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## INTRODUCTION.

THE first twenty-four poems of the present volume are preserved in the Digby MS. 102, of the Bodleian. This MS., a parchment codex of the 15th century, contains: 1. W. Langland's Vision concerning Piers the Ploughman and concerning Dowel, Dobet, and Dobest, leaves 1-97, imperfect at the beginning, commencing in the middle of passus III. The text agrees with the C-text printed by the Rev. W. Skeat. 2. The present poems, composed in the first quarter of the 15th century, leaves 98-127. 3. A metrical paraphrase of the seven Penitential Psalms by Richard of Maydestone, leaves 128-135. 4. The debate of the Body and the Soul, leaves 136-139. The present pieces are written across the page like prose, the divisions of the lines being only marked by little strokes. The titles in red were added at a later time, but probably by the same copyist; the same is the case with the paragraph-marks, alternately red and blue, at the beginning of every stanza, and with the Latin marginal notes which occur on some pages. Leaf 119 was turned over together with leaf 120, and so the titles and the coloured paragraph-marks are missing in the 19th and 20th poems, which stand on leaf 119, back, and on leaf 120.

All twenty-four poems are most probably by the same author. Almost all of them have one and the same religious character. They warn against worldly folly, and praise virtue, always setting a great value on the works of a man, but none on his words. They frequently recommend righteousness for practical reasons. During the turbulent reign of Henry IV., and in the beginning of the French war under Henry V., the poems promise the virtuous, besides the bliss of heaven, success in worldly affairs, riches, power, and good advice. In time of war, the pious may rely on God, for He fights for them, He gives them courage and victory, and beats their enemies with illness, fear, and woe. (II 75; III 76, 85, 95, 109 *et sqq.*; IX 141 *et sqq.*; X 180 *et sqq.*; XI 53 *et sqq.*, 81 *et sqq.*, 91 *et sqq.*; XVII 127.) The wicked are threatened with cowardice,

dread, strife, and defeat (II 73 *et sqq.*; III 75, 77; IV 195 *et sqq.*; XI 84; XIII 86).

Further, the pieces show one and the same democratic tendency. They declare the Commons to be the most important of all estates; the Commons make a kingdom (III 99 *et sqq.*), they support the honour of the lords and of the church, they are the ornament of the king's crown (XII 141 *et sqq.*); to stand with them, is the highest charity, which God alone can reward (XIII 33 *et sqq.*). The poems strive also to protect the lower ranks against the encroachments of the lords and officers, especially against the injustice of the judges. The laws had already been very badly executed in the last years of Edward III.; under Richard II. they lost the rest of their power; and it was long before Henry IV. succeeded in restoring them to their former authority. In his reign, too, the judges, instead of binding themselves to the old laws and statutes, took bribes, and were led by favour and self-interest; and the nobility often used oppression against the inferior classes, and took their property with wrong. The present pieces call upon the judges to be just, and not to sell their judgments for money (I 153 *et sqq.*; III 12; IX 57 *et sqq.*; XVIII 180). Officers are warned that the people belong to God, and that He has ordered them to govern it after right and reason, and without selfishness (I 17 *et sqq.*; III 129 *et sqq.*; XIII 51 *et sq.*). The nobility are reminded that they will have to account for everything they possess, and for the means by which they got it; therefore, they are exhorted to let everybody have his due, and to restore to the poor the goods of which they have robbed them surreptitiously (I 25 *et sqq.*, 33, 117; VII 81 *et sqq.*; VIII 3 *et sqq.*; X 197 *et sqq.*; XI 42; XIV 59, 66; XVII 83 *et sqq.*; XIX 37, 58 *et sqq.*; 149 *et sq.*).

The poems aim also at such persons as injure the people indirectly by defacing truth, by flattering the king and the lords, and by misleading them, by their counsel, to bad actions. They contain many a line in defence of truth, and to the suppression of falsehood. They like to represent Truth and Falsehood as persons always persecuting and fighting each other (IV 12, 113; XII 67 *et sq.* 73; XIII 30, 100, 103 *et sq.*). Truth never retires cowardly (III 5; IV 157; XII 74), for God sends His champion Vengeance to his help (IV 115, 117 *et sqq.*; XII 77 *et sqq.*; XIII 85 *et sqq.*). Truth cannot be entirely subdued; he always appears again, and speaks before the whole people (IV 97-104; XII 76; XIII 59). Many of these pieces caution against those who, practising sycophancy, sow discord between the

sovereign and the people. Men of the highest ranks should not listen to the wicked counsels of such vicious folk, which may destroy a whole kingdom, but rather follow the wholesome advice of true men (I 60; III 81 *et sq.*; IV 73 *et sqq.*, 145 *et sqq.*; V 1 *et sqq.*; XVI 7 *et sq.* 51; XXIV 405 *et sq.*). Nobles ought to support the poor and virtuous, instead of promoting unworthy and needless people (IV 169 *et sqq.*; V 41 *et sqq.*; VII 65 *et sqq.*; XIV 85; XXI 38, 122).

Likewise, the present pieces are not blind to the abuses of the clergy, both parish-priests and monks, but frequently inveigh against them in sharp words. They resent the covetousness of the priests (VIII 25 *et sqq.*; XIV 25 *et sqq.* 81), their neglectfulness of duty (VIII 28; IX 161-176; XIII 147-172), and other trespasses (XVIII). But though the poems are not quite free from the ideas of the Reformation, they are by no means by a Lollard, for they never touch the doctrines of the Church; on the contrary, they even defend them, especially such as had been attacked by Wiclif.

Moreover, nearly all the pieces are occasional poems, for which church-ceremonies or festivals, parliamentary transactions, and events of public interest offered the subjects.

Lastly, the style and language show no such difference as would compel us to ascribe the several poems to more than one author.

In some passages the writer addresses the faithful like a clergyman; in others, he speaks like a master of a monastery to his fellow-monks. From this circumstance, as well as from his acquaintance with, and his frequent reference to the Bible, we may infer that the author was a priest, most probably an abbot or a prior. As such he occupied a seat in parliament, and voted with the Commons. This makes us understand his rather detailed knowledge of the proceedings in parliament, and his lively interest in the cause of the Commons. Some of the occurrences he hints at he might know from hearsay; but as he refers to pretty insignificant incidents which took place on the remotest frontiers, and as he sometimes directly mentions parliament, there is no doubt that he was present at its sessions.

By his political persuasion, the author belongs to the south or the south-midland. Whereas in the north, at that time, the influence of the nobility prevails, the south is distinguished by that loyalty to the sovereign, and by that enthusiasm for the rights of the Commons, which are also characteristic of our poet. The few dialectical relics which occur in the poems, render it probable that the writer lived in

the western or in the south-western midland. A.S. *á* generally appears in *o*; twice it is preserved as *a*: *hame* (: shame, name, fame) II 23, *sare* (: bare, spare) X 39. French *u* rhymes with *y*, the i-umlaut of A.S. *u*, and with *i* of A.S. or of French origin: *dure* : *hire, sire, fire* IX 71; *ruyde* : *byde, chyde hyde* XXI 25; *refuyse* : *wyse mysse* I 100; *nyze* : *bodylye* VI 70; *askuse* : *avyse* IV 81; *use* : *despise* V 33; *refused, used* : *devysed, despysed* XV 149; *use* : *service, auyse, wyse* V 42; *used, refused* : *auysed, is it* XX 123; *use* : *auyse, despise, wise* XXII 66; *refuse* : *syse, unwyse, despise*, XXIV 283; *destruyd*; *aspyed, tryed, gyed* XII 68; *struyze* : *dryze, maystry, dedely* XXIV 144. In the present tense, the verbal ending of the 2nd pers. is *s* in *has* (: gras, chas, plas) XVII 146, *saues* (: craues, knaues) XXI 152 *wendys* (: frendys, fendys, schendys) XXIV 97; *st* in *gost* (: ost, cost, most) XXIII 81. The 3rd pers. ends in *s*: *ges, sles* (: pes) III 14, 22, etc., twice in *th*: *geþ, sleþ* (: deþe, breþe) XXIV 335, 337. As a rule, the plur. has no ending; five times it has *n*: *bene* (: wene, inf.) IV 145; *gon* (: bon, fon, on) XV 37 (: bon, ston, won), XV 51; *sayn* (: agayn, playn, sayn) XX 1; *don* (: shon, bone, wone) XX 142; three times *s*: *preues* (: theues, myschenes, greues) I 125; *releues* (: preues, myscheues, greues) III 103; *countes* (: amountes) IV 235. The *n* of the inf. is only preserved in the following monosyllables: *tan* (: man) VIII 81; *sayn* (agayn, pleyn) XX 5; *gon* (: bon mon, non) XXIII 116. The strong p. pa. appears with or without *n*: *tan* (man, bygan, ran) XXIV 227 *sworn, born, lorn* (: morn) VIII 12, 13, 15; *go* (: mo, so slo) III 119; *forlore* (: restore, store) XVII 88, etc. The plur. of the pers. pron. of the 3rd p. is *he* (the, me, fle) XVII 54, and *þay* (: may, assay, clay) XV 59. Most of the poems are in 8-line stanzas, *abab, abab* or *bcbc*, Nos. X and XVI are in 14-line stanzas, *abab, abab, cc ddd c*. Assonances are allowed, and rhymes of singulars and plurals or infinitives, final *n* and *s* being disregarded.

The poems contain allusions to parliamentary transactions and to other affairs, by means of which we are able to fix their dates.

In the parliament of the first year of Henry IV., the Commons requested that everywhere the ablest and most esteemed men should be made justices of the peace, as it had been ordered in the time of Edward III. They complained that many judges got their offices by bribes, and instead of making peace, nourished discord, and used oppression (*Rolls of Parliament*, p. 444, 151). They required the judges to be sworn not to accept presents or gifts of any kind from

anybody, but to content themselves with their fees (*R. P.*, p. 433, 99). Everybody accused of, or imprisoned for, treachery or other offences, should be allowed to apologize, as it was prescribed by the old laws (*R. P.*, p. 442, 144).

The same wrongs as the Commons wished to be redressed are hinted at in the first of the present pieces. The poet warns his hearers against tyranny, secret hate, and self-interest (l. 3). The admonition to make unity where discord prevailed (l. 13), and to make peace between quarrelling parties (l. 161), is no doubt aimed at the justices of the peace, who were accused of stirring hostilities among the people. Moreover, the author inveighs against such judges as take bribes and sell the laws (ll. 68, 156), and he blames those who condemn a man without hearing his apology (l. 153 *sq.*). L. 81 is, I think, an allusion to the pestilence which haunted the western and the northern parts of the country in 1399. In the same parliament, the Commons asked the king to provide against that evil, which still prevailed in the northern districts (*R. P.*, p. 434). The ll. 73 *et sqq.* seem to refer to a conspiracy against Henry IV. About Christmas 1399, six noblemen formed a plot against the life of the King; but their treacherous project being discovered, the conjurers and their followers were put to death, and their quarters carried about in the streets of London, as an example to rebels.

The parliament in the first year of Henry IV. closed on November 19; but since the plot against the King was not detected before Christmas, and as the execution of the conspirators took place in the beginning of January, the first poem is not to be dated before January 1400.

The second piece belongs to the same year, for the third is fixed to the beginning of 1401 by the allusions which it contains to the parliamentary transactions of that year. On January 25 the Commons declared that, as they were deliberating on certain subjects, it might happen that some of them, in order to please the King and to gain his favour, would make him reports of their negotiations before they had come to a determination, and so they might fall under the displeasure of the sovereign; therefore, they asked him not to trust such tale-bearers (*R. P.*, p. 456). At the same time, they warned Henry of the intrigues of the French, who calumniated some loyal lords, in order to bring them into disfavour with the monarch. They explained what great mischief might befall the whole realm if he listened to those slanderers (*ibid.*). On another occasion, they related

that some people had been imprisoned without trial, and dispossessed of their estates by chicanery. They requested that from that time forward nobody should be imprisoned without being put to the question, as was ordered in Magna Charta; and that, if anybody happened to be in prison, he should be tried immediately (*R. P.*, p. 470). On February 21 the Commons reported to the sovereign that the inhabitants of Wales had risen in arms; in England too, especially on the frontier of Wales, tumults were excited against customs and other officials. Those uproars, they said, had been raised because the King had appointed some of his followers to be officers of the natives, which was against the old statutes. Therefore, they asked Henry to examine those old laws, and to order remedies for the suppression of that rebellion, which might hurt the prince and the whole kingdom (*R. P.*, p. 457, 15, 16). On January 25 the Commons declared three things to be indispensable for the good administration of every kingdom, namely, sense, humanity, and riches; the King himself, as well as his counsellors, was well endowed with sense, as everybody knew; to the lords spiritual and temporal and to the chivalry God had granted humanity, a firm will, and great courage; as to riches, the monarch possessed the hearts of his subjects, which were the most precious treasure of a sovereign (*R. P.*, p. 456). On March 15 they compared the states of a kingdom to a trinity, formed by the prince, the lords, and the Commons; as they had learned that some lords entertained quarrels against one another, they asked the monarch to reconcile them, to the benefit of the whole nation (*R. P.*, p. 459, 32).

The three things which, as our poet says, may do great harm in a kingdom, remind us of three grievances of which the Commons complained. By the tale-bearers (*l. 17 et sqq.*) we are to understand those slanderers against whom the Commons warned the King. The reproach of corruptibility (*l. 25 et sq.*) falls upon such judges as cause guiltless persons to be imprisoned. The mention of frequent changes of governance, at last (*l. 41 et sqq.*) is an allusion to the appointment of new officers in Wales. The author, like the Commons, advises the settlement of those differences by fair means, and says the King should beware of lawless innovations (*ll. 55-64*). *L. 155* puts one in mind of the request of the Commons to make unity between the quarrelling lords. Likewise, lines *113 et sqq.* may be regarded as an allusion to the dissension among the noblemen, and to the frequent rebellions against the King. It was, indeed, the discord among the



English that brought much mischief on their own country. The Welsh profited by the civil commotions to make insurrections; the Scots renewed their incursions into England, and wasted the northern counties (cf. l. 117 *et seq.*); the French intrigued at the English court, and began to trouble the garrison of Calais: so that, about that time, England was in fact everywhere threatened by enemies (cf. l. 115 *et seq.*). Lines 137-144 were written in favour of a statute which was made against the Lollards in 1401. Since King Henry IV. regarded the benevolence of the Church as an excellent means to secure his throne, he engaged the parliament to make a law that everybody convicted of heresy was to be delivered over, by the bishop, to the secular court, and to suffer death by fire. In the enumeration of what makes the treasury of a kingdom, the writer is again influenced by the above-quoted declaration of the Commons. We find here again the wise clergy (l. 68), the courageous chivalry (l. 69 *seq.*), and the advised and valiant king (l. 71 *seq.*).

The 4th poem, 'Lerne say wele, say litel or say noȝt,' I think originated in 1404. In the *Rolls of Parliament* of that year we read that on February 7 the Commons asked the King to remove from the court four persons who displeased them (*R. P.*, p. 525, 16). The next day they requested the monarch to choose honourable, virtuous, and well-principled men for his courtiers, and to make such arrangements as would please God, and promote the welfare of his subjects (*ibid.*). About the same time, they desired the prince to clear his household of the great number of strangers who used to live there; and they wished that good management should prevail, the costs of which might easily be covered (*R. P.*, p. 527, 26).

In several passages of the fourth piece, the poet inveighs against those people who flatter lords and kings, and persuade them to oppress the poor, and to commit other acts of injustice (ll. 73-96, 145-152, 201-208, 219-224). We don't know exactly why the Commons desired those four persons to be dismissed; but it is most probable that they misdoubted them to be flatterers and bad counsellors to the sovereign. The favouritism which had flourished under Richard II. was apparently still fresh in memory, and excited suspicion against the courtiers of Henry IV. Lines 137-144 seem to be aimed at the confessor of the King, who was also among the persons to be expelled from the court, and whom they perhaps suspected of taking bribes or passing over the faults of the prince from cowardice. The author agrees with the Commons in laying

stress on the good influence which virtuous men may have on lords (l. 209 *sq.*). In the exhortation to show liberality only to worthy people, and not to support the importunate (ll. 169-176), we may see a hint at the sustenance of the numerous strangers at the court of the monarch.

The next three pieces may be supposed to fall between 1404 and 1408.

No. VIII aims at the worldly and dissolute life of the clergy. The same subject was discussed in the parliament of the seventh and eighth of Henry IV. In one session, the Commons reported that many curates were not resident in their dioceses, but sojourned elsewhere, spoiling and squandering away the property of the Church, neglecting the divine service, and disregarding their own and their parishioners' eternal welfare; they left their cures, in order that they should not be obliged to support their poor and indigent parishioners, setting an ignominious example to every Christian man (*R. P.*, p. 594, 114). Another time, they complained that vicars wrongly exacted tithes, and prosecuted poor labourers who could not pay (*R. P.*, p. 591, 105).

All those trespasses are resented by our author. He rebukes those clergymen who take tithes, but will not teach the people (l. 20); who resign themselves to worldly pleasures (l. 25), and deprive their own souls and those of others of the heavenly bliss (ll. 39, 47). He thinks it better to help poor people with small means, than wrongly to extort large sums from them, and to neglect the care of the souls (ll. 65-72).

IX. The piece 'With God of loue and pes 3e trete' is to be dated 1410, because it contains allusions to the parliament of that year. On March 15 the Commons asked the King to adjourn the sessions till after Easter, since it was desirable that every Christian man should spend that holy time at home, attending the divine service, and doing penance for his sins. In the same parliament, they complained of several cheats which were committed in certain parts of the country. They reported that "Gali-halfpens" were circulating, a bad coin, which they wished to be declared forfeit because it only served to derogate from the King's crown, and to practise gross deceptions on the common people (*R. P.*, p. 644, 68). Further, they reminded the monarch of a law passed in the seventh of Henry IV., according to which the cloth that was made in the western districts of England was to have a certain length and width. There were,

however, people who made it much smaller, and who, to conceal the deceit, folded it so skilfully, that it seemed to have the due size, and that the controlling officers put the seal to the bales without unpacking them (*R. P.*, p. 644, 69). Moreover, the Commons requested that no officer or judge or minister of the King should be allowed to accept presents or bribes from anybody. If any persons happened to be in prison without having been tried, they should be permitted to apologize (*R. P.*, p. 626, 28, 29). An oath should be administered to the judges, openly to do full justice to everybody, without delay, and without regard to contrary orders or charges of anybody (*R. P.*, p. 623, 14). The common laws, statutes, and good institutions made in former times and not repealed, should be kept, and executed according to right and reason, by the judges, officers, and ministers, without encroachments or impediments of any kind (*R. P.*, p. 624, 18). The Commons also repeated their former complaint of the non-residence and other abuses of the clergy. They said that many ministers of the Church, who ought to be resident and to keep hospitality in their dioceses, aiding and supporting all their poor parishioners, were in offices at the court of the King, and in the houses of certain lords; others lived in London, Oxford, Canterbury, or in abbeys and priories, spending little or nothing for good purposes, never caring about their cures nor paying the least attention to their clerical duties (*R. P.*, p. 645, 70). At last, they asked the sovereign to procure remedies against the frequent rebellions and troubles in the kingdom (*R. P.*, p. 624, 17).

The connection of the ninth poem with the above-quoted parliamentary transactions is evident. The piece must have been composed about Easter 1410. From the exhortation to do penance (l. 9), it follows that the holy time mentioned in the first line is Easter, the time of shrift and penance. The author opposes to the parliamentary affairs the negotiations of peace with God, and invites the faithful to clear themselves of their sins. He teaches them himself how to prepare for the sacrament, and how to behave after they have received it. At the same time, he cannot help resenting several disorders identical with, or similar to, those which were talked of in parliament. He reproves people who debase and adulterate the current coin (l. 49), and those who measure with a false ell (l. 52); he warns judges of passing unjust sentences, either for meed or from fear of lords, and he calls on them to let law have its course (ll. 57-72); at last, he charges the clergy with the same

abuses of which the Commons accused them: non-residence, short-comings, and regardlessness of the poor (ll. 153-176). The admonition of the soldiers to beware of covetousness and cruelty (l. 140) in quenching rebellions, may have been occasioned by the petition of the Commons to remedy the frequent tumults in the kingdom. The soldiers seem to have used violent measures in suppressing uproars. In the same parliament, the Commons even complained of the severity and oppression which the King's officers, when gathering contributions, used against peaceful subjects (*R. P.*, p. 624, 16); still less indulgence and more covetousness was of course to be expected of soldiers fighting rebels.

The next two poems X, XI must have been written, respectively, in 1411 and at Easter 1412.

With No. XII we enter the reign of King Henry V. Henry IV. died on March 20, 1413, and his son was crowned three weeks afterwards, a fortnight before Easter. By the holy time of bliss and joy (l. 4) we are then to understand Easter 1413, for this piece seems to have been written under the impression of the coronation ceremonies, and besides, the poet refers to some incidents which took place about that time. Soon after Henry V.'s accession to the throne, a conspiracy was detected, which threatened to endanger the crown recently placed on the head of the young prince. The leader of the conjurors was one John Wightlock, an ancient groom and yeoman of Richard II., who, with several accomplices, already in the reign of Henry IV., excited tumults in England by spreading rumours that the deposed King Richard was still alive, and would come before long to drive away the usurper. The conspirators entertained a secret correspondence with the King of Scotland, and with the Duke of Albany, who kept in his house one Thomas Ward of Trumpington, a fellow who bore some resemblance to King Richard, and who was, therefore, declared to be the dethroned prince. Wightlock was imprisoned in the Tower and sentenced to death, but he made his escape by the help of a warden. (*Goodwin, History of the Reign of Henry V.* London, 1704, p. 3.)

The conspirators who spread the rumours about Richard II., and who made an attempt on the life of Henry V., are the fools whose wicked plans are to be disconcerted (l. 7). As the poet says (l. 51), no harm had yet been done, the offence having been restricted to those malicious reports, therefore the conspirators were not prosecuted, except Wightlock, whose condemnation may be alluded to in

ll. 90-95. Lines 97 *et seq.* are most probably aimed at the Duke of Albany, who had harboured the individual bearing a resemblance to Richard II. The enemies who would rush in from all sides in case of civil wars (ll. 33-40) are the Scots,—whose King had taken a lively interest in nourishing a tumult in England,—and the French, against whom at that time a little prelude was made to the great war, which afterwards broke out between the two nations. Soon after the death of Henry IV., several hostilities took place by sea and by land, between the French and the English garrison of Calais and other towns. This circumstance induces the author to mention the English territories beyond the sea, on the possession of which he sets such great value (l. 25).—Lines 113-120 apparently refer to the frequent insurrections under the preceding kings.—The allusion to Flanders (l. 85) is founded upon the following historical event. In the reign of Charles VI. of France, Lewis Duke of Orleans, and John Duke of Burgundy and Flanders, the brother and the cousin-german of the King, quarrelled about the leading part in the administration of the kingdom. After long contentions, they resolved at last upon making peace, and swore a solemn oath to keep an eternal friendship. But soon after the faithless Duke of Burgundy caused his rival to be murdered in the streets of Paris (1407). The consequence of that bloody deed was that his enemies desolated his country; and as he openly boasted of his crime, he brought general contempt upon himself.

XIII. In the poem 'Dede is worchyng' two parts are to be discerned, the first of which, ending at l. 104, contains references to several domestic affairs which were talked of in the parliament of Leicester, 1414. The Archbishop of Winchester, the King's uncle and Chancellor of England, choosing for his theme the words "Posuit cor suum ad leges investigandas," declared that three reasons had induced the King to summon the parliament: (1) Because he wished the laws of God and of the Church to be strictly observed. (2) As recently many persons had been robbed, even in violation of their safe-conduct, arrangements should be made for a better observation of peace. (3) If it proved necessary, new laws should be enacted to the benefit and profit of the whole nation, especially against rebels, murderers, and other malefactors.—About the assassins mentioned by the Chancellor we learn particulars from the reports of the Commons in the same parliament. They complained of a great many murders, treasons, and robberies, committed by sea and land, and they even

accused subjects of the King of assisting and sheltering the thieves (*R. P.*, p. 22, 23). Further, they said that lately many people had been waylaid by the inhabitants of the franchises of Tyndale, Riddesdale, and Eschamshire bordering on Scotland, and that some fellows of those regions housed Scots, and incited them to surprise people, to take their money, and to drive away their cattle. Moreover, they reported that the Viscount of Riddesdale, either from want of energy or from want of good-will, refused to apply the laws against those offenders (*R. P.*, p. 21, 19).—Lastly they presented a petition, “that fro this tyme foreward, by compleynte of the commons of eny myschief axkyng remedie by mouthe of their Speaker for the Commons other ellys by Petition writen, that ther never be no Lawe made theruppon, and engrosed as Statut and Lawe, nother by addicions nother by diminucions by no manere of terme ne termes, the whiche that sholde change the sentence and the entente axked by the Speker mouthe or the Petition biforesaid yeven up yu wrytyng by the maner forsaid, withoute assent of the aforesaid Commons” (*R. P.*, 22, 22).—The tenants of Darleton and Ragenell related that Lord Stanhope had surrounded all their fields, meadows, and pasture-grounds with armed bands, so that they had no fructure of them (*R. P.*, p. 29).

The first four lines of the thirteenth piece remind us of the speech of the Chancellor, who also declared the principal object of that parliament to be to amend what was amiss. Our poet does not seem to approve of all the intentions of the government. Above all, he does not expect much good of making new laws (ll. 29–32). In one thing, however, he is of the same opinion as the Chancellor, viz. that great arbitrariness in the interpretation of the laws prevails, and that the existing institutions ought to be observed much better. Especially he declaims against robbers and waylayers, whom he requires to be severely punished (ll. 17–24). From the express call to protect people against those who seize their cattle, and injure their own persons (ll. 53–56) we are to conclude that the writer has in view the wrongs done to the inhabitants of Tyndale and Riddesdale. Lines 57–64, particularly the warning against taking meed (l. 62), refer to the Viscount of Riddesdale, who refused to try the guilty.—The passage promising a great blessing of God to those who stand with the “uncunning” Commons, and who don’t encroach upon their rights, seems to include a reproof of the “cunning” lords who used to cheat the Commons by changing the text of their

petitions. By the complaints of the tenants (l. 43), the author evidently means the grievances of the tenants of Darleton and Ragenell.

The second part of this poem, beginning at line 105, treats of the foreign affairs of England. In the Parliament of Leicester, the Archbishop of Canterbury had already declared that the King ought to wear the crown of France by a title descending to him from Edward III., who had openly challenged his right by ambassadors, and bravely attempted to conquer by arms what he could not obtain by treaties; he asserted that Henry had the same title to that crown, and the same reasons to make war upon a refusal (Goodwin, p. 43). Moved by that speech of the Archbishop, Henry determined upon profiting by the disorders which prevailed in France during the reign of King Charles VI., in order to renew the claims of his predecessors to the throne of that country. At first, he entered into negotiations with the French court; but he made such conditions of peace as could not be supposed to gain acceptance. Therefore, he began at the same time to make preparations for war. The English ambassadors went over to Paris on Aug. 8, 1414; but they soon returned without having effected their object. In November 1414, the matter was proposed to the parliament which had been prorogued from Leicester to Westminster. The Chancellor, taking for his theme the words "Dum tempus habemus, operemur," protested that the King's endeavours not only aimed at a just and wise government in his own realm, but that he also intended to recover the lawful heritage of the English crown, which for a long time had been withheld from his predecessors; and that, considering the peace prevailing in the kingdom, he thought it his duty to carry through his purpose immediately. But to succeed in so great an enterprise, the Chancellor pretended three things to be indispensable for the King, namely, the loyal advice of his counsellors, true assistance of the gentry, and copious supplies from all his subjects.

Our poet warmly seconds the designs of the King. Several times he closely follows the declaration of the Chancellor. He derives the title of King Henry to the French throne from the conquests of Edward III., as the Archbishop had done in the parliament of Leicester (ll. 113 *et sqq.*). Since the treaties with the French court proved useless, he, like the Chancellor, advises that the affair shall be settled by the sword. In lines 104 and 105 he refers to the words of the Archbishop, that the peace prevailing at home induced the

King to pursue his purpose in France. To render the undertaking successful, he recommends the same things as the Chancellor had done (ll. 121 *et sqq.*, 129-132).

Perhaps even the burden "dede" was suggested by the word "operemur" in the theme of the Archbishop.

XIV. The next piece was composed, to my thinking, in the beginning of 1418. It seems to contain some vague allusions to the fate of Sir John Oldcastle, Lord Cobham. This lord, who had enjoyed the full favour and confidence of Henry IV., and who was esteemed as a valiant warrior by Henry V., was, for some time, the head of the Lollards. Therefore, the Archbishop of Canterbury persuaded the King to give his permission to indict Sir John. The monarch endeavoured to make Cobham withdraw his erroneous opinions, but the nobleman, who felt too secure in the favour of the sovereign, offered an obstinate resistance. At last Henry allowed him to be cited before a council in London, by which he was condemned to be burnt. But Cobham made his escape, and then two attempts upon the life of the prince. Being outlawed, he succeeded in hiding himself for three years in the western parts of the country. In 1417 he was taken and delivered over to the court of justice. King Henry being then occupied in France, the Commons required his brother, who meanwhile managed affairs in England, to order the execution of Cobham (Dec. 14). The duke complied, and accordingly Sir John was hanged some days afterwards.

Some advices of the 14th poem seem to involve a censure of the folly of a nobleman, who must have been a confidant and counsellor of the King (cf. ll. 9-12). He must have lost the favour of the prince by the tricks of his enemies (l. 10). From line 14 we may conclude that he underrated the intrigues of his adversaries, and that he trusted too much to the protection and to the benevolence of the sovereign. If the last stanza but one may be thought to refer to the attempt on the King's life, we have several circumstances which apply to Sir John Oldcastle. Even the kind of his death may be hinted at in line 45 *et sq.*

Besides, the reference to Church affairs (ll. 81-88) gives us another hold for fixing the date of this piece. Simony and nepotism must have luxuriated about 1418, for the University of Oxford then made a petition to the King, in which they asked, "that simony should be punished effectually; that care should be taken to prevent unworthy



persons from intruding into the episcopal or sacerdotal office; that the bishops should not appoint wicked men to be ministers to the people; that they should not hold any benefices in commendam; that they should not advance young men, their nephews and otherwise related, to have the care of souls" (Goodwin, p. 230). The same abuses are criticised by our poet: Simony (ll. 81, 92), nepotism (l. 85), and bad administration of dioceses (l. 25 *et sqq.*).

On usury, and on false measure and weight, the Commons complained somewhat later; but we may well imagine that the poet mentions those evils when they first began to appear, and before remedies were required. Besides, after 1414 he alludes no more to parliamentary transactions; the good government of Henry V. evidently gave him less occasion for censure. Now and then he hints to an event of public interest, but in general, the cure of souls stands in the foreground.

XVI. The 'Remembraunce of LII folyes' must have originated in 1419, because it contains references to the folly and to the assassination of John, Duke of Burgundy and Flanders. While Henry V. was successfully advancing in France, the Dauphin and the Duke of Flanders made war upon each other. At last John, moved by the representations of some friends, agreed to an interview with the Dauphin in order to form an alliance against the King of England. On that occasion, the duke was assassinated by the followers of the Dauphin (1419).—The Duke of Flanders was indeed guilty of some of the follies which, as our poet pretends, caused his fall (l. 62). He did not scruple at killing the Duke of Orleans (l. 37, cf. XII. l. 85); he even defended that deed, and openly boasted of it, and nobody durst call it a crime; even the clergy, overawed by his authority, did not venture to proceed against him (ll. 2, 65). He strove for the greatest power in France (l. 3); and instead of assisting his cousin against the King of England, he made war upon him, and so promoted the cause of a stranger (l. 33 *et sq.*). When he had made the French his enemies, he did not mind their arms (l. 46); he trusted the Dauphin (l. 17), and entered into negotiations with him, though some of his counsellors warned him against his falsehood (l. 19). By the glozers (l. 51) the writer means those persons who advised the prince to ally himself with the Dauphin. John of Burgundy lost not only his lordship (l. 62), but also his life; which was regarded as a punishment for the assassination of the Duke of Orleans (l. 63 *et sqq.*).

No. XVIII. Among the rest of the poems, there is only one the date of which can be fixed with some certainty, namely, 'The declaryng of religion.' From Goodwin (p. 303) we learn that in 1421 complaints were made to King Henry V. that the Benedictine monks had deviated from the rules of their first institution, and that, to reform those monks, the next year a Provincial Capitulary was made, where among other things the following articles were passed: The extravagance of the monks' equipage should be moderated, and none have the attendance of above twenty horse, under a great temporal penalty. All the monks should be uniform in the colour and fashion of their habits. Their necessities should be supplied, not in money, which none of the order ought to possess, but in provisions of things needful. No monks should have a distinct private cell to entertain any other women than their own mothers or sisters, and they should not bring even them into any other place than the room appointed for the entertainment of guests. Since the way to preserve chastity was to avoid the conversation of women, none of the monks should be at liberty to go into the cities and towns to comutations or on visits.

Some passages of the 18th poem betray the writer's acquaintance with the above decrees. Monks are warned against entertaining too intimate an intercourse with women (l. 84 *et sqq.*); they are to beware of drunkenness (l. 103); they are not to pick up news (l. 107); their habit is not to follow the fashion (l. 155), but the rule of order (l. 144); no monk is allowed to buy or sell anything for money (l. 138 *et sqq.*), nor to possess jewels or horses (l. 155).

Goodwin says that many other articles were passed, "which it would be too tedious to record." If we knew all of them, we could, perhaps, find more allusions in the present piece. Besides, it is not impossible that the author mentions certain abuses which prevailed in his own monastery, and which he thought it necessary to reform.

The poetical treatise on the sacrament of the altar was apparently intended to be an Easter poem; its exact date, however, cannot be made out.

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The *Petty Job*, contained in the Douce MS. 322 of the Bodleian, is, like the *Lessons of the Dirige*, a paraphrase of the *Lamentations of Job*. At the head we find the remark that the *Petty Job* was composed by Richard of Hampole, which of course cannot mean

that our poem is by that monk, for it belongs neither to his time nor to his dialect. A.S. â is partly preserved, partly it has become o : mare (: are, care) 338, sare (: care, spare, fare, ware) 569, (: are, where, fare) 472 ; cloth, goth, loth, wroth (: doth) 227, one (: bone, troone) 566. The verbal ending of the 3rd p. sing. is s : affrayes (: dayes, wayes) 564, and th : doth (: cloth, loth) 284. The plur. shows the same endings : payes (: dayes, wayes) 653, goth (: cloth, wroth) 279 ; once it has n : han (: man, can, tan) 111 ; the plur. of to be is are (: spare, bare) 3, (: mare, care) 340, and be (: we, se, the) 108, (: domine) 225. The inf. and the strong p. pa. appear without n, except gone (inf., : ston, John) 315, and layne (p. pa., : fayne, mayne) 28 tan (p. pa., man, can, han) 115.

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Miss A. F. Parker has read the proofs with the MSS. Dr. Furnivall has added the head-lines, and a few side-notes, stops and hyphens, and has seen the sheets through the press for me.



## I. Loue god, and drede. [A. D. 1400]

[Digby 102, leaf 98.]

[21 stanzas of 8, *abab bcbc.*]

(1)

**E**che man be war, that bereth a state,  
 Of counseil of double entendement,  
 Of tyrauntrye, and preuey hate,  
 And synguler profit by fals assent,  
 And 3ong to 3yue Iugement.  
 In Euenhede, Lawe 3e lede.  
 Worche be good auisement.  
 Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and drede.*

Every man  
 who holds  
 an office,  
 should be-  
 ware of bad  
 counsel,  
 oppres-  
 sion,  
 and injustice.

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(2)

¶ Drede god, and knowe thy selue,  
 That ouer puple hast governaunce.  
 Noght for the loue of ten or twelue,  
 Brynge not a Comone in greuaunce.  
 Make vnyte ther was distaunce.  
 Weye o lawe in euenhede,  
 Bytwen ffauour *and* vengeaunce.  
 Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and drede.*

Don't harm  
 a commoner  
 to please a  
 few people.  
 Compose  
 quarrels.

12

16

Keep from  
 favour and  
 vengeance.

(3)

¶ Eche mannys *gouernours*  
 Of hous or lordshipe or cite,  
 The puple is godes, *and* not 3oures,  
 Thow they be soget to 3oure degre.  
 Gouverne the puple in vnyte,  
 In the comaundements that god bede,  
 And 3e wole lyue in charite.  
 Knowe thy self, loue god, *and drede.*

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The people  
 is God's, not  
 yours;  
 govern it ac-  
 cording to his  
 command-  
 ments.

## (4)

Every man  
knows that  
God will call  
him to ac-  
count for

- ¶ Eche man wot, that hath wyt,  
These worldes goodes beth not his.  
Alle is godes ; he oweth hit,  
And land *and* see, *and* pyne *and* blis. 28  
God wole haue rekenyng, ywys,  
Of men and cloth, the leste shrede,  
Thy getyng, thy holding, thy spendyng mys.  
Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 32

the least  
thing he  
possessed ;

## (5)

for every-  
thing has  
only been  
lent to man  
by God,  
and will be  
reclaimed.

- ¶ Man of his owen hath no thyng ;  
Man is goddis, and al god sent.  
God wole haue rekenyng  
Of ryht *and* wrong, how it is went. 36  
Man, not nys thyn, alle god lent,  
And borwed thyng mot home ful nede ;  
And 3ut thy soule is goddis rent :  
Quyte that wele in loue *and* drede. 40

## (6)

Turn away  
your heart  
from worldly  
pleasures,  
and give it  
to God.

- ¶ Serue god for helle drede,  
fille fro synne *and* al vys.  
And 3e loue god for heuen mede,  
3yue hym thyn hert fro fleshly delys. 44  
ffor worldly wys is gostly nys,  
And fooles erande may not spede.  
In begynnyng to be wys  
Knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 48

## (7)

Who likes to  
hear of God,

enables him-  
self to get  
mercy.

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 98 b]

- ¶ And 3e wole wyte, thus mowe 3e lere :  
What man pursueth his soule to saue,  
3if hym be lef of god to here,  
He ableth hym self mercy to haue. 52  
Richesse <sup>1</sup>*and* hele maketh wylde men raue,  
That to vertues take non hede.  
Er thy soule be fendes knaue,  
Knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 56

## (8)

¶ That man that wole be gouerned by wyt, fle fro foly, and worldis delys ;		Flee from worldly folly,
Loke his charge how it is knyht, And take counseil that is wys ;	60	
ffolwe mesure in euene syse ; Lete no falshed blome ne sede.		follow good advice.
And lawe be kept, no folk nyl ryse. Than seruest god in loue <i>and</i> drede.	64	If the laws be kept, people will not rebel.

## (9)

¶ Whanne a fool stereth a barge, Hym self <i>and</i> al the folke is slent.		Fools ruin themselves and others.
There as conscience is large, By wrath or mede the doom is went.	68	
The bowe of goddis wrath is bent On hem that deth not that god-bede.		
War wordes of dowble entendement, Knowe thy self, loue god, <i>and</i> drede.	72	

## (10)

¶ Gif a kyngdom falle a chaunce That al the rewme myght greue,		
Asen that make an ordinaunce, To kepe 3ow euere fro suche myscheue ;	76	Order reme- dies against mischiefs,
And chastise hem that matere meue : Make othere take ensauple treuth to hede.		and punish- ments for rebels.
Who so is wys, his werkys preue. Loue god, and 3e thar not drede.	80	

## (11)

¶ Goddis bowe of wratthe on vs was bent ; There we thenke al to lyte.		God's bow was bent on us ;
His 3erde of loue on summe is lent, With swerd of vengeance he summe doth smyte.	84	some he punishes severely, others in- dulgently.
The brydeH with teeth thay byte That of god taken non hede.		
Or fendys alle 3oure werkys wryte, Man, knowe thy self, loue god, <i>and</i> drede.	88	

## (12)

Poor people  
revere  
tyrants out of  
fear,

¶ Why pore men don riche reuerence,  
Two skylles y fynde therefore :  
To tyrautes don hem greuance,  
To rewe and aʒen restore.

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benevolent  
men from  
love.

Goode men for loue they worshiþe more,  
That don hem good, *and* help at nede ;  
ffor god seeth thurgh euery bore.

Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 96

## (13)

Worship  
from dread is  
secret hatred.

¶ Eche man wot, that bereth estate,  
Why they hit reseceyue, and to what wyse.

Worship for drede is preue hate ;  
Suche worship of frendes men schold refuysse. 100  
In loue *and* drede worshiþe the wyse.

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 99]

Be suget to resoun in lengthe <sup>1</sup>and brede,  
ffor god seeth thurgh eche mysse.  
Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 104

## (14)

Who sins,  
makes God  
his enemy ;  
by persever-  
ing in sin he  
increases his  
guilt.

¶ As long as man doth wrong,  
He maketh god his ful foo ;  
The more he dwelleth theryn long,  
To his soule he encreseth woo.

108

Stop before  
you go to  
Hell.

Er he fele het, y rede say hoo,  
Er his soule glowe as glede.  
Haue heuene, or helle : chese of two.

Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 112

## (15)

Do as you  
would be  
done by.

¶ The man withoute charitee  
May neuere wyne heuen blisse.  
As thou wolde men dede for the,  
Do thou so liche eche man haue hisse ;

116

You will have  
to answer for  
everything  
ill-gotten.

ffor aH that euere is gotten mysse,  
Mot be rekened, a drope ʒe shede.  
Thes worldis good *and* thou mon kysse.

Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 120



## (16)

- ¶ ffalse men bye helle ful dere.  
 That taken with wrong, are goddis theues ;  
 They han here heuene in this world here ;  
 After in helle, huge myscheues. 124  
 What they byleue, here werkys preues  
 Arn heretikes, and out of the Crede.  
 Why god doth loue, why god doth greues,  
 Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 128

## (17)

- ¶ Man, synne not in ouerhope ;  
 Thou wynnest not goddis mercie with fight ;  
 Hit wolde brynge the in wanhope,  
 To wene no mercy thou hauen myght. 132  
 Alle thyng is nombred in goddis sight,  
 The leste tryp that euere 3e trede.  
 His mercy is medled with his right.  
 Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 136

## (18)

- ¶ Mannes conscience wil hym telle,  
 Riche *and* pore, fool *and* wyse,  
 Whether he be worthi heuene or helle  
 To resceyue, after his seruyce. 140  
 Eche man auyse hym, that is wys,  
 Pore, *and* prynce styf on stede,  
 Or vyces ouer vertues rys.  
 Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and* drede. 144

## (19)

- ¶ Who that takeþ fro pore to eke with his,  
 ffor that wrong is worthy wo ;  
 A-nother, richer than he is,  
 Of the same shal serue hym so. 148  
 That 3eueth to that lize or go,  
 Mete or drynke, herborwe or wede,  
 God sendes y-now to tho  
 That louen god, and hym wolen drede. 152

Who takes  
wrongfully,  
will suffer  
pains in Hell.

Don't trust  
too much nor  
too little to  
the mercy of  
God.

Your consci-  
ence will tell  
you whether  
you are to  
be saved, or  
condemned.

Ill-gotten  
goods don't  
prosper.

Benefits done  
to poor men  
will be re-  
warded.

## (20)

Judges  
should hear  
both parties,¶ He is a fool, that doth answere  
To a man er tale be told ;  
But after the dede deme there ;and take no  
bribes.  
[leaf 99 b]Lete not lawe be fauoured ne sold. 156  
Suche maken fals men be bold,  
And false men myghte stroye a thede.  
Er charitee in hert wexe cold,  
Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and drede.* 160

## (21)

Men should  
reconcile  
their quarrel-  
ling neigh-  
bours.¶ 3if a man do a-nother mys,  
Neighbores shuld hem auyse,  
The trespasour amende *and kys,*  
Do bothe parties eucne assise.Inveterate  
hatred often  
does great  
mischief.Old horded hate maketh wratthe to rise,  
And ofte gilteles blod to blede.  
file fro fooles, *and folwe wise.*  
Man, knowe thy self, loue god, *and drede.* 164  
168II. *Meede and muche thank.*

[Digby 102, leaf 99, back.]

[11 stanzas of 8, *abab bcbc.*]

## (1)

In a forest,

IN blossomed buske I bode boote,  
In ryche array, with ryches rank,  
ffaire floures vnder foote,I heard two  
menSauour to myn herte sank. 4  
I sawe two buyrnes on a bank.disputing  
about meed  
and thanks.To here talkyng I tok hede.  
That on preysede moche thank,  
That other held al with mede. 8

## (2)

One of them  
was poorly  
clad,¶ That on, a trauaylyng man had ben,  
He was but in mene array ;the other  
richly.That other clothed in gawdy gren,  
Blasande bryzt, embrowdid gay. 12

“ Loo, felow, chese y may  
 To ryde on palfray or on stede.  
 Shewe forth moche thonk, y the pray ;  
 Loo, here y shewe sumwhat of mede.”

16 “ Show forth  
 thanks,  
 I'll show  
 mede.”

## (3)

¶ ‘ Syre, y see thou hast richesse ;  
 How thou hit get, whiche is thy fame,  
 In corage *and* prowesse,  
 After thy dede reseeyue thy name,  
 Other in worshipe, or in shame.  
 Men wol the deme after thy dede,  
 Thy fer trauayle, or cochour at hame.  
 How serued thou to haue that mede ? ’

20 ‘ Men will  
 honour or  
 blame you  
 according as  
 you have got  
 your riches  
  
 by valour or  
 by cowardice.  
  
 How do you  
 get mede ? ’

24

## (4)

¶ ‘ I plesse my lord at bed *and* bord,  
 þouȝ y do but strype a stre,  
 And florische fayre my lordis word,  
 And fede hem forth with nay *and* ȝee.  
 Whan trauaylyng men fare euele on see,  
 In fight, in prison, in storme *and* drede,  
 With moche thonk than mery ȝe be,  
 And y wole make me mery with mede.”

28 “ I please my  
 lord at home,  
 though with  
 trifles only.”

32

## (5)

¶ ‘ flatteryng is the fendis scoles.  
 ȝoure awen werkys preueth ȝow nys.  
 ȝe skorne lordes, and make hem ȝoure foles,  
 To playe *and* lawhe at ȝoure delys.  
 Do for a lord ; and he be wys,  
 Trewe trauayle shal not lese his dede.  
 To vertuous lord al worship lys.  
 The trewe seruant is worthy hys mede.’

36 ‘ By your  
 flattery, you  
 make your  
 lords your  
 fools.  
  
 Wise men  
 reward faith-  
 ful servants.’

40

## (6)

¶ ‘ Say, felowe, what doth the greue  
 My glosyng, flatteryng, play, *and* daunce ?  
 Shulde my souerayn aske the leue,  
 Whom hym list to auance ?

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"You get  
your living  
with spear  
and launce,  
I'll get mine  
by flattery.  
[1 leaf 100]

Thou getest the thonke with spere *and* launce,  
Ther-with <sup>1</sup>thou might the clothe *and* fede;  
I gloser wil stonde to my chaunce,  
And mayntene my men al with mede.

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## (7)

By my flat-  
tering I get  
riches,  
while war-  
riors suffer  
distress.

¶ "My flateryng, glosyng, not me harmes.

I gete loue, *and* moche richesse,

When wel-faryng men of armes

In fight, in presoun, and distresse.

52

In your old  
age you may  
live on  
thanks,

When thou art old *and* feble, y gesse,

Who wole the fynde fode or wede?

Lete moche thonk than thy mete dresse,

And y wole make me mery with mede."

56

I'll make  
merry with  
meed."

## (8)

'A gloser is  
like a  
weather-cock.

¶ 'I likne a gloser, in eche weder

To folwe the wynd, as doth the fanc.

3e begeten hony tōgedere;

To stroyze that cometh the drane.

60

He and the  
lean faitour  
waste, like  
drones, what  
others have  
gathered.

Me thenkeþ þere wit is wane

To stroize the hony, and foule hit shede;

Gloser hath brought faytour lane

To halle *and* chambre, to lordes, for mede.

64

## (9)

Your mean-  
ing is worse  
than your  
words,

You like war

¶ 'Thy wikked speche come fro ferre.

Euel thou spekest, worse dost mene.

Thou woldest euere more were werre,

(ffor profyt *and* pilage thou myght glene,)

68

Cristen blod destroyed clene,

And townes brent on a glede.

Thy conscience is ful lene;

Thou noldest not come ther but for mede.

72

for your own  
profit's sake.

## (10)

Wicked men  
always are  
cowards;

good ones,  
valiant war-  
riors.

¶ 'In wikked lyuer no good counsayle,

Is coward of kynde nyzt *and* day.

Good lyuere dar fende *and* assayle,

And hardy in dede brouzt to bay.

76

I wolde thou were brouȝt to assay  
 At nede a wys counseil to rede.  
 Were thou as hardy as thou art gay,  
 ȝe were wel worthy to haue good mede. 80

(11)

¶ 'Thenketh the not it doth the good,  
 Whan thou out of thy bed dost swerue?  
 ȝe clothe ȝow, *and* do on ȝoure hod,  
 At tyme of day thy mete dost kerue. 84  
 Why dost thou thy seluen serue?  
 I trowe thou do it for gret nede;  
 ffor hunger *and* cold elles myghtest thou sterue.  
 This preueth thou seruest al for mede.' 88

You do every-  
 thing for  
 mede.\*

III. *Trueth, reste, and pes.* [Early in  
 1401]

[*Digby* 102, leaf 100.]

[21 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*]

(1)

**F**Or drede ofte my lippes y steke,  
 ffor false reportours, that trouhte mys-famed.  
 ȝut Charitee chargeth me to speke. Truth is often  
 concealed by  
 false reports,  
 þouȝ troupe be dred, he nys not ashamed. 4  
 Troupe secheȝ non hernes ther los is lamed;  
 Troupe is worschiped at euery des. but it always  
 appears  
 again.  
 In that kyngdom ther troupe is blamed,  
 God sendes vengeaunce to make troupe haue pes. 8

(2)

¶ Troupe is messenger to ryȝt,  
 And ryȝt is counseille to Iustice;  
 Iustice in goddis stede is dyȝt. Do everybody  
 justice;  
 Do euene lawe <sup>1</sup>to fooH *and* wyse. 12 [leaf 100 b]  
 Set mesure in euene assise,  
 The riȝte weye as lawe ges.  
 \* And lawe be kept, folk nyl not ryse. keep the laws.  
 That kyngdom shal haue reste *and* pes. 16

## (3)

A king  
should not  
believe tale-  
bearers, but  
hear both  
parties, and  
punish ca-  
lumniators.

- ¶ 3if suche a tale-tellere were,  
To a kyng apayre a mannys name,  
The kyng shulde bope partyes here,  
And punysche þe fals for defame. 20  
þan fals men wolde ases for blame ;  
ffor falshed, body *and* soule it sles.  
ffalshed endes ay in shame ;  
And trouþe, in worschipe *and* in pes. 24

## (4)

If the laws  
are violated,  
the com-  
moners rise

and waste  
the realm.

- ¶ Whanne lawe is put fro riȝt assise,  
And domes man made by mede,  
ffor fawte of lawe 3if comouns rise,  
þan is a kyngdom most in drede. 28  
ffor whanne vengeaunce a comouns lede,  
þei do gret harm er þey asses.  
There no man oþer doþ mysbede,  
That kyngdom shal haue reste *and* pes. 32

## (5)

They go to  
fight the  
lords.

But wise men  
provide  
against such  
revolts.

- ¶ Whan craft riseþ aȝens craft,  
In burgh, toun, or citee,  
þey go to lordes whan lawe is laft,  
Whoche party may strengere be. 36  
But wyse men þe sonere se  
By witles wille þey gedre pres,  
Or lordis medle in foly degre,  
Let lawe haue cours in reste *and* pes. 40

## (6)

Frequent  
change of  
government  
is also a  
damage for  
a kingdom.

- ¶ 3it þere is þe þridde distaunce  
Bryngeþ a kyngdom in moche noyȝe :  
Ofte chaunge of gouernaunce  
Of aȝ degre, lowe *and* hyȝe. 44  
A kyng may not al asprie.  
Summe telle hym soþ, summe telle hym les.  
þe whete fro þe chaf ȝe tryȝe,  
So mowe ȝe leue in reste *and* pes. 48

## (7)

- ¶ I speke not in specyale  
Of oo kyngdom the lawe to telle ;  
I speke hool in generale  
In eche kyngdom the lawe to telle. 52  
Also is writen in þe gospelle  
A word þat god hym-seluen ches :  
Raþere þan fizte, a man go selle  
Ou of his cloþes, *and* biþe hym pes. 56

God says,  
" Rather than  
fight sell your  
clothes to  
buy peace."

## (8)

- ¶ A worþi knyȝt wol worchip wyne ;  
He wil not ȝelde hym þouȝ me þret,  
But raþere as Malice doþ begynne,  
Quenche hit at þe firste het. 60  
ffor, and ȝe lete it growe gret,  
Hit brenneþ breme as fyre in gres.  
Laweles nouellerye loke ȝe lete,  
So mowe ȝe lyue in reste *and* pes. 64

A worthy  
man will  
stifle malice  
in its birth.

## (9)

- ¶ Old speche is spoken ȝore :  
What is a kyngdom tresory ?  
Bestayle, corn stuffed in store,  
Riche comouns, *and* wyse clergy ; 68  
Marchaundes, squyers, chiuallry  
That wol be redy at a res,  
And cheualrous kyng in wittes hyȝe,  
To lede in were, and gouerne in pes. 72

There is an  
old saying :

Rich com-  
moners, a  
wise clergy,  
valiant  
knights,  
and a wise  
and chival-  
rous king  
form the  
treasury of a  
state.

## (10)

- ¶ Among filosofres wyse,  
In here bokes, men writen fynde  
þat synne is cause of cowardyse ;  
Wel lyuyng man, hardy of kynde ; 76  
Wikked lyuere, graceles blynde ;  
He dredeþ deþ, þe laste mes.  
þe good lyuere haþ god in mynde ;  
þat manny's counseil makeþ pes. 80

According to  
philosophers,  
good men  
are brave,  
[leaf 101]  
wicked ones  
cowards.

## (11)

A good king  
will be led by  
wise coun-  
sellors.

- ¶ What kyng that wol haue good name,  
He wol be lad by wys counsayle  
þat lone worschip, *and* dreden shame,  
And boldely dar fende *and* assayle. 84  
þere wit is, corage may not fayle,  
ffor wysdom neuere worschip les.  
Corage in quereñ doþ batayle,  
And ende of batayle bygynneþ pes. 88

## (12)

Want of wit  
makes long  
counsel.

- ¶ Defaute of wit makeþ long counsayle ;  
ffor witteles wordes in ydel spoken,  
þe more cost, þe lesse auayle ;  
ffor fawte of wyt, purpos broken. 92  
In eyyl soule no grace is stoken,  
ffor wikked soule is graceles.  
In good lyuere goddis wille is loken,  
þat mannys counseñ makeþ pes. 96

[nota]

Good men's  
counsel  
makes peace.

## (13)

The public  
welfare will  
show whether  
a parliament  
is wise.  
The com-  
mons make  
the kingdom.

- ¶ To wete 3if parlement be wys,  
þe comounz profit wel it preues.  
A kyngdom in comounz lys,  
Alle profytes, *and* alle myscheues. 100  
Lordis wet neuere what comounz greues  
Til here rentis bigynne to ses.  
þere lordis ere, pore comons releues,  
And mayntene hem in werre *and* pes. 104

## (14)

Make God  
your friend,

- ¶ Make god 3oure ful frend ;  
Do þe comaundement þat he bede.  
þou3 aH þe world a3en 3ow wend,  
Be god 3oure frend, 3e thar not drede : 108  
ffor þere as god his frendis lede,  
He saueþ hem boþe on lond *and* sees.  
Who so fizteþ, god doþ þe dede,  
ffor god is victorie *and* pes. 112

then you need  
not fear your  
enemies,

for he gives  
victory.



## (15)

- ¶ What kyngdom werreþ hym-self wip-yune,  
Distroyeþ hym-self, and no mo.  
Wip-oute here enemys bygynne  
On eche a syde assayle hem so. 116  
þe comouns, þey wil robbe *and* slo,  
Make fyere, and kyndel stres.  
Whan ryches *and* manhode is wastede *and* go,  
þan drede dryueþ to trete pes. 120

## (16)

- ¶ The world is like a fals lemman,  
ffayre semblaunt, *and* moche gyle.  
Wipouten heire dyeþ no man :  
God is chief lord of toun *and* pyle. 124  
God makeþ mony heire in a whyle,  
ffor god ressayueþ eche reles ;  
God kan breke hegge *and* style,  
And make an hey way to pes. 128

## (17)

- ¶ God made lordis gouernoures  
To gouerne puple in vnyte.  
þe puple, ne ryches, nys not 3oures :  
Al is goddis, *and* so be 3e. 132  
Eche day 3e may 3oure myrroure se.  
Eche man after oþer deses ;  
3oure auncetres arn gon, after shal 3e,  
To endeles werre, or endeless pes. 136

## (18)

- ¶ Eche kyng is sworn to gouernaunce  
To gouerne goddis puple in ryzt.  
Eche kyng bereþ swerd<sup>1</sup> of goddis vengeaunce  
To felle goddis foon in fizt. 140  
And so doþ euerons honest knyzt  
That bereþ þe ordre as it wes ;  
The plough, þe chirche, to mayntene ryzt,  
Are goddis champyons, to kepe þe pes. 144

Civil wars  
destroy a  
kingdom.

The enemies  
will waste it  
and kill the  
commons.

God is the  
chief lord of  
everything.

Lords are  
only to  
govern the  
people.

God is the  
liege-lord of  
all.

Every king is  
sworn to  
govern the  
people justly,  
[1 leaf 101 b]  
and to fight  
the enemies  
of God ;  
and so is  
every honest  
knight.

## (19)

The world is  
like a cherry  
fair.

¶ The world is like a chery fayre,  
Ofte chaungeþ aH his þynges.

Riche, pore, foul, *and* fayre,

Popes, prelates *and* lordynges,

148

All men are  
mortal.

Alle are dedly, and so ben kynges ;

Or deþ lede 3ow in his les,

Settle your  
affairs before  
death sur-  
prise you.

Arraye by tyme 3oure rekenynges,

And trete wiþ god to gete 3ow pes.

152

## (20)

Wise counsel  
and good  
government  
make a king-  
dom thrive.

¶ What bryngeþ a kyngdom al aboue ?

Wys counseil, and good gouernaunce ;

Eche lord wil other loue,

And rule wel labourrers sustynaunce.

156

God makeþ for his frendis no destauce,

ffor god kan skatre þe grete pres.

God helps his  
friends.

God for his frendis maþ ordynaunce,

And gouerneþ hem in werre *and* pes.

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## (21)

¶ Good lyf is cause of good name ;

Good name is worthi to haue reueraunce.

[ . . . . . ]

Synne is cause of greuaunce.

164

Every king-  
dom is in  
God's hand.

Eche kyngdom hongep in goddis balaunce ;

Wiþ hym þat holdeþ, wiþ hym þat fles.

3e haue fre wille ; chese 3oure chaunce,

To haue wiþ god, werre or pes.

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IV. *¶erne say wele, say litel, or say nozt.*

[*Digby 102, leaf 101, back.*]

[31 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*]

## (1)

**A**s þe see doþ ebbe *and* flowe,  
So fareþ þe world hyder *and* þedere.

A3en þe wynd they sayle *and* rowe

To gadre worldys gooddis to-gedere.

Who strives  
only for  
worldly  
goods,

4

- At þe last it goþ, y wot not whyder,  
As ende of web out of slay.  
And hem-self stoden so slydere,  
How it is wiþ hym, y kan not say. 8 stands on a  
slippery  
ground.
- (2)
- ¶ Sum man dar not be þef for drede ;  
His trouþe is vice, *and* no vertue.  
In heuene he nys not worþi mede,  
þat cloþes trouþe in falsed hewe. 12 Some people  
dare not  
show their  
wickedness  
openly from  
fear ;
- Maugre his teeþ he is trewe ;  
Stoken in *presoun* as best fro stray,  
Here wikked wille groweþ newe ;  
þey thenke more þan þey say. 16 but their ill-  
will always  
betrays them.
- (3)
- ¶ Men may not staunche a comoun noys,  
Noþer for loue ne for awe.  
After men lyne is comoun voys,  
In wrongwys dede, or ryȝt lawe. 20 common  
voice accord-  
ing to his  
conduct.
- Who doþ hem pyne, who doþ hem pawe,  
Eche on telle oþer, child *and* may.  
Tho that to vertues drawe,  
Hem thar not recche what [men] say. 24
- (4)
- ¶ Tak fro þi foo, and ȝeue þi frende ;  
Tak not fro thy frend, to ȝeue þi foo :  
þy frend wole holde þe vnhende ;  
þow haddest on enemy, þan hast þou<sup>1</sup> two. 28 Don't assist  
your enemies,  
but help your  
friends.
- Man, be war er þou do so ;  
To greue the he wol assay ; [leaf 102]  
When þyn enemys wexen mo,  
Litol worchipe of þe say. 32
- (5)
- ¶ Oo prouerbe loke ȝe preue,  
ȝe þat wole to resoun bende :  
Look what neȝȝebore most may greue ;  
By al way make hym þi frende. 36 Make your  
neighbours  
your friend,

<sup>1</sup> MS. þ<sup>n</sup>. As the MS. has "thou," 4/116, 8/46, above, I print þ<sup>n</sup> 'þou.' In my first-edited text of some Saints' Lives (Philolog. Soc. 1862) I printed ic as the Northern 'ic' instead of the Southern 'ich' as I ought to have done. Dr. R. Morris told me of the mistake.—F. J. F.

and your  
enemies will  
flee from you.

þan wole þyn enemys fro þe wende,  
Here owen þouȝt wol hem afflay.  
Be out of daunger of the fende,  
And recche neuere what men say.

40

## (6)

Many people  
betray their  
own faults  
by finding  
themselves  
hit by a  
general blame  
of vices.

¶ To synge or preche generale,  
Werkys of vices for to blame,  
Summe tak to hem speciale,  
And say, "felow, þou dost vs blame."  
þere he accuseþ his owen name ;  
Aȝ þat hym se, knowe it may,  
He can not hele his owen shame ;  
And so, aȝ folk wole say.

44

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## (7)

Vainglorious  
people are  
belied by  
their own  
works.

¶ ȝif men speke of goddis wille,  
To preyse werkys of vertue,  
A good man wole holde hym stille,  
And lete as he hem neuere knewe,  
And noþer chaunge hyde ne hewe ;  
ffor vaynglory wolde hem betray.  
Who is fals, *and* who is trewe,  
After þey lyue, aȝ folk wole say.

52

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## (8)

Everybody  
will reap as  
he sows.

¶ Thouȝ a man holynes preche,  
He shetep noȝt, but bent his bowe ;  
But he lyue as he teche,  
He nys not trusty for to trowe ;  
ffor suche seed he doþ sowe  
In stones, in thornes, *and* in clay,  
The same he schal repe *and* mowe ;  
So he is worthy, folk wole say.

60

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## (9)

¶ A lord of hym-self haþ no wyt,  
He knowep wele, but no wo ;  
Of pore men he mot haue hit,  
Knewelechyng of frend *and* fo.

68

He is wys, that can do so,  
 And wel twynnen hem o tway.  
 In sykernes may he go,  
 And recche neuere what men say.

He is wise,  
 who knows  
 his friends  
 from his  
 enemies.

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## (10)

¶ Gloseres maken mony lesynges—  
 Al to sone men hem leue<sup>1</sup>—

Glozers tell  
 lies to lords  
 and kings.

Boþe to lordys and to kynges,  
 þat boþe partye ofte greue.<sup>2</sup>

76

Wolde lordis seche repreue,  
 Glosers shuld not go so gay,

Ne not so hardy for to meue

Suche wordes as they say.

80

## (11)

¶ Thouȝ prestes prechyng hem avyse,  
 Or mynstrallis synge in song now,

A glosere wole a lord askuse :

Sire, þey synge or preche of gow.

þe lord vnderstondes not how

þe fals[e] glosere hym bitray ;

Wolde he make þo wordis avowe,

He wolde auyse hym eft to say.

84

Lords ought  
 to listen to  
 the warnings  
 of minstrels  
 and priests,  
 and make  
 glozers an-  
 swer for their  
 words.

88

## (12)

¶ Many can stomble at a stre ;

þey nyl not snapere at a style,

And graunte purpos nay and ȝee,

þouȝ his þouȝt be þens a myle.

92

Whan falsed lawheþ, he forgeþ gyle ;

Half in malice is his play.

Wiþ wysdom who so voydeþ that wyle,

He is <sup>1</sup>wys, aȝ folk wole say.

96

Mind the  
 tricks of  
 flatterers.  
 [1 leaf 102 b]

## (13)

¶ Thouȝ men in erþe troupe hyde,

On halle roof he wole be sayn.

In botme of see he nyl not byde,

But shewe in market, on the playn.

100

Truth can  
 never be hid,

<sup>1</sup> MS. leues<sup>2</sup> MS. greues

And þouȝ trouþe a while be slayn,  
 And doluen depe vnder clay,  
 ȝut he wole ryse to lyue agayn,  
 And al the sothe he wole say.

it always  
 appears  
 again.

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## (14)

¶ Many callen conscience fleschly willis,  
 And nelen non oþere counseil craue.  
 But soule of reson is gostly skillis,  
 þat conscience shal hem deme, or saue.  
 fleschely wille is fendes knaue,  
 Out of reson, out of stray.  
 As they disserue, þey shal haue,  
 ffor so doþ þe gospel say.

Many men  
 don't follow  
 reason, but  
 their fleschly  
 will.

108

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## (15)

¶ ffalshed wolde trouþes tunge teyȝe  
 ffor trewe wordis þat he haþ spoken ;  
 God biddeþ vengeance hiȝe,  
 And helpe trouþe be wel wroken.  
 ffor trouþe lippes ar faste stoken,  
 And false mede haþ þe kay.  
 Whan vengeance haþ look broken,  
 þan trouþe shal al þe soþ say.

Falsehood  
 would bind  
 the tongue  
 of Truth.  
 But God  
 sends Venge-  
 ance to her  
 help.

116

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## (16)

¶ Sumtyme men halwed the holyday ;  
 Now holiday is turned to glotonye.  
 Sumtyme men vsed honest play ;  
 And now it is turned to vilonye ;  
 And paramour is turned to lecherye,—  
 Sumtyme was loue of good fay,—  
 And shameles haunted so comourly,  
 Vnneþe þey recche what men say.

Now-a-days  
 holidays are  
 turned to  
 gluttony ;

honesty, to  
 villany ;  
 love, to  
 lechery.

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## (17)

¶ Summe men sowe here seed in skornes,  
 Ofte on oþere mennys londes ;  
 Summe on stones, summe on thornes,  
 Summe on hiȝe way, summe on sondes.

Some men  
 sow their  
 seed on  
 stones ;  
 others,  
 among  
 thorns.

132

He þat wel vnderstondes,  
 Amende while he mende may,  
 Make hym clene, *and* wasche his hondes,  
 And recche neuere what men say. 136

Amend while  
 you may.

## (18)

¶ Thouȝ holy chirche shulde fawtes mende,  
 Summe put hem of for mede ;  
 And summe wiȝ maystriȝe hem defende,  
 That holy chirche stant of hem drede. 140  
 þo þat recchelesly sowe here sede,  
 Here lond of *vertues* ligge ful lay.  
 þe holy chirche þe corn shuld wede ;  
 ffor cowardis, þey dar not say. 144

Some people  
 get rid of  
 their sins  
 for meed,  
 others even  
 defend them,

and the  
 church, from  
 cowardice,  
 does not  
 intervene.

## (19)

¶ Gloseres that wiȝ lordis bene,  
 þey thryue faste þouȝ þey come late,  
 ffor þey wole a lord to wene  
 þat he is byloued ther men hym hate, 148  
 And wiȝ his frendis make debate,  
 Of pore puple pyke here pray.  
 Of aȝ degre, of eche astate,  
 After þey lyue, aȝ folk wole say. 152

Glozers make  
 a lord believe  
 that he is  
 liked by his  
 enemies,

and disliked  
 by his  
 friends,

and persuade  
 him to  
 deprive poor  
 people of their  
 property.

## (20)

¶ ffro goddis syȝt, who may stele  
 Word or werk, þe lest þouȝt ?  
 þe comoun voys nyl not hele,  
 But loue, or hate, as werk is wrouȝt ; 156  
 ffor soȝnes neuere hernes souȝt.  
 Who secheȝ wel, he may assay.  
 The good[e] lyuere neuere rouȝt  
 Of his werkis what men say. 160

Nobody can  
 conceal his  
 intentions ;

the public  
 voice will  
 [leaf 103]

praise,  
 or condemu  
 him, accord-  
 ing to his  
 works.

## (21)

¶ Of aȝ degre, of eche astate,  
 After desert þe name haȝ prys.  
 þat lord his owen worship doȝ hate,  
 þat ȝeueȝ anoȝer his offys— 164

A lord spoils  
 his own good  
 name if he  
 gets his work  
 done by  
 another.

ffor in astate grace lys—

And wilfully wast it a-way.

Who is fool, who is wys,

After þey lyue, alle folk wole say.

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(22)

Give nothing  
to glozers  
though they  
crave,

¶ A glosere is gredy ay to craue.

ʒeue hym no thyng, þouʒ he bede.

A lord þat wole his worschip saue,

Lerne not at a glosere to don his dede.

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but help poor  
men who  
pray for you.

ʒeue to vertuous men þat haue nede,

þat to god wole for þe pray :

þe pore mannys erande, god doþ spede.

God wil not here what glosere wole say.

176

(23)

Nota.

¶ Alle þe þouʒtes ben but wast

Wipoute contemplacioun.

ffro heritage of heuene is born o hast

Shrifte wipoute contricioun.

180

Works with-  
out discretion  
don't please  
God,  
nor do pray-  
ers without  
devotion.

And werkys wipoute discrecioun,

þat ʒifte pleaseþ not god to pay,

Ne preyer wipoute deuocioun :

God nyl not here what þey say.

184

(24)

Formerly, if  
a lord gained  
military  
glory, he  
would refuse  
the flatteries  
of glozers.

¶ Sum-tyme, and a worschip felle

To a lord, in batayle, by goddis grace,

ʒif a glosere wolde telle

Among folk, byfore his face,

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þe lord wolde bidde hym voyde þe place.

þou corayest ffaul, and stelest his hay.

Of alle degre, of eche astate,

After þey lyue, alle folk wole say.

192

(25)

A general  
may win to-  
day,

¶ A cheuenteyn may fyʒte o day,

þe victorye wip hym stande ;

and lose  
to-morrow  
for his sins.

ffor synne god mon tak it away,

And put his swerð in enemys hande.

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Vertues make free, vices make bonde.

To-day is quyk, to-morwe is fay.

þat knew hym-self, he wolde wonde

Any good of him self wolde say.

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## (26)

¶ What a glosere here or see,

þouȝ it shulde to shame falle,

He knoweþ in chambre preuytee,

Telleþ his felow in þe halle ;

And felow to felow, tyl þey knowe alle,

ffro toun to toun, in aH contray.

The glosere þe comoun voyce hit calle,

ffor non shulde knowe who first dede say.

204

208

Glozers  
divulge their  
lords' secrets  
all over the  
country.

## (27)

¶ A good man doþ a lord gret ese,

þat is a trewe officere,

þat wel can serue a lord to plese,

Passe not þe boundes of his powere.

In preuyte vnwetand he may come nere.

Be handles, *and* stele no þyng away ;

Be blynd of eyȝe, *and* deaf of here ;

Be dombe of mouth, and no þyng say.

212

216

A true officer  
does not pass  
beyond the  
bounds of  
his power.

## (28)

¶ I wolde suche a statute were,

And þer-vpon set a payne,

What soget <sup>1</sup> wolde make his souereyn swere

þat he tolde in conseil layne.

Oft glosere makeþ lordis fayne,

Passe þe boundes of here play.

Al þat troupe haþ herd *and* sayne,

AH tymes nys not soþ to say.

220

224

There should  
be a statute  
against such  
people as  
make their  
lord fail of  
his word.

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 103b]

## (29)

¶ When al þe world is þurgh souȝt,

In his best tyme is worst to trest.

þis world is a fayre nouȝt,

A fals lemman, þat change lest ;

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The world is  
fickle and  
not to be  
trusted.

Your end is  
vain regret.

His last ende is had-y-wist,  
 "When deþ haþ þy lyues kay.  
 "Litel while he mon be myst,"  
 So þe executours wol say.

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(30)

While your  
executors  
reckon your  
riches and  
make merry,  
the devils  
count your  
sins, and lead  
you to eternal  
pains.

¶ They rekene his richesse what it amountes,  
 Ete *and* drynke, syng 'hay 3ol hayl,'  
 þe while þe fendis his synnes countes,  
 And bryng to hym þe countertayl ;  
 Wip hard paynes hym assaile.

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Wip berkande fendis brouzt to bay,  
 What helpeþ his riches or wys counsaile ?  
 Hym self his owen tale shal say.

240

(31)

Do as you  
would be  
done by.

¶ God made oo lawe for eche astate,  
 Riche *and* pore in al degre :  
 Do no wrong ne [no] debate,  
 But as þou wolde men dede by þe.  
 ffor god hym self, þis wrot he,  
 Betok to Moyses in his lay.  
 Be goddis childre in charyte,  
 As god doþ in the gospeH say.

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V. *Wyt & Wille.*[*Digby 102, leaf 103, back.*][9 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*]

(1)

Beware of bad  
counsel,it fails you at  
need.

**M**an, be war of wikkid counsaile,  
 He wol the lede in wayes slidre ;  
 In day of batayle he wol þe faile,  
 And make þi goode men to shidre.  
 Riht as hay, þey mon widre ;  
 As blades of gres, his seed doþ spille.  
 Gostly blynd goþ, and not neuere whidre,  
 þat leueþ wit, and worchþ by wille.

4

8

## (2)

- ¶ Who so wist, what tresoure  
 He haþ þat worcheþ by wit ;  
 þe fader of heuene is gouernoure,  
 þe holigost, þe sone wiþ hit. 12  
 In oo godhede alle þre are knyht,  
 Non departe fro oþer nylle ;  
 In eche mannys herte, alle þre þey syt,  
 þat makeþ wit lord aboue his wille. 16

## (3)

- ¶ Who so wyste what wille harmes,  
 þat willefully fro wyt wendes ;  
 ffro þe fader of heuene his soule he charmes,  
 ffro grace of þe holygost hym blendes, 20  
 ffro angels pere, soget to fendes,  
 þat nyl not mende, but ay don ylle.  
 Gostely *and* bodily hym self he shendes,  
 þat leueþ wyt, *and* worcheþ by wille. 24
- Who follows  
his will,  
spoils him-  
self.

## (4)

- ¶ In kyngdom, what makeþ debate,  
 Riche *and* pore both anoyzed ?  
 3ong counseil, *and* preuey hate,  
 And syngulere profit ys aspiyed, 28  
 Hiþe *and* lowe men abyzed ;  
 Echon wayte oþer for to kille.  
 þat kyngdom mot nede be striyed,  
 That leueþ wit, *and* worcheþ by wille. 32
- Bad counsel,  
secret hate,  
and private  
interest
- destroy a  
kingdom.

## (5)

- ¶ That leueþ troupe, and falshed vse,  
 And <sup>1</sup>lyue not after goddis sawe,  
 Suche folk god doþ despuse,  
 RebeH *and* ryse aȝen his lawe. 36  
 þo puple that stondes of god non awe,  
 But robbe *and* reue, coffres to fylle :  
 þe swerd of vengeance on hem is drawe,  
 þat leueþ wit, *and* worcheþ by wille. 40
- Who uses  
falsehood,  
[<sup>1</sup> leaf 104]  
brings the  
anger of God  
upon him.

## (6)

- ¶ That ouer puple han gouernaunce,  
 Loke how goddis lawe 3e vse ;  
 Whom 3e refuse, and whiche auaunce,  
 ffor goddis loue, or 3oure owen *seruyce*, 44  
 Whiche is þe charge 3ow auyse.  
 Let eche man serue his charge in skylle,  
 And 3oure werkis preue 3ow wyse.  
 Let wit be lord aboue thy wylle. 48

Look whom  
 you advance,  
 and whom  
 you refuse.

## (7)

- ¶ Be not to crowele in þy wele,  
 þou nost how sone þou myzt haue lesse.  
 Be not to sykere of þyne hele,  
 þou not how sone falle in sykenesse. 52  
 Deþ claymeþ eche man for hesse,  
 And sodeyn, deþ no dayes selle.  
 Siþ no man is in sykernesse,  
 Be redy euere at goddis wille. 56

Be not too  
 proud in  
 your happi-  
 ness ;

death may  
 suddenly  
 surprise you.

## (8)

- ¶ And on þy strengþe be not to bold,  
 Ne skorne no pore, ne feble of elde.  
 ffor lyue longe 3e mon be old,  
 In feblenes to hoke *and* helde, 60  
 In cowardys 3oure corage kelde.  
 But 3e had help, 3e shuld spille.  
 3e þat heuene blisse wole welde,  
 Let wit be lord aboue 3oure wille. 64

Don't seorn  
 poor and  
 old people :  
 you may  
 yourself  
 grow old and  
 feeble.

## (9)

- ¶ God hap lent 3ow discrecioun  
 Boþe of wele *and* of woo,  
 Werkis of deuocioun,  
 Vyces, *vertues*, frend, *and* foo. 68  
 Siþ 3e can part hem wel o two,  
 Let vyces on 3ow brynge no bille.  
 þe weye of grace, and 3e wol go,  
 Let wyt be lord aboue 3oure wille. 72

God has  
 given you  
 discretion  
 of good  
 and evil ;  
 practise  
 virtue,

and let wis-  
 dom rule over  
 your will.

VI. *To lyf<sup>1</sup> bodyly, is perylous.*[*Digby 102, leaf 104.*][9 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*]

(1)

<b>L</b> erne bodyly to lyue.	
þy seruau <sup>t</sup> , non hyre þou pay.	Give nobody his due,
Pore ne riche, no 3iftes 3eue,	
But take <i>and</i> gedre al þat þou may ;	4 but take from everybody.
þou3 it come wiþ wrong, say not nay,	
But falsely loke þou swere and li3e.	
þe pore man is the riches pray.	
Lerne þus to lyue bodilye.	8

(2)

¶ There market beteres gadere in þrong,	
Loke þat company þou lede.	
Stalworþly mayntene wrong ;	Maintain wrong,
So may þou wyne moche mede.	12 rob the poor,
To reue fro pore take non hede.	
Do as þou þou3t neuere to dye.	
Say noþer pater noster ne crede.	never say a prayer.
Lyue þou in ese bodyly.	16

(3)

¶ Rechelesly þe gouerne,	
Day <i>and</i> ny3t ; walke late	Stroll about, day and night, in the taverns,
At cokes hostry <i>and</i> tauerne.	
þou3 þat no man oþere hate,	20 and set people against one another.
Go not er þou make debate.	
To lewed, lettred, <i>and</i> clergye,	
Do no reuerence to non astate :	
þan men wole drede þe bodylye.	24

(4)

¶ Thé þat þe good wolde teche,	
Rebuke hem, and foule despise ;	Despise those who teach you good,
Byd hem go to þe chirche <i>and</i> preche.	
ffolwe <sup>2</sup> fooles, <i>and</i> fle fro wyse.	28 follow fools' counsels ;

<sup>1</sup> read 'lyue,' *vb.*[<sup>2</sup> leaf 104b]

never pass  
a just  
sentence.

3eue no doom in riȝt assyse.  
ffle fro troupe *and* þou hym spye.  
Loke þou be proudest in alle gyse :  
þan men wole preyse þe bodylye. 32

(5)

Be sorry at  
the happiness  
of others,  
and pleased  
at their  
misfortune.

¶ Loke þou haue sorwe sad  
Whan þou seest folk haue welfare ;  
Loke þou be mery *and* glad  
Whan þou wost folk haue sorwe *and* care. 36

Do nobody a  
benefit.

ffede non hungry, ne cloþe no bare ;  
Lete herberweles þerout ly ;  
Visite no syke, *and* prisoners spare.  
Loue þy seluen þus bodyly. 40

(6)

Calumniate  
your faithful  
servant,

¶ ȝif þy man be a good seruauunt  
þat þe were loþ to for-go,  
Stele þyn owen good fro his hand,  
Bere on hym he stal it so. 44

and cause  
him to be im-  
prisoned.

Bryng hym in *presoun* tho,  
Longe there for to lye,  
Til he be fayn, for sorwe *and* wo,  
To swere to *serue* þe bodylye. 48

(7)

Get a maid  
with a child,

¶ And ȝif þou haue a damysele  
þat *serueþ* þe wel, of trewe lynage,  
ffonde to make here wombe to swelle,  
Make no fors of no maryage. 52

don't marry  
her,

And ȝif she grucche wiþ þe to rage,  
And alway fro the wole wrye,  
Bete here, and ȝeue here non oþer wage,  
And lyue in lustes bodylye. 56

but beat  
her.

(8)

Thus you  
will get  
shame.

¶ Thus make þe byknowe.  
After þy dede, resceyue thy name.  
So shal þyn horn oft[e] blowe,  
And hunte after his owen shame. 60

3e, þou3 þou be of feble fame,  
 Bere good visage, þy nou3t aspye,  
 Make þerof but iape *and* game  
 In fleschly lustis bodylye. 64

## (9)

¶ At masse, at matyns, rule 3ow so :  
 Lene dewe deuocioun 3ow byhynde.  
 Speke no good of frend ne foo, Speak good  
of nobody,  
 Lete non skorneles fro 3ow wende ; 68  
 Loke no man be thy frende ;  
 Lete no man thryue, but do hem nye ; do harm to  
every man ;  
 Kepe hem pore, and to þe bende :  
 þen wole þey drede þe bodylye. 72 then all will  
dread you.

VII. *Man, know thy self, and lerne to dye.*[*Digby 102, leaf 104, back.*][15 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*]

## (1)

**M**annys soule is sotyl *and* queynt,  
 Shal neuere ende þou3 hé dede gynne.  
 The flesch is fals[e], frele, *and* feynt,  
 þe world alone wolde wynne ; Man's soul is  
noble and  
immortal ;  
 Is wormes mete, *and* sek of synne ; his body,  
mean and  
mortal. 4  
 He nys neuere filt of glotonye ;  
 His cloþyng is a dedly skynne.  
 Man, knowe þy self, and lerne to dye ! 8

## (2)

¶ Lerne to dye, *and* go to skole,  
 Siþ þou fro deþ may not fle.  
 Lete not þy werkys preue þe fool.  
 Whan deþ wole assaile þe, Learn to die  
wisely,  
 Sende warnestor to þy soule to be ; 12  
 þy vices fro þy vertues triþe.  
 3e sette 3oure soule in kynges gre,  
 þat lerneþ wisely for to diþe. 16  
nor let your  
works prove  
you a fool.

## (3)

All men  
must die;

¶ Eche man in certayn is to dye,  
At domesday stonde in drede.

[1 leaf 105]  
neither meed  
nor wise  
counsel nor  
flattery can  
buy your life.

þere al þe worldis tresorye  
May not bye <sup>1</sup>thy lyf for mede, 20

No wys counseil þat dede þe lede,

Ne glosere wiþ his flaterye ;

Non may helpe oþer at nede :

ffor thy, man, wysely lerne to dye. 24

## (4)

[nota]  
Don't hoard  
up treasures,  
for they are  
useless after  
death.

¶ What may thy richesse þe auayle

Whan þou art to deþe dryue ?

Thy wynd is layd, þou mayst not sayle,

þou3 þou lete out bonet *and* ryue. 28

Practise  
virtue.

Loke to vertues þou þe 3yue

Er tombe be held to þe lize ;

ffor he þat gostly wel doþ lyue,

He lerneþ wysely for to dizce. 32

## (5)

¶ Two skilles y wole telle

Detain others  
from sin ;  
for if wicked  
people go  
with you to  
hell,  
they increase  
the heat ;

Why eche man shuld repreue oþeres synne :

And he wyst hym self shuld go to helle,

Counseyle no mo to come þer-ynne : 36

þe mo brondes, þe hattere brynne,

Incesyng of his maladye ;

Here nys no charite, 3ut shal he wynne

To lasse his pyne after he dye. 40

## (6)

¶ And 3if he wiste to heuene to go,

if holy men  
go with you  
to heaven,  
they increase  
your joy.

His soule be saued in sikirnes,

He shulde counseile aH folk do so,

Saue here soules, and do not mys ; 44

Nou3t for here profyt, but al for his,

His owen ioye for to hy3e ;

þe mo soules, þe more blis.

þenk here-on, *and* lerne to dy3e. 48



## (7)

¶ Thy wikked werkis in þy 3owthe, Seke hem wel tyH þou hem fynde, And al þy tyme riȝt til nowþe ; Loke þat fardel þou vnbynde, And shewe it wel wiþ shrift wynde ; No fende spot vppon the spyȝe ; And haue repentaunce in mynde. On þis manere lerne to dyȝe.	52 Confess      56	       and repent al your sins.
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## (8)

¶ While man doþ synne in werkis wylde, Al þat tyme he nys but ded ; He nys not counted as fool ne childe, But as a man can good <i>and</i> qued. ffor his soule he telyeþ no bred ; Here landis of vertue laye don lyȝe. Do comaundementis þat god bed, þan lernest þou wysely to dyȝe.	60      64	As long as a man is in sin, his soul is dead.
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## (9)

¶ Pore, nedy, <i>and</i> gredy, þat not ne haue, In goddis name ȝeue þat asken ouȝt. Pore, nedy, <i>and</i> not gredy, þat noȝt ne craue, ȝeue hem þouȝ þey ne aske nouȝt. And nedeles gredy þyn almes souȝt, ȝeue hem no þyng þouȝ þey crye : þere nys no nede, ȝifte haþ no mede. Suche almesdede mon neuere dye.	68      72	Give alms to the poor though they don't crave ;  but bestow nothing on undeserving people.
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## (10)

¶ What argument may beter preue Why men ben bent to don o mys ? Not but defaute of byleue. I trowe þey wene no god þer nys, Ne helle pyne ne heuene blys, Paradis ne purgatorie, Or elles, a-noþer heresy þere is, As a best wiþoute soule to die.	76      80	Disbeliet is the cause of sin.
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## (11)

Man has  
nothing of  
his own;

¶ Man, of his owen, nouzten haue ;  
Al is goddis, and he it lent.

God will call  
him to  
account for  
everything.

þerof god wole rekenyng craue,  
How þou it wan, held, *and* spent ; 84  
þy leste þouzt, and what it ment ;

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 105 b]

Troupe, <sup>1</sup>*and* lesyng þou dede lize ;  
And zet þy soule is goddis rent : 88  
So quyte þat wel, lerne to dize.

## (12)

Cry mercy  
that your  
almsdeeds  
are so little  
in compari-  
son with your  
sins.

¶ Whanne þou dest þyn almesdede,  
Crie god mercie it is so lite.

To counte þy richesse þou myzt haue drede,  
In partye of payment so litel quyte. 92

þouzt þou do mys, god nyl not flyte

Ne þrete þe ones ne twyze ;

Body *and* soule he can smyte.

Man, drede god, so lerne to dyze. 96

## (13)

Don't hope  
too much nor  
too little ;

¶ Man, synne not in ouerhope,  
þou wynnest not goddis mercy wip fize ;

Hit wolde brynge þe in-to wanhope,  
To wene no mercy þou haue ne myzt. 100

God is just  
and merciful.

Goddis mercy is medled wip his ryzt,

And fro ryzt, god nyl not plyze ;

After þe dede, þe doom is dyzt.

Man, knowe þis wile er þou dyze. 104

## (14)

Deadly sins  
are mortal  
knives :  
virtues are  
plasters to  
heal the  
wounds.

¶ Eche dedly synne is a dedly knyf.  
Why loue men þanne so ofte to synne ?

Eche vertue is a plastre of lyf.

He hæþ fre wille ; lese, or wynne. 108

To salue zoure sores now begynne ;

þe holigost zoure grace gyze.

Sip body *and* soule mon parte o twynne,

To saue þy soule, lerne to dyze. 112

(15)

¶ Truste not al to oþere men, In almes dede ne þreyere ;		Don't rely on other people,
ffor state of soule can no man kenne, ffor þey ben alle in goddis daungere,	116	all are in the hand of God;
In helle pyne, or blisse clere. Repentaunce mot mercy byȝe.		
While þy dede is in þy powere, Be þyn awen frend er þou dyȝe.	120	work while you may.

VIII. *A good makynge of iour delaye.*

[Against the Clergy. A.D. 1408-9]

[Digby 102, leaf 105, back.]

[13 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*]

(1)

<b>M</b> an, haue hit in þy þouȝt Of what matere þou makid is. God made the of nouȝt ;		
Al þat þou hast, þou wost, is his.	4	
Wheþer hast þou serued pyne or blisse, Seche þy werkis, and assaye ;		Consider whether you deserve heaven, or hell.
þy getyng, þy holdyng, þy spendyng mysse, ffro blisse wolde make Iour delaye.	8	

(2)

¶ To þy bed whan þou shalt go, þenk what þou hast don sen morn ;		Think every day what sins you have committed.
Wheþer serued blisse or wo, Or goddis name in ydel sworn,	12	
Or ellys fals[e] witnessse born, Letted pore men of here pray,		
In þy defaut here goodis lorn : þou shalt answer here iour delay.	16	

(3)

¶ Who takeþ cure, he bereþ charge By goddis lawe, þe folk to preche þey make conscience large,	nofa	Curates should not only take their tithes, but also teach their parishioners.
Take tye, and nyl not teche.	20	

[*nota*] Crist his postles tauȝt in speche  
 ffro worldis worschip to wende a-way,  
 Gostly *and* bodyly þe soules to leche,  
 And bad hem make no iour delay. 24

## (4)

Don't strive for riches and worldly honours; work for the people's happiness; don't hire others to do your office.

¶ Worldis good nes not holichirche;  
 Richesse *and* worschep y ȝow forbede.  
 þe folkis cherche, in hem ȝe worche;  
 Here noo oþer to don þy dede. 28  
 þat doþ þe dede, is worþy mede.  
 þou mayst not serue two lordis to pay;  
 þat on he serueþ in loue *and* drede,  
 þat oþere he serueþ wiþ iour delay. 32

## (5)

Those who receive benefices only for revenues' sake, displease God,

¶ Who ressayueþ benefys for richesse *and* ese  
 To haue his lyuyng in sykernes  
 Rapere þan serue god to please,  
 He ressayueþ hit o mys. 36  
 ffor rizt<sup>1</sup> as Iudas dede kys  
 Ihesus, and after, hym betray,  
 So þey gyle þe soules fro blisse,  
 Of goddis seruyce make iour delay. 40

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 106]

and betray the souls of their parishioners.

## (6)

¶ Many seyn, "god is so wys,  
 Endeles ful of aȝ mercy;  
 God nyl not, þouȝ y be nys,  
 Lese me þurgh myn owen foly;  
 So dere god mankynde dede bye;  
 What greueþ god, þouȝ y go gay?"  
 þat synnen in ouerhope, in helle mon lyȝe;  
 þere-of mon be non iour delay. 44  
 48

Whoever sins in excess of hope, shall be damned.

## (7)

Some men say, "If all sinners were punished, nearly all mankind would go to hell."

¶ Many wole say, þat leue vneueene,  
 "And it were soþ þat clerkis telle,  
 ffewe folkes shulde come in heuene,  
 So fele as shulde renne hedlyng to helle, 52

Hit were hard þere to dwelle,  
 Wiþ helle houndis stonde to bay."  
 Synne mon be punshed, as saiþ þe gospelle ;  
 þerof mon be no iour delay. 56

(8)

¶ That ouere puple haue astate, Colege or eny oþer degre, Mayntene no debate ffor synguler profyt of temperalte. 3oure rule is groundid in charyte, As li3t of lanterne to lede þe way. To gouerne þe puple in vnyte, God bad hem make no iour delay. 64	Those who rule over the people, should not strive for their own profit,  but to pro- mote the public weal.
¶ Beter is litel ry3twys wonne, þere-of among þe pore to dele, þan ouer moche geten wiþ synne, Wiþouten desert take pore mennys wele, And helpe not þe soule to hele, But crye in pyne wey-laway. þe soules þe curatours wole apele To answeere of here iour delay. 68	It is better to get little with right, than much with wrong.  Folk's souls will accuse bad curates.

(9)

¶ Why ressayue 3e worschipe þat 3e haue ? ffor 3oure vertues, or for 3oure vys ? And 3e ful worschip saue, In word <i>and</i> werk 3e mot be wys. þis worldly wysdom is gostly nys, Whan werk acordeþ not wiþ wordis 3e say. Heuene blys, <i>and</i> þis worldis delys, þat on wil make iour delay. 80	Are you re- spected for virtues or for vices ?  Your wicked works will prove you to be fools.
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(10)

¶ Thow may not knowe a cristen man þou3 þou here hym say his crede. þe ten comaundementis tan, And speke, <i>and</i> do not þe dede, POEMS (OXF.).	Whoever says his creed and the 10 command- ments,  but does not observe them,
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Ne *serue* god in loue *and* drede,  
 is a heretic. Is heretyk out of fay.  
 After 3oure werkis, ressayue þy mede ;  
 þerof mon be no iour delay. 88

(12)

¶ Thou3 worldis richesse on þe falle,  
 And wolde gon bytween god *and* þe,  
 Suffre not þy soule be þralle ;  
 Don't suffer your soul to be a thrall of riches ;  
 þenk, god bou3t it to make þe fre. 92  
 þou3 þy mayster a tyraunt be,  
 ffro goddis lawe wolde say nay,  
 Do as [thapostle] Poule bad þe :  
 God bought it to make it free.  
 Abyde, *and* suffre wiþ iour delay. 96

(13)

¶ Man, þou wost wel þou shalt dy3e ;  
 What deþ, ne where, þou nost whenne.  
 And synnes wolde þy soule ny3e,  
 Ay more *and* more rerage we renne, 100  
 And sodeyn deþ nyl no man kenne.  
 I rede we drede domesday ;  
 Be euene wiþ world er 3e gon henne,  
 ffor þere schal be no iour delay. 104  
 You don't know when and where you will die ;  
 therefore, you should always be prepared for death.

IX. *With god of loue & pes, 3e trete.*

[Easter, 1410.]

[*Dighy* 102, *leaf* 106, *back.*][24 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*]

(1)

**T**his holy tyme make 3ow clene,  
 Clean your souls by shrift,  
 Burnysche bryzt 3oure soules blake.  
 ffro 3ow to god, let þe prest be mene. 4  
 To do penaunce, *and* synnes forsake,  
 Wiþ almes dede amendes make,  
 And repentaunce may grace gete.  
 In goode werkis wysely wake,  
 And wiþ god of pes, y rede 3e trete. 8  
 repentance, and alms-deeds.

## (2)

- ¶ Wiþ soulis briȝt in god ȝe glade  
 As shynyng angels out of synne,  
 In worschip of hym þat ȝow made,  
 To knowe ȝoure seluen now bygynne. 12  
 To stryue wiþ god we may not wyne;  
 Boþe body *and* soule he can bete. You will not  
win if you  
strive with  
God.  
 Ihesus is broþer of oure kynne;  
 ffor-þy wiþ god of [pes] ȝe trete. 16

## (3)

- ¶ Ofte han we treted wiþ god o trewe,  
 And sayde no more synne we wolde;  
 And euery ȝeere we breke it newe,  
 Thre dayes no trewes wiþ hym nele holde; 20  
 Synne to bay many a folde  
 On soules helle houndes slete.  
 Er ȝe come þere, ȝonge *and* olde,  
 Wiþ god of pes y rede ȝe trete. 24 Amend while  
you have  
time.

## (4)

- ¶ Trete while ȝe haue ȝoure hele,  
 ffor sodeyn deþ stomblen as blynde.  
 þe grettere lordschipe of worldis wele,  
 þe more in þraldom hit doþ hem bynde. 28 The greater  
the lordship,  
the greater  
the slavery  
in sin.  
 Man, þenke þy lyf is but a wynde;  
 When þat is blowen, þou art forȝete;  
 Holde couenaunt to god, *and* be kynde.  
 ffor-þy, wiþ god of pes ȝe trete. 32

## (5)

- ¶ ȝe mot hit shewe, wiþ herte sorwe,  
 To a prest, and weel ȝow shryue;  
 Noȝt turne aȝen þerto to-morwe,  
 But þenke be good al thy lyue. 36  
 Wiþ goddis sonde looke ȝe not stryue,  
 Ne derne mornyng counterfete.  
 Rekne wysely aȝ þy wittes fyue,  
 Wiþ god of pes when ȝe do trete. 40 Confess your  
sins, repent,  
and give  
them up for  
ever.

## (6)

- ¶ The synnes þat wolde þy soule apayre,  
To a prest shewe þe cas.  
Don't palliate  
your sins  
from false  
shame.
- Loke þat þou not paynte hit fayre,  
But shewe it forþ riȝt ful as it was. 44  
þat shame is mede for þy trespas ;  
ffor synne þat wolde þy soule þrete,  
Aske *mercy*, and seche gras,  
Wiþ god of pes when 3e trete. 48

## (7)

- ¶ That clippen money, þey haue þe curs  
ffoure tymes in þe 3ere ;  
Whoever  
clips money  
or uses false  
weights and  
measures,  
scorns God.
- Here waztes, þat þey waye þe wors,  
3erde or elne, fer or nere ; 52  
Wheþer þey selle good chep or dere :  
But þey þe fuþ measure mete,  
Hit semeþ in skornyng þat it were,  
Wiþ god of pes whan 3e trete. 56

## (8)

- ¶ Auyse 3ow þat leden lawe,  
ffor drede of lordschipe or for mede  
Carriers-out  
of the laws,  
do poor  
people jus-  
tice!
- Holde no pore men in awe  
To storble here ryȝt or lette here nede. 60  
Hit bryngeþ þe soule in gret drede,  
A3ens goddis lawe to plete.  
þe rolles ariȝt y red 3e rede,  
Wiþ god of pes when 3e trete. 64
- [leaf 107]

## (9)

- ¶ That haldeþ questes or assise,  
þat takeþ or 3eueþ fee or hire,  
Those who  
receive or  
pay fees and  
taxes, should  
not pervert  
the laws.
- Lette not lawe fro riȝt gyse,  
Ne mayntene wrongis as master *and* sire. 68  
þey may be ferd for helle fire,  
To ete here ney3ebores at here mete.  
þat lyf shal not euere more dure ;  
ffor-þy, wiþ god of pes 3e trete. 72



## (10)

- ¶ 3e þat comeþ to goddis bord,  
 Resceyueþ hym in clene lyf;  
 Holde non old synnes in hord,  
 ffor þanne begynneþ a newe stryf; 76  
 ffor he to god haþ drawn his knyf,  
 þat þenkeþ in skorne þere wolde hym etc.  
 Here be war, man *and* wyf,  
 Horde no synne when 3e trete! 80
- Confess all  
your sins  
before the  
communion;  
otherwise  
you commit  
a sacrilege.

## (11)

- ¶ Man, 3if þou haue tau a fal,  
 Ryse vp, *and* no more slyde;  
 O prest, þy shrifte schewe it al,  
 But hyde no synne in hord by syde. 84  
 In venyale synne longe to byde,  
 Makeþ dedly synnes to growe grete.  
 Wiþ 3oure werkis 3e mot chyde,  
 Wiþ god of pes when 3e trete. 88
- Confess to  
one priest  
your mortal  
and venial  
sins;

## (12)

- ¶ Seuene syþes on þe day,  
 Men seyn, the riȝtwis man doþ falle.  
 þanne he þat falleþ in synnes alway,  
 How shulde he rekene þo synnes alle? 92  
 But he wrot hem, grette *and* smalle,  
 Summe at shrifte he schulde forȝete,  
 He shulde þe prest þe oftere calle,  
 Wiþ god of pes when 3e trete. 96
- don't forget  
any.

## (13)

- ¶ ffoure acountes þou shalt ȝelde:  
 God made þe lyk to his ymage;  
 How þou it wan, how þou it helde,  
 How þou it spendid in wast outrage. 100  
 fforfete not heuene, þyn heritage;  
 Among seyntes þy soule sete.  
 Rekene ere þou renne in rerage,  
 And wiþ god of pes 3e trete. 104
- nota
- Don't forfeit  
your heritage  
in heaven.

## (14)

God sends  
mischief to  
a kingdom  
where his law  
is not kept.

- ¶ Holy writ biddeþ god sende vengeance  
To kyngdom þat nele not holde his lawe,  
Wrappþe and stryf and alle greuauunce  
Among prynces *and* pore men þrawe, 108  
þat nele not leue goddis sawe  
Ne counte his gynnyng at o clete.  
To werkis of wysdom, by tyme 3e drawe,  
And wiþ god of pes 3e trete. 112

## (15)

Those who  
don't make  
amends for  
their sins  
are wanting  
in faith.

- ¶ Who so leued þat god were trewe,  
þan wolde þey do þat god hem bede.  
þat mende no mysse, but synne ay newe,  
Hem lakkeþ aH þe poyntes of þe crede. 116  
Serue god for helle drede  
Lest þy soule falle in chete ;  
And loue god for heuene mede ;  
Wiþ loue *and* drede wiþ god 3e trete. 120

## (16)

Though you  
take orders,  
you get no  
reward with-  
out charity.

- ¶ þou3 þou take ordre or religeoun,  
Wiþ-oute charite þou *seruest* no mede. [leaf 107, back]  
3eue drynke to þursty, þat han and mown,  
Cloþe þe naked, and hungry fede, 124  
Vysite þe pore and syk þat nede,  
And giltles *presoneres*, loos 3e lete,  
And burye þe dede, is charite dede ;  
Wiþ þes werkis, wiþ god 3e trete. 128

## (17)

Pay what  
you owe to  
your neigh-  
bour and to  
God,  
and receiue  
heaven as  
your due.

- ¶ þere þou hast borwed, quyte þy dette,  
And to þy seruauunt þat reson is.  
Loke what degre god haþ þe sette ;  
Quyte hym þy dette, þy soule is his, 132  
And resceyue þy dette, heuene blis ;  
þere thar þe noþer swynke ne swete ;  
And ordeyne þe wele, and amende þy mys.  
þus wiþ god of pes 3e trete. 136

## (18)

- ¶ Caste þe not to couetys,  
 3e þat ry3twys werryours be,  
 But loke where ri3t querel lys ;  
 Chastise þe rebeþ in charite. 140  
 þere god is frend, his foomen fle ;  
 3e thar not counte hem at o pete.  
 God doþ batayle, and not 3e ;  
 forthy, with god of pes 3e trete. 144

## (19)

- ¶ And 3e in batayle haue maystrie,  
 And fortune serue, and god 3ow spede,  
 Thank god þe victorie,  
 And holde it not 3oure owen dede. 148  
 Serue god in loue *and* drede,  
 And be not proud of 3oure by3ete.  
 After 3oure werkis, wayte aftur 3oure mede,  
 And so wiþ god of pes 3e trete. 152

## (20)

- ¶ 3if a clerk haue þurgh hap  
 Cure of soules or bischopriche,  
 He hat not bischop, he hat a byshap ;  
 Make oþere after his werkis like. 156  
 To kepe his shep fro helle tike,  
 In folde go, amonge hem blete ;  
 Saf *and* sounde brynge hem y-lyk,  
 Bytwen god *and* hem to trete. 160

## (21)

- ¶ Benefice of holychirche first was graunted,  
 For prestis, holy lyf to lede ;  
 Dryue out synne, suffre non be haunted ;  
 Here non oþer to do his dede. 164  
 þe werkman is worþy his mede  
 In felde, in toun, *and* in strete.  
 Teche vnwys, helpe hem þat nede,  
 Byfore god for hem to trete. 168

Warriors  
should not be  
covetous,

but chastise  
rebels in  
charity.  
God helps  
his friends.

Thank God  
for victory,  
don't think  
it your own  
work.

Bishops,  
like good  
shepherds,

should keep  
their flocks  
from hell's  
tikes.

Priests ought  
to be models  
to the people ;

they  
shouldn't  
hire others to  
do their  
work.

## (22)

They promise to do their duty,	¶ In wordis þey sayn þey wil do wel, Take cure of soules as worthi clerkis, And resceyue þe charge euery del	
and wash sinful souls' shirts, but they are proved fools by their works.	To wasche synful soules serkis. þey prene hemself fooles in werkis ; Wip holy water nele no parischen wete. Caste away Antecrist merkis, Goþ wip god of pes to trete.	172     176

## (23)

Prepare to receive God in the sacrament.	¶ Now sumwhat y haue 3ow sayd What is salue to 3oure sore. <span style="float: right;">[MS. store]</span> To sau3ten wip god, holde 3ow payed, And arraye 3ow wel þerfore To resceyue god, 3oure soules store, His body in forme of bred o whete, And kepe hym : so 3e nede no more Eft of pes wip hym to trete.	180      184
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## (24)

Repent, and do penance for your sins.	¶ Whan þou hast told al þy greunaunce, þan do as þe prest þe tau3te ; Holde wel þy penaunce ; Repentaunce, <sup>1</sup> for3ete þat nou3t. Whan 3e wip loue god han lau3t, Neuere fro 3ow hym 3e lete. God brynge 3ow to his angels sau3t, þere neuere nys nede o pes to trete.	188      192
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[<sup>1</sup> leaf 108]

## X. A good steryng to heuenward.

[Digby 102, leaf 108.]

[15 stanzas of 14, *abab, abab, cc, ddd, c.*]

## (1)

Many people don't like to hear vices reprov'd,	<b>M</b> any man is loþ to here Repref of vices <i>and</i> werkis ylle ; For pride hem þenkeþ goddis pere, þat welde þis worldis wele at wyll ; At a sarmon wil bid a frere Make it short, or ellys be styllle.	4
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and will tell a friar to cut his sermon short, or be still.

- Hym þat is loþ, good to lere,  
 He shal, wheþer he wole or nylle. 8  
 We fareþ as knaue þat takeþ his hyre byfore,  
 Serue his mayster wel þe worse þerfore.  
 Richesse and hele makeþ men vnkynde,  
 þat goddis seruyce is out of mynde ; 12  
 For graceles *and* gostly blynde  
 þe flesch distroyeþ soules store.
- (2)
- ¶ God seiþ, " Man, y made þe of nouzt,  
 And put the into *paradys*, 16  
 Of erþely þynges þat y wrouzt,  
 To neme þat neded to þyn eys.  
 I lent þe fre wil *and* þouzt,  
 Warnyng of foly to be wys ; 20  
 At þe tre of wysdom, foly þou souzt,  
 And 3af for an appyl þe most of prys.  
 þe same mouþ þat þe appyl gnewe,  
 In þat mouþ þe holy croys grewe, 24  
 Wheron y dyed for 3oure gylt ;  
 þurgh þe herte and þurgh þe mylt  
 I hadde þe poynt, *and* 3e þe hylt ;  
 3oure heritage y bouzt 3ow newe. 28
- (3)
- ¶ 3e þouzte 3e had not ynow  
 Euere lastyng lyf and euere more rest ;  
 3e braken my byddyng, 3e benden a bow,  
 3e boten an appyl þat þirled my brest. 32  
 Wijp water, for synne þe world y slow,  
 Saue seuene, *and* noe þat was my gest.  
 My loue to man it was so tow,  
 Hit lasted forþ and nolde not brest. 36  
 For mannys loue I come fro blisse to pyne.  
 Man was so pore, he had not to fyne.  
 3oure gyltes greued god so sare,  
 3oure gyltes on my bak y bare, 40  
 þat god my fader nolde me not spare  
 Tyl he had 3euene my lyf for þyne.
- Wealth makes men forget religion.
- God says to man, " I placed thee in Paradise,
- which thou lost by sin.
- I drownd all men save 7 and Noah.
- Since thou couldst pay no fine,
- I redeemed thee with my own life.

## (4)

- ¶ My puple, where greued y 3ow or pyne ?  
 But ladde 3ow þurgh þe see so rede 44  
 With Aaron and moyses, myn owen hyne,  
 And alle 3oure enemys y drowned to dede,  
 For 3e shuld kepe lawe myne.  
 In wildernes y made 3oure stede, 48  
 To 3ow y planted myn owen vyne,  
 And fourty 3eer fed 3ow wiþ angels brede.  
 Wiþ loue I dede 3ow my lawe to teche,  
 Bycom a man to be 3oure soule leche. 52  
 Wiþ a spere 3e shed myn herte blood.  
 þe pore 3e harme, and do no good.  
 3eue I chastyse, 3e calle me wood ;  
 And but 3e mende, y wol take wreche. 56

## (5)

- ¶ Man, hast þou ouzt in mynde,  
 þe pyne y suffred wiþ þe iewes felle ?  
 3oure soules of derkenes to vnbynde,  
 ¶ I suffred deþ, and heryed helle. 60  
 Answere me, man ! was y kynde ?  
 Mi3t y do more, canst þou me telle ?  
 A betet frend, and þou can fynde,  
 Leue me, and go wiþ hym dwelle. 64  
 I do þe wele, why dost me woo ?  
 I am þy frend, þou art my foo.  
 þere y 3eue pes, þou makest debate.  
 þere y loue, þou dost hate, 68  
 And stekest me wiþoute þe 3ate.  
 My worldys goodis þou holdest me fro.

## (6)

- ¶ Man, þou dost as a thef  
 þat hat holycherche gre, 72  
 Whan men wold take hem wiþ repref,  
 þat to chirche he wole fle.  
 So doþ man þat is in gref  
 Or in syknes ; þan calleþ he me. 76

I led thee  
 through the  
 Red Sea,

and destroyed  
 thy enemies,

and fed thee  
 with angels'  
 bread.

[ 1f. 108. bk.]  
 I suffered  
 death for  
 thee.

I am thy  
 friend, thou  
 art my foe.

Thou callst  
 me at need,  
 like a thief  
 who takes his  
 refuge in a  
 church.

And ȝut, man, þou art me so lef,  
 Wiþ *mercy and ruþe* y bowe to þe.  
 ȝif y byd þe my lawe to fulfille,  
 þou hauntest þy synne, and wonest þeryn stille. 80  
 þou hatest aH þat loue my name.  
 þou wost þou seruest so gret blame :  
 How darst þou byd me, for shame,  
 To bowe to þe or worche þy wille ? 84

## (7)

¶ Man, þou to my lawe art knyht ;  
 Why ho[l]dest þou werre agaynes me,  
 My worldis goodis in hord to pyt  
 Fro pore þat þy breþeren be ? 88  
 Art þou not warned by holy writ ?  
 I made, and bouzte hem as dere as þe.  
 Hit is wanhope goþ byfore ȝoure wit.  
 þat ȝe hyde, ful bryzt y se. 92  
 ffor þe pyne y dede for ȝow dryze,  
 ȝeue þyn herte, wiþ teres of þyn eyze.  
 Repente sore for þy trespas !  
 So lyztly myzt þou come to gras, 96  
 To heuene, to þat worþy plas,  
 To byze to þe, on rode gan dyze.

## (8)

¶ Man, how darst þou my lawe preche,  
 And telle þe articles of þe fay ? 100  
 My wit word, wiþ þy mouþ teche,  
 And in þy werkis þou seyst hit nay ?  
 Wiþ theues and wiþ spouse breche  
 þou delest *and* rennest nyzt *and* day. 104  
 In pyne þou sechest þyn owen wreche.  
 Thow temptest me to be wrapþeful ay.  
 I mad þe wys and fayre, angels pere,  
 þou makest þe fool, and foul fendis fere. 108  
 þy lyztnes þou spendest in harlotrye ;  
 þy strengþe, in wrapþe *and* tyrauntrye ;  
 þy fayrenesse, in pryde and lecherye.  
 þou settest at nouzt, y bouzt so dere. 112

Though I  
 have mercy  
 on thee,

thou for-  
 sakest me,  
 and sinnest  
 again.

Thou heapest  
 up riches,  
 and oppress-  
 est the poor,  
 whom I  
 bought as  
 dearly as  
 you.

How darest  
 thou say thy  
 creed, since  
 thy works  
 belie thee,

in theft and  
 adultery ?

I made thee  
 like an angel,  
 thou makest  
 thyself like a  
 devil, and

settest at  
 nought what  
 I bought so  
 dear.

## (9)

Thou takest  
delight in  
offending me,  
and in recom-  
pensing evil  
for good.

¶ To greue me, men þenke it game  
To breke þe lawe þat y þe bed ;  
In despyt, forswere name,  
By woundis y had in handis *and* hed. 116

I do þe worschipe, þou dost me shame ;  
I ʒaf þe lyf, þou ʒaf me ded,  
Mirre and galle to drynke wiþ grame.  
I ʒeue þe my body in fourme of bred. 120

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 109]

ʒe fare wiþ me, as gest his yn doþ borwe,  
Resceyue to-day, and put me out to <sup>1</sup>morwe.  
Agayn to synne whan ʒe go,  
Shamely ʒe put me ʒow fro. 124  
And ʒe desyre I be ʒoure foo,  
ʒe gete but wreche *and* dowble sorwe.

## (10)

Some despise  
the diuine  
service which  
I ordered,

¶ And ʒe defoule my holy place,  
þat turneþ þe chirche out of his gyse. 128  
Holy chirche is spirytuaʒ grace ;  
þe duwe dette, deuyne seruysse.

and say I am  
not God.

þey calle me as he þat no god was.  
þat cure of soules don despise, 132  
ffro hem y wole turne my face,  
And calle hem as fooles out-casten fro wyse.

Those who  
sell souls for  
worldly  
riches, make  
scourges for  
themselves.

þat sellen soules for temperal getyng,  
þey maken skourges to here owe betyng ; 136  
Here good dayes ben wastyng,  
And þey, to helle hastyng  
To be wiþ fendis chastyng,  
fulfille on hem my thretyng. 140

## (11)

My sword  
shall sever  
right from  
wrong.

¶ My swerd is fyre þat brynneþ bryʒt,  
Shal shede þe riʒt fro þe wrong.  
I brenne sheldis *and* swerdis in fyʒt ;  
As whirlewynd y skatre þe fals þrong. 144  
No kyng shal be saued by his myʒt,  
Ne þe geaunt, be he neuere so strong.



- þat y am god, 3e shal knowe ryzt ;  
 Nes non bot I, endeles long. 148 Thou shalt  
know that I  
am God.
- 3e may not *serue* two lordis to plese,  
 ffede fatte shep in greceles lese.
- þat plesen me, 3e holde hem nys ;  
 þat gyleþ þe world, 3e holde hem wys. 152 Thou scornest  
my friends,  
and thinkest  
those wise  
who deceiue  
the world.
- 3e may not wynne, wiþ 3oure delys,  
 Here and in heuene boþe, 3oure ese.

## (12)

- ¶ In this world, to folk ful fele  
 Goddis wordis þis myzt be : 156 Thou didst  
not love me  
in thy happi-  
ness ; why  
should I help  
thee in thy  
distress ?
- Man, þou *serued* me not in þi wele ;  
 Why shulde y knowe þi pouerte ?  
 þou loued me not in þi hele ;
- In syknes why shulde y rewe þe ? 160
- Fro my comaundement þou dede stele :  
 Of hem þou *serued*, fong þy fee !  
 3et, o god, þe fader of blysse,  
 þe holy gost salueþ soule syknesse. 164
- þou; we agylte þe godhed,  
 Mercy moueþ þe manhed,  
 ffor loue of his breþered,  
 3eue mercy to mekenesse ! 168

## (13)

- ¶ 3if man ligge long in synne,  
 And wilfully fleep fro grace,  
 To sharpe my wreche y wole bygynne,  
 Take vengeance for his trespas. 172 The longer  
man lives  
in sin,  
  
the more  
vengeance I  
shall take  
on him.
- His enemys, I wole leten hem ynne,  
 As bestes in forestes, 3ow to chas.
- For drede 3e shal nowhere wynne,  
 But fynde my wrappe byfore here face. 176
- I saued moyses in þe rede see,  
 Ionas in whales wombe dayes þre ;  
 þre children in þe fyre so rede.
- Dauyd slow golyas to dede. 180 If thou keep  
my law, I  
shall save  
thee, as I  
saved, Moses,  
Jonah, the  
3 Children,  
and David.
- Do 3e þe lawe þat y hem bede,  
 And 3e shal haue þe same degre.

## (14)

[if, 109, bk.]	¶ Man, I can do þe erþe to shake,	
I can destroy everything.	Wiþ flood <i>and</i> drowtes distroye 3oure wele.	184
	I chastise erþe ; 3e sample take :	
	I may sle, 3eue lyf <i>and</i> hele,	
	ffyre <i>and</i> thonder fro heuene make ;	
	Nes non fro my strokes may stele.	188
On doomsday all men shall be judged according to their works.	At domesday do 3ow alle quake	
	Whan 3oure owen werkis wole 3ow apele ;	
	þanne knaue, beggere, pore broþelyng,	
	May apere wiþ pape and wiþ kyng.	192
	þere shal non reuerence haue,	
	Ne mercy, þou3 þey wolde craue.	
	Here dedis shal hem deme, or saue.	
	þan alle to me shal 3elde rekenyng.	196

## (15)

All worldly treasures are mine ;	¶ Man, þe worldis good is myn ;	
	How þou it spende. tak good hede.	
	Hit is myn, and not þyn,	
	No more þan þou hast of nede ;	200
thou shouldst not revel	Not to fostre þe as a swyn,	
	þy foule flesche in fylþe to fede,	
while the poor die of hunger,	And leue þe pore in hunger <i>and</i> pyn,	
	And fynde hem noþer foode ne wede.	204
	And pore folk on þy defaute dy3e,	
	Wiþ diues in pyne þou shalt ly3e ;	
but let them partake of what I sent thee."	ffor þou shuld 3eue, god dede þe sende.	
	Tak kep how þou it spende ;	208
	ffor þat leueþ þe byhende,	
	þow mon rekene, or þe aby3e.	

XI. *God & man ben made atte on.*[Easter,  
1412]

[Digby 102, leaf 109, back.]

(15 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*)

## (1)

Praise God! he has avenged us on our enemies,	Glade in god, þis solempne fest,
	Now Alleluya is vnloken.
	þenkeþ how god, lest <i>and</i> mest,
	On oure enemies haþ vs wroken,

þat hadde vs in cheynes stoken,  
 Wrappid in synnes many on.  
 þe fendis are flowen, þe cheynes are broken,  
 And god and man are wel at on. 8 and God and  
 man are at  
 one.

(2)

¶ first whan god wiþ man was wroþ,  
 þat Adam forfeþed for his vvs,  
 Man to angels was so loþ,  
 þey dreuen hym out of *paradys*. 12  
 To amende here foly, god so wys,  
 Wiþ fals iewes let hym slon ;  
 Here raansom was his blod o prys ;  
 So was god and man at on. 16 God ransom-  
 ed him with  
 his blood,  
 and so were  
 God and man  
 at one.

(3)

¶ And 3it a ferly more byfelle,  
 þat god dede þurgh his grete my3t :  
 þe soules he loued, he fet fro helle  
 To *paradys* among his angels bry3t. 20  
 Hem þou3te þat was a wonder sy3t,  
 Among here frendes, brynge here foon.  
 Al on wrong, god made ri3t :  
 So made god angels *and* man at on. 24 angels and  
 man were at  
 one.

(4)

¶ The þridde saw3tenyng mowe 3e proue.  
 When posteles stryuen for hi3e degre,  
 God spak to hem a word of loue,  
 And seyde, " pes wiþ 3ow be !  
 Elles 3e may not folwe me, 28  
 But 3e wiþ in my gates gon."  
 So god bond man in charite,  
 Byddis man *and* man be wel at on. 32 and so were  
 man and man  
 at one.

(5)

¶ The ferþe saw3tenyng, god vs tau3te,  
 þat best may kepe eche in state.  
 Let body *and* soule to-gydre be sau3te,  
 Kepe god <sup>1</sup> wiþ-yn 3oure ynnere 3ate. 36 Let body  
 and soul be  
 at one.

For who so loueþ þere god doþ hate,  
 Is berseþ to his owen flon.  
 We ben vnkynde, wiþ god debate,  
 ffor euere he profreþ to ben at on.

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## (6)

¶ The fyfte sawþtning, synne refuse.  
 Let eche man haue þat shulde ben his.

If you repent  
 your sins,  
 God will have  
 mercy on  
 you.

On mannys syde, repentaunce doþ rise,  
 And on goddis syde, mercy is ;  
 þay treteþ of pynes *and* of blis.

44

Repentaunce makeþ wepyng mon.  
 When repentaunce and mercy kys,  
 þan is god and man at on.

48

## (7)

¶ Thow made not þy self ; god dede þe make,  
 Put soule of resoun in flesche so frele.

God can leue, god can take,  
 Richesse, strengþ, fayrnesse, *and* hele.

52

God can  
 destroy  
 everything ;

He is victorye in batayles fele,  
 Can sle soule, blod, and bon.

nobody can  
 escape his  
 blows.

Nes non fro his strokes may stele.  
 Glade in god, 3e ben at on.

56

## (8)

¶ God 3af erþe to mankynde,  
 And heuene to hem þat wole be wys,  
 þat holden his lawe, haue hym in mynde ;

God promised  
 Heaven to  
 the wise, and  
 Hell to fools.

And helle to hem þat wole be nys.  
 In oure fre wille, þe choys it lys,  
 Heuene, or helle, to haue that on.

60

In heuene, and 3e wole haue delys,  
 Let body *and* soule be wel at on.

64

## (9)

¶ God may say, fern 3ere, folk were fayn  
 To resceyue me ymydde here brest ;

God may  
 say, "Men  
 expelled me  
 from my  
 palace, and  
 gave it to my  
 enemies."

On morwe þey put me out a3ayn ;  
 In my palays þey made þe fendis nest.

68

To lityl whyle y was here gest.

My loue y loste, y make my mon.

Let god now lengere wiþ þow rest,

Now god *and* man is wel at on.

72

(10)

¶ Folk þat were fendis fere,

Sulpid in synne derk as nyzt,

Now are þey fayre angels pere,

As shynyng sune in goddis syzt.

þe haue resceyued þoure god of myzt,

Ayþer in oþer, þoure wille is on.

þoure hertys were heuy, þey may be lizt ;

Glade in god, þe ben at on.

76

80

You were as  
black as  
devils, God  
has made  
you as fair  
as angels.

(11)

¶ Man, and þe holde my lawe,

AH þyn enemys shal þe drede ;

And þou stonde of me non awe,

þyn enemys outeray þe in dede.

For þere as I my frendis lede,

þey shul not sporne at stok ne ston.

In aH here werkis þey shal wel spede,

þif god and man be wel at on.

84

88

Man, if thou  
keepest my  
law, I shall  
destroy thy  
enemies.

(12)

¶ Myn enemys, y shal reue here syzt,

þeue syknes *and* drede, pouert *and* wo ;

My frendis, y þeue syzt *and* myzt,

Richesse, strengþe ouer here foo ;

Hem thar not drede, where þey go,

Here wele and worschip, in euery won.

Sip þe be syker, kepe þow so.

Now god *and* þe are <sup>1</sup>wel at on.

92

96

I shall ruin  
my foes,  
and reward  
my friends.

[<sup>1</sup> If. 110, bk.]

(13)

¶ Man, y aske no þyng of þyn.

For loue, my loued in helle y souzt.

þeue me þy loue, þy soule is myn ;

Or þeue it hym þat it<sup>2</sup> derrere bouzt.

POEMS (OXF.).

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Give me thy  
love,

[<sup>2</sup> MS. haþ it.]

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I died for  
thee.

Suffre pyne for þe, me nedid nouȝt,  
In hed, in hand, in foot, ne ton.  
ȝoure gyltis y bare in herte *and* þouȝt,  
I made my fadir *and* ȝow at on. 104

(14)

Don't dis-  
grace my  
name.  
Control thy-  
self.

¶ Sum of my kyndenes, ȝe myȝte me quyte.  
Do þre wordis of my comandement :  
My name, my pyle take not in despite ;  
Rule wel þy selue in good atent. 108  
Thow nost how sone be after sent,  
To ȝelde rekenyng of goddis lon.  
The rolles of rerage þe fendis han brent,  
ffor god *and* man is wel at on. 112

(15)

Thou canst  
not affront  
me more  
than by  
leaving my  
law and  
taking a new  
one.

¶ And þou me loued, þou wolde me leue,  
And do my lawe, and holde it trewe.  
How myȝtest þou me more repreue  
þan leue my lawe, and tak[e] newe ? 116  
þy vyces wole make þy soule to rewe :  
In derkenes neuere sonne shon ;  
Vertues shyne bryȝt of hewe.  
Holde goddis lawe, ȝe ben at on. 120

XII. *God saue the kyng, and kepe the  
croun.*

[Easter, 1413.]

[*Digby* 102, *leaf* 110, *back.*]

[19 stanzas of 8, *abab, bebc.*]

(1)

Lord, send us  
peace!  
Let every-  
body counter-  
act fools'  
designs, and  
stand up for  
the king.

G lade in god, cañ hom ȝoure herte,  
In ioye *and* blisse ȝoure merþe encres,  
And kepe goddis lawe in querte ;  
þes holy tyme, lete sorwe ases. 4  
Among oure self, god sende vs pes !  
þerto eche man be boun :  
To letten fooles of here res,  
Stonde wiþ þe kyng, mayntene þe croun. 8

(2)

¶ What doþ a kynges crowne signifye, Whan stones <i>and</i> floures on sercle is bent?		The stones and flowers set round a king's crown signify that all classes should join in de- fending it.
Lordis, comouns, <i>and</i> clergye		
To ben aH at <sup>1</sup> on assent.	12	
To kepe þat crowne, take good tent, In wode, in feld, in dale, <i>and</i> downe.		
þe leste lyge-man, wiþ body <i>and</i> rent, He is a parcel of þe crowne.	16	

(3)

¶ What signifyeþ þe stones aboute ? Richesse, strengþe, <i>and</i> gret bounte ;		The stones signify riches and strength,
Oure townes <i>and</i> castels, þe reme wiþ-oute, þey are oure stones of gret pouste.	20	our towns and castles abroad.
In pes þey kepe aH þis contre, Holynes, contemplacioun.		
God, let hem neuer skaterid be, And saue þe kyng, <i>and</i> kepe þe crowne !	24	

(4)

¶ By-þonde þe see, and we had nouzt, But aH oure enemys so neyþe vs were, þouþ aH here gold were hider brouzt, I wolde set hit at lytel store.	28	All the trea- sures of our enemies could not outweigh our posses- sions beyond the sea.
Oure enemys wolde coke þerfore Wip ordynaunce <i>and</i> habergeoun, Wynne þat, and wel more :		
Oure landes, oure lyues, þe reme, þe crowne.	32	

(5)

¶ 3if we among oure self debate, þan endeþ floure of chyualrie.		If we quarrel,
Alle opere londis þat doþ vs hate, Oure feblenes wole aspye ;	36	our enemies will overcome us,
On euery syde þey <sup>2</sup> wole in hye, þe stalworþe cast þe feble adoun.		[ <sup>2</sup> leaf 111]
3if þey wiþ myzt haue maystrye, ffro þe rizt heire wolde take þe crowne.	40	and take the crown from the lawful heir.

<sup>1</sup> *at* is added by another hand.

## (6)

If the crown  
were broken,  
and the  
stones and  
flowers scat-  
tered, it  
would be  
difficult to  
unite them  
again.

¶ 3if sercle, and floures, *and* riche stones,  
Were eche a pece fro oþer flet ;  
Were þe crowne broken ones,  
Hit were ful hard aȝen to knet. 44  
Auyse ȝow er ȝe suffre þat fit ;  
Amende, ȝe þat mende mown !  
ȝe þat ben wysest, cast ȝoure wyt ;  
Stonde wiþ þe kyng to kepe þe crowne. 48

## (7)

Don't suffer  
the crown to  
be broken.

No harm is  
done though  
evil words be  
spoken.

¶ To kepe þe crowne, god graunte ȝow grace,  
And let it neuere be to-broken ;  
For word of wynd lityl trespase ;  
Non harm nys don, þouȝ word be spoken. 52  
Let wysdom be vnloken,  
Apert *and* preuily to rowne.  
For non euyH wille no man be wroken,  
But stonde wiþ riȝt, mayntene þe crowne. 56

## (8)

Whoever per-  
suades the  
king to im-  
pede the law,

picks stones  
from his  
crown.

¶ A man myȝte be forborn  
Fer fro a kynges place,  
Wolde make a kyng to be forsworn  
To lette þe lawe, it most not passe, 60  
And make hym wene þat he grace,  
And holy in condicioun,  
And mayntene hym in his trespase,  
While he pykeþ þe stones out of þe crowne. 64

## (9)

A kingdom  
must be  
governed  
with justice.

God gives  
the crown to  
virtue.

¶ A kyngdom must be gouerned by riȝt,  
To chastyse false þat ar aspyed.  
Falsed and troupe to-gydre wole fiȝt,  
Til oon þat oþer haþ distroyd ; 68  
Til troupe be fro treson tryed,  
Shal neuere be pes in regyõn.  
In all kyngdomes þat man haþ gyed,  
To þe place of vertues, god geueþ þe crowne. 72



(10)

- |  |         |  |
|--|---------|--|
| ¶ Thou; falsed troupe defame,                  | veritas | Truth always<br>fights against<br>Falsehood, |
| Troupe secheþ non hernes to shewe his speche ; |         |  |
| Troupe, of his craft þenkeþ no shame ;         |         |  |
| He is bold, alle folk his craft to teche ;     | 76      |  |
| And euere by troupe stondes wreche,            |         |  |
| For wreche is goddis champioun.                |         | and Revenge<br>helps to<br>ruin him.         |
| Or wreche smyte, god be leche,                 |         |  |
| And saue þe kyng, <i>and</i> kepe þe crowne.   | 80      |  |

(11)

- |  |    |   |
|--|----|---|
| ¶ Loke of þyng þat 3e bygynne,               |    |   |
| Caste before how it wole ende,               |    |   |
| Gostly, bodyly, what mowe 3e wynne.          |    |   |
| Eche man destroy3e his best frend :          | 84 | Lord, guard<br>us from such<br>treachery as<br>has been<br>committed<br>in Flanders ! |
| So dede Flaundres ; how dede it wende ?      |    |   |
| Of noblay þey han lore þe sown ;             |    |   |
| Pray we god his bowe of wrappe vnbende,      |    |   |
| And saue þe kyng, <i>and</i> kepe þe crowne. | 88 |   |

(12)

- |  |    |   |
|--|----|---|
| ¶ God 3eueþ his doom to alle kynges þat be ; |    | God gives<br>the king the<br>power of<br>punishing all<br>crimes. |
| As a god, in erþe a kyng haþ myzt.           |    |   |
| Holy writ byd, blissed be he                 |    |   |
| In alle tymes þat demeþ ryzt.                | 92 |   |
| Men do in derk, god seeþ in lyzt.            |    |   |
| Synne, morþere, derne tresoun,               |    |   |
| Not may be hyd fro goddis syzt.              |    |   |
| To ryztwys Iuge, god 3eueþ þe crowne.        | 96 |   |

(13)

- |   |     |  |
|---|-----|--|
| ¶ That <sup>1</sup> lord loueþ lityl hym selue, |     | A lord is not<br>wise if he<br>loses the love<br>of all the<br>people, |
| þat 3eueþ his blisse for sorwe <i>and</i> woo,  |     |  |
| For þe loue of ten or twelue,                   |     |  |
| Make alle folk his foo,                         | 100 | [11r. 111, bk.]  |
| And lese þe loue of god also,                   |     | and of God,<br>to please a<br>few persons.                             |
| For fawte of perfeccyone.                       |     |  |
| þou; he had no vauntage but of þo,              |     |  |
| He myzte were a symple crowne.                  | 104 |  |

## (14)

Every king acts in the place of God;  he must not act by his own will.	¶ Eche a kyng haþ goddis power, Of lyf <i>and</i> leme to saue <i>and</i> spille. He muste make god his partener, And do not his owen wille. For god reseceyueþ eche pore mannys bille, And of here playnt, god hereþ þe sowne. Sette 3oure in euene skille, Counseile þe kyng to kepe þe crowne.	108       112
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## (15)

A father beats his wanton child;  if it im- proves, he burns the rod. We have been God's rod, of which many a twig has been lost in chas- tising the kingdom.	¶ The fadir, þe wanton child wole kenne, Chastyse wiþ 3erde, <i>and</i> bete hit sore. So after, þe fadyr þe 3erde wole brenne, When child is wys, <i>and</i> takeþ to lore. We han ben goddis 3erde 3ore, Chastysed kyngdom, casteH, <i>and</i> towne. Twyggis of oure 3erde we haue forlore. God saue þe kyng, <i>and</i> kepe þe crowne!	116       120
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## (16)

The renown of the Eng- lish has spread all over the world;  may we never lose it!	¶ Englische men dede maystryzes make; þurgh aH þe world, here word it sprong. Cristen <i>and</i> heþen þey mad to quake, Tok <i>and</i> slowen kynges strong. God let neuere werre be vs among, To lese þat blo of gret renowne, Ne neuere oure ri3t be turned to wrong. God saue þe kyng, <i>and</i> kepe þe crowne!	124       128
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## (17)

By ciuil wars we ruin ourselves.  [ <sup>1</sup> MS. berst]	¶ Among oure self, 3if fi3t be raysed, þan stroye we oure awen nest. þat haþ victor, wole be euel payed, So many good men ben lest. 3it is beter bowe þan brest. <sup>1</sup> Eche man is bounden to resoun. 3e þat ben wysest, take þe best; Conseile þe kyng, mayntene þe crowne!	132       136
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(18)

¶ A comons myȝt sone be shent,  
 Wiȝ-ouren kyng or gouernour,  
 And a kyng wiȝoute rent

The king and  
 the commons  
 depend on  
 each other.

Myȝt liȝtly trussen his tresour, 140

For comons mayntene lordis honour,

Holy chirche, and religyoun,

For comouns is þe fayrest flour

þat euere god sette on erþely crowne. 144

The Com-  
 mons are the  
 fairst flower  
 of the Crown.

(19)

¶ God, lete þis kyngdom neuere be lorn

Among oure self, in no distance!

Oþer kyngdomes lauȝhe vs not to skorn,

And sey, for synne god send vengeance. 148

God, ȝeue vs space of repe[n]tance,

Good lyf, and deuocioun;

And god, kepe in þy gouernance

Oure comely kyng, and saue þe crowne! 152

but keep  
 our king,  
 Henry V,  
 and save the  
 crown.

### XIII. *Dede is worchyng.*

[A.D. 1414. In 2 Parts.]

[*Digby 102, leaf 111, back.*]

[21 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*]

(Part I. 1)

**W**hanne alle a kyngdom gadrid ysse

In goddis lawe, by on assent,

For to amende þat was mysse,

þerfore is ordayned a parlement. 4

Trouþe wiȝ glad chere þeder went,

And falsed stondis ay in drede

For ferd of ryȝtwis iugement,

ffor to be demed after his dede. 8

[leaf 112]

In a parla-  
 ment, only  
 truth should  
 be heard.

(2)

¶ In doom of parlement ofte is fauour,

þat afterward it harmeþ grete;

Make oþere bold take þerof sauour

To mayntene falsed for bezete. 12

But often  
 falsehood is  
 maintained  
 for profit's  
 sake.

Slouþe vn-tyme eft mon swete  
 When it is hot, and gloweþ as glede.  
 Stonde wiþ trouþe, and smyte an hete,  
 þat god þonke 3ow for 3oure dede. 16

## (3)

The laws re-  
 quire capital  
 punshment  
 for murder  
 and treason.

¶ Lawe 3eueþ kyng lyf *and* leme ;  
 To hasty slauzt, and sodeyn fed,  
 Lawe 3eueþ no grace to heme ;  
 Morþere, ne treson, ne forcast ded, 20  
 To 3eue þere mercy, god forbed ;  
 þat fauour myzt destroye a þede.  
 God in his lawe 3af moyses red,  
 Wiþ-oute he dampneþ þe dede. 24

## (4)

Law is in-  
 violable in  
 all countries :

in England  
 only is it  
 bought and  
 sold like a  
 beast.

¶ In alle kyngdomes, here lawe is wryten ;  
 For mede ne drede, þey chaunge it nouzt.  
 In Engeland, as aH men wyten,  
 Lawe, as best, is solde *and* bouzt. 28  
 Eche 3eer newe lawe is wrouzt,  
 And cloþe falsed in trouþe wede.  
 Fern 3er was lawe ; now nes it nouzt.  
 We ben newe fangyl, vnstable in dede. 32

## (5)

To stand up  
 for the com-  
 mons is the  
 greatest  
 charity,  
 which God  
 alone can  
 reward.

¶ To stonde wiþ comons in here ryzt,  
 Is hyzest poynt of charite.  
 To quyte þat dede, no man myzt,  
 Saue onely god in trynyte. 36  
 þou3 þe comons vnkonyng be,  
 God 3eueþ 3ow neuere þe lasse mede.  
 þat mede askeþ so hey3 degre,  
 Nes non bot god may quyte þat dede. 40

## (6)

Hear the  
 complaints  
 of your ten-  
 ants, for they  
 keep your  
 possessions.

¶ 3et o wysdom mot 3e lere,  
 Most profyt, and heyest honour ;  
 3oure tenauntes playntes 3e mot here,  
 ffor þey kepen aH 3oure tresour. 44

3e are holden to ben here socour.

Non wiþ wrong oþer mysbede :  
For-þy god made 3ow gouernour,  
In goddis ryzt to deme þe dede.

48

## (7)

¶ Lordis þat han castels and toures,  
Alle folk stonden of 3ow awe.

þe puple is goddis, *and* nozt 3oures.

þey paye 3oure rente, to gouerne lawe.

Let no man here ryzt wiþdrawe,

Body ne cateñ hem mysbede.

Who doþ so, god sayþ in sawe,

He shal haue heuene for þat dede.

52

Lords, the  
commons  
hold you  
in esteem,

and pay you  
rent ;  
therefore, you  
ought to  
protect them .

56

## (8)

¶ þe lord þat wole haue good loos,

Stonde fast in trouþe, waxe not faynt.

Let trouþe gon out of cloos,

þat alle folk may here his playnt.

Let treson be shamely ataynt,

Graunte hem no mercy, ne take no mede ;

For mede wiþ poyson sotyly is maynt ;

Mercy myzt cherische hem in here dede.

60

Oppress  
treason.

64

## (9)

¶ 3if a man wolde þe ouertylt,

Caste þy deþ for to kille,

Let not a-noþer by3e his gylt,

þat <sup>1</sup>neuere in dede dede þe ylle.

Dampne no man for non euyl wille

To do þe gylteles blod to blede.

Sette 3oure domes in euene skille ;

In drede of god, 3e deme 3oure dede.

68

Don't make  
the guiltless  
suffer for the  
guilty.

[1 lf. 112, bk.]

72

## (10)

¶ Who skorneþ hem þat telleþ hem wit,

Is rebeñ to god, þat repreueþ reson ;

þat loueþ hym most, þat hateþ hit,

Azenst goddis counseñ cast a-cheson ;

Who scorns  
the wise,  
and cherishes  
fools, rebels  
against God.

76

To worschipe hym þere wit is geson ;  
 For fawte of grace, vertue ben gyde.  
 To chastyse fooles is ay in seson,  
 To worschip or shame, after þe dede. 80

(11)

¶ Syngulerte is sotyle þefte.  
 þey calle hit custom, troupe to blende.  
 Whan troupe wole reherce þat efte,  
 þan god wil vengeance wiþ troupe sende, 84  
 Shamely falsed to shende,  
 Drede *and* stryf among hem shede.  
 To preue who is goddis frend,  
 Comons be witesse of here dede. 88

God will send  
 Vengeance  
 with Truth to  
 ruin False-  
 hood.

(12)

¶ Putte fro court, þat chericheþ vys,  
 þat place of vertues wolde shende.  
 Nedeles delys, *and* nedeles gys,  
 þe wastours out of worschip spende. 92  
 Wiþ wit and vysement aH amende.  
 Lete werk be witnes þe can þoure Crede.  
 Wiþ corage *and* hardynes þoure reme defende,  
 In goddis quereH þe do þoure dede. 96

Banish  
 wicked people  
 from the  
 court.

Prove by  
 your works  
 that you  
 know your  
 creed.

(13)

¶ A trewe man reccheþ neuere a deH  
 þou3 aH þe world his werkis aspyzed ;  
 And falsed, for he doþ not weH,  
 He wolde troupes tonge were tyzed, 100  
 For he schulde not telle who hym nyzed.  
 þefore þe fals þe false fede,  
 Til troupe in preson be faste alyzede,  
 And dampne troupe for falsed dede. 104

A truthful  
 man never  
 hides his  
 works ;  
 the false con-  
 spire against  
 truth.

(Part II. 14)

¶ Whanne þe han made pes wiþ-ynne,  
 AH þoure reme in vnyte,  
 Vttere-more þe mot bygynne ;  
 Strengþe þoure marche, and kepe þe see. 108

When you  
 have made  
 peace at  
 home,  
 strengthen  
 your marches  
 to keep the  
 sea.

Ofte haue 3e made 3oure fomen fle,  
 Here hatest blod o brod to sprede.  
 God doþ batayle, and not 3e ;  
 þou3 3e fau3t, god doþ þe dede. 112

Remember  
 your former  
 valour.

(Part II. 15)

¶ To ffrauce, kyng Edward had querele,  
 Hit was his kynde heritage ;  
 And 3e han þe same style,  
 Wiþ armes of þe selue parage ; 116  
 And 3it 3oure quereH dede neuere aswage ;  
 þat god haþ shewed in 3oure manhede :  
 On see, on land, in eche vyage,  
 In dent of swerd, god demed 3oure dede. 120

King Edward  
 made war on  
 France to  
 reclaim his  
 lawful heri-  
 tage, to which  
 you have  
 the same  
 title.

(Part II. 16)

¶ Stufe 3oure castels in eche coost,  
 Warnestor *and* folk þeder sende ;  
 So mow 3e abate 3oure enemys bost,  
 But not in trete, in wast to spende. 124  
 Wheþer 3e assayle or defende,  
 On see or land, god 3ow spede !  
 Wiþ word of wynd, mad neuere <sup>1</sup>werre ende,  
 But dent of swerd endid þe dede. 128

Fortify your  
 castles ;

don't waste  
 your time by  
 treating ;

no war is  
 ended by  
 words, but  
 by the sword.

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 118]

(Part II. 17)

¶ And 3e þenke werre to holde,  
 Do after hem [þat] is most wys.  
 Corage of 3ong, and wit of olde,  
 Can telle where þe vantage lys, 132  
 In dede of armes wonnen prys.  
 Whan gloser *and* flaterer on tapetis trede,  
 For wynnynge þey counseled to cowardys.  
 Man wan neuere worschip by here dede. 136

The courage  
 of the young,  
 and the ex-  
 perience of  
 the old, will  
 help to gain  
 the victory.

(Part II. 18)

¶ Als ofte as 3e trete,  
 3oure enemys, ordynaunce þey di3t.  
 While 3e trete, ay þey gete.  
 3e trete 3oure self out of 3oure ri3t ; 140  
 þere lakkeþ conscience of kny3t.  
 Lete falsed growe tyl he sede.

By treaties  
 your enemies  
 get profit,  
 whereas you  
 lose your  
 right.

<p>nota Milicia &amp;c.</p>	<p>Ordre of knyzt was mad to fyzt, In goddis rizt, to ende þe dede.</p>	<p>144</p>
(Part II. 19)		
<p>The order of knights sur- passes those of monks,</p>	<p>¶ Ordre of knyzt hardest is On see, on lond, on sholde, <i>and</i> depe ; He passeþ relegous ywis,</p>	
<p>in spite of their prayers ;</p>	<p>þou3 þey preye and faste wepe. Ofte wiþ ful wombe relegous slepe, Whan kny3tes han hunger, <i>and</i> moche in drede. þe heter in clene lyf þey auzt hem kepe, As goddis knyzt to don here dede.</p>	<p>148</p>
<p>they ought to prove them- selves God's knights by a clean life.</p>	<p>(Part II. 20)</p>	<p>152</p>
¶ On of two, 3e mot chese :		
On lond or see or shippes bord,		
Wiþ f3zt 3e wynne, wiþ trete 3e lese.		
<p>Your enemies win by words,</p>	<p>3oure enemys han þat eure in hord, þat þey wynne wiþ word 3oure townes <i>and</i> castels in lengþe <i>and</i> brede ; And þat 3e wynne, 3e wynne wiþ sword. þerfore wiþ swerd do 3oure dede.</p>	<p>156</p>
<p>you can win by your swords only.</p>	<p>(Part II. 21)</p>	<p>160</p>
¶ God 3eue 3ow grace þis reme to 3eme, To cherische þe goode, <i>and</i> chastyse þe nys. And also serue god to queme, þat 3oure werkis preue 3ow wys. And in 3ow þe helpe it lys, þe puple in goddis lawe to hede. Do so now, 3e wynne 3ow prys And heuene blisse for 3oure dede. Amen ! <sup>1</sup>		
<p>Let your works prove you wise.</p>	<p>164</p>	<p>168</p>

XIV. **M**an, be warre er the be woo. [Early in 1418.]

[Digby 102, leaf 113.]

[14 stanzas of 8, *abab, bcbc.*]

(1)

The higher  
the rank of a  
man, the  
greater is his

**T**he herrere degre, þe more wys ;  
þe gretter worschip, þe noblere fame ;

<sup>1</sup> *Amen* is struck through in *red ink*; but whether it is meant to be erased or not, is doubtful.



- þe herrere degre, þe more nys ;  
 þe gretter foly, þe more blame. 4  
 After foly, folweþ þe shame ;  
 Repreued of frendis, and scorned of fo,  
 After þy dede, ressayue þy name.  
 Eche man be war, er hym be wo. 8
- (2)
- ¶ 3if þou be kyngis chaunceller,  
 Kepe þe crowne hool in stat ;  
 3if þou be kyngis counselere,  
 Loke no stones þerof abate. 12  
 3if oþer wolde make þe kyng þe hate,  
 Or falsed ouer trouþe go,  
 Tak þy leue, and kisse þe 3ate.  
 Eche man be war, er hym be wo. 16
- (3)
- ¶ On a mowntayne, a sete may not be hyd,  
 Ne lordis werkis in no degre.  
 A lordis werkis, wiþ comouns is kyd,  
 þat he doþ most in preuete. 20  
 Gouvernour of kyngdom or Cyte,  
 After þey lyue, men deme so.  
 For eche a werk, god 13eueþ a fe. [1 lf. 113, bk.]  
 Eche man be war, er hym be wo. 24
- (4)
- ¶ A synple prest wole synge his masse  
 While his lyuyng is but smal.  
 As summe encrese, serue god þe lasse,  
 Wiþ benefices, ten my3te lyue wiþ-al, 28  
 And fynde þere noþer houshold ne halle,  
 Ne serue þe parische, but take hem fro.  
 Er god suche rekenyng calle,  
 Be tyme be war, er þey be wo. 32
- (5)
- ¶ Man, do resoun þou3 þou be riche,  
 Ouer cite or town hast gouernaunce.  
 Loue al crafty folk yliche,  
 Mayntene no party in distaunce. 36
- honour or his disgrace.
- Do your duty at court conscientiously.
- If others calumniate you, ask your discharge.
- A lord's works cannot be concealed; the commons will soon know them.
- Poor priests serve God; as soon as they get benefices, they become careless.
- Be impartial.

Sette mendis for trespas in euene balaunce ;

For a penyworth of harm, tak not two.

Rule wel mesure *and* sustenaunce.

Eche man be war, er hym be wo.

40

## (6)

*nota*

The wise man  
forbade his  
son to be a  
king's coun-  
sellor, as he

might get  
hanged.

¶ þe wyseman his sone forbed

Masouncraft and aȝ clymbyng,

And shipman craft, for perile of dede,

And preuey in counseil be neyȝ no kyng.

44

For his mys-rulyng þou myȝt hyng,

þat shep myȝte grese vnder þy to.

To flize to hyȝe, treste not þy wyng.

Eche man be war, er hym be wo.

48

## (7)

Don't ask too  
much of your  
king.

Poor people  
must pay for  
your profit.

¶ þouȝ þy kyng be fre to ȝyue,

Be þou not gredy to craue,

Make oþere folk þe worse to lyue,

For synguler profyt þou wolde haue.

52

Er drede *and* répref þy berȝ shaue,

Asese of Couetys, *and* say hoo.

The man þat wole his worship saue,

Be tyme be war, er him be woo.

56

## (8)

¶ For to amende þat was mys,

þerfore is ordeyned eche Iustice.

Do every man  
justice.

Lat eche man haue þat shulde ben his,

And turne not lawe for couetyse.

60

Ne contryue tresons þere trouþ lys,

In tyrauntrie to robbe and slo.

Er ȝoure werkis preue ȝow nys,

Eche man be war, er hym be wo.

64

## (9)

Give every-  
body his due.

¶ ȝif ȝe wole haue pes of ȝong *and* old,

Let eche man haue þat is ryȝt.

Let comon lawe his cours hold,

Euene mesure, mett, and wyȝt.

68

Man, þou; þou be moche of myzt,  
 Mende fawtes er þou make mo.  
 For þat 3e hid, god seeþ in syzt.  
 Eche man be war, er hym be wo.

72

## (10)

¶ Eche lord knoweþ his astate,  
 Lyue on þat god hym lent.  
 þat borweþ moche, he geteþ hate.  
 Spende waste, passyng his rent,  
 For suche a kyngdom haþ ben shent.  
 Stryf wiþ comons, threp, and thro,  
 To brynge þat in amendement,  
 Eche man be war, er hym be wo.

76

Don't let  
 your expenses  
 exceed your  
 income.

80

## (11)

¶ Whanne holichirche suffreþ symonye,  
 And is <sup>1</sup>wiþ hym enchaunted,  
 And lawe of land suffreþ vsurye,  
 Vnkyndely synne, and shameles haunted,  
 And vicious folk auauised *and* dawnted,  
 And vertues flemed fro eche a wro :  
 In þat kyngdom, god haþ vengeaunce graunted.  
 Eche man be war, er hym be wo.

[1 leaf 114]

84

If vice is  
 advanced  
 in church and  
 law, and  
 virtue op-  
 pressed,

88

## (12)

¶ In a kyngdom, what makeþ stryf,  
 No man standes of oþer awe?  
 Vnkyndely synne, and tyrauntes lyf;  
 Vsurye, symonye, and letter of lawe,  
 And holy chirche rebeþ to goddis sawe.  
 To kepe his comaundement, þey say no.  
 Fro þat kyngdom, god his loue wil drawe.  
 Eche man be war, er hym be wo.

92

God will  
 withdraw his  
 love from  
 our land.

96

## (13)

¶ 3if eny folk forgeþ gyles,  
 Wiþ falsed þy deþ to cast,  
 Pulle vp þe stakes, *and* breke þe styles;  
 Lete hem no more styke so faste.

100

If anybody  
 attempt upon  
 your life, try  
 to escape and  
 stand upon  
 your guard.

And whan 3e be þe perile paste,  
 Kepe 3ow wel fro deþes flo,  
 Fro costage, and be no more agaste.  
 Eche man be war, er hym be wo. 104

(14)

The friends  
 of the flesh,  
 misused,  
 ruin the  
 soul.

¶ þe flesch haþ many frele frendis,  
 Richesse, strengþe, fayrenesse, *and* hele ;  
 Whan it is mysved, þe soule it schendis.  
 Richesse, rauenere of worldis wele, 108  
 Take fro þe nedy, to þe nedeles dele,  
 And wylde recheles as a roo.

Watch, that  
 your sins  
 don't spoil  
 your soul.

Er 3oure synnes 3oure soules apele,  
 Eche man be war, er hym be woo. 112

XV. *The descripyng of mannes membres.*[*Digby 102, leaf 114.*][19 stanzas of 8, *abab, abab.*]

(1)

**W**here-of is mad al mankynde ?  
 Of seuene þynges, and it be souzt :  
 Erþe *and* water, fyre *and* wynde,  
 þerof is þe body wrouzt ; 4  
 þe soule of þre, þat haþ þe mynde,  
 Of lyf, felyng, *and* of þouzt.  
 þe soule fro þe body vnbende,  
 Whan on of þese lakkeþ ouzt. 8

The body of  
 man is  
 composed of  
 the four  
 elements ;  
 his soul, of  
 life, feeling,  
 and thought.

(2)

I compare  
 man's head  
 with a king ;

¶ The heued, y likne to a kyng,  
 For he is lord souereyn of al,  
 Haþ foure to his gouernyng :  
 Mouþ *and* nose, and eyen wiþ-al, 12  
 Eryn fayre to his heryng,  
 To serue þe brayn is pryncypal  
 Chef of counseil ymagenyng,  
 To caste before, er after fal. 16

(3)

¶ I lykne þe nekke, moche of myzt, þat body <i>and</i> heued to-gydre knyzt,	his neck,
To a Iustice þat demeþ ryzt; For, purgh it, comeþ aH wordis of wyt.	to a just judge;
3if a man take ordre of knyzt, þe coler in þe nekke het ;	20
And feloun forfeete in þeste or fyzt, þe iugement in þe nekke set.	24

(4)

¶ Now I lykne mannys brest, To presthod in good degre, Most in perile, lest in rest	his breast, to a good priest
For besynesse in spiritualte ; In penaunce <i>and</i> in preyer prest ;	28
Meke of spirit in pouerte Holde hospytal to goddis gest, And fede þe pore in charyte.	[leaf 114, bk.] 32

(5)

¶ þe shuldres <i>and</i> þe bakebon, I likne to lordis of þe lond ;	his shoulders and back- bone, to lords ;
þe armes, to knyzttes, to fende fro fon ; þe squyers, I likne to þe hondes ;	his arms, to knights ;
þe fyngres, to 3emen þat byfore gon Wip bent bowes <i>and</i> bryzt brondes.	his fingers, to yeomen ;
While aH þys lymes arn wel at on, þe body, in good plyt it stondes.	40

(6)

¶ Mannys rybbes, y likne now— Flesch <i>and</i> skyn in body hydes,— To men of lawe is to alow, þat kepes in loue boþe sydes.	his ribs, to men of law ;
Rybbes, to resoun þou3 þey bow, So lawe doþ : ofte in fauour bydes, Tyl ground be souzt þere lawe doþ grow, Ende in charite, þat no man chydes.	44
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## (7)

his thighs, to merchants;	¶ I likne þe thies, flesch <i>and</i> bon,	
	þat beren þe body quantite,	
	To marchaundes, in <i>perile</i> ride <i>and</i> gon,	
	Bryngen wynnyng, gold, <i>and</i> fee,	52
	Make hiȝe houses of lym <i>and</i> ston,	
	Mayntene burgh, toun, <i>and</i> cyte,	
	Welþe <i>and</i> worschip in here won,	
	And good houshold of gret plente.	56

## (8)

his legs, to handicrafts- men;	¶ Mannys leggis, likne y may	
	To aȝ craftes þat worche wiþ handes,	
	For al þe body beren þay,	
	As a tre þat bereþ wandes.	60
his feet, to ploughmen;	þe feet, to lykne, y wole assay,	
	To alle trewe tylyers of landes,	
	þe plough, <i>and</i> aȝ þat dygge in clay;	
	Alle þe world on hem standes.	64

## (9)

his toes, to faithful servants.	¶ The toes of þe mennys feet,	
	þo y likne to trewe hyne	
	þat trauayle boþe in drye <i>and</i> weet,	
	In þurst, in hungere, <i>and</i> in pyne,	68
	In het, in cold, in snow <i>and</i> slet,	
	Many hiȝe none, er þey dyne,	
	And wiþ good mete selde met;	
	But after howsel þey drynke no wyn.	72

## (10)

A man with- out toes can- not rise or stand;	¶ Toes helpeþ man fro fal to ryse.	
	He may not stonde, þat haþ no toon,	
	Lepe ne renne, ne ryde in syse,	
	Wrastle ne fyȝte, ne put þe ston.	76
master and servant depend on each other.	ȝif seruant þe maystere refuse,	
	þe seruant lyuyng sone were gon.	
	And maystres, þouȝ þey ben wyse,	
	Wiþ-out seruant lyue not alon.	80

(11)

¶ I likne þe wombe, <i>and</i> þat wiþ-ynne, To botemeles purs, þat moche doþ take ; To couetous, no wyket pynne ; To glotoun, þe garner wyd open make.	84	I liken the womb to a bottomless purse.
þe wombe preyed þe mouþ to blynne : “ þou etest <i>and</i> drynkest, þat y ake.” “ To slepe,” quod þe eyze, “ we may not wynne þe wrecched wombe so doþ vs wake.”	88	The womb asked the mouth to leave off eating,

(12)

¶ “ We dulle of heryng,” quod þe ere. “ We dase for dronken,” quod þe eyze :		and so did the limbs.
“ I wende but o mone þere were, And me þouzte two y seyze.”	92	
Quod þe handis, “ fro mouþ may we not vs were.” Quod <sup>1</sup> þe mouþ, “ y drank while y myzte drye.”		[ <sup>1</sup> leaf 115]
“ Allas,” quod þe feet, “ aH we bere, And zoure bargayn dere abye.”	96	

(13)

¶ The handes <i>and</i> feet, þe mouþ gan preye, “ Let vs thre dayes reste, Wiþ alle þyn oþere lymes pleye, Wiþ felaschip, frend, <i>and</i> geste.”	100	They begged him to rest three days,
þe mouþ, in anger he dede saye, “ þes þre dayes do zoure best. Al þat tyme, nyzt ne daye, No mete ne drynk come in my brest.”	104	with which the mouth complied.

(14)

¶ Thre dayes the mouþ dede faste, Tyl wombe calde þe mouþ vnkynde. “ Vnkynde <sup>2</sup> thyn handes, are þey faste ? [ <sup>2</sup> for Vnbynde]	108	After that time, they called him unkind, and asked him to eat again.
Stere, <i>and</i> lete þe mylle grynde.” Quod þe eren, “ oure heryng is at þe laste.” Quod eyen, “ we dase, <i>and</i> waxe blynd.” Quod handes <i>and</i> feet, “ oure strengþe is paste,” Quod brayn <i>and</i> herte, “ vs wantes mynde.”	112	

## (15)

The mouth  
said, "You  
complain  
both of my  
eating and  
my fasting."  
They an-  
swered, "We  
are well as  
long as you  
observe  
moderation."

- ¶ *Quod þe mouþe, " 3e playne whyle y ete ;  
And while y faste, 3e make gret doel."*  
*Quod hondes and feet, "also we gete  
þat þou spendest eche a deel. 116*  
We may play, swynke, *and* swete,  
While mouþe in mesure makeþ his mele.  
For mesure kepeþ kynde hete,  
And al þat tyme we fare wele." 120

## (16)

*Nota  
bene*

I liken a  
kingdom in  
a good  
condition  
to a healthy  
man ;  
whille his  
limbs are of  
one accord,  
he is brave ;  
if they  
quarrel, he  
falls ill.

- ¶ I likne a kyngdom in good astate,  
To stalworþe man, my3ty in hele.  
While non of his lymes oþer hate,  
He is my3ty, wiþ a-noþer to dele. 124  
3if eche of his lymes wiþ oþer debate,  
He waxeþ syk, for flesch is frele.  
His enemys wayte erly *and* late,  
In his feblenese, on hym to stele. 128

## (17)

All limbs  
stand in need  
of one an-  
other.

- ¶ And hed were fro þe body stad,  
Noþer partye were set at nou3t,  
And body wiþoute armes sprad.  
Were armes wiþ-oute handis ou3t ? 132  
Ne handis, but þey fyngres had ?  
Wiþoute fingere, what were wrou3t ?  
þes lymes makeþ hed ful glad,  
And al þe body, and it be sou3t. 136

## (18)

If you allow  
a man to  
hurt your  
finger, he  
will take  
your arm ;

if our friends  
be destroyed,  
we must take  
heed of our  
enemies.

- ¶ 3if a man hurte þy fynger or too,  
But þou make deffens o ferre,  
Leg or arm may take þe fro ;  
To body or hed, aunte herre. 140  
Ensamble to kyngdom, y set this so :  
And oure frendis be destroyed by werre,  
þan kepe þe wisely fro þy foo ;  
For wiþ aH his my3t he wole come nerre. 144



(19)

<p>¶ God saue þis man is so deuysed,          Hed <i>and</i> body, aH lymes in kynde.          But þere as vertues ben despysed,          To preye to god, þey waste here wynde. 148          God leue þat synne may be refused,          And of dedly synnes vs vnbynde,          And eche stat in his kynde be vsed.          God, of his mercy, haue vs in mynde! Amen! 152</p>	<p>God saves a          man whose          limbs are in          full harmony.</p>
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XVI. *A remembraunce of LIJ folyes.*<sup>1</sup> [A.D. 1419]

[*Digby 102, leaf 115.*]

[9 stanzas of 14, *abab, abab, cc ddd c.*]

(1)

<p><b>L</b> Oke how Flaundes doþ fare wiþ his folyhede!          Durste no man dygge after trouþe wiþ no manere          toles.          To wynne <sup>2</sup>wrongly wele, wod þey gan wede,          But werkis of wys men were cast vnder stoles. 4          Glosers counseled lordis for to take mede,          To maken hem riche, and here lordis pore foles.          Whan þe souereyns were set, here sogettis to drede,          þe glosers skulked away, for shame of here sooles. 8          Falsed shal neuere ben ateynt          Til Iuge here eche mannys pleynt.          Redresse, <i>and</i> make an ende,          Or ellys to mercy bende; 12          Make hem kyssen <i>and</i> be frende,          þat were fon feynt.</p>	<p>Look how          Flanders          fares with          her foolish-          ness!          [<sup>2</sup> lf. 115, bk.]          They followed          the fools, and          despised the          wise.</p>
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(2)

<p>¶ Fyfty folyes ben, <i>and</i> two;          Alle þo y wole mynne among. 16          To triste in trete to his fo          þat hap begyled hem ofte <i>and</i> long,          And hate hem þat telle hym so,          And wilfully wolle suffre wrong: 20</p>	<p>There are 52          follies.          He is a fool          who trusts          his enemies,          and hates          good coun-          sellors;</p>
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<sup>1</sup> I printed this, from my copy of the MS., in *Englisch Studien* 1897, in forgetfulness of Dr. Kail.—F. J. F.

	It is worthy he smerte <i>and</i> be wo, þat of his owen skyn wole kerue a thong.	
who buys more than he can pay;	þat chepen moche, <i>and</i> not han to paye, And wiþ his lord to homly wole playe,	24
who swears and boasts beyond mea- sure;	Swere moche, <i>and</i> not be trowed ; Boste moche, <i>and</i> not allowed ;	
who threat- ens all, but conquers none.	Threte alle men, <i>and</i> neuere on bowed : All are folyes, þat y say.	28

## (3)

He is a fool, who begins war without money ;	¶ He is a fool, þat werre wole wake, þat may not maynten it wiþ mede, And so moche vndertake, þat wot wel he may not spede,	32
who makes his neigh- bour his enemy for a stranger's sake ;	And of his neyzebour his enemy make For a straunge mannys dede ; And he þat mesure wole forsake, And nedles put hym-self in drede ;	36
who reck- lessly kills a man ;	Of mannys deþ haue no rouþe, But hate hem þat tellen hym trouþe, Loue hym þat cherische hym in synne, And suche games bygygne Where þat he wot he may not wynne, But besyen hym in slouþe.	40

## (4)

	¶ He is a fool, þat no good can, Ne non wole lere, but slow in dede.	44
who will not listen to good advice ;	A gret fool, y holde þat man þat of his enemys haþ no drede.	
who does not fear his enemies. With such follies Flanders began.	þurgh suche foly, Flaundres be-gan ; Of after perile þey tok non hede. Hit is worthy, he ete bred of bran, þat wiþ floure his foo wil fede.	48
	And truste al in gloser charmes, In hyndryng in worschip of armes, And lette lawe it mot not syt, And conscience away flyt, May brynge a lord, er þat he wyt, Emyddis grete harmes.	52 56

(5)

- ¶ Flaundes was þe richest land, and meriest to mynne; She was the richest land; now woe has befallen her.  
 Now is it wrappid in wo, *and moche welþe raft.*  
 For defaute of Iustice, and singulere to wynne,  
 þey were rebeþ, to ryse craft aȝen craft. 60 They were greedy of profit;  
 Here lord had part of þe foly þey were wounden ynne; their prince had part in their folly, and so he lost his authority.  
 For-thy he les his lordshipe, *and here fraunchise raft.*  
 Here enemys lawhen hem to skorne, *and seyn, 'for synne,*  
 Of here banere of grace, god broken haþ þe shaft.' 64  
 When prelat is forbode to preche,  
 No trewe man trouþe dar teche,  
 Encresyng of temperalte  
 Suspende spiritualte : 68  
 What land is gouerned in þat degre,  
 May wayte after wreche. [leaf 116] Where priests are forbidden to preach, and truthful men, to speak the truth, there God will send vengeance.

(6)

- ¶ I holde hym a fool, þouȝ he be wys,  
 þat spekeþ among men of name 72 He is a fool who gives advice where he is not listened to.  
 þat at his wysdom set no prys,  
 But skorne hym, *and don blame;*  
 And he þat telleþ where peryle lys,  
 And gete no þonk, but harm *and shame;* 76  
 And he þat pleyneþ, y holde hym nys,  
 þat get no mendys, but dowble game.  
 By þese poyntes fflaundes was lest;  
 Now is it out of rule *and of rest.* 80 By such things Flanders has been ruined.  
 Drede is here chef gayte.  
 So eche man on hem bayte,  
 þat ȝet þey honge in awayte  
 Of a newe conquest. 84

(7)

- ¶ He þat myȝt thryue, and nel not thee,  
 Ne his owen harmes knawe,  
 Apert ne in preuytee  
 Serue god for loue ne awe, 88  
 Ne gouerne wel his owen degre,  
 Ne rule hymself in ryȝtwys lawe :  
 Whan wyse men fro hym fle,  
 þen god his grace wole fro hem drawe. 92 Whoever does not thrive, by his own fault, will be forsaken by God.

Can a man  
who gives  
his fortune to  
glozers, be  
saved by  
them?

þat moche wynneþ, and no thyng wole haue,  
But 3eue it away, to nedeles þat craue,  
A3ens conscience despit  
Borwe moche, *and* neuere quyt : 96  
When god for þat gylt smyt,  
What glosere can þat wounde saue ?

## (8)

He is to be  
thought a  
fool, who is  
led by his  
own will, and  
does not hear  
reason.

¶ þat freek may wel be holden a fool,  
þat wayueþ wit, *and* worcheþ by wille, 100  
And skippe into sclandre scol,  
And scorne hym þat telleþ hym skylle ;  
And lyue in Lenton as in 3ool,  
His flesch in foly to fulfille. 104  
þou3 þe dotard deye in dool,  
þe ry3twys nel not rewe his ylle.  
Who so wil not knowe his awen astat,  
Ne deliuere chekkys, er þat he be mat, 108  
He shal haue worldis wondryng,  
And his soule hyndryng,  
And ay in paynes pondryng ;  
To mende þanne, is to late. 112

## (9)

Of all people,  
there are but  
four that take  
no meed :  
Illness,  
Sorrow,  
Death, and  
Dread.

*Nota*

¶ Of aH folk vppon fold, y fynde but foure trewe,  
þat don here deuere dewely, and take no mede :  
Syknes is oon, and sorw doþ sewe,  
þe thridde hat 'deþ,' and þe fierþe 'drede.' 116  
þey clayme vs by custom, for þey oure kyn knewe,  
And endid wiþ oure aunsetres tyl þey to erþe 3ede.  
þey spare prynce ne pore, old ne newe,  
For þey crepe in-to his cors, and cloþe hem in his wede.  
Drede bryngeþ man to buxonnes ; 121  
Sorwe of herte makeþ synnes les ;  
Syknes, breþe stekenyng,  
And bowe to a bekenyng, 124  
And bryngeþ hem to rekenyng,  
Tyl deþ aH redresse.

XVII. *Loue that god loueth.*[*Digby 102, leaf 116.*][25 stanzas of 8, *abab, abab.*]

(1)

**T**hat ilke man wole lerne wel  
To loue god wiþ al his myzt,  
þat loue in his herte fele.

þere god doþ loue, loue þou ryzt ;

4 Love what  
God loves,

There god doþ hate euerydele,

Hate it boþe day *and* nyzt,

þeue hym <sup>1</sup>noþer mete ne mele,

and hate  
what he  
hates.

But flyt hym fere out of þoure syzt.

8 [<sup>1</sup> lf. 116, bk.]

(2)

¶ Many gret[e] causes is,

To loue god, why men ouzte.

Man ought to  
love God  
from many  
reasons.

He shop vs lyk ymage his,

And wiþ his deþ, fro pyne vs bouzt,

12

And zut, þouz we don ofte amys,

For eche a gylt he beteþ vs nouzt ;

And we þenke to amende, he profreþ to kys.

Man, of loue he haþ besouzt.

16

(3)

¶ 3if a lord þeue fee or rent

For to do a gret office,

To *serue* hym wel is þyn atent,

For thy profyt, but not for his,

20

For he fyndeþ þe þy vaunsement ;

þy loue vppon þe profyt lys.

Suche worldly louers are gostly blent ;

Suche loue to god is cold as yse.

Such love  
does not  
please God.  
24

(4)

¶ 3if þou *serue* god for helle drede,

Or loue god for his blisse,

þat loue is worth no parfyt mede :

þou [sechest] thy profyt, *and* not hisse.

Nor is your  
love perfect  
if you serve  
God from  
fear of hell or  
from hope of  
heaven.  
28

To pyne ne blis, take non hede,  
 But loue god, for good he is.  
*Nota de amore dei* Suche loue to god, his erande doþ spede,  
 &c. And pleseþ best to god y-wys. 32

## (5)

*Worldly men even do the 7 works of charity from such love.* ¶ Fleschly man may do wele  
 þe seuene werkes of mercy þat god bed :  
 3eue pore folk mete *and* mele, 36  
 Herberwe, drynk, cloþe, *and* fed,  
 For syngulere profyt, eche a dele,  
 For drede of pyne, and couetys of mede.  
 Loue god ouer all, for good he is ;  
 To pyne ne blisse, take non hede. 40

## (6)

*You must love God because he loves you.* ¶ 3if þou sette loue in þat degre,  
 To loue god, for he þe wrou3t,  
 þan make þou hym as he dede þe,  
 þan loue for loue, euene is brou3t. 44  
 3if þou loue god, for he made þe fre,  
 þat dy3ed for the, to blisse þe bou3t,  
 þan dy3e þou for hym, as he dy3ed for þe ;  
 3ut heuene blisse, þou quytest hym nou3t. 48

## (7)

*God says, "Love me with all thy heart, and turn thy thoughts away from worldly riches."* ¶ 3it o thyng þere is byhende,  
 Man, þat god askeþ of the :  
 " Alle worldys delys, fro þyn herte wende,  
 Wiþ alle þyn herte, loue þou me. 52  
 þy swete þou3tes [þou] me sende ;  
 For worldis goodis, myn are he.  
 Loue me gostly, þat am þy frende,  
 þanne al euyl shal fro þe fle. 56

## (8)

¶ þat loue me gostly, y can assay,  
 For gostly loue in herte y sou3t.  
 Do worldly thyng fro þyn herte away,  
 And haue me principal in þy þou3t. 60

Be lord, <i>and</i> haue richesse, þou may ; Worldis richesse, for man was wrouzt. Gostly loue, þat is my pray ; But worldly goodis, in heuene comeþ nouzt.	Thou mayst be a lord and haue estates, nota but give me thy love.	64
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(9)

¶ For gold <i>and</i> syluer, and precyous stones, Swetnes of floures, erþely bewte, þe shrynes wiþ aH seyntes bones, In heuene were foul felþe to se. Tyl body <i>and</i> soule aʒen arn ones Mad parfyt in claryte, Saue god hym self, in heuene wones, þe principal, mankynde shal be."	All the trea- sures of the world would  be loathsome in Heaven.  Mankind shall possess them till doomsday."	68       72
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(10)

¶ 'God ! how may y, man, bygynne Wiþ myn herte to loue þe !' "Repente, <i>and</i> wylne no more synne, So mowe we <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> frendis be, Good soule, sybbe to my kynne ; For y made it lik to me. Mankynde y tok, a mayden wiþ-yunne, So, gostly and bodyly, breþeren be we. <sup>3</sup>	'Lord, how may I begin to love thee ?'  "Repent thy sins. <sup>1</sup> MS. ʒe [ <sup>2</sup> leaf 117]	76       80
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(11)

¶ Who loueþ god, he wil bygynne For to folwe goddis lore ; Loke where he dede wrongly wynne, Make amendis, aʒen restore. ʒoure loue, fro me ʒe parten o twynne For worldis worship, ryches in store, Heuene ʒates ʒe steken <i>and</i> pynne ; þat ye shulde saue, ʒe haue forlore.	Thou with- drawest thy love from me by striving for worldly honour and riches.	84      88
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(12)

¶ To gete loue þus bygynne : Wiþ clene herte, <i>and</i> swete þouzt, Wiþ trewe tong, not falsely wynne, Ne stele, ne flatre, ne lyʒe nouzt.	Don't depart from truth ;  don't lie, or steal, or flatter."	92
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Do ryztwys dede, out *and* ynne,  
 Loke þy werkys be euene wrouzt;  
 Do almes *and* penaunce, *and* leue þy synne :  
 Wip þese þre loue is bouzt." 96

## (13)

¶ God spekeþ to man, and lerneþ lore,  
 þe comaundementis *and* þe Crede.  
 "Zeue me þy loue, y aske no more,  
 Wip al þy herte, in loue *and* drede. 100  
 And þou nylt zeue it me, warne me byfore ;  
 Sette pris to selle it ; loue *and* bede,  
 I wole zeue the myself þerfore.  
 Where myztest þou haue a beter mede ? 104

If thou wilt not give me thy love, set a price on it ; I'll offer myself for it.

## (14)

¶ And þou nelt zeue ne selle it me,  
 Azens me þou wilt debate,  
 þan wil y gon away fro þe,  
 And zelde to þe hate for hate. 108  
 My face wip loue shalt þou not se,  
 But steke þe wipoute heuene zate,  
 Fro alle vertues *and* charyte,  
 Wip helle houndes, in endeles date. 112

If thou wilt not sell it me,  
 I shall pay thee hate for hate,  
 and damn thee.

## (15)

¶ Haue y þy loue, so may þou quyte  
 I mad þe lik ymage to me ;  
 And zif þe þenke þat was to lyte,  
 þanne þenk, y dyed on rode tre. 116  
 þouz þou trespass, y do not smyte,  
 But byd zif þou wilt mendid be.  
 And þou be lost, whom wiltow wyte ?  
 Is it long on me or þe ? 120

I formed thee in my Image ;  
 I died for thee ;  
 I don't punish thee for thy sins, but I give thee time to repent.

## (16)

¶ Discrecioun of zong *and* old  
 Of alle þynge nouzt ouzte.  
 Of alle þat may be bouzt *and* sold,  
 Loue for loue is euenest bouzte. 124

Love can be bought with love only.



Whan worldis loue doþ fayle <i>and</i> folde,	Though all worldly love fail, the love of God will ever last.
Goddis loue fayleþ nouzt.	
Trewe loue makeþ men be bolde ;	
Wip loue, felawship to-gydre is brouzt.	128

(17)

¶ ffor loue, god com fro heuene toure,	From love to man, I, God, took manhood.
In mayden Mary tok mankynde.	
ffor oure swete, he drank ful soure.	
Where myzt we trewere loue fynde ?	132
His loue passeþ worldis tresoure,	
3af syzt in helle to gostly blynde.	
And we wole knytte his loue to oure,	
ffor soþe, þat knot shal neuere vnbynde.	136

(18)

¶ "Haue y þy loue, so may þou gete	With love thou wilt gain Heaven.
þat loue wole þy soule saue,	
Among myn angels haue a sete,	
In ioye of heuene, as seyntes haue.	140
3if þou nelt <sup>1</sup> y wol þe þrete,	[ <sup>1</sup> lf. 117, bk.]
In helle pyne be fendis knaue.	
Wip þy conscience þou trete,	
Wheþer is þe leuere for to haue.	144

(19)

¶ And þou madde in þy mood,	If thou re- fused to love me, I shall torment thee in Hell.
To werne me þe loue þou has,	
I wole caste on þe myn herte blod,	
To bere witness þou forfetest gras,	148
And my vengeance, þat is so wood,	
Wip helle houndis in fyre þe chas.	
þou hast fre wille, knowest euyH <i>and</i> good :	
Chese where wyltow take þy plas.	152

(20)

¶ And þou of þy loue daungere make,	I have no profit of thy love.
What may thy loue profyte me ?	
And þou; þou woldest me forsake,	
Out of my lordschipe þou myzt not fle.	156

Angels bryzt, *and* deueles blake,  
 In helle *and* heuene, my lordschipes be.  
 þere be no mo wayes to take ;  
 Is loue or hate more profyt to þe ? 160

## (21)

Whoever  
 loves the  
 world, shall  
 lose more  
 than he wins.

¶ 3if þy loue to þy flesh doþ bende,  
 To greue me þou dost bygynne.  
 3if þou loue þe world þat wole make ende,  
 Of hym þou shalt more lese þan wynne. 164  
 3if þou be suget, and loue þe fende,  
 He wole þe hate, and 3eue pyne for synne.  
 Loue me ! y am god, þy frende,  
 And oure loues shal neuere twynne. 168

## (22)

True love  
 need not fear  
 enemies."

¶ Wheþer trewe loue go or sende,  
 Hym thar not tary in his dede.  
 When mede haþ leue to stande byhynde,  
 þanne trewe loue, his erande may spede. 172  
 þou3 trewe loue haue lityl to spende,  
 Euere he fyndeþ a frend at nede,  
 þat fro his foon wole hym fende.  
 Who so is loued, hym thar not drede." 176

## (23)

Our salvation  
 was written  
 with Christ's  
 heart-blood  
 on his body,  
 and sealed  
 with true-  
 love.

¶ God sayþ, "y haue mercyes to dele,  
 þat wole amende, no more do mys.  
 My mercyes, þousandes mo ken fele  
 þan þousandis worldis wikkidnes." 180  
 His herte blod wrot oure hele,  
 And Ihesus body, þe parchemyn is ;  
 Wiþ trewe loue he prented oure sele,  
 þat is heritage of oure blis. 184

## (24)

There is a  
 herb called  
 true-love,  
 which is  
 likened to  
 Jesus.

¶ þere is an herbe þat hatteþ 'trewe loue,'  
 And by name it haþ no pere,  
 Is lykned to Ihesus, y may proue :  
 His handes *and* feet, þe leues were ; 188

His herte was wiþ a spere þurgh-shoue,  
 Mannys loue was hym so dere.  
 What soule is syk, lay þat herbe aboue,  
 Hit makeþ hool al y-fere. 192

Apply true-  
 love to sick  
 souls.

(25)

¶ God biddiþ vs do no þynges but two:  
 In loue *and* drede to hym bende ;  
 Lede þy soule, lustes fro,  
 World *and* flesh, *and* fro þe fende. 196

Ihesus herte was cleued so,  
 To lete out trewe loue to his frende.  
 In that blisse, god, graunte vs go,  
 þere trewe loue woneþ wiþouten ende ! 200

God grant us  
 to go where  
 true-love  
 dwells.

XVIII. *The declaryng of religioun.* [A.D. 1421]

[*Digby 102, leaf 117, back.*]

[24 stanzas of 8, *abab, abab.*]

(1)

Who þat wole knowe condicion  
 Of parfyt lyf in alle degre :  
 God is foundour of religion,  
 Obedyent to charyte. 4

Swete þouȝt in deuocion,  
 Is weddid <sup>1</sup>to chastite, [1 leaf 118]

In brennyng contemplacion,  
 þe hiȝest lyf of spiritualte. 8

God is the  
 founder of  
 religion.

[1 leaf 118]

Contempla-  
 tion is the  
 highest  
 degre of  
 religiousness.

(2)

¶ The goode lyueres in spiritualte,  
 þe worldly lyueres hem doþ hate,  
 Wiþ occupacioun of temperalte  
 Dryueþ relegeon out at þe ȝate 12

For besynesse of vanyte,  
 Vaynglory, *and* hyȝe astate.  
 þat þus chaungen here degre,  
 þey come to heuene, neuere or late. 16

Worldly men  
 neglect re-  
 ligion, and  
 turn to  
 temporality.

## (3)

Religion is a noble soul in a clean heart;	¶ What is religion in mynde? In clene herte is soule o prys; Out of þraldom doþ vnbynde; A louer of vertues, a hatere of vys.	20
the soul is wise	Eche soule is parfyt clerk of kynde In hyze discrecion, <i>and</i> wys.	
unless it be governed by the flesh.	Of soules, men may no fooles fynde But assente to þe flesch, and make hym nys.	24

## (4)

Religion is a champion in the battle against temptation,	¶ Religeon is champion in batayle, Discomfites hys enemy; ʒif temptacions hym assayle, þere he hath þe victory.	28
and a true workman in the service of God.	Religeon is trewe trauayle, In goddis seruyce neuere werye. Haue mede wiþ martyres, he may not fayle, þat euere is redy for to dyze.	32

## (5)

Works without discrecion,	¶ Werkys wiþ-oute discrecion, Vaynglory in staat is brouzt;	
shrift without contricion,	And shrift wiþ-oute contricion, In skorne þe sacrament þey souzt;	36
and prayers without devotion, displese God.	And preyere wiþ-oute deuocion, þouʒ þey preye, god hereþ hem nouzt: þe lippes turne preyers vp so down, þat spekeþ oþer þan herte þouzt.	40

## (6)

Be not too hard with your fellow-monks;	¶ Cherische no vices in ʒoure warde To serue god in good atent, And non wiþ other be to harde, þat ben professed in ʒoure couent;	44
they might regret to have taken orders.	þey myzte for-þenke it afterward þey tok þe abyte, <i>and</i> wolde repente; þey lese of god a gret rewarþ Whan wille fro religeon is wente.	48

(7)

¶ A questyon of ȝow y craue,—  
 Resoun assoyleþ it by skille,—  
 Who may here soules saue,  
 To were an abyte, wole or nelle ? 52  
 þenk on þy berþe, þenk on þy graue,  
 þy fleschely lustes not fulfille ;  
 For, helle ne heuene shal no man haue,  
 Mawgre his teef, aȝeys his wille. 56

Whoever will  
 save his soul,  
 should think  
 of his birth  
 and of his  
 grave.

(8)

¶ Thouȝ þou be of gentyl blod,  
 þenk aȝ com of Adam *and* Eue.  
 Gadre not in propre, worldis good ;  
 þat nes no religeous, but worldis reue. 60  
 þe herre degre, þe mekere of mood.  
 Tak no vengeance, þouȝ folk þe a-reue.  
 Lat comon lawe stonde as hit stood,  
 Loke no proude herte þy charyte meue. 64

Noblemen,  
 remember  
 that all men  
 come from  
 Adam and  
 Eve.

(9)

¶ Haue non enuye, <sup>1</sup>day ne nyȝt,  
 To goode lyuers bet þan ȝe,  
 But auyȝe faste wiþ aȝ þy myȝt  
 To lyue beter þan doþ he : 68  
 þan countrefetest þou goddis knyȝt ;  
 þat is enuye in charite.  
 Alle þouȝtes in goddis doom are diȝt,  
 And dedes, after þat þey be. 72

Don't envy  
 others their  
 better life,  
 but emulate  
 them.  
 [1 lf. 118, bk.]

(10)

¶ Tho þat lyuen in fleschly delys,  
 Fro þat companye remewe ;  
 Loue here bodyes, but not here vys,  
 And cherische hem to good vertue ; 76  
 And þo þat wil al-gate be nys,  
 Loke þou noȝt here maneres sewe.  
 Go to company þat is wys,  
 Lete fooles drynke þat þey dede brewē. 80

Avoid wicked  
 company,

keep with the  
 wise.

## (11)

Men of Religion,	¶ Religeous, be war, wiþ whom 3e stonde, Wijþ gentyles or folk þat worldly is, þat 3e grype not hand in honde.	
when taking leave, you may kiss men, but not women.	When 3e take leue, loke not 3e kys. Man to man hem thar not wonde, Ne woman to woman no peryle ne is ; But man to woman myȝte breke þe bonde ; In towche is susspescioun of mys.	84 88

## (12)

Such touchings might wound your own soul, and give others cause of suspicion.	¶ Suche towches not 3e byde, Wolde buffete þe soule, and wounde wijþ-ynne, 3eue oþere cause, þat stonde bysyde, To wene it were a bargayn of synne.	92
Nota de religione, &c.	Towches, in custom, þouȝtis hide ; þan sclaudre <i>and</i> shame nyȝ not twynne. With conscience, sclaudre <i>and</i> shame doþ chide ; To shewe opert he wol be-gynne.	96

## (13)

Refuse honours and dignities.	¶ With mekenesse 3e may heuene gete. Dispuse non in low degre. Resceyue no worschipe, ne hyȝe sete, þat pryde go bytween god <i>and</i> þe,	100
Beware of drunkenness and gluttony.	Wolde make to hem self forȝete, For worldis ryches <i>and</i> vanyte. War for dronkenesse of drynkes grete, Fro glotry of metes of gret daynte.	104

## (14)

Don't care about news ;	¶ To religeon mekely bende, To serue god in loue <i>and</i> drede. To herkene tydynges, not 3e wende, Ne bokes of vanyte, not 3e rede.	108
write letters to friends only.	Resceyue no lettere, ne non out sende, But hit be for 3oure hous nede, Oþer to kyn or certeyn frende, In goodnes 3oure erande for to spede.	112

(15)

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| ¶ Kepe 3oure wacche and seruyce dewe,<br>And rule of habyte clenely 3eme ;<br>And fille 3oure hertes wiþ good vertue,<br>And wikked vyces fro 3ow 3e fleme ;             | 116 | Do all your<br>duties.  |
| But loke deuocion growe ay newe.<br>Be suche wiþ-ynne, as 3e outward seme.<br>Good aungel <i>and</i> wikked boþe 3ow sewe,<br>And wryten 3oure dedes, þat shal 3ow deme. | 120 | Be within,<br>as holy as you<br>look outside.<br>Angels, good<br>and bad,<br>note all your<br>acts. |

(16)

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|--|-----|--|
| ¶ Wacche not outrage in wast despence,<br>Fro hard to nyce, þy flesch to fede.<br>Wiþ bischop or shryfte 3e mowe despence,<br>Fro hard to hardere 3oure lyf to lede. | 124 | You may<br>grow perfect<br>without a<br>bishop's or a<br>confessor's<br>special<br>orders.<br>The more<br>you with-<br>stand temp-<br>tations, the<br>more you<br>will be re-<br>warded. |
| Withstonde temptacions, make defence ;<br>þe moo 3e withstonde, þe more mede.<br>And 3e wiþ seyntes wiþ haue reuerence,<br>þan moste 3e countrefete here dede.       | 128 |  |

(17)

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|---|-----|---|
| ¶ Kepe <sup>1</sup> sylence, whyder 3e byde or go,<br>Fro wordis of vanyte, 3oure lippes steke.<br>Speke faire to frend and fo,<br>For fayre speche doþ wrapþe breke. | 132 | [ <sup>1</sup> leaf 119]<br>Refrain from<br>vain words. |
| þat doþ wrong, deme so.<br>Lete not vengeance, þy wrapþe wreke.<br>Vengeance is goddis, he demep þo<br>In werk <i>and</i> word, aH þat men speke.                     | 136 | Blame sins<br>indulgently.                              |

(18)

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|--|-----|---|
| ¶ In rule of religeon is ordeyned 3ore :<br>By3e no thyng to selle <i>and</i> wynne.<br>Marchaunt <i>and</i> religeous, on mot be forbore ;<br>þey may not wone, on herte wiþynne. | 140 | Don't buy<br>and sell for<br>profit's sake. |
| Ne kepe no iewels ne propre in store ;<br>þat nes no religeous, but dedly synne<br>In fleschly delices, and loue it more<br>To parte þy loue and god atwynne.                      | 144 |   |

## (19)

Don't set  
those who  
lead a con-  
templative  
life,

to worldly  
work.

¶ That þenkeþ good þouzt in sylence,  
þey speken to god in specyale.  
How mow 3e lette hem, for conscience,  
Calle hem to werkis generall? 148  
Summe bidden, in vertue of obedience,  
Contemplatyf in spirituale;  
To religeon they don a gret defence,  
þat bryngen hem to werkis temperale. 152

## (20)

Nobleness  
and riches  
bring nobody  
to Heaven,

but humility  
and righte-  
ousness may  
do so.

¶ Hy3e astate, ne gentyl blod,  
Bryngeþ no man to heuene blisse.  
Gret hors ne iewel, ne browded hood,  
Nes no cause of holynesse, 156  
But pore of spirit *and* meke of mood.  
3eue god þy soule, *and* eche man hisse.  
Gret lordschipe, ne myche good,  
Nes no cause of sykernesse. 160

## (21)

A monk's  
habit, fasting,  
prayers,

and alma-  
deeds don't  
prove religio-  
usness,

but devotion  
and contem-  
plation do so.

¶ Tonsure, abyte, ne no wede,  
Nes no cause of religeon,  
Ne wakyng, ne fastyng, ne almesdede,  
Ne preyere ne oreson, 164  
But þe herte þerto take hede,  
Wiþ werkys of discrecion.  
Deuocion makeþ soules to spede  
Wiþ werkis of contemplacion. 168

## (22)

Let your vir-  
tues be the  
wax, and de-  
votion the  
wick, to shine  
in Heaven.

¶ Religeon is most meke  
In abyte, of alle vertues floures.  
Richesse, ne worldis worschipe, seke,  
But offre to god alle honoures. 172  
Richesse and worschipe make soules syke  
In vaynglory and sharp[e] shoures.  
Make vertues þe wax, deuocioun þe wyke,  
To brenne brizt in heuene boures. 176



(23)

¶ Iustice is religeon in sete, þat demep riȝt in aH degre.	Justice is religion in the tribunal.	
And queste is religeon, trouþe to trete ; ȝeueþ eche man, þat his shulde be.		180
A child may wiþ his fader plete, And ȝut kepe his charyte,		
And of his kyng blameles gete Lawe is so gentyH <i>and</i> so fre.		184

(24)

¶ þouȝ summe of thy breþeren don a trespas, He wole amende and do no moo.	If one of your brethren trespass,	
Paraenture þou art in þe same cas, Or after, myȝt ben in suche two.		188
Loke not þat þou hym chace, Ne sclandre hym not to haue shame <i>and</i> wo.	be not harsh to him,	
Pray god forȝeue hym of his grace, And kepe þe wel þou do not so.	but pray God to forgive him, and beware of the same slip.	192

XIX. [God's Appeal to Man.]

[*Digby* 102, leaf 119, back.]

[14 stanzas of 8, *abab, abab.*]

(1)

In my conscience I fynde, And in my soule I here <i>and</i> see, To repreue man þat is vnkynde, Goddis wordis þis may be :	4 God may say, "Man, re- member that I took man- hood from love of thee.	
"Man of resoun, haue in mynde, I made þe lyk ymage to me ; For loue y hadde to mankynde, I toke manhed, lyk to þe.		8

(2)

¶ Mannys loue y ȝerned ȝore ; þat loue was in myn herte souȝt. Mannys loue sat me so sore, Nas neuere bargayn derrere bouȝt.	12
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Man ! is þe laft no loue in store ?

Why dost  
thou not love  
me ?

What is þe cause þou louest me nouzt ?

Telle me 3if y myzte don more.

What is byhynd, þat lakkeþ þe ouzt ?

16

## (3)

¶ For þy loue y meked me lowe,

I died for  
thee.

And dyzed on þe rode tre.

Answer, man, and be aknowe :

What didst  
thou suffer  
for me ?

Shewe what þou suffred for me ;

20

For suche seed as þou dost sowe,

þerof shal þyn heruest be,

In heuene or helle to repe *and* mowe.

As þou deserued, fong þy fee.

24

## (4)

¶ Man, to þe y make my mone :

I bouzt þe fro pyne to blisse ;

Melte þyn herte, as hard as stone ;

Do penance  
for thy sins.

þou3 it be late, amende þy mysse.

28

In wrapþe, þou3 þou be fro me gon,

Turne a3ayn, y wol þe kysse.

Turn, and I  
will kiss thee.

To make me frendis of my fon,

þerfore y 3af my lyf for hysse.

32

## (5)

Don't strive  
to get worldly  
treasures.

¶ Be war, and loue not worldis good

To gete wiþ wrong, and calle it thyn.

Man, haue it in þy mood,

þou shalt rekene ; for alle is myn.

36

I bought thee,  
thou shouldst  
serve me.

Why bouzte y þe on the rood ?

For þou shulde serue, *and* be myn hyne.

Make not myn argumentis wood,

To caste þe fro blisse to pyne.

40

## (6)

Thy sins pain  
me.

¶ Man, why turmentest þou me so ?

Euere þy synnes don encesce,

Thy vices  
grow ; thy  
virtues wane

And þy vices waxen moo,

And þy vertues wanen lesse.

44

Thenke good y be, thy foo.

Whanne wylt þou of þy synne ses,

Haue mercy on þy soule woo,

Or haue mynde on me, and 3eue me pes ?

48

Remember  
thy God, and  
have mercy  
on thy soul.

## (7)

¶ To suffre deþ, y meked me,

Fro pyne to blisse, þy soule to wynne.

To me so shuldest þou meke þe,

Leue *and* forbere þy synne.

52

Fro my lordschipe myzt þou not fle,

Heuene ne helle, ne see wiþ-ynne,

But where and whenne my wille be,

þy body *and* soule to parte o twynne.

56

I humbled  
myself to die  
for thee,

therefore  
thou shouldst  
give up thy  
sins.

Thou canst  
not flee from  
my power.

## (8)

¶ Thou3 y haue graunted þe grace

To knowe boþe good *and* ylle,

Wyte þy self in eche a place,

Wheþer þou wylt þy self spille.

60

þou3 flesch *and* world *and* fend [þe] chas,

Temptacion profre þe tille,

þou myzt forbere and nouzt trespas ;

I lente þe knoweleche and fre wille.

64

Resist temptations.

## (9)

¶ In syknesse and pouerte,

Glade þerynne, and þanke me aH.

þe more þou hast þerof plente,

þe nerre þe, be y shaH.

68

þan say, ' Lord, kepe me ney3 þe !

At nede, here me when y caH !

Take fro me hele *and* prosperite

Rapere þan lete me fro þe faH !'

72

[leaf 110]

## (10)

¶ Man, rewe on my paynes sore,

Repente þy synne, *and* mercy craue.

By my woundes, swere no more.

Dysmembre no lymes þat y haue.

76

Repent,  
and swear  
no more.

Restore ill-  
gotten goods.

þy wrong wynnyng, a3en restore.

3if þou wilt þy soule saue,

Let thy soul  
rule over thy  
body.

Lete soule be lord, and go byfore,

And make þy body þy soule knaue.

80

## (11)

Thou mayst  
easily win my  
grace.

¶ Man, and þou wist how,

So listly my gre to make,

þou noldest, for alle þe worldis prow,

For fleschly lustes me forsake.

84

In þy lyue, besye þe now ;

In goode werkis wysely wake ;

In loue, drede, to me bow,

And fle to me fro synnes blake.

88

## (12)

Do the seven  
works of  
charity,  
keep my com-  
mandments,

¶ Seuene werkis of mercy, kepe hem weþ,

þe comaundementis *and* þe Crede,

AH þy lyue, as y þe telle ;

and give me  
thy heart.

3eue me þyn herte in loue *and* drede.

92

Whyle body *and* soule togydre dwelle,

þou my3t serue pyne *and* mede.

When soule is out of flesch *and* felle,

Shal neuere do synne ne almesdede.

96

## (13)

Vengeance  
and mercy  
are neigh-  
bours,

¶ Mayntene not wrong, to calle it ry3t.

Vengeaunce *and* mercy, ney3ebores ben þo.

As messageres þey ben dy3t,

Mercy to frend, vengeaunce to foo.

100

3oure dede in derk, y se in sy3t ;

þere nys n6 þou3t hid me fro.

thou wilt get  
one of them  
according to  
thy works.

After þy dede, þe doom is dy3t.

Vengeaunce *and* mercy departeþ hem so.

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## (14)

My doom is  
righteous ;

¶ For my doom is ri3twisnesse ;

Ri3twys longeþ to þe godhede ;

my son's  
doom,  
merciful ;

And my sones dom is wys,

For mercy longeþ to þe manhede.

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þe holy gost grace lys,  
 He ʒeueþ lyf, he ʒeueþ no dede.  
 Ouercome my wrappþe, *and* fle fro vys,  
 And do þe comaundementis þat y bede." 112

the Holy  
 Ghost gives  
 grace."

XX. [How Man's flesh complained to  
 God against Christ.]

[Digby 102, leaf 120.]

[27 stanzas of 8, *abab, abab.*]

(1)

The tixt of holy writ, men sayn,  
 Hit sleep, but glose be among.  
 The spirit of vnderstandyng quykenþ agayn,  
 And makeþ the lyue endeles long. 4  
 A fantasie y herde sayn,  
 There-of me lust to make a song,  
 'How manny's flesch to god dede playn  
 On Ihesu Crist, had don hym wrong.' 8

I will tell how  
 the flesh com-  
 plained of  
 Christ.

(2)

¶ The flesch, his playnt þus doþ bygynne  
 To god fader, in heuene on hyȝt :  
 "Ihesu, brother of oure kynne,  
 Haþ bygyled me wiþ his sleyȝt. 12  
 He haþ parted my soule *and* me o twynnè,  
 And raft [it] fro me by his myȝt.  
 Now, ryȝtwys god, let mercy blynnè !  
 On Ihesu, þy sone, do me ryȝt ! 16

It said,  
 "God,

Jesus has  
 alienated my  
 soul from me.

(3)

¶ Body *and* soule, þou dede me make,  
 In vnyte to-gydre so.  
 Now haþ Ihesu my soule take,  
 And þus parted oure loue o two. 20  
 My soule haþ me [now] forsake ;  
 Sumtyme was frend, now is fo ;  
 Byd me go wolward, faste, *and* wake,  
 Alle here ioie is of my woo. 24

Formerly she  
 was my  
 friend, now  
 she is my  
 enemy.

## (4)

"My soul has  
taken refuge  
with thy son,

¶ Fro me, to þy sone, my soule is flet ;  
Ful ofte þy sone in me here souzte ;  
Now here loue to hym so fast is knete,  
Away fro hym wol sche nouzt.

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[leaf 120, bk.]  
and does not  
care about  
me.

She semes dronken, or out of wit ;  
Of myn euelfare she has no þouzt.  
þat sorwe is so in myn herte hit,  
I trowe to deþe y mon be brouzt.

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## (5)

Formerly she  
was mild,

¶ Sum-tyme my soule was mylde  
To my biddynge, in hoot *and* colde,  
Synge, or playe, or chambres bylde,  
Chef *seruaunt* of myn housholde.

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now she  
seems to be  
mad.

Now Ihesu haþ made here made *and* wylde ;  
ffro hym, departe neuere she nolde ;  
She setteþ on hym riht as a childe ;  
Aþens me she bereþ here bolde.

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## (6)

She will not  
allow me to  
have worldly  
pleasures.

¶ Whan I of here counseil craue,  
Of fleschly lustes to haue my wille,  
She calleþ me wod, *and* seyþ y raue ;  
She wilþ neuere graunte þertille.  
She biddeþ me haue mynde of my graue,  
Rule me in resoun *and* skille.

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I was mayster, now am y knaue ;  
In that stat, brynge me she wille.

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## (7)

She always  
bids me act  
in opposition  
to my will to  
do wrong.

¶ Wolde y be proud, she biddeþ be meke ;  
Wolde y be gloton, she biddeþ me faste ;  
þere y wolde take, she biddes me eke ;  
Wolde y be lyther, she biddis be chaste ;  
þif y fyzte, she biddes ley forþ my cheke ;  
þere y am slow, she biddis be haste ;  
Here answeere is not to seke ;  
To speke to here, my wynde y waste.

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## (8)

- ¶ Ihesu com fro heuene blisse,  
 And tok flesch in a mayden fre,  
 Lowely, *and* most [of] mekenesse,  
 Hyd vnder flesch<sup>1</sup> oure fraternite; [1 MS. flesch fleschly] 60  
 Now wold [he] take my soule to his,  
 ffor he suffred pyne *and* pouerte.  
 ¶ It sumwhat y myzte acorde to þis;  
 But why shulde my soule hate me? 64

"I should not  
 mind Christ's  
 taking my  
 soul away,

unless she  
 hated me.

## (9)

- ¶ Whan Ihesu and my soule be met,  
 Sone my werkis þey aspiȝe;  
 Here wit on me fast þey whet:  
 'In shame, *and* skorne, and vylenye,  
 To folwe þy fleschly lustes let,  
 Or ellis boþe ȝe shal dyȝe.'  
 þus am y vnder and ouer set.  
 She spettes on me, *and* doþ me fyȝe. 72

He and my  
 soul blame  
 my works,

68 and warn me  
 against  
 sensuality.

## (10)

- ¶ Wiþ me, my soule he doþ þrete,  
 And makeþ my soule me to hate.  
 Wiþ plesande wordis, he hotēþ here gete  
 In heuene blisse, a quenes astate. 76  
 þan comeþ she hom in wrappe-ful hete,  
 Bedeþ here lette, boþe erly *and* late,  
 Casteþ me down, *and* doþ me bete,  
 And tredeþ on me, and makeþ debate. 80

He makes her  
 hate and ill-  
 treat me.

## (11)

- ¶ Thanne renneþ she aȝen as she were wood;  
 To Ihesu, þy sone, she doþ flyȝe.  
 He fedēþ here wiþ his flesch *and* blood,  
 But þanne here þouȝtes mownten hyȝe. 84  
 She biddiþ me water *and* bred to food;  
 As mortkyn forsaken, she let me liȝe.  
 She holdeþ me euyH, *and* no þyng good,  
 But a stynkyng carayne in here eyȝe. 88

He feeds her  
 with his flesh  
 and blood,

and then she  
 despises me.

## (12)

¶ Jus my soule, my body slees  
 Wiþ gret anguysche *and* turment.  
 She telles, Ihesu dyzed for pes ;  
 But fro his skole she is went ; 92  
 Bytwen vs werre doþ ences.  
 Here swerð is drawen, here bow is bent.  
 She sayþ but, 'fleschly lustes, sees !  
 We mon be dede, and boþe be shent.' 96

" My soul  
 requires me  
 to give up  
 sensuality,  
 lest we both  
 be disgraced.

## (13)

¶ She acordid wiþ Ihesu, and me dede flyte,  
 [1 leaf 121] And sayde y shulde be <sup>1</sup>maked tame,  
 And sayde my werkys me adyte,  
 And bryngen me in wikked fame. 100  
 ¶if worldly men me don smyte,  
 And don me boþe wrong *and* grame,  
 She loueþ that don me despyte,  
 and prays for  
 all who  
 shame me. And preyþ for aH þat don me shame. 104

## (14)

¶ Hyze fader, god of rihtwisnes,  
 Haue mynde of my sorwe sore !  
 And it be founden Ihesu loued mysse,  
 To me my soule azen restore— 108  
 A litil playnt nes nozt þisse,  
 And alle þat y haue sayd zore—  
 þat y *and* my soule be frendis *and* kisse,  
 And loue, as we dede here byfore. 112

God, restore  
 me my soul,  
 and make  
 her love me  
 again ;

## (15)

¶ For my soule, Ihesu suffred wo,  
 Bounden *and* beten wiþ skourges ynowe,  
 Crowned wiþ thorn, nayled also  
 On croos, tyl deþ dede hym bowe. 116  
 Wiþ a spere, his herte let cleue a two,  
 Wyde open his loue myzte out flowe,  
 So loþ hym was his loue forgo ;  
 He is worþy be loued, þat so dede wowe. 120

Jesus died  
 from love  
 of her.



## (16)

- ¶ My soule, y holde, holy es it,<sup>1</sup> [1 Ms. it es]  
 For she loueþ Ihesu, þat loueþ here wel. "My soul  
 loves Jesus,  
 But loue were tendere to loue vsed,  
 Were harder þan ston, and styffere þan stel. 124  
 On Ihesu she is amerous and ful auysed.  
 What worldly þyng she seeþ or fele,  
 Al worldly ioye she haþ refused, and hates the  
 world,  
 And me she loueþ neuere a dele. 128

## (17)

- ¶ I wante my wille, and euel fare y,  
 Fro worldly merþe put o syde.  
 Fro worldis worschip she doþ me tary. and turns  
 me away  
 I may no þouzt fro here hyde. 132 from worldly  
 pleasures.  
 þere y blisse, she doþ wary ;  
 þere y speke fayre, she doþ chyde.  
 She is newe waxen al contrary.  
 þere y dwelle, she nyl not hyde. 136

## (18)

- ¶ She repreueþ my dagged cloþes,  
 And longe pyked crakowed shon ; She scorns  
 my fashion-  
 Vpbreyde[þ] me my grete oþes, able dress,  
 And sayþ y breke goddis bone. 140  
 þat me is lef, aH she loþes. and hates all  
 that I like.  
 I seye 'oþere men so don.'  
 She seyþ, þey go to helle woþes,  
 Wole to wende, wiþ hem to wone. 144

## (19)

- ¶ Wiþ Ihesu, alway is she,  
 And now she lyþ wiþ hym in cracche, She accom-  
 panies Jesus  
 Now into Egipt wiþ hym doþ fle through all  
 his life.  
 Fro Herowdes, lest he hem cacche. 148  
 In his moder armes, born wol she be,  
 And sowke wiþ hym, as chylde in tacche.  
 She folweþ hym in al degre,  
 And countrefeteþ to ben his macche. 152

## (20)

- ¶ My soul eats and drinks with Jesus,  
 ¶ and is with him in his passion  
 ¶ and ascension."
- ¶ Wiþ hym doþ drynke *and* ete,  
 To lerne of his discessioun ;  
 Wiþ hym sche is skourged *and* bete,  
 And crucefyed in his passioun ; 156  
 She is wiþ hym in helle hete,  
 Wiþ hym in his resurexioun,  
 And stye in-to heuene in his fadres se[t]e ;  
 þens nolde she neuere come down." 160

## (21)

- ¶ God answered,  
 ¶ "Flesh, by this complaint thou accusest thyself."
- ¶ Now þe playnt is at þe last.  
 God answerd wiþ mylde soun :  
 'fflesch,' he sayde, ' þou iangelest fast 164  
 Moche dene, *and* no resoun.  
 Alle þy wordes þou dost waste.  
 Wille wiþoute discessioun,  
 þyn awen pleynt þe doþ caste ;  
 þou turnest þy self vp so down. 168

## (22)

- [leaf 121, bk.] ¶ Thou makest maystershepe in al vys,  
 And here [turnest] fro my way,  
 And makest here þral to fleschely delys,  
 In vanyte to al worldly play. 172  
 She is ashamed, now she is wys ;  
 Sche lyued in vowtrye so many a day.  
 She haþ chosen þe loue most o prys,  
 And cast þe fals[e] loue away.' 176
- Thy soul is ashamed of thy vices.

## (23)

- ¶ God seiþ : ' man, y made þe of nouzt,  
 And kyd þat y loued þe dere,  
 And soule of resoun in þe wrouzt,  
 ffayre and wys, angels pere. 180  
 þou hast defouled þe ymage þat y wrouzt,  
 In seruage to fendis and fendis fere.  
 She folwed þy wille in dede *and* þouzt,  
 In alle place, fer *and* nere. 184
- Thou hast disgraced my image, and art the devil's slave.

## (24)

¶ On Ihesu þou pleynt dost make, Sayde he bigyled þe wip sleyzte, And biddest me lete <i>mercy</i> slake, And on Ihesu do þe ryzt.	188	"Now thou complainest of Christ,
My sone, for þe, dede deth take, And kydde þe loue most of myzt. þou3 he loue dede forsake, How woldest þou þis doom were dyzt?	192	who died for thee.

## (25)

¶ Flesch, þy synnes mochil is ; þou art cast in þyn awen caas. Knowleche, repente, <i>and</i> mende þy mys, And be in wille no more trespas.	196	
I nel deme þe in ryztwises, But medle <i>þerwip</i> <i>mercy</i> and grace, And brynge þy soule to heuene blys, Wip loue to se my fayre face.	200	I shall not judge thee after justice, but after <i>mercy</i> , and bring thy soul to Heaven.

## (26)

¶ In ouerhope, be not to bold In synne, for to haue <i>mercy</i> . Let not wanhope in þe be old, For my grace is euere redy.	204	Do not sin in excess or in want of hope.
Fro helle pynes hoot and cold I assoyle þe, <i>and</i> out of purgatory. At þy deth, or body be cold, To Ihesu in heuene þy soule shal fleye.	208	

## (27)

¶ In good werkis wysely wake, Playne not on Ihesu, what he sende. Sykenes, pouerte, mekely take ; Richesse <i>and</i> hele wysely spende, And helpe aþ pore for goddis sake. þan god wole lede 3ow, as his frend, To ioie of heuene þat shal neuere slake. In-to þat blisse, god graunte vs wende ! Amen !	216	Suffer sick- ness and poverty, and help the poor."
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XXI. *A lernyng to good leuyng.*[*Digby 102, leaf 121, back.*][20 stanzas of 8, *abab, abab.*]

(1)

Blessed be he  
who is poor  
in spirit;

**P**Ore of spirit, blessed be :  
þouȝ he be lord of richesse fele,  
He bereþ penaunce *and* pouerte.

That of his good to pore folk dele, 4

he shall be a  
lord in the  
kingdom of  
Heaven.

Of þe kyngdom of heuene a lord is he.

þat counseyleþ wel to soule hele,

And lyueþ in werkis of charyte,

Suche folk to heucne preuyly stele. 8

(2)

Cursed is he  
who avarici-  
ously strives  
for riches;

¶ Siþ god doþ blisse, and graunteþ blis  
þat don his word, and holde it trewe,

þan þat man cursed is,

þat lyueþ contrarious þat vertue. 12

þat filleþ his herte wiþ ryches,

Nedeles aueryce gadryng newe,

he shall never  
find rest in  
Hell.

For wikkid counseil, helle is his,

þere neuere nes reste, but euere remewe. 16

(3)

Blessed be he  
who is meek  
in spirit;

¶ Blessid be man þat in herte is mylde,

Buxom to lerne, and lef to teche,

he shall pos-  
sess the  
earth, and  
lead others to  
Heaven.Shal owe þe <sup>1</sup>erþe, and þeron bylde,

In helpe of mony his rychesse reche, 20

Of shrewes, make goddis childe,

Of gostly woundes, be soule leche;

Make tame to god, þo þat were wylde.

Of eche good lyuere, his werkis preche. 24

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 122]

(4)

Cursed be the  
hard-hearted  
man;

¶ þanne cursed be man in herte ruyde,

þat neuere nel lere ne vnderstond.

þouȝ he owe erþe, he shal not byde,

Til it be, out of his hond. 28

When conscience his werkis chyde, þat man shal neuere reioyse lond.	he shall never rejoice in his fortune.
Fro alle vertues þat dop hym hyde, To alle myscheues he makeþ hym bond.	32

(5)

¶ Blessed be he þat morneþ sore His breþere synnes, his awen mysdede, Repente, <i>and</i> wille to do no more, But holde þe hestes þat god bede ;	Blessed be he who repents his sins ;
His wrong wynnyng aȝen restore, And helpe pore þat han nede. He shal be counforted þerfore, In heuene blisse haue his mede.	restores ill- gotten goods, and helps the poor ; he shall be comforted in Heaven.
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(6)

¶ Than cursed be he haþ ioie of synne, And euere encreseþ mo <i>and</i> mo, Boste þerof, delyte þerynne, ȝeue men ensample to do so.	Cursed be he who increases his sins, and misleads others.
Heuene ȝates fro hem they pynne, Of goddis frendis make goddis foo ; In helle þey purchas here ynne ; His felaschipe, with hym thay go.	
	44
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(7)

¶ Blessed euere mote he be, þat hungren and thursten ryȝtwisnes ; He wolde were wel in al degre, þat god <i>and</i> man echon had his.	Blessed be he who hungers and thirsts for righteous- ness ;
Gostly hunger and thurstes he þat fayn wolde mende þat is mys. Ful filled he shal wiþ grete deynte At goddis feste in heuene blisse.	he shall be filled full in Heaven.
	52
	56

(8)

¶ Than cursed is he þat ful is fylde, Wiþ wrong take pore mennys thrift, þat makeþ pore men be spilde, <sup>1</sup> For synguler profyt is sotyH theft ;	Cursed is he who harms the poor
	60

<sup>1</sup> MS. : spized.

Make gultes folk presoned *and* kylde,  
 Of hous *and* land make wrongwys gyft;  
 Wip hunger *and* pirst his hous is bylde.  
 In helle is shewed eueH-sponnen wyft. 64

## (9)

Blessed be he  
 who helps the  
 poor and  
 needy.

¶ Blessid be þe *mercyeable*;  
 Mercy *and* mede, of god he fonges.  
 In goddis doom he stondes stable,  
 þat wrekeþ not aH his owen wronges. 68  
 To pore folk he is *profytable*,  
 þat leueþ his good hem amonges.  
 SorefuH *and* hungry, he fyndeþ hem table,  
 The sorwefuH he gladeþ to synges songs. 72

## (10)

The rich who  
 don't help the  
 poor

¶ Thanne, how of hem han hertis stoute  
 þat reweþ non pore þat han penaunce,  
 Han nedeles gold nozt to lene it oute,  
 But to þe borwere gret greuance; 76  
 But he may quyte, is 3erne aboute  
 To *presone* hym or make *destaunce*:  
 But he be cursed, it is in dowte;  
 þat haþ no *mercy*, <sup>1</sup>mote haue *vengeance*. 80

shall be  
 cursed.  
 [1 if. 122, bk.]

## (11)

Blessed be  
 the peaceful  
 man, he shall  
 be called a  
 child of God.

¶ Blessed be he þat loueþ pes,  
 Mekely to goddis byddyng bende.  
 He shal be cleped, at goddis dees,  
 Goddis sone, good *and* hende. 84  
 He wolde aH werre shulde asses,  
 Of goddis foon, make goddis frende;  
 Make soule wip ioye to heuene pres,  
 And sorwe and werre to helle wip fende. 88

## (12)

Whoever  
 hates peace,  
 and excites  
 troubles for  
 his profit's  
 sake,

¶ Than, how of hem þat pes doþ hate,  
 Wolde oueraH were werre *and* woo,  
 Eche man wip oþer debate,  
 þat shulde be friend, make hem foo; 92

For synguler wynnyng to his astate,  
 Lede his men, oþere to sloo :  
 He shal be blessed neuere or late ;  
 His werkis curseþ hym, where he go.

96 shall be con-  
 demned by  
 his own  
 works.

## (13)

¶ The clene of herte, blissed be,  
 þat lyueþ after goddis lore.  
 God hym self he shal see,  
 þere as blisse is euere more ;  
 And gouerneþ wel his owen degre,  
 And doþ þe dede þat he come fore ;  
 Fulfylleþ þe werkis of charyte :  
 His vertue gadereth mede in store.

Blessed be he  
 who has a  
 clean heart ;  
 he shall see  
 God.

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## (14)

¶ The herte þat is fyled in synne,  
 And sulpeþ his soule wiþ spottes of blame,  
 Goddis curs he doþ wynne,  
 þat spyseþ hym-self and goddis name.  
 His astate, he nele not dwelle þerynne ;  
 To serue god hym þenkeþ shame.  
 ʒif god *and* he departe o twynne,  
 In helle he may be meked tame.

Whoever lets  
 his heart rot  
 in sin, falls  
 under the  
 curse of God.

108

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## (15)

¶ That is pursued<sup>1</sup> for riȝtwisnes  
 Is blessid, where he go or ryde ;  
 þe kyngdom of heuene is his,  
 þat quereþ to ende, in charite byde.  
 God wole brynge hym to heuene blis,  
 And fro his enemys þere wole hym hyde ;  
 And þo þat pursue hym with mys,  
 To helle þey ben here awen gyde.

[<sup>1</sup> MS. presued]

Blessed is he  
 who is perse-  
 cuted for  
 righteons-  
 ness' sake ;

116

for he  
 shall go to  
 the kingdom  
 of Heaven.

Nota

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## (16)

¶ Thanne are they cursed in here lyf,  
 þat auanceþ þe fals, *and* stroyeþ þe trewe,  
 Mayntene fals quereþ *and* stryf,  
 Riȝtwis men wrongly pursue,

Cursed are  
 those who  
 maintain  
 falsehood  
 against right ;

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Defowle boþe maydeñ *and* wyf,  
þat shulde be clene in alle vertue.

they shall  
reap as they  
sow.

Eche dedly synne is a dedly knyf;  
For he shal reþe þat he sewe.

128

## (17)

'You shall be  
blessed

¶ 3e shal be blessid, erly *and* late,  
By vertue of gospeñ þat 3e preche.  
3e shul be blessid, whan folk 3ow hate,  
And cursen 3ow for 3oure speche.

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though  
people hate  
you for my  
sake.'

3oure tonge is kaye of heuene 3ate,  
3oure word, þe way to heuene hem teche.  
Folk wiþ 3ow schal debate,  
ffor me wiþ lesynges 3ow apeche.

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## (18)

Be cheerful,  
for your  
reward in  
Heaven shall  
be great; and  
be not afraid  
of tyrants,  
who may slay  
your body;  
but fear God,  
who may  
save or spoil

[leaf 123]

both your  
body and  
soul.

¶ Glade 3e wiþ-ynne, and ioye wiþ-oute;  
3oure mede in heuene moche is.

Drede no tyrauntes sterne *and* stoute

May sle þy body, and take as his.

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God, þe fader of heuene, 3e dowte

May brynge þe soule to pyne or blis;

He schal deme añ þe world aboute,

To heuene for goode, to heñ for mys.

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## (19)

You are the  
salt of the  
earth.

Do your work  
well,

you will have  
to account  
for it.

¶ Of erþe 3e ben cleped 'salt,'  
ffor salt of wisdom soule saues;

Go vp-riht and be not halt,

ffor mayster of *seruaunt* his *seruice* craues.

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þyn astate rekene þou shalt,

How þou it gat, how þou it saues.

Fewe ben chosen, þou3 mony ben calt,

Fro goddis *seruyce* are worldly knaues.

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## (20)

Nota

You are a  
lantern to the  
world;  
don't hilde  
your light,

¶ To lanterne 3e ben likned riht,

In añ þe world 3e shal be kyd.

3oure *prechyng* shal be candel liht,

Nou3t vnder worldly buschel hyd,

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But on a candel-styke on hiȝt ;  
 Nouȝt vnder a chiste, vnder a lyd ;  
 In good werkis shyne ȝe bryȝt,  
 And lyue ȝe so, riȝt as ȝe byd. 160

but let it  
shine in good  
works.

XXII. *Knowe thy self and thy god.*[*Digby 102, leaf 123.*][9 stanzas of 8, *abab, abab.*]

(1)

**T**henke hertely in þy þouȝt  
 Of what matere þou dede bygynne.  
 Of fylthy seed þou were wrouȝt,  
 And wan in at þe wyket of synne. 4

Foulere fylþe knowe y nouȝt  
 þan þou were fed þy moder wiþ-ynne ;  
 In a sake ful of filþe þou was out brouȝt,  
 In wrecchednes horyble, and stynkyng skynne. 8

(2)

¶ What þou art, knowe þy self wel.  
 þou were conceyued in synne, *and* born wiþ woo.  
 þy moder *and* þou, on fortune whel,  
 In perile of deþ, parted a-twoo. 12

Of pynes of helle, what soules fele,  
 And þou in mynde keped þoo,  
 Hit wolde make þy corage kele,  
 Whan þou hadde wil, to synne goo. 16

(3)

¶ God made þe of nouȝt, haue in mynde,  
 Wiþ soule of resoun, lyk his ymage.  
 In heuene, wiþ angels, aboue þe wynde,  
 He ordeyned þe endeles heritage. 20

Wiþ more loue he dede þe bynde :  
 Bycome þy brother in mannys lynage.  
 He, ielous louer *and* trewest to fynde,  
 þy soule is spouse to his maryage. 24

God made  
thee in his  
image.

He became  
thy brother ;

thy soul is  
his spouse.

## (4)

Keep thy  
wedlock  
truly, and  
don't make  
him a cuck-  
old.

¶ To god, thy wedlok wiþ loue holde,  
In brennyng contemplacion,  
And make nouȝt hym cokewolde,  
To loue in fornycacion. 28  
On goddis mercy be not to bolde,  
To falle in temptation.  
Kepe charite hot, let it not colde  
For quenchyng of deuocion. 32

## (5)

Love thy  
neighbour.

¶ Loue aH folk in charyte,  
Body *and* soule in good atent,  
As þou wolde þey dede þe ;  
þat is goddis comaundement. 36  
Who breke þo hestes, cursed is he  
Til þey come to mendement.  
þou preyest euere-more in aH degre  
Til þat þou to synue assent. 40

## (6)

Think of thy  
sins and of  
thy virtues.

¶ That þou hast don siþ þou were bore,  
AH þy lyuyng byþenk þe newe.  
Wheþer hast þou more in store,  
Or of vices or of vertue ; 44  
And wheþer hast þou folwed more  
Good aungel or wykked, for boþe þe sewe ;  
þy countretayle þey wil shewe, þe skore,  
In helle or in heuene, <sup>1</sup> wreten trewe. 48

[<sup>1</sup> 1f. 123, bk.]

## (7)

Remember  
the passion

¶ Haue mynde, god sente his sone adoun,  
Tok mankynde in flesh *and* felle,  
And suffred hard passioun,  
Dyed on croys, and heryed helle. 52  
Haue mynde of his resurexioun ;  
Byleue aH þis trewe gospelle.  
Haue mynde on his Assencioun ;  
On god his fader riȝt hond, doþ dwelle. 56

and the as-  
cension of  
the Lord.

## (8)

¶ þenke þou shalt dye, <i>and</i> nost wheene ; þou art incertayn, þerfore drede.	Thou must die, and shalt go either to Heaven or to Hell.
Fro heueue to erþe, god shal come þenne, Deme euel <i>and</i> good, after here dede ;	60
þe good, to heuene blisse renne, In endeles lyf to haue here mede ;	
þe wikked, in helle for to brenne, In endeles pyne, deþ shal hem fede.	64

## (9)

¶ The ten comaundementis, þou hem kepe ; þe seuen werkis of mercy, wel hem vse ; þe seuen synnes þou be-wepe, þy fyue wittes þe auyse.	Keep the commandments, flee from sin,
Do penaunce, <i>and</i> preye whyle þou schuld slepe ; þe fend and fals[e] world despise ;	do penance.
No fleschly lustes þe vndercrepe ; Fle aȝ foly, and folwe þe wise !	72

## XXIII. Of the sacrament of the Altare.

[Digby 102, leaf 123, back.]

(16 stanzas of 8, abab, abab.)

## (1)

I wole be mendid ȝif y say mys. Holychirche nes noþer tre ne stones. þe hous of preyers, god nempned þys, Boþe goode men <i>and</i> wikked ressayueþ at ones.	4 The Church is a congregation of good men ;
þere as gadryng of goode men ys, Is holychyrche of flesch <i>and</i> bones. Prestes are lanterne, hem to wysse þe wise weyes to heuene wones.	8 priests are to lead the way to Heaven.

## (2)

¶ Holychirche, heryȝe þy saueour, þynk þy hurd, god on hiȝt, Wiþ song <i>and</i> ympnes, tyde <i>and</i> houre, Reioys in hym day <i>and</i> nyȝt ;	Church, glorify thy Saviour.
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For he is more þan any honour,  
 For his honour passeþ oure myzt,  
 For we ben his, *and* he is oure ;  
 AH þouztes ben to hym dyzt. 16

## (3)

This day is  
 most fit for  
 glorifying,  
 the bread of  
 the holy  
 supper being  
 exhibited.

¶ A specyall tyme of heryeng here.  
 Lyueliche quyk bred is put forþ þis day,  
 Whyche in þe table of þe holy sopere,  
 Wip-outen doute was zouen oure fay 20  
 To þe company of twelfe breþeren þere were.  
 By here ful heryenge, ioied þay ;  
 Wel sowned in here ere,  
 Wip ioly herte, fayre song to say. 24

## (4)

By this we  
 know

that Easter  
 has come  
 round again.

¶ A day is mad of solempnyte,  
 Of þis table first ordynaunce is worschipful tolde.  
 In þis newe kynges table, now knowe we 28  
 Newe Estren endeþ the olde.  
 Newe thyng dryueþ old þyng fro his degre ;  
 Out of mynde, þe lasse of tolde.  
 So soþfast sunne, by hys pouste,  
 Dryueþ away shadewe, and strizþ colde. 32

## (5)

As the light  
 removes the  
 night, so did  
 Christ at the  
 holy supper ;

he bade us  
 consecrate  
 bread and  
 wine

to drive away  
 the shadow  
 of death.

¶ As lyzt lizteneþ nyzt, fro derkenes of kynde,  
 So dede crist at þe holy sopere,  
 Bad pertely do so of hym mynde, 36  
 By holy ordynaunce tauzt vs to lere,  
 Halwe bred *and* wyn, by hys word *and* wynd,  
 To an ost of helþe to cristen men here,  
 ffro shadwe of deþ, to gostly blynd,  
 To lizt of lyf, to shynen clere. 40

## (6)

The bread is  
 turned into  
 [leaf 124]  
 flesh ;  
 the wine into  
 blood.

¶ Lore is zouen to cristen men,  
 In-to flesch passeþ þe bred ;  
 As holychirche doþ vs kenne,  
 þe wyn, to blod, þat is so red. 44

þou seest not fleshly þou takest þenne ;  
 þy byleue of herte, makeþ þe fast fro ded,  
 Wipouten ordre of þynges, to renne,  
 By tokene *and* word þat he bede. 48

## (7)

¶ Wip-outen help of ordre of þyngis,  
 þe bok of oure byleue is lent,  
 Vnder dyuerce spices only tokenynges,  
 þou3 þe spices fro hym be went, 52  
 Not durked ne hyd, but ri3t shynynges,  
 þou3 fleshly syzt fro hym be blent,  
 þe soule haþ ioie, and mery synges,  
 When good byleue seeþ þe sacrament. 56

You cannot see the transubstantiation with your fleshly eyes, but only in your belief.

## (8)

¶ þe blod is drynk, þe flesh is mete,  
 Ys gostly fode, þe soules delys ;  
 Neuere-þe-lattere, of crist to trete,  
 He dwelleþ vnder ayþer spys. 60  
 þe ressayuour counteþ not þat þey ete,  
 Ne brekeþ it not, but hool it lys.  
 þou3 a thowsand take at o sete,  
 Alone on takeþ as moche o prys. 64

Christ is present in either species, even in the smallest part of it.

## (9)

¶ While obley in yrnes, or boyst ys stoken,  
 Hit nys but bred, *and* sengyl bake ;  
 Whanne þe prest, to hit, goddis wordis hath spoken,  
 Crystys quyk body, vndir bred o cake. 68  
 þou3 it a þousand peces seme broken,  
 Nes parted ne wasted, but al hoþ take.  
 In byleue of holychirche, who wyl hym 3oken,  
 A3en þis, non argument may make. 72

as soon as the priest has spoken the words of God.

## (10)

¶ That ressayueþ, children, man, *and* wyf,  
 Not al yliche deuocioun.  
 Summe taken it in synne *and* stryf,  
 As bestes wip-outen discrecioun. 76

The wicked  
receive in the  
housel their  
damnation;  
the good,  
their salva-  
tion.

þe wikkid resceueþ a dedly knyf,  
And his endeles dampnacioun ;  
þe good resceyueþ endeles lyf,  
To body *and* soule saluacioun. 80

## (11)

Though you  
receive only  
a small part  
of the host,

¶ When þou to chirche gost  
To resceyue god, wisely go.  
I suppose þe prest haue but on ost,  
Breke it, *and* parte to twenty *and* mo : 84  
As moche is þe leste cost  
As in þe grettest pece of þo ;  
Deme aȝ yliche, lest *and* most ;  
Quaue not, ne drede not, to sen hit so. 88

## (12)

the sacra-  
ment does  
not lose its  
virtue.

¶ þou3 þe prest þe sacrament clyue  
In a þowsand peces *and* þre,  
þe state, ne stature, ne myȝt doþ myue,  
Ne leseþ ne lasseþ of his pouste. 92  
þy fleschly syȝt þou shalt not lyue ;  
But tokene of brekyng makeþ he ;  
For fleschly skyn, no sacrement kan preue,  
In gostly bylyue shal saued be. 96

## (13)

The Jews ate  
a lamb at  
Easter ;  
we eat living  
bread.

¶ In old[e] lawe, 3e wyten how  
At estren þey eten a lamb al ded,  
Is ouer put in newe lawe now ;  
At estre, we eten quyk bred. 100  
In old[e] lawe, for mannys prow,  
God þe comaundementis bed ;  
And oure newe lawe we don allow,  
And kepen boþe by goddis red. 104

## (14)

Jesus, forgive  
us our tres-  
passes,

lead us to  
Heaven,

¶ Lete þy mercy passe ryȝt,  
And forȝeue vs oure mysdede !  
þy face, wiþ loue to seen in syȝt,  
In lond of lyf, þou vs lede. 108

Among þy seyntes in heuene on hyȝt,  
 At þat feste of lif, god, vs fede!  
 Sopfast bred, god of myȝt,  
 Ihesus herde, þou vs hede!

and feed us  
 among the  
 [lf. 124, bk.]  
 saints.

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(15)

¶ In syȝt *and* in felyng, þou semest bred,  
 In byleue, flesch, blod, *and* bon;  
 In syȝt *and* felyng, þou semest ded,  
 In byleue, lyf, to speke *and* gon;  
 In syȝt *and* felyng, noþer hond ne hed,  
 In byleue, boþe god *and* man;  
 In syȝt *and* felyng, in litil sted,  
 In byleue, grettere þyng nes nan.

To our senses  
 thou seemest  
 common  
 bread;  
 but in our  
 belief, thou  
 art the living  
 and almighty  
 God.

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(16)

¶ Whan Abraham of Ysaac his offryng made,  
 ffor a ffigure he lykned is  
 To angels bred, oure fadres hadde,  
 þat god fed hem in wyldernes.  
 Afterward, god hem bade,  
 "A paske lomb rosted, and eteþ þes."  
 In stede of þat, oure soules to glade,  
 We reseceyue oure househ, god o blisse.

Isaac,

the manna,

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and the pas-  
 chal lamb,  
 were types  
 of Christ,  
 whom we  
 receive in the  
 househ.

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XXIV. *The Messouns of the Dirige.*

[Digby 102, leaf 124, back.]

[52 stanzas of 8, *abab, abab.*]

(1)

*Lectio prima: Parce mihi, domine.*

**A** lmyȝt god, lord, me spare,  
 ffor soþe, my dayes werkys ben noȝt.  
 My wittes on nyȝtes wrong y ware,  
 þerof longe ȝeres mon be wroȝt.  
 þenke, man, þou ware born ful bare.  
 In-to þis world what hastou broȝt?  
 Out of þis world whanne þou schalt fare,  
 þou schalt bere with þe ryȝt noȝt.

Spare me,  
 O Lord, for  
 my works  
 are vain.

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## (2)

What is man?	¶ What is man of gret renoun, That of hym self makeþ aldre mest?	
Why doest thou sud- denly punish him?	Why settyst þou þy herte azen resoun, And sodeynly repreuest hem mest? In þe dawenyng þou souztest hem vpsodoun. Contrary to godis hest þou purchasest þy saule helle prisoun; For fleschely lust, wormes fest.	12     16

## (3)

How long will thy punishment last?	¶ How longe sparest þou me nozt, To swolwe my spotel, bote it me gryue? þou keper of men, alle þyng hast wrozt; What shal y do to þyn byhyue? What hastou set me contrarie þy þozt, þy holy lawe to repyue? Lord, whenne my werkis mon be sozt, Dyspyce me nozt in my myschyue!	  20    24
Don't despise me in my misery.		

## (4)

I am dis- gusted with myself.	¶ Ful heuy to my self y am maad withynne; My werkes, on me heuye isse. Why takest þou nozt away my synne, And bere from me my wykednesse? I slepe in dust, for we ben kynne, For erthe claymez me for hisse. To seche me eerly, 3if þou begynne, I ne may withstonde þe y-wisse.	  28    32
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## (5)

*Lectio secunda: Tedet animam meam.*

My soul dis- dains me.	¶ My soul, of my self anoyed isse. I shal leue my speche azens me. To my soul y wole speke in bitternesse, And y shal saye to god so fre: Wyl nozt dampne me fro blisse, Shew me þe cause, þat wolde I se, Why demestou me þo3 y dede mysse, Lord, whether þe þynke good to þe.	    36   40
I shall say, "Don't con- demn me, O Lord; show me the cause of thy anger.		



## (6)

- ¶ Ȝif þou challenge my werk, *and* bere me doun,  
 Me that am werk of þy hande,  
 And þou in consayl helpe Ȝe moun  
 To wykked men here synnes withstande, 44 Thou helpst  
 Wip repentaunce *and* sorwful <sup>1</sup>soun [1 leaf 125] wicked men  
 May launce hem from þe deuelys bande : to repent  
 To Ȝerde of loue y moste me boun ; I bow to thy  
 Lord, me chastice wip þat wande. 48 chastise me wand of love ;  
 with it.

## (7)

- ¶ Wheþer þyn eyzen ben fleschlye,  
 Or þou seest as man shal see ?  
 Or þy dayes so sone syȜe,  
 As other mennys dayes be ? 52 Are thy eyes  
 as man's  
 eyes,  
 and thy days  
 as men's  
 days,  
 Or þy Ȝerys riȜt so hye,  
 As mennys tymes in here degre ?—  
 For þou art god shal neuere dyȜe,  
 For sorwe *and* dep̄ shal from the fle— 56

## (8)

- ¶ That þou seche my wykkednesse,  
 And ransake my synne,  
 And wyte I haue noȜt doun mysse,  
 Bote hert *and* soule clene withynne. 60 that thou  
 searchest for  
 my wicked-  
 ness  
 though my  
 soul is clean ?  
 Soþes þer no man nesse  
 May skape þyn hond, *and* from the twynne,  
 Bote repentaunce *and* mercy kesse.  
 þat now ben frendis, lord, make hem kynne. 64

## (9)

- Lectio tertia* : Manus tue fecerunt me.  
 ¶ Thy hand made me man of resoun,<sup>1</sup> [1 MS. þe soun]  
 And shope me al in compas,  
 And sodeynly þou cast me doun,  
 ffor knew y noȜt what þou was. 68 Thy hand  
 made me,  
 and now it  
 suddenly  
 casts me  
 down.  
 Of me men sample take mowen,  
 Be ware lest þay folwe my tras.  
 I hadde lordshiþ in feld *and* toun,  
 Now on a donghille is my pas. 72 Let others  
 take an ex-  
 ample by me.  
 I was rich,  
 now I lie on a  
 dunghill.

## (10)

Thou madest me of dust, and wilt re- duce me to dust.	¶ Haue mynde on me, lord, <i>and</i> take hede	
	Of fen of erthe þou dede me make.	
	In-to dust aȝen þou shalt me lede,	
	My soule from þe body take.	76
	My flesch is ful sleper atte nede,	
	And solpeþ my soule wiþ synnes blake.	
	Lord god, þy dome y drede.	
	Whanne þou comest, y mon awake.	80

## (11)

Thou form- edst me like cheese.	¶ My hert shulde be stedefast,	
	þou hast lopred as mylk, <i>and</i> slep in þouȝt,	
	Riȝt as chese þou croddest me fast.	
	I wyte my synnes þat y wrouȝt.	84
	Lord, alle my synnes away þou cast,	
	Bote wiþ my synnes cast me noȝt.	
	þou knowest how longe my lyf shulde last ;	
	þou sette my terme, y passe it noȝt.	88

## (12)

Thou cloth- edst me with flesh and bone, and gavest me life.	¶ þou clopedest me with flesch <i>and</i> skyn,	
	With bones <i>and</i> synewes made me to-gyder ;	
	Lyf <i>and</i> mercy ȝaf me withyn ;	
	As brotel vessel y stonde slyder.	92
	þy sechyng haþ kepyd my gost with wyn.	
	A, lord, whenne þou comest hyder	
	To deme al erþe, þy domes to twyn	
	þouȝ I wolde fle, I not noȝt whyder.	96

## (13)

Whither shall I flee from thee on doomsday ?	¶ To deme þe erthe whanne þou wendys,	
	Fro face of þy wraþþe whyder shal I go ?	
	To hyde me wiþ angels aren goddis frendys ?	
	And god me hate, þay ben my fo.	100
	And I hyde me in helle among fendys,	
	In pyne þay wolen torimente me so.	
[ <sup>1</sup> ff. 125, bk.]	I haue synned <sup>1</sup> riȝt moche, my synne me schendys.	
	Me thynke þay waxen mo <i>and</i> mo.	104

## (14)

- ¶ My trespas moche arn blamed.  
 Bote repentaunce be mendement,  
 Byfore þe, y drede, y am aschamed.  
 Whenne þou comest to iugement, 108 I fear I shall  
 be disgraced  
 by thy judg-  
 ment.  
 þat weren wylde, mon be tamed,  
 Al wopen of wrappe mon be brent ;  
 In bok of lyf þo þat be named,  
 To ioye of heuene mon be sent. 112

## (15)

- ¶ Almyȝty god, lord, me ȝeme,  
 In thy mercy þou me lede. Have mercy  
 on me;  
 Whenne my soule is boden out fleme, 116  
 Helpe me, lord, atte al my nede.  
 Whenne þou al þe world shal deme,  
 Dampne me noȝt after my dede.  
 Whenne þat angels blowen here beme,  
 þenne alle folk may haue gret drede. 120

## (16)

- ¶ From worldis worschipe y am shoue,  
 And broȝt abas from al astat.  
 My skyn is cloped al on roue,  
 In pouerte *and* peyne my wyt is mat. 124  
 Lord, chastice me wiþ ȝerck of loue,  
 þouȝ y haue seruyd þe swerck of hat.  
 Wherto wyltou þy maystry proué,  
 Wiþ suchon as I to make debat? 128 chastise me  
 with the  
 wand of love,  
 though I  
 deserve the  
 sword of  
 revenge.

## (17)

*Lectio quarta* : *Quantas habeo.*

- ¶ Als many wykkednesse *and* trespas  
 And synnes withoute noumbre mo  
 Shew me ; why hydest þy fas  
 fro me, and demest me þy fo ? 132  
 Lord, þenkes þe solace  
 This turment, *and* do me wo ?  
 A drope of thy mercie of oyle of grace,  
 Lord, graunte me er y go. 136 Grant me a  
 drop of thy  
 mercy.

## (18)

I am but a withered leaf, and against that thou provest thy power.	¶ I am slyme of erthe, haue in mynde, Pore of matere <i>and</i> dedely, As a lef styrede with wynde. On me þou prouest þy maystry.	140
	þou prouest þy myzt, and þat I fynde, O þe stubble, þat is so drye, þou pursuest me, <i>and</i> wylt me bynde, Wip synnes in my zouþe þou wylt me stroye.	144

## (19)

Thou visitest me for the sins of my youth.	¶ Lord, þou pursuest me fast, for soþe, azens me þou doest wryte Bitternesse, bote swete is past. I may nozt blenche whenne þou wylt smyte.	148
	I trowe þat þou wolt me wast, With synnes in my zouþe do me endite. Lord, on me þy wille þou hast. My grete synne myself y wyte.	152

## (20)

Thou hast counted all my wordes and thoughtes.	¶ In synne þou settest my fot <i>and</i> hede, And alle my werkes hastou sozt, And alle steppys y euere zede ; Ze haue nombred alle my wordes <i>and</i> þozt.	156
	And als þou hast taken hede, Roten y schal be, wasted to nozt ; As clothes þat mopþes on hem fede, So shal my flesch with wormes sozt.	160

## (21)

Whither shall I flee but to thee,	¶ Wo [to] me, so mon y be, For y haue don moche synne. I, wreche, whyder shal y fle ffor wrechyd lyf y lyued ynne ?	164
God of mercy ?	My lord, my god, nozt bote to the ! God of mercie, on me mynne ! Lord, haue mercie on me, Let nozt thy loue <sup>1</sup> fro me twynne !	168

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 126]

## (22)

*Lectio quinta: Homo natus.*

- ¶ Man, that is of woman born,  
 Lyuyng short tyme he is. The life of  
 man is short.
- Er his navel be knytte *and* shorn,  
 ffulfild with many wrechidnes. 172  
 Before his  
 navel is  
 knotted and  
 cut, he is full  
 of wretched-  
 ness.
- Er he fro moder be forborn,  
 In peryl of deth, bothe partie es.
- 3if flesh be lord, the soule is lorn;  
 Bote soule be lord, he leseth his blys. 176

## (23)

- ¶ Man geth out as don floures,  
 Corage *and* strengthe, *and* fayre of hewe;  
 Makeþ moche of hymself, sayþe al is oures,  
 And repeth þat he neuere ne sewe. 180  
 He withers  
 like flowers,
- He is defouled be dayes *and* houres,  
 And fleþ as shadow, þat neuere grewe;  
 Dwelleþ neuere in þe self stat of ouris,  
 Encreseþ mo vyces þan vertew. 184  
 and vanishes  
 like shadows;

## (24)

- ¶ And þou holdest worthy to open thyn ey,  
 And come to me, *and* clayme for rent,  
 To loke on such a wrecche as y,  
 And lede hym with the to iugement, 188  
 and thou  
 vouchsafest  
 to look at me,
- þer al mankynde in company,  
 Atte thy general parlement;  
 Vertues to heuen ther schul 3e try,  
 The vyces in helle fyre be brent. 192  
 and to lead  
 me to thy  
 judgment.

## (25)

- ¶ What man may make hym clene,  
 þat is conceyued in vnclene sed?  
 Ywhether þou art alone, withoute mene?  
 To felowschipe þou hast non nede. 196
- Short ar mannys dayes sene,  
 And the nombre of hys monthes in thy dede.  
 þou hast sette his terme of fat *and* lene,  
 He passeþ it no3t for no mede. 200  
 The life of  
 man is short;  
 his term of  
 fat and lean  
 is set;  
 he cannot  
 prolong it  
 for need.
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## (26)

Go a little  
away from  
me, that I  
may rest in  
amendment  
till I die.

¶ A, go away a lytel hym fro,  
In mendement that he mow rest  
Tyl the day he 3erned so,  
A, of harde man, come þat is best. 204  
Lord, haue no mynde to do me wo,  
fforber my synnes wolde make me lest.  
Lord, whenne þou comest to deme so  
Al þe world be fyre, boþe est *and* west, 208  
God, in þy syzt þy way y go  
Ryzt ham ; in þy fayþ me fest !

## (27)

On doomsday

let mercy be  
joined with  
right.

¶ Lord, whenne þou demest alle þyng in ryzt,  
Wher mercie shal nozt knawen be ; 212  
Ryzt leseþ nozt his myzt,  
þou3 mercie be in companye.  
Mercy is euere in þy syzt,  
For mercie euere þyn eyzen se. 216  
Wher-euere þy dome is dyzt,  
Ryzt claymeþ mercie for his fee.

## (28)

*Lectio sexta* : *Quis mihi hoc tribuat.*

Who can  
grant me  
protection  
from thy  
wrath in  
Hell ?

¶ Who zeueþ to me, þat y me hyde  
Tylle þy wrappe in helle be past ? 220  
Withouten pyne, þy dome to hyde,  
Tyl body *and* soule a3en be fast ?  
With arguments nozt me chyde !  
þou knowest how longe my lyf shal last. 224  
Lord, lat mercie be my gyde,  
And neuere fro þy face me cast !

## (29)

Fix a time  
when thou  
wilt remem-  
ber me.

¶ þou set me a tyme ; couenant is tan.  
Haue mynde on me, what dome is dizt. 228  
Trowest þou ouzt þat y, dede man,  
Shal haue a3eyn man of myzt,  
And 3elde rekenyng sen y bygan  
With alle dayes þat y now fyzt ? 232  
Now I abyde þat I fro ran,  
Tyl my folwyng come to myn insyzt.

[lf. 126, bk.]

## (30)

- ¶ Lord, þou shalt clepe me,  
 And I shal answeere to þe, werk of þyn hande. 236 Thou shalt  
call me, and  
I shall  
answer.  
 Werk of þy riȝt hand, take to þe ;  
 þou shalt not bynde it in helle bande.  
 þou hast noubred my steppes, how mony þay be,  
 How monye y ran, how monye I stande. 240  
 Bot spare þou, lord, to þe synne of me,  
 Ne wilne noȝt deme my werkes ȝe fande.

## (31)

- ¶ Deme me noȝt after my dede,  
 Lord, I byseche þe ! 244  
 I haue don in þy siȝt, *and* tok non hede ;  
 þerfore I praye þy maȝeste,  
 God, my wikkednesse away þou lede,  
 Myn vnryȝt away wasche ȝe ! 248 Take my sins  
from me,  
 Non more ; lord, at my nede,  
 Of alle my synnes clense ȝe me ! and make me  
clean.

## (32)

*Lectio septima* : *Spiritus*<sup>1</sup> meus. [<sup>1</sup> MS. spē]

- ¶ My gost, shalt þou be made newe,  
 My dayes shulle yshorted be ; 252 My soul shall  
escape from  
my body ;  
only the  
grave shall  
be left to me.  
 My soule fro þe body mon remewe,  
 Alone a graue byleueth to me.  
 I haue non synne, no vices me sewe,  
 Myn eyen in bitternesse dwelle y se. 256  
 Deliuere me, lord, *and* on me rewe,  
 And sette me bysydes the !

## (33)

- ¶ Whos hande þou wolt aȝeyn me fyȝt,  
 And þou proue þy stronge hande ? 260  
 My dayes ben passed to withstonde þy myȝt,  
 I may noȝt bere þy litel wande.  
 My thouȝtes ben wasted, turned in ryȝt,  
 Turmentynge my herte inwith *and* ande ; 264 I cannot bear  
your little  
wand ;  
my thoughts  
torment my  
heart.  
 And turnyd day to þe nyȝt.  
 After derkenesse I haue bedded my bed, I fande.

## (34)

I said to rottenness and to the worms, 'You are my parents

and my brothers, Earth claims me as her own.

¶ I sayde to stynke *and* rotenesse,  
 ' My fader *and* moder arn 3e ; ' 268  
 And to wormes y sayde þysse :  
 ' My systren *and* my brethern both be 3e.'  
 And erthe claymeþ me for hysse,  
 Where þen now my bydyng to me. 272  
 My felynge þou art, *and* my god of blisse.  
 Drede of deth droueth me.

## (35)

Sin is always increasing, virtue decreasing.

¶ Eche a day synnyng,  
 And euere newe encres ; 276  
 Neuere a day blynnnyng,  
 Bote euere vertue wane les.<sup>1</sup> [1 MS. waneles]  
 To repente no bygynnyng,  
 Noȝt bote gadre synne ay in pres. 280  
 In helle is no wynnyng,  
 Ne non aȝeynbyng to pes.

## (36)

*Lectio octava* : Pelli mee.

My body decays.

Have mercy, especially you, my friends.

¶ My flesches ben wasted, don me refuse,  
 My bones cleuyn vnto þe skyn ; 284  
 My lippes arn shronken out of syse,  
 Aboute my teth arn left atwyn.  
 Haue *mercy* on myn werk vnwyse,  
 Haue *mercie* on me, let *mercie* wyn ! 288  
 Namly my frendes, me noȝt despyse ;  
 Lordis hande hath towched me more *and* myn.

## (37)

Who will grant my words to be written, with an iron pencil, on a leaden plate ?

¶ Why pursue 3e me, *and* on me syte,  
 And arn filled of my flesch *and* fel ? 292  
 Who ȝeueþ to me, þat wolde y wyte,  
 Wordes in boke be ered wel,  
 Or in a plate of led wryten  
 With an yren poyntel, 296  
 Or in a flynt grauen *and* spyten  
 By craft of werk withoute chysel ?



## (38)

- ¶ I byleue <sup>1</sup>þat soth y say,  
 Myn aʒeynbyere lyuyngē isse. 300
- I shal rysen of þe erthe my laste day,  
 Bylapped in my flesch *and* skyn ywisse ;  
 Byholde with myn eyzen twey,  
 Se god, my sauyour, in blisse ; 304
- Non other eyzen bote þes, withouten nay ;  
 þe hope in my bosom yput vp isse.

[<sup>1</sup> leaf 127]  
 My Saviour  
 is alive. I  
 shall rise and  
 behold him  
 with these  
 eyes of mine.

## (39)

- ¶ The soule is in derkenesse from gostly syzt.  
 Lord, ʒyue here rest *and* pees ! 308 O Lord, give
- Withouten ende, ʒyue here lyzt,  
 Euerlastyngē lyzt, þat neuere shal sees !  
 þou þat rered Lazar on hyzt  
 Out of þe graue, stynkyngē fro wormes pres, 312
- þy pauylon of mercy be on hem pyzt,  
 To reste fro pyne, make hem reles.

everlasting  
 life to the  
 soul in dark-  
 ness.

## (40)

[<sup>2</sup> MS. nulla]

*Lectio nona* : Quare de uulua<sup>2</sup> eduxisti me qui, &c.

- ¶ Out of þe wombe, why hastou me brozt,  
 þat wolde y hadde be fordon ? 316
- þanne hadde I be as nozt,  
 Noon eyʒe hadde sene me after son ;  
 þan hadde I be as vnwrozt,  
 Nozt born from wombe to berelis down, 320
- Where my short dayes arn in my þozt,  
 Where þay shal nozt be ended moun.

Why didst  
 thou allow  
 me to be  
 born ?

## (41)

- ¶ A, þerfore, lord, graunte me þes  
 To wepe *and* wayle, repente my synne, 324
- þat y torne nozt aʒeyn to erthe of derkenes,  
 To stryues of deþ, be curyd þerynne,  
 Lond of wrethes *and* þesternesse  
 þer is shadew of deþ, noon oþer wyne ; 328
- þer woneþ euerlastyngē for hem lyued mysse,  
 Euere gryslyhede, þat neuere schal blynne.

Grant me  
 repentance of  
 my sins ;  
 let me not go  
 to Hell,

## (42)

Libera me, *domine*.but deliver  
me from eter-  
nal death.¶ Delyuere me, lord, from endeles depe  
In þat grete dredful day, 332Where heuenys schullen be styred from erþe breþe,  
Whenne þou shalt come to deme for ay.To heuen, or helle, þat on he geþ ;  
þe word be fyre, *and* grete afray. 336þanne, woo to the synful, his soule sleþ,  
And fendys claymen hym for here pray.

## (43)

On doomsday

¶ That day shal be a day of drede,  
Of wrapþe *and* myschyf, *and* wrechidnesse. 340nobody shall  
be able to  
change his  
sentence,þere may no man opere rede,  
Ne make amendis for his mysse.ffor worldly witesse of synful ded,  
Gostly payne in bitternesse. 344either by  
counsel or  
by meed.þere helpeþ neþer counseil ne med ;  
Ech man for hymself, to payne, or blysse.

## (44)

What shall I  
say then,  
having no  
virtues to  
produce ?¶ What shal y say for shame *and* drede,  
Or what to do, fool *and* nys, 348Whanne y shal schewe forþ no good dede  
Byfore so gret iuge *and* wys ?Al folk on me woln take hede,  
Wayte after vertue, *and* fynde vys. 352Say, "God, mercy, þy dome y drede,  
ffor in þe, al mercy lys."

## (45)

Jesus, have  
mercy on us,¶ Now, crist, of þy mercie we craue,  
Haue mercie on vs, *and* leue noþt, 356[<sup>1</sup> If. 127, bk.]We byseche þe, þat come <sup>1</sup>mankynde to saue.

To bye vs, þou from heuene vs soþt,

Oure herytage for vs to haue.

þat wern lorn, þou hast boþt. 360

and destroy  
not the work  
of thy hand.

Wyl noþt dampne in helle kaue,

Thy honde warke þou hast wroþt.

## (46)

- ¶ þe brennyng soule in helle hete,  
 Withouten ende wepe thoo. 364 The souls in  
 Hell suffer  
 endless pains.  
 Allas, oure synnes don vs bete,  
 þay say, 'wo, wo, wo!  
 Here is no remedie to gete.'  
 þay walke in derkenesse to *and* fro, 368  
 þe stynk *and* derkenesse is so grete,  
 Allas, in þysterneſse we go.

## (47)

- ¶ God, that art shapere of al,  
 Of slyme of erthe þou me wrozt. 372 Thou madest  
 me of earth-  
 slime.  
 Wiþ þy blod principal,  
 Wonderly þou haste vs bozt.  
 þouȝ my body now rote ſmal,  
 My soule to my body ſhal be brozt. 376 Thou ſhalt  
 unite again  
 my ſoul with  
 my body.  
 Out of my grane, reyse me þou ſchal  
 To lyues man, *and* fayle nozt,

## (48)

- ¶ Blod *and* boon, fleſche *and* felle.  
 Here my prayer : in parfitneſſe 380  
 At domesday comaunde my soule to dwelle  
 In Abrahamys boſom, in thy bliſſe, Let my ſoul  
 dwell in  
 Abraham's  
 boſom.  
 Whenne þou ſhalt delyuere me fram syzt of helle.  
 þou breke þe ȝates of helle, ywiſſe, 384  
 þou souȝteſt helle in peynes felle,  
 ȝaf lyzt to hem in grete bryȝtneſſe.

## (49)

- ¶ Alas, y may be ſchamed ſore,  
 At domesday ſtonde in drede ; 388 I am afraid  
 of appearing  
 before the  
 great judge.  
 I, to come ſo gret a Iuge byfore,  
 And ſhewe forþ no good dede,  
 Bote fardel of synnes gadred in ſtore ;  
 þe fendes redy my rolle to rede, 392 The devils  
 will read  
 man's ſins,  
 þe countretayle to ſhewe, þe ſcore,  
 þe leſte ſteppe þat euere y ȝede.

(50)

and his good  
angel will  
accuse him.

¶ The good aungel on his ryzt syde,  
Whenne he hem ladde with merye songe, 396  
And whenne he wolde nozt folwe hy[m], glyde  
Out of the waye, he wente wronge ;  
In vertues he nolde abyde ;  
þe good aungel mourned amonge. 400  
“ With þe soule nel y chyde ;  
Y 3eue þe vp for endeles longe.”

(51)

¶ At domesday no man shal be excusyd,  
Lord ne lady, mayde ne knaue ; 404  
ffor wykked counsel scholde be refusyd,  
And after good counsaile craue.  
After warke þat þay vsed,  
I shal hem deme, or saue. 408  
þe sauyd excusyd, þe dampnyd accusyd,  
As thay deseruyd echon haue.

Everybody  
will be judged  
after his  
works.

(52)

Man will  
have to  
account for  
all his works.

¶ Ech touche *and* mouynge with hys honde,  
þe leste twynkelynge wyþ his ey3e, 412  
His wronge worke sitte or stonde,  
Ryde or go, sitte or ly3e.  
þou3 he spede nozt þere he dede fonde,  
Hys conscience wole hym bewrye ; 416  
Benefice, auancement, hous or londe,  
The leste bargayn þat he dede bye.

XXV. (*Pety Job*, or *Parce mihi, Domine!*)[*Douce MS.* 322,<sup>1</sup> leaf 10.][57 stanzas of 12, *abab, abab*, and *baba* or *bcbc*, with Latin subjects.]

Here begynneth the nyne lessons of the *Dirige*  
whyche Job made in hys tribulacion, lying on the  
DonghyH, and ben declared more opynly to lewde

III

<sup>1</sup> At the beginning, a coat of arms painted: gules, a chevron azure, between three garbs or, 2 and 1.

mennes vnderstanding by a solempne, worthy, and discrete clerke, *Rychard Hampole*, and ys cleped pety Job, and ys fuH profitable to stere synners to compunccioñ.

VI

## (1)

Parce michi, domine, nichil enim sunt dies mei.

Spare me,  
O Lord,

**L**yef lord, my soule thow spare,  
The sothe I sey now sykerly,

for my life  
is vain.

That my dayes nougħt they are ;

ffor though I be brygħt of ble,

4 Though I be  
the hand-  
somest man,

The fayrest mañ that ys ougħware,

Yet shaH my fayrenesse fade and fle,

yet I shall be  
the food of  
worms.

And I shalbe wormes ware.

[. . . . no gap in the MS.]

8

And when my body ys aH bare,

And oñ a bere brought shal be,

I nat what I may synge thare

But *Parce michi, domine.*

12

## (2)

Quid est homo, quia magnificas eum ?

What ys a mañ, wete I wolde,

That magnifyeth hymself alway,

Man is only a  
mark made  
in sand.

But a marke, made in molde,

Of a clyngyng clot of clay ?

16 Thou madest  
us to gain  
Heaven,

Thow shopest vs for that we shulde

Haue beñ in blysse for euer and ay ;

but we don't  
think of it.

But nowe, allas, bothe yong and olde

fforyetyñ hit bothe nygħt and day.

20

A, good lord, what shaH I say,

I that stande in thys degre ?

I wote nothyng that helpe may

But *Parce michi, domine.*

24

## (3)

Aut quid opponis erga eum cor tuum, visitas eum  
diligulo, et subito probas illum ?

Or why puttist thow thyñ hert ayenst mañ

25

That thow hast so dere bought ?

Why doest  
thou visit and  
try man ?

Thow vysytteste hym, and art full fayne

Sodenly to preue yef he be ougħt.

28

	To longe in synne we haue layne ; ffor synne hath so oure soule thorow sought,	
Nothing can deliver us from our sins	To helpe oureself haue we no mayne, So moche woo hit hath vs wrought.	32
	But to the pyt when we be brought, Then men wol wepe for the and me.	
	But certes aH that helpeth nought But <i>Parce michi, domine.</i>	36

## (4)

	<i>Vsquequo non parcis michi nec dimittas me vt gluciam saliuam meam? peccau.</i>	
How long will thy pun- ishment last?	Or why so longe or thow wilt spare Me in synne that depe dyue ? Thow woldest suffer neuer more Me to swolowe my salyue ?	37 40
	I haue the gylt, and greuyd sore, ffor synne <i>with</i> me hathe beñ to ryue. But, lord, now lere me <i>with</i> thy lore That dedly synne fro me may dryue.	44
	And Ihesu, for thy woundes fyue, As thow becamnest mañ for me, When I shall passe-oute of lyue, Than <i>Parce michi, domine.</i>	48

## (5)

	<i>Quid faciam tibi, o custos hominum? quare posuisti me contrarium tibi, et factus sum michimet ipsi grauis?</i>	
	What shall I do vn-to the, O thow kepar of aH mankynde ? Of suche a matiere why madest thow me, To the contrarious me for to fynde ?	49 52
Why didst thou make me thy ad- versary ?	O fader of heuen, fayre and fre, As thow art bothe good and hende, Yet be kynde as thow hast be, And spare me, lorde, that am vnkynde.	56
Spare me, and let me be thy friend.	Thy frenshyp, fader, late me fynde, As thow art god in trinite. Of thy mercy make me haue mynde Wyth <i>Parce michi, domine.</i>	60

## (6)

<sup>1</sup>Cur non tollis peccatum meum, et quare non auferis  
iniquitatem meam? [1 lf. 10, bk.]

- Why takest thou nat my syñ away, 61 Why doest thou not take my wickedness from me?  
A, thou god of aH goodnesse?  
And why also, as I the say,  
Dost nat away my wykednesse? 64  
Thow madest me of a clot of clay,  
That breketH ofte thorough brotylnesse.  
ffuH brotyH I am, hit ys no nay;  
That maketh me ofte to do amyse. 68 My weakness is the cause of my sinfulness.  
But good Ihesu, I pray thys  
ffor thy grete benygnyte:  
Thy mercy, lorde, late me nat mys,  
But *Parce michi, domine.* 72

## (7)

Ecce, nunc in puluere dormio; et si mane me  
quesieris, non subsistam.

- Loo, in powder I shaH slepe, 73 I sleep in dust, of which thou madest me.  
ffor owte of poudere furst I cam,  
And into pondere must I crepe,  
ffor of that same kynde I am. 76  
That I ne am powder I may not threpe,  
ffor erthe I am, as was Adañ;  
And nowe my pytte ys dolueñ depe.  
Though men me seke, ryght nought I am. 80  
O thow, fader Abraham,  
ffor Mary loue, that mayde so fre,  
In whos blode thy soñ swamme,  
So *Parce michi, domine.* 84

## (8)

**T**Edet animam meam vite mee; dimittam aduer-  
sum me eloquium meum; loquar in amari-  
tudine anime mee; dicam deo, "noli me  
condempnare; indica michi cur me ita iudices."

- H**yt forthynketh my soule y-wys, 85 My soul is disgusted at the life I led.  
The lyfe that I haue lad alway;  
ffor now my speche ayenst me ys,  
SotHly my lyfe I shaH dysplay. 88

In my grief      In sorow and in bytternesse  
                     Of myñ oune soule, thus shañ I say :  
 Now, good Ihesu, kyng of blysse,  
 I shall crave      Dampne me nat at domesday.                      92  
 thy mercy.      And, good Ihesu, to the I pray,  
                     Telle how thus thow demest me.  
 Nowe yeue me mercy, and say nat nay,  
                     Wyth *Parce michi, domine.*                      96

## (9)

Nunquid tibi bonum videtur si calumpnieri*s et*  
                     oprinas me, opus manuum tuarum, *et consilium*  
                     impiorum adiuees ?  
 Semeth hit good, lorde, vnto the,                      97  
                     To thryste me doune, and me accuse ?  
 I am thy werke, thow madest me :  
 Don't spoil      Thyne oune handwerk thow nat refuse.                      100  
 me, the work      Wythyn the close of cheryte,  
 of thy own      Good god, thow me recluse,  
 hands.      And yef I gylte the in any degre,  
                     *With* thy mercy thow me excuse,                      104  
 Ne late me neuer of maters muse  
                     That fallen vnto dyshoneste.  
 Thys prayer thow nat recuse,  
                     But *Parce michi, domine.*                      108

## (10)

Nunquid oculi carnei tibi sunt aut sicut videt  
                     homo *et tu vides* ?  
 Whether thyne eyeñ fleshly be,                      109  
                     Or yef thow seest as seeth a mañ ?  
 Nay, forsooth, but onoly we  
 Are thy eyes      Of outward thynges beholdyng hañ ;                      112  
 fleshly, and      But inward thynges dost thow se,  
 doest thou      That noñ other may se ne cañ ;  
 see like a      Therefore, lorde, I pray to the,  
 man ?      Warne me when I am mystañ,                      116  
                     That I may flee fro foule sathañ,  
                     That ys aboute to perysshe me.  
 Lese nat thow ones wañ,  
                     But *Parce michi, domine.*                      120



## (11)

Nunquid sicut dies hominis dies tui *et* anni tui  
sicut humana sunt tempora?

- Whether thy dayes, lord, be syke 121 Are thy days  
As mennys dayes, that dwelleñ here, and thy years  
Or thy yeres be ought lyke [leaf 11]  
To the tymes of mannes yere? as men's, 124
- That day a mañ ys fresshe and fryke,  
And sheweth forth a gladsoñ chere ;  
But to-morow he wexeth syke,  
And haply borne forthe on a bere. 128
- Thus mannes tyme ys in a were ;  
But thy tyme stondeth in oo degre.  
Therefore, I pray in thys manere :  
Lorde, *Parce michi, domine.* 132

## (12)

Vt queras iniquitatem meam, *et* peccatum meum  
scruteris, *et* scias quia nichil impium fecerim,  
cum sit nemo qui de manu tua possit eruere.

- ffor to seche my wyckednesse, 133 that thou  
And for suche thus aH my synne, searchest out  
Me thynketh hit commeth of grete hardnes, my sins ?  
With me, lorde, so to begynne. 136
- Shewe thow forth thy grete goodnes,  
And thyne hardshyp vp thow pynne.  
Thynke opoñ the brytylnesse  
That alwey worcheth me *withynne.* 140 Think of my  
And sytheñ I may nat fro the twyñ, weakness,  
Ne from thyne hande warysshed be, and forgive  
Though I offende more or mynne, me my tres-  
Euer *Parce michi, domine.* 144 passes.

## (13)

**M**anus tue fecerunt me, *et* plasmaverunt me  
totum in circuitu, *et* sic repente precipitas  
me.

- Thyne handes, lorde, haue made me, 145 Thou madest  
And formed me in shape of mañ, me, thou  
And me thow settest in degre gavest me  
Of grete nobley after thañ. 148 bliss ;

thou tookst  
it again away  
from me  
when the  
devil de-  
ceived me.

But wha<sup>n</sup> I, thorough the sotylte,  
Deceyued was of foule satha<sup>n</sup>,  
Thow puttedyst me fro that dignite,  
Heldyng doune o<sup>n</sup> my bray<sup>n</sup> pa<sup>n</sup>. 152  
Noo<sup>n</sup> other cause alege I ca<sup>n</sup>,  
But that synne hathe de pryued me.  
Now, for the blood that from the ranne,  
So *Parce michi, domine.* 156

## (14)

Memento, queso, quod sicut lutum feceris me, *et in puluerem reduces me.*

Thou madest  
me of clay,  
and wilt re-  
duce me to  
clay.

Haue mynde, therefore, I the pray, 157  
O thow god, almygh<sup>t</sup>y kyng.  
Thynke thow madest me of clay,  
And in-to clay thow shalt me brynge. 160  
Suche ys thy mygh<sup>t</sup>, and hat<sup>n</sup> be ay.  
And sythe<sup>n</sup> thow madest furst a<sup>ll</sup> thynge,  
Who dare sey ayene the nay,  
To lette thy wy<sup>H</sup> or thy lykyng? 164  
There ys ma<sup>n</sup> olde ne yonge  
That stryue dar ayenst the.  
Therefore, nede maketh me synge,  
Lorde, *Parce michi, domine.* 168

## (15)

Nonne sicut lac mulsisti me, *et sicut caseum me coagulasti?*

Thou madest  
me as soft as  
cheese.

Mylkedest nat me, lorde, as mylke, 169  
*With* nesshe blood wha<sup>n</sup> thow me made?  
And sythe<sup>n</sup>, lord, that ylke,  
Rygh<sup>t</sup> as the hardnesse of chese ys hade? 172  
My bloode ys nessher tha<sup>n</sup> ys sylke,  
In reyny weder that sone wo<sup>H</sup> fade,  
And thus me made do dedys swylke  
*With* whyche my goste ys ofte vnglade. 176  
And thus in sinne fu<sup>H</sup> depe I wade,  
That nygh<sup>t</sup> I droune thorow freelte.  
Although I can of synne nat sade,  
Yet *Parce michi, domine.* 180

## (16)

Pelle et carnibus vestisti me, ossibus et neruis compegisti me.		Thou cloth- est me with flesh and bones,
With flesshe and felle thow hast me cladde,	181	
With bones and synewes togeder knyht.		
Lyfe and mercy of the I hadde.		
To gouerne me thow yaue me wyt.	184	
To kepe thyne hestes thow me bade,		and badest me keep thy command- ments, and gain Heaven.
And seydest that I shuld, for hit,		[leaf 11, bk.]
In heuen blysse be euer gladd;e		
And yet I woht nat fro syn flytte,	188	
But freelte, lord, so me smytte,		
Vnnethe kepte ys oone for me.		
Nat for than I pray the yet		
ffor <i>Parce michi, domine.</i>	192	

## (17)

Vitam et misericordiam tribuisti michi.		
Lyfe and mercy thow yaue me ay.	193	
When I wold thy mercy craue,		
Thow seydest to me nat ones nay,		
But glad was when I wold hit haue.	196	
Thow were redy nyght and day		I refused thy mercy, which thou wast always ready to grant,
With mercy, lord, me to saue;		
But I denyed hit alwey,		
So woody syn made me to raue.	200	
I seruyd syn, and was hys knaue.		and became a thrall of sin.
I dyd that was ayenst me.		
Now, lord, when I am leyde in graue,		
Than <i>Parce michi, domine.</i>	204	

## (18)

Et visitacio tua custodivit spiritum meum.		
Thy vysitacion, lorde, hath kepte	205	Thy visita- tion has pre- served me from sin.
My spyryte, that ys me withyn.		
ffor when I wolde to syn haue lepte,		
Than holy grace made me to blyn.	208	
And ofte tyme I haue sore wept,		
The more grace of the to wyyn.		
And thus with wepyng haue I wypt		
My soule, lord, from dedly synne.	212	

Lord, late me neuer werke begynne  
 That in any wyse may displese the ;  
 And, som tyme though I fro the twyñ,  
 Yet, lord, *Parce michi, domine.* 216

## (19)

**Q**uantas habeo iniquitates *et peccata, scelera*  
 mea atque delicta ostende michi.

Show me all  
 my sins, that  
 I may keep  
 my soul from  
 the pains of  
 Hell.

**W**hat wykednes aH that I haue, 217  
 With my synnes all oñ an hepe,  
 Shewe me hem, or I go to graue,  
 That I for hem may sore wepe ; 220  
 My soule, lord, that I may saue  
 ffrom the pyt of heH so depe,  
 Where synful soules tumble and raue,  
 In endeles woo ataketh good kepe. 224  
 Toodes of hem doth crowde and crepe,  
 In suche peynes the soules be.  
 ffrom that place I may nat kepe  
 Withouten *Parce michi, domine.* 228

## (20)

Cur faciem tuam abscondis, *et arbitraris me inimi-*  
*cum tuum ?*

Why doest  
 thou hide thy  
 face from me,

Why hydest thou fro me thy face 229  
 That ys so full of aH fayrenesse ?

I mene thys somtyme thy grace,  
 That thou withdrawest and yeuest me lace. 232

and persecute  
 me as thy  
 enemy ? .

As thyne enemy thou dost me chace,  
 Demyng me in grete hardnesse.  
 Thy loue fayne wold I purchase  
 Yef thou wolt me hit graunte of thy goodnes. 236  
 Now graunte me, lord, suche stedfastnes,  
 That I may stande in oo degre,  
 And though I faH thorow brotylnes,  
 Lorde, *Parce michi, domine.* 240

## (21).

Contra folium quod vento rapitur, ostendis poten-  
 ciam tuam, *et stipulam siccam persequeris.*

- Ayenst a leefe, that lygh̄t ys to blowe, 241 Thou provest  
thy power  
against a leaf.  
 To me that am freel of kynde,  
 Thy mygh̄t and power dost thow showe,  
 As though̄ I mygh̄t beres bynde. 244  
 With wyndes ofte I ouerthrowe,  
 Suche fondyng of the I fynde.  
 I renne forthe fro rowe to rowe,  
 Soñ-tyme before, somtyme behynde. 248  
 I grope as a mañ that ys fuñ blynde ;  
 But though̄ I stomble, thow folowest me.  
 A, lord, though̄ I to the be vnkynde,  
 Yet *Parce michi, domine!* 252

## (22)

Scribis enim contra me amaritudines, *et* consumere  
 me vis peccatis adolescencie mee.

- Thow wrytest, lord, ayenst me 253 [leaf 12]  
Thou writest  
bitternes  
against me,  
which I shall  
read on  
Doomsday.  
 Bytternesse, that I shañ rede,  
 At domesday, in sygh̄t of the,  
 And añ the worlde in length and brede. 256  
 That I dyd in pryuyte,  
 There opynly hit owte shañ sprede ;  
 And thys thow wylt fuñ weñ y-se,  
 And distroy me for my wyked dede. 260  
 But, lorde, to the I clepe and grede,  
 As thow art lorde of añ pyte,  
 That day when̄ I shañ drope and drede,  
 Than *Parce michi, domine!* 264

## (23)

Posuisti in neruo pedem meum, *et* obseruasti omnes  
 semitas meas, *et* vestigia pedum meorum con-  
 siderasti.

- In a synew thow hast my feet sette, 265 Thou watch-  
est all my  
steps.  
 With the whyche that I go shañ,  
 And añ the pathes thow hast mette  
 That euer I yede in wey or walle. 268  
 There ys nothyng that the may lette  
 To knowe my steppes grete and smalle,  
 Wycked and worse, good and bette,  
 I wote weñ thow considerest alle. 272

Keep me  
from sliding,  
and pardon  
my falling.

But, lorde, to the I clepe and calle ;  
When I slyde, supporte thow me ;  
And though somtyme I take a falle,  
Yet *Parce michi, domine!* 276

## (24)

Qui quasi putredo consumendus sum, et quasi  
vestmentum, quod commeditur a tinea.

I shall be  
consumed  
like filth and  
moth-eaten  
cloth.

The whyche as rotyng shaH consume, 277  
And fare as mowthe eteñ cloth ;  
And as from the fyre departeth fume,  
So body and soule asundre goth. 280  
I am made of a lothly hume ;  
Hit ys a thyng to mañ most loth.  
Wherof thañ shulde I presume  
To be hygñ-herted or lyghtly wroth? 284  
Though I be he that ofte mys doth,  
Of mercy art thow large and fre.  
As I leue that thys ys soth,  
So *Parce michi, domine!* 288

## (25)

**H**omo natus de muliere, breui viuens tempore,  
repletur multis miserijs,

Man lives  
only a short  
time, and is  
always in  
misery.

**A** mañ that ys 'of a womañ bore, 289  
But lyteH whyle he lyueth here,  
And euery day more and more  
Replenysshed ys *with* synnes sere ; 292  
*With* hote and colde, and hungor sore,  
Turmented ys from yere to yere,  
And ofte hym wanteth goddys lore,  
That gostly wey, he shuld lere. 296  
And thus he wandreth in a were,  
As a man blynde, and may nat se.  
Therefore I pray the, *with* louely chere,  
ffor *Parce michi, domine!* 300

## (26)

Qui quasi flos egreditur et conteritur, et fugit velud  
vmbra, et nunquam in eodem statu permanet.

He springs up  
like a flower,

The whyche spryngeth oute as a floure, 301  
That groweth fresshe, aH men to glade ;

- But when he *with* a sharpe shoure  
 Ys smyteñ, begynneth sone to fade. 304  
 So lese I the fayre coloure  
 That god almygh̄ty furst in me made,  
 And thus I chaunge in euery shoure,  
 And fle away rygh̄t as a shade. 308 and vanishes  
 And herewith I am full lade away like a  
*With* synnes of diuerse degre. shadow.  
 Of heuen blysse me nough̄t degrade,  
 But *Parce michi, domine!* 312
- (27)
- Et dignum ducis super huiuscemodi aperire oculos  
 tuos, et adducere eum tecum in iudicium.
- And, lord, thow lettest that hit be dygne 313 And such a  
 Thyne eyeñ to opene vppoñ suche oñ, one thou  
 And hym thow shewest, by that sygne, thinkest  
 That he, *with* the, to dome shaH gone. 316 worthy to be  
 Haue mercy on me, Ihesu benygne! called before  
 Me thynketh myñ hert ys harder than a stoñ, [leaf 12, bk.] thy tribunal.  
 And besyed *with* a spiryte maligne.  
 My flesshe, the worlde, then ben my foue. 320  
 These beñ myñ enemyes, lord, echone,  
 Euer aboute to perysshe me.  
 Lorde, for the loue of Mary and Iohñ  
 Euer *Parce michi, domine!* 324
- (28)
- Quis potest mundum de immundo conceptum  
 semine? nonne tu, qui solus es?
- But, lord, who may clene make 325 Nobody can  
 Conceyued thyng of seede vncleue? make clean a  
 Nat thow? A, yes, I vnderstande, man con-  
 Yef the lyste to make hit clene. 328 ceived in sin.  
 Allas, I walke in a lake  
 Of dedly synne that doth me tene.  
 But, lorde, for the loue of Maryes sake,  
 Amende the harme that I of mene. 332  
 Y-wys I am nat worthe a bene,  
 Of my sylfe, to commendyd be.  
 Yet helpe me, lorde, *with* thy grace shene,  
 And euer *Parce michi, domine!* 336

## (29)

Breues dies hominis sunt, numerus mensium eius  
apud te est.

The days of man are short,	Mennes dayes beñ shorte, beware,	337
	And therto take good entente ; ffor in respyte of tyme euermare	
	They beth nothyng equipolent.	340
and the number of his months is fixed by the Lord.	The nombre of hys monthes are Alwey at the, lorde, verament.	
	Oure lyfe ys nought but sorow <i>and</i> care	
	TyH we be passed iugement.	344
	My wyttes, lorde, I haue myspent, That thow me yauē to rewle <i>with</i> me.	
	But that I may ryse vp, <i>and</i> here repent, Lorde, <i>Parce michi, domine !</i>	348

## (30)

Constituisti terminos eius, qui preteriri non pote-  
runt.

That term cannot be passed unless by the will of God.	Hys termes, lord, thow hast ordeyned,	349
	How longe he shaH now lyue here ; That may he nat passe, ne be refreyned,	
	But by thyne absolute power.	352
	Thys sentence may be weH susteyned By a story, as we may here,	
	Howe Ezechye to deth-ward peyned, And yet god addyd ouer xv yere.	356
	Hys kyndly tyme was comen fuH nere, But for hys synnes tho wepte he.	
	Lorde, yeue me grace, that I may here Hauē <i>Parce michi, domine !</i>	360

## (31)

Recede ergo paululum ab eo, vt quiescat, donec  
optata veniat, *et* sicut mercenarij dies eius.

Step a little away from him, and let him rest till the hour of his deliver- ance come.	Therefore, lord, a lyteH go away.	361
	<i>With</i> drawe thyñ hande, that mañ may rest TyH he desyre hys dethe day,	
	And wylne to be shut vp in hys cheste,	364
	And late hym lyue, yef hym lust ay. Thys holde I, lorde, for the beste.	



AH disease from hym delay  
 TyH the careyn in erthe be keste. 368  
 Allas, aH thys world now ys mys wrest,  
 To carpe thys, lorde, ayenst the.  
 Make me to thy mercy trest,  
 ffor *Parce michi, domine!* 372

(32)

Quis michi hoc tribuat, vt in inferno protegas  
 me, donec pertranseat furor tuus?  
 Who to me may yeue or graunte, 373 Who may  
 ffor loue or any affeccioun, grant me pro-  
 fpro thy wrathe that ys duraunte, tection from  
 I may haue my proteccioun? 376 thy wrath?  
 In helle yef I be concurraunte,  
 There am I in subieccioun.  
 In heuen though thow woldest me haunte,  
 Yet there am I at thy correccioun. 380  
 I may nat from thy respeccioun  
 By no way, lorde, hyde now me. I cannot  
 Therefore seye I thys lessoun hide myself  
 Of *Parce michi, domine.* 384 from thy  
 eyes.

(33)

Et constituas michi in quo recorderis mei.  
 And thow woldest a tyme ordeyne 385 [leaf 13]  
 . In whyche thow woldest of me haue mynde,  
 With som solace me to susteyne,  
 That of thy blysse am so fere behynde. 388  
 My woo from the can I nat leyne,  
 But telle hit the, for thow art kynde.  
 I am fast bounde here with a cheyne  
 Of dedly synne, fuH wele I fynde. 392 I am fettered  
 with a chain  
 of sins;  
 But woldest thow, lorde, me vnbynde  
 Thorough the vertew of thy pyte, unbind me,  
 Than were I glad, and lyght as lynde, O Lord!  
 To haue *Parce michi, domine.* 396

(34)

Putasne mortuus homo rursus viuat?  
 Trowest thow nat that man shal ryse 397 Man shall  
 Ayene to lyfe, that dyed onys? rise after  
 Yes, and that in a wonderful wyse, death.

	With flesshe and felle, bloode and bones.	400
God shall take the good with him;	Thañ shal god hys dome deuyse, And to hym take the good att ones ;	
the damned souls shall suffer eternal pains.	But dampned soules shullen sore gryse, And yeue a shoute with hydous grones.	404
	Thys make they shuH wofuH mones, AH that shullen dampned be, That I may dwelle withyn the wones Of <i>Parce michi, domine!</i>	408

## (35)

	Cunctis diebus quibus nunc milito, expecto donec veniat immutacio mea.	
I expect my death every day.	AH the dayes that I lyue here In thys wofuH wepyng dale, I byde alwey, from yere to yere, TyH I chaunge, as meñ do faH.	409 412
	Change I shaH withouteñ were, Nat ay be dwellyng in thys vale ; But, lorde, whañ I am leyde oñ here, Hye vp to heueñ my soule hale,— ffor there commyn neyther grete ne smale But thow drawe hem, lorde, to the,— That my soule be not in bale, But <i>Parce michi, domine!</i>	416 420

## (36)

	Vocabis me, et ego respondebo tibi; operi manu- um tuarum porriges dexteram.	
On Dooms- day thou shalt call me, and I shall answer.	Thow shalt me caH at domesday, Wheñ thow art set on iugement, And I to the, wythouteñ delay, ShaH yeue my answeere verament.	421 424
	But, good Ihesu, to the I pray, Thynke alwey with fuH entent Thow madest me of a clot of clay ; Thyne handwerke helpe, as thow furst ment ; And with my thought I haue myspent, Thorough malyce, here, of frealte : Here, leof lorde, late me repente, But <i>Parce michi, domine!</i>	428 432

## (37)

Tu quidem gressus meos dinumerasti, *sed* parce peccatis meis.

- fforsothe, my steppys euerychone 433 Thou hast numbered all my steps.
- Thow nombred hast, and tolde hem aH.
- But, lorde, to the I make my mone, Show me thy mercy,
- As thow art lord of heuen and heH. 436
- Vertues, lorde, though I haue none,  
Late thy grace in me now welle ;
- ffor woo ys hyñ that stante alone, for without thy help, nobody can rise from his fall.
- And hathe noon helpe yef that he faH. 440
- My syñ ys bytter than eyseH or gaH,  
And stynketh, lordc, in syght of the.
- But nought for than to the I caH  
ffor *Parce michi, domine!* 444

## (38)

*S*piritus meus attenuabitur, dies mei breuiabuntur, *et* solum michi superest sepulcrum.

- M**y spyryt shal be feble and feynt 445 My spirit will be feeble,
- When I am fallen in any age, and my days shortened.
- My dayes, make I neuer so queynt, 448
- Shullen abrege and somewhat swage,
- And I ful sone shal be atteynt
- Whan I haue loste myñ hote corage ;
- And though I dyed than as doth a seynt,
- A pyt shal be myne herytage ; 452 Nothing but the grave [leaf 13, bk.] will be left to me.
- In erthe gete I noñ other wage
- Off aH rychesse that mañ may se.
- Whan I am closed in that cage,
- Than *Parce michi, domine!* 456

## (39)

Non peccaui, *et* in amaritudinibus moratur oculus meus.

- I haue nat synned wyfully 457 I have not sinned wilfully,
- Thorow my feynt, feble nature,
- Ne greued the so greuosly,
- Wherfore I shulde thys wo endure. 460
- Thow punysshest me, and I not why,
- Passing resoun and good mesure. and yet thou punishest me.

It is my flesh,  
and not I,  
that grumbles  
against Thee.

Hit ys my flessĥ, lorde, and nat I,  
That grocheth ayenst thyñ hard reddure, 464  
But, lorde, as I am thy creature,  
And that ylke god that bougĥtest me,  
So my care recouere and cure  
With *Parce michi, domine!* 468

## (40)

Dies mei transierunt, cogitaciones mee dissipate  
sunt, torquentes cor meum.

My days are  
past,

My dayes, lorde, passed are, 469  
And olde I am, I am no faunt.

and my  
thoughts  
torment my  
heart.

My thoughtes wandre wyde whare,  
ffor they beñ, lorde, fuĥ variaunte. 472  
Myne herte they greuyñ wonder sare,  
ffor euer aboute hym they haunte.  
Thys maketh me to drowpe and dare  
That I am lyke a pore penaunte. 476  
Though I be, lorde, vnsuffisaunte,  
Any helpe to gete of the,  
Yet, for I am thy creaunte,  
Lorde, *Parce michi, domine!* 480

## (41)

Noctem verterunt in diem, et rursum post tenebras  
spero lucem.

They keep  
me awake  
at night,

The nyght they turned in-to the day, 481  
ffor they madeñ me to wake all nyght.  
I myght nat slepe by no way,  
Suche thoughtes were in myñ hert plyght. 484  
In derkenesse dymme as I so lay,  
Yet hoped I after the clere day lyght;  
But thoughtys me so trobled ay,  
That I was thañ a wofuĥ wyght. 488  
But, lorde, as thow art mckyl of myght,  
Aĥ euyĥ thoughtes put fro me,  
And that I of the may haue a syght,  
Lorde, *Parce michi, domine!* 492

## (42)

Si sustinero, infernus domus mea est; in tenebris  
stravi lectulum meum.

- Lorde, yef I shaH suffre thys grete disese, 493 This disease  
Hit woH me bryngv vnto my graue. of mine will  
And yet ywys I may nat chese, bring me into  
Whether I be kyng, knyght or knaue. 496 my grave,  
In derkenesse dymme, aH oute of ese,  
My lyteH bed spred I haue ;  
That bed shaH I neuer lese, 500  
Though I wolde for angor raue, where I shall  
TyH the day of dome, that of my graue rest till  
I shaH aryse, and mo *with* me. Doomsday.  
My soule, lorde, I pray, thow saue  
*With Parce michi, domine !* 504

## (43)

Putredini dixi, pater meus es ; mater mea *et* soror  
mea, vermibus.

- To roten erthe, ryght thus sayde I, 505 I said to fith,  
"Thow art my fader of whoH I caH," "Thou art  
And vnto wormes sekurly, my father,"  
"Thow art my moder, thy soH I am ;<sup>1</sup> [1 MS. am 1] 508 and to the  
My systren aH ye bene, for why, worms,  
None other theH ye, forsotH I am." "You are my  
I shaH caH hem sustres, lo, for thy, mother and  
ffor I shaH roote amonge hem. 512 my sisters."  
Of the lowest erthe god made Adam,  
Of whyche my kynde I had, as he.  
Now, lorde, that art lykened to a lambe,  
So *Parce michi, domine !* 516

## (44)

Vbi est ergo nunc prestolacio<sup>1</sup> mea *et* paciencia [1 leaf 14]  
mea? tu es, domine, deus meus.

- Where ys myH abydyng nowe, 517 My patience  
And aH my paciencie therto? is gone.  
They beH away, I wote neuer howe,  
ffor sothe me wantetH bothe two. 520  
Yef myH hert be styf and towe,  
To thanke the in wele and woo,  
Hit ys nat I, but only thow,  
Thow art my lord and god also. 524

O thow grete lord, alpa *and* oo,  
 Helpe me, for thy grete pyte!  
 I haue y-nowgh, I pray the, hoo,  
 And *Parce michi, domine!* 528

(45)

**P**elli mee consumptis *carnibus* adhesit os  
 meum, *et derelicta sunt tantummodo labia*  
*circa dentes meos.*

My skin is  
 wrinkled,

**T**O my skyñ my mouth ys, lo, 529  
 And cleued fast, as ye se may ;

And wasted ys my flesshe also, 532  
 And bothe my lypes beñ away.

my lips are  
 shrunk,  
 and my white  
 teeth black.

My whyte tethe, they beñ full bloo.  
 Ye wolde be agaste, yef ye me say.

Myne heryng ys full clene ago,  
 Myne eyeñ beñ dymme, þat weren ful gray ; 536

And I that was full stoute and gay,  
 ffull horyble am now opoñ to se.

Tyme ys that men now for me pray,  
 ffor *Parce michi, domine!* 540

(46)

Miseremini, miseremini mei, saltem vos, amici mei,  
 quia manus domini tetigit me.

Have pity on  
 me, at least  
 you, my  
 friends,

Reweth oñ me, reweth on me ! 541  
 My frendes namly, now helpeþ at nede !  
 ffor I am there I may nat fle.

The hande of god ful sore I drede. 544  
 And frendes, seeth that I am he,

and help me  
 with prayer,  
 fasting, and  
 almesdeeds.

Thys other day that oñ the ertñ yede.  
 Now helpe, yef that youre wyñ be,  
 With prayer, fastyng, and almes-dede. 548

ffor these moweñ best gete me mede  
 With Placebo And Dirige.

Herewith my soule I pray yow fede,  
 With *Parce michi, domine!* 552

(47)

Quare persequimini me sicut deus, *et carnibus meis*  
 saturamini ?

Why, as god, do ye pursewe 553  
 Me that suffre these sharpe shoures ?

Ye lat me peyne here in a peynfull pewe, That ys a place of grete doloures.	556	
Yow I chese for frendes trewe, And made yow myne executoures.		I made you my executors,
But tyme shaſt come that ye shaſt rewe That euer ye were to me so false treytoures.	560	
My good ye spent, as hit were youre, But nat a peny yeuyñ ye me.		and you will not spend a penny to soothe my pains.
Nowe for aH suche faytoures, Lorde, <i>Parce michi, domine!</i>	564	

## (48)

Quis michi tribuat, vt scribantur sermones mei?		
Who may graunte me thys boone, That my wordes wreten were	565	
In ensample of euerychoñ That hap may to beñ in care?	568	Who will let my words be written down for others to take an ex- ample by me in misery?
ffor yef they woldeñ make moone, Eyther groche <i>with</i> hert sare		
Ayenst god, that sytteth in troone, Because, yef they wolden spare,	572	
And make nat so ferly fare, But take ensample woldeñ of me.		
Now, lorde, as I am but wormes ware, So <i>Parce michi, domine!</i>	576	

## (49)

Quis michi det vt exarentur in libro stilo ferreo, aut plumbi lamina vel celte sculpantur in silice?		
Who shaſt graunt me, or I be dede, To wryte hem by ooñ and oone,	577	
My booke <i>with</i> ynke blak or rede, Made <i>with</i> gumme and vermylone?	580	
Or ellys yet in plate of lede, Or graueñ iñ harde flynte of stone,		Or who will have them [leaf 14, bk.] graven in flintstone?
That aH meñ, where euer they yede, Myght otherwhyle loke theropoñ?	584	
I wolde my frendys and my fooñ Ensamble take myght by me.		
As thow art thre, and god alooñ, Now <i>Parce michi, domine!</i>	588	

## (50)

Scio enim quod redemptor meus viuit, et in nouissimo die de terra surrecturus sum, et rursum circumdabor pelle mea, et in carne mea videbo deum, saluatorem meum.

I know that  
my Saviour  
liveth,

and that I  
shall arise  
from my  
grave,

and behold  
him.

I wote ryght weH that myñ redemptour 589

Lyueth yet, and lyue shaH aye,

And I shaH ryse, I not what oure,

Oute of the erthe on domysdaye, 592

And take to me my furst coloure,

In flesshe and felle, clad oñ clay.

And so shaH I see my sauour

Deme the worlde in wondre aray. 596

The wikked thañ, withouten delay,

As arowes, to helle they shullen fle.

Lorde, that I go nat that way,

So *Parce michi, domine!* 600

## (51)

Quem visurus sum ego ipse, et oculi mei conspiciuntur sunt, et non alius.

I shall see  
him myself  
with these  
eyes of mine.

Whañ I mysylfe shaH see in sygh̄t 601

With eyeñ clere, and hert[e] stable,

And knowe hym as god almygh̄t,

That was for me man disparitable, 604

ShaH ther fore me nooñ other wygh̄t

Se my god that ys durable,

But I mysylfe, with eyeñ bryght,

ShaH hym beholde most honorable. 608

O lord, that charyte that ys so amyable,

And brygh̄t shynyng in thy mageste,

That sygh̄t to se, lord, make me able,

Thorow *Parce michi, domine!* 612

## (52)

Reposita est hec spes mea in sinu meo.

I hope to  
recover from  
my disease,

Thys hope ys in myñ hert[e] sette, 613

That neuer from me shaH dysseuere.

Thereyñ my truste also ys knette,

The whyche to haue now ys me leuere. 616

I hope to god that I shaH gete



Of aH diseases yet rekeuere,  
 And se my lorde in hys turete,  
 With whom I hope to dwelle euer. 620 and to see  
the Lord on  
his throne.  
 Though I be synfuH, lorde, take me neuer  
 In any thyng that may displese the.  
 Thy blysse, late me haue for euer,  
 Thorough *Parce michi, domine!* 624

(53)

**Q**uare de vulua eduxisti me, qui vtinam con-  
 sumptus essem, ne oculus me videret?  
**A** lord, why leddest thou so me 625 I wish I had  
been con-  
sumed in my  
mother's  
womb;  
 Wold god I had consumed be  
 With-in myñ oune moders skynne, 628  
 That the eye, with whyche I se,  
 Had nat seyñ nomore ne mynne,  
 That I myght in that degre  
 Neuer haue wyste what had be synne, 632 then I should  
never have  
sinned.  
 ffor syñ maketh me from the to twynne,  
 That of nought madest thou me.  
 Thy mercy, lord, make me to wynne  
 With *Parce michi, domine!* 636

(54)

ffuissem quasi non essem, de vtero translatus ad  
 tumulum.  
 And, wold god, that I be hadde 637  
 As a thyng that neuer was ;  
 ffor aH with synne I am be-stadde,  
 And euery day I do trespas. 640 But now I  
trespass  
every day.  
 No wonder though I be vngladde,  
 And though I syng often allas ;  
 ffor pure woo I wexed madde,  
 Nere goddys mercy my solas. 644  
 Lo, lorde, lo, I am ryght as  
 A wytles mañ withouten the ;  
 But as thou of plente mercy has, [leaf 15]  
 So *Parce michi, domine!* 648

(55)

Nunquid non paucitas dierum meorum finietur  
 breui?

Will not my life soon end?	Whether the fewnes of my dayes Shuſt nat haſtly haue an ende? Sytheñ I can ſe by no worldly wayes, But oute of the world ſone ſhal I wende,	649   652
I hate the vilenes of the world.	The worldes wyles ryght nat me payes, ffor they beñ false and full vn-thende. My fleſhly luſt my ſoule affrayes, And I am tempted <i>with</i> the fende. Thys maketh me to bowe and bende Alwey to ſyñ, that woo ys me. Lord, that art curteys and hende, So <i>Parce michi, domine!</i>	   656   660

## (56)

	Dimitte ergo me, domine, vt plangam paululum dolorem meum, antequam vadam, et non reuertar ad terram tenebroſam <i>et</i> opertam mortis caligine,	
Grant me, Lord, a ſhort time to reperit my ſins.	Therefore, lord, ſuffer thow me A lyteñ what, that, whyl I may, The tyme that euer I greved the In ded or thought, by nyght or day, And graunt me, yef thy wyl be, That here in ertle wepe I may, The derke lande that I neuer ſe, That keuered ys <i>with</i> black alway. Now, good Iheſu, to the I pray, As thow art god in triuite, ffrom that londe thow kepe me ay, Thorow <i>Parce michi, domine!</i>	661  664  668  672

## (57)

	Terram miserie <i>et</i> tenebrarum, vbi vmbra mortis <i>et</i> nullus ordo, ſed ſempiternus horror inhabitans.	
Keep me, O Lord, from Hell, the land of darknes and miſery.	The londe of myſchyeſ and of derknes, Where as dampned ſoules dweñ, The londe of woo and of wrechedneſſe, Where beñ mo peynes thañ <i>tonge</i> may telle, The londe of dethe and of dureſſe, In whyche noon order may dwelle, The londe of wepyng and of dreryneſſe, And ſtynkyng ſorow oñ to ſmelle:	673  676  680

Now from that londe that cleped ys helle,  
 Worthy lord, rescue now thow me,  
 So that I maye euer with the dwelle  
 Thorough *Parce michi, domine!* 684  
 Here endeth the ix lessons of the Dirige, which  
 Yob made in his tribulacion.

Rescue me  
 now, to dwell  
 ever with  
 Thee!

## XXVI.

[*Donce 322, leaf 15.*]

[19 stanzas of 8, 12 or 16, in alternates.]

[A picture comes here of a man lying in a field under a tree.  
 A dejected-looking bird stands near, with a scroll coming from  
 its mouth, on which are the words "*Parce michi.*"—A. F. P.]

(1)

Here begynneth a tretyse of *Parce michi, domine.*

By a forest syde, walkyng as I went,	On my walk by a forest,
Disporte to take, in o mornyng,	
A place I fonde shadyd <i>with</i> bowes I-bent,	I foud a nice shadowy place, where I stopped.
Y-set aboute <i>with</i> floures so swete smellyng.	4
I leyde me doune apoñ that grene,	
And caste myñ eyeñ me aboute ;	
I fonde there byrdys <i>with</i> feders shene,	Birds were merrily flying to and fro.
Many ooñ sitting apoñ a rowte.	8
Ooñ byrde there-by sate oñ a brere :	
Here federes were pulled, she myght nat fle.	Only one sat still and sang :
She sate and sange <i>with</i> mornyng chere,	
" <i>Parce michi, domine!</i> "	12

(2)

Spare me, lorde, kyng of pyte,"	Spare me, O Lord!
Thus seyng thys byrde in pore aray ;	
"My myrthe ys go, and my iolyte,	
I may nat fle as other may.	16 I cannot fly like other birds, for I have lost my feathers.
My federes shene bene pulled me fro,	
My youth, my streyngthe, and my beawte.	
Wher-thorough I take thys songe me to :	[leaf 15, bk.]
<i>Parce michi, domine!</i> "	20

(3)

When I herde thys mornyng song,  
 I drewe to thys byrde nere and nere,

I asked that  
bird  
And asked who had doñ thys wrong,  
And brought her in so drowpyng chere, 24  
who had  
pulled out  
her feathers.  
And who had pulled her feders away,  
That shuld her bere from tre to tre,  
And why she sange in her lay  
*Parce michi, domine!* 28

## (4)

She answered  
"I'll tell you,  
The byrde answered, and seyde me tyH,  
"Man, be in pese, for crystes sake.  
Yef I shewe the myñ hertys wyH,  
Peynes nie sore woH awake. 32  
though it  
will renew  
my grief.  
Yef thow wolt take my worde in mynde,  
There shaH no sorow be my lettyng,  
That I nyH holy myne herte vnbynde,  
And sothely telle the thyne askyng, 36  
Whyche were my feders that were so clere,  
And who hath pulled hem aH fro me,  
And why I syt singyng on brere  
*Parce michi, domine!* 40

## (5)

I had four  
feathers, I  
ffeders iiij I had y-wys,  
The two were set on euery wyng.  
They bare me breme to my blys, 44  
Where me lust be at my lykyng.  
Youth,  
Beauty,  
Strength, and  
Riches.  
The furst was 'youth,' the ij<sup>de</sup> 'beawte,'  
'Streynghth' and 'ryches' the other two.  
And now they beē, as thow mayst se,  
Añ iiij federes falleñ me fro. 48  
Youth, my  
principal  
feather,  
My p<sup>r</sup>incipaH federe, youthe hit was.  
He bare me ofte to nysete; 1 wy  
Wherefore my songe ys now, allas,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 52

## (6)

often brought  
me to folly,  
and made me  
waste my  
time in sinful  
pleasures.  
In youthe I wrought folyes fele,  
My hert was set so hygh in pryde,  
To synne I yauē me euerydele,  
Spared I neyther tyme ne tyde. 56  
I was redy to make debate.  
My lyfe stode ofte in mechyH drede;

And my lykyng, to walke late,  
 And haue my luste of sinfuH dede. 60  
 I was now here, I was now there,  
 Vnstable I was in aH degre.  
 To hym I crye, that Mary bare,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 64

## (7)

ffor Salamon seyth in his poyse,  
 Thre weyes there beth fuH harde to knowe :  
 Oon ys a shyp that sayleth in the see,  
 An egle an hygh, a worme in lowe. 68  
 And of the fourth, telle he ne cañ :  
 Hit ys so wonderfuH in hys heryng,  
 The weyes of a yonge man,  
 Whyche that beñ here at theyre lykyng. 72  
 And now hathe age y-smete me fro  
 My pryncipaH feder of Iolyte.  
 ffor aH that euer I haue mys-do,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 76

## (8)

My ijde feder hygh 'bewte.'  
 I helde my selfe so clere of shappe,  
 That aH the peple shuld loke oñ me,  
 And worshyp me with hood and cappe. 80  
 My ruddy was rede, my colour clere,  
 Me thought neuer none so fayre as I,  
 In aH a contre, ferre ne nerre,  
 In fetewres and shap so comly. 84  
 My forhede large, my browes bent ;  
 My eyeñ clere, and corage bolde.  
 My shappe ne myghit no man amende,  
 Me thought my self so fayre to beholde. 88  
 And yet I was begyled in syght.  
 The myrroure, lorde, disceued me.  
 Wherfore I aske, lorde, of thy myghit,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 92

## (9)

Thys feder me bare fuH ofte to synne,  
 And pryncipally to lechery.

- Clyppying and kyssyng cowde I nat blynne,  
 Me thought hit crafte of curtesy. 96
- (for a kiss is  
 the Devil's  
 snare,) A cusse, hit ys the deuylls gynne;  
 Ofte of hit aryseth woo and wrake.  
 The deuyH *wit*h cusse many doth wynne.  
 I counseyle the, thow syñ forsake. 100
- [leaf 16]  
 by which  
 Samson,  
 David, Sampsoñ loste hys streyngth therfore,  
 Daud hys grace, for bersabee,  
 TyH he cryed *wit*h wordes sore  
*Parce michi, domine!* 104
- (10)
- Solomon, Salamoñ, that worthy kyng,  
 ffuH fayre he was from top to toe,  
 Wherfore in hys age yong  
 He was *amabilis domino* ; 108  
 That after he felle foule and sore  
 ffor luste of wemen that was hym nygh.  
 They foned hym in hys age hore,  
 That he forsoke hys god oñ nygh. 112
- and many  
 others, lost  
 the grace of  
 God. Nat only these, but many mo  
 Bewte hath begyled, ywys.  
 I wote weH I am oon of tho ;  
 I can the better telle thys. 116
- Old age has  
 deprived me  
 of this feather  
 too. Nowe hathe age y-smyte me fro  
 My secund feder, that hygh beawte.  
 ffor aH that euer I haue mysdo,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 120
- (11)
- Strength, my  
 third feather, My thryd feder, 'streynght' hygh.  
 My name was knowe on euery syde,  
 ffor I was mañ of mocheH mygh, 124  
 And meny oon spake of me fuH wyde.  
 To pryke and praunee I was fuH prest,  
 My streyngthe to kepe in euery place ;  
 And euermore I had the best :  
 Suche was my hap, suche was my grace. 128  
 My streyngth fuH ofte me drowe amys,  
 And tord me, lorde, clene fro the.  
 Now, kyng crowned in heuen blys,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 132

## (12)

- Thys feder bare me beyonde the see,  
 To gete me name in vncouth lande.  
 To robbe and slee, had I deynte,  
 Ne spared I neyther for no bande. 136  
 Of holy churche toke I no yeme,  
 Bokes to take, ne vestement.  
 There myght nothyng so moche me queme  
 As robbe, or se an abbey brente. 140  
 With streyngth I gate me grete aray,  
 Precious clothes, golde, and fee.  
 I thought fuH lyteH oñ that day,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 144

## (13)

- Wheñ Nabugodonor, ferse in fyght,  
 Ierusalem had thought to wynne,  
 And so he dyd with mayne and myght,  
 And brent the temples that were thereyñ, 148  
 And aH the golde that he there founde,  
 He toke with hyñ, and home gan ryde,  
 Hym thought there shuld nothyng withstonde;  
 Hys hert was sette so hygH in pryde, 152  
 TyH the kyng of myghtes moste  
 Brought hym there that lowest was,  
 And caught hyñ from hys ryaH hoste,  
 And drofe hyñ to a wyldernesse. 156  
 And there he lyuyd with herbe and rote,  
 Walkyng euer on foot and oñ honde,  
 TyH cryste of mercy dede hym bote,  
 And hys prysoñ oute of bonde. 160  
 Than sayde thys kyng these wordys y-wys:  
 'Añ thyng be, lorde, at thy pouste;  
 Mercy I crye, I haue do mys;  
*Parce michi, domine!* 164

## (14)

- Whyle I had my streyngth at wyH,  
 ffuH many a mañ I dyd vnreste.  
 They that wold nat myne heste fulfyH,  
 My knyfe was redy to hys breste. 168

often bore me  
 beyond the  
 sea, to get  
 renown and  
 riches.

Nebuchad-  
 nezzar plun-  
 dered Jeru-  
 salem, and  
 carried away  
 with him all  
 the gold of  
 the temple.

He thought  
 nothing could  
 resist him.

But God  
 drove him  
 into a wilder-  
 ness,

where he  
 lived on  
 roots

till Christ  
 had mercy  
 upon him.

While I had  
 strength,  
 I oiten  
 harmed and  
 threatened  
 others.

Now I am  
blind and  
lame.

And nowe I syt here blynde and lame,  
And croked beñ my lymes aH.  
I was fuH wylde, I am now tame.  
Thys feder of streyngh ys fro me faH. 172

Old age has  
plucked this  
feather from  
my wing.

And now hathe age smetyñ me fro  
My thryd feder of iolyte.  
ffor aH that euer I haue mysdo,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 176

## (15)

My fourth  
feather was  
Wealth;  
to get which  
I travelled  
much about,  
[leaf 16, bk.]

My fourth feder, 'Ryches' was.  
To make hit shyne, I trauayled sore.  
I wente in many a perylous place,  
WeH ofte my lyfe was nygh for-lore. 180

By dale, by doune, by wodes syde,  
I boode many a bytter shoure;  
In salt see I sayled weH wyde  
ffor to multiply my tresoure. 184

and fre-  
quently did  
wrong.

With false sleightes I gate my good,  
In Couetyse I grounded me.  
Ihesu, for thy precious blood,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 188

## (16)

When I was seker of golde y-nowgh,  
I gañ to ryde abowte weH faste.  
I purchased moche, and god wote howgh.  
I wende thys lyfe wolde euer haue laste. 192

I had splen-  
did castles  
and towers  
built,

I lete me bylde castelles and toures,  
Withoute y-warded with stronge dyches,  
Withyñ y-bylde halles and bowres;  
There was no toure my casteH lyche. 196

and turned  
wholly from  
God.

In thys was set aH my lykyng,  
And torned me, lorde, holy from the.  
To the I crye now, heueñ kyng,  
*Parce michi, domine!* 200

## (17)

When I was  
on the sum-  
mit of my  
fortune, I  
lost all my  
property,

Wheñ I was most in aH my flowres,  
And had aboute me wyfe and chyld,  
I lost my cateH and my toures.  
Theñ wexed myñ hert in party mylde. 204



- CateH felle fro me sodeynly ;  
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**fulfilde**, *pp.* filled, 113/172.  
**fulfille**, *vb.* fulfil, 43/79, 72/104, 81/54.  
**fulfylleþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* fulfils, 99/103.  
**fyere**, *sb.* fire, 13/118.  
**fyfte**, *adj.* fifth, 48/41.  
**fyfty**, *num.* fifty, 69/15.  
**fyþe**, *vb.* hate, 91/72.  
**fyþt**, *sb.* fight, 44/143, 65/23; *vb.* 114/232, 115/259; **-e**, 90/53.  
**fygure**, *sb.* figure, type, 107/122.  
**fyld**, *pp.* filled, 97/57.  
**fyled**, *pp.* defiled, 99/105.  
**fylle**, *vb.* fill, 23/38.  
**fylth**, *sb.* filth, 101/5; **fylþe**, 46/202.  
**fylthy**, *adj.* filthy, 101/3.  
**fynde**, *vb.* find, 4/90, 11/74, 45/176, 72/113, 77/132, 80/23, 101/23, 112/141.  
**fynde**, *vb.* supply, procure, 8/54, 46/204, 61/29; **-þ**, 3. *sg.* 73/21, 98/71.  
**fyne**, *vb.* pay a fine, 41/38.  
**fynger**, *sb.* finger, 68/137.  
**fyngres**, *sb.* *pl.* fingers, 65/37, 68/133.  
**fyre**, *sb.* fire, 11/62, 45/179, 46/187, 64/3, 77/150, 114/208.  
**fyue**, *num.* five, 35/39, 103/68.  
**gadere**, *vb.* gather, 25/9; **-th**, 3. *sg.* 99/104; **gadre**, 14/4, 81/59, 116/280; **-d**, *pp.* 119/391; **gadrid**, *pp.* 55/1; **gadryng**, *ppr.* 96/14, *sb.* 103/5.  
**gaf**, *vb.* *pt.* 41/22, 44/118, 48/57, 56/23, 86/32, 110/91, 119/386.  
**galle**, *sb.* gall, 44/119.  
**game**, *sb.* sport, amusement, 27/63, 44/113; **-s**, *pl.* 70/40.  
**gan**, *vb.* (*pleon.*) *pt.* began, 43/98, 67/97, 69/3.  
**garner**, *sb.* 67/84.  
**gat**, *vb.* *pt.* gotst, 100/150.  
**gate**, *sb.* gate, 42/69, 47/36, 76/110, 79/12; **-s**, *pl.* 75/87, 119/384; **gates**, *pl.* paths, 47/30.  
**gawdy**, *adj.* gaudy, 6/11.  
**gay**, *adj.* 6/12, 9/78, 17/78, 32/46.  
**gayte**, *sb.* gaiety, 71/81.  
**þe**, *pron.* you, 1/6, 7/35, 9/83.



- je, *adv.* yea, 27/61.  
**geaunt**, *sb.* giant, 44/146.  
**gede**, *vb.* pt. went, 72/118, 112/155, 119/394.  
**gedre**, *vb.* gather, 10/38, 25/4.  
**jee**, *adv.* yes, 7/28, 17/91.  
**jeer**, *sb.* year, 56/29, *pl.* 42/50; -e, 35/19.  
**jelde**, *vb.* yield, give, 11/58, 37/97, 76/108; 3. **rekenyng**, render an account, 46/196, 50/110, 114/231.  
**jeme**, *vb.* take care of, 60/161, 83/114, 111/113.  
**jemen**, *sb. pl.* yeomen, 65/37.  
**general**, *adj.* 113/190; -e, *adv.* 16/41; in **g.** -e, *adv.* 11/51; **generall**, *adj.* 84/148.  
**gentyll**, *adj.* gentle, 81/57, 84/153; -es, *sb. pl.* godly people, 82/82; **gentyll**, *adj.* kind, 85/184.  
**jerde**, *sb.* yard, 36/52; rod, 3/83, 54/114, 117, 119, 109/47, 111/125.  
**jere**, *sb.* year, 36/50; -s, *pl.* 107/4; **jerys**, *pl.* 109/53.  
**jerne**, *adv.* readily, 98/77.  
**jernerd**, *vb. pt.* desired, sought, 85/9, 114/203.  
**ges**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* goes, 9/14.  
**geson**, *adj.* barren, scanty, 58/77.  
**gesse**, *vb.* guess, wonder, 8/53.  
**gest**, *sb.* guest, one entertained, saved, 41/34, 44/121, 49/69; *pl.* 65/31; -e, 67/100.  
**get**, *vb.* 7/18, 71/78; -e, 8/50, 14/152, 34/6, 44/126, 59/139, 68/115, 71/76; *pp.* -en, 33/67; -est, 2. *sg.* 8/45; -eþ, 3. *sg.* 63/75; -ing, *sb.* 44/135; -yng, *ger.* 2/31.  
**geþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* goes, 118/335; **geth**, 113/177.  
**geue**, *conj.* if, 42/55.  
**jeue**, *vb.* 15/25, 26, 20/170, 25/3, 26/29, 43/94, 44/120, 73/7, 17; -n, *pp.* 41/42; -þ, 3. *sg.* 61/23, 114/219; *pl.* 19/164, 36/66; -th, 5/149; **geueþ**, 3. *sg.* 52/72.  
**jif**, *conj.* if, 2/51, 6/161, 86/15; **gif**, 3/73.  
**jifte**, *sb.* gift, 20/182, 29/71; -s, *pl.* 25/3.  
**gilteles**, *adj.* guiltless, 6/166; **giltles**, 38/126.  
**jit**, *adv.* yet, 10/41, 91/63.  
**glad**, *adj.* 26/35, 55/5.  
**glade**, *vb.* rejoice, 35/9, 46/1, 48/56, 49/80, 87/66, 100/137, 107/127; -þ, 3. *sg.* 98/72.  
**glede**, *sb.* glowing coal, 4/110, 8/70, 56/14.  
**glene**, *vb.* glean, 8/68.  
**glose**, *sb.* gloss, 89/2.  
**gloser**, *sb.* cajoler, 8/47, 57, 59/134; *gen.* 70/51; -e, 17/83, 86, 21/201, 28/22; *pl.* 21/207, 221; -es, *pl.* 17/73, 19/145; -s, *pl.* 69/5, 8.  
**glosyng**, *ger.* cajoling, 7/42, 8/49.  
**gloton**, *adj.* glutton, 90/50.  
**glotonye**, *sb.* gluttony, 18/122, 27/6.  
**glotoun**, *sb. pl.* gluttons, 67/84.  
**glotry**, *sb.* gluttony, 82/104.  
**glowe**, *vb.* glows, 4/110; -þ, 3. *sg.* 56/14.  
**glyde**, *vb.* glide, 120/397.  
**gnewe**, *vb. pt.* gnawed, 41/24.  
**go**, *vb.* 5/149, 10/35, 11/55, 27/9, 32/46, 49/93, 111/136; *pp.* 13/119; *sb.* 120/414; -n, 34/90, 103, 65/37, 66/50; *pp.* 66/78, 86/29; -st, 2. *sg.* 106/81; -þ, 3. *sg.* 15/5, 22/7; *pl.* 40/176.  
**god**, *sb.* 1/8, 16, 24, 9/8; **goddis**, *gen.* 2/34, 3/69, 9/11, 16/49, 30/82; **godes**, 1/19, 2/27; **godis**, 108/14.  
**godhed**, *sb.* godhead, 45/165; -e, 23/13, 88/106.  
**zoken**, *vb.* yoke, 105/71.  
**gold**, *sb.* 66/52, 98/75.  
**zong**, *adj.* young, inexperienced, insufficient, 1/5, 23/27; *sb. pl.* 59/131; -e, 35/23.  
**goo**, *vb.* go, 101/16.  
**good**, *adj.* 1/7; -e, 4/93, 79/9, 81/66.  
**good**, *sb.* benefit, right, 4/94, 29/60, 42/54, 77/151; *pl.* good people, 103/60; -e, 60/162; **good** property, 26/43, 36/53, 81/59; -es, *pl.* 2/26; -is, **gooddis**, 14/4.  
**goodnes**, *sb.* goodness, virtue, 82/112.  
**zool**, *sb.* Yule, 72/103.  
**zore**, *adv.* once, 11/65, 54/117, 83/137, 85/9, 92/110.  
**gospel**, *sb.* 18/112; **gospell**, 22/248, 100/130; -e, 11/53, 33/55, 102/54.  
**gost**, *sb.* ghost, spirit, 89/109, 110/93.  
**gostely**, *adv.* ghostly, 23/23;

- gostly**, 2/45, 22/7, 28/31, 32/23, 41/13; *adj.* 96/22, 105/58.  
**goten**, *pp.* got, 4/117.  
**zouen**, *pp.* given, 104/20, 41.  
**gouernance**, *sb.* 55/151; **gouernaunce**, 1/10, 10/43, 13/137, 14/154, 24/41, 61/34.  
**gouerne**, *vb.* **govern**, 1/21, 11/72, 13/130, 138, 25/17; -*d*, *pp.* 3/57, 52/65, 71/69; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 14/160, 99/101.  
**gouernour**, *sb.* governor, 55/138; *pl.* 61/21; -*e*, 23/11; -*es*, *pl.* 13/129; -*s*, *pl.* 1/17.  
**gouernyng**, *sb.* government, 64/11.  
**zour**, *adj.* your, 67/102; -*e*, 1/20, 3/87, 7/34, 13/133, 35/25; -*es*, *pron.* 1/19, 13/131, 57/51; **zoureseluen**, yourselves, 35/12.  
**zoupe**, *sb.* youth, 57/51, 112/144.  
**zow**, *pron.* you, 3/76, 7/34, 9/83, 12/107.  
**gow**, *sb.* gull, 17/84.  
**zowthe**, *sb.* youth, 29/49.  
**grace**, *sb.* 12/93, 20/186, 23/20; excellence, 20/165.  
**grace**, *vb.* enjoy the favour of God, 52/61.  
**graceles**, *adj.* graceless, 11/77, 12/94, 41/13.  
**grame**, *sb.* anger, 44/119, 71/78, 92/102.  
**gras**, *sb.* grace, 36/47, 43/96, 77/148.  
**graue**, *sb.* grave, 81/53, 90/45, 115/254.  
**grauen**, *pp.* engraved, 116/297.  
**graunte**, *vb.* grant, consent, 17/91, 52/49, 57/62, 79/199, 90/44, 95/216, 111/136; -*d*, *pp.* 39/161, 63, 87; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 96/9.  
**gre**, *sb.* degree, rank, 27/15.  
**gre**, *sb.* favour, will, 42/72, 88/82.  
**greceles**, *adj.* grassless, 45/150.  
**gredy**, *adj.* greedy, 20/169, 29/65, 67, 62/50.  
**gref**, *sb.* grief, 92/75.  
**gren**, *sb.* green, 6/11.  
**gres**, *sb.* grass, 11/62, 22/6.  
**grese**, *vb.* graze, 62/46.  
**gret**, *adj.* great, 9/86, 10/30, 11/61, 43/82, 66/56, 82/104, 84/155; -*e*, 14/158, 37/86, 70/56, 82/103; *adv.* 55/10.  
**grette**, *adj.* great, 37/93; -*r*, *comp.* 60/2, 61/4; -*re*, 35/27, 107/120; -*st*, *sup.* 106/86.  
**greuance**, *sb.* grievance, 1/12, 4/91, 14/164, 38/107, 40/185.  
**greue**, *vb.* grieve, 3/74, 17/76, 44/113, 78/162; -*d*, *pt.* 41/39; -*s*, 3. *sg.* 12/101; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 32/46.  
**greues**, *sb. pl.* griefs, 5/127.  
**grewe**, *vb. pt.* grew, 41/24, 113/182.  
**ground**, *sb.* 65/47.  
**groundid**, *pp.* grounded, 33/61.  
**grow**, *vb.* 65/47; -*e*, 11/61, 37/86, 59/142, 83/117; -*ep*, 3. *sg.* 15/15.  
**grucche**, *vb.* grudge, grumble, 26/53.  
**grynde**, *vb.* grind, 67/108.  
**grype**, *vb.* gripe, grasp, 82/83.  
**grysyhede**, *sb.* horror, 117/330.  
**gryue**, *vb.* grieve, 108/18.  
**gulteles**, *adj.* guiltless, 98/61.  
**zut**, *adv.* yet, 2/39, 9/3, 28/39, 43/77.  
**gyde**, *sb.* guide, 99/120, 114/225.  
**gyde**, *adj.* giddy, fickle, 58/78.  
**gyed**, *pp.* governed, 52/71.  
**gyft**, *sb.* gift, 98/62.  
**gyze**, *vb.* guide, 30/110.  
**gyle**, *sb.* guile, deceit, 13/122, 17/93; -*s*, *pl.* 63/97.  
**gyle**, *vb.* guile, cheat, 32/39; -*p*, *pl.* 45/152.  
**gylt**, *sb.* guilt, 41/25, 57/67, 72/97, 73/14; -*es*, *pl.* 41/39; -*is*, 50/103.  
**gynne**, *vb.* begin, 27/2.  
**gynnyng**, *sb.* beginning, undertaking, 38/110.  
**gys**, *sb.* practice, custom, 58/91; -*e*, 36/67, 26/31, 44/128.  
**zyue**, *vb.* give, 1/5, 2/44, 28/29, 117/308, 309.  
**habergeoun**, *sb.* habergeon, 51/30.  
**habyte**, *sb.* habit, 83/114.  
**had**, *vb. pt.* 6/9; **hadde**, 85/7, 101/16; -*st*, 2. *sg.* 15/28.  
**had-y-wist**, had I known! vain afterthought, repentance, 22/229.  
**haldeþ**, *vb.* hold, 36/65.  
**half**, *adj.* 17/94.  
**halle**, *sb.* hall, 8/64, 21/204, 61/29.  
**halt**, *adj.* lame, crippled, 100/147.  
**halwe**, *vb.* hallow, consecrate, 104/37; -*d*, *pt.* 18/121.  
**ham**, *adv.* home, 114/210; -*e*, 7/23.

- han**, *vb.* have, 5/123, 24/41, 35/17, 38/123, 40/189, 50/111, 58/105, 60/150, 156.  
**hand**, *sb.* 26/43, 50/102, 82/83, 115/237; -*e*, 20/196, 115/236, 116/290; -*es*, *pl.* 66/58, 67/97, 111, 78/188; -*is*, 44/116, 67/93, 68/132.  
**handles**, *adj.* handless, 21/214.  
**hap**, *sb.* 39/153.  
**hard**, *adj.* 22/237, 33/53, 52/44, 83/122, 86/27, 102/51; -*e*, harsh, 80/43; working hard, 114/204; -*er*, *comp.* 93/124; -*ere*, 83/124; -*est*, *sup.* 60/145.  
**hardy**, *adj.* 8/76, 11/76.  
**hardynes**, *sb.* hardness, 58/95.  
**harlotrye**, *sb.* harlotry, 43/109.  
**harm**, *sb.* 10/30, 52/52, 62/38; -*es*, *pl.* 70/56.  
**harme**, *vb.* harm, 42/54; -*s*, 3. *sg.* 8/49, 23/17; -*p*, 55/10.  
**has**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* hast, 77/146; **hast**, 1/10, 7/17, 31/4; **haste**, 119/374; **hastou**, hast thou, 107/6, 108/21, 112/154, 117/354.  
**haste**, *adj.* hasty, 90/54; **hasty**, 56/18.  
**hastyng**, *ppr.* hastening, 44/138.  
**hat**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* 42/72.  
**hat**, *vb.* 3. *sg. conj.* be called, 39/155.  
**hat**, *sb.* hate, 111/126; -*e*, 1/3, 4/99, 23/27, 63/75.  
**hate**, *vb.* 19/148, 156, 163, 25/20, 51/35, 61/13, 100/131, 110/100; -*st*, 2. *sg.* 43/81.  
**hatere**, *sb.* hater, 80/20.  
**hatest**, *adj. sup.* hottest, 59/110.  
**hap**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* has, 30/108, 63/77; **hath**, 2/25, 33, 116/290.  
**hattere**, *adj. comp.* hotter, 28/37.  
**hatteþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* is called, 78/185.  
**haue**, *vb.* have, 2/29, 4/111, 116, 26/49, 31/1; -*n*, 5/132.  
**haunted**, *pp.* visited, 18/127, 39/163, 63/84; **hauntest**, 2. *sg.* 43/80.  
**hay**, *sb.* 20/190, 22/5.  
**hay 3ol hayl**, *interj.* heyday, 22/234.  
**he**, *pers. pron.* 2/27, 5/139; they, 74/54, 97/49, 51.  
**hed**, *sb.* head, 44/116, 50/102, 68/129, 135; -*e*, 112/153.  
**hede**, *vb.* hide, 3/78.  
**hede**, *vb.* heed, keep, mind, 60/166, 107/112.  
**hede**, *sb.* heed, 2/54, 3/86, 6/6, 25/13, 46/198, 74/29.  
**hedlyng**, *adv.* headlong, 32/52.  
**hegge**, *sb.* hedge, 13/127.  
**heire**, *sb.* heir, 13/123, 51/40.  
**held**, *pp.* heaped, 28/30.  
**held**, *vb. pt.* 2. *sg.* heldst, 30/84; -*e*, 37/99; 3. *sg.* 6/8.  
**helde**, *vb.* stoop, 24/60.  
**hele**, *sb.* health, 2/53, 35/25, 48/52, 64/106, 61/122, 78/181, 87/71.  
**hele**, *vb.* heal, 33/69.  
**hele**, *vb.* hide, conceal, 16/47, 19/115.  
**helle**, *sb.* hell, 4/111, 28/35; *gen.* 2/41, 29/77, 73/25.  
**helle-fyre**, *sb.* hell-fire, 113/192.  
**helle-hete**, *sb.* heat of hell, 94/157, 119/363.  
**helle-houndes**, *sb.* hell-hounds, 35/22, 76/112; -*is*, 77/150.  
**helle-tike**, *sb. pl.* hell-hounds, 37/157.  
**help**, *sb.* 24/62, 105/49; -*e*, 60/165, 96/20.  
**help**, *vb.* 4/94; -*e*, 18/116, 21/23, 33, 39/167; 111/116; -*eþ*, *pl.* 22/239, 66/73.  
**helpe**, *sb.* health, 104/38.  
**hem**, *pers. pron.* him, 7/28, 42/73; them, 3/70, 4/94, 6/162, 12/104, 29/50, 68, 80/38; -*e*, 56/19.  
**hemself**, *refl. pron.* themselves, 15/7, 40/173.  
**hende**, *adj.* gentle, 98/84.  
**henne**, *adv.* hence, 34/103.  
**herbe**, *sb.* herb, 78/185.  
**herberwe**, *sb.* lodging, 74/36.  
**herberweles**, *sb. pl.* harbourless people, 26/38.  
**herborwe**, *sb.* shelter, 5/150.  
**herd**, *pp.* heard, 21/223.  
**herde**, *vb. pt.* heard, 89/5.  
**herde**, *sb.* shepherd, 107/112.  
**here**, *adj.* her, 26/51, 91/84; their, 5/123, 6/6, 11/74, 12/102, 16/38, 97/47.  
**here**, *pers. pron.* her, 26/55, 90/26, 91/83, 117/308; herself, 90/40.  
**here**, *vb.* hear, 2/51, 10/19, 20/184, 21/201, 56/43, 69/10, 104/17, 119/380; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 80/38.  
**here**, *sb.* hearing, 21/215.

- here**, *vb.* hire, 32/28, 39/164.  
**here**, *adv.* 5/123, 28/39; **here-on**,  
*adv.* hereon, 28/48.  
**heresy**, *sb.* 29/79.  
**heretikes**, *sb. pl.* heretics, 5/126.  
**heretyk**, *sb.* heretic, 34/86.  
**heritage**, *sb.* 20/179, 37/101, 41/28,  
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**herkene**, *vb.* hearken, listen, 82/  
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**hernes**, *sb. pl.* corners, 9/5, 19/157,  
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**herre**, *adv. comp.* higher, 68/140;  
*adj. comp.* 81/61; **herrere**, 60/1,  
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**hert**, *sb.* heart, 2/44, 6/159; **-e**,  
 6/4, 41/26, 50/103, 1, 67/112, 72/  
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**herte-blod**, *sb.* heart-blood, 77/147,  
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**hertely**, *adv.* heartily, earnestly,  
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**herte-sorwe**, *sb.* heart-sorrow, true  
*s.*, 35/33.  
**heruest**, *sb.* harvest, 86/22.  
**heryed**, *vb. pt.* harried, 42/60,  
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**heryeng**, *ger.* praising, 104/17;  
**-e**, 104/22.  
**heryze**, *vb.* praise, 103/9.  
**heryng**, *ger.* hearing, 64/13, 67/89,  
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**herytage**, *sb.* heritage, 118/359.  
**hesse**, *poss. pron.* his, 24/53.  
**hest**, *sb.* command, 108/14; **-es**,  
*pl.* 97/36, 102/37.  
**het**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* hits, 65/22.  
**het**, *sb.* 4/109, 11/60, 66/69; **-e**,  
 56/15, 68/119, 91/77.  
**hepen**, *sb. pl.* heathens, 54/123.  
**heued**, *sb.* head, 64/9, 65/18.  
**heuen**, *sb. gen.* heaven's, 2/43; **-e**,  
 4/111; *gen.* 33/79, 60/168, 95/199;  
**-ys**, *pl.* 117/333.  
**heuenward**, *adv.* heavenward,  
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**heuy**, *adj.* heavy, 49/79, 108/25;  
**-e**, 108/26.  
**hewe**, *sub.* hue, colour, appear-  
 ance, 15/12, 16/53, 50/119, 113/  
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**heyest**, *adj. sup.* highest, 56/42.  
**hey3**, *adj.* high, 56/39.  
**hey-vey**, *sb.* highway, 13/128.  
**hid**, *vb.* hide, 63/71; *pp.* 88/102;  
**-e**, 82/93.  
**hider**, *adv.* hither, 51/27.  
**hize**, *vb.* hasten, 18/115.  
**hize**, *adj.* high, 23/29, 66/53, 70;  
**-st**, *sup.* 79/8.  
**hize-way**, *sub.* highway, 18/132.  
**hijt**, *sb.* height, on **h.**, on high,  
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**him-self**, *refl. pron.* 21/200.  
**hire**, *sb.* wages, 36/66.  
**his**, *poss. pron.* 2/26, 62/59; theirs,  
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**hisse**, *poss. pron.* his, 4/116, 73/28,  
 84/158, 108/30.  
**hit**, *pers. pron.* it, 2/27, 4/98, 16/67,  
 82/110.  
**hit**, *pp.* 90/31.  
**hod**, *sb.* hood, cap, 9/83.  
**hoke**, *vb.* hook, bend, 24/60.  
**hold**, *vb.* keep, think, oblige, 62/67;  
**-e**, 15/27, 16/51, 35/20, 31, 36/59,  
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**-ep**, 3. *sg.* 14/166, 91/87; **-ing**,  
*ger.* 2/31.  
**holichirche**, *sb.* Holy Church, 32/  
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**holiday**, *sb.* 18/122.  
**holigost**, *sb.* the Holy Ghost, 23/  
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**holy**, *adj.* 34/1, 39/162, 89/109.  
**holycherche**, *sb.* Holy Church, *gen.*  
 42/72; **holychirche**, 19/137,  
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**holyday**, *sb.* holiday, 18/121.  
**holygost**, *sb.* the Holy Ghost,  
 23/20.  
**holynes**, *sb.* holiness, piety, 16/57,  
 51/22; **holynesse**, 84/156.  
**hom**, *adv.* home, 50/1, 91/77; **-e**,  
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**homly**, *adv.* homely, intimately,  
 70/24.  
**hond**, *sb.* hand, 96/28, 107/117; **-e**,  
 82/83, 120/411; **-es**, *pl.* 19/135,  
 65/36, 68/115.  
**honde-warke**, *sb.* handiwork, 118/  
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**honge**, *vb.* hang, 71/83; **-p**, 3. *sg.*  
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**hony**, *sb.* honey, 8/59.  
**hoo**, *interj.* 4/109, 62/54.  
**hood**, *sb.* 84/155.  
**hool**, *adj.* whole, 61/10, 79/192, 105/62; *adv.* 11/51.  
**hoot**, *adj.* hot, 95/205; *sub.* 90/34.  
**hope**, *sb.* 117/306.  
**hord**, *sb.* hoard, store, 37/75, 84, 43/87.  
**horde**, *vb.* hoard, store, 37/80.  
**horn**, *sb.* 26/59.  
**horyble**, *adj.* horrible, 101/8.  
**hospital**, *sb.* lodging, 65/31.  
**hostry**, *sb.* inn, 25/19.  
**hot**, *adj.* 56/14, 102/31.  
**hoteþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* bids, orders, 91/75.  
**houre**, *sb. pl.* hours of prayer, 103/11.  
**houres**, *sb. pl.* hours, 113/181.  
**hous**, *sb.* house, 1/18, 98/62, 63, 103/3, 120/417; **-es**, *pl.* 66/53.  
**housell**, *sb.* housel, eucharist, 107/128.  
**houshold**, *sb.* household, 61/29, 66/56; **-e**, 90/36.  
**hous-nede**, *sb.* household want, 82/110.  
**how**, *adv.* 2/36, 17/85.  
**how**, *rel. pron.* who, 98/89.  
**howsel**, *sb.* eucharist, 66/72.  
**huge**, *adj.* 5/124.  
**hunger**, *sb.* 9/87, 46/203, 60/150; **-e**, 66/68.  
**hungren**, *vb.* hunger, 97/50.  
**hungry**, *sb. pl.* hungry people, 38/124, 98/71.  
**hunte**, *vb.* hunt, 26/60.  
**hurd**, *sb.* shepherd, 103/10.  
**hurte**, *vb.* hurt, 68/137.  
**hyd**, *vb. pt.* hid, 91/60; *pp.* 53/95, 61/17, 100/156, 105/53.  
**hyde**, *vb.* hide, 17/97, 37/84, 43/92, 93/132, 97/31, 99/118, 110/99, 114/219; **-s**, *pl.* 65/42; **-st**, 2. *sg.* 111/131.  
**hyde**, *sb.* skin, 16/53.  
**hyder**, *adv.* hither, 14/2, 110/94.  
**hye**, *vb.* hasten, 51/37, 109/53.  
**hyze**, *adj.* high, 11/71, 79/14, 80/22, 92/105; *adv.* 62/47, 91/84.  
**hyze**, *vb.* heighten, increase, 28/46.  
**hyzt**, *sb.* height; **on h.**, on high, 89/10, 107/109.  
**hylt**, *sb.* hilt, handle, 41/27.  
**hym**, *pers. pron.* him, 2/44, 5/152, 7/44, 61/24; **them**, 15/8.

**hym-self**, *refl. pron.* 2/52, 13/113, 16/65, 28/35; **hym-seluen**, 11/54.  
**hyndryng**, *ger.* hindering, 70/52; *sb.* hindrance, 72/110.  
**hyne**, *sb.* servant, 86/38; *pl.* 42/45, 66/66.  
**hyng**, *vb.* hang, 62/45.  
**hyre**, *sb.* hire, wages, pay, 25/2, 41/9.  
**hys**, *adj.* his, 7/40, 104/31, 37.  
**hysse**, *poss. pron.* his, 116/271; **theirs**, 86/32.  
**I**, *pers. pron.* 6/5, 115/236, 240.  
**iangelest**, *vb.* 2. *sg.* chatterest, 94/163.  
**iape**, *vb.* jest, 27/63.  
**ielous**, *adj.* jealous, 101/23.  
**iewel**, *sb.* jewel, 84/155; **-s**, *pl.* 83/141.  
**ilke**, *adj.* same, 73/1.  
**in**, *prep.* 1/6, 33/61, 61/20; *adv.* 101/4.  
**incertayn**, *adj.* uncertain, 103/58.  
**incresyng**, *sb.* increase, 28/38.  
**insigt**, *sb.* insight, 114/234.  
**in-stede**, *prep.* instead, 107/127.  
**into**, *prep.* 41/16, 72/101, 93/147.  
**inwith**, *adv.* within, 115/264.  
**ioly**, *adj.* joyful, 104/24.  
**iour delay**, *sb.* a day's delay, 31/16, 32/24; **-e**, 31/8.  
**ioye**, *sb.* joy, 28/46, 50/2, 77/140, 89/24, 95/215, 105/55.  
**ioye**, *vb.* rejoice, 100/137; **-d**, *pl.* 104/22.  
**is**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* 1/19, 48/44, 86/13; 2. *sg.* 31/2; *pl.* 51/10, 61/19, 73/9; **isse**, 3. *sg.* 108/33, 117/300, 306; *pl.* 108/26.  
**it**, *pers. pron.* 2/36, 76/105, 108/18.  
**Iuge**, *sb.* judge, 53/96, 69/10, 118/350, 119/389.  
**iugement**, *sb.* judgment, 1/5, 55/7, 65/24, 111/108, 113/188.  
**Justice**, *sb.* justice, judge, 9/10, 11, 62/58, 65/19, 71/59, 85/177.  
**kan**, *sb.* can, 13/127, 14/158, 15/8, 106/95.  
**kaue**, *sb.* cave, 118/361.  
**kay**, *sb.* key, 18/118, 22/230; **-e**, 100/133.  
**kelde**, *vb.* cool, moderate, 24/61.

- kele**, *vb.* become cool, 101/15.  
**ken**, *vb.* know, 78/179; **kenne**, know, pay regard, teach, 31/115, 34/101, 54/113, 104/43.  
**kep**, *sb.* keep, attention, 46/208.  
**kepe**, *vb.* keep, 3/76, 13/144, 27/71, 40/183, 49/95, 50/xii, 51/21, 60/151; -**d**, *pt.* 101/14; -**n**, *pl.* 56/44, 106/104; -**s**, *pl.* 65/44.  
**keper**, *sb.* keeper, 108/19.  
**kept**, *pp.* 3/63, 9/15; **kepyd**, filled, 110/93.  
**kerue**, *vb.* carve, 9/84, 70/22.  
**kesse**, *vb.* kiss, 109/63.  
**kille**, *vb.* kill, 23/30, 57/66.  
**kiss**, *vb.* 48/47; -**e**, 61/15, 92/111.  
**knaue**, *sb.* boy, servant, thrall, 2/55, 18/109, 41/9, 46/191, 77/142, 90/47, 120/404; -**s**, *pl.* 100/152.  
**knawe**, *vb.* know, 71/86; -**n**, *pp.* 114/212.  
**knet**, *vb.* knit, 52/44; -**e**, *pp.* 90/27.  
**knew**, *vb.* *pt.* 21/199; -**e**, 16/52, 72/117.  
**knot**, *sb.* 77/136.  
**knowe**, *vb.* know, 1/8, 16/46, 21/205, 45/147, 79/1, 101/xxii, 5; -**st**, 2. *sg.* 77/151, 110/87; -**p**, 3. *sg.* 16/66, 21/203, 63/73.  
**knoweleche**, *sb.* knowledge, 87/64.  
**knowelechyng**, *sb.* knowledge, 16/68.  
**knowleche**, *vb.* acknowledge, confess, 95/195.  
**knyf**, *sb.* knife, 30/105, 37/77, 100/127, 106/77.  
**knyzt**, *sb.* knight, 11/57, 13/141, 60/145, 65/21, 81/69; *pl.* 60/152; -**es**, *pl.* 65/35.  
**knyt**, *vb.* knit, 65/18; *pp.* 3/59, 23/13, 43/85.  
**knytte**, *vb.* knit, 77/135.  
**kyd**, *vb.* *pt.* made known, showed, 94/178; *pp.* 61/19; -**de**, *pt.* 95/190.  
**kylde**, *pp.* killed, 98/61.  
**kyn**, *sb.* kin. 72/117, 82/111.  
**kynde**, *adj.* kind, gentle, 35/31, 42/61, 68/119.  
**kynde**, *sb.* kind, nature, manner, 8/74, 11/76, 69/151, 80/21, 104/33; kindness, 69/146.  
**kyndenes**, *sb.* kindness, 50/105.  
**kyndel**, *vb.* kindle, 13/118.  
**kyng**, *sb.* king, 10/18, 19; -**es**, *pl.* 14/149, 17/75; *gen. sg.* 52/58, 104/27; *gen. pl.* 27/15; -**is**, *gen. sg.* 61/9.  
**kyngdom**, *sb.* kingdom, 3/73, 9/7, 6/21, 12/99, 14/153, 165, 96/5; -**es**, *pl.* 56/25.  
**kynne**, *sb.* kin, kindred, 35/15, 75/77, 89/11; *adj.* 108/29, 109/64.  
**kys**, *vb.* kiss, part, treat kindly, reconcile, 6/163, 32/37, 73/15, 82/84; **kysse**, 4/119, 86/30.  
**labourrers**, *sb. gen. pl.* labourers', 14/156.  
**lad**, *pp.* led, 12/82; **ladde**, *pt.* 42/44, 120/396.  
**lady**, *sb.* 120/404.  
**laft**, *pp.* left, 10/35, 86/13.  
**lakkeþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* lacks, 38/116, 59/141, 64/8, 86/16.  
**lamed**, *pp.* 9/5.  
**land**, *sb.* 2/28; -**es**, *pl.* 51/32, 66/62; -**is**, 29/62.  
**lane**, *adj.* lean, 8/63.  
**lanterne**, *sb.* lantern, 33/62, 100/153, 103/7.  
**large**, *adj.* 3/67, 31/19.  
**lasse**, *adj.* less, 61/27, 104/30; *vb.* lessen, 28/40; -**p**, 3. *sg.* 106/92.  
**last**, *adj. sup.* 22/229; *sb.* 15/5, 94/161; -**e**, *adj.* 11/78, 117/301; *sb.* 67/109.  
**last**, *vb.* 110/87, 114/224; -**ed**, *pt.* 41/36.  
**lat**, *vb.* let, 62/59, 81/63.  
**late**, *adv.* 19/146, 25/18, 68/127, 72/112, 79/16, 86/28.  
**lauþe**, *vb.* laugh, 55/147.  
**lauzt**, *pp.* received, 40/189.  
**launce**, *sb.* lance, 8/45; *vb.* 109/46.  
**lawe**, *sb.* law, 1/6, 3/63, 9/15, 11/50, 52, 65/46, 106/97, 99.  
**laweles**, *adj.* lawless, 11/63.  
**lawhe**, *vb.* laugh, 7/36; -**n**, *pl.* 71, 63; -**p**, 3. *sg.* 17/93.  
**lay**, *sb.* law, 22/246.  
**lay**, *adj.* unploughed, 19/142; -**e**, 29/62.  
**lay**, *vb.* 79/191; -**d**, *pp.* 28/27.  
**layne**, *vb.* deny, conceal, 21/220.  
**lease**, *sb.* pasture-ground, 45/150.  
**leche**, *sb.* physician, 53/79; *vb.* cure, 32/23.  
**lecherye**, *sb.* lechery, 18/125, 43/111.  
**led**, *sb.* lead, 116/295.

- lede**, *vb.* lead, 1/6, 10/29, 12/109, 14/150, 22/2, 28/21, 49/85, 99/94, 110/75; -*n*, *pl.* 36/57.  
**lef**, *sb.* leaf, 112/139.  
**lef**, *adj.* agreeable, beloved, willing, 2/51, 43/77, 93/141, 96/18.  
**left**, *pp.* 116/286.  
**leg**, *sb.* 68/139; **leggis**, *pl.* 66/57.  
**leme**, *sb.* limb, 54/106, 56/17.  
**lemman**, *sb.* lover, 13/121, 21/228.  
**lene**, *adj.* lean, poor, 8/71; *sb.* 113/199.  
**lene**, *vb.* lend, 98/75.  
**lengere**, *adv. comp.* 49/71.  
**lengthe**, *sb.* length, 4/102, 60/158.  
**lent**, *vb. pt.* 2/37, 30/82, 41/19, 63/74; *pp.* 3/83, 24/65, 105/50; -*e*, *pt.* 87/64.  
**Lenton**, *sb.* Lent, 72/103.  
**lepe**, *vb.* leap, 66/75.  
**lere**, *vb.* learn, 2/49, 41/7, 56/41, 70/44, 104/36.  
**lerne**, *vb.* learn, 20/172, 25/1, 73/1, 96/18; -*st*, 2. *sg.* 29/64; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 76/97; *pl.* 27/16, 28/32.  
**lernyng**, *sb.* learning, 96/xxi.  
**les**, *sb.* untruth, lie, 10/46.  
**les**, *sb.* lace, snare, 14/150.  
**les**, *adj. comp.* less, 72/122, 116/278.  
**les**, *vb. pt.* lost, 12/86, 71/62.  
**lese**, *vb.* lose, spoil, 7/38, 32/44, 53/101, 54/126, 60/155, 80/47; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 106/92, 114/213; -*th*, 113/176.  
**lesse**, *adj. comp.* 85/44; *adv.* 12/91, 24/50.  
**lessouns**, *sb. pl.* lessons, 107/xxiv.  
**lest**, *conj.* 38/118, 93/148, 109/70.  
**lest**, *pp.* lost, 54/132, 71/79.  
**lest**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* lists, desires, 21/228.  
**lest**, *adj. sup.* least, 19/154, 106/87; *adv.* 65/27; *sb.* 46/3; -*e*, *adj.* 2/30, 5/134, 30/85, 51/15, 106/85, 120/412, 418.  
**lesyng**, *sb.* lie, falsehood, 30/86; -*es*, *pl.* 17/73, 100/136.  
**let**, *vb.* 10/40, 91/86, 92/117, 102/31, 112/168; -*e*, 6/156, 8/55, 11/61, 63, 27/68, 28/28, 40/190; *act.* behave, 16/52; -*en*, 45/173.  
**let**, *vb.* prevent, impede, cease, stop, 91/69; **lette**, 36/60, 67, 52/60, 70/53; 84/147; -*n*, 50/7; -*d*, *pp.* 31/14.  
**letter**, *sb. pl.* obstructers, 63/92.  
**lettere**, *sb. pl.* letters, 82/109.  
**lettrede**, *sb. pl.* lettered, educated people, 25/22.  
**leue**, *vb.* leave, 27/66, 42/64, 48/51, 50/116, 69/149, 76/95, 87/52, 118/356; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 22/8, 23/24, 32, 40, 98/70; *pl.* 23/33.  
**leue**, *sb.* leave, 7/43, 61/85, 78/171, 82/84.  
**leue**, *vb.* believe, 17/74, 38/109, 50/113; -*d*, *pt.* 38/113.  
**leue**, *vb.* live, 10/48, 32/49.  
**leuere**, *adj.* more agreeable, 77/144.  
**leuyng**, *sb.* living, 96/xxi.  
**leves**, *sb. pl.* leaves, 78/188.  
**lewed**, *sb. pl.* lewd, ignorant people, 25/22.  
**ley**, *vb.* lay, 90/53.  
**lif**, *sb.* life, 107/110.  
**liȝe**, *vb.* lie, utter falsehood, 25/6.  
**liȝe**, *vb.* lie, abide, remain, 5/149, 91/86; **ligge**, 19/142, 45/169.  
**liȝe**, *sb.* corpse, 28/30.  
**liȝt**, *sb.* light, 33/62.  
**liȝt**, *adj.* easy, 49/79.  
**liȝteneȝ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* enlightens, 104/33.  
**liȝtly**, *adv.* easily, slightly, 55/140, 88/82.  
**lik**, *adj.* like, 75/78; -*e*, 13/121, 14/145, 39/156.  
**likne**, *vb.* liken, compare, 8/57, 64/9, 66/57, 66; -*d*, *pp.* 100/153.  
**lippes**, *sb. pl.* lips, 9/1, 18/117, 80/39, 83/130, 116/285.  
**list**, *sb.* 3. *sg.* lists, pleasures, 7/44.  
**lite**, *adj.* little, 30/90.  
**litel**, *adj.* little, 22/231; *adv.* 30/92, 33/65; **litol**, *adj.* 15/32, 92/109, 107/119; **lityl**, 49/69; *adv.* 52/51, 53/97, 78/173.  
**loke**, *vb.* look, 2/59, 11/63, 15/33, 24/42, 25/6, 27/69, 38/131, 69/1, 75/83, 113/187.  
**loken**, *pp.* locked up, 12/95.  
**lon**, *sb.* loan, 50/110.  
**lond**, *sb.* land, 12/110, 65/34; *pl.* 19/142; -*e*, 120/417; -*es*, *pl.* 18/130; -*is*, *pl.* 51/35.  
**long**, *adj.* 12/89, 43/148, 89/4; *adv.* 4/105, 45/169, 69/18; -*e*, 24/59, 26/46, 37/85, 110/87, 120/402.  
**longe pyked**, *adj.* ending in a long pike, 93/138.

- longeþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* belongs, 88/106, 108.  
**long on**, *prep.* owing to, 76/120.  
**loo**, *interj.* lo! 7/13, 16.  
**look**, *vb.* 15/35.  
**look**, *sb.* lock, 18/119.  
**loos**, *adv.* loose, 38/126.  
**loos**, *sb.* repute, character, 57/57.  
**lopred**, *pp.* coagulated, curdled, 110/82.  
**lord**, *sb.* 7/25, 39, 64/10, 113/176; **-es**, *pl.* 7/35, 8/64, 10/35; **-is**, *pl.* 12/101, 103, 13/129; *gen. sg.* 7/27, 61/18, 19, 116/290; **-ys**, *pl.* 17/75.  
**lordschipe**, *sb.* lordship, dominion, 35/27, 77/156; **-s**, *pl.* 78/158;  
**lordship**, 109/71; **-e**, 1/18.  
**lordynges**, *sb. pl.* lordings, 14/148.  
**lore**, *sb.* 54/116, 75/82, 99/98.  
**lore**, *pp.* lost, 53/86; **lorn**, 55/145, 31/15, 113/175, 118/360.  
**los**, *sb.* repute, honour, 9/5.  
**lost**, *pp.* 76/119; **-e**, *pt.* 49/70.  
**loþ**, *adj.* loath, unwilling, averse, 26/42, 40/1, 47/11, 92/119.  
**lobes**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* loathes, dislikes, 93/141.  
**loue**, *sb.* love, 1/11, 2/40, 3/83, 15/18, 34/85, 73/3; **-s**, *pl.* 78/168.  
**loue**, *vb.* love, 2/43, 12/83, 26/40, 61/35, 73/2, 4, 26; **-d**, *pt.* 45/159, 50/113, 94/178; **-s**, *pl.* beloved friends, 49/98; **-n**, *pl.* 5/152; **-st**, 2. *sg.* 86/14; **-þ**, 3. *sg.* 92/103.  
**louer**, *sb.* lover, 80/20, 101/23; **-s**, *pl.* 73/23.  
**low**, *adj.* 82/98; **-e**, 10/44, 86/17; *sb.* 23/29.  
**lowely**, *adv.* lowly, 91/59.  
**lust**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* pleases, 89/6.  
**lust**, *sb.* 108/16; **-es**, *pl.* 26/56, 79/195, 81/54, 90/42; **-is**, 27/64.  
**ly**, *vb.* lie, remain, abide, 26/38; **-e**, 26/46; **lys**, 3. *sg.* 7/39, 12/99, 20/165; 59/132, 60/165, 62/61, 71/75, 73/22, 105/62; **lyþ**, 93/146.  
**lyd**, *sb.* lid, cover, 101/158.  
**lyf**, *sb.* life, 28/20, 35/29, 36/71, 39/162, 44/118, 63/91, 112/164; a living person, 107/116.  
**lyþe**, *vb.* lie, remain, 29/62, 32/47, 46/206; *sb.* 120/414.  
**lyþe**, *vb.* lie, utter falsehood, 75/92.  
**lyge-man**, *sb.* liege, vassal, 51/15.  
**lyȝt**, *sb.* light, 53/93, 104/33, 117/309.  
**lyȝtly**, *adv.* easily, 43/96.  
**lyȝtnes**, *sb.* brightness, 43/109.  
**lyk**, *adj.* like, 37/98, 85/8, 101/18.  
**lykne**, *vb.* liken, 65/17, 25, 66/61; **-d**, *pp.* 78/187, 107/122.  
**lym**, *sb.* lime, 66/53.  
**lymes**, *sb. pl.* limbs, 65/39, 67/99, 68/123, 135, 87/76.  
**lynage**, *sb.* lineage, family, 26/50, 101/22.  
**lys**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* lends, grants, 89/109.  
**lyte**, *adv.* little, 3/82; *adj.* 76/115.  
**lytel**, *adj.* little, 51/28; *sb.* 114/201.  
**lyther**, *adj.* dissolute, 90/52.  
**lyue**, *vb.* live, 1/23, 11/64, 15/19, 16/56, 59, 63/74, 72/103, 101/160; **-d**, *pt.* 94/174, 117/329; **-n**, *pl.* 81/73; **-þ**, *pl.* 96/7; *sg.* 99/98.  
**lyue**, *sb.* life, 35/36, 88/91, 89/4; **-s**, *pl.* 51/32; *gen. sg.* 22/230, 119/378.  
**lyuyng**, *ppr.* 11/76; *sb.* 32/34, 61/26, 102/42; **-e**, *adj.* 113/170, 117/300.  
**lyue**, *vb.* believe, 106/93.  
**lyueliche**, *adj.* lovely, 104/18.  
**lyuer**, *sb.* liver, one who lives, 8/73; **-e**, 8/75, 11/77, 79, 12/95, 19/159, 96/24; **-es**, *pl.* 79/9, 10; **lyuers**, 81/66.  
**maad**, *pp.* made, 108/25.  
**macche**, *sb.* match, spouse, 93/152.  
**mad**, *vb. pt.* made, 43/107, 54/123; *pp.* 60/143, 64/1, 104/25.  
**madde**, *vb.* madden, 77/145.  
**made**, *adj.* mad, 90/37.  
**made**, *vb. pt.* 10/26, 13/129, 14/15, 31/3, 35/11; *pp.* 90/37.  
**mageste**, *sb.* majesty, 115/246.  
**make**, *vb.* 7/32, 8/56, 25/21, 26/52, 33/80, 63/70, 68/114, 74/43; **-n**, 6/157, 17/73, 69/6; **-þ**, 3. *sg.* 11/80, 12/89, 14/157; **-th**, 4/106; *pl.* 2/53, 68/165; **-d**, *pp.* 31/2.  
**makynge**, *sb.* poem, 31/viii.  
**maladye**, *sb.* disease, 28/38.  
**malice**, *sb.* 11/59, 17/94.  
**man**, *sb.* 1/1, 13/134, 15/29, 26/41, 27/8, 113/169, 177.



- manere**, *sb.* manner, 29/56; *gen.* 69/2; *-es*, *pl.* 81/78.  
**manhed**, *sb.* manhood, 45/166, 85/8; *-e*, 59/118, 88/108; **manhode**, 13/119.  
**mankynde**, *sb.* mankind, 32/45, 48, 57, 64/1, 75/72, 79, 77/130, 85/7, 102/50, 113/189, 118/357.  
**mannes**, *sb. gen.* man's, 5/137; **mannys**, 1/17, 10/18, 20/175, 27/1, 65/25, 79/190, 85/9, 11.  
**many**, *adj.* many a, 40/1, 66/70; *pl.* 17/89, 18/105, 111/129; *-m. a.*, 94/174; *m. on.*, 47/6.  
**marchaundes**, *sb. pl.* merchants, 11/69, 66/51.  
**marchaunt**, *sb.* merchant, 83/139.  
**market**, *sb.* 17/100; *m.-beteres*, *sb. pl.* idlers, 25/9.  
**martyres**, *sb. pl.* martyrs, 80/31.  
**maryage**, *sb.* marriage, 26/52, 101/24.  
**masouncraft**, *sb.* masonry, 62/42.  
**masse**, *sb.* mass, 27/65, 61/25.  
**master**, *sb.* 36/68.  
**mat**, *adj.* mate, 72/108, 111/124.  
**matere**, *sb.* matter, substance, 3/77, 31/2, 101/2, 112/138.  
**map**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* makes, 14/159.  
**matyns**, *sb. pl.* matins, 27/65.  
**maugre**, *prep.* in spite of, 15/13; **mawgre**, 81/56.  
**may**, *sb.* kinsman, 15/22.  
**may**, *vb.* 2/46, 7/13, 13/133, 16/46, 33/81, 75/61; *-st.* 2. *sg.* 28/27, 32/30.  
**mayde**, *sb.* maid, 120/404; *-n.* 75/79, 77/130, 91/58, 100/125.  
**maynt**, *pp.* mixed, 57/63.  
**maynten**, *vb.* maintain, 70/30; *-e.*, 8/48, 12/104, 13/143, 25/11, 33/59, 36/68, 50/8, 52/56.  
**mayster**, *sb.* master, 34/93, 41/10, 90/47, 100/148; *-e.*, 66/77.  
**maystershepe**, *sb.* mastership, 94/169.  
**maystres**, *sb. pl.* masters, 66/79.  
**maystrie**, *sb.* mastery, a master's authority, victory, heroic deed, 39/145; **maystrije**, 19/139; **maystry**, 111/127, 112/140; *-e.*, 51/39; **maystryzes**, *pl.* 54/121.  
**me**, *sb. pl.* men, 11/58.  
**med**, *sb.* need, reward, bribe, 118/345; *-e.*, 2/43, 3/68, 7/40, 15/11, 18/118, 56/38, 69/5.  
**medle**, *vb.* meddle, mingle, 10/39, 95/198; *-d.*, *pp.* 5/135, 30/101.  
**meke**, *adj.* meek, 65/30, 84/169; *sb.* meekness, 84/157; *-re*, *comp.* 81/61.  
**meke**, *vb.* humble, 87/51; *-d.*, *pt.* 86/17, 87/49, 99/112.  
**mekely**, *adv.* meekly, 82/105.  
**mekenesse**, *sb.* meekness, 45/168, 82/97, 91/59.  
**mele**, *sb.* meal, 68/118, 73/7, 74/35.  
**melte**, *vb.* melt, 86/27.  
**membres**, *sb. pl.* limbs, 64/xv.  
**men**, *sb. pl.* 2/30, 53, 8/51, 15/17.  
**mende**, *vb.* amend, 19/134, 137, 23/22, 38/115, 42/56, 52/46, 63/70, 95/195; **mendid**, *pp.* 76/118.  
**mendment**, *sb.* amendment, 102/38, 111/106, 114/202.  
**mendys**, *sb. pl.* amends, 71/78.  
**mene**, *sb.* communion, community, 113/195.  
**mene**, *sb.* mediator, 34/3.  
**mene**, *vb.* mean, 8/66.  
**ment**, *pp.* meant, 30/85.  
**mennys**, *sb. gen. pl.* men's, 18/130, 33/68, 66/65, 109/52, 54.  
**mercie**, *sb.* mercy, 5/130, 30/90, 112/166, 167, 114/212, 214, 216, 218; **mercy**, 2/52, 30/98, 32/42, 69/152; **mercyes**, *pl.* 78/177.  
**merciable**, *sb.* merciful, 98/65.  
**meriest**, *adj. sup.* merriest, 71/57.  
**merkis**, *sb. pl.* marks, 40/175.  
**merpe**, *sb.* mirth, 50/2, 93/130.  
**mery**, *adj.* merry, 7/31, 26/35; *adv.* 105/55; *-e*, *adj.* 120/396.  
**mes**, *sb.* adversity, 11/78.  
**messenger**, *sb.* messenger, 9/9; *-es*, *pl.* 88/99.  
**mest**, *sb.* most, greatest, 46/3; *adv.* 108/10, 12.  
**mesure**, *sb.* measure, moderation, 3/61, 9/13, 36/54, 62/39, 68/118, 70/35.  
**met**, *vb.* 66/71; *pp.* 91/65.  
**mete**, *vb.* measure, 36/54.  
**mete**, *sb.* meat, food, 5/150, 8/55, 27/5, 36/70, 66/71, 73/7, 105/57; *-s*, *pl.* 82/104.  
**mett**, *sb.* measure, 62/68.  
**meue**, *vb.* move, excite, utter, 3/77, 17/79, 81/64.

- might**, *vb. pt.* 8/46; **miȝt**, 42/62.  
**mirre**, *sb.* myrrh, 44/119.  
**mo**, *adj. comp.* more, 15/31, 28/36.  
**moche**, *adj.* much, 6/7, 63/69, 65/17, 100/138; many a, 112/162; *sb.* 63/75, 67/82, 70/43; *adv.* 110/103.  
**mod**, *sb.* mind, 77/145.  
**moder**, *sb.* mother, 101/11, 113/173, 116/268; *gen.* 93/149.  
**mon**, *vb.* may, shall, will, 4/119, 20/195, 22/5, 231, 24/59, 32/47, 92/96, 111/112, 112/161.  
**mon**, *sb.* moan, 48/46, 49/70; -e, 86/25.  
**mone**, *sb.* moon, 67/91.  
**money**, *sb.* 36/49.  
**monthes**, *sb. pl.* months, 113/198.  
**mony**, *adj. pron.* many, 17/73, 96/20, 100/151, 115/239; many a, 13/125; -e, 115/240.  
**moo**, *adj. adv. comp.* more, 83/126, 86/43.  
**mood**, *sb.* mind, disposition, 77/145, 81/61, 86/35.  
**more**, *adv.* 4/93, 12/91, 50/115; *adj.* 83/126.  
**morn**, *sb.* morning, 31/10.  
**morneþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* mourns, 97/33.  
**mornȝng**, *sb.* mourning, 35/38.  
**morþere**, *sb.* murder, 53/94, 56/20.  
**mortkyn**, *sb.* carcass, 91/86.  
**morwe**, *sb.* morning, 48/67.  
**most**, *adj. adv. comp.* 10/28, 15/35, 56/42, 65/27, 84/169, 106/87.  
**most**, *vb.* must, 52/60; -e, 109/47.  
**mot**, *vb.* must, may, shall, 2/38, 4/118, 16/67, 23/31, 33/76, 35/33, 83/139; -e, 97/49, 98/80.  
**moþes**, *sb. pl.* moths, 112/159.  
**moueþ**, *vb.* moves, 45/166.  
**moun**, *vb.* be allowed, 109/42, 117/322.  
**mourned**, *vb. pt.* 120/400.  
**mouth**, *sb.* 21/216; **mouþ**, 41/23, 43/101, 64/12, 67/85.  
**mouyng**, *vb.* motion, 120/411.  
**mow**, *vb.* may, 59/123, 84/147, 114/202; -e, 10/48, 27/25, 52/46, 83/123; -en, 109/69; **mown**, 38/123.  
**mowe**, *vb.* mow, 16/63, 86/23.  
**mowntayne**, *sb.* mountain, 61/17.  
**mownten**, *vb.* mount, 91/84.  
**my**, *adj.* 7/25, 49/85, 95/190.  
**myche**, *adj.* much, 84/159.  
**myȝt**, *sb.* might, power, 44/145, 49/91, 51/38, 63/69, 65/17, 68/144, 89/14, 95/190.  
**myȝt**, *vb.* might, 30/100, 77/156; **myght**, 3/74, 5/132, 8/68; -e, 86/15; -est, 2. *sg.* 9/87, 50/115, 76/104.  
**myȝty**, *adj.* mighty, 68/122.  
**mylde**, *adj.* mild, 90/33, 94/162.  
**myle**, *sb.* mile, 17/92.  
**mylk**, *sb.* milk, 110/82.  
**mylle**, *sb.* mill, 67/108.  
**mylt**, *sb.* spleen, 41/26.  
**myn**, *adj.* my, 6/4, 32/44, 77/139; *pron.* mine, 74/54.  
**myn**, *adv.* less, 116/290.  
**mynde**, *sb.* mind, 11/79, 29/55, 40/12, 64/5, 67/112.  
**mynne**, *vb.* think, 112/166; mention, 69/16, 71/57.  
**mynstrallis**, *sb. pl.* minstrels, 17/82.  
**myrrou**, *sb.* mirror, 13/133.  
**mys**, *adj.* wrong, 62/57; *adv.* 2/31, 28/44; *sb.* 6/161, 38/135, 82/88, 99/119.  
**mysbede**, *vb.* injure, 10/31, 57/46, 54.  
**myscheue**, *vb.* mischief, 3/76; 5/124; -s, *pl.* 97/32; **myschyf**, 118/340; **myschyue**, 108/24.  
**mysdede**, *sb.* misdeeds, trespasses, 97/34, 106/106.  
**my-self**, *pron.* myself, 108/25.  
**mys-famed**, *vb. pt.* defamed, 9/2.  
**mys-ruling**, *sb.* misrule, 62/45.  
**mysse**, *sb.* wrong, 4/103, 38/115, 86/28, 118/342; *adj.* 55/3; *adv.* 4/117, 92/107.  
**myst**, *pp.* missed, 22/231.  
**mysvsed**, *pp.* misused, 64/107.  
**myue**, *vb.* move, 106/91.  
**naked**, *sb. pl.* 38/124.  
**name**, *sb.* 7/20, 10/18, 12/81, 19//162, 43/81, 44/115.  
**named**, *pp.* called, 111/111.  
**namly**, *adv.* especially, 116/289.  
**nan**, *pron.* none, 107/120.  
**nas**, *vb. pt.* was not, 85/12.  
**nauel**, *sb.* navel, 113/171.  
**nay**, *adv.* 7/28, 17/91, 25/5; **say n.**, turn apostate, 34/94; *sb.* denial, 117/305.  
**nayled**, *pp.* nailed, 92/115.

- ne**, *conj.* nor, 24/58.  
**nede**, *sb.* need, want, necessity, 4/94, 9/78, 86, 28/23, 29/71, 36/60, 46/200, 78/174; *adv.* needs, 2/38, 23/31; *vb.* need, be in poverty, 38/125, 40/183; -*d*, *pt.* 41/18; **nedid**, 50/101.  
**nedeles**, *adj.* unnecessary, 58/91, 98/75; not wanting, not in need, 29/69, 96/14; *sb. pl.* 64/109, 72/94; **nedles**, *adv.* 70/36.  
**nedy**, *adj.* needy, indigent, 29/65, 64/109.  
**neighbores**, *sb. pl.* neighbours, 6/162.  
**nekke**, *sb.* neck, 65/17.  
**nel**, *vb.* will not, 71/85, 95/197; -*e*, 35/20, 38/106; -*en*, *pl.* 18/106; **nelt**, 2. *sg.* 76/105, 77/141; **nelle**, *pl.* 81/52.  
**neme**, *vb.* take, 41/18.  
**nempned**, *vb.* called, 103/3.  
**ner**, *adv.* near, 21/213, 36/52, 94/184; **nerre**, *comp.* 68/144, 87/68.  
**nes**, *vb.* is not, 32/25, 45/148, 56/31, 81/60, 83/142, 103/2; **nesse**, 109/61.  
**nest**, *sb.* abode, 48/68, 54/130.  
**neþer—ne**, *conj.* neither—nor, 118/345.  
**neuer**, *adj.* never, 4/114, 12/86, 29/72, 44/146; **n. þe lasse**, *conj.* nevertheless, 56/38; **neuer-þe latter**, 105/59.  
**newe**, *adj.* 15/15, 50/116, 71/84; *adv.* anew, recently, 35/19, 38/115, 41/28, 93/135, 102/42.  
**newe fangyl**, *adj.* desirous of new things, 56/32.  
**ney3**, *adv.* near, 62/44, 87/96; -*e*, 51/26.  
**ney3ebore**, *sb.* neighbour, 15/35; -*s*, *pl.* 36/70, 88/98; **ney3ebour**, *sg.* 70/33.  
**no**, *adj.* 3/62, 8/73, 26/37, 44/131; *adv.* 63/94.  
**noblay**, *sb.* nobleness, 53/86.  
**noblere**, *adj. comp.* 60/2.  
**no3t**, *pron.* nothing, 29/67, 107/8; *adv.* not, 35/35, 92/109, 98/75, 108/17; **no3ht**, 1/11.  
**noalde**, *vb. pt.* would not, 41/41, 90/38, 94/160, 120/399; -*st*, 2. *sg.* 8/72, 88/83.  
**nombre**, *sb.* number, 113/198.  
**nombred**, *pp.* counted, 5/133, 112/156.  
**non**, *adj.* no, 2/54, 18/106, 25/2, 115/255; *pron.* none, 23/14, 27/68, 70/44, 115/249.  
**none**, *sb.* noon, 66/70.  
**noo**, *adj.* no, 32/28; **noon**, 117/318.  
**nose**, *sb.* 64/12.  
**no3t**, *vb.* 2. *sg.* doest not know, 24/50, 50/109, 103/57; **not**, 24/52; 3. *sg.* 22/7; *pl.* 105/74.  
**not**, *pron.* nothing, 2/37, 29/65, 78/170; *adv.* not, 1/12, 54/108, 102/31.  
**noþer**, *pron.* neither, 68/130.  
**noþer—ne**, *conj.* neither—nor, 15/18, 25/15, 61/29, 103/3.  
**nouellerye**, *sb.* innovation, 11/63.  
**nou3t**, *adv.* not, 28/45; *sb.* nothing, nothingness, 21/227, 27/62; **nou3ten**, *pron.* nothing, 30/81.  
**noumbre**, *sb.* number, 111/130.  
**noumbred**, *pp.* 115/239.  
**now**, *adv.* 17/82, 65/41.  
**nowhere**, *adv.* 45/175.  
**nowþe**, *adv.* now, 29/51.  
**noy3e**, *sb.* trouble, 10/42.  
**noys**, *sb.* public talk, 15/17.  
**nyce**, *sb.* delicacy, effeminacy, 83/122.  
**nye**, *sb.* annoyance, 27/70.  
**ny3e**, *vb.* annoy, injure, 34/99; -*d*, *pt.* 58/101.  
**ny3t**, *sb.* night, 8/74, 25/18, 67/103, 104/33; -*es*, *pl.* 107/3.  
**nyl**, *vb.* will not, 3/63, 9/15, 17/90, 34/101; **nylle**, 23/14, 82/94; **nylt**, 2. *sg.* 76/101.  
**nys**, *vb.* is not, 2/37, 9/4, 13/131.  
**nys**, *adj.* silly, foolish, wicked, 2/45, 7/34, 32/43, 61/3, 80/24, 118/348; *sb. pl.* 60/162.  
**o**, *interj.* 45/163.  
**o**, *pron. num.* 20/193, 39/142, 67/91; *ind. art. a*, 1/14, 37/83, 38/110, 39/142.  
**o**, *prep.* of, on, 35/17, 40/182, 192, 112/142; **o brod**, abroad, 59/110; **o ferre**, afar, 68/138; **o mys**, amiss, 29/74, 32/36; **o syde**, aside, 93/130; **o tway**, in two, 17/70; **o two**, 24/69, 89/20; **o twynne**, 30/111, 75/85, 87/56.

- obley**, *sb.* oblate, wafer, 105/65.  
**obedience**, *sb.* 84/149.  
**obedyent**, *adj.* obedient, 79/4.  
**occupacioun**, *sb.* occupation, business, 79/11.  
**of**, *prep.* 1/23, 33/72, 79/11.  
**office**, *sb.* 73/18.  
**officere**, *sb.* officer, 21/210.  
**offre**, *vb.* offer, 84/172.  
**offryng**, *sb.* offering, sacrifice, 107/121.  
**ofte**, *adj.* 10/43; *adv.* 6/166, 14/146, 69/18; *-re*, *comp.* 37/95.  
**offys**, *sb.* office, 19/164.  
**old**, *adj.* 8/53, 11/65; *-e*, 106/97, 101; *sb. pl.* 59/131.  
**old horded**, *adj.* hoarded up long since, 6/165.  
**on**, *prep.* 3/81, 41/40, 86/37.  
**on**, *num. pron.* 6/7, 11/56, 15/28, 32/31, 83/140; *at o.*, 47/8, 16, 24, 65/39.  
**ones**, *adv. num.* once, 30/94, 52/43, 75/69; *at o.*, 103/4.  
**oo**, *num.* one, 11/50, 22/241, 23/13; *oon*, 52/68, 72/115.  
**open**, *adj.* 67/84, 92/118; *vb.* 113/185.  
**opert**, *adv.* openly, 82/96.  
**or**, *conj.* 1/18, 5/150, 30/108, 79/16.  
**or**, *conj.* before, 3/87, 5/143, 10/39, 95/207.  
**ordayned**, *pp.* established, 55/4.  
**ordeyne**, *vb.* ordain, settle, establish, 38/135; *-d*, *pt.* 101/20; *pp.* 62/58, 83/137.  
**ordinaunce**, *sb.* ordinance, law, 3/75.  
**ordre**, *sb.* order, rule, estate, 13/142, 60/143, 65/21, 105/47; *holy orders*, 38/121.  
**ordynaunce**, *sb.* ordinance, ordinance, 14/159, 51/30, 59/138, 104/26.  
**oreson**, *sb.* prayer, supplication, 84/164.  
**ost**, *sb.* host, wafer, 104/38, 106/83.  
**other—or**, *conj.* either—or, 7/21.  
**oper**, *adv.* otherwise, 80/40.  
**other**, *pron.* 10/31, 14/155; *oper*, 15/22, 52/68; *pl.* 61/13; *-e*, 62/51, 67/99; *pl.* 39/156, 82/91, 99/94; *othere*, 3/78; *operes*, *gen. pl.* 28/34.  
**opes**, *sb. pl.* oaths, 93/139.  
**ouer**, *prep.* 1/10; *-e*, 33/57; *adv.* 91/71, 106/99.  
**ouerall**, *adv.* everywhere, 98/90.  
**ouercome**, *vb.* overcome, 89/111.  
**ouerhope**, *sb.* excess of hope, 5/129, 32/47, 95/201.  
**ouer moche**, *adv.* overmuch, 33/67.  
**ouyt**, *pron. adv.* anything, anyhow, 29/66, 42/57, 64/8, 68/132.  
**ouyte**, *vb.* ougt, 73/10.  
**oure**, *adj.* our, 51/19, 20, 26, 29; *pron. ours*, 77/135, 104/15; *oures*, 113/179.  
**oure-self**, *pron.* ourselves, 50/5, 51/33.  
**ouris**, *sb. pl.* miseries, wretchedness, 113/183.  
**out**, *adv.* 76/93, 82/109, 92/118, 101/7; *-e*, 98/75; *out of*, *prep.* 5/126, 9/82, without, 18/190.  
**out-casten**, *pp.* outcast, 44/134.  
**outeray**, *vb.* exceed, excel, 49/84.  
**outrage**, *sb.* 37/100.  
**outrage**, *vb.* exceed, go too far, 83/121.  
**overtylt**, *vb.* overtill, overturn, 57/65.  
**owe**, *vb.* possess, 96/19, 27; *-th*, 3. *sg.* 2/27.  
**owe**, *adj.* own, 44/136; *-n*, 2/33, 16/38, 45, 47, 19/163.  
**oyle**, *sb.* oil, 111/135.  
**palays**, *sb.* palace, 48/68.  
**palfray**, *sb.* palfrey, 7/14.  
**pape**, *sb.* pope, 46/192.  
**paradis**, *sb.* paradise, 29/78;  
**paradys**, 41/16, 47/17, 20.  
**parage**, *sb.* equality, quality, 59/116.  
**paramour**, *sb.* love, 18/125.  
**paraurenture**, *adv.* perhaps, 85/187.  
**parcel**, *sb.* part, 51/16.  
**parchemyn**, *sb.* parchment, 78/182.  
**parfitnesse**, *sb.* perfection, 119/380.  
**parfyt**, *adj.* perfect, 73/27, 75/70, 79/2, 80/21.  
**parische**, *sb.* parish, 61/30.  
**parischen**, *sb.* parishioner, 40/174.  
**parlement**, *sb.* parliament, meeting, 12/97, 55/4, 113/190.  
**part**, *sb.* 71/61; *vb.* 24/69; *-e*, 30/

- III, 83/144, 106/84; -n, 75/85; -d, *pt.* 101/12; *pp.* 89/13, 105/70.  
*partener, sb.* partner, 54/107.  
*partie, sb. pl.* parties, 113/174; -s, 6/164.  
*party, sb.* 10/36, 61/36; -e, 68/130; cause, matter, 30/92; *pl.* 17/76; -es, 10/19.  
*pas, sb.* state, condition, 109/72.  
*paske lomb, sb.* paschal lamb, 107/126.  
*passe, vb.* pass, surpass, 21/212, 222, 52/60, 106/105, 110/88; -d, *adj.* past, 115/261; -p, 3. *sg.* 60/147, 77/133, 104/14, 113/200.  
*passioun, sb.* passion, suffering, 94/156, 102/51.  
*passyng, prep.* beyond, 63/76.  
*past, prep.* 64/101; *adv.* 112/147, 114/220; -e, 67/111.  
*paternoster, sb.* the Lord's Prayer, 25/15.  
*pauylon, sb.* pavilion, 117/313.  
*pawe, vb.* fawn, caress, 15/21.  
*pay, sb.* 32/30; *vb.* 20/182, 25/2; -e, 57/52, 70/23; -ed, *pp.* 40/179, 54/131.  
*payment, sb.* 30/92.  
*payne, sb.* pain, penalty, 21/218, 118/344, 346; -s, *pl.* 22/237, 72/111.  
*paynte, vb.* paint, colour, 36/43.  
*pece, sb.* piece, 106/86; -s, *pl.* 105/69.  
*pees, sb.* peace, 117/308.  
*penaunce, sb.* 34/4, 65/29, 76/95; penury, 98/74.  
*penyworth, sb.* pennyworth, 62/38.  
*pere, sb.* peer, equal, associate, 23/21, 40/3, 43/107, 78/186, 94/180; *pl.* 49/75.  
*perfeccyone, sb.* perfection, 53/102.  
*perile, sb.* peril, 62/43, 64/101, 65/27.  
*pertely, adv.* openly, 104/35.  
*peryl, sb.* peril, 113/174; -e, 71/75, 82/86.  
*perylous, adj.* perilous, 25/vi.  
*pes, sb.* peace, 9/iii, 8, 16, 10/24, 32, 34/ix, 8, 16, 92/91.  
*pete, sb.* a fibre of peat; counte at o p., care a straw, a rush about, 39/142.  
*peyne, sb.* pain, 111/124; -s, *pl.* 119/385.
- philosofres, sb.* philosophers, 11/73.  
*pilage, sb.* pillage, 8/68.  
*place, sb.* 20/189, 87/59; *pl.* 94/184.  
*planted, vb. pt.* 42/49.  
*plas, sb.* place, 43/97, 77/152.  
*plastre, sb.* plaster, 30/107.  
*plate, sb.* 116/295.  
*play, sb.* 7/42, 17/94, 21/222, 94/172; *vb.* 68/117; -e, 7/36, 70/24.  
*playn, sb.* plain, 17/100.  
*playn, vb.* complain, 89/7; -e, 68/113, 95/210.  
*playnt, sb.* complaint, 54/110, 57/60, 89/9, 92/109; -es, *pl.* 56/43.  
*plente, sb.* plenty, 66/56, 87/67.  
*plesande, adj.* pleasant, 91/75.  
*plese, vb.* please, 7/25, 21/211, 32/35, 45/149; -n, *pl.* 45/151; -p, 3. *sg.* 20/182, 74/32.  
*plete, vb.* plead, 36/62, 85/181.  
*pleyneþ, vb.* 3. *sg.* complains, 71/77.  
*pleynt, sb.* complaint, 69/10, 94/167, 95/185.  
*plough, sb.* 13/143, 66/63.  
*plyþe, vb.* bend, depart, 30/102.  
*plyt, sb.* condition, 65/40.  
*pondryng, sb.* musing, 72/111.  
*popes, sb. pl.* 14/148.  
*pore, adj.* poor 4/89, 12/104; *sb.* 5/138; *pl.* 38/125, 42/54, 65/32, 96/1; poverty, 84/157.  
*posteles, sb. pl.* apostles, 47/26; *postles, 32/21.*  
*pouert, sb.* poverty, 49/90; -e, 45/158, 65/30, 87/65, 95/211, 96/3, 111/124.  
*pouste, sb.* power, strength, 51/20, 104/31, 106/92.  
*power, sb.* 54/105; -e, 21/212, 31/119.  
*poynt, sb.* point, degree; 41/27, 56/34; -es, *pl.* 38/116, 71/79.  
*poyntel, sb.* pointel, 116/296.  
*poyson, sb.* poison, 57/63.  
*pray, sb.* prey, due, property, 19/150, 25/7, 31/14, 75/63, 118/338.  
*pray, vb.* 7/15, 20/174, 53/87.  
*prayer, sb.* 119/380.  
*preche, vb.* preach, 16/41, 57, 25/27, 31/18, 71/65, 96/24, 100/130; *prechyng, pp.* 17/81; *sb.* 100/155.

- precyouſ**, *adj.* precious, 75/65.  
**prelat**, *sb.* prelate, 71/65; **-es**, *pl.* 14/148.  
**prented**, *vb. pt.* printed, 78/183.  
**pres**, *sb.* press, crowd, abundance, 10/38, 14/158, 116/280, 117/312.  
**pres**, *vb.* press, hasten, 98/87.  
**preson**, *sb.* prison, 7/30.  
**presone**, *vb.* imprison, 98/78; **-d**, *pp.* 98/61.  
**presoner**, *sb. pl.* prisoners, 38/126.  
**presoun**, *sb.* prison, 8/52, 15/14, 26/45.  
**prest**, *adj.* ready, 65/29.  
**prest**, *sb.* priest, 34/3, 35/34, 40/186, 61/25, 105/67; **-es**, *pl.* 17/81, 103/7; **-is**, 39/162.  
**presthod**, *sb.* priesthood, clergy, 65/26.  
**preue**, *vb.* prove, 3/79, 15/33, 24/47, 106/95; **-s**, *3. sg.* 9/88, 12/98; *pl.* 5/125; **-th**, *pl.* 7/34, 9/88.  
**preue**, *adj.* privy, 4/99.  
**preuete**, *sb.* secrecy, 61/20.  
**preuey**, *adj.* privy, secret, 1/3, 23/27, 62/44.  
**preuily**, *adv.* privily, 52/54, 96/8.  
**preuyte**, *sb.* secrecy, 21/213; **-e**, 21/203, 71/87.  
**preye**, *vb.* pray, 60/148, 69/148, 103/69; **-d**, *pt.* 67/85; **st**, *2. sg.* 102/39; **-þ**, *3. sg.* 92/104.  
**preyer**, *sb.* prayer, 20/183, 65/29; **-e**, 31/114, 80/37, 84/164; **-s**, *pl.* 80/39.  
**preyse**, *vb.* praise, 16/50, 26/32; **-de**, *pt.* 6/7.  
**pride**, *sb.* 40/30.  
**principal**, *adj.* 119/373; *sb.* 75/72; *adv.* 74/60.  
**pris**, *sb.* price, 76/102.  
**prisoners**, *sb. pl.* 26/39.  
**prisoun**, *sb.* prison, 108/15.  
**professed**, *adj.* belonging to a religious order, 80/44.  
**profit**, *sb.* 1/4, 12/98, 23/28.  
**profre**, *vb.* offer, 87/62; **-þ**, *3. sg.* 48/40, 73/15.  
**profyt**, *sb.* profit, 6/68, 28/45, 56/42, 62/52, 78/160; **-es**, *pl.* 12/100.  
**profytable**, *adj.* profitable, 98/69.  
**profyte**, *vb.* profit, 77/154.  
**propre**, *sb.* property, 81/59.  
**propre**, *sb.* purple, 83/141.  
**prosperite**, *sb.* prosperity, 87/71.  
**proud**, *adj.* 39/150; **-e**, 81/64; **-est**, *sup.* 26/31.  
**proue**, *vb.* prove, try, learn, 47/25, 78/187, 111/127, 115/260; **-st**, *2. sg.* 112/140, 141.  
**prouerbe**, *sb.* proverb, 15/33.  
**prow**, *sb.* profit, 88/83, 106/101.  
**promesse**, *sb.* prowess, 7/19.  
**pryde**, *sb.* pride, 43/111, 82/100.  
**prynce**, *sb.* prince, 5/142, 72/119; **-s**, *pl.* 38/108.  
**pryncypal**, *adj.* principal, 64/14.  
**prys**, *sb.* prize, honour, 59/133, 60/167; price, value, 19/162, 41/22, 71/73; **o prys**, precious, noble, 47/15, 80/18, 94/175.  
**pulle**, *vb.* pull, 63/99.  
**punsched**, *pp.* punished, 33/55.  
**punysche**, *vb.* punish, 10/20.  
**puple**, *sb.* people, 1/10, 13/130, 131, 19/150, 42/43.  
**purchas**, *vb.* purchase, 97/47; **-est**, *2. sg.* 108/15.  
**purgatorie**, *sb.* purgatory, 29/78; **purgatory**, 95/206.  
**purpos**, *sb.* purpose, talk, 12/92, 17/91.  
**purs**, *sb.* purse, 67/82.  
**pursue**, *vb.* 99/119, 124, 116/291; **-d**, *pp.* 99/113; **-st**, *2. sg.* 112/143; **-th**, *3. sg.* 2/50.  
**put**, *vb.* 10/25, 20/196, 44/122, 93/130.  
**pyzt**, *pp.* pitched, 117/313.  
**pyke**, *vb.* pick, steal, 19/50; **-þ**, *3. sg.* 52/64.  
**pyle**, *sb.* pile, large building, 13/124.  
**pyle**, *sb.* cross, 50/107.  
**pyn**, *sb.* pain, suffering, woe, 46/203; **-e**, 2/28, 29/77, 33/70, 41/37, 66/68; **-es**, *pl.* 48/45, 101/13.  
**pyne**, *vb.* torment, grieve, 15/21, 42/43.  
**pynne**, *vb.* pin, 67/83, 75/87, 97/45.  
**pyt**, *vb.* lay or amass in a pit, 43/87.  
**quake**, *vb.* 46/189, 54/123.  
**quantite**, *sb.* quantity, 66/50.  
**quaue**, *vb.* quiver, 106/88.  
**qued**, *sb.* evil, 29/60.  
**queme**, *vb.* please, 60/163.

- quenche, *vb.* quench, 11/60; *quenchyng*, *sb.* 102/32.  
 quenes, *sb. gen. sg.* 91/76.  
 querel, *sb.* quarrel, cause, 39/139; *querell*, 12/87, 56/16, 99/116.  
 querte, *sb.* integrity, 50/3.  
 queryle, *sb.* quarrel, suit, 59/113.  
 queste, *sb.* quest, inquest, 85/179; *-s*, *pl.* 36/65.  
 questyon, *sb.* question, 81/49.  
 queynt, *adj.* quaint, ingenious, 27/1.  
 quite, *adj.* quit, 30/92.  
 quod, *vb. pt.* said, 67/87, 68/113.  
 quyk, *adj.* quick, living, 21/198, 104/18, 106/100; *sb.* 105/68.  
 quykenet, *vb.* 3. *sg.* quickens, 89/3.  
 quyt, *vb.* quit, requite, 72/96; *-e*, 2/40, 33/88, 50/105, 56/35, 76/113, 98/77; *-est*, 2. *sg.* 74/48.  
 raft, *vb. pt.* robbed, 71/62; *pp.* 71/58, 89/14.  
 rage, *vb.* 26/53.  
 ran, *vb. pt.* 114/233, 115/240.  
 rank, *adj.* luxuriant, 6/2.  
 ransake, *vb.* ransack, 109/58.  
 rapere, *adv.* rather, 11/55, 59, 32/35, 87/72.  
 raue, *vb.* rave, rage, 2/53, 90/43.  
 raunere, *sb.* plunderer, 64/108.  
 ransom, *sb.* ransom, 47/15.  
 raysed, *pp.* raised, 54/129.  
 rebell, *sb.* rebel, 39/140; *adj.* 71/60; *vb.* 23/36.  
 rebuke, *vb.* 25/26.  
 recche, *vb.* reck, care, 15/24, 16/40, 17/72, 18/128, 19/136; *-p*, 3. *sg.* 58/97.  
 recchelesly, *adv.* recklessly, 19/141.  
 reche, *vb.* reach, give, 96/20.  
 recheles, *adj.* reckless, 64/110; *-ly*, *adv.* 25/17.  
 red, *sb.* counsel, 56/23, 106/104; *vb.* 36/63; *-e*, 4/109, 9/78, 34/102, 118/341; *read*, 36/63, 82/108, 119/392.  
 red, *adj.* 104/44; *-e*, 42/44, 45/177.  
 redresse, *vb.* redress, remedy, 69/11, 72/126.  
 redy, *adj.* ready, 11/70, 24/56, 80/32, 95/204, 119/392.  
 refuse, *vb.* 24/43, 48/41, 66/77, 116/283; *-ed*, *pp.* 69/149, 93/127; *-yd*, 120/405; *refuyse*, 4/100.  
 regyon, *sb.* region, country, 52/70.  
 reherse, *vb.* rehearse, tell, 58/83.  
 reioys, *vb.* rejoice, 103/12; *-e*, 97/30.  
 rekene, *vb.* reckon, give account, 22/223, 37/92, 103, 46/210, 86/36, 100/149; *-ed*, *pp.* 4/118.  
 rekenyng, *sb.* reckoning, account, 2/29, 30/83, 46/196, 61/31, 114/231; *-es*, *pl.* 14/151.  
 rekne, *vb.* reckon, 35/39.  
 relegeon, *sb.* religion, 79/12.  
 relegous, *sb. pl.* monks, 60/147, 149.  
 releas, *sb.* release, 13/126, 117/314.  
 releues, *vb. pl.* relieve, 12/103.  
 religeon, *sb.* 80/25, 29, 82/105, 84/151.  
 religeoun, *vb.* monastic life, 38/121.  
 religeous, *sb.* monk, 82/81, 83/139; religiousness, 81/60, 83/142.  
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 renne, *sb.* run, 32/52, 34/100, 37/103, 66/75, 103/61, 105/47; *-st*, 2. *sg.* 43/104; *-p*, 3. *sg.* 91/81.  
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 rent, *sb.* income, revenue, due, 2/39, 30/87, 51/15, 63/76, 73/17, 113/186; *-is*, *pl.* 12/102.  
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 repente, *vb.* repent, 43/95, 75/75, 80/46, 97/35, 116/279.  
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 repref, *sb.* reproof, 40/2, 42/73, 62/53; *repreue*, 17/77.  
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- rerage**, *sb.* arrearage, 34/100, 37/103, 50/111.  
**rered**, *vb. pt.* resuscitated, 117/311.  
**res**, *sb.* race, attack, 11/70, 50/7.  
**resceueþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* receives, 106/77.  
**resceyue**, *vb.* receive, 5/140, 26/58, 82/99, 107/128; -*d*, *pp.* 49/77; -*p*, *pl.* 37/74  
**reson**, *sb.* reason, 18/107, 110, 38/130; **resoun**, 4/102, 15/34, 48/50, 54/134, 65/45.  
**ressayue**, *vb.* receive, 34/87, 61/7; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 13/126, 32/33, 103/4; *pl.* 105/73.  
**ressayouur**, *sb. pl.* receivers, 105/61.  
**rest**, *sb.* 41/30, 65/27, 71/80; -*e*, 9/iii, 96/16.  
**rest**, *vb.* 49/71, 114/202; -*e*, 67/98.  
**restore**, *vb.* 4/92, 75/84, 88/77, 92/108.  
**resurexioun**, *sb.* resurrection, 94/158.  
**reue**, *vb.* rob, despoil, 23/38, 25/13, 49/89; *sb.* 81/60.  
**reuerance**, *sb.* reverence, 14/162; **reverence**, 4/89, 25/23, 46/193, 83/127.  
**reward**, *sb.* 80/47.  
**rewe**, *vb.* pity, repent, 4/92, 45/160, 50/117, 72/106; -*p*, *pl.* 98/74.  
**rewme**, *sb.* realm, 3/74.  
**reyse**, *vb.* raise, 119/377.  
**riche**, *adj.* rich, 4/89, 52/41, 69/6; -*r*, *comp.* 5/147; -*st*, *sup.* 71/57; **riche**, *sb.* 5/138; -*s*, *gen. sg.* 25/7.  
**riches**, *sb. pl.* 22/239; -*se*, 2/53, 7/17, 22/233, 28/25.  
**ride**, *vb.* 66/51.  
**riht**, *adv.* right, just, 22/5, 36/44, 90/39, 100/153; *adj.* 10/25, 47/23, 51/40; -*e*, 9/14; **right**, *sb.* 5/135; **riht**, 13/138, 54/127.  
**rihtwis**, *adj.* righteous, 37/90.  
**rihtwisnes**, *sb.* righteousness, 92/105; -*se*, 88/105.  
**rihttwys**, *sb.* justice, 88/106.  
**rise**, *vb.* 6/165, 10/27, 48/43; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 10/33.  
**robbe**, *vb.* rob, 13/117, 23/38, 62/62.  
**rode**, *sb.* rood, cross, 43/98; **rode tre**, 76/116, 86/18.  
**rolle**, *sb.* roll, list, 119/392; -*s*, *pl.* 33/63, 50/111.  
**roo**, *sb.* roe, 64/110.  
**rood**, *sb.* cross, 86/37.  
**roof**, *sb.* 17/98.  
**rosted**, *vb. imperat. pl.* roast, 107/126.  
**rote**, *vb.* rot, 119/375.  
**roten**, *adj.* rotten, 112/158.  
**rotensse**, *sb.* rottenness, filth, 116/267.  
**roue**, *sb.* bad cotton, 111/123.  
**rouzt**, *vb. pt.* cared, 10/159.  
**rouþe**, *sb.* sorrow, pity, 70/37.  
**rowe**, *vb.* row, 14/3.  
**rowne**, *vb.* deliberate, 52/54.  
**rule**, *sb.* 33/61, 71/80, 83/114, 137; *vb.* govern, behave, 14/156, 27/65, 50/108, 62/39, 71/90, 90/46.  
**ruþe**, *sb.* pity, 43/78.  
**ruyde**, *adj.* rude, 96/25.  
**rybbes**, *sb. pl.* ribs, 65/41, 45.  
**ryche**, *adj.* rich, 6/2.  
**ryches**, *sb. pl.* riches, abundance, 6/2, 13/119, 75/86.  
**ryde**, *vb.* ride, 7/14, 99/114; *sb.* 120/414.  
**ryht**, *sb.* right, 9/9, 10, 30/101, 89/16, 95/188; *adj.* 15/20, 62/66, 120/395; *adv.* 13/143, 65/19, 107/8.  
**ryhtwis**, *adj.* righteous, 55/7.  
**ryhtwisnes**, *sb.* righteousness, 95/197, 97/50.  
**ryhtwys**, *adj.* righteous, 39/138, 71/90, 89/15; *sb.* 71/106; *adv.* 33/65.  
**ryht**, *sb.* right, 2/36.  
**rys**, *vb.* rise, 5/143; -*e*, 3/63, 9/15, 18/103, 23/36, 37/82, 66/73; -*en*, 117/301.  
**ryue**, *sb.* reef, portion of a sail, 28/28.  
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**sad**, *adj.* 26/33.  
**saf**, *adj.* safe, 39/159.  
**saiþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* says, 33/55.  
**sake**, *sb.* sack, 101/7.  
**sake**, *sb.*; **for s.**, 95/213.  
**salt**, *sb.* 100/145, 146.  
**saluacioun**, *sb.* salvation, 106/80.  
**salue**, *sb.* salve, 40/178; *vb.* 30/109; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 45/164.  
**same**, *adj.* 5/148, 16/63, 45/182.  
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- sare**, *adv.* sorely, 41/39.  
**sarmon**, *sb.* sermon, 40/5.  
**sat**, *vb. pt. s.* sore, lay heavy upon the heart, 85/11.  
**saue**, *prep.* safe, except, 41/34, 75/71.  
**saue**, *sb.* save, heal, 18/108, 28/44, 50/xii, 62/55, 72/98, 75/88, 120/408; -*d*, *pp.* 28/42, 44/145; -*s*, 2. *sg.* 100/150; 3. *sg.* 100/146; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 12/110.  
**sauour**, *sb.* saviour, 103/9.  
**sauȝt**, *adj.* reconciled, peaceful, 40/191; -*e*, 47/35.  
**sauȝten**, *vb.* reconcile, make peace, 40/179.  
**saule**, *sb.* soul, 108/15.  
**sauour**, *sb.* savour, scent, 6/4, 55/11.  
**sauyd**, *sb. pl.* saved people, 120/409.  
**sauour**, *sb.* saviour, 117/304.  
**sawe**, *vb. pt.* saw, 6/5.  
**sawe**, *sb.* saying, decree, commandment, 23/34, 38/109, 57/55.  
**sawȝtenyng**, *sb.* reconciliation, harmony, 47/25, 33; **sawȝtenyng**, 48/41.  
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**sayle**, *vb.* sail, 14/3, 28/27.  
**sayn**, *pp.* seen, 17/98; -*e*, 21/223.  
**schal**, *vb.* shall, 16/63, 34/104, 100/135, 119/377; -*t*, 2. *sg.* 107/7.  
**schamed**, *pp.* shamed, 119/387.  
**sche**, *pron.* she, 90/28, 94/174.  
**schendis**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* disgraces, spoils, 64/107; **schendys**, *pl.* 110/103.  
**schewe**, *vb.* show, 37/83, 118/349.  
**schold**, *vb. pt.* should, 4/100; -*e*, 120/405.  
**schul**, *vb.* shall, 113/191.  
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**schullen**, *vb.* shall, 118/333.  
**sclaundre**, *sb.* slander, 85/190; *sb.* 82/94, 95; *s.* -*scol*, 72/101.  
**scoles**, *sb. pl.* school, 7/33.  
**score**, *sb.* 119/393.  
**scorne**, *vb.* scorn, 72/102; -*d*, *pp.* 61/6.  
**se**, *vb.* see, 13/133, 16/46, 43/92, 76/109, 114/216; -*n*, 106/88; -*ne*, *pp.* 117/318.  
**seche**, *vb.* seek, 31/6, 36/47, 108/31; -*p*, 3. *sg.* 9/5, 19/158.  
**sechyng**, *sb.* visitation, 110/93.  
**sed**, *sb.* seed, 113/194; -*e*, 19/141.  
**sede**, *vb.* seed, 3/62, 59/142.  
**see**, *sb.* sea, 2/28, 7/29, 14/1, 17/99; *pl.* -*s*, 12/110.  
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**seed**, *sb.* 16/61, 18/129, 22/6, 86/21, 101/3.  
**sees**, *vb.* cease, 92/95, 117/310.  
**seip**, 3. *sg.* says, 41/15, 94/177.  
**sek**, *adj.* sick, 27/5.  
**seke**, *vb.* seek, 29/50, 90/55.  
**selde**, *adv.* seldom, 66/71.  
**sele**, *sb.* seal, 78/184.  
**self**, *adj.* same, 113/183.  
**self forȝete**, *sb.* self-forgetfulness, 82/101.  
**selle**, *vb.* sell, 11/55, 24/54, 36/53, 76/102, 83/138; -*n*, *pl.* 44/135.  
**selue**, *adj.* same, 59/116.  
**semblaunt**, *sb.* appearance, show, 13/122.  
**seme**, *vb.* seem, 83/118, 105/69; -*s*, 3. *sg.* 90/29; -*p*, 36/55; -*st*, 107/113.  
**sen**, *prep.* since, 31/10; *conj.* 114/231.  
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**sengyl**, *adj.* simple, 105/66.  
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**sercle**, *sb.* circle, 51/10, 52/41.  
**serkis**, *sb.* shirts, 40/172.  
**seruage**, *sb.* servitude, 94/182.  
**seruant**, *sb.* servant, 7/40, 66/77, 80; *gen.* 66/78; **seruaunt**, 25/2, 26/41, 38/130, 90/36, 100/148.  
**serue**, *vb.* serve, deserve, 5/148, 24/46, 39/146, 73/25; -*d*, *pt.* 7/24, 45/157; *pp.* 31/5; -*st*, 2. *sg.* 38/

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- seruice**, *sb.* service, 100/148; **seruyce**, 5/140, 24/44, 32/40, 80/30; **seruyse**, 44/130.
- ses**, *vb.* cease, 12/102, 87/46.
- seson**, *sb.* season, time, 58/79.
- set**, *vb.* 21/218, 51/28, 63/24, 68/141, 69/7, 71/73; -e, 37/102.
- sete**, *vb.* seat, tribunal, 61/17, 77/139, 82/99, 85/177, 105/63.
- sette**, *vb.* set, 27/15, 76/102; *pt.* 55/144, 110/88; *pp.* 38/131, 113/199; -st, 2. *sg. pt.* 112/153; *pres.* 43/112; **settyst**, 108/11.
- setteþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* sits, 90/39.
- seuen**, *num.* seven, 103/66; -e, 37/89, 41/34, 64/2, 103/67.
- sewe**, *vb.* follow, 72/115, 81/78, 102/46, 115/255.
- sewe**, *vb. pt.* sowed, 100/128, 113/180.
- sey**, *vb.* say, 55/148; -e, 93/142; -n, *pl.* 37/90, 71/63; -st, 2. *sg.* 43/102; -þ, 3. *sg.* 90/43, 93/143; -de, *pt.* 47/28.
- seyze**, *vb. pt.* saw, 67/92.
- seyntes**, *sb. pl.* saints, 37/102, 77/140, 83/127, 107/109; *gen.* 75/67.
- shadew**, *sb.* shadow, 117/328; -e, 104/32; **shadow**, 113/182; **shadwe**, 104/39.
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- shal**, *vb.* shall, 111/117, 10/32, 81/55, 88/96, 13/135; **shall**, 87/68; **shalt**, 2. *sg.* 34/97, 100/149, 106/93.
- shame**, *sb.* 7/21, 16/47, 36/45, 53/75; *vb.* 58/80.
- shameles**, *sb. pl.* shameless people, 18/127.
- shamely**, *adv.* shamefully, 44/124, 57/61, 58/85.
- shapere**, *sb.* creator, 119/371.
- sharp**, *adj.* 84/174.
- sharpe**, *vb.* sharpen, 45/171.
- shaue**, *vb.* shave, 62/53.
- she**, *pron.* 26/53, 94/173, 175.
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- shede**, *vb.* shed, 4/118, 8/62, 58/86.
- shede**, *vb.* separate, 44/142.
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- shende**, *vb.* disgrace, spoil, 58/85; -s, 3. *sg.* 23/23; **shent**, *pp.* 3/66, 55/137, 63/77, 92/96.
- shep**, *sb. pl.* sheep, 39/157, 45/150, 62/46.
- sheteþ**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* shoots, 16/58.
- shew**, *vb.* show, appear, 108/38, 111/131; -e, 7/15, 17/100, 36/42, 53/74; -ed, *pp.* 59/118, 98/64.
- shipman craft**, *sb.* seamanship, 62/43.
- shippes**, *sb. gen. sg.* ship's, 60/154.
- sholde**, *sb.* shoal, shallow, 60/146.
- shon**, *sb. pl.* shoes, 93/138.
- shon**, *vb. pt.* shone, 50/118.
- shop**, *vb. pt.* made, formed, 73/11; -e, 109/66.
- shorn**, *pp.* cut, 113/171.
- short**, *adj.* 40/6, 113/170.
- shoue**, *pp.* shoved, excluded, 111/121.
- shoures**, *sb. pl.* abundance, 84/174.
- shrede**, *sb.* shired, 2/30.
- shrewes**, *sb. pl.* wicked people, 96/21.
- shrift**, *sb.* confession, 80/35; **wip sh. wynde**, by a verbal confession, 29/53; -e, 20/180, 37/83, 94.
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- shuld**, *vb. pt.* should, 6/162, 24/62, 28/34, 35, 46/207; -e, 10/19, 32/52, 37/95, 62/59, 75/88; -est, 2. *sg.* 87/51.
- shuldres**, *sb. pl.* shoulders, 65/33.
- shyne**, *vb.* shine, appear, 50/119, 101/159; -en, 104/40; **shyn- yng**, *ppr.* 35/10, 49/76; -es, *pl.* 105/53.
- sight**, *sb.* 5/133.
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- sikirnes**, *sb.* security, 28/42.
- singulere**, *sb.* private interest, 71/59.
- sire**, *sb.* sir, master, 17/84, 36/68.
- sip**, *conj.* since, 24/55, 69, 27/10, 96/9, 102/41.
- sitte**, *sb.* sitting, 120/413, 414.
- skape**, *vb.* escape, 109/62.
- skatre**, *vb.* scatter, 14/158, 44/144; **skaterid**, *pp.* 51/23.
- skille**, *sb.* skill, discernment, bal-

- ance, reason; 54/111, 81/50; -s, *pl.* 28/33; *skillis*, 18/107.
- skippe**, *vb.* 3. *sg.* skips, 72/101.
- skole**, *sb.* school, 27/9, 92/92.
- skore**, *sb.* score, 102/47.
- skorn**, *sb.* scorn, 55/147; -e, 37/78, 80/36, 91/68; -es, *pl.* 18/129.
- skorne**, *vb.* scorn, 7/35, 24/28.
- skorneles**, *adj.* without scorn, 27/68.
- skornyng**, *sb.* scorn, 36/55.
- skourged**, *pp.* scourged, 64/155.
- skourges**, *sb.* scourges, 44/136, 92/114.
- skulked**, *vb. pt.* 69/8.
- skylle**, *sb.* skill, reason, 24/46, 72/102; -s, *pl.* 4/90.
- skyn**, *sb.* skin, 65/42, 70/22, 110/89; *skynne*, 27/7, 101/8.
- slake**, *vb.* slacken, 95/187, 215.
- slay**, *sb.* sley, a weaver's reed, 15/6.
- slayn**, *pp.* slain, 18/101.
- slaut**, *sb.* manslaughter, 56/18.
- sle**, *vb.* slay, 46/186, 48/54, 100/140; -s, 3. *sg.* 10/22; -b, 118/337.
- slep**, *sb.* slip, curdled milk, 110/82.
- slepe**, *vb.* sleep, 60/149, 67/87, 103/69, 108/29.
- sleper**, *adj.* slippery, unstable, 110/77.
- slees**, *vb.* slays, 92/89; *sleep*, 89/2.
- slet**, *sb.* sleet, 66/69.
- slete**, *vb.* set loose at, 35/22.
- sleyt**, *sb.* slyness, 89/12; -e, 95/86.
- slidre**, *adj.* slippery, 22/2.
- slo**, *vb.* slay, 62/62; -n, 47/14; *sloo*, 99/94.
- sloupe**, *sb.* sloth, 56/13, 70/42.
- slow**, *adj.* 70/44, 90/54.
- slow**, *vb. pt.* slew, destroyed, 41/33, 45/180; -en, *pl.* 54/124.
- slyde**, *vb.* slide, slip, 37/82.
- slyder**, *adj.* slippery, 110/92; -e, 15/7.
- slyme**, *sb.* slime, 112/137, 119/372.
- smal**, *adj.* small, 61/26, 119/375; *smalle*, 37/93.
- smerte**, *vb.* feel pain, 70/21.
- smyt**, *vb.* smite, strike, destroy, 72/97; *smyte*, 3/84, 30/95, 53/79, 76/117, 92/111, 112/148.
- snapere**, *vb.* push against, 17/90.
- snow**, *sb.* 66/69.
- so**, *adv.* 5/148, 13/116, 27/65, 65/46.
- socour**, *sb.* succour, help, 57/45.
- sodeyn**, *adj.* sudden, passionate, 34/101, 56/18; *adv.* 24/54, 35/26; -ly, 108/12, 109/67.
- soget**, *adj.* subject, 1/20; *sb.* 21/219, 23/21; *sogettis*, *pl.* 69/7.
- sojt**, *vb. pt.* sought, 118/358; *pp.* 108/23, 112/154, 160.
- solace**, *sb.* pleasure, 111/133.
- sold**, *pp.* 6/156, 76/123; -e, 56/28.
- solempne**, *adj.* solemn, 46/1.
- solempnyte**, *sb.* solemnity, 104/25.
- so-liche**, *adv.* likewise, 4/116.
- solpep**, *vb.* pollute, 110/78.
- son**, *adv.* soon, 117/318.
- sonde**, *sb.* ordinance, 35/37.
- sondes**, *sb. pl.* sands, 18/132.
- sone**, *adv.* soon, 17/74, 50/109, 66/78, 91/66; -re, *comp.* 10/37.
- sone**, *sb.* son, 23/12, 62/41, 89/16, 90/25, 26; -s, *gen.* 88/107.
- song**, *sb.* 17/82, 89/6, 104/24; -e, 120/396; -es, *pl.* 98/72.
- sonne**, *sb.* sun, 50/118.
- sooles**, *sb. pl.* sustenance, 69/8.
- sopere**, *sb.* supper, 104/19, 34.
- sore**, *adj.* 92/106, 87/73; *adv.* 43/95, 85/11, 97/33; *sb.* 40/178; -s, *pl.* 30/109.
- sorefull**, *sb. pl.* sorrowful people, 98/71.
- sorw**, *sb.* sorrow, 72/115; -e, 26/33, 36, 47, 50/4, 53/98, 72/122.
- sorwefull**, *sb. pl.* sorrowful people, 98/72; *sorwful*, *adj.* 109/45.
- sop**, *adj.* true, pleasing, 21/224, 32/50; *sb.* truth, 10/46; *sothe*, 18/104; -es, *adv.* forsooth, 109/61.
- sopfast**, *adj.* true, honest, 104/31, 107/112.
- sopnes**, *sb.* truth, 19/157.
- sotyl**, *adj.* subtle, 27/1; -e, 58/81; *sotyll*, 97/60; *sotily*, *adv.* 57/63.
- souerayn**, *sb.* sovereign, master, 7/43; *souereyn*, *adj.* 64/10; *sb.* 21/219; -s, *pl.* 69/7.
- soujt**, *pp.* sought, visited, 64/2, 65/47; *pt.* 19/157, 29/69, 74/58, 80/36; -e, 90/26; -est, 108/13, 119/385.
- soul**, *sb.* 108/33, 35; -e, 2/39, 12/93, 94, 80/18, 21; *gen.* 72/110, 88/80, 105/58; -es, *pl.* 28/44, 40/170, 80/23; *gen.* 40/181.

- soule leche**, *sb.* soul-curer, 42/52, 96/22.  
**soun**, *sb.* sound, word, 94/162, 109/45.  
**sounde**, *adj.* sound, 39/159.  
**soure**, *adj.* sour, 77/131.  
**sowe**, *vb.* sow, 16/61, 18/129, 19/41, 86/21.  
**sowke**, *vb.* suck, 93/150.  
**sown**, *sb.* sound, renown, 53/86; -e, 54/110.  
**sowned**, *vb. pt.* sounded, 104/23.  
**space**, *sb.* time, 55/149.  
**spak**, *vb. pt.* spoke, 47/27.  
**spare**, *vb.* 26/39, 41/41, 72/119, 107/1; -st, 108/17.  
**speche**, *sb.* speech, saying, 8/65, 11/65, 32/21, 53/74, 100/132.  
**speciale**, *adv.* specially, 16/43; **in specyale**, 11/49, 84/146; **specyall**, *adj.* 104/17.  
**spede**, *vb.* speed, make succeed, 2/46, 20/175, 49/87, 59/126, 82/112, 120/415.  
**speke**, *vb.* speak, 9/3, 16/49, 27/67, 33/84; -n, 84/146; -st, 8/66; -þ, 3. *sg.* 71/72, 76/97; *pl.* 80/40.  
**spende**, *vb.* spend, 46/198, 63/76, 78/173; -st, 43/109; **spendid**, *pt.* 2. *sg.* 37/100; **spendyng**, *ger.* 2/31; **spent**, *pt.* 2. *sg.* 30/84.  
**spere**, *sb.* spear, 8/45, 42/53, 79/189, 92/117.  
**spettes**, *vb.* spits, 91/72.  
**spices**, *sb. pl.* species, 105/51.  
**spilde**, *pp.* ruined, spoiled, 97/59.  
**spille**, *vb.* shed, spoil, 22/6, 54/106, 87/60; be spoiled, 24/62.  
**spirit**, *sb.* 65/30, 84/157, 96/1.  
**spirituale**, *sb.* spirituals, 84/150.  
**spiritualte**, *sb.* spirituality, 65/28, 71/68, 79/8.  
**spirytuall**, *adj.* spiritual, 44/129.  
**spoken**, *pp.* 11/65, 12/90, 18/114, 52/52.  
**sporne**, *vb.* spurn, stumble, 49/86.  
**spot**, *sb.* 29/54.  
**spotel**, *sb.* spittle, 108/18.  
**spottes**, *sb. pl.* spots, 99/106.  
**spouse**, *sb.* 101/124.  
**spouse breche**, *sb. pl.* adulterers, 43/102.  
**sprad**, *pp.* spread, 68/131.  
**sprong**, *vb. pt.* sprung, 54/122.  
**spye**, *vb.* espy, 26/30; **spyey**, 29/54.
- spys**, *sb.* species, 105/60.  
**spyseb**, *vb.* despises, 99/108.  
**spytten**, *pp.* cut with a chisel, engraved, 116/297.  
**squyers**, *sb.* squires, noblemen, 11/69, 65/36.  
**staat**, *sb.* state, pomp, show, 80/34.  
**stable**, *adj.* 98/67.  
**stad**, *pp.* put off, separated, 68/129.  
**stakes**, *sb. pl.* 63/99.  
**stal**, *vb. pt.* stole, 26/44.  
**stalworpe**, *adj.* stalwart, 68/122; *sb.* 51/38.  
**stalworply**, *adv.* bravely, 25/11.  
**stande**, *vb.* stand, 20/194, 78/171, 115/240; -s, 3. *sg.* 63/90, 66/64; **stant**, 3. *sg.* **st. drede**, stands in dread, 19/140.  
**stat**, *sb.* state, class, condition, office, 61/10, 69/151, 90/48, 113/183; -e, 1/1, 47/34, 106/91.  
**stature**, *sb.* 106/91.  
**statute**, *sb.* 21/217.  
**staunche**, *vb.* stanch, stop, 15/17.  
**sted**, *sb.* stead, 107/119; -e, 9/11, 42/48.  
**stede**, *sb.* steed, 5/142, 7/14.  
**stedefast**, *adj.* steadfast, 110/81.  
**steke**, *vb.* stick, shut, put, 9/1, 76/110, 83/130; -n, 75/87; -est, 42/69.  
**stel**, *sb.* steel, 93/124.  
**stele**, *vb.* steal, withdraw secretly, pass unnoticed, 19/153, 45/161, 46/188, 48/55, 68/128; -st, 20/190.  
**steppe**, *sb.* step, 119/394; -s, *pl.* 115/239; **steppys**, 112/155.  
**stere**, *vb.* stir, 67/108.  
**stereth**, *vb.* steers, 3/65.  
**sterne**, *adj.* stern, 100/139.  
**sterue**, *vb.* starve, 9/87.  
**steryng**, *sb.* stirring, 40/x.  
**stille**, *adj.* still, quiet, 16/51.  
**stille**, *adv.* still, yet, 43/80.  
**stoden**, *vb. pt. pl.* stood, 15/7.  
**stok**, *sb.* stock, log, 49/86.  
**stoken**, *pp.* stuck, put, established, 12/93, 15/14, 18/117, 47/5, 105/65.  
**stoles**, *sb. pl.* stools, 69/4.  
**stomble**, *vb.* stumble, 17/89; -n, 35/26.  
**ston**, *sb.* stone, 49/86, 66/53, 76; -es, *pl.* 16/62, 18/131, 51/10, 17.  
**stonde**, *vb.* stand, 8/47, 57/58, 66/

- 74, 82/81, 82/91; *sb.* standing, 120/413; *-es*, *sg.* 53/77, 98/67; *pl. st. non awe*, stand in no awe, 23/37; *-is*, *sg.* 55/6.
- stood**, *vb.* *pt.* 81/63.
- storble**, *vb.* disturb, injure, 36/60.
- store**, *vb.* hoard, treasure, value, 11/67, 40/181, 51/28, 75/86, 86/13.
- storne**, *sb.* storm, 7/30.
- stoute**, *adj.* stout, obstinate, 98/73, 100/139.
- straunge**, *adj.* strange, 70/34.
- stray**, *sb.* 15/14, 18/110.
- stre**, *sb.* straw, 7/26, 17/89; *-s*, *pl.* 13/118.
- strengère**, *adj. comp.* stronger, 10/36.
- strengþ**, *sb.* strength, 48/52; *-e*, 24/57, 43/110, 64/106, 67/111; **strengthe**, 113/178.
- strete**, *sb.* street, 39/166.
- striȝed**, *pp.* destroyed, 23/31; **striȝeþ**, *sg.* 104/32.
- strokes**, *sb. pl.* 46/118, 48/55.
- strong**, *adj.* 44/146, 54/124; *-e*, 115/260.
- stroȝe**, *vb.* destroy, spoils, 8/62; **stroȝe**, 6/158, 54/130, 112/144; *-þ*, *pl.* 99/122; **stroȝe**, 8/60.
- stryf**, *sb.* strife, 37/76, 38/107, 58/86, 63/78, 89, 105/75.
- strype**, *vb.* strip, 7/26.
- stryue**, *vb.* strive, 35/13, 37; *-n*, *pt. pl.* strove, 47/36.
- stryues**, *sb. pl.* strifes, 117/326.
- stubble**, *sb.* 112/142.
- stuffe**, *vb.* stuff, provide, 59/121; *-d*, *pp.* 11/67.
- styf**, *adj.* stiff, 5/142; **styffere**, *comp.* 93/124.
- stye**, *vb.* stick, 63/100.
- style**, *sb.* stile, 13/127, 17/90; *-s*, *pl.* 63/99.
- style**, *sb.* suit, case, 59/114.
- style**, *adj.* still, 40/6.
- stynk**, *sb.* stench, 119/369; *-e*, 116/267.
- stynkyng**, *ppr.* stinking, 91/88, 101/8; *-e*, 117/312.
- styred**, *pp.* stirred, 188/333; *-e*, 112/139.
- suche**, *adj. pron.* 3/76, 4/100, 6/157, 70/40.
- suchon**, *pron.* such a one, 111/128.
- suffre**, *vb.* suffer, 52/45, 69/20; *-þ*, *sg.* 63/81, 83; *-d*, *pt.* 42/58, 60, 86/20.
- suget**, *adj.* subject, 4/102, 78/165.
- sulpeþ**, *vb.* pollutes, 99/106; **sulpid**, *pp.* 49/74.
- sum**, *pron.* many a one, 15/9; somewhat, 50/105; **summe**, *pl.* some, 3/83, 10/46, 61/27.
- sumtyme**, *adv.* once, formerly, 18/121, 123, 126, 20/185, 89/22.
- sumwhat**, *pron.* somewhat, 7/16, 40/177; *adv.* 91/63.
- sune**, *sb.* sun, 49/76.
- suppose**, *vb.* 106/83.
- suspende**, *vb.* suspends, 71/68.
- susspescioun**, *sb.* suspicion, 82/88.
- sustenaunce**, *sb.* sustenance, 62/39; **sustynaunce**, 14/156.
- swelle**, *vb.* swell, 26/51.
- swerd**, *sb.* sword, 3/84, 20/196, 23/39, 44/141, 59/120, 92/94.
- swere**, *vb.* swear, 21/219, 25/6, 26/48, 70/25, 87/75.
- swerue**, *vb.* swerve, *get*, 9/82.
- swete**, *vb.* sweat, 38/134.
- swete**, *adj.* sweet, 74/53, 75/90; *sb.* sweetness, 77/131; **swetnes**, 75/66.
- swolwe**, *vb.* swallow, 108/18.
- sword**, *sb.* 60/159.
- sworn**, *pp.* 13/137, 31/12.
- swyn**, *sb.* hog, 46/201.
- swynke**, *vb.* toil, drudge, 38/134, 68/117.
- sybbe**, *sb.* relation, 75/77.
- syde**, *sb.* side, 48/43, 51/37, 120/395; *-s*, *pl.* 65/44.
- syȝe**, *vb.* sink, *pass.* 109/51.
- syȝt**, *sb.* sight, 47/21, 49/76, 91, 53/95, 77/134, 105/54, 106/107.
- syk**, *adj.* 68/126, 79/191; *sb. pl.* 38/125; *-e*, 26/39; *adj.* 84/173.
- sykenes**, *sb.* sickness, 95/211; *-se*, 24/52, 87/65.
- syker**, *adj.* sure, 49/95; *-e*, 24/51.
- sykernes**, *sb.* surety, 17/71, 32/34; *-se*, 24/55, 84/160.
- syknes**, *sb.* sickness, 42/76, 49/90, 72/115, 123.
- sylynce**, *sb.* silence, 83/129, 84/145.
- sylyuer**, *sb.* silver, 75/65.
- symonye**, *sb.* simony, 63/81, 92.
- symple**, *adj.* simple, 53/104, 61/25.
- synewes**, *sb. pl.* sinews, 110/90.

- synful**, *adj.* 40/172, 118/343; *sb.* 118/337.  
**synge**, *vb.* sing, 16/41, 22/234, 61/25, 90/35, 98/72; -s, *sg.* 105/55.  
**synguler**, *adj.* singular, particular, 1/4, 33/60, 62/52; -e, 23/28.  
**syngulerte**, *sb.* self-interest, 58/81.  
**synne**, *sb.* sin, 2/42, 14/164, 63/91; *pl.* 110/103; -s, *pl.* 34/4, 69/150.  
**synne**, *vb.* 5/129, 35/18; -n, *pl.* 32/47; -d, *pp.* 110/103.  
**synnyng**, *ger.* sinning, 116/277.  
**syre**, *sb.* sir, 7/17.  
**syse**, *sb.* size, 3/61, 116/285; -in s. properly, 66/75.  
**systeme**, *sb. pl.* sisters, 116/270.  
**syt**, *vb.* sit, have authority, 23/15, 70/53; -e, 116/291.  
**syþes**, *sb. pl.* times, 37/89.  
  
**table**, *sb.* 98/71, 104/19.  
**tacche**, *sb.* nipple, 93/150.  
**tak**, *vb.* take, 15/25, 16/43, 61/15, 62/38, 81/62; -e, 3/78, 31/20, 61/30, 95/211; *pp.* 89/19; -est, 108/27; -eþ, *sg.* 5/145, 31/17; -en, *pl.* 3/86.  
**tale**, *sb.* 6/154, 22/240.  
**tale-tellere**, *sb.* talebearer, 10/17.  
**talkyng**, *sb.* talk, 6/6.  
**tame**, *adj.* 92/98, 96/23, 99/112; -d, *pp.* 111/109.  
**tan**, *vb.* take, 33/83; *pp.* 37/81, 114/227.  
**tapetis**, *sb. pl.* carpets, 59/134.  
**tary**, *vb.* tarry, detain, delay, 78/170, 93/131.  
**tauerne**, *sb.* tavern, 25/19.  
**tauzt**, *pp.* taught, 104/36; *pt.* 32/21; -e, 40/186, 47/33.  
**teche**, *vb.* teach, 25/25, 39/167, 42/51, 53/76, 96/18; 3. *sg.* 16/59.  
**teeth**, *sb. pl.* 3/85, opposition, contradiction, 81/56; *teep*, 15/13.  
**telle**, *vb.* tell, 10/46, 20/187, 32/50, 42/62, 69/19, 86/15; -n, *pl.* 70/38; -s, *sg.* 92/91; -þ, 21/204, 71/75.  
**telyeþ**, *vb.* tills, procures, 29/61.  
**temperal**, *adj.* temporal, 44/135; -e, 84/152.  
**temperalte**, *sb.* temporality, 33/60, 71/67, 79/11.  
**temptest**, *vb.* 43/106.  
**temptacion**, *sb.* temptation, 87/62, 102/30; -s, *pl.* 80/27, 83/125.  
  
**ten**, *num.* 1/11, 33/83, 53/99, 61/28.  
**tenauntes**, *sb. gen. pl.* tenants', 56/43.  
**tendere**, *adj.* tender, 93/123.  
**tent**, *sb.* attention, 51/13.  
**teres**, *sb. pl.* tears, 43/94.  
**terme**, *sb.* term, 113/199.  
**teth**, *sb. pl.* teeth, 116/286.  
**teyþe**, *vb.* tie, 18/113; -d, *pp.* 58/100.  
**than**, *adv.* 5/147; then, 3/64, 8/55; þan, than, 11/55; then, 13/120, 15/28, 25/24, 68/143, 83/128.  
**thank**, *sb.* 6/ii, 7; *vb.* 39/147; -e, 87/66.  
**thanne**, *adv.* then, 91/81; þanne, 37/76, 72/111, 91/84.  
**thar**, *vb.* need, 3/80, 12/108, 15/24, 38/134, 78/170, 176, 82/85.  
**that**, *rel. pron.* 1/1, 22, 2/54, 66/74; what, 38/114, 62/59, 66, 105/61; he who, 63/75, 96/13; those who, 79/15, 109/64.  
**þat**, *dem. adj.* that, 3/57, 11/80, 63/87, 67/103; *pron.* 2/40, 14/166.  
**þat**, *conj.* that, 11/75, 67/86.  
**þay**, *pron.* they, 3/85, 97/48; þay, 66/59, 104/22, 109/70, 117/322.  
**the**, *def. art.* 1/11, 19; þe, 10/47, 25/27.  
**the**, *pers. pron.* thee, 4/115, 15/32, 22/244, 60/xiv.  
**the**, *dem. pron. pl.* those, 25/25.  
**the**, *adv.* 4/107, 61/1; þe, 10/37, 61/3.  
**thede**, *sb.* people, 6/158; þede, 56/22.  
**þeder**, *adv.* thither, 55/5, 59/122; -e, 14/2.  
**thee**, *vb.* prosper, 71/85.  
**þef**, *sb.* thief, 15/9; thef, 42/71.  
**theft**, *sb.* 97/60; þefte, 58/81, 65/23.  
**þei**, *pron.* they, 10/30.  
**then**, *conj.* 116/272; *adv.* 27/72; þenne, 103/59, 105/45.  
**þenk**, *vb.* think, 28/48, 31/10, 76/11, 81/53, 58; -e, 76/115, 107/5; **þenke**, 3/82, 15/16; **þenkes**, *sg.* 111/113; **þenkeþ**, 37/78, 53/75, 99/110; **þenkeþ**, 8/61, 9/81.  
**þens**, *adv.* thence, 17/92, 94/160.  
**ther**, *adv. dem.* there, 8/72, 113/191; -e, thereof, 3/82; þere, 8/61, 16/45, 29/79; **ther**, *rel.* 1/13,

- 10/31; -e as, 3/67; þere, 12/103, 65/47; þ. as, 12/109, 69/147.
- therefore**, *adv.* therefore, 4/90; þerfore, 97/39.
- þerof**, *adv.* thereof, 27/63, 32/48, 107/4.
- þerout**, *adv.* outside, 26/38.
- þertille**, *adv.* thereto, 90/44.
- þerto**, *adv.* thereto, 35/35, 50/6.
- þer-vpon**, *adv.* thereupon, 21/218.
- þerwiþ**, *adv.* therewith, 95/198; **ther-with**, 8/46.
- þeryn**, *adv.* therein, 43/80; **theryn**, 4/107; **þer-ynne**, 28/36, 87/66, 117/326.
- thes**, *adj.* this, 4/119; -e, 2/26; **þes**, 50/4; these, 38/128, 67/102; *pron.* this, 107/126, 117/323; these, 117/305; **þese**, 64/8; *adj.* 76/96.
- þesternesse**, *sb.* gloom, 117/327.
- theues**, *sb. pl.* thieves, 5/122, 43/103.
- they**, *pron.* 1/20, 10/35; **þey**, 65/45.
- þi**, *adj.* thy, 15/25, 26, 36, 22/4.
- thies**, *sb. pl.* thighs, 66/49.
- þirled**, *vb. pt.* thirled, 41/32.
- þirst**, *sb.* thirst, 98/63.
- this**, *pron.* 68/141; *adj.* 5/123; **þis**, *pron.* 45/156, 91/63; *adj.* 104/18; **þisse**, *pron.* 92/102.
- þo**, *adj.* those, 17/87, 37/92; *pron.* 19/141, 53/103; **þo**, 5/151, 15/23.
- þo**, *adv.* then, 26/45.
- þo**, *conj.* because, 108/39.
- þo**, *sb.* thought, 108/21, 117/321; *pl.* 112/156.
- thonder**, *sb.* thunder, 46/187.
- thong**, *sb.* 70/22.
- þonk**, *sb.* thank, 71/76; **þonk**, 7/15, 31; -e, 8/45; **þonke**, *vb.* 56/16.
- thoo**, *pron.* those, 119/364; **þoo**, 101/14.
- thorn**, *sb.* 92/115; -es, *pl.* 16/62, 18/130.
- þou**, *pron.* 4/115, 116; **þou**, 15/28.
- þou**, *conj.* though, 16/57; since, 87/57; **þou**, 7/26, 9/4; if, 53/103, 66/79; þ.-so, as-so, 65/45.
- þou**, *vb. pt. 2. sg.* thoughtest, 25/14; -e, *pl.* 41/29.
- þou**, *sb.* thought, 17/92, 50/103, 75/90; -es, *pl.* 91/84; -is, 82/93.
- þousandes**, *sb. pl.* thousands, 78/179; **þousandis**, 78/180.
- þow**, *pron.* thou, 33/81, 48/49; **þow**, 15/28.
- þow**, *conj.* though, 1/20.
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**wone**, *vb.* dwell, live, 83/140, 93/144; **-s**, *sg.* 75/71; **-p**, 79/200, 117/329; **-st**, 43/80.  
**wonne**, *pp.* won, 33/65; **-n**, 59/133.  
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**word**, *sb.* 7/27, 11/54, 33/76; *pl.* 52/51, 59/127, 100/110; **-es**, 3/71, 12/90, 17/80, 116/294.  
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**wot**, *vb.* know, 15/5, 70/32, 41; 3. *sg.* 2/25, 4/97.  
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**wounden**, *pp.* involved, 71/61.  
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**wrecchednes**, *sb.* wretchedness, 101/8.  
**wreche**, *sb.* vengeance, 42/56, 44/126, 71/70.  
**wreche**, *sb.* wretch, 112/163, 113/187.  
**wrechidnes**, *sb.* wretchedness, 113/172; **-se**, 118/340.  
**wrechyd**, *adj.* wretched, 112/164.  
**wreke**, *vb.* wreak, revenge, 83/134; **-p**, 3. *sg.* 98/68.  
**wreten**, *pp.* written, 102/48.

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- writ, *sb.* 43/89, 53/91, 89/1.
- writen, *pp.* written, 11/53, 74.
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- wroken, *pp.* wreaked, avenged, 18/116, 46/4, 52/55.
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- wrong take, *adj.* taken with wrong, 97/58.
- wrongwys, *adj.* wrong, 15/20, 98/62.
- wrot, *vb. pt.* wrote, 22/245, 37/93, 78/181.
- wroþ, *adj.* angry, 47/9.
- wrought, *pp.* made, 19/156; wroujt, 68/134, 75/62, 76/94; *pt.* 41/17, 74/42, 94/179, 181, 110/84.
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- wyket, *sb.* wicket, 67/83, 101/4.
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- wynning, *sb.* gain, profit, 66/52, 88/77, 99/93, 116/281.
- wys, *adj.* wise, 2/45, 3/60, 5/141, 7/37, 80/22; -e, *sb.* 5/138, 9/12; -ely, *adv.* 28/24, 32, 34/7, 88/86, 95/209; -est, *adj. sup.* 52/54, 54/135.
- wysdom, *sb.* wisdom, 12/86, 17/95, 38/111, 41/21.
- wyse, *sb.* manner, purpose, 4/98.
- wyseman, *sb.* the Wise Man, 62/41.
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- yliche, *adj.* like, 105/74, 106/87; *adv.* alike, 61/35.
- ylle, *sb.* ill, 23/22, 57/68, 72/106, 87/58; *adj.* 40/2.
- y-lyk, *adv.* alike, 39/159.
- ymage, *sb.* image, 37/98, 73/11, 94/181, 101/18.
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**amys**, *adv.* amiss, 146/129 ; -se,  
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**begyled**, *pp.* deceived, 145/89.  
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**bende**, *vb.* bend, 142/657.  
**bene**, *sb.* bean; anything worthless; **nat worthe a b.**, not worth a rush, 131/333.  
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**benygne**, *adj.* benign, 131/317.  
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**bloo**, *adj.* blue, 138/533.  
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**brayn pan**, *sb.* skull, 126/152.  
**brede**, *sb.* breadth, 129/256.  
**breketh**, *vb.* breaks, 123/66.  
**breme**, *adv.* fiercely, boldly, 144/43.  
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**brere**, *sb.* briar, 143/9.  
**breste**, *sb.* breast, 147/168.  
**brotyll**, *adj.* brittle, 123/67.  
**brotylnes**, *sb.* brittleness, 128/239; **-se**, 123/66.  
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 creaunte, *sb.* one vanquished, 136/479.  
 crepe, *vb.* creep, 123/75.  
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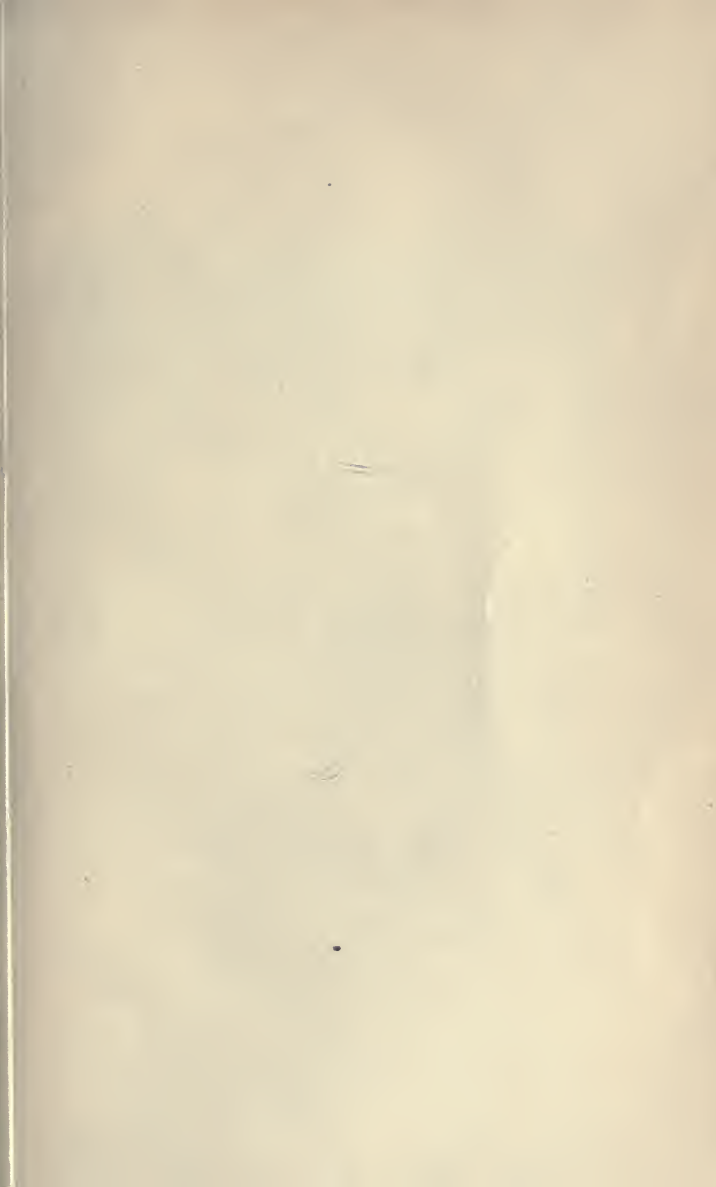
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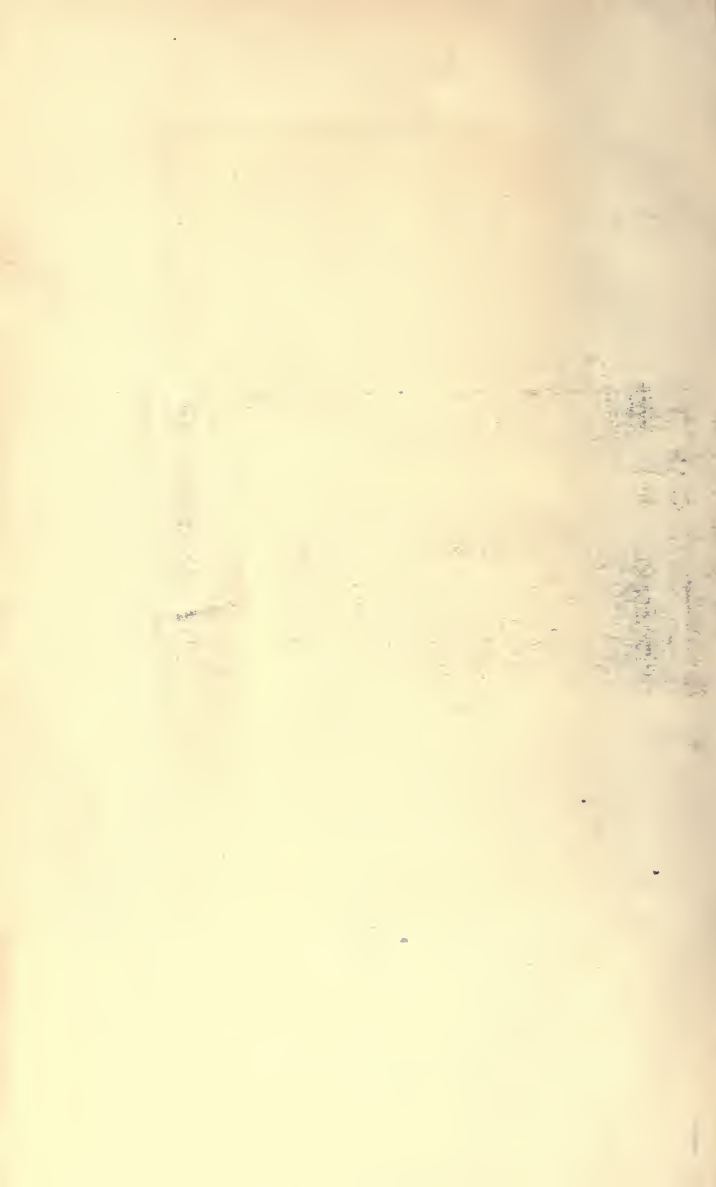
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