

# Richard Lovelace



Like the other Cavalier poets of 17th-century England, Richard Lovelace lived a legendary life as a soldier, lover, and courtier. Persecuted for his unflagging support of King Charles I, he died in dire poverty — but not before writing two of the age's most melodic and moving lyrics: "To Althea, from Prison" and "To Lucasta, Going to the Wars."