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<Tranche 1>

<fol. 111ra>yat es to say yam sal be wa  
yat here mysturnes yair lyf swa  
yus es ye world and ye lyf yar-yn  
ful of vanite and of syn  
Bot som men lufes yis lyf swa+mykel  
And ye world yat es swa fykel  
yat yai wald neuer part yar-fra  
bot lyf here ay yf it mught be swa  
For yai luf swa yis worldis vanite  
yat yai wale neuer othir lyf suld be  
Yai wil noght knawe ye perils alle  
of yis lyf ne what aftir sal falle  
Bot for yai lyf here in delices sere  
yai thynk nan heuen es bot here  
Bot at ye last when yair lyf sal stynt  
yan sal alle ioi be fra yam tynt /  
¶ Bot wald a+man vndirstand wele  
what yis world es and what he+sal+fele  
when he sal wende fra yis world oway  
hym suld noght list nouthir night+ne day  
mirthe here ne blithe chere make  
bot alle ye welthes of yis world forsake  
and lyf in . penance and in pouert /  
for ye drede yat he suld haf in hert  
yf he wald knawe and trowe howe hard  
hym byhoued suffir . aftirward  
¶ Bot ogayne yat drede yhit taught he  
thurgh hope of hert comforted be

Yf he thynk wille of heuen bright  
 whar he sal wonne yf he here lyf right  
 Yus may ilk man do and thynk  
 in whas hert grace of god may synk  
 ¶ And he yat wil noght thynk+on+yis  
 and yhernes to haf nan othir blis  
 bot yis wrecched lyf y<sup>t</sup> hym thynk gode  
 he es outhir clomsed or wode  
 or . it es a signe of suspencion<sup>n</sup>  
 yat he es in way of dampnacion<sup>n</sup>  
 ¶ Here haf J shewed on som manere  
 ye condicions of ye world here  
 and of ye worldes vnstabilenes  
 and of ye maneres y<sup>t</sup> in ye world es  
 Nowe J wil passe forthir-mar~  
 til ye thred part and se what es yar~  
 <fol. 111rb>¶ For yat parte nowe J wil byginne  
 And shewe yhou materes y<sup>t</sup> es withyn  
 yat specialy spekes als J sal rede  
 of ye ded and why ded es to drede  
**Here byginnes ye thred part y<sup>t</sup> es of ye ded**  
 Deed es ye mast dredde thyng yat es  
 in alle yis world als ye buke witnes  
 For here es na<ill><1 letter></ill>whik creature lyfand  
 yat it ne es for ye ded dredand  
 And flese ye ded ay whilles it may  
 bot at ye last it most be ye ded pray  
 Ded of alle yat it commes to abates  
 and chaunges alle mightes and states  
 Na man may wele ogayne it stand  
 whar yat it commes in any land  
 yat es to say bodily ded  
 ogaynes ye whilk may nan help na red  
 for alle yat lyf has byhoues it fele  
 yat aghe ilk a man to knawe wele  
 Bot by ye name of ded may be tane  
 and vndirstanden ma dedes yan ane  
 ¶ For als yir clerks fyndes writen . & redes  
 thre maners of deds er yat men dredes

Ane es bodily ded yat thurgh kynde+es  
 Anoth<ill><1 letter></ill>r gastly Ye thred endeles  
 ¶ Bodily ded yat es kyndely  
 es twinnyng bytwene ye saule & body .  
 and yat ded es bitter and hard  
 of whilk J sal shewe yhou aftirward  
 ¶ Gastly ded es a twinnyng thurgh syn  
 bytwene god & mans saule withyn  
 For als ye saule es lyf of ye body  
 swa ye lyf of ye saule es god almighty  
 And als ye body with-uten dout  
 es ded when ye saule es passed out  
 Ye saule of man es ded right swa  
 when god es departed yar-fra  
 For whar syn es es ye deuel of helle  
 and yar whar yai er~ god wil nocht duelle  
 for dedly syn and ye deuel and he  
 in a sted may nocht to-gider be  
 Yar-for when ye saule es wounded with syn  
 god passes out And ye fende gas yn  
 <fol. 111va>Yan es ye saule onence god ded  
 ay whilles syn & ye deuel duelles in y<sup>t</sup> sted  
 ¶ And als ye body may be slayne  
 thurgh wapen y<sup>t</sup> men may ordayne  
 Swa es ye saule slayne thurgh syn  
 wharfor god and it byhoues twyn  
 Yan es gastly ded to drede wele mar  
 yan bodily ded yat nan wil spar  
 in als mykel als ye saule namly  
 es bettir and mar worth yan ye body  
 For alle-yf+ye saule thurgh+syn be ded  
 Fra god almighty yat es ye hed  
 yhit may it ay lyf and be pynde  
 for ye body es dedly here thurgh kynde  
 Of bodily ded es na+gayn-turnyng  
 for of erthely lyf it es endyng ;  
 And right entree and way it es  
 til ioy or payne yat es endeles  
 Yhit yf ye saule thurgh syn be slayne

it may thurgh grace whyken ogayne  
 And ye gastly woundes of syn  
 thurgh penance may be heled with-yn  
 For alle yf god be rightwys and mighty  
 he es fulle of godenes and of mercy  
 and to turne hym til man mar redy es he  
 yan any man til hym wil be  
 For alle yf he ye ded of body y<sup>t</sup> greues  
 ordaynd til alle yat here lyefes  
 Ye ded of saule wild noght he  
 of na+man yhogh he synful be  
 For ye lyf of ye saule mar hym pays  
 yan ye ded for yus hym-self says

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J wil noght ye ded of synful man  
 bot yat he <ill><1 word></ill> be turned and lyf yan  
 ¶ Yan may ye synful y<sup>t</sup> his saule has slayn  
 be turned thurgh grace & lyf ogayne  
 ¶ Endeles ded es ye ded of helle  
 yat es mast bitter And mast felle  
 helle es halden a ful hidus sted  
 ye whilk es ful of endeles ded  
 <fol. 111vb>and of paynes And soru y<sup>t</sup> neuer sal blyn  
 and yhit may nan dighe yat es yar-yn  
 Bot yf yai mught dighe als a body here may  
 of alle sorwe yan delyuerd war yai  
 Yai sal fele yar many a ded brayd  
 bot yai sal lyf ay als J sayd  
 For ye ded of helle es a lyf ay dyghand  
 And a ded yat es ay lyfand  
 Ded of helle es noght elles to say  
 bot payns and sorwe y<sup>t</sup> sal last ay  
 Ye whilk saules sal fele with-outen ende  
 yat til yat grisly sted sal wende  
 Of yis ded may men rede and luke  
 ynogh in ye sext part of yis buke  
 yat spekes of ye payns of helle  
 yar-for here-on wil J na langer duelle

¶ Bot of bodily ded J wil spek mar  
 yat es entre and way als J sayd ar  
 til lyf or ded yat has nan ende  
 Als es Aftirward in yis part contende  
 ¶ Bodily ded here dredes ful many  
 for twa skills principaly  
 ane es for ye payne yat a man has  
 when ye ded hym assayles and slas  
 Ye tothir es for when his lyf sal here ende  
 he wate neuer whider he sal wende  
 For . in dout he es and vncertayne  
 whethir he sal til ioi or payne  
 Bot howe swa he sal aftir fare  
 ye payne of ye ded here es bitter and sare  
 ¶ Yar-for ilk man yat of ded has mynde  
 dredes gretly ye ded here thurgh kynde  
 And swa it semed als says ye buke  
 yat crist did in manhede y<sup>t</sup> he take  
 For he byfor ar he dyghed on ye rode  
 for drede of ded he swette blode  
 for he wist ar he til ye ded suld pas  
 what ye payne of ye ded was  
 Yan may we yarby trowe right wele  
 yat ye payne of ye ded es hard to fele  
 ¶ Of ye ded here men may thynk wondir  
 for alle thyng it brestes in sondir  
 <fol. 112ra>Als it sculkes by diuers ways  
 yarfor ye haly man in buke yus says  
 <lat>Mors omnia soluit</lat>  
 ye ded he says louses alle thyng  
 and of ilk mans lyf mas endyng  
 ¶ Ye ded es swa sutil and priue  
 yat na man may it proprely se  
 ¶ And forthy yat na+man may se it  
 Yarfor may na man knawe ne wit  
 ne ymagyn thurgh wit what it es .  
 ne what shappe it has and liknes  
 ¶ Bot what ded es proprely to say  
 wha swa wil wit shortly he may

Ded es noght elles to telle shortly  
 bot a partyng of ye saule and body  
 als J byfor a+party sayd  
 yis may be called ye dede brayd  
 and a *seruation* of ye lyf  
 when it partes fra ye body in stryf .  
 ¶ And als yhe may se and wate wele  
 yat myrknes kyndely es noght to fele  
 ¶ Bot ouer alle whar na light es  
 yar es *propely* myrknes  
 ¶ Right swa ye ded es noght elles  
 bot a priuyng of lyf als clerks telles  
 ¶ For whar-swa euer ye lyf fayles  
 yar es ye ded yat yan assayles  
 Yus ye ded yat man dredes mast  
 when ye lyf fayles men byhoues tast

## <Tranche 2>

<fol. 131ra>¶ For ye vale of Josaphath es sett  
 ¶ bytwene ye mount of Oliuett  
 ¶ And Jerusalem on ye tothir+syde  
 yat standes ymiddles ye world swa wyde  
 ¶ And yar es ye mount of Caluary  
 ¶ And ye sepulcre of crist yarby  
 ¶ And in yat cuntre standes Bethelem  
 noght ful ferre fra Jerusalem  
 ¶ Yarfor . crist sal sitt yar yat day  
 onence ye middes of erthe yus for to say  
 ¶ Lo here als yhe may alle nowe se  
 ye vale of Josephath vndir me  
 whar biryd was my moder Mary  
 of wham flesshe and blode for yhou tuk J  
 ¶ He may say lo here als yhe se nowe  
 Bethelem whar J was born for yhowe  
 and in cloutes lapped and layd was  
 In a cribbe bytwene an Ox and an asse  
 ¶ He may say Lo here may yhe se stand  
 Jerusalem yat es nerehand

whar J had for ȝ<sup>[yhou]</sup> many a buffett  
 and with sharp scourges hard was bett  
 And fra whethon ye crosse for yhou J bar  
 yatt+on my shulder was layd yar  
 ¶ He may say alswa Lo here yarby  
 als yhe may se ye mount of caluary  
 whar J . was hynged on ye rode  
 bytwene twa thieves for yhour gode  
 whar my payne for yhou was mast  
 and whar J swelt & yhelded ye gast  
 ¶ He may say yhit yus alswa  
 Lo here ye sepulcre a litel yar-fra  
 whar J was layd for yhou als ded  
 when J was biryd in yat sted  
 ¶ He may say alswa als here es sett  
 Lo here ye mount of Oliuett  
 whar aungels appered *in* mens liknes  
 when J stey til heuen yar ay blisse es  
 and talde yhou howe my *commyn*g suld be  
 til ye dome als yhe may nowe se  
 ¶ Nowe haf yhe herd ye skills why  
 he sal sitt obouen yat vale namly  
 yat men ye vale of Josaphath calles  
 ye whilk ymiddles ye world falles  
 <fol. 131rb>¶ alswa anothir skille may yis be  
 why he sal doun com in yat cuntre  
 For yar was his first *commyn*g doun  
 Anely for mans saluacion*n*  
 When he first flesshe and blode take  
 of ye mayden Mary als says ye buke  
 Yus sal he com doun and sitte yar  
 to deme alle ye world als J sayd ar  
 Crist ful austerne yan sal be  
 ogayne synful men y<sup>t</sup> hym sal+se  
 ¶ dredeful and hidous als says ye buke  
 he sal be til+yam when yai on hym luke  
 and ful dilitabel vntil ye sight  
 of rightwys+men yat lyfed here right  
 ¶ Bot alle *persons* of ye trinite

and ye godhede sal noght yan shewed be  
 til ille and gode yat sal apere yan  
 ¶ bot crist allane in fourme of man  
 Goddes son yat yan sal deme vs  
 and yar-for saynt Jon says yus  
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 God has gyuen al his son says he  
 alle ye dome yat gyuen sal be  
 yat men honoure ye son right  
 als yai honoure ye fadir+of+might  
 ¶ Ye gode men sal se hym in manhede yan  
 with ye godhede als god and man  
 Ye whilk he sal noght fra yam hide  
 for yai sal+se hym yan glorifyde  
 And yat sal+be a blisful sight  
 swa fayre he sal seme til yam & bright  
 ¶ Ye ille men in manhede sal hym se  
 anely als he hynged on ye rode tre  
 alle bla and bloody als he yan was  
 when he dighed for mans trespas  
 ¶ Yat sight til yam sal+be payne & drede  
 For yai sal noght se of his godhede  
 and for ye godhede es ful of blisse  
 yarfor ye sight of it yai sal misse  
 ¶ Bot in his manhede anely als J sey  
 he sal shewe <sup>[hym]</sup> til yam yat day  
 For in fourme of man he sal yan seme  
 and in his manhede he sal yam deme  
 <fol. 131va>¶ He sal yan at his doun-commying  
 ye taken of ye crosse with hym bryng  
 on whilk he boght vs fra helle pyne  
 For he wald noght man saule tyne  
 ¶ Yat taken of ye crosse alle men sal se  
 bot ful dilitabel it sal+be  
 til rightwis+men & seme ful bright  
 and dredeful til synful mens sight  
 Yis taken of ye crosse sal be shewed yan  
 als ye buke says and be hidde fra na+man

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Yis taken of ye crosse in heuen sal seme

When our louerd sal com to deme

¶ Yat es <sup>[at say]</sup> obouen in ye ayre

yat til gode men sal seme bright and fayre

Yis taken als j trewe sal noght be

ye same crosse ne ye same tre

on whilk god was nayled fote and hand

bot a taken of yat crosse semand

¶ Yhit som trowes and swa may wele be

yat ye taken of ye sper men sal yan se

yat stynged crist vntil ye hert rote

and of ye nayles yat hym thurgh hand & fote

til ye hard rode tre fast fested

and of ye croune of thorns yat was thrested

on his heued fast yat ye blode out ran

when ye thornes hym prikked til ye herne pan

¶ And of ye scourges alswa yat brast his hide

yat ye blode ran down on ilk side

Alle yir takens sal yan be shewed

byfor alle men bathe lered and lewed

Bot ye synful yat dampned sal+be

to yair shenshipe yan sal yai<yai originally yam, two expunction dots below two minims> se

¶ Crist sal shewe yan his woundes wide

in hend and fete and in his syde

yat fresshe sal seme and alle bledand

til ye synful yat byfor hym sal stand

he sal shewe til yair confusion~

alle ye signes of his passionn

And ye enchesonn and ye manere

of his ded yat he tholed here

And alle yis sal he do yus openly

to reproue ye synful men yar-by

And yat sal be yair shenshipe yan

For saynt Austyn says yus ye haly man

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he says our louerd goddes son Almighty  
par-aunter has keped in his body  
Ye erres of his woundes sere  
yat he tholed for mans syn here  
for to shewe yam til his enemys  
when he sal sitte in dome als justys  
to reproue yam at ye last day  
and to atteyne yam and yus say  
Lo here ye man in flesshe and blode  
ye whilk yhe hynged on ye rode  
Lo here god and man yat man wrought  
Jn wham trowe wald yhe noght  
byhald ye woundes yat yhe stiked  
sese here ye syde yat yhe priked  
Ye whilk . for yhou was open ay  
and yhe wald entre by na way  
A howe mykel shenshipe yis sal be  
til ye synful yat alle yis sal here & se  
Ye whilk til hym dus here na gode ogayne  
yat for yam tholed here swa mykel payne  
¶ And yhit noght yas y<sup>t</sup> dus na gode anely  
bot othir yat er swa ful of felony  
yat ay dus yuel ogayne gode  
and efte dus goddes son on ye rode  
Jn yat yat in yam es thurgh syn .  
of whilk yai wil neuer here blyn  
¶ what may yai answer yan And say  
howe may yai yam excuse yat day  
Jn na thyng may yai be excused yan  
swa rightwys sal be ye domesman  
For yat day als ye buke bers witnes  
sal noght be shewed bot rightwysnes  
with gret reddure til synful . namly  
yat sal be demed als yai er worthy

Yai may defende yam by na ways  
 for Jon with ye gilden mouthe yus says  
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 he says na sted of defens yar sal be  
 whar yai sal crist yan openly se  
 gyuand witnessyngs and takens certayne  
 of his passion~ and of his payne  
 ¶ Alle sal haf gret drede yat day  
 bathe gode and ille als we here clerks say  
 Yar sal+be nouthir aungel ne man  
 yat yai ne sal tremble for drede yan  
 Alle yf yai wate yat yai sal be saf  
 yhit sal yai yat day drede haf  
 Noght for yam-self for yai er giltles  
 bot for ye gret reddure of rightwisnes  
 And for ye gret austerite  
 yat crist sal shewe yat day to se  
 ogayne ye synful men namly  
 yat sal+be dampned with-uten mercy  
 ¶ when rightwis+men . yat sal be saf  
 and aungels swa mykel drede sal haf  
 what drede and dole aght synful to haf yan  
 Yarfor yus says ye haly man  
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 he says yf ye pilers of heuen bright  
 yat er haly men yat ha.<sup>[s]</sup> lyued right  
 sal drede cristes commyng in manhede  
 and ye aungels alswa sal yan haf drede  
 And yhit grete ful bitterly yar-to  
 what sal ye synful men yan do  
 Yat sal be dampned als J . sayd ar  
 and says ye haly man yus mar  
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 Yf ye rightwys+man yhit says he



sal vnnethes yan saued be  
Ye synful yan and ye wikked man  
whidirward sal yai wende yan  
¶ Rightwys+men als ye buke telles  
sal be saf yan and nan elles  
¶ Our louerd in manhede sal yan sitt  
obouen ye synful als says haly writt  
Austerne and wrathe with a felle chere  
with yam to threpe yat has lyfed . [ille] here  
<fol. 13rb>helle bynethen yat er wide and depe  
sal yan be oppen yam to kepe  
¶ Ye erthe yat yai sal on stand sal shake  
thurgh yair syn and tremble and whake  
swa yat vnnethes it sal yam ber  
swa mykel yair syn ye erthe sal der  
¶ Ye world about yam sal+be brynnand  
¶ ye deuels on ilk syde yam sal stand  
¶ Gret sorwe sal+be omang yam yar  
¶ ye heuen obouen sal stryke yam sar  
with thundirs dynts & leuenynge togidir  
¶ Yai wald yan fle and wate neuer whidir  
¶ Yai sal+be vmsett swa on ilka syde  
yat yai may nouthir fle ne yam hyde