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Notes. This poem is addressed to Buckingham's posthumous son, Francis, who was born in April 1629.

Nourishd with sighs and frights, and form'd with fears,

And then baptized in thy mothers¹ teares;

What canst thou proove but wonder, and a cheife

(Of all thy fathers foes) terror and greife?

To thy greiv'd mother joy, to crowne hir teares

with an unpractiz'd cure of all hir feares?

Then teach these eys againe (blest childe) to smile:

and never lett another cloud beguile

Us of the Comfort of those glorious beames:

nor Lett such sunnes as those sett in sadd streames.

Instruct her teares to smile by thy sweete power:

As when the sun vouchsafes to guild a shower.

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Source. Bodleian MS Rawl. Poet. 26, fol. 38r-v

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¹ *thy mothers*: reference to Katherine Villiers, Duchess of Buckingham.
