

Nv8 The starre that rose in Virgo's trayne

Notes. A variant of this Spanish Match epigram has a different first-line (“The starre that sitts in Charles his wayne”), but is otherwise effectively identical (Beinecke MS Osborn b.197). The poem draws an analogy between the south-north movement of a star in the constellation Virgo and the anticipated movement of the Spanish Infanta from Spain to England.

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The starre that rose in Virgo's trayne,
From South to North did post amayne.
If Southene be the coast of Spayne,
Then Northerne Charles looke to thy wayne.¹

Source. Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 26, fol. 3v

Other known sources. Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 26, fol. 25r; Beinecke MS Osborn b.197, p. 219

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¹ *thy wayne*: Charles's Wain was a group of seven stars in the Great Bear constellation.
