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<fol. 153va>Alle þ^t beoþ in sinne ibounde

And þencheþ godes merci to abide

Lustneþ & herkneþ on stounde

Hou sinne on eorþe spredeþ wide

Bote for non sinne þ^t man mai do

Jn wanhope loke þ^t no+man falle

Of alle sinnes is bote þerto

Þei3 on man hadde idon hem alle

Þei3 on man hadde as i^c 3ou telle

Jdon alle þe sinnes under sonne

His soule fram þe pine of helle

He mai saue 3if he conne

Schriue him clene & beo sorie

And do penaunce þ^t him is tau3t

As dude þe pope Gregorie

Þ^t þe fende him hadde wel nei3 icau3t

<fol. 153vb>Jn sinne his lif he bigan

And dude hit ofte time & lome

And suppe he was an holi man

And was imad pope of Rome

3if 3e wollep a while dwelle

And understond mi tale wel

Of his lif ichulle 3ou rede

Hou wonderliche hit bifel .

Þer was an eorl in aqⁱtayne

Þ^t mani man stod of eye

And hadde a wif þ^t het edayne

Bitwene hem com children tueye

A knaue child as 3e mowe heore

Þ^t suppe leouede þe fendes red

And a dou³ter leof & dere
 Þ^t wiþ hire was hire moder ded
 Þe leuedi was on eorþe ibrou³t
 Þo deþ hire hadde idriue to *grounde*
 <fol. 154ra>And þer-after liuede nou³t
 Hire lorde bote a+lutel stounde
 Ac er he deide he was biþou³t
 Of his dou³ter þ^t faire maide
 His sone bifore him was ibrou³t
 And þeos wordes to *him* he saide
 Sone ne þertou noþinge wepe
 Þei³ i^c deie & *fram* þe falle
 Jchulle leue inou³ þe to kepe
 Min londes & rentes alle
 whan þ^u schalt alle min londes haue .
 And welden al min eritage
 whan icham under grete *graue*
 Do þ^u þin soster non outrage
 Þan seide his sone þer he stod
 Sore he wepe & mi³te no³t blinne
 Fader we beoþ of on blod
 Oure loue schal neuere *parti* atwinne
 Nou þ^u hauest me bisou³t
 Þ^t y ne schal don hire non outrage
 Fader for hire cary þ^u nou³t
 Riche schal beo hire mariage
 Þis eorl mi³te no+lengore liue
 Deþ huppede uppon him faste
 He was ihouseled & ischriue
 And son deide ate laste
 Whan he was ded þ^t gode kni³t
 Þo halpe hit nou³t for+to wepe
 Þan was þ^t maide bri³t
 Hire broþer itake for+to kepe .
 At eche time whan he was glad .
 He cloþed his soster in þ^t cloþ
 He þou³t what his fader bad
 3eo was him leof & noþinge loþ
 Jn a chambre hi leie ifere

Loþ hem was to *parti* atwinne
 And þ^t is ruþe of to here
 Þe fende tempted hem wiþ sinne .
 He lai stille & slepe nou3t
 In cloþes riche al bihed
 <fol. 154rb>Þe feond pult hit in his þou3t
 To gon to his *soster* bed
 Hire bodi ne mi3te 3eo *fram* him wite <mrg>. b .</mrg>
 Bote let him al his wille do
 And þo was Gregorie bi3ite
 His *soster* þo he com hire to <mrg>. a .</mrg>
 Þe leuedi bigan for+to grete
 As wimmen doþ nei3 her time
 And hire murþes for+to lete
 Þ^t ruþe hit is þer-of to rime
 And seide alas & waylaway
 Þ^t ich *euere* was womman ibore
 To sorwe is *iturnde* nou al mi play
 Alas mi soule is nou forlore
 Hire broþer hire herde siche sore
 And seide *soster* beo nou stille
 Gode *soster* wepe þ^u na+more
 Þ^u makest min hert for+to grille
 Broþer 3eo seide so god me rede
 J^c mai wepe ay & oo
 we habbeþ ido a sori dede
 Þ^u art ilore & i^c also
 Þis dede i^c rede þ^t we hide
 Certes oþer we beon ischende
 Godes *merci* we moten abide
 Of þe fendes combremente
 Quaþ hire broþer care þ^u nou3t
Soster i^c hopie wel to spede
 For soþ icham redi biþou3t
 Jchot a kni3t schal bete oure nede
 Broþer seide þe leuedi þo
 Let sende *after* him anon
 Þ^t noman iwite bote we two
 whar-for men scholle *after* him gon .

3if men witen of oure care
 In fer lond & hit beo isprad
 Certes broþer y schal forfare
 wo.^[r]pe i^c neuere þer after glad
 Soster quap hire broþer þo
 For him þ^t haueþ ous dere abou3t
 <fol. 154va>Er þ^u bringe me in more wo
 Let soche sorwe out of þi þou3t
 And ichulle sende after þe kni3t
 Þ^t schal oure consail hele
 And þoru3 þe uertu of godes mi3t
 Al oure wo schal turne to wele
 A messenger þen morwe forþ hi sende
 Þ^t noman hit wuste bote hi tuo
 And to þe kni3t anon he wende
 Þ^t scholde hem helpe out of þ^t wo
 Anon so his kni3t hit herde
 Þ^t his lord after him sent
 He leop to hors & forþ he ferde
 To don his lordes comaundement
 Anon as þe kni3t was icome
 Þe eorl in hert was wel glad
 Bi þe hond þe kni3t was ynome .
 And to a chambre forþ ilad
 In to þe chambre þo he was brou3t
 And þe eorles soster also
 Hi tolde þe kni3t al her þou3t
 Hou hi were ibrou3te in wo
 Seide þe kni3t so god me fede
 while þ^t ich mai ride & go
 Jchulle 3ou helpe at þis nede
 For+to bringe 3ou oute of wo
 Boþe in wo .^[&] in wele
 Jchulle 3ou helpe al þ^t i^c mai
 And al 3oure consail wole hele
 Boþe bi ni3t & bi day
 Þe eorl seide 3eo greteþ faste
 Of sclaundre sore icham adrad
 3if 3eo dwelleþ here ate laste

Þe sclaunder wole beo wide isprad .
 Sire quap he care þ^u nou3t
 And þou wolle do after me
 To mi court 3eo schal beo ibrou3t .
 And þer 3eo schal deliuered be .
 And i^c rede þ^t þou take
 Þe wey to þe court of Rome
 <fol. 154vb>And ichulle hire loke for þin sake
 Trewliche al forte þ^u come
 For drede of deþ er þ^u wende
 Make þi sosteres stat so stronge
 Þ^t noman to hire liues ende
 Beode hire non manere wronge
 Þe eorl grauntede him his bon
 Of þ^t he hadde him bisou3t
 Alle his grete consail son
 Bifore him þo hi were ibrou3t
 Her consail was son itake
 Hi comen ful redi to his hond
 And gode chartres he let make
 And sesede his soster wiþ his lond
 Þe eorl bitoke his soster þe kni3t
 Þ^t trewe was of tonge & tale
 To kepe þ^t leuedi faire & bri3t
 Til 3eo were bet of hire bale
 Þe kni3t þ^t leuedi under-nom
 And ladde hire forþ wiþ moche <binding>
 And to his owne court he com
 And brou3te hire priueliche in his <binding>
 Þo þe leuedi was ali3te
 And in to chambre was ibrou3t
 To his wif went þ^t kni3te
 Lengore wolde he abide nou3t
 And seide dame bi þi lif
 For non þinge þ^t mai be
 Þ^t þ^u ne segge maide ne wif
 Of þinge þ^t ichulle telle þe
 Dame þe leuedi þ^t here is
 For soþe dame hit is non oþer



Hit is þe eorles dou3ter iwis
And is with child bi hire broþer
Sire quap þe leuedi þo
Swete leuedi hire unbinde
For me schal iwite namo
Bi him þ^t mad leof on linde
Ðo hit time come non lette þer nas
Þ^t 3eo scholde deliuerede beo
<fol. 155ra>Of a knaue ideliuerede 3eo was
Þe leuedi þ^t was bri3t on bleo
Þe storie bereþ witnesse a-ri3t
who so takeþ þer-of gome
Supþe þe child was mad kni3t
And þer-after he was pope of Rome
Þe leuedi seide wiþ milde chere
Me þenkeþ min hert wole to-breke
3if þe child is bi me here
Mani on wole þer-of speke
Bote 3e do as i^c 3ou telle
Hasteliche wiþoute delai
A-liue ne mai i^c longe dwelle
J^c deie attan haste dai
Carpenteres 3e schollen take
Loke þ^t 3e ne faille nouzt
And a tonne let hem make
Hasteliche þ^t hit beon wrou3t
Loke þ^t hit beo anon idi3t
Þ^t þe tonne beo stronge & god
And in bote aboute midni3t
Hit schal beon ipult in þe flod
3if iesu *crist* is ipaide þer-one
Þ^t hit was bi3ite & ibore
He wot wel what is to done
He wolle nou3t soffre þ^t hit be lore
And 3if hit were a3en his wille
Oþer ibore oþer bi3ite
And in þe see let hit spille
Þer schal no+man hit iwite
Þe kni3t sei3 þe leuedies wille

And seide madame hit schal be do .
 Anon he wende forþ wel stille
 And hiede carpenteres faste þerto
 As mani as mi3te wurchen þeron
 To make þe tonne hi were ibrou3t .
 Hi wuste what hi hadden to don
 Anon hit was þer iwrou3t
 Þo þe tonne was imad al preste
 Þe leuedi for hire child was wo .
 <fol. 155rb>3eo mad þe croi3 uppon his breste
 And seide alas me is wo bigo
 Þe furst child þ^t ich haue ibore
 Nou schal i^c hit neuere more iseo
 And mi soule þerfore beo lore
 Nou swete iesu mi soker~ þ^u beo
 Þo 3eo hadde hit 3eue ones souke
 3eo mad þe croi3 uppon his brest
 Forte hit saue fram þe pouke
 Þo hit was in þe cradel fest
 3eo toke a somme of seluer & golde
 And leide hit under þe cradel heued
 For som man scholde hit biholde
 And helpe þ^t hit were nou3t ded
 A peire tables anon 3eo toke
 Of yuorie þ^t hire leie bifore
 3eo wrot & in non oþer boke
 Hou þ^t child geten & ibore
 And bad on lond whar hit com
 A-liue 3if hit were ibrou3t
 Men scholde hit 3eue cristendom
 For his loue þ^t alle haþ iwrou3t
 3eo leide þe tables under his hed
 Of yuorie þ^t were iwrou3t
 And anon þe leuedi bed
 To watere þ^t hit were ibrou3t
 To þe bote hit was ibore
 And ipult in þe salte flod
 Þe moder was sori þerfore
 And ful dreri in hire mod

Þe eorl hire broþer he was gon
 For sorwe ofte he siked sore
 And lai adoun sike anon
 Ne aros he neuere þer-after more
 Sori he was for his sinne
 Þt he wiþ his soster dude
 And for hi scholde parti atwinne
 Ros he neuere up of þe stude
 Þe leuedi to churchē was igon
 In child bedde as 3eo lai
 <fol. 155va>Per com a messenger anon
 Ri3t wiþinne þen þridde dai
 And tolde þt hire broþer was ded
 Erliche in a someres morwe
 Þt was to hire a wel colde red
 Þo was hire bodi fulle of sorwe
 Þan seide þe kni3t þt was trewe
 Conforte þe dame for charite
 Hit nis . <mrg>non</mrg> bote his dep to rewe
 For as god wole hit schal be
 Dame þu schalt þe make 3are
 And let sorwe out of þi þou3t
 And to his buringe þu schalt fare
 Er he beo to eorþe ibrou3t
 Þo was þe leuedi idi3t al boune
 Þt was boþe gode & hende
 And isette uppon a stede broune
 To hire broþer forto wende
 wiþ sorweful hert & dreri mod
 Toward þe burienge forþ 3eo rode
 Þoru3out hire eyen ronne ablod
 Þt neuere a ter oþer abode
 Þo 3eo com in to þe halle
 Hire songe was wope & weilaway .
 3eo fel adoun amonge hem alle
 vpon þe bodi þer hit lai
 For sorwe þer 3eo swowened þrie
 And amonge alle þt þer were
 Hi wend alle 3eo wolde deie

Hi nom & ladde hire fram þe bere
 Þo þe eorl was burede an under molde
 No+man dude hire non outrage
 As ri3t was þ^t 3eo scholde
 3eo entrede in to þe eritage
 Þo was hit pupled & nou3t ihud
 Þ^t al þe eorlþom was hire owe
 For clene maide 3eo was ikud
 Boþe wiþ heye & ek wiþ lowe
 Þe leuedi liuede wiþ worldes winne
 Dai & oþer & 3eres fele
 <fol. 155vb>And was sori for hire sinne
 And partede of hire worldes wele
 To pore men þ^t hadde nede
 3eo 3af boþe mete & cloþ
 Of hire godes 3eo nas nou3t gned<?>
 To weorne þe pore hire was loþ
 Þer was a duke of moche mi3te
 And in his hert he hit fond
 Forto wedde þ^t beord bri3t
 Þ^t was so riche womman of lond
 He sende þider kni3t & sweyn
 Forto wite what was hire þou3t
 And 3eo him sende word a3eyn
 Þ^t 3eo wolde him habbe nou3t
 Þo þ^t he hurde of hire answeþe
 Þ^t þe leuedi him hadde forsake
 He gadrede ost wiþ schelde & spere
 Þo bigan werre forto awake
 Bote he mi3te þe leuedi winne
 He þou3t to schende al hire lond
 werre he þou3t forto biginne
 And ate laste inou3 he fond
 Þan seide þ^t beord bri3t
 Þo werre bigan forte awake
 To þe gode trewe kni3t
 Þ^t hire broþer hire hadde itake
 Þe duke schal neuere mi bodi welde
 Bote hit beo wiþ strenþe wonne



Er mi sone beon of elde
þ^t was istopped in þe tonne
3if he haþ lif iwonne
þoru3 helpe of him þ^t al haþ wrou3t
þis werre þ^t is nou bigonne
He mai helpe to bringe to nou3t
þo þe grete lordes of hire lond
þo hi wuste wharto hit drou3
And comen al redi to hire hond
And founde þe duke werre inou3
Let we nou þ^t leuedi freo
werre wiþ þe duke a+stonde