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# George Herbert (1593-1633)

(English metaphysical poet, aristocrat, brother to Lord Edward Herbert of Cherbury, kinsman to William Herbert, Earl of Pembroke; b. near Montgomery, st. Westminster School, Trinity College, Cambridge, MA; 1619 orator for the University; musician, student of languages, pensioned by King James; courtier, his stand-in at Cambridge was Herbert Thorndike; MP for Montgomery 1624-25; canon of Lincoln Cathedral 1626; married Jane Danvers 1629, adopted two orphaned nieces, rector of Bemerton, ordained 1630; took orders 1626, l. Huntingdon, then Wiltshire; m. Jane Danvers; then l. Bemerton near Salisbury; vowed saintly life; devoted to pastoral work, d. of consumption)

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