

—「『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'*¹⁾ は A. W. Pollard のテキスト *The Globe Edition*²⁾ 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、いま一つは 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

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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 Kunihiko 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 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	her te	4
whan	19	false	6	high te	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	Goddes	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	governauce	2
hente	3	bed	2	gutte	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	hymselven	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	carl	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	arwes	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
Nabugodonosor	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	buss	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	apparaillen	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	ferē	1
Cerberus	1	Dianira	1	fetheres	1
certainly	1	dight	1	fettred	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	floddes	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	Drededeful	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
clothyngē	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	Ermyn	1	golden	1
cursed	1	erys	1	goon	1
cursedly	1	escape	1	Gooth	1
cursednesse	1	espied	1	gouverne	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
Damyssene	1	everemoo	1	grevauance	1
Dant	1	everichoon	1	grisly	1
daunted	1	everychon	1	gronte	1
dawe	1	excusen	1	grynde	1
dayes	1	expoune	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	hangyngē	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
despeired	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	loste	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
Hermanno	1	Lumbardy	1	passed	1
herthes	1	lustes	1	past	1
hervest	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
hooite	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
kill	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
konyng	1	morsel	1	propre	1
langour	1	morwe	1	proverbe	1
lappe	1	multiplye	1	prynces	1
laude	1	mysaventure	1	pryvely	1
lauriat	1	mysgovernance	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	natheles	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
lesyng	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	nolde	1	remedie	1
leyd	1	noot	1	remedye	1
leyser	1	nothyng	1	remembraunce	1
libertee	1	ny	1	reneyen	1
liges	1	nyce	1	rennen	1
lik	1	occupieth	1	repaireth	1
likerously	1	Odenakes	1	resonable	1
likyng	1	Office	1	resoun	1
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lith	1	ofte	1	restrayne	1

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restreyne	1	strenger	1	untrewē	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	Succedyngē	1	vertuous	1
saphires	1	suggestioun	1	vesseles	1
Sapor	1	suppose	1	vices	1
Sathanas	1	Surrien	1	vicius	1
savyngē	1	suster	1	Viscounte	1
say	1	Swetoniū	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	walkyngē	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
shedde	1	th'egle	1	wēle	1
shee	1	therinne	1	welkne	1
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	Wenyngē	1
shul	1	thoght	1	wepte	1
sightē	1	thow	1	werker	1
signyfyde	1	thral	1	werreye	1
siked	1	threed	1	wessh	1
sikernesē	1	throwe	1	west	1
Sire	1	Thurghout	1	weyen	1
sit	1	thurstē	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
sperme	1	trice	1	wreken	1
sprang	1	Trophee	1	writ	1
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stank	1	trusteth	1	wroghtesrow	1
stant	1	turne	1	wynes	1
starke	1	turned	1	wynnen	1
statue	1	Twelf	1	wynter	1
stente	1	twenty	1	wynys	1
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stiked	1	Tybre	1	ydolastre	1
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 trespace,
 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 trededefowel 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 better 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 herkneth, if yow liketh for to heere.
 96 (1984) But first I yow biseeke in this mateere,
 97 (1985) Though I by ordre telle nat these 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 these 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 wroght 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 mysgovernaunce
 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 walkynge 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 governaunce.
 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 richesse!
 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 cruemel 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 cruemel tyrant Busirus
 114 (2104) And made his hors to frete hym, flesh 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 hevne 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 mencion,

- 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 hoothe 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 he,
 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 these 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 letre 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 therefore 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 these 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 heryest 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 slegen 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 knyht 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 multiplye;
 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 clothyng.
 315 (2305) She was al clad in perree and in gold,
 316 (2306) And eek she lafte noght, for noon huntyng,
 317 (2307) To have of sondry tonges ful knowyng,
 318 (2308) Whan that she leyser hadde; and for to entende
 319 (2309) To lerne bookes was al hire likyng,
 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 Romayn Galien,
 347 (2337) Ne dorste nevere been so corageus,
 348 (2338) Ne noon Ermyn, 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 hangyng.
 375 (2365) Coroned was she, as after hir degree,
 376 (2366) And ful of perree charged hire clothyng.

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 Armorike
 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 maistrise,
 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 bryng 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 nevew 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 suffice,
 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 wrought!
 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 gnou, 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 suffice;
 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 vicius
 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 fissa 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; 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 made 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 acustumaunce
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 strenger.
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 almost 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 lesyngre 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 verraily 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) Whether so he wook or ellis slepte,
 630 (2620) Ne myghte noight the stynk 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 stynk of his careyne;
 635 (2625) No man ne myghte hym bere to ne fro.
 636 (2626) And in this stynk 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 suffice.
- 665 (2655) Twelf yeer be regned, as seith Machabee.
 666 (2656) Philippes sone of Macidoyne 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 suffice?
 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 treetee,
 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 triumphe, 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 diyng in a traunce,
 727 (2717) And wiste verrailly that deed was hee,
 728 (2718) Of honestee yet hadde he remembrance.
- 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 sitthe 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;

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- 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) Tragediës 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.