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# John Skelton (*c.* 1460-1529)

(English poet; st. Oxford and Cambridge; laureate at Oxford, 1489, took orders 1498; Orator Regius *c.* 1512)

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