

R3 Vainglorious man who can your witt applaude

Notes. Laud became Chancellor of the University of Oxford in 1630, after a contested and somewhat controversial election.

“On Bp Laud being chosen Chauncelor of Oxford”

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That stretch so farre to get a little Laude.

Did nature erre? or on set purpose try

To shew her power in such a prodegie

Shee, untill know, nere croun'd (as I could reade)

So vast a body with soe small a head

yet Oxford in thy choise th'art partly blest

For of the thing that's bad a little's best.

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Source. Folger MS V.a.97, p. 5

Other known sources. Bodleian MS Eng. Poet. e.97, p. 31

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