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**Abraham Cowley**  (1618-1667)

(English metaphysical poet; posthumous son of a London stationer, st. Westminster School, MA and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, amiable and retiring character, remained unmarried, ejected 1643 by Puritans, fled to St. John's, Oxford; Royalist poet; exiled courtier at Paris; secretary to Falkland and Lord St. Albans; royal messenger and cypherer, imprisoned in Britain 1656, freed on bail, apparent compromise with Commonwealth, MD Oxford 1657, returned to France; after Restoration remained unpreferred, retired to Surrey, pensioned by the Queen, d. Chertsey, buried Westminster Abbey)

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