

Oiii8 For Lambe go ringe some bell

Notes. In the only known source, the commonplace book of William Davenport, this poem on the murder of John Lambe is immediately followed by another on the same subject (“Heare lyes the Impostar Lambe”), and after the latter is inserted the initials “E.K.,” who is the attributed author of a number of poems in this collection. It is unclear, however, whether this attribution is intended to apply to both poems on Lambe.

“Uppon Doctor Lambe”

For Lambe go ringe some bell
well killed nere coleman street¹
his soule I hopes in hell
where he and’s Lorde² must meete.

Source. CCRO MS CR 63/2/19, fol. 60r

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¹ *coleman street*: a major street in the City of London. Lambe was chased by the crowd down Coleman Street, and was eventually killed nearby on Old Jewry.

² *Lorde*: i.e. Buckingham.
