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Notes. This poem was not necessarily written on the occasion of John Lambe's murder, since in some sources it is untitled, and so might easily be applied to another person (e.g. BL MS Sloane 1489). It is therefore possible that a traditional satiric epitaph was appropriated, by at least one scribe, for the specific purpose of attacking Lambe.

"On Dr Lambe"

If heav'n rejoyce, when men leave off to sinne;
If hell rejoyce, when it a soule doth winne;
If earth rejoyce, when it doth loose a knave;
Then all rejoyce, now thou art in thy grave.

Source. BL Add. MS 44963, fol. 38r

Other known sources. BL MS Sloane 1489, fol. 10v; Folger MS E.a.6, fol. 3r; Folger MS V.a.160, p. 63; Folger MS V.a.180, fol. 79r; Folger MS V.a.275, p. 177; Folger MS V.a.319, fol. 4v

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