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<Text: Two religious poems and Cato's Distichs>

<Tranche 1>

<fol. 6v><line 8>In a mornynge of may when~ medose schuld sprynge  
 Blomes & blossomes of bryght colours  
 Als j went by a well of my playnge  
 Thurght a mery orchard byddyng~ myn~ owres  
 The birdes on~ y<sup>e</sup> boght began~ for to syng~  
 And bowes to brinn~ & belde to yar~ bores  
 was j war~ of a may y<sup>t</sup> made mournyg~  
 Syghand & sekand emange yase floures <brd>So swyte</brd>  
 Scho made mournyg~ enogh  
 Hyre wypyng~ dyd me rogh  
 vnder a bogh j me drogh <brd>hir wyll wald j wytte</brd>  
 For j wald wyte of hir wyll & of hir wyld thoght  
 Scho kest of hir kerchyfes hir kell of hir hede  
 wrange scho hir handes & wrothly scho wroght  
 Scho sayd myld mary j aught to me red  
 of al y<sup>e</sup> well of y<sup>is</sup> world j-wys j wald no3te  
 Send me som~ solace or son~ be j ded  
 <first letter missing>n~ syght of y<sup>t</sup> selcouthe y<sup>t</sup> j haue lang so3te <brd>w<sup>t</sup> care</brd>  
 <first letter missing>an~ spake a turtyll on~ a tre  
 <first letter missing>yth fayre nottes & fre  
 <first letters missing>rd for y<sup>i</sup> bowte <brd>whi sythes y<sup>u</sup> so sar~</brd>  
 <fol. 7r>Thow fayr feule fayle no3te y<sup>i</sup> speche & y<sup>i</sup> spell  
 Thy carpyng~ is comforth to herkyn~ & here  
 All my wyll & my thoght wold j y<sup>e</sup> tell  
 My wa & my wanderyng~ wold yu com~ nere  
 lufly he lyghted wold he no3te dwell  
 To comforth y<sup>t</sup> comly & couer hir cher~  
 Scho blyssed hys body w<sup>t</sup> buke & w<sup>t</sup> bell

And loued y<sup>t</sup> lady had send hir y<sup>t</sup> fer~ <brd>so free</brd>  
 when~ y<sup>t</sup> j was sary  
 be-soght j owr lady  
 Scho has sent me company <brd>blyssed mot scho bee</brd>  
 Thu fayr foule full of lufe so myld & so swete  
 To move of a mater now may j begyn~  
 A trewful luf hafe j soght be way & be strete  
 In many fayr~ orchardes yer floures ar in  
 Als fayr as j haue soght fand j none 3itte  
 fele haue j fonden~ of mare & of myn~  
 Bryght bird of y<sup>i</sup> ble my bale may y<sup>u</sup> bute  
 wold y<sup>u</sup> me wysse wysely a trew luf to wyn~ <brd>w<sup>t</sup> ryg<ill><?hte></ill></brd>  
 when~ j wen~ rathest  
 for to fynd lufe beste  
 So fayntely it is feste <brd>jt fares al of flighte</brd>  
 The wytt of a woma~ is wond to here  
 js al y<sup>i</sup> sary syghinge to seke a lufe trew  
 Al y<sup>is</sup> syd may y<sup>u</sup> seke & neuer nan~ be ner~  
 Bot if y<sup>u</sup> had counsell of an~ y<sup>t</sup> j knowe  
 <fol. 7v>Jf y<sup>u</sup> be sett to seke 3itte sall j 3<sup>e</sup> lere  
 Whare it is spryngand & euer more newe  
 W<sup>t</sup>-owt any fadynge full fayr & full clere  
 Or castyng~ of colour or chaunyng~ of hewe <brd>so 3are</brd>  
 Hardely dare j say  
 Thar~ is no luf y<sup>t</sup> lastes ay  
 W<sup>t</sup>-owtyn~ treson~ & tray <brd>bot it begyn~ yare</brd>  
 Whar y<sup>u</sup> fyndes grewand a trew+lufe gresse  
 W<sup>t</sup> iij lefes is it sett fully a-bowte  
 y<sup>e</sup> fyrst lef may we lykyn~ to y<sup>e</sup> kyng~ of blys  
 That weldes y<sup>is</sup> wyld world w<sup>t</sup>-in & w<sup>t</sup>-owte  
 He wroght heuen~ w<sup>t</sup> hys hand & al paradyse  
 & all y<sup>is</sup> mery medyll-erth w<sup>t</sup>-owtyn~ any dowt  
 All y<sup>e</sup> welth of y<sup>is</sup> world fully is hys  
 In wham~ vs aw to lefe & loue hym & lowte <brd>ful w<ill><binding></ill></brd>  
 Hald y<sup>is</sup> lefe in y<sup>i</sup> mynd  
 To we his felowes fynd  
 That trew+luf & y<sup>t</sup> kynd <brd>That neuer sall kelle</brd>  
 By y<sup>is</sup> ilke second lefe j-lykyn~ god son~  
 vnto y<sup>is</sup> ilk fyrst lefe is felowe & fere

The iij to y<sup>e</sup> holy+gost to-geder yay won~  
 yase iij ar sam~ in A god & persons sere  
 Welder of water of son~ & of mon~  
 yase iij lefes of price w<sup>t</sup>-owtyn~ any per~  
 When~ y<sup>t</sup> comly kung~ is sett in hys tron~  
 Comly of colour & curtas of chere <brd>for grace</brd>  
 Al y<sup>is</sup> world he began~  
 W<sup>t</sup> wyndes & waters wan~  
 And fyne made he man~ <brd>efter hys awn~ face</brd>  
 <fol. 8r>Fyrst made he Adam & syn~ mad he eue  
 putt yam~ in *paradyse* in gret degre  
 for-bed he yam~ no thyng~ hym & hys wyfe  
 Bott A gren~ Apyll y<sup>t</sup> grewed on~ a tree  
 Than~ sary Sathanas soght yam~ be lyfe  
 For to waken~ owr wa weryd my3t he be  
 Toke yai y<sup>t</sup> apill to stire mekyll stryfe  
 The foule fend was fayn~ y<sup>t</sup> syght for to se <brd>for tene</brd>  
 The first lefe was wa  
 When~ hys flours fell hym fra  
 Hys frendes suld tyll hell ga <brd>For an~ appill gren~</brd>  
 Than~ began~ y<sup>e</sup> fyrst lefe to morn~ for vs all  
 for lufe of hys handwarke y<sup>t</sup> yan~ was lorn~  
 Gabriell y<sup>t</sup> aungell on~ hym~ gon~ he call  
 Ffurth com~ y<sup>t</sup> comly & kneled hym~ befor~  
 Vnto mayden~ mary my message y<sup>u</sup> schall  
 Bere hir bodword of hire j wyll be born~  
 yus he sent hys der+son~ owt of hys hye hall  
 Vnto y<sup>t</sup> myld mayden~ on~ a mery morn~ <brd>hir grette</brd>  
 Gabriell y<sup>t</sup> fayre face  
 Sayd mary full of *grace*  
 Pereles in ilka place <brd>W<sup>t</sup> myrth ert y<sup>u</sup> mette</brd>  
 Thow sall consaue a k<sup>[n]</sup>aw child comly & cler~  
 All y<sup>e</sup> <add>wel</add><on erasure?> of y<sup>is</sup> world in y<sup>e</sup> sall be bett  
 That war~ a mekyll mervayle j+suld a cheld ber~  
 Was j neuer mayryed w<sup>t</sup> no ma~ 3itte  
 Be-hald to y<sup>i</sup> cosyn~ consaued has to 3ere  
 Elye3abeth in hir held y<sup>t</sup> lang~ has ben~ lett  
 <fol. 8v>lord y<sup>i</sup> hand-mayden~ says mary is here  
 Full haly in y<sup>i</sup> *seruice* is my harte sette <brd>so still</brd>

Blessyd be y<sup>t</sup> swete wyght  
 yat god son~ in lyght  
 Be-com~ a ma~ full of my<sup>3</sup>te <brd>w<sup>t</sup> hys fader wyll</brd>  
 Now is y<sup>is</sup> ilk second lef for owr luf maste  
 lyght in y<sup>t</sup> lady y<sup>t</sup> gabriell grette  
 w<sup>t</sup>-owt any treson~ so trew for to treste  
 w<sup>t</sup> myrth in a mayden~ is god & ma~ mette  
 Thys is y<sup>e</sup> fader & y<sup>e</sup> son~ & y<sup>e</sup> holy+goste  
 Thre leues of lufe w<sup>t</sup>-owtyn~ any lette  
 y<sup>e</sup> iiij is a mayden~ chosyn~ for chaste <brd>for butte</brd>  
 Swylke ane oyer trew+luf was neuer in land sett  
 There iiij leues may neuer fall  
 Bott euermor~ yai springe schall  
 So gently yai grewyn~ all <brd>On A ryche rute</brd>  
 Now has yer iij leues a fourte fela tan~  
 For luf in owr~ lady is owr~ lord lyght  
 Joseph hir wedyd & w<sup>t</sup> hir gon~ gane  
 In y<sup>e</sup> borgh of bethleem~ beldyd y<sup>t</sup> bryght  
 Betwyx a oxe & a asse pride was yer nan~  
 A+blyssed chylde was yer born~ apon~ y<sup>e</sup> 3ole-ny<sup>3</sup>te  
 Thar~ rase a starn~ schaply schewed & schan~  
 Thre kynges of Colan~ yer-of had a syght <brd>& soght</brd>  
 yai offerd him~ as yai wold  
 Myr rekyls & gold  
 he thanked yam~ vij-fold <brd>To blysse he yam~ broght</brd>  
 Vn-sely herode yase tythandes hard tell  
 A knaw chylde was born~ y<sup>t</sup> kyng~ suld bee  
 gart he make messages & sent full snell  
 To seke knafe chylder in y<sup>t</sup> contre  
 left he non~ in wharte bot all gon~ he whell  
 yai putt yam~ on~ speres gret dole i was to se  
 Joseph w<sup>t</sup> hys wedyd wyfe wald he no3t dwell  
 bot led hir in-to egype w<sup>t</sup> hir leues thre <brd>to safe</brd>  
 Ther~ chylder gon~ yer ded take  
 For y<sup>t</sup> trew+luf sake  
 y<sup>e</sup> mar~ my<sup>[r]</sup>3th may yai make <brd>Hym~-self wald yam~ hafe</brd>  
 3itte wold he do mor~ for his frendes dere  
 his awn~ haly handwarke to hell wald he gan~  
 To sette vs ensample his lawe for to lere

Saynte John~ hym baptyste in flume Jordane  
 For xxx penys was he sald thurght a fals fer~  
 vnto fell fame~ y<sup>t</sup> wald hym~ hafe slane  
 All he sufferd for owr sake hym-self was cler~  
 Thurght a kysse yai knew & son~ was he tan~ <brd>also</brd>  
 jt was gret dole for to see  
 When~ he suld blynke of his ble  
 y<sup>e</sup> second lefe of y<sup>e</sup> thre <brd>y<sup>e</sup> fourte was wo</brd>  
 pylate was justes & satt apon~ hye  
 For to dem~ jhesuc y<sup>t</sup> judas had sald  
 he sayde leue lordynges y<sup>e</sup> trewth for to trie  
 That semely is sakeles say what 3e wald  
 The jewys apon~ jhesuc began~ for to cry  
 He says hym-self he is a kyng~ swylk wordes Ar bald  
 & if y<sup>u</sup> wyll not dem~ hym~ y<sup>is</sup> day for to dye  
 Lowd befor~ y<sup>e</sup> Emperowr~ y<sup>is</sup> tale sall be tald <brd>for dre<ill></ill></brd>  
 <fol. 9r>A drery dom~ gafe he yar~  
 Sais j can say na mar~  
 J red y<sup>t</sup> 3<sup>e</sup> take hym~ yar~ <brd>& forth 3<sup>e</sup> hym~ led</brd>  
 Allas for y<sup>t</sup> iiij lefe was left allane  
 when~ hir fayr felischipe was taken~ & torn~  
 Bety~ w<sup>t</sup> scharpe scourges & body & bane  
 Syne spred on~ a crosse crowned w<sup>t</sup> a thorn~  
 Thurght hys handes & fett nales gon~ gan~  
 A bryght spere to hys hart baldly was born~  
 He sched his blod for our luf lyfe left hym non~  
 Attire & aysell yai bed hym in scorn~ <brd>w<sup>t</sup> gall</brd>  
 grett reuth was to se  
 when~ he was naled on~ y<sup>e</sup> tre  
 y<sup>e</sup> second lef of the thre <brd>schuld fayd & falle</brd>  
 The iiij lefe of y<sup>e</sup> lufe al anly scho stode  
 wrange scho hir handes & wepyd for wa  
 w<sup>t</sup> A mournande cher~ & a myld mode  
 The son~ blenked of his ble & wex al bla  
 Be hys whyt sydes ran~ y<sup>e</sup> red blode  
 y<sup>e</sup> hard roche gon~ ryfe y<sup>e</sup> temple in twa  
 Than~ swouned y<sup>e</sup> iiij lefe & to y<sup>e</sup> grond 3ode  
 Allas for y<sup>t</sup> trew+lufe y<sup>t</sup> it suld twyn~ swa <brd>so 3are</brd>  
 Scho saw hir der+son~ dye

Bot sante john~ was hir by  
 And comforthed y<sup>t</sup> lady <brd>y<sup>t</sup> was casten~ in car~</brd>

## <Tranche 2>

<fol. 14v><line 19>Lullay lullay my lityl chyld slepe & be now styll  
 jf y<sup>u</sup> be a lytill chyld 3itt may y<sup>u</sup> haue y<sup>i</sup> wyll  
 How suld j now y<sup>u</sup> fayr~ may fall apon~ a slepe  
 better me thynke y<sup>t</sup> j may fall apon~ & wepe  
 For he y<sup>t</sup> mad both nyght & day cold & also hette  
 now layd j am in a wispe of hay j can~ noder go nor~ crepe  
 <fol. 15r>Bot wel<?> j wate as well j may slepe & be now styll  
 Suffre y<sup>e</sup> paynnes y<sup>t</sup> j may it is my fader wyll  
 Seys y<sup>u</sup> no3te y<sup>u</sup> fayr may & heres y<sup>u</sup> no3te also  
 how kynge herod y<sup>t</sup> keyn~ knyght & of his peres mo  
 y<sup>t</sup> be a-bowte nyght & day my body for~ to slo  
 yai seke me both nyght & day at werke me mekyll wo  
 bot well j wate as well j may slepe & be now styll  
 Suffre y<sup>e</sup> paynnes y<sup>t</sup> j may it is my fader wyll  
 how suld j now y<sup>u</sup> fayr~ may how suld j now myrth make  
 My songe is mad of walaway for~ dred j begyn~ to whake  
 For~ dred of y<sup>t</sup> ilk day at j my deth sall take  
 & suffre y<sup>e</sup> paynnes y<sup>t</sup> j may for~ synfull ma~ sake  
 For well j wate as well j may slepe & be now styll  
 Suffre y<sup>e</sup> [paynnes] y<sup>t</sup> j may it is my fader wyll  
 bot 3itt me thynk it well besett if ma~ haue of me mynd  
 & al my paynnes well besett jf ma~ to me be kynd  
 yar~ is no deth at sall me let & j hym~ trew fynd  
 On~ y<sup>e</sup> rode for~ to sytt my handes for to bynd  
 bot well j wat as well j may slepe & be now styll  
 Suffre y<sup>e</sup> paynnes y<sup>t</sup> j may it is my fader wyll  
 <fol. 15v>All chylder y<sup>t</sup> wyll clergy kon~  
 Take hed how Catonn benned his son~ <brd>of lely lyuyng~ to lere</brd>  
 For to hym~ he told many a skyll  
 To ler~ i y<sup>e</sup> gud & leue y<sup>e</sup> yll <brd>be ways many & sere</brd>  
 Son he sayd sen~ it is so  
 y<sup>t</sup> A god is w<sup>t</sup>-owtyn~ mo <brd>Maker~ of all man~ bynd</brd>  
 Als bukes says & <sup>[wit]</sup>yer-by  
 Hym~ sal y<sup>u</sup> serue all soueranly <brd>w<sup>t</sup> clen~ heart & clen~ mynd</brd>

& son~ to wake y<sup>u</sup> sal take kep  
 so y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> be not gyfyn~ to slepe <brd>ne to vnrewleful rest</brd>  
 For ydelnes oft-sythes begynnes  
 To foster & forther~ many synnes <brd>wher~ vertus suld be fest</brd>  
 The fyrst vertu to ald & 3onge  
 y<sup>t</sup> is to restrene y<sup>i</sup> tonge <brd>jn al reson~ & skyll</brd>  
 For w<sup>t</sup> god he is worthe to prays  
 y<sup>t</sup> sothefastnes in seson~ says <brd>& fro harm~ haldes hym still</brd>  
 & yerfor~ sone y<sup>u</sup> y<sup>e</sup> awyse  
 whe~ y<sup>u</sup> sall y<sup>e</sup> oyer me~ chastyse <brd>To putt owt all envye</brd>  
 Son~ if y<sup>u</sup> wyll be-hald y<sup>i</sup> lyfe  
 Or y<sup>e</sup> maners of ma~ or wyfe <brd>& y<sup>i</sup> condycyons knaw</brd>  
 yan~ sal y<sup>u</sup> proue in all y<sup>e</sup> pake  
 y<sup>t</sup> no ma~ lyues w<sup>t</sup>-owt lake <brd>jn dyd or els in sawe</brd>  
 yam~ y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> hopes may gretely greue  
 Al if it lyke to y<sup>i</sup> releue <brd>leue it for~ encheson~</brd>  
 <fol. 16r>For mekyll praises me~ erthely gud  
 bot mekyll mor~ me~ praises manhed <brd>wher~ it is rewled be re<sub>son~</sub></brd>  
 be myld & meke in wordes & dedes  
 Ay whyls me~ reson~ to y<sup>e</sup> bydes <brd>& also if men~ ryse</brd>  
 be nyght or day to do y<sup>e</sup> wrange  
 yan~ sal y<sup>u</sup> schew manhed emange <brd>so wyrke yai y<sup>t</sup> er~ wyse</brd>  
 & for y<sup>e</sup> wordes son~ of y<sup>i</sup> wyfe  
 Sall y<sup>u</sup> not w<sup>t</sup> y<sup>i</sup> seruand stryfe <brd>hir malice to mayntene</brd>  
 For oft sythes as y<sup>e</sup> proces proues  
 y<sup>e</sup> wyfe hattes y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> husband loues <brd>som~ tym~ so it is seyn~</brd>  
 & if <sup>[y<sup>i</sup>]</sup> frend be-fell of mode  
 and e y<sup>u</sup> entyse hym vnto gud <brd>& he y<sup>i</sup> rede refuse</brd>  
 3itt sal y<sup>u</sup> no3te sese yer-for~  
 bot hym amonysche mor~ & more <brd>y<sup>i</sup>-selfe yan~ y<sup>u</sup> excuse</brd>  
 To yam~ y<sup>u</sup> wat hase wordes in wayn~  
 stire not y<sup>i</sup> steuen~ to stryn~ agayn~ <brd>jf y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> wil wys sem~</brd>  
 For wordes er~ gyfyn~ to ilka schrew  
 & wysdom~ is gyfen~ bot to few <brd>yer-for fallyn~ is to yam~</brd>  
 lufe al me~ in lele charyte  
 bot on~ al wyse luke y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> be <brd>vnto y<sup>i</sup>-self moste nere</brd>  
 & to gud me~ y<sup>u</sup> do gudely  
 so y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> be not harmed yer-by <brd>y<sup>is</sup> calles me~ counsell cler~</brd>  
 Fle for to tell japes or jaugeloure

so y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> be not mad none autoure <brd>of tydynges day nor~ ny3te</brd>  
 <fol. 16v>For to be still may no3te dysplese  
 & mekyll speche dose oft dysese <brd>bot it be rewled be ryght</brd>  
 yam~ y<sup>t</sup> is hyght y<sup>e</sup> of y<sup>i</sup> brother~  
 Hyght it not to none oyer <brd>Tyll y<sup>u</sup> yer-of be payd</brd>  
 For som~ me~ wyll hete ful heartly  
 yat ar~ ful faynte in-to affy <brd>when y<sup>e</sup> soth is assayd</brd>  
 & if any oyer ma~ y<sup>e</sup> prayse  
 wheder it be soth he of y<sup>e</sup> says <brd>bese y<sup>i</sup>-selfe abowte</brd>  
 & trew no3te mor~ of oyer men~  
 yan~ to ye-self y<sup>t</sup> suld y<sup>e</sup> ken~ <brd>both w<sup>t</sup>-in & w<sup>t</sup>-owte</brd>  
 & if y<sup>u</sup> se oyer me~ well wyrke  
 both to god & holy kyrke <brd>& his wirkes be vnknawen~</brd>  
 y<sup>u</sup> may it tell till oyer me~  
 & say how yai his wirkes sal ken~ <brd>bot prayse no3te yine awne</brd>  
 & son~ if y<sup>u</sup> be ald & wyse  
 of oyer sall y<sup>u</sup> not dyspyse <brd>nother~ in word ne in ded</brd>  
 bot vmbethynke y<sup>i</sup>-selfe alsone  
 Of al y<sup>e</sup> dedes y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> hase done <brd>jn 3eres of y<sup>i</sup> 3outhe-hed</brd>  
 Son~ when~ y<sup>u</sup> syttes in company  
 wheder me~ speke lowd or~ priualy <brd>haue pese & hald þ<sup>e</sup> payd</brd>  
 For~ whi mystrowand me~ al-wayse  
 weynes ilke word y<sup>t</sup> me~ stilly says <brd>of yai~-self suld be sayd</brd>  
 And son~ when~ y<sup>u</sup> hase hape & hele  
 & al y<sup>i</sup> wil of warldly well <brd>fro owtrag~ spence y<sup>e</sup> spar~</brd>  
 & when~ y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> comes to elde  
 y<sup>u</sup> sal no3te yan~ y<sup>i</sup>-seluen~ weld <brd>To wyn~ as y<sup>u</sup> dyd ayr</brd>  
 <fol. 17r>Son~ mans lyf is no lastand thyng~  
 ne non~ wat tym~ of his endynge <brd>how ne whar~ ne when~</brd>  
 yerfor is foly for to abyd  
 Or trust in thyng~ y<sup>t</sup> sal be-tyde <brd>Efter ded of oyer men~</brd>  
 & if y<sup>i</sup> pore <sup>[frend]</sup> gyfe y<sup>e</sup> oghte  
 Resaue it & refuse it noht <brd>All be it lesse or~ more</brd>  
 bot take gud tente to his pouerte  
 & to his wil & hys gud harte <brd>& reward hym yer-fore</brd>  
 & son~ y<sup>u</sup> well wat y<sup>u</sup> was wroght  
 A+naked chyld & had ryght no3te <brd>als is y<sup>e</sup> course of kynd</brd>  
 And if pouert to y<sup>e</sup> fall  
 Thole & thanke god of all <brd>w<sup>t</sup> mekenes in y<sup>e</sup> mynd</brd>

And do son~ in al y<sup>i</sup> ded  
 y<sup>i</sup> last day y<sup>u</sup> thar~ no3te dred <brd>ne commyng~ of ded</brd>  
 For he þ<sup>t</sup> thynkes on~ swylk thyng~  
 he loses his lyfe & lyffying~ <brd>& is ay wyl of red</brd>  
 And if y<sup>u</sup> haue don~ for many frend  
 & non~ of yam~ will be so hend <brd>for to thanke y<sup>e</sup> yer-fore</brd>  
 gruche no3te vnto god for~-y<sup>i</sup>  
 bot rewle y<sup>i</sup>-self mor~ ryghtwysly <brd>& do y<sup>u</sup> so no more</brd>  
 & also j sal say y<sup>e</sup> sone  
 what warldly gud has y<sup>u</sup> hase won~ <brd>spare it for~ y<sup>i</sup> spede</brd>  
 For erthely frendes wil fayntely fall  
 & yan~ y<sup>i</sup> gud may most awayle <brd>To helpe y<sup>e</sup> in y<sup>i</sup> ned</brd>  
 A thyng y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> may gyfe or~ lene  
 hyght it not twyse ne to two men~ <brd>for~ paryng~ of y<sup>i</sup> name</brd>  
 <fol. 17v>For what ma~ so y<sup>e</sup> fayland fyndes  
 wil say y<sup>i</sup> wordes ar wast as wyndes <brd>yan~ war~ y<sup>u</sup> worthy <binding> [blam<binding>]</brd>  
 & if y<sup>u</sup> her a ma~ y<sup>e</sup> glose  
 and y<sup>u</sup> dysayte in hym~ suppose <brd>y<sup>t</sup> his heart lufes y<sup>e</sup> no3te</brd>  
 speke y<sup>u</sup> ryght so to hym~ agayn~  
 So sal 3e both be vnterayne <brd>what thing~ is in 3our tho3t</brd>  
 & whe~ y<sup>u</sup> seyse sotelte of sawe  
 Frayne no3te ouer-fayr~ for to know <brd>poyntes of y<sup>e</sup> priuytte</brd>  
 For y<sup>e</sup> pipe makes gud melody  
 when~ y<sup>e</sup> birdes er~ begyled yer-by <brd>& son~ so may y<sup>u</sup> be</brd>  
 jf y<sup>u</sup> haue chylder fayr plente  
 & no3te to leue yam~ gold ne fee <brd>whe~ y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> falles quarte<?></brd>  
 Sett yam~ to craft whils yai er~ 3inges  
 whar~-by yai may haue yer lyffyinge <brd>& fend yai~ fro pouert</brd>  
 Thyng~ lytil of prese son~ sal y<sup>u</sup> prayes  
 & thyng~ y<sup>t</sup> takes gret wroth always <brd>praise it not lowd ne still</brd>  
 So sal me~ deme y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> be wyse  
 And excuse y<sup>e</sup> of couetyse <brd>& of skarsenes be skyll</brd>  
 A thyng~ y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> was wont to blam~  
 luke y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> do no3te y<sup>e</sup> same <brd>bot fayr~ it to refuse</brd>  
 for ilk herd ma~ aw for to lett  
 To repreue seruand or sugett <brd>for~ thyng~ hym-self wil vse</brd>  
 & if [<sup>y<sup>u</sup></sup>] sal aske any thyng~  
 luk y<sup>t</sup> ryghtwys be yine askyng~ <brd>& honest in al kyn~ wise</brd>  
 for it is foly for to craue

Thyng~ y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> lawe wil no3te y<sup>u</sup> haue <brd>& y<sup>t</sup> ryght y<sup>e</sup> denye</brd>  
 <fol. 18r>And son~ lat no3te y<sup>i</sup> heart be drawn~  
 Fro y<sup>i</sup> frend y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>u</sup> lang~ has knawen~ <brd>for no new conysaunce</brd>  
 for of y<sup>e</sup> knawen~ y<sup>u</sup> wate y<sup>e</sup> will  
 & how y<sup>e</sup> new is gud or~ ill <brd>y<sup>u</sup> wat not bot be chaunce</brd>  
 & sen~ y<sup>u</sup> seys y<sup>i</sup> erthely lyfe  
 js vncertayn~ to ma~ & wyfe <brd>and fals in-to affy</brd>  
 Euer-ilka day y<sup>u</sup> y<sup>e</sup> a-wyse  
 To wirke so y<sup>t</sup> som~ profett ryse <brd>To saule or to body</brd>  
 & son~ whar~ y<sup>u</sup> may be mastry  
 Ouercom~ any of y<sup>i</sup> company <brd>jn word or~ els in dyd</brd>  
 Suffre yai~ & seke no wreke  
 So sal me~ of y<sup>e</sup> worschepe speke <brd>& helpe if y<sup>u</sup> haue ned</brd>  
 & if y<sup>u</sup> thynk son~ to aske oght  
 of any ma~ y<sup>t</sup> aw y<sup>e</sup> noght <brd>al-if y<sup>e</sup> gyfte be gret</brd>  
 Dred y<sup>u</sup> no3te to gyfe lytil thyng~  
 For y<sup>t</sup> makes neighbours mery to syng~ <brd>& grace so sal y<sup>u</sup> gette</brd>  
 whe~ y<sup>u</sup> has fordon~ swylk a frend  
 bewar~ alway whar~ y<sup>u</sup> sal wend <brd>no stirf stir~ 3our betwyn</brd>  
 For of hatered is jre y<sup>e</sup> rute  
 & acord is beyld & bute <brd>of loue & kepes it clen~</brd>  
 & if y<sup>i</sup> seruand or~ y<sup>i</sup> wyfe  
 Stir~ y<sup>e</sup> vnto a ony strife <brd>To jre or~ to enwye</brd>  
 lat y<sup>u</sup> y<sup>i</sup> witt yan~ pas y<sup>i</sup> wyll  
 To reule y<sup>e</sup> be reson~ & skylle <brd>& venge y<sup>e</sup> not vylously</brd>  
 For whom~ so y<sup>u</sup> ilk day may der~  
 yai~ semes wel somtym~ to forber~ <brd>& no3te to wreke ilk wrang~</brd>