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<Text: Prick of Conscience>

<fol. 2vb><line 19>Þe bygynnyng of þis prosesce

Ry3t knowyng of man hymself it isse

But some men han gret lettyng

Þat lettyth hem to han ry3t knowyng

Of hymself þat þey furst scholdyn knowe

Þat hem to meknesse ferst sholde drawe

And of <sup>[bat]</sup> four þynges J fynde

Þat makyn a mannys wittys blynde

And knowyng of hymself lettyth

Purw wiche four hymself he forgetyth

Of þis seynte bernard witnessse berys

Þe wheche four~ ben wretyn in þis vers

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<fol. 3ra>Þat ys fauour of þe folk & fayrnesse

And wildeschepe of 3ough<sup>e</sup> & rychesse

Reuyth a man his skyl sy3t & mynde

To knowe hymself what he is in kynde

Þus þese four~ lettyn a man his insy3t

Þat he knowith nat hymself ary3t

And makyn his herte wel hautayn

And ful froward to his souerayn

Þese four~ nurschyn of hym pompe & pride

And opere vicys many þ<sup>t</sup> man kan nat hide

For in whom on of þese four~ ys

Js seldym seyn eny meknes

Also þey lette a man þat he can nat se

Þe perylys of þe world & of vanyte

Ne þe tyme of deth þat is to come

Ne þinkyth nat on þe day of dome

Ne can nat vndyrstondyn ne se  
 Þe peynys þat aftyr þis lyf schulyn be  
 To synful men þat louyn folye  
 Ne þe blysse þat gode men ben worpye  
 But in his delitys settyth his herte faste  
 And farith as hys lyf scholde ay laste  
 And 3euyth hym to nou3t but to vanyte  
 And to al þat lykyng my3te be  
 Sweche men ben nat led w<sup>t</sup> skyl  
 But folwyn euere her~ owne wil  
 And of nat ellis þynkyth ne+takiþ hede  
 What wondyr þow þey haue no drede  
 For what þey scholde drede þei knowe nou3t  
 Þerfore þei conne han no dr~de in þou3t  
 And þ<sup>t</sup> is for defaute of knowyng  
 <fol. 3rb>Þat my3te hem to dr~de bryng  
 3it some men welyn nat vndyrstondyn  
 Þing þat my3te make hem to dr~dyn  
 For þat þey nelle nat her~ but þ<sup>t</sup> . [hem] payys  
 Þerfore þ<sup>e</sup> prophete in þ<sup>e</sup> sauter says  
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 He seyth he hath no wil to fele  
 Ne to vndyrstondyn <add>[for]</add> to don wele  
 Þe wordis may ben vndyrstandyn <add>[]</add> of hem her~  
 Þat wil neyþer vndyrstondyn ne ler~  
 To dr~de god & don his wil  
 But folwyn her~ lykyng & don & louyn yl  
 Some vndirstondyn as þey her~ telle  
 But no dr~de in her~ herte may dwelle  
 For þey beleuyn nou3t but þey it se  
 And for defaute of tr~uthe it may be  
 But grucchith whan þei dr~dful þyng her~  
 Þerfore þe prophete seyth in þis maner~  
 Þe prophete seyth þey trowede nou3t  
 But grocchedyn & weryn angry in þout3  
 Þer ben manye þat beleuyn no þyng  
 Þat men hem seyn ageynys her~ lykyng  
 But grucchith gr~tly & wexith froward  
 Whan men seyn hem ou3t þat hem þinkith hard

Some cunne se in boke & r~de  
 But sy3tnesse in *her*te reuyth her~ drede  
 So þat it may nat with *hem* dwelle  
 And þerfore seyth god in þe gospelle  
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 To a tyme some leuyn a þyng  
 And passyn þer-fro in tyme of fondyng  
 <fol. 3va>Also seyþ þe *prophete* dauyd  
 In a psalme þat cordith þer-with  
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 He seith in his wordis leuedyn þey  
 And louedyn his wordis as þey coude sey  
 But sone þei hadde don & forget  
 His werkis & þou3tyn no more of þat  
 Sweche men ben ay vnstedfast  
 Pat no dr~de may with *hem* last  
 For þei ben so wilde whan þei han gwert  
 Pat on crist is nat her~ hert  
 But who-so can nat drede may ler~  
 Pat þis tretys wele rede or her~  
 3if þey it r~de & her~ to þe ende  
 Þe matiris þat ben þer-in contende  
 And vndirstonde alle & trowe  
 Per-auentur~ her~ hertys þan schal bowe  
 Þurgh þat þ<sup>i</sup> þey scholyn conceyue þer-by  
 To werchyn gode werkis & fle foly  
 Þerfor~ is þis in ynglys drawyn  
 Of matyris fele þat ben vnknowyn  
 To lewde men þat ben vnconnande  
 Pat cunnyn no latyn vndirstande  
 To make *hem*-self fyrst to knowe  
 And fro synne & fro vanytes *hem* drawe  
 For to ster~ hem to ry3t drede  
 When þey þis tr~tys her~ or r~de  
 Pat schal pryke concyense with-ynne  
 And of þat drede may a loue bygynne

Purgh confort of hefnys her~  
 <fol. 3vb>As men may aftyrward rede & her~  
 Pys bok as his self beryth witnesse  
 In seuene partyes dyuysyd ysse  
 Þe fyrste part to holdyn in mynde  
 Js of þe wrecchydnesse of mannys+kynde  
 Þe secunde is of sennys ser~  
 And of þe vnstablesse of þis world her~  
 Þe þridde part in þis bok is to r~de  
 Of þe deth & whi it is to drede  
 Þe ferþe part is of purgatory  
 Where soulis ben clensyd for her~ foly  
 Þe fifþe part is of þe day of dome  
 And of þe toknys þat befor shullyn come  
 Þe syxte of þe peynys of helle  
 Þer~ þe dampnede schulle ay dwelle  
 Þe seuenþe is of þe Joyis of hefne  
 Þese ben þe partyis of þis book sefne  
 And of ech part fyndyn man may  
 Sor~ matyrys ~~for to say~~ in þis book for to say  
 Go we now to þat part þat Ferst is  
 Þat spekyth of mannys wr~chchydnes  
 For al þat befor is wr~tyn to loke  
 Js but an entr~ of þis boke  
**Here begynnyth þe firste part of þis**  
**Book þat is of mannys wr~chchidnesse**  
 Fyrst whan god made alle þynges of nou3t  
 Of þe fouleste <sup>[matyr]</sup> man he wrow3t  
 Þat was of þe erthe two skelys to holde  
 Þat on is for þat god it wolde  
 Of foul materye make man in dyspy3t  
 Of lacyfer þat fel so ty3t  
 To helle when he synnede in pride  
 And alle þat fellyn with hym þat tyde  
 <fol. 4ra>hou he schulde haue þe mor~ schenschepe  
 And þe mor~ sorwe whan þey toke kepe  
 Þt þat man of so foul mater~ schulde dwelle  
 In þt plase fro wich þei felle  
 Þat oþer skyl is þis to se

For man scholde þ<sup>e</sup> meker~ be  
 <ill><1 word></ill> when he seyth & þynkyth in þow3t  
 Of how foul mater~ man is wrow3t  
 For god þurw his godnesse & his my3t  
 Wolde sen þat plase in hefne bry3t  
 Was mad voyde þurw þ<sup>e</sup> senne of pride  
 Pat was felyd on euery syde  
 Þurw þe vertu of meknesse  
 Pat euene contrarye to pride ysse  
 Þan may no man þedyr com  
 But he þat meek is & buxum  
 Pat preuyth þe gospel þ<sup>t</sup> seyth to vs  
 Hou god seide to his dis.<sup>[si]</sup>plys  
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 But 3if 3e be he seide as a child  
 Pat is to sey3e meek & myld  
 3e schulle nat entr~ in no weye  
 Jn-to þe kyngdom þat lastyth aye  
 Þan behouyth a man ay to seke  
 Þyng þat makyth a man sonest meke  
 But oþþyng may hem meke more  
 To þynke in herte as j seide ore  
 Hou he was mad of foul mater~  
 And is nat ellys but erþe her~  
 For þis seiþ a klerk as j 3ow sey3e  
 <fol. 4rb>What is man but erþe & cley3e  
 And poudir þat with þ<sup>e</sup> wynd br~kith  
 And þerfore Joop þus to god spekyth  
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 He seith þenk lord hou þ<sup>u</sup> made me  
 Foul erþ<sup>e</sup> & clay her~ to be  
 Ri3t so J schal turnyn me a-geyn  
 To erþ<sup>e</sup> & poudir þat is serteyn  
 Þan seith our~ lord god almy3ty  
 Ageyn to man þus schortly  
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Penk man he seyþ asschis art þ<sup>u</sup> now  
 And in-to aschis ageyn *turne* schalt þow  
 Þan is man nat ellys to say  
 But asschis & poudr & erþe & clay  
 Of þis schulde euery man han her~ mynde  
 And knowe þe wr~chidnesse of his kynde  
 Þat may be seyn as j schewe can  
 In alle þe partyys of lyf of man  
 Al a mannys lyf casten may be  
 Pryncipaly in þese partyys þre  
 Þat ben þese to our~ vndyrstondyng  
 Bygynyng Midwarde & endyng  
 Þese þr~ partyis ben þr~ spases cald  
 Of lyf of ech man 3ong & old  
 Begynyng of mannys lyf þ<sup>t</sup> ferst is  
 Contenyth moche wr~chidnes  
 Þerfore j wele or j ferþer~ pase  
 Schewe 3ow what a man fyrst wase  
 <fol. 4va>Sum tyme was whan a man was now3t  
 Before þat he was forþ y-brou3t  
 He was be-getyn as j fynde & knowe  
 Of vil seed with-ynne man y-sowe  
 He was conceyuyd synfully  
 With-ynne his modyres body  
 Wher~ his herberwe w<sup>t</sup>-ynne was dy3t  
 As dauid seiþ in þe sauter ry3t  
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 Lo he seiþ as mannys kynde is  
 J am conceyuyd in wikkedenessis  
 And my modyr hath conceyuyd me  
 Ijn synne & in caytyfte  
 Þere dwelde man in a foul doniown  
 And a foul stede of corupcyown  
 Wher~ he hadde non oþer fode  
 But wlatom glyt & leþer blode  
 And stynk of fylþe as j seide ar  
 With þis he was nurschid þar~  
 Aftyward whan he forþ cam

Fro þe doniown of his modris womb  
 And was born in-to þis wordlys ly3t  
 He hadde neyþer str~ngþ<sup>e</sup> ne my3t  
 Neiþer to go ne stonde  
 Ne to go with Foot ne w<sup>t</sup> honde  
 Þan hath a+man lesse my3t þan a beste  
 When he is born & ser<sup>e</sup> leste  
 For a beste when it is born it may go  
 Sone aftyr r~unyn too & fro  
 <fol. 4vb>But a man hath no my3t þer-to  
 Whan he is born so to do  
 For þanne may he neiþer go ne cr~pe  
 But lygge & spraule crye & wepe  
 For vnneþis is a child born fully  
 Þat it ne bygynnyth to goule & cry  
 And be þat cry men may knowe þan  
 Wheþer it be man or wymman  
 For when it <add><sup>[is]</sup></add> born it cryith sa  
 3if it be a man he seiþ a . a  
 Þat is þe ferste lettyr of þe name  
 Of our~ forme-fadyr Adam  
 And 3if þe child a wymman be  
 Whan it is born it is seyþ . e . e  
 E is þe ferste lettr & þe hed  
 Of þe name of eue þat began our~ ded  
 Þerfore a clerk made on his maner~  
 Þis vers of mater þ<sup>t</sup> is wr~tyn her~  
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 Alle as he seiþ þ<sup>t</sup> comyn of eue  
 Þat is to seyne alle men þ<sup>t</sup> her~ leue  
 When þey be born what so þei be  
 Þei seyn oþer a . a oþer ee  
 Þus is her~ bygynnynge  
 Of our~ lyf sorwe & wepynge  
 Þe wheche our~ wr~cchednesse sterit vs  
 And þerfor~ jnnocent seiþ þus  
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 He seyþ alle we ben born gr~tande

<fol. 5ra>And makende sorful semblaunde

For to schewe þe gr~te wr~cchidnesse

Of our~ kende þat in vs jsse

Þus wan tyme com of our~ birþe

Alle made we sorwin & no merþe

Nakid he com hedir & bar~

And pore schulle we hens far~

On þese two tymys schulde we þynke þan

For þus seiþ J<sup>o</sup>p þe holy man

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Nakid he seiþ ferst j com

Hedir ferst out of my modir womb

And nakid j schal turne away

So schulle we alle at our~ laste day

Þus is a man at þe furste comyng

Nakid & bryngith with hym no þyng

But a r~m þat is wlatsum

Þ<sup>t</sup> is his garnement whan he forþ com

Þat is nat but a bloody skyn

Þat he before was lappid yn

When he in his modir wombe lay

Þat is a foul þyng to say

A fouler~ to her~ seiþ þ<sup>e</sup> book

And alþer+foulest on to look

Þus is a man as we moun se

In wr~cchidnesse <sup>born</sup> & caytyfte

And for <sup>to</sup> leue a fewe dayis

Þer-of Joop þus opynly says

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<fol. 5rb>He seiþ man born of wymman

Leuyng þurgh tyme fulfeld þan

Of manye materes of wr~cchidnesse

Þus seiþ Joop & soth it isse

Also man is boryn to nat ellis

But to trauaile as joop þus tellis

He seiþ man is boryn to trauaile ry3t

As a fle foul her~ to fly3t



For lityl þyng in þis world is  
 But gr~t trauaile & besynes  
 3it a man is whan he is born  
 Þe fendis sone & fro god lorn  
 Ay til he þurgh *grace* mai come  
 To bapteme & to crystyndome  
 Þus may a man his bygynnyng se  
 Ful of <rbd><l word></rbd> wr~cchidnesse & caityfte  
 Pat oþer partye of lyf men kallyth  
 Þe medeward aftyr as it fallith  
 Þe wich r~chith fro þ<sup>e</sup> bygynnyng  
 Of a manys lyf to his endyng  
 Þe bigynnyng of euery man bolde  
 Js ful wrecchid as J+tolde  
 But hou foul man is aftyrward  
 Tellith vs opynly seynt bernard  
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 <fol. 5va>Seynt bernard seith as þe book telles  
 Pat man her~ is nat ellis  
 But a foul slym wlatsum to men  
 And a sek ful of stynkende fen  
 And wormys fode þ<sup>t</sup> þei wolde haue  
 Whan he is ded & beryyd in *graue*  
 But some men & wymmen fair~ semyth  
 Þo sy3t w<sup>t</sup>-oute as men demyth  
 And schewith nat ellis but a skyn  
 But ho so my3te sen hem w<sup>t</sup>-yn  
 Fouler~ sy3te sow he neuere noon  
 Of caroyne þ<sup>t</sup> hadde flessch & bon  
 Þerfore ho-so hadde so scharp a sy3t  
 And cler~ ey3en & as bry3t  
 As hath a beste þ<sup>t</sup> men linx callis  
 Þ<sup>t</sup> man se þurgh neyne ston wallis  
 Litol likyng schulde a+man haue þan  
 For to beholde a fayr wymman  
 For þan my3te he sen her~ w<sup>t</sup>-outyn doute  
 As wel with-ynne as w<sup>t</sup>-oute  
 And he sei3e w<sup>t</sup>-ynne ary3t

3he wer~ wol wlatsum to his sy3t  
 Þus foul ech man ys  
 As þ<sup>e</sup> book seith & berith witnes  
 Þan may men se in þis maner~  
 How foul þ<sup>e</sup> kynde of man is her~  
 Wherfor~ j holde man nat witty  
 Þat her~ is ouer proud or ioly  
 <fol. 5vb>Whan he may iche day her~ & se  
 What he is & what he schal be  
 But a proud man of þis takith non hed  
 For him wantith skele þ<sup>t</sup> him schulde led  
 Whan he is 3ong & louyth lykyng  
 Or hath ese & welþ<sup>e</sup> in his fostryng  
 Or 3if he be at gr~t worschepe  
 Wher~ hym-self is þan knowith he lest  
 And farith as an vnr~sonable best  
 Þat his owne wil folwith & nat+ellys  
 And þerfor~ in þ<sup>e</sup> sauter þ<sup>e</sup> prophete tellys  
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 Man whan he was in worschepe brou3t  
 Ry3t vndirstondyng hadde he nou3t  
 He may be+lyknyd & he is lyk þan  
 To bestys þ<sup>t</sup> skele ne wit ne can  
 Þerfor~ ech man þ<sup>t</sup> hath wit & mynde  
 Scholde þenke on his wr~chidnesse of kinde  
 Þat is foul & vil & wlatsum  
 For he may se fro his bodi com  
 Al+kennys fylþe w<sup>t</sup> stynkende br~the  
 Boþ<sup>e</sup> fro aboue & fro beneþe  
 For mor~ filþ<sup>e</sup> is neiþer hard ne nessch  
 Þan is þat comyth fro a mannys flessch  
 And þ<sup>t</sup> may a man boþ<sup>e</sup> see & feel  
 Þat wele beholdyn him-self wel  
 Hou foul he is to mannys sy3t  
 And þerfor~ seith seynte bernard ry3t  
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3yf þu wilt he seiþ entently se  
 And beholdyn what comyth fro þ<sup>e</sup>  
 What þurw nose & mowth comonly  
 And þurw opr~ ouertouris of þi body  
 A fouler~ medlyng sei þ<sup>u</sup> neuere+non  
 Pan man is of flessch & bon  
 Al þe tyme þat man her~ lyuys  
 His kinde no frut ne geuys  
 Wheþer he leue longe or schortwhile  
 But þyng þ<sup>t</sup> is wlatsum & vile  
 As filþ<sup>e</sup> & styng & no þyng ellis  
 And as Innocent in a book þus tellis

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þe gr~te clerk tellith þus in a book  
 Behold he seiþ gr~tly & look  
 Erbis & tr~es þ<sup>t</sup> þ<sup>u</sup> sest sprynge  
 Tak good kepe what forþ þei brynge  
 Erbis forþ brynge flouris & seed  
 And trees fayr frut branchis to spr~de  
 <fol. 6rb>And þ<sup>u</sup> forþ bryngist of þy-self her~  
 Nites & lees & oþer vermyn ser~  
 Of erbes & tr~es spryngith baume good  
 And oyle & wyn for mannys food  
 And of þ<sup>e</sup> comyth mochil foul styng  
 As fen & oryne & spatlyng  
 Of herbis & tr~es comyth swete sauour  
 And of þ<sup>e</sup> comyth wlatsum stynk & sour  
 Swich as þ<sup>e</sup> tre is swich ben<sup>[b]</sup>le bowes  
 And swich is þ<sup>e</sup> Frut þ<sup>t</sup> þeron growes

An euel tr~ may no good frut ber~  
 And þ<sup>t</sup> knowith ech a good gardyner~  
 A man is a+tr~ þat stondith nat harde  
 Of wich þ<sup>e</sup> crop is *turnyd* dounwarde  
 And þe rote toward þe fyrmament  
 As seiþ þe grete clerk Innocent  
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 He seiþ what is man *in* schap but a+tr~  
 Turnyd vp þat is down as man may se  
 Of þe wiche þe rote is *þer-of* & *sprynges*  
 Or þe her þ<sup>t</sup> on þ<sup>e</sup> heud henges  
 Þe stok nex þ<sup>e</sup> rote growande  
 Js þe heued with þe nekke folwande  
 Þe body of þe tre *þer-by*  
 <fol. 6va>Js þe brest w<sup>t</sup> þe body  
 Þe bowis beþ þe armys w<sup>t</sup> þe hondys  
 And þ<sup>e</sup> leggis w<sup>t</sup> þe feet þ<sup>t</sup> stondis  
 Þe brannchis men may be skele calle  
 Þe toes & þe fyngrys alle  
 Þis is þe lef þat hongith nat faste  
 Þ<sup>t</sup> is blowyn awei with þ<sup>e</sup> wyndis blaste  
 And þ<sup>e</sup> body of þat tre  
 Þat þurw þe sunne dreid may be  
 A man þ<sup>t</sup> is 3ong & ly3t  
 Be he neuere so stalworpy & wy3t  
 And comely of schap louely & fayr  
 Angrys & euelys may hym apayr  
 And his bewte & his strengþ<sup>e</sup> abate  
 And make .<sup>[hym]</sup> in wel weik state  
 And chonge al his fayr colour  
 Þat sone fallyth & fadith as dop a flour  
 For a flour þat semyth fair & bry3t

Purgh stormys fadith & lesith his my3t  
 Manye euel angrys & greuys  
 Ofte comyn to man þ<sup>t</sup> her~ leuys  
 As feueres dropesy & iawnes  
 Tesyk kowhe & oþere maladyes  
 Þat makyn strengþ<sup>e</sup> & faynesse to tyne  
 As gr~te stormys don a flour to dryne  
 Þerfore a man may lyknyd be  
 To a flour þ<sup>t</sup> is fayr on to se  
 Þat sone aftyr þ<sup>t</sup> it is forth brou3t  
 Welkith & dryuyth til it come to nou3t  
 <fol. 6vb>Þis schulde ben+ensample to vs  
 For-whi ioop in his book seiþ þus  
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 Man he seiþ as a flour bry3t  
 Fyrst forþ comyth to our~ sy3t  
 And is sone brokyn & passid a-way  
 As a schadue in somerys day  
 And neuere mor~ in þ<sup>t</sup> same staat dwellyth  
 But ay passynge as ioop tellith  
 Of þis þ<sup>e</sup> prophete witnesse beris  
 In a salme of þ<sup>e</sup> sauter in þis vers  
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 Þe prophete seis þus as wretyn is  
 Erly man passith as þe gres  
 Erlyche at þe bygynnyng of þ<sup>e</sup> day  
 He florschith & passith a-way  
 At euyn late he is doun brou3t  
 And fallyth & dr~yith & dryuyth to nou3t  
 In þe ferste bygynnyng of þe kynde of man  
 Neyne hundryd wynter man leuede þan  
 As klerkis in bokis beryn witnesse  
 But seþin by-com man of lyf so nessche  
 And so wolde god þ<sup>t</sup> it scholde be  
 For-whi he seide þus to noe

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My gost he+seip schal nat ay dwelle

Jn man for he is flessch & felle

His day schal ben to leyn her~

An hundryd & twenty 3er~

But so gr~et elde mown fewe men ber~

For seppyn is mannys <sup>[lyf]</sup> becomyn schorter~

For-whi þe complexoun of euery man

Was seppyn febler~ þan it was þan

Now it is alþer feblest to se

þerfor it behouyth mannys lyf schort to be

For ay þe lengere þ<sup>t</sup> man may leue

þe more his lyf schal hym greue

And þe lesse þynke his lyf swete

As in a salme seyþ þe prophete

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3yf my3tynesse four~ stor~ <sup>[3er]</sup> falle

More is her~ swynk & sorwe w<sup>t</sup> alle

For seldyn a man þ<sup>t</sup> hath þ<sup>t</sup> elde

Hele hath & hym-self be-welde

But now fallyn schortere mannys dayis

As ioop þe holy man þus says

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Now he seip my fewe dayis ser~

Schullyn endyn in a fewe dayis her~

Fewe men may fourty 3er passe

And fewer~ fyfty as sum tyme wasse

<fol. 7rb>But as sone as a man wexith old

þan wexith his kynde weik & cold

þan chaungith his complexoun

And his maneres & his condycoun

þan wexith his herte hard & heuy

And his hefd fle feble & desy

And his fase r~uelyþ mor & more

And wexith fouler~ þan it was ore

His mynde is schort whan he ou3t þynkyþ



His nose droppyth his onde stynkip  
His sy3te wexith dym þ<sup>t</sup> he hath  
His bak wexith crokyd stoupende he gap  
Fyngrys & toes foot & hande  
And alle hise towchis ben tremblande  
His werk for wo worþis þat he bygynnys  
His her moutyth his ey3en renmys  
His eryl wexyn deef & harde to her~  
His tunge foldith his speche is nat cler~  
His teeth rotyth his mouþ slaueryth  
His wit failith & he ofte dotyth