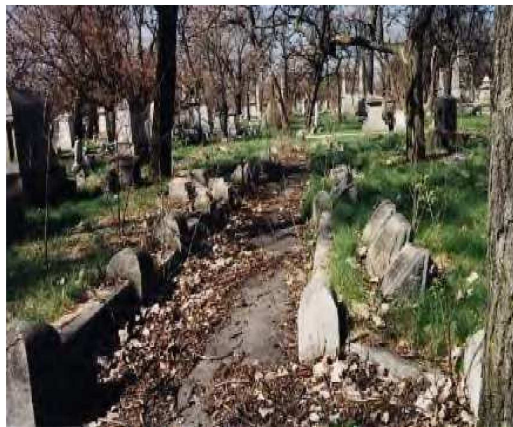


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*FOUND IN A COUNTRY
CHURCHYARD*



version for baritone and piano

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Here lies the body of Jessica Jones,
Who died of eating cherry stones,
Here name was Smith it was not Jones,
But Jones was put to rhyme with stones.

Below the high cathedral stairs
Lie the remains of Agnes Pears,
Her name was Wiggs it was not Pears,
But Pears was put to rhyme with stairs.

Here lies the body of Jeremy Lee,
Who died by drowning in the sea,
His name was Phipps it was not Lee,
But Lee was put to rhyme with sea.

Here lies the body of Martin Loach,
Who was crushed to death by a runaway coach,
His name was Brown it was not Loach,
But Loach was put to rhyme with coach.

These 'forced rhyme' epitaphs became popular in the early 1900s and can be found in various villages in Essex and Suffolk.