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Notes. The only known version of this poem exists in the unpublished section of the news-diary of John Rous, where it is transcribed alongside libels and other documents on events in the 1624 Parliament.

Our digby¹ digd'e but digd'e in vaine
for powdering Pope & king of Spaine
& though he dig'de with might & maine
to make a matche twixte us & Spaine
take away S what doth remaine
but England matched unto paine
& S is but a hissing piece
a noise of serpents, voice of geese
& geese they are being kept under
but give them leave they'll roare like thunder.

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¹ *digby*: John Digby, Earl of Bristol and English ambassador to Spain. Digby was widely characterized as an agent of Spanish ambitions and chief English architect of the Spanish Match.
