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## HOLLAR'S PORTRAIT OF AN AFRICAN BOY IN DOUBLET

[Print of an African boy in doublet]

### Author

HOLLAR, W[enceslaus]

### Publication date

1645

### Publisher

### Publication place

[Antwerp],

### Physical description

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### Dimensions

82 by 61mm. (3.25 by 2.5 inches).

### Notes

In 1645, after his escape from the Parliamentary forces that had captured him as part of the Royalist regiment and his return to Antwerp, Hollar published a number of portraits, the most remarkable of which show three diasporic African people. The present image shows an African boy in profile, wearing a soft white collar with a pattern of pointed rays, over a white doublet fastened in the front with six buttons. Unfortunately almost all the subjects of Hollar's portraits remain anonymous, but this boy is wearing clothes typical of a servant in the Netherlands in the seventeenth century.

**Bibliography**

NHG Hollar 812; Pennington 2003; RCIN 804318.

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