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Notes. Buckingham was buried in Westminster Abbey on 18 September 1628, in a subdued, tense and occasionally chaotic nocturnal ceremony. Couplets like this one reveal much of what troubled Buckingham's mourners: for many, if not most, of Buckingham's contemporaries, his death was a time not for grief but for celebration.

“Upon his Funerall”

Beehold this Obsequie:¹ but without teares;

The birth of all our Joy, and grave of feares.

Source. BL MS Sloane 826, fol. 181v

Other known sources. Bodleian MS Malone 23, p. 197

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¹ *Obsequie:* funeral rites.
