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<fol. 15r>¶ Certes *quaþ* þis enchanteor . þat me ssel 3itte yse
 þ^t alle þi wiues children . under hur~ ssolleþ be .
 For þis womman ssel a+do3ter ber~ . þ^t ssine ssel so cler~
 Amang alle þ^t an eorþe beþ . in as cler manere
 As amang alle oþer sterren . þe sonne bri3tor~ is .
 Also ssel he an eorþe ssine . amang oþer men iwis .
 In a god time he worþ bor~ . & wonderliche also
 For noþer wiþ-Jinne hous ne wiþ-oute . þe dede worþ ido .
 Duptak was þo do3terles . for he nadde neuere none
 Joiuol he was and glad Jnou . for he bihet hur~ one .
 Supþe it biuel þer afterward . þ^t anoþer enchanteor wende
 And of duptak bo3te þis *seruante* . as our~ louerd *grace* sende
 For þe wif nolde neuere sine . ar it were þerto ibro3t
 Ac þe child þ^t was in hur~ wombe . duptak ne solde no3t
 Forþ he ladde þis womman . þat he hadde dere ibo3t
 And weddede hur~ as is owe wif . & uolwede is þo3t
 ¶ So þ^t a+quene of þe londe . gret mid childe was .
 & was upe þe point to habbe child . wanne our~ louerd 3af ye cas
 Of þe chanteor he let of esse . wanne god time wer~
 3if it wer~ ilor~ þe oþer sede . as mi bok me deþ ler~
 Jn þe morwenyng to morwe . wanne me may þe sonne ise
 Þer ne ssolde . in al þe worlde . þe childe per be
 þo bad þe quene uaste . þ^t it moste be þo ibore
 And þo ne abod it no3t so longe . ibore it was biuore
 Ac þis womman þ^t was mid childe . mid þis holi þinge
 Aros up to milki hur~ kun . al in þe morwenyng .
 And ri3t as þe sonne aros . hamward a3en he com .
 And þis milk al hot ymilkid . in a boket he nom .
 As he com to þe halle dor~ . hure ouot wiþ-Jinne was

And hur~ oþer uot was wiþ-oute hur~ uel a+wonder cas
 vpe þe presuold he nel adoun . & hadde child ri3t þer
 Noþer wiþ-Inne hous ne wiþ-oute . þis holi child he ne ber
 In þe time þat was so god . as hur~ hosebonde sede ene .
 Wiþ þe milk al hot imilked . þ^t child he makede clene .
 In þulke time of gode wate . þis child ibore was
 þat þe quene wolde habbe iheued . as hur~ uel ambes as
 ¶ þis child wax & wel iþei . and to eche gode drou
 For he hadde grace of god . and gode wate Jnou
 He nas bote of wel 3ong elde . ar our~ louerd on hur~ þo3te
 & mony fair miracle & swete . alday for hur~ wro3te .
 <fol. 15v>As þis child sat aday . in a+wonder cas
 Hure heued iheled wiþ acloþ . as it ofte was
 þo þo3te hur~ steffader & hur~ moder . & alle þ^t hur~ seie
 þat cloþ was al avure . and stod ali3te li3e
 þe moder dradde of þ^t child . þ^t it ssolde hur~ lif for gon
 To quenche þat fur uaste he orn . & þone+fonde non
 He wende it wer~ bernynge vur . ac he fond þo it nas
 Ac li3t of þe holigost . þat aboute þe childe was
 ¶ þis enchanteor hur~ steffader . at one time aslepe+lay
 Tweie wite cleriones . in a uision he say
 stonde bi þis holy maide . upri3t in eiþer side
 And hulde oile uppon hur~ heued . & nennede hur~ bride
 And sede ouer hur~ orisons . as a+preost wolde do
 wanne he uolleþ a+child . and baptizeþ hur~ also
 wat were þat bote angles . þ^t fram heuene wer~ ali3t
 þat baptized þis holy maide . & nennede hur~ name ari3t
 ¶ þo þis child eldore was . it biuel in aday
 þat he stod in orisons . as muche now isay
 þo hurde hi aman wiþ hur~ speke . ac hi ne seie him no3t
 And þis maide spak ek wiþ hym . & stod ofte in þo3t
 Atte+laste þis maide sede . þis wordes one þere
 Al þis is min . al þis is min . men wondrede wat it wer~
 þis maide seiþ soþ quap þis oþer . for also it wole wende
 For al þis place ssel our~ be . to þe worldes ende
 So it was for þer is 3itte . a church of sein bride
 And a+gret parisse in hur~ name . þ^t lasteþ longe & wide
 After þe tyme þ^t þe maide . þat holy word sede
 Men þ^t louede muche har~ lond . wer~ þerof in gret drede

To þe enchaunteor hur~ steffader . hi come ofte & sede
 þ^t he ssolde þat maide anon . oute of þe londe lede
 Oper he ssolde him-sulf bileue . & lete hur~ of londe fle
 þat sede in hur~ *prophecie* . þ^t þulke lond ssolde hur~ be
 þat certes *quaþ* þe chanteor . þat ne ssel it neuere mo
 Jchelle raper 3ou bileue . & awei mid hur~ go
 þo it ne+mi3te non oper be . þe enchanteor hur~ nom
 And ladde hur~ out of þulke+lond . & into anoper com .
 Suppe he brou3te hur~ to hur~ uader . as forward was byuor~
 Of hur~ hur~ uader was wel glad . þ^t he euere was ibore
 Muche wiluede al þ^t folk . þ^t maide forto ise
 And he+was ioiuel Jnou . þat ne hur~ mi3te be
 <fol. 16r>¶ So þat an holy wydue . þat wonede þer ssuan ende
 Sed duptak þat þis maide . moste wiþ hur~ wende
 þere muche folk was in astude . as he hadde to done
 þo þis widue hadde leue . þis maide he tok sone
 And wende touward þulke stude . as al þis folk was
 A wis+man þer lay aslepe . among al þis folk bicas
 þo þo3te him in auision . þat he oure leuedi ysey
 Cominge softe þuderward . and þat he was ney
 Joiuol and glad he was Jnou . For þis holy si3te
 Gret gome he nom of hur~ forme . as ueruorþ as he mi3te
 Mid hur~ þer was him þo3te anoper . þ^t þeos wordes sede iwis
 Lo þis is þe holy marie . þat amang 3ou an eorpe is
 Mid þis word þis man awok . for ioie he gan to *crie*
 On he seide non ich isei . oure leuedy seinte marie .
 And seide hom al wat he hadde on . & wat forme he was .
 þo com þis maide among hom . in mid þis worde ri3t bicas
 ¶ Anon so þis man isei hur~ come . he gan to *crie* an hei .
 Lo here he sede þes wete leuedy . marie þ^t iche isei .
 Of þe forme þ^t ich 3ou habbe itold . for ich wot wel it is he
 Gode leuost hom þo3te he was . þat mi3te hur~ eues ise
 Honoured was seinte bride . as our~ leuedi ri3t þere
 And muche of þe uolk wende . þ^t our~ leuedi sulf it wer~
 Our~ leuedi dude hur~ gret honur . þ^t hur~ owe forme hur~ sende
 And made hur~ honured as hur~ sulf . as muche þ^t folk wende .
 ¶ Suppe wende þis holy maide . to hure moder anon .
 Twelf gode kun hure moder hadde . þ^t muchel wer~ echon
 Hure moder & eke hur~ hosebonde . toke þe maide to welde

Chese and botere & hore kun . acom and eke auelde
 And al þe wit þat þere was . þat he ssolde up hur~ helde
 And a certein day þer of . triwe acontes 3elde
 ¶ þat maide gaderede swiþe clene . þe milk & þe chese
 Dotere and al þt þer of com . nolde he noþing leose
 wanne he sei eny pouere men . he delde hit hom wel clene
 þat euere was hur~ dei3erie . of wi3t bar and lene
 wanne hur~ day was ney icome . a contes forto 3ulde
 Of hure moder he was sore adrad . glad he was wel selde
 3erne he bad our~ louerd *crist* . þat ssolde be our~ red
 He nadde war of acontes 3elde . as hur~ moder hadde ised
 ¶ Ac þo þe day was icome . he nuste war wiþ hur~ quite .
 For he nadde in hur~ dei3erie bote wel lite of wite .
 <fol. 16v>Napeles þe moder þuder 3eode . to loke hou it verde
 He fond ech lome ihaped up . al aboute þe brerde
 Of chese and of botere . and of oþer wi3t also
 Ne ssel he neuere is wille leose . þt for our~ louerd wole do
 wo so hadde such a deie . He ne dorste no3t by mene
 þei is wi3t were ofte issad . oþer is kun leue
 For þulke miracle hure steffader . louede *cristendom*
 And byluuede ferst in ihesu *crist* . and *cristen* man bicom
 ¶ Hit bi uel þer afterdward . þat þis maide aueld wende
 Forto lokie to hur~ ssep . & so gret rein our~ louerd sende
 þt hur~ cloþes al wet were . a3en he gan gon .
 To drie he wolde is honge . as he ne sai no3t waron .
 þe sonne sson Jn at an hol . up þe bem of þe sonne
 Hure wete cloþes he heng to drowe . þt al & water ronne
 Me þingþ he ne dorste carie no3t . þerche forto finde
 wanne he wolde hur~ cloþes honge . & þe sonne ssinde .
 þis holy maide wiþ hur~ moder . to hur~ uader supþe drou
 And was wiþ him as he was er . as him þo3te longe Jnou .
 For al he 3ef poueremen . þt he mi3te hond on sette
 For al þat hur~ uader mi3te do . He ne mi3te hur~ þerof lette
 ¶ þo he hadde iserued him lange so . in wrappe & cheste Jnou .
 He nom & ladde hur~ to sulle . and toward þe kyng drou
 þo he com to þe kinges court . as he hadde iweon aboute
 He wende alone . into þe kyng . and let þe maide wiþoute
 He bitok hur~ is swerd to wite . leuost of alle þinge
 For it was god and riche Jnou . & for he it hadde of þe kinge .

He wende him biuore þis king . & spak wiþ him is fulle
 Said is do3ter þ^t was so god . chepede him to sulle
 ¶ wi woltou sulle *quaþ* þe kyng . þi do3ter þ^t þe is so leof .
 Sire ich mot nede *quaþ* þis oþer . for he is a+strang þeof .
 For he stelþ outlich alle þing . þ^t he may hond do
 And 3ifþ it aboute Jnot ware . þ^t me come neuere þerto
 þe wile þis men wiþJnne wer~ . & speke her~ aboute
 An oþer tripet to hur~ uader þis maide dude wiþ oute
 For a+beggar~ com & lad hur~ god . & he 3af him anon .
 Hur~ fader swerd þ^t was so leof . & het him forþ gon .
 As god hadde hur~ fader ile . to habbe wiþ him ibore
 Oþer itake an oþer to loke . þ^t he nadde no3t ilore
 ¶ So þat þe vader wende him out to bringe biuor~ þe kinge
 He com & miste is gode swerd . leuost of alle þinge
 <fol. 17r>He was ney for wrappe wod . he nuste wat do for teone
 þer ri3t he wolde hur~ habbe aslawe . bote as men 3eode bitwene
 He ladde hur~ Jn biuore þe kyng . and tolde al hur~ dede
 Nou leoue do3ter *quaþ* þe king . hou þenchestou þi lif lede
 wy hastou þi uader swerd . so foliche awei ido
 þat ich him 3af for grete loue . & þ^t him was so leof also
 ¶ For gode sire *quaþ* þis maide . 3if ich hadde poer
 Of him sulue oþer of þe . as prout as 3e beoþ her
 And a pouere man for godes loue . me bede þ^t ich 3ou 3eue
 For al 3our~ prute ne 3our~ loue . siker ich nolde bileue
 þat ich nolde 3ou 3iue for godes loue . & al 3our~ god þerto
 J+nolde it bileue for no drede . 3if ich mi3te do
 ¶ Nou makestou þe *quaþ* þe king . gret maister iwis
 God ssulde us dame fram eche stude . þer þi poer is .
 Duptak þis maide is to deore . þ^t J ne may come þerto
 To deore he is me to bugge . and þe to sulle also
 For J ne mi3te no3t reime þ^t tresour . þ^t wel to lite nere
 þere uore beoþ to gadere 3ut . as þe byuore were
 ¶ þis maide he 3af a god swerd . hur~ fader forto take
 To bymme his *wrappe* & isloþ . acord forto make
 And made acord bytwene hom . and bed hom goday
 þis godeman nam is do3ter hom . þo he non oþer ne say
 And weste fram hur~ is god . as fer norþ as he mi3te
 Ac no3t so þat euere among . somþing þat maide di3te
 ¶ Suppe it biuel þer afterward . þ^t þis maide ssolde

To agret duk yspoused be . as al hur~ vrendes wolde
 Hure uader it wolde þoru alle þing . & bad hur~ be 3ar~ þerto
 þis maide spak euere faire ac he . ne þo3te hit neuere do .
 He bad our~ louerd ni3t & day . hur~ wissi and rede
 And sende hur~ þane deþ uppon . þanne do þulke dede
 Oþer binime hur~ on of hur~ lymes . oþer som lat hur~ sende
 war þoru þe mannes herte . fram hur~ mi3te wende
 ¶ Oure louerd hurde hur~ bone wel . & hur~ on ei3e hur~ bynom .
 þt it ne bileuede in hur~ heued no3t . he nuste war it bicom
 Gret angwisse he hadde snou <?s mistake for j> . and napeles he was sawe
 Anon þis 3onge man þis isey . his herte he gan wiþ-drawe
 ¶ God schulde me he sede . to ssende my sulue so
 To wedde an on eyde quene . J nelle it neuere do
 wel leouer hure was to leose hur~ ei3e . 3e perde boþe to
 þanne to be iwedded wif . folie forto do .
 <fol. 17v>were wymmen ivare nouþe so . wo so wolde 3eorne crie
 As wel we mowe segge nay . wat halt it to lye .
 Ac seinte bride leuer was . as it seiþ in þe gospelle
 To heuene wende wiþ on ei3e . þanne wiþ tweie to helle
 ¶ þis maide þo hur~ fader biso3te . þt he nere þer a3en no3t
 To 3iue hur~ leue to be . nonne . as he him hadde er iso3t
 þo hur~ uader isei þt it was . to hur~ þt lefte lif
 For wanne he imaymed was . he nere no3t to be wif
 He 3af hur~ leue to be nonne . Swyþe glad he þo bicom
 wel be tyme he wende vorþ . & þen holi ueil nom .
 So sone so he was none imaked . & iconfermed also
 Of þe bissop faste Jnou . þat it ne mi3te no3t be vndo
 Oure louerd hur~ sende hur~ ei3e a3en . as god as he was er
 For he may binde & unbinde . as it was isene þer
 Ne der noman esse wer he ladde . god lif & clene þo
 Miracle he dude many on . and mony mon he bro3te of wo
 ¶ Meseles come to hur~ aday . a þurst and acale
 Dede hur~ some drynke for godes loue he nadde asope ale
 Auat þer stod of bap . he 3ef it hur~ blessinge .
 þe beste ale alyue it bicom . he 3ef þe museles drinke
 ¶ þer com ek a womman & bad hur~ salt . & he nadde ri3t non .
 Mid ablessinge he turnde to salt . agret hard ston .
 ¶ þre sike men eke hur~ bede god . as hy to hur~ come
 A selueren coppe he 3ef hom . and hi gladlich hit nome

So þat hi bigonne to striue . hou hi hit dele mi3te
 Abideþ sede þis holy maide . ich it wole euene di3te
 þis coppe he smot a3en aston . þ^t he wond aþre .
 Euerich is del ilyche muche . as euene as it mi3te be
 ¶ þis miracle and many opere . þis holy maide wro3te
 Boþe blinde & dombe also . to gode hele he bro3te
 Atte+laste as god it wolde . touward deþe he drou
 Biuore hure deþe he was iwar . þerof longe Jnou
 þe ferste day of feurerer . hur~ lif he bro3te to ende
 God lete us alle forþ wiþ hur~ . to þe ioie of heuene wende
 SEin blase wel clene lyfe . ladde wiþ-oute hore
 In þe lond of capadose . þis godeman was ibore
 For is godnesse cristen men . bissop him wolde make
 Nolde he no3t of such poer . ac gan it anon forsake
 For he nolde it be in none manere . he flei oute of londe
 To a deop valei3e of wildernesse . & þare began at stonde .
 <fol. 18r>Priueliche he wonede þer . and hudde him swuþe longe
 And seruede our~ louerd wel in penaunce swyþe stronge
 ¶ wilde bestes þat þere were aboute him come picke
 To solaci him for he was one . his limes forto licke
 wanne eny of hom sike wer~ . to him hy wolde anon
 And ar he hom hadde iblessed . hy nolde auot gon .
 ¶ þe luper Justice of þe lond . þat het agricolas
 Sende adai is man an honted . þer as þis godeman was
 And as hi wende hi þo3te wonder . þat hi souen deor uonde
 Hy bihelde in þe depe valeie . and iseie in þe gronde
 Swyþe uale deor aboute aman . þ^t sat him amidde
 And bihuld to heueneward . is beden forto bidde
 ¶ þis bestes alotte to him also . in gret þo3te þis honten wer~
 Hy wende and tolde þe Justise . wat hi seie þere
 A het hom wende & seche anon . & 3if hi fonde gon
 Eny cristen man þat hi ssolde . byuore him bringe anon
 þo hi come & sein blas uonde . hi seide þou sselt arise
 And come wiþ us & speke atom . wiþ our~ Justice
 ¶ Mi leue sones sein blas sede . 3e beþ wel wolcome
 For non ich wot þ^t mi swete louerd . to me haþ game Jnome
 Go we nou vorþ in is name . ich wot he wol us lede
 Ne bileueþ no3t to do by me . al þat 3oure maister sede
 As hi ladde þis holy man . touward þe Justice



Prechinge he *turnde* many *man* . to our~ *louerdes seruise*
Blinde and *deue* & *dombe* also . & þ^t *oper siknesse* hadde
Mani on he to hele *bro3te* . as me *him* forward ladde
wilde bestes þ^t sike wer~ . to him ourne also
As me *him* ladde & sette hore hele . as hi hadde ofte ido .
¶ As a+3ong child et is mete . abou sset in is þrote
Astrangled and ded he lay . þo it was Jn jssote
Na+mon *children* nadde is moder . gret deel he made mid alle
And to uore *him* he bar þ^t child . & to fore is vet *gan ualle*
And bad he ssolde hure sone hele þis gode *man* is hond nom .
And blessedde it& þ^t bon out sset . & þ^t child hol bicom .
¶ Louerd sede þis godeman . grante me mi bone
þat man in þulke vuel þe bit . ihurd him louerd sone
3if he seiþ þis wordes to þe . louerd crist þin ore
For loue of sein blas þi sergant . helpe us of þis sore
To þe worssipe of þin holy name . woso bit our~ louerd þis bone
For loue of sein blas in god entente . he worþ ihurd sone