

— 『近従の話の序と物語』用語索引（5） —

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A Concordance to *The Squire's Introduction and Tale in The Canterbury Tales* (5)

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Geoffrey Chaucerの『カンタベリー物語』は、既に幾つかの用語索引がこれまでに作成されている。J. S. P. TatlockとA. G. Kennedyによる*A Concordance to The Complete Works of Geoffrey Chaucer and to the 'Romount of the Rose'*¹⁾はA. W. PollardのテキストThe Globe Edition²⁾を基に作られた労作であるが、その後のテキスト編纂は時代と共に進展し、近年最新のテキスト“*The Riverside Chaucer*”, based on *The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer* edited by F. N. Robinson³⁾が出版され、そしてこれに基づく用語索引が相次いで刊行された。一つは大泉昭夫氏による*A Complete Concordance to the Works of Geoffrey Chaucer*⁴⁾であり、いまひとつはLarry D. Bensonによる*A Glossarial Concordance to the Riverside Chaucer*⁵⁾である。しかしこれらはいずれも『カンタベリー物語』の中で展開する個々の「物

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- 1) *A Concordance to the Complete Works of Geoffrey Chaucer and to 'the Romount of the Rose'*, (Tatlock and Kennedy Concordance) John S. P. Tatlock and Arthur G. Kennedy, Gloucester, Mass., Peter Smith, 1963.
- 2) *The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer*, (The Globe Edition) edited by Alfred W. Pollard, H. Frank Heath, Mark H. Liddell, W. S. McCormick, Macmillan and Co., 1913 (Originally issued in 1898).
- 3) *The Riverside Chaucer*, Third Edition, based on *The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer* edited by F. N. Robinson, Larry D. Benson, General Editor, Oxford University Press, 1988.
- 4) *A Complete Concordance to the Works of Geoffrey Chaucer*, Edited by Akio Oizumi, Programmed by Kunihiro Miki, Olms-Weidmann, Hildesheim, Zurich, New York, 10 vols., 1991.
- 5) *A Glossarial Concordance to The Riverside Chaucer*, Larry D. Benson, Garland Publishing, Inc., New York & London, 2 vols., 1993.

語」を、独立させた用語索引として掲載していない。しかし、各「物語」を独立した作品と考え、そこでの使用語彙のより詳細な言葉の環境を捉えるには、それぞれについての用語索引が是非とも必要となる。

『カンタベリー物語』の中で展開する個々の「物語」の中に登場する多様な語彙が、その前後の言語環境を通して作品の中で、どのような語義の広がりや機能を果たしているかを探ることが先ず‘Concordance’作成によって可能となる。又、それぞれの‘Word List’作成によって、如何様な語彙が作品の中で分布しているか、個々の語彙環境を総合的に鳥瞰することが可能となる。Chaucerの『カンタベリー物語』の一部を形成するこの“*The Squire's Introduction and Tale*”の文学世界を文体と語彙の面において一層効率的に把握することの助けとなるはずである。

この‘Concordance’と‘Word List’を作成するにあたり、テキストは“*The Riverside Chaucer*”を使用した。又、沖田電子技研(有)の文章解析プログラム・Micro-OCPを使用し、東個人が手で打ち込んだものと、同技研から出されているElectronic Text Library Line-upの中の“*Chaucer, Complete Works*”を使用した。

“*The Squire's Introduction and Tale*”の中に登場する各語彙について、先ず‘Concordance’を作成した。次に、アルファベット順による‘Word List (1) (Alphabetical Order)’と、頻度順による‘Word List (2) (Sorted by Frequency)’を作成し、最後に、“*The Riverside Chaucer*”版を元に手打ちした‘The Text of *The Squire's Introduction and Tale*’を掲載する。Text作成では、その序、物語のそれぞれ第一行目を1として表記し、その右側に“*The Riverside Chaucer*”版による相当行を記入する。このConcordance, Word List, Textの作成に際しては、総て「序」と「物語」を個別に扱うことにした。ここでは“*The Squire's Introduction and Tale*”の‘Concordance’として(その5)〈Word List (1) (Alphabetical Order)〉と〈Word List (2) (Sorted by Frequency)〉の作成を試みた。

Word List 1 (Alphabetical Order)

The Squire's Introduction and Tale in The Canterbury Tales

based on *The Riverside Chaucer*

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Word List 1 (Alphabetical Order) of *The Squire's Introduction*

a	1
Agayn	1
amys	1
And	2
any	1
as	3
be	1
but	1
certes	1
com	1
excused	1
for	2
good	1
Have	1
he	1
hertly	1
I	5
if	2
is	2
it	1
kan	1
Konnen	1
lo	1
love	1
lust	1
man	1
me	1
muche	1
My	2
nat	1
Nay	1
neer	1
of	1
quod	1
rebelle	1
sey	1
seye	1
sire	1
somwhat	1
speke	1
Squier	1
tale	2
telle	1
theron	1
this	1
wille	1
With	1
wol	3
wyl	2
ye	1
youre	2

TOTAL WORDS READ	=	67
TOTAL WORDS SELECTED	=	67
TOTAL WORDS PICKED	=	67
TOTAL WORDS SAMPLED	=	67
TOTAL WORDS KEPT	=	67
TOTAL VOCABULARY	=	51

Word List 1 (Alphabetical Order) of *The Squire's Tale*

a	87	badder	1	cesseth	1
able	1	bak	1	chaar	1
aboute	2	barm	1	chace	1
above	3	batailles	1	chalk	1
abrood	1	be	22	chambre	2
abyde	2	beautee	1	changed	1
Accordant	1	beddes	1	charge	1
Achilles	1	beek	2	chasted	1
adoun	3	been	20	chaunce	1
adversitee	2	beest	3	chaunge	1
affecciouns	1	ben	2	cheere	3
after	14	benigne	2	Cherisseth	1
after-soper	1	benignytee	1	children	1
agayn	3	bere	2	chyde	1
ageyn	7	Beren	1	citee	3
ago	1	bereth	1	cleer	1
air	1	best	2	clene	1
Al	35	beste	1	cleped	3
alday	1	bet	2	clepen	1
alderfirst	1	Beth	1	clepeth	1
Aldiran	1	bettre	1	close	1
Algarsif	1	Bidde	2	clymben	1
Algarsyf	1	bifel	2	colerik	1
algates	1	biforn	4	colour	1
all	1	bigan	3	colours	1
allas	2	bigynne	1	colours	1
alle	13	biheste	1	com	1
allow	1	biholde	1	come	4
almoost	1	bihoveth	1	comen	1
Alocen	1	bileve	1	commune	1
also	4	bisily	1	Compassion	1
alwey	4	bisy	1	compassioun	1
am	5	bisyde	2	compleyned	1
amende	2	bisynesse	1	composiciouns	1
amenden	1	bit	1	comprehende	1
among	1	bitwix	1	comune	1
amounteth	1	Bitwixe	1	comunly	1
Amydde	1	blewe	1	conceyved	1
an	7	blithe	1	conclusion	1
and	245	blood	6	condescende	1
angle	1	body	1	condicioun	1
anglis	1	boldely	1	confessen	1
anon	6	bond	1	considerynge	1
anoon	4	bookes	1	constellacion	1
another	5	boote	1	contenaunce	2
answerde	3	bord	5	contenaunces	1
answere	1	bore	1	continuaunce	1
answeren	1	born	6	contrarie	1
any	11	borwe	1	contrarien	1
anywhere	1	Bothe	5	contree	1
apart	1	boundes	1	coold	3
apercevynges	1	branched	1	corage	1
apert	1	bras	7	corps	1
appalled	1	breed	1	Countrefete	1
apparence	1	breed	1	cours	2
Appollo	1	breken	1	courser	2
approche	1	bretheren	1	court	1
Arabe	1	breyde	1	covered	1
Aries	1	briddes	1	craft	2
aright	2	bright	2	crie	2
arise	1	brighte	1	crouned	1
Aristotle	1	broghte	1	crueel	1
armed	1	brood	3	cruel	1
armes	2	bryd	1	cry	1
armure	1	brydel	1	cryde	1
array	2	But	26	crye	1
Arrayed	1	by	24	cryen	1
art	5	bynde	1	cuppe	1
aryse	1	byte	2	curteisye	1
as	97	cage	1	dar	2
ascendynge	1	cages	1	daunce	2
asshen	1	cam	5	dauncen	1
aswowne	1	Cambalo	2	daunces	1
At	10	Cambalus	1	day	12
atte	4	Cambyuskan	7	dede	1
auctoritee	1	Canacee	16	deed	2
aventures	1	Canacees	2	deere	2
awake	1	cause	6	dees	1
awook	1	causen	1	deeth	4
axeth	1	causes	1	degree	1
ay	1	causeth	1	degrees	1
ayeyn	3	centre	1	deliciously	1
baar	1	certeine	1	delve	1
bachelor	1	certes	2	deme	1
bad	3	cerymonyes	1	demed	2

demen	2	evere	5	ful	23
demeth	1	everemoore	4	fully	1
depe	2	every	9	fulsomnesse	1
dere	1	exaltacioun	1	fumositee	1
descende	2	excellent	2	furial	1
desdeyn	1	excellente	1	Fy	1
desert	1	eyled	1	fynally	1
desirous	1	fable	1	fyne	1
despende	1	face	1	fynger	1
despit	1	fader	1	Fysssh	1
destruccion	1	failleth	1	fyve	1
devout	1	fair	3	galoche	1
devyse	3	faire	4	galpyng	1
devysen	1	fairnesse	1	galpyngge	1
deyde	1	fairye	2	gan	9
deynte	1	fallen	4	gat	1
deyntee	1	fals	1	gauren	1
deyntees	1	false	1	Gawayn	1
deys	1	falsed	1	gay	1
diademe	2	falsnesse	1	geestes	1
dide	2	fantasies	1	gentil	8
digestioun	1	fare	1	gentillesse	7
discrecioun	1	faste	1	gentilly	1
discripsioun	1	faucon	9	gesse	1
discryve	1	faught	1	gete	1
discryven	1	faukon	2	geten	1
dise	1	fed	1	glad	1
dissymulynges	1	Feelynge	1	glade	1
distresse	1	feelyngly	1	Gladeth	1
Diverse	2	feend	2	gladly	3
diversely	1	feeste	4	glas	3
do	2	feestes	1	glood	1
doghter	4	feestlych	1	glose	1
domynacioun	1	feet	1	glyde	1
doom	1	feith	1	go	1
Doon	6	felawe	1	God	8
doone	1	felt	1	Goddes	1
dooth	6	felte	2	gold	1
dore	2	fer	3	gon	1
doublenesse	2	ferde	2	good	4
doughty	2	ferforth	1	goodlich	1
doun	2	fern	2	goon	4
doutes	1	fern-asshen	1	gooth	5
drawe	1	festeiynge	1	gossomer	1
drawen	1	fet	1	governaunce	1
drede	3	feyne	1	grace	2
dreem	1	feyned	1	gras	1
dremes	1	feynyng	1	Graunted	2
dresse	1	fil	3	gray	1
droghthe	1	fille	1	greet	7
drye	1	fin	1	Grekes	1
drynke	2	finally	1	grene	2
dryve	1	First	1	grete	4
dul	1	firste	3	greyn	1
dwellleth	1	flee	3	ground	2
dwelte	2	fleen	1	grounde	1
dyde	1	fleeth	2	groweth	1
dyed	1	flood	1	gyn	2
ebbe	1	floures	1	gyse	2
ech	2	Fnglissh	1	had	2
eek	9	folk	4	hadde	17
eft	2	foo	1	halle	4
egle	1	foote	1	halt	1
eldeste	1	for	87	han	12
elles	2	forest	1	hand	2
eloquence	1	Forfered	1	hangeth	1
Elpheta	1	forme	3	hangyng	1
enchesoun	1	forth	4	happeth	1
ende	3	fortunat	1	hardy	1
endelong	1	Fortune	1	hardyng	1
Enformed	1	fostred	1	harm	6
engyn	1	foul	1	hast	1
entende	1	foure	2	hastily	2
entente	3	fowel	2	Hath	19
er	5	foweles	2	hauk	4
ere	2	fowles	1	haukes	2
erly	1	Frankeleyn	3	have	11
erthe	1	free	3	haveth	1
esily	2	freend	2	He	83
est	1	friendly	1	heddes	2
estat	1	fremde	1	hede	1
et	1	fressh	3	heed	3
ete	3	fresshe	2	heel	1
eve	1	Fro	12	heeld	1
ever	2	fruyt	1	heele	1

heelen	1	joye	2	lorn	1
heere	7	jueles	1	los	2
heeste	1	just	1	loude	3
heigh	5	kan	11	love	11
heighe	4	keene	1	loved	2
helle	1	keep	1	loven	3
help	1	kembde	1	lovere	1
helpe	1	kepeth	1	loves	1
hem	19	kept	2	lowe	1
hennesforth	1	kepte	1	Lumbardye	1
herbes	3	kepyng	1	lust	3
herd	3	Kepyng	1	lustiheed	1
herde	5	kerve	1	lusty	4
herfore	1	keste	1	lyche	1
herkned	1	kitheth	1	lye	1
herkneth	1	knees	1	lyeth	1
Herknyng	1	knew	2	lyk	6
heronsewes	1	knewe	1	lyst	2
herte	15	knotte	2	lystes	1
hertes	1	knowe	5	lyth	1
hevene	3	knownen	2	lyve	2
hewe	3	knowyng	1	lyves	1
hidde	1	knyght	10	maad	1
highte	2	knyghtes	1	Madame	1
hir	38	konnyng	2	made	5
hire	38	koude	15	maden	1
hireselve	1	kynde	4	magyk	1
hirself	1	kyng	17	maister-tour	1
hirselve	1	kynges	4	maistresse	3
hirserven	1	kyte	3	make	2
his	101	labour	1	maken	3
hit	1	lad	1	malice	1
holde	2	lady	3	man	17
holpen	1	ladyes	1	maner	2
hom	1	laft	2	manere	7
hond	3	lak	2	manly	1
honour	3	lakked	1	mansioun	1
honorable	1	Lameth	1	many	9
hony	1	land	2	manye	1
hool	1	langage	2	marbul	1
hoold	1	lappe	3	March	1
Hoost	2	large	1	Martes	1
hoot	1	laste	5	may	14
hoote	1	Launcelot	1	me	21
hope	1	lay	2	mediacion	1
hors	9	leden	1	medicynes	1
horsly	1	ledene	2	meeste	1
hou	2	leere	1	melodye	1
houres	1	leeste	1	men	12
hous	2	leet	1	mennes	1
How	4	leeve	1	mente	3
humble	2	lefte	1	menyng	1
humblesse	1	lenger	3	Mercurius	1
hurt	2	Leon	2	meridional	1
hurtes	1	lerne	1	mervailles	1
hyde	1	lese	1	mervuille	1
hye	7	leste	4	message	1
hyer	1	lete	3	mesurable	1
hym	36	lettre	1	metal	1
hymself	2	leve	2	mete	3
I	90	levere	3	mewe	2
Idus	1	lewed	1	meynee	1
If	18	lewednesse	1	milk	1
ilke	1	leyde	1	mirour	7
impressioun	1	leyser	1	mirours	1
in	105	lief	1	mo	2
Inde	1	lige	1	moore	4
inne	1	lighte	2	moost	1
innocent	1	Lightly	1	mooste	2
instrument	1	list	7	moot	3
instrumentz	1	liste	3	mootte	2
insufficient	1	listeth	1	mooten	1
into	4	lite	1	morwe	1
ire	1	litel	1	morwenynge	1
is	58	lith	2	moste	7
it	74	Lo	1	mouth	1
jalouse	1	lond	3	Moyses	1
jangle	2	long	2	muche	3
janglyng	1	longe	2	muchel	1
Jason	2	longeth	1	murmureden	1
jogelours	1	longynge	1	my	23
John	1	looketh	2	myght	4
jolitee	2	lookyng	1	myghte	8
joly	1	lord	2	Myn	10
jolynesse	1	lordes	3	mynde	2

mynstralcyce	1	people	1	reste	5
mynstralles	1	peple	3	rethor	1
myst	1	percen	1	revel	2
naked	2	peregryn	1	reverence	2
name	1	peril	1	reyne	1
namo	1	persone	1	riche	1
namoore	5	perspectives	1	richely	1
nas	1	peyne	2	Ride	1
nat	26	peynes	1	rideth	2
nathelees	3	peynted	4	right	16
nativitee	1	Phebus	2	riseth	1
Nature	2	pittee	1	roche	1
natureel	1	pitous	3	rody	2
Naturelly	1	pitously	4	roial	3
natures	1	place	7	roiially	1
Ne	28	plastres	1	Rome	1
necessitee	1	plat	1	ronne	1
nedeth	4	platte	1	Roos	1
neigh	3	plentee	1	roote	1
nempne	1	plesance	1	route	2
never	4	plesen	1	routhe	1
nevere	8	pleye	3	rowned	1
newe	2	pleyen	1	Russye	1
newefangel	1	pleyn	1	ryche	1
newefangelnesse	1	pleyng	1	ryde	1
next	1	plumage	1	ryden	1
no	16	poetries	1	ryng	8
noble	5	Poilleys	1	rynges	1
nobleye	1	point-devys	1	ryse	1
noght	4	polyve	1	rysen	1
noalde	1	possessioun	1	Saleweth	2
noon	11	pound	1	Salomon	1
noot	1	precieuse	1	salves	1
norice	1	prees	1	same	2
not	1	preise	1	Sarray	2
novelties	1	presentes	1	sat	3
Now	10	preved	1	saugh	4
nowher	2	prey	2	save	3
ny	1	preyde	1	saved	1
nyce	1	prighte	1	savour	1
nyght	4	principles	1	se	3
n'yn	1	privee	1	secte	1
nys	4	proces	1	see	6
nyste	2	prolixitee	1	seel	1
o	2	proporcioned	1	seen	3
obeisaunce	2	propre	2	sege	1
obeisaunces	1	protecciouns	1	seide	1
obeye	2	proveth	1	seiden	1
obeyed	1	pryme	2	Seint	1
observaunces	1	purpos	2	semblaunt	1
occupie	1	purs	1	seme	2
of	160	Pyes	1	semed	5
officers	1	pyn	4	sende	1
ofte	2	pyne	1	sendeth	1
olde	6	queene	1	sene	1
on	30	questioun	1	sent	1
ook	1	queynte	4	serpent	1
oon	5	quod	8	served	1
oother	6	quyk	1	service	2
ootherwise	1	Ram	1	servyse	3
openly	3	Ran	1	seson	2
operacion	1	rather	1	sesoun	1
or	24	ravysshed	1	set	3
ordeyned	1	recche	1	seten	1
ordre	2	recours	1	seuretee	1
othere	1	rede	2	sewes	1
othes	1	redy	2	sey	2
oure	1	reflexiouns	1	seyd	3
Out	7	regioun	1	seyde	12
outher	2	regne	1	seyden	2
over	3	reherce	1	seye	3
owles	1	rehercen	1	seyn	11
pace	2	Rehersynge	1	seyne	1
page	1	remedie	1	shal	19
paleys	1	remewed	1	shap	1
Pardee	1	renneth	1	shapen	1
parementz	1	renoun	2	She	41
park	1	repaire	1	sheene	1
part	3	Repeireth	1	sholde	7
Parys	1	repeiryng	1	shoon	1
pas	1	Repentant	1	shortly	1
passe	1	reporten	1	shoures	1
passeth	1	reson	2	shrighte	3
peere	1	resoun	2	shul	1
Pegasee	1	resounded	1	sighte	3

signe	2	supposed	1	thynketh	1
sikerly	1	swannes	1	tidyves	1
silable	1	swarm	1	tigre	1
silk	1	swarmeth	1	Til	23
similitude	1	swerd	7	to	110
Sire	5	swich	23	Toforn	1
sit	3	swiche	2	tolde	2
sithen	1	swoor	1	tonge	1
sixe	1	sworn	1	took	5
skiles	1	swough	2	tooke	1
sky	1	swowned	2	toold	4
sle	1	swowneth	1	toumbe	1
sleep	4	syde	2	tour	2
slepe	1	syk	1	tree	5
slepen	2	syn	5	trench	1
slepte	1	synge	1	treson	1
slye	2	Synon	1	tresoun	1
smal	1	table	1	trete	1
smerte	2	take	3	trewe	4
smyte	1	taken	1	Trille	3
snybbed	1	tale	5	Trinitee	1
So	60	talken	1	trippe	1
sodeynly	3	taried	1	Troie	2
softe	1	Tartarye	1	trone	1
softely	1	Tartre	2	trouthe	4
solempne	2	taryen	1	trowe	3
Solempnely	1	taught	1	Troye	1
som	3	tayl	1	turne	1
someres	2	techeth	1	twelve	1
somme	3	telle	7	twenty	5
sondry	2	tellen	5	twiste	2
sone	4	telleth	1	two	9
sones	1	temple	1	twynne	1
song	1	ten	1	tyde	1
songen	1	tendrely	1	tygre	1
sonne	6	tercelet	2	tyme	8
soone	5	tercelettes	1	unarmed	1
soore	2	teste	1	unbokelen	1
soote	1	text	1	under	8
sooth	4	Than	7	understonde	2
soper	1	thanken	1	understood	1
sophymes	1	Thanne	5	undertake	1
sorwe	6	th'array	1	unfeestlich	1
sorwefully	1	that	172	unknowe	1
soupen	1	the	169	unkouth	1
sowne	1	thee	3	Unto	12
sownen	2	theef	1	up	7
space	2	th'effect	1	upon	10
spak	1	Thelophus	1	uppe	1
speche	4	thenken	1	us	2
speeke	1	thennes	2	usage	1
speke	8	Theodora	1	used	1
speken	3	ther	34	usshers	1
spekest	1	Theras	1	vanysshe	1
sper	1	ther-as	1	vanysshed	1
spices	2	therby	1	vapour	1
spoken	1	therfore	4	veluettes	1
spoon	1	therin	1	Venus	1
sprynge	1	therinne	1	verrailly	3
spurne	1	therto	1	verray	2
Squier	1	Therwith	1	vertu	6
squiers	1	therwithal	1	vertuous	1
stable	1	They	28	vestment	1
stant	3	thikke	1	vice	1
steede	6	thilke	2	visioun	1
stevene	1	this	75	Vitulon	1
stile	1	thise	7	voyden	1
stille	3	Tho	4	voys	2
stondeth	1	thoght	1	walk	1
stood	4	thombe	2	walke	2
stoon	2	thonder	1	walketh	1
storie	1	thonke	1	walkyng	1
strange	3	thou	4	wan	2
Straw	1	Though	7	war	1
strawe	1	thoughte	3	was	57
stroke	2	thousand	1	water	1
strong	2	thow	1	wayted	1
strook	1	thre	1	wayten	2
style	1	thridde	1	we	4
styward	1	Thurgh	3	weder	1
subtil	1	thurghout	3	weel	1
subtilly	1	Thus	17	weep	1
subtiltee	1	thy	5	wel	21
suffyse	1	thyng	17	welle	1
sugre	1	thynges	3	wem	1

wend 1
wende 3
went 1
wepe 1
wept 1
were 22
werk 1
werreyed 1
werse 1
west 1
weye 1
Whan 18
whanne 1
what 18
whelp 1
Where 1
Wherfore 2
Wher-so 1
Whet 1
Which 19
whiche 1
whider 1
Whil 4
while 1
whils 1
whirleth 1
whit 1
Who 4
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wise 2
wisly 1
wiste 4
wit 2
With 37
withal 1
Withinne 1
withoute 1
withouten 7
wittes 2
wo 2
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wol 19
wolde 6
wole 4
womman 1
wommanly 1
wommen 5
wonder 4
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wondren 1
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word 5
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wounded 1
woundes 1
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wrapped 1
wreke 1
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writhyng 1
wroghte 1
wyde 1
wyf 1
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wyn 2
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yeer 5
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Yong 1
yonge 3
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yoore 1
your 1
youre 17
yours 1
youreself 2
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Word List 2 (Sorted by Frequency)

The Squire's Introduction and Tale in The Canterbury Tales

based on *The Riverside Chaucer*

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Word List 2 (Sorted by Frequency) of *The Squire's Introduction*

I	5
as	3
wol	3
And	2
for	2
if	2
is	2
My	2
tale	2
wyl	2
youre	2
a	1
Agayn	1
amys	1
any	1
be	1
but	1
certes	1
com	1
excused	1
good	1
Have	1
he	1
hertly	1
it	1
kan	1
Konnen	1
lo	1
love	1
lust	1
man	1
me	1
muche	1
nat	1
Nay	1
neer	1
of	1
quod	1
rebelle	1
sey	1
seye	1
sire	1
somwhat	1
speke	1
Squier	1
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wille	1
With	1
ye	1

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TOTAL VOCABULARY	=	51

Word List 2 (Sorted by Frequency) of *The Squire's Tale*

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that	172	gan	9	woot	5
the	169	hors	9	word	5
of	160	many	9	yeer	5
to	110	two	9	also	4
in	105	gentil	8	alwey	4
his	101	God	8	anoon	4
as	97	myghte	8	atte	4
I	90	nevere	8	biforn	4
a	87	quod	8	come	4
for	87	ryng	8	deeth	4
He	83	speke	8	doghter	4
this	75	tyme	8	everemoore	4
it	74	under	8	faire	4
So	60	wight	8	fallen	4
is	58	yet	8	feeste	4
was	57	ageyn	7	folk	4
She	41	an	7	forth	4
hir	38	bras	7	good	4
hire	38	Cambyuskan	7	goon	4
With	37	gentillesse	7	grete	4
hym	36	greet	7	halle	4
Al	35	heere	7	hauk	4
ther	34	hye	7	heighe	4
yow	33	list	7	How	4
on	30	manere	7	into	4
Ne	28	mirour	7	kynde	4
They	28	moste	7	kynges	4
But	26	Out	7	leste	4
nat	26	place	7	lusty	4
by	24	sholde	7	moore	4
or	24	swerd	7	myght	4
ful	23	telle	7	nedeth	4
my	23	Than	7	never	4
swich	23	thise	7	noght	4
Til	23	Though	7	nyght	4
be	22	up	7	nys	4
were	22	withouten	7	peynted	4
ye	22	anon	6	pitously	4
me	21	blood	6	pyn	4
wel	21	born	6	queynte	4
been	20	cause	6	saugh	4
Hath	19	Doon	6	sleep	4
hem	19	dooth	6	sone	4
shal	19	harm	6	sooth	4
Which	19	lyk	6	speche	4
wol	19	olde	6	stood	4
If	18	oother	6	therfore	4
Whan	18	see	6	Tho	4
what	18	sonne	6	thou	4
hadde	17	sorwe	6	toold	4
kyng	17	steede	6	trewe	4
man	17	vertu	6	trouthe	4
Thus	17	wolde	6	we	4
thyng	17	am	5	Whil	4
youre	17	another	5	Who	4
Canacee	16	art	5	wiste	4
no	16	bord	5	wode	4
right	16	Bothe	5	wole	4
herte	15	cam	5	wonder	4
koude	15	er	5	wyl	4
after	14	evere	5	above	3
may	14	gooth	5	adoun	3
alle	13	heigh	5	agayn	3
day	12	herde	5	answerde	3
Fro	12	knowe	5	ayeyn	3
han	12	laste	5	bad	3
men	12	made	5	beest	3
seyde	12	namoore	5	bigan	3
Unto	12	noble	5	brood	3
any	11	oon	5	cheere	3
have	11	reste	5	citee	3
kan	11	semed	5	cleped	3
love	11	Sire	5	coold	3
noon	11	soone	5	devyse	3
seyn	11	syn	5	drede	3
At	10	tale	5	ende	3
knyght	10	tellen	5	entente	3
Myn	10	Thanne	5	ete	3
Now	10	thy	5	fair	3
upon	10	took	5	fer	3
eek	9	tree	5	fil	3
every	9	twenty	5	firste	3

flee	3	bet	2	ledene	2
forme	3	Bidde	2	Leon	2
Frankeleyn	3	bifel	2	leve	2
free	3	bisyde	2	lighte	2
fressh	3	bright	2	lith	2
gladly	3	byte	2	long	2
glas	3	Cambalo	2	longe	2
heed	3	Canacees	2	looketh	2
herbes	3	certes	2	lord	2
herd	3	chambre	2	los	2
hevene	3	contenaunce	2	loved	2
hewe	3	cours	2	lyst	2
hond	3	courser	2	lyve	2
honour	3	craft	2	make	2
kyte	3	crie	2	maner	2
lady	3	dar	2	mewe	2
lappe	3	daunce	2	mo	2
lenger	3	deed	2	mooste	2
lete	3	deere	2	moote	2
levere	3	demed	2	mynde	2
liste	3	demen	2	naked	2
lond	3	depe	2	Nature	2
lordes	3	descende	2	newe	2
loude	3	diademe	2	nowher	2
loven	3	dide	2	nyste	2
lust	3	Diverse	2	o	2
maistresse	3	do	2	obeisaunce	2
maken	3	dore	2	obeye	2
mente	3	doubleness	2	ofte	2
mete	3	doughty	2	ordre	2
moot	3	doun	2	outher	2
muche	3	drynke	2	pace	2
nathelees	3	dwelte	2	peyne	2
neigh	3	ech	2	Phebus	2
openly	3	eft	2	prey	2
over	3	elles	2	propre	2
part	3	ere	2	pryme	2
peple	3	esily	2	purpos	2
pitous	3	ever	2	rede	2
pleye	3	excellent	2	redy	2
roial	3	fairye	2	renoun	2
sat	3	faukon	2	reson	2
save	3	feend	2	resoun	2
se	3	felte	2	revel	2
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servyse	3	fern	2	rideth	2
set	3	fleeth	2	rody	2
seyd	3	foure	2	route	2
seye	3	fowel	2	Saleweth	2
shrighte	3	foweles	2	same	2
sighte	3	freend	2	Sarray	2
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sodeynly	3	grace	2	service	2
som	3	Graunted	2	seson	2
somme	3	grene	2	sey	2
speken	3	ground	2	seyden	2
stant	3	gyn	2	signe	2
stille	3	gyse	2	slepen	2
strange	3	had	2	slye	2
take	3	hand	2	smerte	2
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thoughte	3	haukes	2	someres	2
Thurgh	3	heddes	2	sondry	2
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thynges	3	holde	2	sownen	2
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trowe	3	hou	2	spices	2
verrailly	3	hous	2	stoon	2
wende	3	humble	2	stroke	2
wordes	3	hurt	2	strong	2
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yonge	3	jangle	2	swough	2
aboute	2	Jason	2	swowned	2
abyde	2	jolitee	2	syde	2
adversitee	2	joye	2	Tartre	2
allas	2	kept	2	tercelet	2
amende	2	knew	2	thennes	2
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armes	2	knowen	2	thombe	2
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beek	2	laft	2	tour	2
ben	2	lak	2	Troie	2
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bere	2	langage	2	wunderstonde	2
best	2	lay	2	us	2

verray	2	beautee	1	condicioun	1
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wondred	2	bisily	1	covered	1
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world	2	bisynesse	1	crueel	1
worthy	2	bit	1	cruel	1
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wynne	2	blithe	1	cryen	1
wynter	2	body	1	cuppe	1
wys	2	boldely	1	curteisye	1
yaf	2	bond	1	dauncen	1
yeve	2	bookes	1	daunces	1
ygoon	2	boote	1	dede	1
youreself	2	bore	1	dees	1
youreselven	2	borwe	1	degree	1
able	1	boundes	1	degrees	1
abroad	1	branched	1	deliciously	1
Accordant	1	bred	1	delve	1
Achilles	1	breed	1	deme	1
affecciouns	1	breken	1	demeth	1
after-soper	1	bretheren	1	dere	1
ago	1	breyde	1	desdeyn	1
air	1	briddes	1	desert	1
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almoost	1	causen	1	deyntee	1
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amenden	1	causeth	1	deys	1
among	1	centre	1	digestioun	1
amounteth	1	certeine	1	discrecioun	1
Amydde	1	cerymonyas	1	discripsioun	1
angle	1	cesseth	1	discryve	1
anglis	1	chaar	1	discryven	1
answere	1	chace	1	disese	1
answeren	1	chalk	1	dissymulynges	1
anywhere	1	changed	1	distresse	1
apart	1	charge	1	diversely	1
aperceyvynge	1	chasted	1	domynacioun	1
apert	1	chaunce	1	doom	1
appalled	1	chaunge	1	doone	1
apparence	1	Cherisseth	1	doutes	1
Appollo	1	children	1	drawe	1
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Arabe	1	cleer	1	dreem	1
Aries	1	clene	1	dremes	1
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ascendynge	1	coloures	1	dyde	1
asshen	1	colours	1	dyed	1
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awake	1	Compassion	1	eloquence	1
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bachelor	1	comune	1	engyn	1
badder	1	comunly	1	entende	1
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barm	1	conclusion	1	erthe	1
batailles	1	condescende	1	est	1

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et	1	gon	1	knowyng	1
eve	1	goodlich	1	knyghtes	1
exaltacioun	1	gossomer	1	labour	1
excellente	1	governaunce	1	lad	1
eyled	1	gras	1	ladyes	1
fable	1	gray	1	lakked	1
face	1	Grekes	1	Lameth	1
fader	1	greyn	1	large	1
failleth	1	grounde	1	Launcelot	1
fairnesse	1	groweth	1	leden	1
fals	1	halt	1	leere	1
false	1	hangeth	1	leeste	1
falsed	1	hangyng	1	leet	1
falsnesse	1	happeth	1	leeve	1
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fare	1	hardyng	1	lerne	1
faste	1	hast	1	lese	1
faught	1	haveth	1	lettre	1
fede	1	hede	1	lewed	1
Feelynge	1	heel	1	lewednesse	1
feelyngly	1	heeld	1	leyde	1
feestes	1	heele	1	leyser	1
feestlych	1	heelen	1	lief	1
feet	1	heeste	1	lige	1
feith	1	helle	1	Lightly	1
felawe	1	help	1	listeth	1
felt	1	helpe	1	lite	1
ferforth	1	hennesforth	1	litel	1
fern-asshen	1	herfore	1	Lo	1
festeiyng	1	herkned	1	longeth	1
fet	1	herkneth	1	longyng	1
feyne	1	Herknyng	1	lookyng	1
feyned	1	heronsewes	1	lorn	1
feynyng	1	hertes	1	lovere	1
fille	1	hidde	1	loves	1
fin	1	hireselve	1	lowe	1
finally	1	hirsself	1	Lumbardye	1
First	1	hirselve	1	lustiheed	1
fleen	1	hirselves	1	lyche	1
flood	1	hit	1	lye	1
floures	1	holpen	1	lyeth	1
Fnglissh	1	hom	1	lystes	1
foo	1	honorable	1	lyth	1
foote	1	hony	1	lyves	1
forest	1	hool	1	maad	1
Forfered	1	hoold	1	Madame	1
fortunat	1	hoot	1	maden	1
Fortune	1	hoote	1	magyk	1
fostred	1	hope	1	maister-tour	1
foul	1	horsly	1	malice	1
fowles	1	houres	1	manly	1
freendly	1	humblesse	1	mansioun	1
fremde	1	hurtes	1	manye	1
fruyt	1	hyde	1	marbul	1
fully	1	hyer	1	March	1
fulsomnesse	1	Idus	1	Martes	1
fumositee	1	ilke	1	mediacion	1
furiat	1	impressioun	1	medicynes	1
Fy	1	Inde	1	meeste	1
fynally	1	inne	1	melodye	1
fyne	1	innocent	1	mennes	1
fynger	1	instrument	1	menyng	1
Fysssh	1	instrumentz	1	Mercurius	1
fyve	1	insufficient	1	meridional	1
galoche	1	ire	1	merveille	1
galpyng	1	jalouse	1	merveille	1
galpyng	1	janglyng	1	message	1
gat	1	jogelours	1	mesurable	1
gauren	1	John	1	metal	1
Gawayn	1	joly	1	meynee	1
gay	1	jolynesse	1	milk	1
geestes	1	jueles	1	mirours	1
gentilly	1	just	1	moost	1
gesse	1	keene	1	mooten	1
gete	1	keep	1	morwe	1
geten	1	kembde	1	morwenyng	1
glad	1	kepeth	1	mouth	1
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glood	1	Kepyng	1	murmureden	1
glose	1	kerve	1	mynstralcy	1
glyde	1	keste	1	mynstralles	1
go	1	kitheth	1	myst	1
Goddes	1	knees	1	name	1

namo	1	queene	1	smal	1
nas	1	questioun	1	smyte	1
nativitee	1	guyk	1	snybbed	1
natureel	1	Ram	1	softe	1
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natures	1	rather	1	Solempnely	1
necessitee	1	ravysshed	1	sones	1
nempne	1	recche	1	song	1
newefangel	1	recours	1	songen	1
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next	1	regioun	1	soper	1
nobleye	1	regne	1	sophymes	1
noalde	1	reherce	1	sorwefully	1
noot	1	rehercen	1	soupen	1
norice	1	Rehersynge	1	sowne	1
not	1	remedie	1	spak	1
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ny	1	renneth	1	spekest	1
nyce	1	repaire	1	spere	1
n yn	1	Repeireth	1	spoken	1
obeisaunces	1	repeiryng	1	spoon	1
obeyed	1	Repentant	1	sprynge	1
observaunces	1	reporten	1	spurne	1
occupie	1	resouned	1	Squier	1
officers	1	rethor	1	squiers	1
ook	1	reyne	1	stable	1
ootherwise	1	riche	1	stevene	1
operacion	1	richely	1	stile	1
ordeyned	1	Ride	1	stondeth	1
othere	1	riseth	1	storie	1
othes	1	roche	1	Straw	1
oure	1	roially	1	strawe	1
owles	1	Rome	1	strook	1
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1 (1) "Squier, com neer, if it youre wille be,
2 (2) And sey somewhat of love, for certes ye
3 (3) Konnen theron as muche as any man."
4 (4) "Nay, sire," quod he, "but I wol seye as I kan
5 (5) With hertly wyl, for I wol nat rebelle
6 (6) Agayn youre lust; a tale wol I telle.
7 (7) Have me excused if I speke amys;
8 (8) My wyl is good, and lo, my tale is this."

The Text of *The Squire's Tale in The Canterbury Tales*
based on *The Riverside Chaucer F(V) 9-708*

Heere bigynneth the Squieres Tale.

1 (9) At Sarray, in the land of Tartarye,
2 (10) Ther dwelte a kyng that werreyed Russye,
3 (11) Thurgh which ther dyde many a doughty man.
4 (12) This noble kyng was cleped Cambyuskan,
5 (13) Which in his tyme was of so greet renoun
6 (14) That ther was nowher in no regioun
7 (15) So excellent a lord in alle thyng;
8 (16) Hym lakked noght that longeth to a kyng.
9 (17) As of the secte of which that he was born
10 (18) He kepte his lay, to which that he was sworn;
11 (19) And therto he was hardy, wys, and riche,
12 (20) And pitous and just, alwey yliche;
13 (21) Sooth of his word, benigne, and honourable;
14 (22) Of his corage as any centre stable;
15 (23) Yong, fressh, and strong, in armes desirous
16 (24) As any bachelor of al his hous.
17 (25) A fair persone he was and fortunat,
18 (26) And kept alwey so wel roial estat
19 (27) That ther was nowher swich another man.
20 (28) This noble kyng, this Tartre Cambyuskan,
21 (29) Hadde two sones on Elpheta his wyf,
22 (30) Of whiche the eldeste highte Algarsyf;
23 (31) That oother sone was cleped Cambalo.
24 (32) A doghter hadde this worthy kyng also,
25 (33) That yongest was, and highte Canacee.
26 (34) But for to telle yow al hir beautee,
27 (35) It lyth nat in my tonge, n'yn my konnyng;
28 (36) I dar nat undertake so heigh a thyng.
29 (37) Myn Fnglissh eek is insufficient.
30 (38) It moste been a rethor excellent
31 (39) That koude his colours longynge for that art,
32 (40) If he sholde hire discryven every part.
33 (41) I am noon swich, I moot speke as I kan.
34 (42) And so bifel that whan this Cambyuskan
35 (43) Hath twenty wynter born his diademe,
36 (44) As he was wont fro yeer to yeer, I deme,
37 (45) He leet the feeste of his nativitee
38 (46) Doon cryen thurghout Sarray his citee.
39 (47) The laste Idus of March, after the yeer.
40 (48) Phebus the sonne fin joly was and cleer,
41 (49) For he was neigh his exaltacioun
42 (50) In Martes face and in his mansioun
43 (51) In Aries, the colerik hooite signe.
44 (52) Ful lusty was the weder and benigne,
45 (53) For which the foweles, agayn the sonne sheene,
46 (54) What for the sesoun and the yonge grene,
47 (55) Ful loude songen hire affeccions.
48 (56) Hem semed han geten hem protecciouns
49 (57) Agayn the swerd of wynter, keene and coold.
50 (58) This Cambyuskan, of which I have yow toold,
51 (59) In roial vestiment sit on his deys,
52 (60) With diademe, ful heighe in his paleys,
53 (61) And halt his feeste so solempne and so ryche
54 (62) That in this world ne was ther noon it lyche;
55 (63) Of which if I shal tellen al th'array,
56 (64) Thanne wolde it occupie a someres day,
57 (65) And eek it nedeth nat for to devyse
58 (66) At every cours the ordre of hire servyse.
59 (67) I wol nat tellen of hir strange sewes,
60 (68) Ne of hir swannes, ne of hire heronsewes.
61 (69) Eek in that lond, as tellen knyghtes olde,
62 (70) Ther is som mete that is ful deynte holde
63 (71) That in this lond men recche of it but smal:
64 (72) Ther nys no man that may reporten al.
65 (73) I wol nat taryen yow, for it is pryme
66 (74) And for it is no fruyt but los of tyme;
67 (75) Unto my firste I wole have my recours.

68 (76) And so bifel that after the thridde cours,
69 (77) Whil that this kyng sit thus in his nobleye,
70 (78) Herknyng his mynstralles hir thynges pleye
71 (79) Biforn hym at the bord deliciously,
72 (80) In at the halle dore al sodeynly
73 (81) Ther cam a knyght upon a steede of bras,
74 (82) And in his hand a brood mirour of glas.
75 (83) Upon his thombe he hadde of gold a ryng,
76 (84) And by his syde a naked swerd hangyng;
77 (85) And up he rideth to the heighe bord.
78 (86) In al the halle ne was ther spoken a word
79 (87) For merveille of this knyght; hym to biholde
80 (88) Ful bisily they wayten, yonge and olde.
81 (89) This strange knyght, that cam thus sodeynly,
82 (90) Al armed, save his heed, ful richely,
83 (91) Saleweth kyng and queene and lordes alle,
84 (92) By ordre, as they seten in the halle,
85 (93) With so heigh reverence and obeisaunce,
86 (94) As wel in speche as in contenaunce,
87 (95) That Gawayn, with his olde curteisye,
88 (96) Though he were comen ayeyn out of Fairye,
89 (97) Ne koude hym nat amende with a word.
90 (98) And after this, biforn the heighe bord,
91 (99) He with a manly voys seide his message,
92 (100) After the forme used in his langage,
93 (101) Withouten vice of silable or of lettre;
94 (102) And for his tale sholde seme the bettre,
95 (103) Accordant to his wordes was his cheere,
96 (104) As techeth art of speche hem that it leere.
97 (105) Al be that I kan nat sowne his stile,
98 (106) Ne kan nat clymben over so heigh a style,
99 (107) Yet seye I this, as to commune entente:
100 (108) Thus mucche amounteth al that evere he mente,
101 (109) If it so be that I have it in mynde.
102 (110) He seyde, "The kyng of Arabe and of Inde,
103 (111) My lige lord, on this solempne day
104 (112) Saleweth yow, as he best kan and may,
105 (113) And sendeth yow, in honour of youre feeste,
106 (114) By me, that am al redy at youre heeste,
107 (115) This steede of bras, that esily and weel
108 (116) Kan in the space of o day natureel-
109 (117) This is to seyn, in foure and twenty houres-
110 (118) Wher-so yow lyst, in droghte or elles shoures,
111 (119) Beren youre body into every place
112 (120) To which youre herte wilneth for to pace,
113 (121) Withouten wem of yow, thurgh foul or fair;
114 (122) Or, if yow lyst to fleen as hye in the air
115 (123) As dooth an egle whan hym list to soore,
116 (124) This same steede shal bere yow evere moore,
117 (125) Withouten harm, til ye be ther yow leste,
118 (126) Though that ye slepen on his bak or reste,
119 (127) And turne ayeyn with writhyng of a pyn.
120 (128) He that it wroghte koude ful many a gyn.
121 (129) He wayted many a constellation
122 (130) Er he had doon this operacion,
123 (131) And knew ful many a seel and many a bond.
124 (132) "This mirour eek, that I have in myn hond,
125 (133) Hath swich a myght that men may in it see
126 (134) Whan ther shal fallen any adversitee
127 (135) Unto youre regne or to youreself also,
128 (136) And openly who is youre freend or foo.
129 (137) "And over al this, if any lady bright
130 (138) Hath set hire herte on any maner wight,
131 (139) If he be fals, she shal his tresoun see,
132 (140) His newe love, and al his subtiltee,
133 (141) So openly that ther shal no thyng hyde,
134 (142) Wherfore, ageyn this lusty someres tyde,
135 (143) This mirour and this ryng, that ye may see,
136 (144) He hath sent to my lady Canacee,
137 (145) Yourre excellente doghter that is heere.
138 (146) "The vertu of the ryng, if ye wol heere,
139 (147) Is this: that if hire lust it for to were
140 (148) Upon hir thombe or in hir purs it bere,
141 (149) Ther is no fowel that fleeth under the hevene
142 (150) That she ne shal wel understonde his stevene,
143 (151) And knowe his menyng openly and pleyn,
144 (152) And answeere hym in his langage ageyn;
145 (153) And every gras that groweth upon roote
146 (154) She shal eek knowe, and whom it wol do boote.
147 (155) Al be his woundes never so depe and wyde.
148 (156) "This naked swerd, that hangeth by my syde,
149 (157) Swich vertu hath that what man so ye smyte
150 (158) Thurghout his armure it wole kerve and byte,
151 (159) Were it as thikke as is a branched ook;
152 (160) And what man that is wounded with the strook

153 (161) Shal never be hool til that yow list, of grace,
154 (162) To stroke hym with the plat in thilke place
155 (163) Ther he is hurt; this is as mucche to seyn,
156 (164) Ye moote with the platte swerd ageyn
157 (165) Stroke hym in the wounde, and it wol close.
158 (166) This is a verray sooth, withouten glose;
159 (167) It failleth nat whils it is in youre hoold.
160 (168) And whan this knyght hath thus his tale toold,
161 (169) He rideth out of halle and doun he lighte.
162 (170) His steede, which that shoon as sonne brighte,
163 (171) Stant in the court, stille as any stoon.
164 (172) This knyght is to his chambre lad anoon,
165 (173) And is unarmed, and to mete yset.
166 (174) The presentes been ful roially yfet-
167 (175) This is to seyn, the swerd and the mirour-
168 (176) And born anon into the heighe tour
169 (177) With certeine officers ordeyned therfore;
170 (178) And unto Canacee this ryng is bore
171 (179) Solempnely, ther she sit at the table.
172 (180) But sikerly, withouten any fable,
173 (181) The hors of bras, that may nat be remewed,
174 (182) It stant as it were to the ground yglewed.
175 (183) Ther may no man out of the place it dryve
176 (184) For noon engyn of wyndas or polyve;
177 (185) And cause why? For they kan nat the craft.
178 (186) And therfore in the place they han it laft
179 (187) Til that the knyght hath taught hem the manere
180 (188) To voyden hym, as ye shal after heere.
181 (189) Greet was the prees that swarmeth to and fro
182 (190) To gauren on this hors that stondeth so,
183 (191) For it so heigh was, and so brood and long,
184 (192) So we proporcioned for to been strong,
185 (193) Right as it were a steede of Lumbardy;e;
186 (194) Therwith so horsly, and so quyk of ye,
187 (195) As it a gentil Poilleys courser were.
188 (196) For certes, fro his tayl unto his ere
189 (197) Nature ne art ne koude hym nat amende
190 (198) In no degree, as al the people wende.
191 (199) But everemoore hir mooste wonder was
192 (200) How that it koude gon, and was of bras;
193 (201) It was a fairye, as the peple semed.
194 (202) Diverse folk diversely they demed;
195 (203) As many heddes, as manye wittes ther been.
196 (204) They murmureden as dooth a swarm of been,
197 (205) And maden skiles after hir fantasies,
198 (206) Rehersynge of thise olde poetries,
199 (207) And seyden it was lyk the Pegasee,
200 (208) The hors that hadde wynges for to flee;
201 (209) Or elles it was the Grekes hors Synon,
202 (210) That broghte Troie to destruccion,
203 (211) As men in thise olde geestes rede.
204 (212) "Myn herte," quod oon, "is everemoore in drede;
205 (213) I trowe som men of armes been therinne,
206 (214) That shapen hem this citee for to wynne.
207 (215) It were right good that al swich thyng were knowe.
208 (216) Another rownded to his felawe lowe,
209 (217) And seyde, "He lyeth, for it is rather lyk
210 (218) An apparence ymaad by som magyk,
211 (219) As jogelours pleyen at thise feestes grete."
212 (220) Of sondry doutes thus they jangle and trete,
213 (221) As lewed peple demeth comunly
214 (222) Of thynges that been maad moore subtilly
215 (223) Than they kan in hir lewednesse comprehende;
216 (224) They demen gladly to the badder ende.
217 (225) And somme of hem wondred on the mirour,
218 (226) That born was up into the maister-tour,
219 (227) Hou men myghte in it swiche thynges se.
220 (228) Another answerde and seyde it myghte wel be
221 (229) Naturelly, by composiciouns
222 (230) Of anglis and of slye reflexiouns,
223 (231) And seyde that in Rome was swich oon.
224 (232) They speken of Alocen, and Vitulon,
225 (233) And Aristotle, that writen in hir lyves
226 (234) Of queynte mirours and of perspectives,
227 (235) As knowen they that han hir bookes herd.
228 (236) And oother folk han wondred on the swerd
229 (237) That wolde percen thurghout every thyng,
230 (238) And fille in speche of Thelophus the kyng,
231 (239) And of Achilles with his queynte spere,
232 (240) For he koude with it bothe heele and dere,
233 (241) Right in swich wise as men may with the swerd
234 (242) Of which right now ye han youreselfen herd.
235 (243) They speken of sondry hardyng of metal,
236 (244) And speke of medicynes therwithal,
237 (245) And how and whanne it sholde yharded be,

238 (246) Which is unknowe, algates unto me.
239 (247) Tho speeke they of Canacees ryng,
240 (248) And seyden alle that swich a wonder thyng
241 (249) Of craft of rynges herde they nevere noon,
242 (250) Save that he Moyses and kyng Salomon
243 (251) Hadde a name of konnyng in swich art.
244 (252) Thus seyn the peple and drawen hem apart.
245 (253) But nathelees somme seiden that it was
246 (254) Wonder to maken of fern-asshen glas,
247 (255) And yet nys glas nat lyk asshen of fern;
248 (256) But, for they han yknowen it so fern,
249 (257) Therefore cesseth hir janglyng and hir wonder.
250 (258) As soore wondren somme on cause of thonder,
251 (259) On ebbe, on flood, on gossomer, and on myst,
252 (260) And alle thyng, til that the cause is wyst.
253 (261) Thus jangle they, and demen, and devyse
254 (262) Til that the kyng gan fro the bord aryse.
255 (263) Phebus hath laft the angle meridional,
256 (264) And yet ascendyng was the beest roial,
257 (265) The gentil Leon, with his Aldiran,
258 (266) Whan that this Tartre kyng, Cambyuskan,
259 (267) Roos fro his bord, ther as he sat ful hye,
260 (268) To forn hym gooth the loude mynstralcy
261 (269) Til he cam to his chambre of parementz,
262 (270) Ther as they sownen diverse instrumentz
263 (271) That it is lyk an hevne for to heere.
264 (272) Now dauncen lusty Venus children deere,
265 (273) For in the Fyssh hir lady sat ful hye,
266 (274) And looketh on hem with a frendly ye.
267 (275) This noble kyng is set upon his trone.
268 (276) This strange knyght is fet to hym ful soone,
269 (277) And on the daunce he gooth with Canacee.
270 (278) Heere is the revel and the jolitee
271 (279) That is nat able a dul man to devyse.
272 (280) He moste han knowen love and his servyse
273 (281) And been a feestlych man as fressh as May,
274 (282) That sholde yow devysen swich array.
275 (283) Who koude telle yow the forme of daunces
276 (284) So unkouth, and swiche fresshe contenaunces,
277 (285) Swich subtil lookyng and dissymulynges
278 (286) For drede of jalouse mennes apercevynges?
279 (287) No man but Launcelot, and he is deed.
280 (288) Therefore I passe of al this lustiheed;
281 (289) I sey namoore, but in this jolynesse
282 (290) I lete hem til men to the soper dresse.
283 (291) The styward bit the spices for to hye,
284 (292) And eek the wyn, in al this melodye.
285 (293) The usshers and the squiers been ygoon,
286 (294) The spices and the wyn is come anoon.
287 (295) They ete and drynke, and whan this hadde an ende,
288 (296) Unto the temple, as reson was, they wende.
289 (297) The service doon, they soupen al by day.
290 (298) What nedeth yow rehercen hire array?
291 (299) Ech man woot wel that a kynges feeste
292 (300) Hath plentee to the meeste and to the leeste,
293 (301) And deyntees mo than been in my knowyng.
294 (302) At after-soper gooth this noble kyng
295 (303) To seen this hors of bras, with al a route
296 (304) Of lordes and of ladyes hym aboute.
297 (305) Swich wondryng was ther on this hors of bras
298 (306) That syn the grete sege of Troie was,
299 (307) Theras men wondreden on an hors also,
300 (308) Ne was ther swich a wondryng as was tho.
301 (309) But fynally the kyng axeth this knyght
302 (310) The vertu of this courser and the myght,
303 (311) And preyde hym to telle his governaunce.
304 (312) This hors anoon bigan to trippe and daunce,
305 (313) Whan that this knyght leyde hand upon his reyne,
306 (314) And seyde, "Sire, ther is namoore to seyne,
307 (315) But, whan yow list to ryden anywhere,
308 (316) Ye mooten trille a pyn, stant in his ere,
309 (317) Which I shal yow telle bitwix us two.
310 (318) Ye moote nempne hym to what place also,
311 (319) Or to what contree, that yow list to ryde.
312 (320) And whan ye come ther as yow list abyde,
313 (321) Bidde hym descende, and trille another pyn,
314 (322) For therin lith th'effect of al the gyn,
315 (323) And he wol down descende and doon youre wille,
316 (324) And in that place he wol abyde stille.
317 (325) Though al the world the contrarie hadde yswore,
318 (326) He shal nat thennes been ydrawe ne ybore.
319 (327) Or, if yow liste bidde hym thennes goon,
320 (328) Trille this pyn, and he wol varysshe anoon
321 (329) Out of the sighte of every maner wight,
322 (330) And come agayn, be it by day or nyght.

323 (331) Whan that yow list to clepen hym ageyn
 324 (332) In swich a gyse as I shal to yow seyn
 325 (333) Bitwixe yow and me, and that ful soone.
 326 (334) Ride whan yow list; ther is namoore to doone."
 327 (335) Enformed whan the kyng was of that knyght,
 328 (336) And hath conceyved in his wit aright
 329 (337) The manere and the forme of al this thyng,
 330 (338) Ful glad and blithe, this noble doughty kyng
 331 (339) Repeireth to his revel as biforn.
 332 (340) The brydel is unto the tour yborn
 333 (341) And kept among his jueles leeve and deere.
 334 (342) The hors vanysshed, I noot in what manere,
 335 (343) Out of hir sighte; ye gete namoore of me.
 336 (344) But thus I lete in lust and jolitee
 337 (345) This Cambyuskan his lordes festeiynge
 338 (346) Til wel ny the day bigan to sprynge.

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339 (347) The norice of digestioun, the sleep,
 340 (348) Gan on hem wynke and bad hem taken keep
 341 (349) That muchel drynke and labour wolde han reste;
 342 (350) And with a galpyng mouth hem alle he keste,
 343 (351) And seyde that it was tyme to lye adoun,
 344 (352) For blood was in his domynacioun.
 345 (353) "Cherisseth blood, natures freend," quod he.
 346 (354) They thanken hym galpynge, by two, by thre,
 347 (355) And every wight gan drawe hym to his reste,
 348 (356) As sleep hem bad; they tooke it for the beste.
 349 (357) Hire dremes shul nat now been toold for me;
 350 (358) Ful were hire heddes of fumositee,
 351 (359) That causeth dreem of which ther nys no charge.
 352 (360) They slepen til that it was pryme large,
 353 (361) The mooste part, but it were Canacee.
 354 (362) She was ful mesurable, as wommen be;
 355 (363) For of hir fader hadde she take leve
 356 (364) To goon to reste soone after it was eve.
 357 (365) Hir liste nat appalled for to be,
 358 (366) Ne on the morwe unfeestlich for to se,
 359 (367) And slepte hire firste sleep, and thanne awook.
 360 (368) For swich a joye she in hir herte took
 361 (369) Bothe of hir queynte ryng and hire mirour,
 362 (370) That twenty tyme she changed hir colour;
 363 (371) And in hire sleep, right for impressioun
 364 (372) Of hire mirour, she hadde a visioun.
 365 (373) Wherefore, er that the sonne gan up glyde,
 366 (374) She cleped on hir maistresse hire bisyde,
 367 (375) And seyde that hire liste for to ryse.
 368 (376) These olde wommen that been gladly wyse,
 369 (377) As is hire maistresse, answerde hire anon,
 370 (378) And seyde, "Madame, whider wil ye goon
 371 (379) Thus erly, for the folk been alle on reste?"
 372 (380) "I wol," quod she, "arise, for me leste
 373 (381) Ne lenger for to slepe, and walke aboute."
 374 (382) Hire maistresse clepeth wommen a greet route,
 375 (383) And up they rysen, wel a ten or twelve;
 376 (384) Up riseth fresshe Canacee hireselve,
 377 (385) As rody and bright as dooth the yonge sonne,
 378 (386) That in the Ram is foure degrees up ronne-
 379 (387) Noon hyer was he whan she redy was-
 380 (388) And forth she walketh esily a pas,
 381 (389) Arrayed after the lusty seson soote
 382 (390) Lightly, for to pleye and walke on foote,
 383 (391) Nat but with fyve or sixe of hir meynee;
 384 (392) And in a trench forth in the park gooth she.
 385 (393) The vapour which that fro the erthe glood
 386 (394) Made the sonne to seme rody and brood;
 387 (395) But nathelees it was so fair a sighte
 388 (396) That it made alle hire hertes for to lighte,
 389 (397) What for the seson and the morwenynge,
 390 (398) And for the foweles that she herde synge.
 391 (399) For right anon she wiste what they mente
 392 (400) Right by hir song, and knew al hire entente.
 393 (401) The knotte why that every tale is toold,
 394 (402) If it be taried til that lust be coold
 395 (403) Of hem that han it after herkned yoore,
 396 (404) The savour passeth ever lenger the moore,
 397 (405) For fulsomnesse of his prolixitee;
 398 (406) And by the same resoun, thynketh me,
 399 (407) I sholde to the knotte condescende,
 400 (408) And maken of hir walkyng soone an ende.
 401 (409) Amydde a tree, for drye as whit as chalk,
 402 (410) As Canacee was pleyyng in hir walk,
 403 (411) Ther sat a faucon over hire heed ful hye,

404 (412) That with a pitous voys so gan to crye
405 (413) That all the wode resounded of hire cry.
406 (414) Ybeten hadde she hirsself so pitously
407 (415) With bothe hir wynges til the rede blood
408 (416) Ran endelong the tree ther-as she stood.
409 (417) And evere in oon she cryde alwey and shrighthe.
410 (418) And with hir beek hirselves so she prighte
411 (419) That ther nys tygre, ne noon so crueel beest
412 (420) That dwelleth outhere in wode or in forest.
413 (421) That nolde han wept, if that he wepe koude.
414 (422) For sorwe of hire, she shrighthe alwey so loude.
415 (423) For ther nas nevere yet no man on lyve,
416 (424) If that I koude a faucon wel discryve,
417 (425) That herde of swich another of fairnesse,
418 (426) As wel of plumage as of gentillesse
419 (427) Of shap, of al that myghte yrekened be.
420 (428) A faucon peregryn thanne semed she
421 (429) Of fremde land; and everemoore, as she stood,
422 (430) She swowneth now and now for lak of blood,
423 (431) Til wel neigh is she fallen fro the tree.
424 (432) This faire kynges doghter, Canacee,
425 (433) That on hir fynger baar the queynte ryng,
426 (434) Thurgh which she understood wel every thyng
427 (435) That any fowel may in his leden seyn,
428 (436) And koude answeren hym in his ledene ageyn,
429 (437) Hath understonde what this faucon seyde,
430 (438) And wel neigh for the routhe almost she deyde.
431 (439) And to the tree she gooth ful hastily,
432 (440) And on this faucon looketh pitously,
433 (441) And heeld hir lappe abrood, for wel she wiste
434 (442) The faucon moste fallen fro the twiste,
435 (443) Whan that it swowned next, for lak of blood.
436 (444) A longe whil to wayten hire she stood
437 (445) Til atte laste she spak in this manere
438 (446) Unto the hauk, as ye shal after heere:
439 (447) "What is the cause, if it be for to telle,
440 (448) That ye be in this furial pyne of helle?"
441 (449) Quod Canacee unto this hauk above.
442 (450) "Is this for sorwe of deeth or los of love?
443 (451) For, as I trowe, thise been causes two
444 (452) That causen moost a gentil herte wo;
445 (453) Of oother harm it nedeth nat to speke.
446 (454) For ye youreself upon yourself yow wreke,
447 (455) Which proveth wel that outhere ire or drede
448 (456) Moot been enchesoun of youre cruel dede,
449 (457) Syn that I see noon oother wight yow chace.
450 (458) For love of God, as dooth youreselfen grace,
451 (459) Or what may been youre help? For west not est
452 (460) Ne saugh I nevere et now no bryd ne beest
453 (461) That ferde with hymself so pitously.
454 (462) Ye sle me with youre sorwe verrailly,
455 (463) I have of yow so greet compassioun.
456 (464) For Goddes love, com fro the tree adoun;
457 (465) And as I am a kynges doghter trewe,
458 (466) If that I verrailly the cause knewe
459 (467) Of youre disese, if it lay in my myght,
460 (468) I wolde amenden it er that it were nyght,
461 (469) As wisly helpe me grete God of kynde!
462 (470) And herbes shal I right ynowe yfynde
463 (471) To heel with youre hurtes hastily."
464 (472) Tho shrighthe this faucon yet moore pitously
465 (473) Than ever she dide, and fil to grounde anon,
466 (474) And lith aswowne, deed and lyk a stoon,
467 (475) Til Canacee hath in hire lappe hire take
468 (476) Unto the tyme she gan of swough awake.
469 (477) And after that she of hir swough gan breyde,
470 (478) Right in hir haukes ledene thus she seyde:
471 (479) "That pitee renneth soone in gentil herte,
472 (480) Feelynge his similitude in peynes smerte,
473 (481) Is preved alday, as men may it see,
474 (482) As we by werk as by auctoritee;
475 (483) For gentil herte kitheth gentillesse.
476 (484) I se we that ye han of my distresse
477 (485) Compassion, my faire Canacee,
478 (486) Of verray wommanly benignytee
479 (487) That Nature in youre principles hath set.
480 (488) But for noon hope for to fare the bet,
481 (489) But for to obeye unto youre herte free,
482 (490) And for to maken othere be war by me,
483 (491) As by the whelp chasted is the leon,
484 (492) Right for that cause and that conclusion,
485 (493) Whil that I have a leyser and a space,
486 (494) Myn harm I wol confessen er I pace."
487 (495) And evere, whil that oon hir sorwe tolde,
488 (496) That oother weep as she to water wolde

489 (497) Til that the faucon bad hire to be stille,
490 (498) And, with a syk, right thus she seyde hir wille:
491 (499) "Ther I was bred-allas, that ilke day!
492 (500) And fostred in a roche of marbul gray
493 (501) So tendrely that no thyng eyled me,
494 (502) I nyste nat what was aduersitee
495 (503) Til I koude flee ful hye under the sky.
496 (504) Tho dwelte a tercelet me faste by,
497 (505) That semed welle of alle gentillesse;
498 (506) Al were he ful of treson and falsnesse,
499 (507) It was so wrapped under humble cheere,
500 (508) And under hewe of trouthe in swich manere,
501 (509) Under plesance, and under bisy peyne,
502 (510) That no wight koude han wend he koude feyne,
503 (511) So depe in greyn he dyed his coloures.
504 (512) Right as a serpent hit hym under floures
505 (513) Til he may seen his tyme for to byte,
506 (514) Right so this god of loves ypocryte
507 (515) Dooth so his cerymonyys and obeisaunces,
508 (516) And kepeth in semblaunt alle his observaunces
509 (517) That sownen into gentillesse of love.
510 (518) As in a toumbe is al the faire above,
511 (519) And under is the corps, swich as ye woot,
512 (520) Swich was this ypocrite, bothe coold and hoot.
513 (521) And in this wise he served his entente
514 (522) That, save the feend, noon wiste what he mente,
515 (523) Til he so longe hadde wopen and compleyned,
516 (524) And many a yeer his service to me feyned,
517 (525) Til that myn herte, to pitous and to nyce,
518 (526) Al innocent of his crowned malice,
519 (527) Forfered of his deeth, as thoughte me,
520 (528) Upon his othes and his seuretee,
521 (529) Graunted hym love, upon this condicioun,
522 (530) That everemoore myn honour and renoun
523 (531) Were saved, bothe privee and apert;
524 (532) This is to seyn, that after his desert,
525 (533) I yaf hym al myn herte and al my thought-
526 (534) God woot and he, that ootherwise noght-
527 (535) And took his herte in chaunge of myn for ay.
528 (536) But sooth is seyde, goon sithen many a day,
529 (537) "A trewe wight and a thief thenken nat oon."
530 (538) And whan he saugh the thyng so fer ygoon
531 (539) That I hadde graunted hym fully my love
532 (540) In swich a gyse as I have seyde above,
533 (541) And yeven hym my trewe herte as free
534 (542) As he swoor he yaf his herte to me,
535 (543) Anon this tigre, ful of doublenesse,
536 (544) Fil on his knees with so devout humblesse,
537 (545) With so heigh reverence, and, as by his cheere,
538 (546) So lyk a gentil love of manere,
539 (547) So ravysshed, as it semed, for the joye
540 (548) That nevere Jason ne Parys of Troye-
541 (549) Jason? certes, ne noon oother man
542 (550) Syn Lameth was, that alderfirst bigan
543 (551) To loven two, as writen folk biforn-
544 (552) Ne nevere, syn the firste man was born,
545 (553) Ne koude man, by twenty thousand part,
546 (554) Countrefete the sophymes of his art,
547 (555) Ne were worthy unbokelen his galoche,
548 (556) Ther doublenesse or feynyng sholde approche,
549 (557) Ne so koude thonke a wight as he dide me!
550 (558) His manere was an hevener for to see
551 (559) Til any womman, were she never so wys,
552 (560) So peynted he and kembde at point-devys
553 (561) As wel his wordes as his contenaunce,
554 (562) And I so loved hym for his obeisaunce,
555 (563) And for the trouthe I demed in his herte,
556 (564) That if so were that any thyng hym smerte,
557 (565) A were it never so lite, and I it wiste,
558 (566) Me thoughte I felte deeth myn herte twiste.
559 (567) And shortly, so ferforth this thyng is went
560 (568) That my wyl was his willes instrument;
561 (569) This is to seyn, my wyl obeyed his wyl
562 (570) In alle thyng, as fer as reson fil,
563 (571) Kepyng the boundes of my worshipe evere.
564 (572) Ne nevere hadde I thyng so lief, ne leverer,
565 (573) As hym, God woot, ne nevere shal namo.
566 (574) "This laste lenger than a yeer or two,
567 (575) That I supposed of hym noght but good.
568 (576) But finally, thus atte laste it stood,
569 (577) That Fortune wolde that he moste twynne
570 (578) Out of that place which that I was inne.
571 (579) Whet me was wo, that is no questioun;
572 (580) I kan nat make of it discrypsion.
573 (581) For o thyng dar I tellen boldely:

574 (582) I knowe what is the peyne of deeth therby;
575 (583) Swich harm I felte for he ne myghte bileve.
576 (584) So on a day of me he took his leve.
577 (585) So sorwefully eek that I wende verrailly
578 (586) That he had felt as muche harm as I,
579 (587) Whan that I herde hym speke and saugh his hewe.
580 (588) But nathelees, I thoughte he was so trewe,
581 (589) And eek that he repaire sholde ageyn
582 (590) Withinne a litel while, sooth to seyn:
583 (591) And resoun wode eek that he moste go
584 (592) For his honour, as ofte it happeth so,
585 (593) That I made vertu of necessitee,
586 (594) And took it wel, syn that it moste be.
587 (595) As I best myghte, I hidde fro hym my sorwe,
588 (596) And took hym by the hond, Seint John to borwe,
589 (597) And seyde hym thus: "Lo, I am youres al;
590 (598) Beth swich as I to yow have been and shal."
591 (599) What he answerde, it nedeth noght reherce;
592 (600) Who kan sey bet than he, who kan do werse?
593 (601) Whan he hath al wel seyde, thanne hath he doon.
594 (602) "herfore bihoveth hire a ful long spoon
595 (603) That shal ete with a feend," thus herde I seye.
596 (604) So atte laste he moste forth his weye,
597 (605) And forth he fleeth til he cam ther hym leste.
598 (606) Whan it cam hym to purpos for to teste,
599 (607) I trowe he hadde thilke text in mynde,
600 (608) That "alle thyng, repeiryng to his kynde,
601 (609) Gladeth hymself;" thus seyn men, as I gesse.
602 (610) Men loven of propre kynde newefangelnesse,
603 (611) As briddes doon that men in cages fede.
604 (612) For though thou nyght and day take of hem hede,
605 (613) And strawe hir cage faire and softe as silk,
606 (614) And yeve hem sugre, hony, breed and milk,
607 (615) Yet right anon as that his dore is uppe
608 (616) He with his feet wol spurne adoun his cuppe,
609 (617) And to the wode he wole and wormes etc;
610 (618) So newefangel been they of hire mete,
611 (619) And loven novelties of propre kynde,
612 (620) No gentilnesse of blood ne may hem bynde.
613 (621) "So ferde this tercelet, allas the day!
614 (622) Though he were gentil born, and fressh and gay,
615 (623) And goodlich for to seen, and humble and free,
616 (624) He saugh upon a tyme a kyte flee,
617 (625) And sodeynly he loved this kyte so
618 (626) That al his love is clene fro me ago,
619 (627) And hath his trouthe falsed in this wyse.
620 (628) Thus hath the kyte my love in hire servyse,
621 (629) And I am lorn withouten remedie!"
622 (630) And with that word this faucon gan to crie
623 (631) And swowned eft in Canacees barm.
624 (632) Greet was the sorwe for the haukes harm
625 (633) That Canacee and alle hir wommen made;
626 (634) They nyste hou they myghte the faucon glade.
627 (635) But Canacee hom bereth hire in hir lappe,
628 (636) And softly in plastres gan hire wrappe,
629 (637) Ther as she with hire beek hadde hurt herselfe.
630 (638) Now kan nat Canacee but herbes delve
631 (639) Out of the ground, and make salves newe
632 (640) Of herbes precieuse and fyne of hewe
633 (641) To heelen with this hauk. Fro day to nyght
634 (642) She dooth hire bisynesse and al hire myght,
635 (643) And by hire beddes heed she made a mewe
636 (644) And covered it with veluettes blewe,
637 (645) In signe of trouthe that is in wommen sene.
638 (646) And al withoute, the mewe is peynted grene,
639 (647) In which were peynted alle these false fowles,
640 (648) As ben these tidyves, tercelettes, and owles;
641 (649) Right for despit were peynted hem bisyde,
642 (650) Pyes, on hem for to crie and chyde.
643 (651) Thus lete I Canacee hir hauk kepyng;
644 (652) I wol namoore as now speke of hir ryng
645 (653) Til it come eft to purpos for to seyn
646 (654) How that this faucon gat hire love ageyn
647 (655) Repentant, as the storie telleth us,
648 (656) By mediacion of Cambalus,
649 (657) The kynges sone, of which I yow tolde.
650 (658) But hennesforth I wol my proces holde
651 (659) To speken of adventures and of batailles
652 (660) That nevere yet was herd so grete mervailles.
653 (661) First wol I telle yow of Cambyuskan,
654 (662) That in his tyme many a citee wan;
655 (663) And after wol I speke of Algarsif,
656 (664) How that he wan Theodora to his wif,
657 (665) For whom ful ofte in greet peril he was,
658 (666) Ne hadde he ben holpen by the steede of bras;

659 (667) And after wol I speke of Cambalo,
660 (668) That faught in lystes with the bretheren two
661 (669) For Canacee er that he myghte hire wynne.
662 (670) And ther I lefte I wol ayeyn bigynne.

Explicit secunda pars.

Incipit pars tercia.

663 (671) Appollo whirleth up his chaar so hye
664 (672) Til that the god Mercurius hous, the slye-

Heere folwen the wordes of the Frankeleyn to the Squier
and the wordes of the Hoost to the Frankeleyn.

665 (673) "In feith, Squier, thow hast thee wel yquit
666 (674) And gentilly, I preise wel thy wit,"
667 (675) Quod the Frankeleyn, "considerynge thy yowthe,
668 (676) So feelyngly thou spekest, sire, I allow the!
669 (677) As to my doom, ther is noon that is heere
670 (678) Of eloquence that shal be thy peere,
671 (679) If that thou lyve; God yeve thee good chaunce,
672 (680) And in vertu sende thee continuaunce,
673 (681) For of thy speche I have greet deyntee.
674 (682) I have a sone, and by the Trinitee,
675 (683) I hadde levere than twenty pound worth lond,
676 (684) Though it right now were fallen in myn hond,
677 (685) He were a man of swich discrecioun
678 (686) As that ye been! Fy on possessioun,
679 (687) But if a man be vertuou withal
680 (688) I have my sone snybbed, and yet shal,
681 (689) For he to vertu listeth nat entende;
682 (690) But for to pleye at dees, and to despende
683 (691) And lese al that he hath is his usage.
684 (692) And he hath levere talken with a page
685 (693) Than to comune with any gentil wight
686 (694) Where he myghte lerne gentillesse aright."
687 (695) "Straw for youre gentillesse!" quod oure Hoost.
688 (696) "What, Frankeleyn! Pardee, sire, we thou woost
689 (697) That ech of yow moot tellen atte leste
690 (698) A tale or two, or breken his biheste."
691 (699) "That knowe I wel, sire," quod the Frankeleyn.
692 (700) "I prey yow, haveth me nat in desdeyn,
693 (701) Though to this man I speke a word or two."
694 (702) "Telle on thy tale withouten wordes mo."
695 (703) "Gladly, sire Hoost," quod he, "I wole obeye
696 (704) Unto your wyl; now herkneth what I seye.
697 (705) I wol yow nat contrarien in no wyse
698 (706) As fer as that my wittes wol suffyse.
699 (707) I prey to God that it may plesen yow;
700 (708) Thanne woot I wel that it is good ynow."