

## ——「『修道士の話』の序と物語」用語索引（6）——

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### A Concordance to *The Monk's Prologue and Tale* in *The Canterbury Tales* (6)

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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'*<sup>1)</sup> は A. W. Pollard のテキスト *The Globe Edition*<sup>2)</sup> 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. Robinson<sup>3)</sup> 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*<sup>4)</sup> であり、いま一つは Larry D. Benson による *A Glossarial Concordance to the Riverside Chaucer*<sup>5)</sup> である。しかしこれらはいずれも『カンタベリー

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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.

物語』の中で展開する個々の「物語」を独立させた用語索引として掲載しておらない。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と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、個々の語彙環境を各「物語」の中で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 Monk’s Prologue and Tale in The Canterbury Tales*”の文学世界を、文体と語彙の両面において、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 Monk’s Prologue and Tale in The Canterbury Tales*”の中に登場する各語彙について、先ず‘Concordance’を作成する。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‘Text of *The Monk’s Prologue and Tale in The Canterbury Tales*’を掲載する。Text 作成では第一行目を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。

今回は“*The Monk’s Prologue and Tale in The Canterbury Tale*”の‘Concordance’として、(その6)の作成を試みた。

A Concordance to *The Monk's Prologue and Tale*  
in *The Canterbury Tales* based on *The Riverside Chaucer* (6)

Word Lists of *The Monk's Prologue and Tale* in *The Canterbury Tales*  
based on *The Riverside Chaucer* (3)

Word Lists of *The Monk's Tale* (2)

**Word List 2 (Sorted by Frequency) of *The Monk's Tale* in *The Canterbury Tales*  
based on *The Riverside Chaucer* (2)**

And	295	now	10	pride	5
he	192	yet	10	pryde	5
That	176	ay	9	regnes	5
his	175	greet	9	roial	5
of	172	lay	9	Save	5
the	133	moore	9	slayn	5
in	123	Rome	9	sone	5
to	113	tyme	9	storie	5
was	96	wel	9	telle	5
hym	94	what	9	temple	5
for	84	anon	8	thoughte	5
a	83	gan	8	tweye	5
this	72	heed	8	up	5
she	56	many	8	us	5
so	46	noght	8	wende	5
With	46	see	8	where	5
as	45	Thanne	8	why	5
But	45	wo	8	wise	5
al	41	armes	7	ye	5
hire	37	bothe	7	any	4
hadde	36	doun	7	bad	4
ne	36	er	7	bak	4
by	35	Fro	7	bee	4
it	34	han	7	Broghte	4
Hir	33	noble	7	calle	4
Fortune	31	oother	7	cam	4
I	30	seye	7	caste	4
no	30	thise	7	children	4
ful	29	though	7	citee	4
which	27	thurgh	7	conquerour	4
hem	26	thyng	7	deed	4
myghte	26	wan	7	devyse	4
on	26	war	7	drank	4
God	25	wente	7	evere	4
nat	25	wight	7	faste	4
made	24	after	6	feeld	4
were	22	array	6	flee	4
be	20	art	6	glorie	4
is	20	degree	6	gold	4
thy	20	doon	6	grace	4
wolde	20	dye	6	had	4
or	19	Emperour	6	have	4
out	19	falle	6	herte	4
whan	19	false	6	highte	4
man	18	fil	6	honour	4
They	18	flessh	6	hunger	4
unto	18	grete	6	labour	4
eek	17	if	6	land	4
slow	17	Julius	6	litel	4
kyng	16	koude	6	lye	4
Ther	16	magestee	6	maked	4
alle	15	oure	6	me	4
hath	15	proud	6	my	4
noon	15	soore	6	myght	4
upon	15	strengthe	6	namoore	4
men	14	worthy	6	Odenake	4
swich	14	adoun	5	othere	4
Til	14	agayn	5	owene	4
Allas	13	also	5	prisoun	4
at	13	another	5	prosperitee	4
day	13	dede	5	proude	4
Hye	13	do	5	quod	4
may	13	dorste	5	rede	4
nevere	13	drede	5	reyn	4
O	13	estaat	5	right	4
shal	13	foomen	5	same	4
thou	13	Goddess	5	Sampsoun	4
Thus	13	hand	5	sette	4
an	12	hee	5	smoot	4
heigh	12	hymself	5	suffise	4
seyde	12	into	5	teere	4
wol	12	kan	5	thre	4
world	12	knew	5	tolde	4
fader	11	kynges	5	took	4
from	11	laste	5	truste	4
How	11	longe	5	wepe	4
regne	11	maister	5	weren	4
sholde	11	myghty	5	whiche	4
thee	11	Nero	5	whil	4
two	11	nyght	5	wilde	4
been	10	oon	5	wiste	4
every	10	peple	5	withinne	4

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wommen	4	take	3	Darius	2
yeer	4	tente	3	deeth	2
Agayns	3	than	3	deigned	2
almighty	3	Therwith	3	delit	2
anoon	3	thilke	3	dide	2
asses	3	thousand	3	doghter	2
atte	3	thyn	3	dradde	2
bar	3	tour	3	dremes	2
bath	3	tree	3	dronke	2
beest	3	venym	3	drye	2
bigan	3	verrailly	3	drynke	2
biwaille	3	verray	3	eet	2
blood	3	vessels	3	ensample	2
bond	3	weere	3	entente	2
brother	3	wepen	3	Erl	2
bryngen	3	wered	3	escaped	2
child	3	werre	3	ete	2
conquered	3	wey	3	expowned	2
conseil	3	whilom	3	fadres	2
creature	3	who	3	faillie	2
Cresus	3	word	3	fals	2
cruelly	3	wrecchednesse	3	favour	2
Daniel	3	wreche	3	fayn	2
deere	3	wrought	3	feere	2
deyde	3	Wroot	3	feeste	2
dores	3	wyde	3	fer	2
dyen	3	wyf	3	fillen	2
ech	3	wyn	3	first	2
eke	3	wyves	3	fledde	2
elles	3	yow	3	folk	2
ende	3	aboute	2	foo	2
endure	3	Adam	2	foond	2
eyen	3	age	2	foxes	2
fair	3	Alisandre	2	freend	2
flour	3	am	2	fressh	2
foos	3	Amonges	2	fully	2
force	3	angel	2	fyn	2
freendes	3	Anhanged	2	galwes	2
fyr	3	assente	2	game	2
go	3	Aurelian	2	gardyn	2
handes	3	awe	2	gayler	2
hate	3	awey	2	gentillesse	2
heeld	3	Balthasar	2	glad	2
helle	3	barm	2	governaunce	2
hente	3	bed	2	guttis	2
hoost	3	beestes	2	hardynesse	2
Jerusalem	3	bere	2	Hercules	2
kepte	3	Beth	2	herd	2
knyghthod	3	bigynne	2	herde	2
ladde	3	birafte	2	heres	2
lawe	3	body	2	hevene	2
lenger	3	bookes	2	hey	2
leyde	3	boost	2	hill	2
list	3	boydekyns	2	hond	2
lond	3	breed	2	honestee	2
maken	3	brende	2	hundred	2
mannes	3	brent	2	hymselfen	2
mo	3	briddes	2	Hys	2
nas	3	Brutus	2	ire	2
perree	3	brynge	2	Israel	2
peyne	3	Capitolie	2	Jewes	2
Pize	3	carf	2	joye	2
pleye	3	cast	2	Juppiter	2
Pompeus	3	caught	2	kiste	2
preye	3	cave	2	knyt	2
putten	3	ceptre	2	lad	2
queene	3	certein	2	lafte	2
renoun	3	certeyn	2	large	2
richesse	3	chaar	2	Lat	2
Sampson	3	champioun	2	leest	2
secree	3	cheke	2	leet	2
sente	3	cherles	2	lemman	2
seyn	3	childe	2	leoun	2
shortly	3	chivalrie	2	lete	2
Sith	3	clerkes	2	lief	2
slawe	3	comanded	2	liste	2
sodeynly	3	commune	2	Loo	2
sondry	3	conqueroures	2	lordes	2
soone	3	contree	2	lowe	2
starf	3	corage	2	Lucifer	2
strong	3	crie	2	lyf	2
stronge	3	cried	2	lyk	2
stynk	3	crueel	2	maad	2
syde	3	crueltee	2	Machabee	2

Mane	2	tirannye	2	artow	1
manere	2	tonge	2	ar wes	1
manye	2	torente	2	assaille	1
meschaunce	2	toun	2	assured	1
meschief	2	towaille	2	aswage	1
mete	2	Toward	2	attayne	1
mooder	2	tragedie	2	availle	1
moost	2	trespace	2	away	1
moot	2	trumphe	2	awayt	1
moste	2	trone	2	Babiloigne	1
myghtily	2	under	2	badde	1
Nabugodonor	2	unnethe	2	balance	1
natheless	2	venymus	2	Barnabo	1
nede	2	vertu	2	bataille	1
nekke	2	vessel	2	batailles	1
never	2	vice	2	beautee	1
newe	2	wal	2	beere	1
noblesse	2	wax	2	beres	1
obeye	2	we	2	bereth	1
Off	2	werkes	2	berne	1
Oloferne	2	weye	2	Bethulia	1
ones	2	weylaway	2	bettre	1
oold	2	Whanne	2	bifil	1
orient	2	wheel	2	bifore	1
over	2	whereas	2	Biforen	1
pees	2	while	2	biforn	1
Persiens	2	Whoso	2	bigeten	1
Petro	2	wikked	2	bigynneth	1
phares	2	wit	2	biholde	1
Phebus	2	wole	2	bilongeth	1
pitee	2	wombe	2	bireve	1
pitous	2	womman	2	biseged	1
place	2	wont	2	bisshop	1
pleyn	2	worldes	2	bisyde	1
point	2	wounde	2	bitokneth	1
pompous	2	wrecchedly	2	bitraysed	1
prynce	2	writen	2	Bitwixe	1
purpos	2	wys	2	bityde	1
putte	2	wyte	2	biwreye	1
rafte	2	yaf	2	blak	1
ran	2	yen	2	blaked	1
rather	2	yeven	2	blede	1
reed	2	ynogh	2	blithe	1
rente	2	ynough	2	blynd	1
riche	2	yong	2	blynde	1
Romayn	2	yonge	2	bodies	1
roos	2	aas	1	bolde	1
ryde	2	abate	1	boldely	1
saugh	2	accusen	1	bonde	1
seith	2	Acheloyes	1	bones	1
seke	2	acounte	1	boon	1
sende	2	acustumaunce	1	boond	1
Seneca	2	adoured	1	boor	1
sent	2	adversarie	1	boot	1
sherte	2	adversitee	1	bounde	1
shette	2	affray	1	boundes	1
sitthe	2	afterward	1	bountee	1
skyn	2	agaste	1	brak	1
sleen	2	Alisaundre	1	brede	1
slepen	2	all	1	brew	1
slepynge	2	alliance	1	breyde	1
snow	2	allied	1	brighte	1
sones	2	Allone	1	brightest	1
sonne	2	allye	1	brike	1
sovereyn	2	almoost	1	brode	1
stood	2	Although	1	brought	1
stoon	2	alwey	1	brond	1
strook	2	amended	1	brouded	1
subjeccioun	2	Amydde	1	broughte	1
suffre	2	amyddes	1	bryddes	1
swiche	2	amys	1	bryngeth	1
synne	2	angels	1	Busirus	1
tayles	2	annunciat	1	bussch	1
techel	2	Antheus	1	bynde	1
teeris	2	Anthiochus	1	byte	1
Thanke	2	a-nyght	1	caas	1
Therefore	2	Apertenaunt	1	Cacus	1
therfore	2	apparailen	1	cage	1
therto	2	appetites	1	called	1
therwithal	2	apples	1	can	1
Tho	2	Arabyen	1	capitayn	1
th'orient	2	armlees	1	careyne	1
thyne	2	Armorike	1	cas	1
thynges	2	Arpies	1	Cassius	1

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cause	1	despise	1	fel	1
caytyf	1	despit	1	felawes	1
Cenobia	1	despitously	1	felicitee	1
Cenobie	1	deth	1	felle	1
Centauros	1	deye	1	fere	1
Cerberus	1	Dianira	1	fetheres	1
certainly	1	dight	1	fetred	1
Cesar	1	dignytee	1	fewe	1
Chaldeye	1	discrecioun	1	fighte	1
char	1	Discreetly	1	figure	1
charged	1	discryved	1	fire	1
Charles	1	dispende	1	firy	1
chastise	1	distaf	1	fissbe	1
chayer	1	divide	1	flambes	1
Chees	1	divyn	1	fleigh	1
cherice	1	diyng	1	flighte	1
cheynes	1	doghty	1	floodes	1
childhede	1	domesman	1	floures	1
Cipre	1	domynacioun	1	folweth	1
Cirus	1	dorst	1	fond	1
ciser	1	double	1	fool	1
clad	1	dragoun	1	foon	1
Claudius	1	Dredeful	1	forbrused	1
clawes	1	dreem	1	forsake	1
clene	1	dreye	1	forsook	1
clerk	1	dronken	1	forth	1
clippe	1	drow	1	foul	1
clipped	1	dryen	1	fourneys	1
clooth	1	dryven	1	fourty	1
clothes	1	dukes	1	franchise	1
clothyng	1	dyde	1	freedom	1
clothyngne	1	Dyvyded	1	frete	1
cloumbe	1	eftsoone	1	fulfild	1
clowde	1	Eft-soone	1	fyf	1
coles	1	Egipcien	1	fynde	1
coloured	1	egles	1	fynger	1
campaignye	1	ek	1	Galien	1
Comparisoun	1	elaat	1	galle	1
compassioun	1	elder	1	gape	1
complayne	1	eldest	1	gat	1
compleyne	1	eldres	1	gates	1
conceyved	1	Eliachim	1	gaureth	1
conclusioun	1	ellis	1	gay	1
concupynes	1	emperoures	1	Gazan	1
consecrat	1	Empoysoned	1	geant	1
conspiracye	1	emprise	1	gelde	1
corageus	1	ended	1	gemmes	1
cornes	1	endes	1	gentil	1
Coroned	1	endite	1	Genylon-Olyver	1
corrupt	1	enemys	1	gerdoun	1
cost	1	enhaunced	1	gesse	1
cours	1	ensamples	1	gilte	1
covere	1	entende	1	girden	1
craft	1	Envenymed	1	gleede	1
crepe	1	envie	1	glorious	1
crepte	1	envye	1	glose	1
crye	1	erles	1	gnow	1
cubites	1	Ermyrn	1	golden	1
cursed	1	erys	1	goon	1
cursedly	1	escape	1	Gooth	1
cursednesse	1	espied	1	governe	1
curteis	1	espye	1	governour	1
curteisye	1	espyen	1	Grece	1
Dalida	1	est	1	greetly	1
dampnable	1	estaatly	1	greithen	1
Dampned	1	everemo	1	gretter	1
Damysse	1	everemoo	1	grevaunce	1
Dant	1	everichoon	1	grisly	1
daunted	1	everychon	1	gronte	1
dawe	1	excusen	1	grynde	1
dayes	1	expounde	1	gye	1
decree	1	expoune	1	habit	1
deedly	1	face	1	habitacioun	1
defame	1	faireste	1	habounde	1
defaute	1	fairnesse	1	half	1
delicaat	1	fallen	1	hangynge	1
delicasie	1	fallynge	1	hap	1
delite	1	falsly	1	harm	1
demeyne	1	fantasies	1	hast	1
dennes	1	fantasye	1	hastily	1
depe	1	Farewel	1	heede	1
dere	1	fastere	1	heelp	1
descended	1	faught	1	heer	1
desperied	1	feend	1	heerby	1

heere	1	Lo	1	oghte	1
heeres	1	long	1	oghten	1
heeris	1	lord	1	olde	1
heeste	1	lordshipe	1	Olyver	1
heir	1	Lordynges	1	olyveres	1
heires	1	lorn	1	oones	1
held	1	lost	1	oonly	1
helmed	1	lough	1	overthrowe	1
helpe	1	loute	1	oxe	1
her	1	lovede	1	Palymerie	1
here	1	Lucan	1	paradys	1
Hermann	1	Lumbardye	1	passed	1
hertes	1	lustes	1	past	1
heryst	1	Lyde	1	payne	1
hethen	1	lymes	1	peere	1
him	1	lymrod	1	peerles	1
himself	1	lynage	1	penyble	1
homycide	1	lyved	1	Perce	1
hony	1	lyves	1	Perses	1
hoom	1	Macidoyne	1	Petrak	1
hoote	1	maden	1	peynes	1
hornes	1	magicien	1	Phanye	1
horrible	1	maistrie	1	Philippes	1
horribly	1	maistrye	1	Philistiens	1
hors	1	manace	1	pileer	1
hound	1	maner	1	pilers	1
hour	1	manhede	1	pitously	1
housbonde	1	mankynde	1	plat	1
Hugelyn	1	manly	1	playn	1
humble	1	mantel	1	plentee	1
hungry	1	maried	1	plese	1
huntyng	1	Maugree	1	pleyde	1
hyde	1	maydenhod	1	pleyen	1
hypes	1	mayst	1	pleyne	1
ilke	1	maystow	1	plyght	1
importable	1	Medes	1	poete	1
incurable	1	meede	1	pompe	1
in-feere	1	meene	1	Pompeye	1
infortune	1	meignee	1	potage	1
inne	1	Melan	1	povre	1
invisible	1	mencioun	1	poyson	1
joyned	1	mente	1	precept	1
Judicum	1	messenger	1	precious	1
Judith	1	mesure	1	prees	1
juge	1	mette	1	preest	1
keene	1	meynee	1	presumpcioun	1
kep	1	miserie	1	preyde	1
kepe	1	Mishap	1	princes	1
kille	1	monstres	1	pris	1
knokked	1	montaignes	1	prison	1
knowe	1	montayne	1	prively	1
knowest	1	monteyne	1	privetee	1
knowyng	1	moralitee	1	proces	1
konnyng	1	morsel	1	proppe	1
langour	1	morwe	1	proverbe	1
lappe	1	multiplye	1	prynces	1
laude	1	mysaventure	1	pryvely	1
lauriat	1	mysgovernaunce	1	put	1
law	1	mysgyed	1	puttest	1
lecherie	1	naked	1	pyne	1
legions	1	name	1	Pyze	1
lente	1	names	1	quaked	1
leonyn	1	nathelees	1	queerne	1
leopardes	1	nativitee	1	quook	1
Leouns	1	nayles	1	quyte	1
lerne	1	nedeth	1	raked	1
lesse	1	neither	1	rasour	1
Lest	1	Neroun	1	rayn	1
lesynge	1	Nessus	1	reawme	1
let	1	nest	1	rebel	1
lette	1	Nettes	1	recomende	1
letterure	1	nevew	1	Redeth	1
lettre	1	neyther	1	regned	1
lettrure	1	Nichanore	1	relessed	1
levere	1	noide	1	remedie	1
leyd	1	noot	1	remedye	1
leyser	1	nothyng	1	remembraunce	1
libertee	1	ny	1	renen	1
liges	1	nyce	1	rennen	1
lik	1	occupieth	1	repaireth	1
likerously	1	Odenakes	1	resonable	1
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limes	1	officeres	1	restored	1
lith	1	ofte	1	restrayne	1

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restreyne	1	strenger	1	untrewe	1
ride	1	strengthes	1	unwar	1
rise	1	strongest	1	upright	1
robbour	1	stroong	1	Valerius	1
Roger	1	subtil	1	vengeance	1
rombled	1	subtilly	1	vengeaunce	1
rubies	1	subtiltee	1	venquysshed	1
ryse	1	Succedyng	1	vertuous	1
saphires	1	suggestioun	1	vesseles	1
Sapor	1	suppose	1	vices	1
Sathanas	1	Surrien	1	vicius	1
savyng	1	suster	1	Viscounte	1
say	1	Swetonius	1	vitremyte	1
sayn	1	Swetoun	1	vynes	1
scarsly	1	sweven	1	wade	1
scourge	1	swift	1	walked	1
seege	1	swoor	1	walketh	1
seen	1	synfully	1	walkynge	1
semed	1	Syngen	1	wang-tooth	1
senatours	1	syngyng	1	warned	1
sentence	1	sys	1	wasshe	1
septemtrioun	1	taak	1	wayled	1
serpent	1	tale	1	wayteth	1
sete	1	tame	1	weddyng	1
seten	1	taried	1	weelde	1
sevene	1	tayl	1	weelded	1
shadde	1	teche	1	weep	1
shalt	1	telleth	1	weet	1
shame	1	th'angel	1	weex	1
shap	1	thanked	1	weilaway	1
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sheere	1	theroute	1	welle	1
shere	1	Thessalie	1	welte	1
shertedash	1	thing	1	wenches	1
shook	1	th'occident	1	weneth	1
shoop	1	Thogh	1	Wenyng	1
shul	1	thoght	1	wepte	1
sighte	1	thow	1	werker	1
signyfyde	1	thral	1	werreye	1
siked	1	threed	1	wessh	1
sikernesne	1	throwe	1	west	1
Sire	1	Thurghout	1	weyen	1
sit	1	thurst	1	weyest	1
Sixty	1	Thymalao	1	Wheither	1
slen	1	Thymothee	1	Where-as	1
slepe	1	tiraunt	1	Wherso	1
slepte	1	title	1	white	1
slitte	1	togydre	1	Whom	1
smal	1	told	1	wikes	1
smert	1	tonges	1	wille	1
smerte	1	toold	1	wisdom	1
socour	1	toolde	1	wiseste	1
solde	1	torment	1	withalle	1
some	1	tormentise	1	withholde	1
somme	1	totar	1	Withouten	1
somwhat	1	touche	1	Witnesse	1
sone-in-lawe	1	toures	1	wlatsom	1
sonnest	1	townes	1	wode	1
sooth	1	Tragedies	1	woful	1
sorwe	1	traitour	1	wonder	1
south	1	traunce	1	wook	1
sowned	1	tresor	1	wordes	1
sowple	1	tresour	1	worldly	1
spak	1	trete	1	wormes	1
Spayne	1	tretee	1	worshipful	1
spedde	1	trewe	1	woundes	1
speke	1	tributarie	1	Wrastlen	1
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sprang	1	Trophee	1	writ	1
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stank	1	trusteth	1	wroghtesrow	1
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stonde	1	tyrant	1	ydoon	1
stoode	1	unclene	1	yeere	1
stoures	1	uncowple	1	yeres	1
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"The Monk's Tale"

*The murye wordes of the Hoost to the Monk.*

- 1 ( 1889 ) Whan ended was my tale of Melibee,
- 2 ( 1890 ) And of Prudence and hire benignytee,
- 3 ( 1891 ) Oure Hooste seyde, "As I am feithful man,
- 4 ( 1892 ) And by that precious corpus Madrian,
- 5 ( 1893 ) I hadde levere than a barel ale
- 6 ( 1894 ) That Goodelief, my wyf, hadde herd this tale!
- 7 ( 1895 ) For she nys no thyng of swich pacience
- 8 ( 1896 ) As was this Melibeus wyf Prudence.
- 9 ( 1897 ) By Goddes bones, whan I bete my knaves,
- 10 ( 1898 ) She bryngeth me forth the grete clobbed staves,
- 11 ( 1899 ) And crieth, 'Slee the dogges everichoon,
- 12 ( 1900 ) And brek hem, bothe bak and every boon!"
- 13 ( 1901 ) "And if that any neighebor of myne
- 14 ( 1902 ) Wol nat in chirche to my wyf enclyne,
- 15 ( 1903 ) Or be so hardy to hire to trespase,
- 16 ( 1904 ) Whan she comth hoom she rampeth in my face,
- 17 ( 1905 ) And crieth, 'False coward, wreck thy wyf!
- 18 ( 1906 ) By corpus bones, I wol have thy knyf,
- 19 ( 1907 ) And thou shalt have my distaf and go spyenne!"
- 20 ( 1908 ) Fro day to nyght right thus she wol bigynne.
- 21 ( 1909 ) 'Allas,' she seith, 'that evere I was shape
- 22 ( 1910 ) To wedden a milksop, or a coward ape,
- 23 ( 1911 ) That wol been overlad with every wight!
- 24 ( 1912 ) Thou darst nat stonden by thy wyves right!"
- 25 ( 1913 ) "This is my lif, but if that I wol fighte;
- 26 ( 1914 ) And out at dore anon I moot me dighte,
- 27 ( 1915 ) Or elles I am but lost, but if that I
- 28 ( 1916 ) Be lik a wilde leoun, fool-hardy.
- 29 ( 1917 ) I woot wel she wol do me slee som day
- 30 ( 1918 ) Som neighebor, and thanne go my way;
- 31 ( 1919 ) For I am perilous with knyf in honde,
- 32 ( 1920 ) Al be it that I dar nat hire withstonde,
- 33 ( 1921 ) For she is byg in armes, by my feith:
- 34 ( 1922 ) That shal he fynde that hire mysdooth or seith --
- 35 ( 1923 ) But lat us passe away fro this mateere.
- 36 ( 1924 ) "My lord, the Monk," quod he, "be myrie of cheere,
- 37 ( 1925 ) For ye shul telle a tale trewely.
- 38 ( 1926 ) Loo, Rouchestre stant heer faste by!
- 39 ( 1927 ) Ryde forth, myn owene lord, brek nat oure game.
- 40 ( 1928 ) But, by my trouthe, I knowe nat youre name.
- 41 ( 1929 ) Wher shal I calle yow my lord daun John,
- 42 ( 1930 ) Or daun Thomas, or elles daun Albon?
- 43 ( 1931 ) Of what hous be ye, by youre fader kyn?
- 44 ( 1932 ) I vowe to God, thou hast a ful fair skyn;
- 45 ( 1933 ) It is a gentil pasture ther thow goost.
- 46 ( 1934 ) Thou art nat lyk a penant or a goost:
- 47 ( 1935 ) Upon my feith, thou art som officer,
- 48 ( 1936 ) Som worthy sexteyn, or som celerer,
- 49 ( 1937 ) For by my fader soule, as to my doom,
- 50 ( 1938 ) Thou art a maister whan thou art at hoom;
- 51 ( 1939 ) No povre cloysterer, ne no novys,
- 52 ( 1940 ) But a governour, wily and wys,
- 53 ( 1941 ) And therwithal of brawnes and of bones
- 54 ( 1942 ) A wel farynge persone for the nones.
- 55 ( 1943 ) I pray to God, yeve hym confusioun
- 56 ( 1944 ) That first thee broghte unto religioun!
- 57 ( 1945 ) Thou woldest han been a tredefowel aright.
- 58 ( 1946 ) Haddestow as greet a leeve as thou hast myght
- 59 ( 1947 ) To parfourne al thy lust in engendrure,
- 60 ( 1948 ) Thou haddest bigeten ful many a creature.
- 61 ( 1949 ) Allas, why werestow so wyd a cope?
- 62 ( 1950 ) God yeve me sorwe, but, and I were a pope,

- 63 ( 1951 ) Nat oonly thou, but every myghty man,  
 64 ( 1952 ) Though he were shorn ful hye upon his pan,  
 65 ( 1953 ) Sholde have a wyf; for al the world is lorn!  
 66 ( 1954 ) Religioun hath take up al the corn  
 67 ( 1955 ) Of tredyng, and we borel men been shrympes.  
 68 ( 1956 ) Of fieble trees ther comen wrecched ympes.  
 69 ( 1957 ) This maketh that oure heires been so sklendre  
 70 ( 1958 ) And feble that they may nat wel engendre.  
 71 ( 1959 ) This maketh that oure wyves wole assaye  
 72 ( 1960 ) Religious folk, for ye mowe bettre paye  
 73 ( 1961 ) Of Venus paiementz than mowe we;  
 74 ( 1962 ) God woot, no lussheburghes payen ye!  
 75 ( 1963 ) But be nat wrooth, my lord, though that I pleye.  
 76 ( 1964 ) Ful ofte in game a sooth I have herd seye!"  
 77 ( 1965 ) This worthy Monk took al in pacience,  
 78 ( 1966 ) And seyde, "I wol doon al my diligence,  
 79 ( 1967 ) As fer as sowneth into honestee,  
 80 ( 1968 ) To telle yow a tale, or two, or three.  
 81 ( 1969 ) And if yow list to herkne hyderward,  
 82 ( 1970 ) I wol yow seyn the lyf of Seint Edward;  
 83 ( 1971 ) Or ellis, first, tragedies wol I telle,  
 84 ( 1972 ) Of whiche I have an hundred in my celle.  
 85 ( 1973 ) Tragedie is to seyn a certeyn storie,  
 86 ( 1974 ) As olde bookes maken us memorie,  
 87 ( 1975 ) Of hym that stood in greet prosperitee,  
 88 ( 1976 ) And is yfallen out of heigh degree  
 89 ( 1977 ) Into myserie, and endeth wrecchedly.  
 90 ( 1978 ) And they ben versified communely  
 91 ( 1979 ) Of six feet, which men clepen exametron.  
 92 ( 1980 ) In prose eek been endited many oon,  
 93 ( 1981 ) And eek in meetre in many a sondry wyse.  
 94 ( 1982 ) Lo, this declaryng oghte ynogh suffise.  
 95 ( 1983 ) "Now herkne, if yow liketh for to heere.  
 96 ( 1984 ) But first I yow biseeke in this mateere,  
 97 ( 1985 ) Though I by ordre telle nat thise thynges,  
 98 ( 1986 ) Be it of popes, emperours, or kynges,  
 99 ( 1987 ) After hir ages, as men writen fynde,  
 100 ( 1988 ) But tellen hem som bifore and som bihynde,  
 101 ( 1989 ) As it now comth unto my remembraunce,  
 102 ( 1990 ) Have me excused of myn ignoraunce."

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*Heere bigynneth the Monkes Tale*  
*De Casibus Virorum Illustrium*

- 1 ( 1991 ) I wol biwaille in manere of tragedie  
 2 ( 1992 ) The harm of hem that stode in heigh degree,  
 3 ( 1993 ) And fillen so that ther nas no remedie  
 4 ( 1994 ) To brynge hem out of hir adversitee.  
 5 ( 1995 ) For certein, whan that Fortune list to flee,  
 6 ( 1996 ) Ther may no man the cours of hire withholde.  
 7 ( 1997 ) Lat no man truste on blynd prosperitee;  
 8 ( 1998 ) Be war by thise ensamples trewe and olde.

*Lucifer*

- 9 ( 1999 ) At Lucifer, though he an angel were  
 10 ( 2000 ) And nat a man, at hym wol I bigynne.  
 11 ( 2001 ) For though Fortune may noon angel dere,  
 12 ( 2002 ) From heigh degree yet fel he for his synne  
 13 ( 2003 ) Doun into helle, where he yet is inne.  
 14 ( 2004 ) O Lucifer, brightest of angels alle,  
 15 ( 2005 ) Now artow Sathanas, that mayst nat twynne  
 16 ( 2006 ) Out of miserie, in which that thou art falle.

*Adam*

- 17 ( 2007 ) Loo Adam, in the feeld of Damyssene  
 18 ( 2008 ) With Goddes owene fynger wrought was he,  
 19 ( 2009 ) And nat bigeten of mannes sperme unclene,  
 20 ( 2010 ) And welte al paradys savyng o tree.  
 21 ( 2011 ) Hadde nevere worldly man so heigh degree  
 22 ( 2012 ) As Adam, til he for mysghernaunce  
 23 ( 2013 ) Was dryven out of hys hye prosperitee  
 24 ( 2014 ) To labour, and to helle, and to meschaunce.

*Sampson*

- 25 ( 2015 ) Loo Sampson, which that was annunciat  
 26 ( 2016 ) By th'angel longe er his nativitee,  
 27 ( 2017 ) And was to God Almyghty consecrat,  
 28 ( 2018 ) And stood in noblesse whil he myghte see.  
 29 ( 2019 ) Was nevere swich another as was hee,  
 30 ( 2020 ) To speke of strengthe, and therwith hardynesse;  
 31 ( 2021 ) But to his wyves toolde he his secree,  
 32 ( 2022 ) Thurgh which he slow hymself for wrecchednesse.
- 33 ( 2023 ) Sampson, this noble almyghty champioun,  
 34 ( 2024 ) Withouten wepen save his handes tweye,  
 35 ( 2025 ) He slow and al torente the leoun,  
 36 ( 2026 ) Toward his weddyng walkyng by the weye.  
 37 ( 2027 ) His false wyf koude hym so plese and prey  
 38 ( 2028 ) Til she his conseil knew; and she, untrewre,  
 39 ( 2029 ) Unto his foos his conseil gan biwrewe,  
 40 ( 2030 ) And hym forsook, and took another newe.
- 41 ( 2031 ) Thre hundred foxes took Sampson for ire,  
 42 ( 2032 ) And alle hir tayles he togydre bond,  
 43 ( 2033 ) And sette the foxes tayles alle on fire,  
 44 ( 2034 ) For he on every tayl had knyt a brond;  
 45 ( 2035 ) And they brende alle the cornes in that lond,  
 46 ( 2036 ) And alle hire olyveres, and vynes eke.  
 47 ( 2037 ) A thousand men he slow eek with his hond,  
 48 ( 2038 ) And hadde no wepen but an asses cheke.
- 49 ( 2039 ) Whan they were slayn, so thursted hym that he  
 50 ( 2040 ) Was wel ny lorn, for which be gan to preye  
 51 ( 2041 ) That God wolde on his peyne han some pitee  
 52 ( 2042 ) And sende hym drynke, or elles moste he deye;  
 53 ( 2043 ) And of this asses cheke, that was drewe,  
 54 ( 2044 ) Out of a wang-tooth sprang anon a welle,  
 55 ( 2045 ) Of which he drank ynogh, shortly to seye;  
 56 ( 2046 ) Thus heelp hym God, as Judicum can telle.
- 57 ( 2047 ) By verray force at Gazan on a nyght,  
 58 ( 2048 ) Maugree Philistiens of that citee,  
 59 ( 2049 ) The gates of the toun he hath up plyght,  
 60 ( 2050 ) And on his bak ycaryed hem hath hee  
 61 ( 2051 ) Hye on an hill whereas men myghte hem see.  
 62 ( 2052 ) O noble, almyghty Sampson, lief and deere,  
 63 ( 2053 ) Had thou nat toold to wommen thy secree,  
 64 ( 2054 ) In al this world ne hadde been thy peere!
- 65 ( 2055 ) This Sampson nevere ciser drank ne wyn,  
 66 ( 2056 ) Ne on his heed cam rasour noon ne sheere,  
 67 ( 2057 ) By precept of the messenger divyn,  
 68 ( 2058 ) For alle his strengthes in his heeres weere.  
 69 ( 2059 ) And fully twenty wynter, yeer by yeere,  
 70 ( 2060 ) He hadde of Israel the gernaunce.  
 71 ( 2061 ) But soone shal he wepe many a teere,  
 72 ( 2062 ) For wommen shal hym bryngen to meschaunce!
- 73 ( 2063 ) Unto his lemman Dalida he tolde  
 74 ( 2064 ) That in his heeris al his strengthe lay,

- 75 ( 2065 ) And falsly to his foomen she hym solde.  
 76 ( 2066 ) And slepyng in hir barm upon a day,  
 77 ( 2067 ) She made to clippe or shere his heres away,  
 78 ( 2068 ) And made his foomen al his craft espyen;  
 79 ( 2069 ) And whan that they hym foond in this array,  
 80 ( 2070 ) They bounde hym faste and putten out his yen.
- 81 ( 2071 ) But er his heer were clipped or yshave,  
 82 ( 2072 ) Ther was no boond with which men myghte him bynde;  
 83 ( 2073 ) But now is he in prison in a cave,  
 84 ( 2074 ) Where-as they made hym at the queerne grynde.  
 85 ( 2075 ) O noble Sampson, strongest of mankynde  
 86 ( 2076 ) O whilom juge, in glorie and in riches!  
 87 ( 2077 ) Now maystow wepen with thyne eyen blynde,  
 88 ( 2078 ) Sith thou fro wele art falle in wrecchednesse.
- 89 ( 2079 ) The ende of this caytyf was as I shal seye.  
 90 ( 2080 ) His foomen made a feeste upon a day,  
 91 ( 2081 ) And made hym as hire fool biforn hem pleye;  
 92 ( 2082 ) And this was in a temple of greet array  
 93 ( 2083 ) But atte laste he made a foul affray,  
 94 ( 2084 ) For he two pilers shook and made hem falle,  
 95 ( 2085 ) And doun fil temple and al, and ther it lay ---  
 96 ( 2086 ) And slow hymself, and eek his foomen alle.
- 97 ( 2087 ) This is to seyn, the prynces everichoon,  
 98 ( 2088 ) And eek thre thousand bodyes, were ther slayn  
 99 ( 2089 ) With fallynge of the grete temple of stoon.  
 100 ( 2090 ) Of Sampson now wol I namoore sayn.  
 101 ( 2091 ) Beth war by this ensample oold and playn  
 102 ( 2092 ) That no men telle hir conseil til hir wyves  
 103 ( 2093 ) Of swich thyng as they wolde han secree fayn,  
 104 ( 2094 ) If that it touche hir lymes or hir lyves.

*Hercules*

- 105 ( 2095 ) Of Hercules, the sovereyn conquerour,  
 106 ( 2096 ) Syngen his werkes laude and heigh renoun;  
 107 ( 2097 ) For in his tyme of strengthe he was the flour.  
 108 ( 2098 ) He slow and rafte the skyn of the leoun;  
 109 ( 2099 ) He of Centauros leyde the boost adoun;  
 110 ( 2100 ) He Arpies slow, the crueel bryddes felle;  
 111 ( 2101 ) He golden apples rafte of the dragoun;  
 112 ( 2102 ) He drow out Cerberus, the hound of helle;
- 113 ( 2103 ) He slow the crueel tyrant Busirus  
 114 ( 2104 ) And made his hors to frete hym, flessch and boon;  
 115 ( 2105 ) He slow the firy serpent venymus;  
 116 ( 2106 ) Of Acheloys two hornes he brak oon;  
 117 ( 2107 ) And he slow Cacus in a cave of stoon;  
 118 ( 2108 ) He slow the geant Antheus the stronge;  
 119 ( 2109 ) He slow the grisly boor, and that anon;  
 120 ( 2110 ) And bar the hevene on his nekke longe.
- 121 ( 2111 ) Was nevere wight, sith that this world bigan,  
 122 ( 2112 ) That slow so manye monstres as dide he.  
 123 ( 2113 ) Thurghout this wyde world his name ran,  
 124 ( 2114 ) What for his strengthe and for his heigh bountee,  
 125 ( 2115 ) And every reawme wente he for to see.  
 126 ( 2116 ) He was so stroong that no man myghte hym lette.  
 127 ( 2117 ) At bothe the worldes endes, seith Trophee,  
 128 ( 2118 ) In stide of boundes he a pileer sette.
- 129 ( 2119 ) A lemman hadde this noble champioun,  
 130 ( 2120 ) That highte Dianira, fressh as May;  
 131 ( 2121 ) And as thise clerkes maken menciou, and

- 132 ( 2122 ) She hath hym sent a sherte, fressh and gay.  
 133 ( 2123 ) Allas, this sherte -- allas and weylaway! --  
 134 ( 2124 ) Envenymed was so subtilly withalle  
 135 ( 2125 ) That er that he had wered it half a day  
 136 ( 2126 ) It made his flessch al from his bones falle.
- 137 ( 2127 ) But nathelees somme clerkes hire excusen  
 138 ( 2128 ) By oon that highte Nessus, that it maked.  
 139 ( 2129 ) Be as be may, I wol hire noght accusen;  
 140 ( 2130 ) But on his bak this sherte he wered al naked  
 141 ( 2131 ) Til that his flessch was for the venym blaked.  
 142 ( 2132 ) And whan he saugh noon oother remedye,  
 143 ( 2133 ) In hoote coles he bath hymselfen raked,  
 144 ( 2134 ) For with no venym deigned hym to dye.
- 145 ( 2135 ) Thus starf this worthy, myghty Hercules.  
 146 ( 2136 ) Lo, who may truste on Fortune any throwe?  
 147 ( 2137 ) For hym that folweth al this world of prees  
 148 ( 2138 ) Er he be war is ofte yleyd ful lowe.  
 149 ( 2139 ) Ful wys is he that kan hymselfen knowe!  
 150 ( 2140 ) Beth war, for whan that Fortune list to glose,  
 151 ( 2141 ) Thanne wayteth she her man to overthrowe  
 152 ( 2142 ) By swich a wey as he wolde leest suppose.

*Nabugodonosor*

- 153 ( 2143 ) The myghty trone, the precious tresor,  
 154 ( 2144 ) The glorious ceptre, and roial magestee  
 155 ( 2145 ) That hadde the kyng Nabugodonosor  
 156 ( 2146 ) With tonge unnethe may discryved bee.  
 157 ( 2147 ) He twyes wan Jerusalem the citee;  
 158 ( 2148 ) The vessel of the temple he with hym ladde.  
 159 ( 2149 ) At Babiloigne was his sovereyn see,  
 160 ( 2150 ) In which his glorie and his delit he hadde.
- 161 ( 2151 ) The faireste children of the blood roial  
 162 ( 2152 ) Of Israel he leet do gelde anoon,  
 163 ( 2153 ) And maked ech of hem to been his thral.  
 164 ( 2154 ) Amonges othere Daniel was oon,  
 165 ( 2155 ) That was the wiseste child of everychon,  
 166 ( 2156 ) For he the dremes of the kyng expowned,  
 167 ( 2157 ) Whereas in Chaldeye clerk ne was ther noon  
 168 ( 2158 ) That wiste to what fyn his dremes sowned.
- 169 ( 2159 ) This proude kyng leet maken a statue of gold,  
 170 ( 2160 ) Sixty cubites long and sevene in brede,  
 171 ( 2161 ) To which ymage bothe yong and oold  
 172 ( 2162 ) Comanded he to loute, and have in drede,  
 173 ( 2163 ) Or in a fourneys, ful of flambes rede,  
 174 ( 2164 ) He shal be brent that wolde noght obeye.  
 175 ( 2165 ) But nevere wolde assente to that dede  
 176 ( 2166 ) Daniel ne his yonge felawes tweye.
- 177 ( 2167 ) This kyng of kynges proud was and elaat;  
 178 ( 2168 ) He wende that God, that sit in magestee,  
 179 ( 2169 ) Ne myghte hym nat bireve of his estaat.  
 180 ( 2170 ) But sodeynly he loste his dignytee,  
 181 ( 2171 ) And lyk a beest hym semed for to bee,  
 182 ( 2172 ) And eet hey as an oxe, and lay theroute  
 183 ( 2173 ) In reyn; with wilde beestes walked hee  
 184 ( 2174 ) Til certein tyme was ycome aboute.
- 185 ( 2175 ) And lik an egles fetheres wax his heres;  
 186 ( 2176 ) His nayles lyk a briddes clawes weere;  
 187 ( 2177 ) Til God releessed hym a certeyn yeres,  
 188 ( 2178 ) And yaf hym wit, and thanne with many a teere  
 189 ( 2179 ) He thanked God, and evere his lyf in feere

190 ( 2180 ) Was he to doon amys or moore trespae;  
 191 ( 2181 ) And til that tyme he leyd was on his beere  
 192 ( 2182 ) He knew that God was ful of myght and grace.

*Balthasar*

193 ( 2183 ) His sone, which that highte Balthasar,  
 194 ( 2184 ) That heeld the regne after his fader day,  
 195 ( 2185 ) He by his fader koude noght be war,  
 196 ( 2186 ) For proud he was of herte and of array,  
 197 ( 2187 ) And eek an ydolastre was he ay.  
 198 ( 2188 ) His hye estaat assured hym in pryde;  
 199 ( 2189 ) But Fortune caste hym doun, and ther he lay,  
 200 ( 2190 ) And sodeynly his regne gan divide.

201 ( 2191 ) A feeste he made unto his lordes alle  
 202 ( 2192 ) Upon a tyme and bad hem blithe bee;  
 203 ( 2193 ) And thanne his officeres gan he calle:  
 204 ( 2194 ) "Gooth, bryngeth forth the vesseles," quod be,  
 205 ( 2195 ) "Whiche that my fader in his prosperitee  
 206 ( 2196 ) Out of the temple of Jerusalem birafte;  
 207 ( 2197 ) And to oure hye goddes thanke we  
 208 ( 2198 ) Of honour that oure eldres with us lafte."

209 ( 2199 ) Hys wyf, his lordes, and his concubynes  
 210 ( 2200 ) Ay dronken, whil hire appetites laste,  
 211 ( 2201 ) Out of thise noble vessels sondry wyne.  
 212 ( 2202 ) And on a wal this kyng his eyen caste  
 213 ( 2203 ) And saugh an hand, armlees, that wroot ful faste,  
 214 ( 2204 ) For feere of which he quook and siked soore.  
 215 ( 2205 ) This hand that Balthasar so soore agaste  
 216 ( 2206 ) Wroot *Mane, techel, phares*, and namoore.

217 ( 2207 ) In all that land magicien was noon  
 218 ( 2208 ) That koude expoune what this lettre mente;  
 219 ( 2209 ) But Daniel expowned it anoon,  
 220 ( 2210 ) And seyde, "Kyng, God to thy fader lente  
 221 ( 2211 ) Glorie and honour, regne, tresour, rente;  
 222 ( 2212 ) And he was proud and nothyng God ne dradde,  
 223 ( 2213 ) And therfore God greet wreche upon hym sente,  
 224 ( 2214 ) And hym birafte the regne that he hadde.

225 ( 2215 ) "He was out cast of mannes compaignye;  
 226 ( 2216 ) With asses was his habitacioun,  
 227 ( 2217 ) And eet hey as a beest in weet and drye  
 228 ( 2218 ) Til that he knew, by grace and by resoun,  
 229 ( 2219 ) That God of hevene hath domynacioun  
 230 ( 2220 ) Over every regne and every creature;  
 231 ( 2221 ) And thanne hadde God of hym compassioun,  
 232 ( 2222 ) And hym restored his regne and his figure.

233 ( 2223 ) "Eek thou, that art his sone, art proud also,  
 234 ( 2224 ) And knowest alle thise thynges verrailly,  
 235 ( 2225 ) And art rebel to God, and art his foo.  
 236 ( 2226 ) Thou drank eek of his vessels boldely;  
 237 ( 2227 ) Thy wyf eek, and thy wenches, synfully  
 238 ( 2228 ) Dronke of the same vessels sondry wynys;  
 239 ( 2229 ) And heriest false goddes cursedly;  
 240 ( 2230 ) Therefore to thee yshapen ful greet pyne ys.

241 ( 2231 ) "This hand was sent from God that on the wal  
 242 ( 2232 ) Wroot *Mane, techel, phares*, truste me;  
 243 ( 2233 ) Thy regne is doon; thou weyest noght at al.  
 244 ( 2234 ) Dyvyded is thy regne, and it shal be  
 245 ( 2235 ) To Medes and to Perses yeven," quod he.  
 246 ( 2236 ) And thilke same nyght this kyng was slawe,  
 247 ( 2237 ) And Darius occupieth his degree,

248 ( 2238 ) Thogh he therto hadde neither right ne lawe.  
 249 ( 2239 ) Lordynges, ensample heerby may ye take  
 250 ( 2240 ) How that in lordshipe is no sikernesse,  
 251 ( 2241 ) For whan Fortune wole a man forsake,  
 252 ( 2242 ) She bereth away his regne and his richesse,  
 253 ( 2243 ) And eek his freendes, bothe moore and lesse.  
 254 ( 2244 ) For what man that hath freendes thurgh Fortune,  
 255 ( 2245 ) Mishap wol maken hem enemys, I gesse;  
 256 ( 2246 ) This proverbe is ful sooth and ful commune.

*Cenobia*

257 ( 2247 ) Cenobia, of Palymerie queene,  
 258 ( 2248 ) As writen Persiens of hir noblesse,  
 259 ( 2249 ) So worthy was in armes and so keene  
 260 ( 2250 ) That no wight passed hire in hardynesse,  
 261 ( 2251 ) Ne in lynage, ne in oother gentillesse.  
 262 ( 2252 ) Of kynges blood of Perce is she descended.  
 263 ( 2253 ) I seye nat that she hadde moost fairnesse,  
 264 ( 2254 ) But of hir shap she myghte nat been amended.

265 ( 2255 ) From hire childhede I fynde that she fledde  
 266 ( 2256 ) Office of wommen, and to wode she wente,  
 267 ( 2257 ) And many a wilde hertes blood she shedde  
 268 ( 2258 ) With arwes brode that she to hem sente.  
 269 ( 2259 ) She was so swift that she anon hem hente;  
 270 ( 2260 ) And whan that she was elder, she wolde kille  
 271 ( 2261 ) Leouns, leopardes, and beres al torente,  
 272 ( 2262 ) And in hir armes weelde hem at hir wille.

273 ( 2263 ) She dorste wilde beestes dennes seke,  
 274 ( 2264 ) And rennen in the montaignes al the nyght,  
 275 ( 2265 ) And slepen under a bussh, and she koude eke  
 276 ( 2266 ) Wrastlen, by verray force and verray myght,  
 277 ( 2267 ) With any yong man, were he never so wight.  
 278 ( 2268 ) Ther myghte no thyng in hir armes stonde.  
 279 ( 2269 ) She kepte hir maydenhod from every wight;

280 ( 2270 ) To no man deigned hire for to be bonde.  
 281 ( 2271 ) But atte laste hir freendes han hire maried  
 282 ( 2272 ) To Odenake, a prynce of that contree,  
 283 ( 2273 ) Al were it so that she hem longe taried.  
 284 ( 2274 ) And ye shul understonde how that he  
 285 ( 2275 ) Hadde swiche fantasies as hadde she.  
 286 ( 2276 ) But natheless, whan they were knyght in-feere,  
 287 ( 2277 ) They lyved in joye and in felicitee,  
 288 ( 2278 ) For ech of hem hadde oother lief and deere,

289 ( 2279 ) Save o thyng: that she wolde nevere assente,  
 290 ( 2280 ) By no wey, that he sholde by hire lye  
 291 ( 2281 ) But ones, for it was hir pleyn entente  
 292 ( 2282 ) To have a child, the world to multiplie;  
 293 ( 2283 ) And also soone as that she myghte espye  
 294 ( 2284 ) That she was nat with childe with that dede,  
 295 ( 2285 ) Thanne wolde she suffre hym doon his fantasye  
 296 ( 2286 ) Eft-soone, and nat but oones, out of drede.

297 ( 2287 ) And if she were with childe at thilke cast,  
 298 ( 2288 ) Namooore sholde he pleyen thilke game  
 299 ( 2289 ) Til fully fourty [wikes] weren past;  
 300 ( 2290 ) Thanne wolde she ones suffre hym do the same.  
 301 ( 2291 ) Al were this Odenake wilde or tame,  
 302 ( 2292 ) He gat namooore of hire, for thus she seyde:  
 303 ( 2293 ) It was to wyves lecherie and shame,  
 304 ( 2294 ) In oother caas, if that men with hem pleyde.

- 305 ( 2295 ) Two sones by this Odenake hadde she,  
 306 ( 2296 ) The whiche she kepte in vertu and lettrure.  
 307 ( 2297 ) But now unto oure tale turne we.  
 308 ( 2298 ) I seye, so worshipful a creature,  
 309 ( 2299 ) And wys therwith, and large with mesure,  
 310 ( 2300 ) So penyble in the werre, and curteis eke,  
 311 ( 2301 ) Ne moore labour myghte in werre endure,  
 312 ( 2302 ) Was noon, though al this world men sholde seke.
- 313 ( 2303 ) Hir riche array ne myghte nat be told,  
 314 ( 2304 ) As wel in vessel as in hire clothynge.  
 315 ( 2305 ) She was al clad in perree and in gold,  
 316 ( 2306 ) And eek she lafte noght, for noon huntynge,  
 317 ( 2307 ) To have of sondry tonges ful knowynge,  
 318 ( 2308 ) Whan that she leyser hadde; and for to entende  
 319 ( 2309 ) To lerne bookes was al hire likynge,  
 320 ( 2310 ) How she in vertu myghte hir lyf dispende.
- 321 ( 2311 ) And shortly of this storie for to trete,  
 322 ( 2312 ) So doghty was hir housbonde and eek she,  
 323 ( 2313 ) That they conquered manye regnes grete  
 324 ( 2314 ) In the orient, with many a fair citee  
 325 ( 2315 ) Apertenaunt unto the magestee  
 326 ( 2316 ) Of Rome, and with strong bond held hem ful faste,  
 327 ( 2317 ) Ne nevere myghte hir foomen doon hem flee,  
 328 ( 2318 ) Ay whil that Odenakes dayes laste.
- 329 ( 2319 ) Hir batailles, whoso list hem for to rede,  
 330 ( 2320 ) Agayn Sapor the kyng and othere mo,  
 331 ( 2321 ) And how that al this proces fil in dede,  
 332 ( 2322 ) Why she conquered and what title had therto,  
 333 ( 2323 ) And after, of hir meschief and hire wo,  
 334 ( 2324 ) How that she was biseged and ytake --  
 335 ( 2325 ) Lat hym unto my maister Petrak go,  
 336 ( 2326 ) That writ ynough of this, I undertake.
- 337 ( 2327 ) Whan Odenake was deed, she myghtily  
 338 ( 2328 ) The regnes heeld, and with hire propre hond  
 339 ( 2329 ) Agayn hir foos she faught so cruelly  
 340 ( 2330 ) That ther nas kyng ne prynce in al that lond  
 341 ( 2331 ) That he nas glad, if he that grace fond,  
 342 ( 2332 ) That she ne wolde upon his lond werreye.  
 343 ( 2333 ) With hire they maden alliance by bond  
 344 ( 2334 ) To been in pees, and lete hire ride and pleye.
- 345 ( 2335 ) The Emperour of Rome, Claudius  
 346 ( 2336 ) Ne hym bifore, the Romain Galien,  
 347 ( 2337 ) Ne dorste nevere been so corageus,  
 348 ( 2338 ) Ne noon Ermyne, ne noon Egipcien,  
 349 ( 2339 ) Ne Surrien, ne noon Arabyen,  
 350 ( 2340 ) Withinne the feeld that dorste with hire fighte,  
 351 ( 2341 ) Lest that she wolde hem with hir handes slen,  
 352 ( 2342 ) Or with hir meignee putten hem to flighte.
- 353 ( 2343 ) In kynges habit wente hir sones two,  
 354 ( 2344 ) As heires of hir fadres regnes alle,  
 355 ( 2345 ) And Hermanno and Thymalao  
 356 ( 2346 ) Hir names were, as Persiens hem calle.  
 357 ( 2347 ) But ay Fortune hath in hire hony galle;  
 358 ( 2348 ) This myghty queene may no while endure.  
 359 ( 2349 ) Fortune out of hir regne made hire falle  
 360 ( 2350 ) To wrecchednesse and to mysaventure.
- 361 ( 2351 ) Aurelian, whan that the governaunce  
 362 ( 2352 ) Of Rome cam into his handes tweye,  
 363 ( 2353 ) He shoop upon this queene to doon vengeaunce.

364 ( 2354 ) And with his legions he took his weye  
 365 ( 2355 ) Toward Cenobie, and shortly for to seye,  
 366 ( 2356 ) He made hire flee, and atte laste hire hente,  
 367 ( 2357 ) And fettred hire, and eek hire children tweye,  
 368 ( 2358 ) And wan the land, and hoom to Rome he wente.

369 ( 2359 ) Amonges othere thynges that he wan,  
 370 ( 2360 ) Hir chaar, that was with gold wroght and perree,  
 371 ( 2361 ) This grete Romayn, this Aurelian,  
 372 ( 2362 ) Hath with hym lad, for that men sholde it see.  
 373 ( 2363 ) Biforen his triumphe walketh shee,  
 374 ( 2364 ) With gilte cheynes on hire nekke hangynge.  
 375 ( 2365 ) Coroned was she, as after hir degree,  
 376 ( 2366 ) And ful of perree charged hire clothynge.

377 ( 2367 ) Allas, Fortune! She that whilom was  
 378 ( 2368 ) Dredeful to kynges and to emperoures,  
 379 ( 2369 ) Now gaureth al the peple on hire, allas!  
 380 ( 2370 ) And she that helmed was in starke stoures  
 381 ( 2371 ) And wan by force townes stronge and toures,  
 382 ( 2372 ) Shal on hir heed now were a vitremyte;  
 383 ( 2373 ) And she that bar the ceptre ful of floures  
 384 ( 2374 ) Shal bere a distaf, hire cost for to quyte.

*De Petro Rege Ispannie*

385 ( 2375 ) O noble, O worthy Petro, glorie of Spayne,  
 386 ( 2376 ) Whom Fortune heeld so hye in magestee,  
 387 ( 2377 ) Wel oghten men thy pitous deeth complayne!  
 388 ( 2378 ) Out of thy land thy brother made thee flee,  
 389 ( 2379 ) And after, at a seege, by subtiltee,  
 390 ( 2380 ) Thou were bitraysed and lad unto his tente,  
 391 ( 2381 ) Where as he with his owene hand slow thee,  
 392 ( 2382 ) Succedyng in thy regne and in thy rente.

393 ( 2383 ) The feeld of snow, with th'egle of blak therinne,  
 394 ( 2384 ) Caught with the lymrod coloured as the gleede,  
 395 ( 2385 ) He brew this cursednesse and al this synne.  
 396 ( 2386 ) The wikked nest was werker of this nede.  
 397 ( 2387 ) Noght Charles Olyver, that took ay heede  
 398 ( 2388 ) Of trouthe and honour, but of Armorique  
 399 ( 2389 ) Genylon-Olyver, corrupt for meede,  
 400 ( 2390 ) Broghte this worthy kyng in swich a brike.

*De Petro Rege de Cipro*

401 ( 2391 ) O worthy Petro, kyng of Cipre, also,  
 402 ( 2392 ) That Alisandre wan by heigh maistrie,  
 403 ( 2393 ) Ful many an hethen wroghtesrow ful wo,  
 404 ( 2394 ) Of which thyne owene liges hadde envie,  
 405 ( 2395 ) And for no thyng but for thy chivalrie  
 406 ( 2396 ) They in thy bed han slayn thee by the morwe.  
 407 ( 2397 ) Thus kan Fortune hir wheel governe and gye,  
 408 ( 2398 ) And out of joye brynge men to sorwe.

*De Barnabo de Lumbardia*

409 ( 2399 ) Off Melan grete Barnabo Viscounte,  
 410 ( 2400 ) God of delit and scourge of Lumbardye,  
 411 ( 2401 ) Why sholde I nat thyn infortune acounte,  
 412 ( 2402 ) Sith in estaat thow cloumbe were so hye?  
 413 ( 2403 ) Thy brother sone, that was thy double allye,  
 414 ( 2404 ) For he thy newew was and sone-in-lawe,  
 415 ( 2405 ) Withinne his prisoun made thee to dye --  
 416 ( 2406 ) But why ne how noot I that thou were slawe.

*De Hugelino Comite de Piz*

- 417 ( 2407 ) Off the Erl Hugelyn of Pyze the langour  
 418 ( 2408 ) Ther may no tonge telle for pitee.  
 419 ( 2409 ) But litel out of Pize stant a tour,  
 420 ( 2410 ) In which tour in prisoun put was he,  
 421 ( 2411 ) And with hym been his litel children thre;  
 422 ( 2412 ) The eldest scarsly fyf yeer was of age.  
 423 ( 2413 ) Allas, Fortune, it was greet crueltee  
 424 ( 2414 ) Swiche briddes for to putte in swich a cage!
- 425 ( 2415 ) Dampned was he to dyen in that prisoun,  
 426 ( 2416 ) For Roger, which that bisshop was of Pize,  
 427 ( 2417 ) Hadde on hym maad a fals suggestioun,  
 428 ( 2418 ) Thurgh which the peple gan upon hym rise  
 429 ( 2419 ) And putten hym to prisoun in swich wise  
 430 ( 2420 ) As ye han herd, and mete and drynke he hadde  
 431 ( 2421 ) So smal that wel unnethe it may suffise,  
 432 ( 2422 ) And therwithal it was ful povre and badde.
- 433 ( 2423 ) And on a day bifil that in that hour  
 434 ( 2424 ) Whan that his mete wont was to be broght,  
 435 ( 2425 ) The gayler shette the dores of the tour.  
 436 ( 2426 ) He herde it wel, but he spak right noght,  
 437 ( 2427 ) And in his herte anon ther fil a thoght  
 438 ( 2428 ) That they for hunger wolde doon hym dyen.  
 439 ( 2429 ) "Allas!" quod he, "Allas, that I was wroght!  
 440 ( 2430 ) Therwith the teeris fillen from his yen.
- 441 ( 2431 ) His yonge sone, that thre yeer was of age,  
 442 ( 2432 ) Unto hym seyde, "Fader, why do ye wepe?  
 443 ( 2433 ) Whanne wol the gayler bryngen oure potage?  
 444 ( 2434 ) Is ther no morsel breed that ye do kepe?  
 445 ( 2435 ) I am so hungry that I may nat slepe.  
 446 ( 2436 ) Now wolde God that I myghte slepen evere!  
 447 ( 2437 ) Thanne sholde nat hunger in my wombe crepe;  
 448 ( 2438 ) Ther is no thyng, but breed, that me were levere."
- 449 ( 2439 ) Thus day by day this child bigan to crye,  
 450 ( 2440 ) Til in his fadres barm adoun it lay,  
 451 ( 2441 ) And seyde, "Farewel, fader, I moot dye!"  
 452 ( 2442 ) And kiste his fader, and dyde the same day.  
 453 ( 2443 ) And whan the woful fader deed it say,  
 454 ( 2444 ) For wo his armes two he gan to byte,  
 455 ( 2445 ) And seyde, "Allas, Fortune, and weylaway!  
 456 ( 2446 ) Thy false wheel my wo al may I wyte."
- 457 ( 2447 ) His children wende that it for hunger was  
 458 ( 2448 ) That he his armes gnaw, and nat for wo,  
 459 ( 2449 ) And seyde, "Fader, do nat so, allas!  
 460 ( 2450 ) But rather ete the flessch upon us two.  
 461 ( 2451 ) Oure flessch thou yaf us, take oure flessch us fro,  
 462 ( 2452 ) And ete ynogh "--- right thus they to hym seyde,  
 463 ( 2453 ) And after that, withinne a day or two,  
 464 ( 2454 ) They leyde hem in his lappe adoun and deyde.
- 465 ( 2455 ) Hymself, despeired, eek for hunger starf;  
 466 ( 2456 ) Thus ended is this myghty Erl of Pize.  
 467 ( 2457 ) From heigh estaat Fortune away hym carf.  
 468 ( 2458 ) Of this tragedie it oghte ynough suffise;  
 469 ( 2459 ) Whoso wol here it in a lenger wise,  
 470 ( 2460 ) Redeth the grete poete of Ytaille  
 471 ( 2461 ) That highte Dant, for he kan al devyse  
 472 ( 2462 ) Fro point to point; nat o word wol he faille.

*Nero*

- 473 ( 2463 ) Although that Nero were as vicious  
 474 ( 2464 ) As any feend that lith ful lowe adoun,

- 475 ( 2465 ) Yet he, as telleth us Swetonius,  
 476 ( 2466 ) This wyde world hadde in subjeccioun,  
 477 ( 2467 ) Bothe est and west, [south], and septemtrioun.  
 478 ( 2468 ) Of rubies, saphires, and of peerles white  
 479 ( 2469 ) Were alle his clothes brouded up and doun,  
 480 ( 2470 ) For he in gemmes greetly gan delite.
- 481 ( 2471 ) Moore delicaat, moore pompous of array,  
 482 ( 2472 ) Moore proud was nevere emperour than he;  
 483 ( 2473 ) That ilke clooth that he hadde wered o day,  
 484 ( 2474 ) After that tyme he nolde it nevere see.  
 485 ( 2475 ) Nettes of gold threed hadde he greet plentee  
 486 ( 2476 ) To fisse in Tybre, whan hym liste pleye.  
 487 ( 2477 ) His lustes were al lawe in his decree,  
 488 ( 2478 ) For Fortune as his freend hym wolde obeye.
- 489 ( 2479 ) He Rome brende for his delicacie;  
 490 ( 2480 ) The senatours he slow upon a day  
 491 ( 2481 ) To heere how that men wolde wepe and crie;  
 492 ( 2482 ) And slow his brother, and by his suster lay.  
 493 ( 2483 ) His mooder made he in pitous array,  
 494 ( 2484 ) For he hire wombe slitte to biholde  
 495 ( 2485 ) Where he conceyved was --- so weilaway  
 496 ( 2486 ) That he so litel of his mooder tolde!
- 497 ( 2487 ) No teere out of his eyen for that sighte  
 498 ( 2488 ) Ne cam, but seyde, "A fair womman was she!"  
 499 ( 2489 ) Greet wonder is how that he koude or myghte  
 500 ( 2490 ) Be domesman of hire dede beautee.  
 501 ( 2491 ) The wyn to bryngen hym comanded he,  
 502 ( 2492 ) And drank anon&dash;noon oother wo he made.  
 503 ( 2493 ) Whan myght is joyned unto crueltee,  
 504 ( 2494 ) Allas, to depe wol the venym wade!
- 505 ( 2495 ) In yowthe a maister hadde this emperour  
 506 ( 2496 ) To teche hym letterure and curteisye,  
 507 ( 2497 ) For of moralitee he was the flour,  
 508 ( 2498 ) As in his tyme, but if bookes lye;  
 509 ( 2499 ) And whil this maister hadde of hym maistrye,  
 510 ( 2500 ) He maked hym so konnyng and so sowple  
 511 ( 2501 ) That longe tyme it was er tyrannye  
 512 ( 2502 ) Or any vice dorste on hym uncowple.
- 513 ( 2503 ) This Seneca, of which that I devyse,  
 514 ( 2504 ) By cause Nero hadde of hym swich drede,  
 515 ( 2505 ) For he fro vices wolde hym ay chastise  
 516 ( 2506 ) Discreetly, as by word and nat by dede ---  
 517 ( 2507 ) "Sire," wolde he seyn, "an emperour moot nede  
 518 ( 2508 ) Be vertuous and hate tyrannye --- "  
 519 ( 2509 ) For which he in a bath made hym to blede  
 520 ( 2510 ) On bothe his armes, til he moste dye.
- 521 ( 2511 ) This Nero hadde eek of acostumaunce  
 522 ( 2512 ) In youthe agayns his maister for to ryse,  
 523 ( 2513 ) Which afterward hym thoughte a greet grevaunce;  
 524 ( 2514 ) Therefore he made hym dyen in this wise.  
 525 ( 2515 ) But natheless this Seneca the wise  
 526 ( 2516 ) Chees in a bath to dye in this manere  
 527 ( 2517 ) Rather than han another tormentise;  
 528 ( 2518 ) And thus hath Nero slayn his maister deere.
- 529 ( 2519 ) Now fil it so that Fortune liste no lenger  
 530 ( 2520 ) The hye pryde of Nero to cherice,  
 531 ( 2521 ) For though that he were strong, yet was she strengere.  
 532 ( 2522 ) She thoughte thus: "By God! I am to nyce  
 533 ( 2523 ) To sette a man that is fulfild of vice  
 534 ( 2524 ) In heigh degree, and emperour hym calle.  
 535 ( 2525 ) By God, out of his sete I wol hym trice;

536 ( 2526 ) Whan he leest weneth, sonnest shal he falle."  
 537 ( 2527 ) The peple roos upon hym on a nyght  
 538 ( 2528 ) For his defaute, and whan he it espied,  
 539 ( 2529 ) Out of his dores anon he hath hym dight  
 540 ( 2530 ) Allone, and ther he wende han been allied  
 541 ( 2531 ) He knocked faste, and ay the moore be cried  
 542 ( 2532 ) The fastere shette they the dores alle.  
 543 ( 2533 ) Tho wiste he wel, he hadde himself mysgyed,  
 544 ( 2534 ) And wente his wey; no lenger dorste he calle.

545 ( 2535 ) The peple cried and rombled up and doun,  
 546 ( 2536 ) That with his erys herde he how they seyde,  
 547 ( 2537 ) "Where is this false tiraunt, this Neroun?"  
 548 ( 2538 ) For fere almoost out of his wit he breyde,  
 549 ( 2539 ) And to his goddes pitously he preyde  
 550 ( 2540 ) For socour, but it myghte nat bityde.  
 551 ( 2541 ) For drede of this hym thoughte that he deyde,  
 552 ( 2542 ) And ran into a gardyn hym to hyde.

553 ( 2543 ) And in this gardyn foond he cherles tweye  
 554 ( 2544 ) That seten by a fyr, greet and reed.  
 555 ( 2545 ) And to thise cherles two he gan to preye  
 556 ( 2546 ) To sleen hym and to girden of his heed,  
 557 ( 2547 ) That to his body, whan that he were deed,  
 558 ( 2548 ) Were no despit ydoon for his defame.  
 559 ( 2549 ) Hymself he slow, he koude no bettre reed,  
 560 ( 2550 ) Of which Fortune lough, and hadde a game.

*De Oloferno*

561 ( 2551 ) Was nevere capitayn under a kyng  
 562 ( 2552 ) That regnes mo putte in subjeccioun,  
 563 ( 2553 ) Ne strengre was in feeld of alle thyng,  
 564 ( 2554 ) As in his tyme, ne gretter of renoun,  
 565 ( 2555 ) Ne moore pompous in heigh presumpcioun  
 566 ( 2556 ) Than Oloferne, which Fortune ay kiste  
 567 ( 2557 ) So likerously, and ladde hym up and doun  
 568 ( 2558 ) Til that his heed was of er that he wiste.

569 ( 2559 ) Nat oonly that this world hadde hym in awe  
 570 ( 2560 ) For lesynge of richesse or libertee,  
 571 ( 2561 ) But he made every man reneyen his lawe.  
 572 ( 2562 ) "Nabugodonosor was god," seyde hee;  
 573 ( 2563 ) "Noon oother god sholde adoured bee."  
 574 ( 2564 ) Agayns his heeste no wight dorst trespass,  
 575 ( 2565 ) Save in Bethulia, a strong citee,  
 576 ( 2566 ) Where Eliachim a preest was of that place.

577 ( 2567 ) But taak kep of the deth of Oloferne:  
 578 ( 2568 ) Amydde his hoost he dronke lay a-nyght,  
 579 ( 2569 ) Withinne his tente, large as is a berne,  
 580 ( 2570 ) And yet, for al his pompe and al his myght,  
 581 ( 2571 ) Judith, a womman, as he lay upright  
 582 ( 2572 ) Slepynge, his heed of smoot, and from his tente  
 583 ( 2573 ) Ful pryvely she stal from every wight,  
 584 ( 2574 ) And with his heed unto hir toun she wente.

*De Rege Antiocho illustri*

585 ( 2575 ) What nedeth it of kyng Anthiochus  
 586 ( 2576 ) To telle his hye roial magestee,  
 587 ( 2577 ) His hye pride, his werkes venymus?  
 588 ( 2578 ) For swich another was ther noon as he.  
 589 ( 2579 ) Rede which that he was in Machabee  
 590 ( 2580 ) And rede the proude wordes that he seyde,  
 591 ( 2581 ) And why he fil fro heigh prosperitee,

- 592 ( 2582 ) And in an hill how wrecchedly he deyde.
- 593 ( 2583 ) Fortune hym badde enhaunced so in pride  
 594 ( 2584 ) That verrailly he wende he myghte attayne  
 595 ( 2585 ) Unto the sterres upon every syde,  
 596 ( 2586 ) And in balance weyen ech montayne,  
 597 ( 2587 ) And alle the floodes of the see restrayne.  
 598 ( 2588 ) And Goddes peple hadde he moost in hate;  
 599 ( 2589 ) Hem wolde he sleen in torment and in payne,  
 600 ( 2590 ) Wenynge that God ne myghte his pride abate.
- 601 ( 2591 ) And for that Nichanore and Thymothee  
 602 ( 2592 ) Of Jewes weren venquysshed myghtily,  
 603 ( 2593 ) Unto the Jewes swich an hate hadde he  
 604 ( 2594 ) That he bad greithen his chaar ful hastily,  
 605 ( 2595 ) And swear, and seyde ful despitously  
 606 ( 2596 ) Unto Jerusalem he wolde eftsoone  
 607 ( 2597 ) To wreken his ire on it ful cruelly;  
 608 ( 2598 ) But of his purpos he was let ful soone.
- 609 ( 2599 ) God for his manace hym so soore smoot  
 610 ( 2600 ) With invisible wounde, ay incurable,  
 611 ( 2601 ) That in his guttes carf it so and boot  
 612 ( 2602 ) That his peynes weren importable.  
 613 ( 2603 ) And certainly the wreche was resonable,  
 614 ( 2604 ) For many a mannes guttes dide he peyne.  
 615 ( 2605 ) But from his purpos cursed and dampnable,  
 616 ( 2606 ) For al his smert, he wolde hym nat restreyne,
- 617 ( 2607 ) But bad anon apparailen his hoost;  
 618 ( 2608 ) And sodeynly, er he was of it war,  
 619 ( 2609 ) God daunted al his pride and al his boost.  
 620 ( 2610 ) For he so soore fil out of his char  
 621 ( 2611 ) That it his limes and his skyn totar,  
 622 ( 2612 ) So that he neyther myghte go ne ryde,  
 623 ( 2613 ) But in a chayer men aboute hym bar,  
 624 ( 2614 ) Al forbrused, bothe bak and syde.
- 625 ( 2615 ) The wreche of God hym smoot so cruelly  
 626 ( 2616 ) That thurgh his body wikked wormes crepte,  
 627 ( 2617 ) And therwithal he stank so horribly  
 628 ( 2618 ) That noon of al his meynee that hym kepte,  
 629 ( 2619 ) Wheither so he wook or ellis slepte,  
 630 ( 2620 ) Ne myghte noght the styng of hym endure.  
 631 ( 2621 ) In this meschief he wayled and eek wepte,  
 632 ( 2622 ) And knew God lord of every creature.
- 633 ( 2623 ) To al his hoost and to hymself also  
 634 ( 2624 ) Ful wlatson was the styng of his careyne;  
 635 ( 2625 ) No man ne myghte hym bere to ne fro.  
 636 ( 2626 ) And in this styng and this horrible peyne,  
 637 ( 2627 ) He starf ful wrecchedly in a monteyne.  
 638 ( 2628 ) Thus hath this robbour and this homycide,  
 639 ( 2629 ) That many a man made to wepe and pleyne,  
 640 ( 2630 ) Swich gerdoun as bilongeth unto pryde.

*De Alexandro*

- 641 ( 2631 ) The storie of Alisaundre is so commune  
 642 ( 2632 ) That every wight that hath discrecioun  
 643 ( 2633 ) Hath herd somewhat or al of his fortune.  
 644 ( 2634 ) This wyde world, as in conclusioun,  
 645 ( 2635 ) He wan by strengthe, or for his hye renoun  
 646 ( 2636 ) They weren glad for pees unto hym sende.  
 647 ( 2637 ) The pride of man and beest he leyde adoun,  
 648 ( 2638 ) Wherso he cam, unto the worldes ende.

649	( 2639 )	Comparisoun myghte nevere yet been maked
650	( 2640 )	Bitwixe hym and another conquerour;
651	( 2641 )	For al this world for drede of hym hath quaked.
652	( 2642 )	He was of knyghthod and of fredom flour;
653	( 2643 )	Fortune hym made the heir of hire honour.
654	( 2644 )	Save wyn and wommen, no thing myghte aswage
655	( 2645 )	His hye entente in armes and labour,
656	( 2646 )	So was he ful of leonyn corage.
657	( 2647 )	What pris were it to hym, though I yow tolde
658	( 2648 )	Of Darius, and an hundred thousand mo
659	( 2649 )	Of kynges, princes, dukes, erles bolde
660	( 2650 )	Whiche he conquered, and broghte hem into wo?
661	( 2651 )	I seye, as fer as man may ryde or go,
662	( 2652 )	The world was his --- what sholde I moore devyse?
663	( 2653 )	For though I write or tolde yow everemo
664	( 2654 )	Of his knyghthod, it myghte nat suffise.
665	( 2655 )	Twelf yeer be regned, as seith Machabee.
666	( 2656 )	Philippe sone of Macidoyn he was,
667	( 2657 )	That first was kyng in Grece the contree.
668	( 2658 )	O worthy, gentil Alisandre, allas,
669	( 2659 )	That evere sholde fallen swich a cas!
670	( 2660 )	Empoysoned of thyn owene folk thou weere;
671	( 2661 )	Thy sys Fortune hath turned into aas,
672	( 2662 )	And for thee ne weep she never a teere.
673	( 2663 )	Who shal me yeven teeris to compleyne
674	( 2664 )	The deeth of gentillesse and of franchise,
675	( 2665 )	That al the world weelded in his demeyne,
676	( 2666 )	And yet hym thoughte it myghte nat suffise?
677	( 2667 )	So ful was his corage of heigh emprise.
678	( 2668 )	Allas, who shal me helpe to endite
679	( 2669 )	False Fortune, and poyson to despise,
680	( 2670 )	The whiche two of al this wo I wyte?

*De Julio Cesare*

681	( 2671 )	By wisdom, manhede, and by greet labour,
682	( 2672 )	From humble bed to roial magestee
683	( 2673 )	Up roos he Julius, the conquerour,
684	( 2674 )	That wan al th'occident by land and see,
685	( 2675 )	By strengthe of hand, or elles by trettee,
686	( 2676 )	And unto Rome made hem tributarie;
687	( 2677 )	And sitthe of Rome the emperour was he
688	( 2678 )	Til that Fortune weex his adversarie.
689	( 2679 )	O myghty Cesar, that in Thessalie
690	( 2680 )	Agayn Pompeus, fader thyn in law,
691	( 2681 )	That of the orient hadde al the chivalrie
692	( 2682 )	As fer as that the day bigynneth dawe,
693	( 2683 )	Thou thurgh thy knyghthod hast hem take and slawe,
694	( 2684 )	Save fewe folk that with Pompeus fledde,
695	( 2685 )	Thurgh which thou putttest al th'orient in awe.
696	( 2686 )	Thanke Fortune, that so wel thee spedde!
697	( 2687 )	But now a litel while I wol biwaille
698	( 2688 )	This Pompeus, this noble governour
699	( 2689 )	Of Rome, which that fleigh at this bataille.
700	( 2690 )	I seye, oon of his men, a fals traitour,
701	( 2691 )	His heed of smoot, to wynnyn hym favour
702	( 2692 )	Of Julius, and hym the heed he broghte.
703	( 2693 )	Allas, Pompeye, of th'orient conquerour,
704	( 2694 )	That Fortune unto swich a fyn thee broghte!
705	( 2695 )	To Rome agayn repaireth Julius
706	( 2696 )	With his triumphhe, lauriat ful hye;

- 707 ( 2697 ) But on a tyme Brutus Cassius,  
 708 ( 2698 ) That evere hadde of his hye estaat envye,  
 709 ( 2699 ) Ful prively hath maad conspiracye  
 710 ( 2700 ) Agayns this Julius in subtil wise,  
 711 ( 2701 ) And caste the place in which he sholde dye  
 712 ( 2702 ) With boydekyns, as I shal yow devyse.
- 713 ( 2703 ) This Julius to the Capitolie wente  
 714 ( 2704 ) Upon a day, as he was wont to goon,  
 715 ( 2705 ) And in the Capitolie anon hym hente  
 716 ( 2706 ) This false Brutus and his othere foon,  
 717 ( 2707 ) And stiked hym with boydekyns anoon  
 718 ( 2708 ) With many a wounde, and thus they lete hym lye;  
 719 ( 2709 ) But nevere gronte he at no strook but oon,  
 720 ( 2710 ) Or elles at two, but if his storie lye.
- 721 ( 2711 ) So manly was this Julius of herte,  
 722 ( 2712 ) And so wel lovede estaatly honestee,  
 723 ( 2713 ) That though his deedly woundes soore smerte,  
 724 ( 2714 ) His mantel over his hypes caste he,  
 725 ( 2715 ) For no man sholde seen his privetee;  
 726 ( 2716 ) And as he lay of dyng in a traunce,  
 727 ( 2717 ) And wiste verrailly that deed was hee,  
 728 ( 2718 ) Of honestee yet hadde he remembraunce.
- 729 ( 2719 ) Lucan, to thee this storie I recomende,  
 730 ( 2720 ) And to Swetoun, and to Valerius also,  
 731 ( 2721 ) That of this storie writen word and ende,  
 732 ( 2722 ) How that to thise grete conqueroures two  
 733 ( 2723 ) Fortune was first freend, and sithe foo.  
 734 ( 2724 ) No man ne truste upon hire favour longe,  
 735 ( 2725 ) But have hire in awayt for everemoo;  
 736 ( 2726 ) Witnesse on alle thise conqueroures stronge.

*Cresus*

- 737 ( 2727 ) This riche Cresus, whilom kyng of Lyde,  
 738 ( 2728 ) Of which Cresus Cirus soore hym dradde,  
 739 ( 2729 ) Yet was he caught amyddes al his pryde,  
 740 ( 2730 ) And to be brent men to the fyr hym ladde.  
 741 ( 2731 ) But swich a reyn down fro the welkne shadde  
 742 ( 2732 ) That slow the fyr, and made hym to escape;  
 743 ( 2733 ) But to be war no grace yet he hadde,  
 744 ( 2734 ) Til Fortune on the galwes made hym gape.
- 745 ( 2735 ) Whanne he escaped was, he kan nat stente  
 746 ( 2736 ) For to bigynne a newe werre agayn.  
 747 ( 2737 ) He wende wel, for that Fortune hym sente  
 748 ( 2738 ) Swich hap that he escaped thurgh the rayn,  
 749 ( 2739 ) That of his foos he myghte nat be slayn;  
 750 ( 2740 ) And eek a sweven upon a nyght he mette,  
 751 ( 2741 ) Of which he was so proud and eek so fayn  
 752 ( 2742 ) That in vengeance he al his herte sette.
- 753 ( 2743 ) Upon a tree he was, as that hym thoughte,  
 754 ( 2744 ) Ther Juppiter hym wessh, bothe bak and syde,  
 755 ( 2745 ) And Phebus eek a fair towaille hym broughte  
 756 ( 2746 ) To dryen hym with; and therfore wax his pryde,  
 757 ( 2747 ) And to his doghter, that stood hym bisyde,  
 758 ( 2748 ) Which that he knew in heigh sentence habounde,  
 759 ( 2749 ) He bad hire telle hym what it signyfyde,  
 760 ( 2750 ) And she his dreem bigan right thus expounde:
- 761 ( 2751 ) "The tree," quod she, "the galwes is to meene,  
 762 ( 2752 ) And Juppiter bitokneth snow and reyn,  
 763 ( 2753 ) And Phebus, with his towaille so clene,  
 764 ( 2754 ) Tho been the sonne stremes for to seyn.  
 765 ( 2755 ) Thou shalt anhangd be, fader, certeyn;

- 766 ( 2756 ) Reyn shal thee wasshe, and sonne shal thee drye."  
767 ( 2757 ) Thus warned hym ful plat and ek ful pleyn  
768 ( 2758 ) His doghter, which that called was Phanye.  
  
769 ( 2759 ) Anhanged was Cresus, the proude kyng;  
770 ( 2760 ) His roial trone myghte hym nat availle.  
771 ( 2761 ) Tragedi&euml;s noon oother maner thyng  
772 ( 2762 ) Ne kan in syngyng crie ne biwaille  
773 ( 2763 ) But that Fortune alwey wole assaille  
774 ( 2764 ) With unwar strook the regnes that been proude;  
775 ( 2765 ) For whan men trusteth hire, thanne wol she faille,  
776 ( 2766 ) And covere hire brighte face with a clowde.

*Explicit Tragedia.*

*Heere stynteth the Knyght the Monk of his tale.*