

# An Epitaph for Rabelais by Jean-Antoine de Baïf



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**King Dis** who rule the joyless dead,  
Receive as guest our Rabelais,  
That to your realm of somber dread  
Laughter at last may find its way.

Une épitaphe pour Rabelais  
**O Pluton**, Rabelais recoy,  
Afin que toy qui es le roy  
De Ceux qui ne rient jamais,  
Tu aie un rieur desormais.