

Oiii9 Heare lyes the Impostar Lambe

Notes. In the only known source, this poem on the murder of John Lambe is attributed to “E.K.”.

Heare lyes the Impostar¹ Lambe
Ladie Wyssard² brought him hither
hee’s gon to the devills Dambe
to stay, till his Loarde³ come ther.

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

Oiii9

¹ *Impostar*: some contemporaries feared Lambe possessed real occult or demonic powers; others believed him to be a fraud.

² *Ladie Wyssard*: perhaps a corruption of Lady Windsor. Lambe had been convicted in 1622 of bewitching Thomas, Lord Windsor, and rendering him sexually impotent.

³ *his Loarde*: i.e. Buckingham.
