see, that thou wert bay'ld by fate

To live or dy, as thou could'st serve our state

And then wert lost, when it was understood

Thou might'st doe harme, but could'st not doe more good.

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Source. PRO SP 14/103/61x (fol. 99r)

Other known sources. Raleigh, *Poems* 192

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¹ *lawes did life convince*: allusion to Raleigh's sentence of death for treason in 1603.

² *thy liberty*: Raleigh's release from the Tower in 1616.
