

Sir Gawain and The Green Knight

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Siþen þe sege ⁊ þe affaut watz sefed at troye
 þe borz brittened ⁊ brent to brondez ⁊ afkez
 þe tulk þat þe trāmes of tresoū þ' wrozt
 watz tried for his tricherie þe trewest on erthe
 hit watz Ennias þe athel ⁊ his high' kynde
 þat siþen depreced puinces ⁊ patroūes bicomē
 welneze of al þe wele ī þe west iles
 fro riche romulus to rome ricchis h̄y swyþe

w^t gret bobbaūce þat burze he biges vpon fyrft
 ⁊ neuenes hit his aune nome as hit now hat
 ticius to tuskan ⁊ teldes bigȳnes
 lang aberde ī lūbardie lyftes vp homes wyth w̄yne
 ⁊ fer ou' þe french flod felix brut⁹
 on mony bonkkes ful brode bretayn he settez
 where werre ⁊ wrake ⁊ wonder
 bi syþez hatz wont þ' īne
 ⁊ oft boþe blyffe ⁊ blūder
 ful skete hatz skyfted s̄yne
 Ande quen þis bretayn watz bigged bi þis burn rych
 bolde bredden þerīne baret þat lofden
 in mony turned tyme tene þat wrozten
 mo ferlyes on þis folde han fallen here oft
 þen in any oþ' þat iwot syn þat ilk tyme
 bot of alle þat here bult of bretaygne k̄yges
 ay watz arthur þe hendest as jhaf herde telle

for þi an aūf in erde jattle to ſchawe
 þat aſelly in fiʒt fūme men hit holden
 ⁊ an outrage awenture of arthureʒ wondʒeʒ
 if ʒe wyl lyften þis laye bot on littel quile
 iſchal telle hit as tit as jī toū herde
 as hit is ſtad ⁊ ſtoken
 in ſtori ſtif ⁊ ſtronge
 w^t lel letʒes loken
 ī londe ſohatʒ ben longe
 þis k̄yḡ lay at camylot vpon kryſt maſſe
 w^t mony luſlych lorde ledeʒ of þe beſt
 rekenly of þe roude table alle þo rich breþʒ
 w^t ryche reuel oryʒt ⁊ rechles m̄þes
 þʒ tōnayed tulkes bytymeʒ fulmony
 juſted ful jolile þiſe gentyle kniʒtes
 ſyþen kayred to þe court caroles to make
 for þer þe feſt watʒ ilyche ful fiſtendayes
 with alle þe mete ⁊ þe mirþe þat mē coupe a vyſe
 ſuch glaumande gle glorioʒ to here
 dere dyn vpon day daūf̄yḡ on nyʒtes
 al watʒ hap vpon heʒe ī halleʒ ⁊ chambreeʒ
 with lordeʒ ⁊ ladies as leueſt hī þoʒt
 with all þe wele of þe worlde þay woned þʒ ſamen
 þe moſt kyd knyʒteʒ vnder kryſtʒ ſeluen
 ⁊ þe louelokkeſt ladies þat euʒ lif haden
 ⁊ he þe comlokeſt k̄yḡ þat þe court haldes on fille
 for al watʒ þis fayre folk ī her fiſt age
 þe hapneſt vnder heuen
 k̄yḡ hyʒeſt mō of wylle
 hit werere now gret nye to neuē
 ſohardy a here ō hille
 wyle nw ʒer watʒ ſo ʒep þat h^t watʒ nwe cūmen
 þat day double on þe dece watʒ þe douth ſerued
 fro þe k̄yḡ watʒ cūmen w^t knyʒtʒ ī to þe halle
 þe chaūtre of þe chapel cheued to anende
 loude crye watʒ þer keſt of clerkeʒ ⁊ oþer

w^t tonge

Nowel nayted o newe neuened ful ofte
 ⁊ fyþen riche forth rūnen to reche honde felle
 3ezed 3eres 3iftes on hi3 3elde hem bi hond
 de bated bufyly aboute þo giftes
 ladies lazed ful loude þo3 þay loft haden
 ⁊ he þat wan watz not wrothe þ^t may 3e wel trawe
 alle þis mirþe þay maden to þe mete tyme
 when þay had wafchen worþyly þay wenten to fete
 þe beft burne ay abof as hit beft femed
 whene guenore ful gay grayped ī þe myddes
 dressed on þe dere des dubbed al aboute
 smal fendal bifides afelure hir ou^t
 of tryed toloufe of tars tapites ī nogh^t in daye
 þat were enbrawdred ⁊ beten wyth þe beft gēmes
 þat myzt be preued of prys wyth penyes tobye
 þe comlokeft to difcrye
 þer glent w^t y3en gray
 a femloker þat eu^t he fyze
 soth mozt nomon fay
 Bot arthure wolde not ete til al were ferued
 he watz fo ioly of his joyfnes ⁊ fū quat child gered
 his lif liked h̄y lyzt he louied þelaffe
 auþ^t tolenge lye or to longe fitte
 fo bified him his 3onge blod ⁊ his brayn wylde
 ⁊ also anop^t maner meued hī eke
 þat he þur3 nobelay had nomen he wolde neu^t ete
 vpon fuch adere day er h̄y deuifed were
 of fū auentur⁹ þ̄yng an vncouþe tale
 of fū mayn m̄uayle þat he myzt trawe
 of of alderes of armes of op^t auentur⁹
 op^t fū fegg h̄y bifozt of fū fiker knyzt
 to joyne wyth h̄y ī iuft̄yng in joparde tolay
 lede lif for lyf leue vchonop^t
 as fortune wolde fullū hō þefayrer tohaue
 þis watz k̄yges coūtenaūce where he ī cōt were
 at vch farand feft amōg his fre meny

þer fore of face so fere

in halle

he stiztlez stif ī stalle

ful zep ī þat nw zere

much mirthe he mas w^t alle

Thus þ' stondes ī stalle þe stif kȳg his seluen

talkkande bifore þe hyze table of trifles ful hende

there gode gawan watz g^ryþed gwenore bifyde

⁊ ag^ruayn aladuremayn on þat oþ' fyde fittes

boþe þe kȳges fist fūes ⁊ ful fiker kniztes

Bisshop bawdewyn abof biginez þe table

⁊ ywan vryn son ettewit hȳseluen

þise were dizt on þe des ⁊ derworþly serued

⁊ siþen mony fiker segge at þe sidbordez

þē þe first cors come with crakkȳg of trūpes

wyth mony baner ful bryzt þat þer bihenged

nwe nakryn noyse w^t þe noble pipes

wylde werbles ⁊ wyzt wakned lote

þat mony hert ful hiȳe hef at her towches

dayntes dryuen þer wyth of fuldere metes

foysou of þe fresche ⁊ onso fele disches

þat pine to fynde þe place þe peple bi forne

on clothe

for to sette þesyluen' þat sere sewes halden

iþe lede as he loued hȳ selue

þer laght w^t outhen loþe

ay two had disches twelue

Good ber ⁊ bryzt wyn boþe

Now wyl i of hor seruise say yow no more

for vch wyȳe may wel wit nowont þat þ' were

an oþ' noyse ful newe nezede biliue

þat þe lude myzt haf leue liflode to cach

for vneþe watz þe noyce not awhyle sedef

⁊ þe fyrst cōce ī þe cōt kyndely serued

þer hales ī at þe halle dor an aghlich mayst

On þe most on þe molde on mesure hygh'

fro þe swyre toþe swange so sware ⁊ so þik

⁊ his lyndes ⁊ his lymes solonge ⁊ fogrete

half etayn ī erde j hope þat he were
 bot mon most jalgate mȳn hȳ to bene
 ⁊ þat þe myriest ī his muckel þat myzt ride
 for of bak ⁊ of brest al were his bodifturne
 bot his wombe ⁊ his waft were worthily smale ful clene
 ⁊ alle his fetures folzande ī forme þat he hade
 for wonder of his hwe mē hade
 fet ī his semblaūt sene
 he ferde as freke were fade
 ⁊ ou' al enker grene
 Ande al grayped ī grene þis gome ⁊ his wedes
 a strayt cote ful strezt þat stek on his sides
 amere mantile abof mensked w^t īne
 w^t pelure pured apert þe pane ful clene
 w^t blyþe blaūn' ful bryzt ⁊ his hod boþe
 þat watz lazt fro his lokkez ⁊ layde on his schulderes
 heme wel haled hofe of þat same grene
 þat spenet on his sparlyr ⁊ clene spures vnder
 of bryzt golde vpon silk bordes barred ful ryche
 ⁊ scholes vnder schankes þere þeschalk rides
 ⁊ alle his vesture uerayly watz clene v'dure
 boþe þe barres of his belt ⁊ op' blyþe stones
 þ^t were richely rayled ī his aray clene
 aboutte hȳ self ⁊ his fadel vpon silk werkez
 þat were to tor forto telle of tryfles þe halue
 þat were enbrauded abof wyth bryddes ⁊ flyzes
 with gay gaudi of grene þe golde ay ī myddes
 þe pendaūtes of his payttrure þe proude cropure
 his molaynes ⁊ alle þe metail anamayld was þēne
 þe steropes þat he stod on stayned of þe same
 ⁊ his arfoūz al after ⁊ his apēl sturtes
 þat euer glem'ed ⁊ glent al of grene stones fertayn
 þe fole þat he ferkkes on fyn of þat ilke
 a grene hors gret ⁊ þikke
 aſtede ful ſtif to ſtrayne
 ī brawden brydel quik

to þe gome he wat3 ful gayn
 Wel gay wat3 þis gome gered ī grene
 ⁊ þe here of his hed of his hors fwete
 fayre fannand fax vmbefoldes his schulderes
 amuch berd as as abulke ouþ his breft henges
 þat wyth his hizlich here þat of his hed reches
 wat3 euesed al vmbetorne abof his elbowes
 þat half his armes þer vnder were halched ī þe wyfe
 of a kȳgez capados þat closes his swyre
 þe mane of þat mayn hors much tohit lyke
 wel cresped ⁊ cēmed wyth knottes ful mony
 folden ī wyth fildore aboute þe fayre grene
 ay aherle of þe here an oþ of golde
 þe tayl ⁊ his toppȳg twȳnen of afute
 ⁊ bouēden boþe wyth abandē of abryzt grene
 dubbed wyth ful dere stonez as þe dok lafted
 syþen þrawen wyth a þwong a þwarle knot alofte
 þer mony bellez ful bryzt of brende golde rungen
 such afole vpon folde ne freke þat hȳ rydes
 wat3 neuþ sene ī þat sale wyth syzt er þat tyme
 he loked as layt solyzt
 sofayd al þat hȳ syze
 hit semed as no mon myzt
 vnd his dynttez dryze
 Wheþ hadē he no helme ne hawbrgh nauþ
 ne no pyfan ne no plate þat pented to armes
 ne no schafte ne no schelde toschwue ne to smyte
 bot ī his on honde he hadē aholyn bobbe
 þat is gratteft ī grene when greuez arbare
 ⁊ anax ī his oþ ahoge ⁊ vn mete
 aspetos sparþe to expoū ī spelle quo so myzt
 þe hede of an elnzerde þe large lenkþe hadē
 þe grayn al of grene stele ⁊ of golde hewen
 þe bit burnyft bryzt w^t abrod egge
 as wel schapen to schere as scharp rafores
 þe stele of a stif staf þe sturne hit bi grypte

w^t yze

þat watz woūden wyth yrn to þe wande3 ende
 ⁊ al bigrauen w^t grene ī g^rcōs werkes
 alace lapped aboute þat louked at þe hede
 ⁊ so aff þe halme halched ful ofte
 wyth tryed taffelez þerto tacched ī nogh^e
 on botoū3 of þe bryzt grene brayden ful ryche
 þis habel heldez h̄y ī ⁊ þe halle entres
 driuande to þe heze dece dut he no woþe
 haylfed he neu^ʳ one bot heze he ou^ʳ loked
 þe fyrft word þat he warp wher is he sayd
 þe gouⁿð of þis ḡyng gladly j wolde rayfoū
 se þat segg ī fyzt ⁊ w^t h̄y self ſpeke
 to knyzte3 he keft his yze
 ⁊ reled h̄y vp ⁊ doū
 he ſtemmed ⁊ con studie
 quo walt þer moſt renoū
 Ther watz lok̄yng onlenþe þe lude to be holde
 for vch mō had meruayle quat hit mene myzt
 þat ahapel ⁊ a horfe myzt ſuch ahwe lach
 as growe grene as þe gres ⁊ grener hit ſemed
 þen grene aumayl on golde lowande bryzt
 al ſtudied þat þ^ʳ ſtod ⁊ ſtalked h̄y nerre
 wyth al þe wonder of þe worlde what heworch ſchulde
 for fele ſellyez had þayfen bot ſuch neu^ʳ are
 for þi for fantoū ⁊ fayryze þe folk þere hit demed
 þerfore to anſware watz arze mony apelfreke
 ⁊ al ſtouned at his ſteuen ⁊ ſtonſtil ſeten
 in a ſwogh^ʳ ſylence þur3 þefale riche
 as al were ſlypped vpon ſlepe ſo ſlaked hor lote3 ī hyze
 j deme hit not alfor doute
 bot fū for cortayſye
 bot let h̄y þat al ſchulde loute
 caſt vnto þat wyze
 þēn arþō bifore þe hi3 dece þat auenture byholdez
 ⁊ rekenly h̄y reūenced for rad was he neu^ʳ
 ⁊ ſayde wyze welcū iwys to þis place

þe hede of þis oftel Arthō jhat
 lizt luflych adoū ⁊ lenge j þe praye
 ⁊ quat so þy wylle is weschal wyt aff
 nay as help me q̄ þe hapel he þat on hyze fyttēs
 to wone any quyle ī þis won hit watz not m̄y ernde
 bot for þe los of þe lede is lyft vp sohyze
 ⁊ þy burz ⁊ þy burnes best ar holden
 stifest vnder stelgere on stedes to ryde
 þe wyztest ⁊ þe worpyest of þe worldes kynde
 preue forto play wyth in oþ̄ pure laykez
 ⁊ here is kydde cortaysye as jhaf herd carp
 ⁊ þat hatz wayned me hider j wyis at þis tyme
 zemay be seker bi þis braūch þatj bere here
 þat j passe as ī pes ⁊ no plyzt feche
 for had i foūded ī fere ī feztȳg wyse
 j haue ahaubergh' at home ⁊ ahelme boþe
 aschelde ⁊ ascharp spere schinande bryzt
 ande oþ̄ weppenes to welde jwene wel als
 bot for j wolde no were my wedez ar soff
 bot if þ' be so bold as alle burnez tellen
 þ' wyl g^{nt} me godly þe gomen þat jask
 arthō con onsware
 ⁊ sayd l cortays knyzt
 if þ' craue batayl bare
 here faylez þ' not to fyzt
 Nay frayst jno fyzt ifayth j þe telle
 hit arn aboute on þis bench bot berdlez chylder
 if j were hasped ī armes on aheze stede
 here is no mon me to mach for myztez so wayke
 for þy jcraue ī þis cōt acrystemas goṃe
 for hit is zol ⁊ nwe zer ⁊ here ar zep mony
 if any so hardy ī þis hoṙ holdez h̄y seluen
 be so bolde ī his blod brayn ihys hede
 þat dar stifly strike astrok for anoþ̄
 jschal gif h̄y of my gyft þys giferne ryche
 þis ax þat is heue ī nogh to hondel as h̄y lykes

bi ryzt

⁊ ifchal bide þe fyrft bur as bare as ifitte
 if any freke be fo felle to fonde þat jtelte
 lepe lyztly me to ⁊ lach þis weppen
 j quit clayme hit for eu' kepe hit as his auen
 ⁊ ifchal ftonde h̄y a ftrok ftif on þis flet barlay
 ellez þ' wyldizt me þe dom to dele h̄y an oþ'
 ⁊ zet gif h̄y refpite
 a twelmonyth ⁊ aday
 now hyze ⁊ let fe tite
 dar any her īne ozt fay
 If he hem ftowned vpon fyrft ftiller were þāne
 alle þe hered men ī halle þe hyz ⁊ þe loze
 þe renk on his roūce h̄y ruced ī his fadel
 ⁊ runifchly his rede yzen he reled aboute
 bende his brefed brozeꝝ blycande grene
 Wayued his berde forto wayte quo fo wolde ryfe
 when non wolde kepe h̄y w^t carp he cozed ful hyze
 ande rimed h̄y ful richty ⁊ ryzt h̄y to fpeke
 what is þis arthures hoꝝ q' þe habel þēne
 þat al þe roꝝ rēnes of þurꝝ ryalmes fo mony
 Where is now yō fōquydrye ⁊ yō cōqueftes
 yō gry ellayk ⁊ yō greme ⁊ yō grete wordes
 now is þe reuel ⁊ þe renou' of þe roūde table
 ou' walt wyth a worde of on wyzes fpeche
 for aldares fordrede w^t oute dynt fchewed
 wyth þis he lazes foloude þat þe lorde greued
 þe blod fchot for fcham īto his fchyre face ⁊ lere
 hewex as wroth as wynde
 fo did alle þat þer were
 þe k̄yng as kene bi kynde
 þē ftod þat ftif mon nere
 Ande fayde habel by heuen þy askyng is nys
 ⁊ as þ' foly hatꝝ frayft fynde þe behoues
 jknow no gome þat is gajt of þy grete wordes
 gif me now þy geferne vpongodeꝝ halue
 ⁊ j fchal bayþen þy bone þat þ' boden habbes

lyztly lepez he h̄y to ⁊ lazt at his honde
þen feerfly þat oþʳ freke vpon fote lyztis
now hatz arthure his axe ⁊ þe halme grypez
⁊ sturnely sturez hit aboute þat stryke wyth hit þoʒt
þe stif mon h̄y bifore stod vpon hyzt
herre þen ani in þe hoʒ by þe hede ⁊ more
wyth sturne schere þer he stod he stroked his berde
⁊ wyth acoūtenaūce dryze he droʒdoū his cote
no more mate ne difmayd for h̄ys māy dinteʒ of wyne
þen any burne vpon bench hade broʒt h̄y to drynk
Gawan þat fate bi þe quene
to þe k̄yḡ he can enclyne
i be seche now w^t faʒez sene
þis melly mot be myne
wolde ze worþilych lorde q̄ Gawan to þe k̄yḡ
bid me boʒe fro þis benche ⁊ stonde by yow þere
þat i wyth oute vylanye myzt voyde þis table
⁊ þat my legge lady lyked not ille
i wolde com to yō coūfeyl bifore yō cort ryche
for me þink hit not semly as hit is soþ knawen
þʳ such an alk̄yḡ is heuened sohyze i yō sale
þaʒ ze ʒō self be talenttyf totake hit to yō seluen
whil mony so bolde yow aboute vpon bench fyttē
þat vnder heuen i hope non hazerer of wylle
ne betʳ bodyes on bent þerbaret is rered
iam þe wakkest iwot ⁊ of wyt feblest
⁊ lest lur of my lyf quo laytes þe soþe
bot for as much as ze ar myn em iam only to prayse
no boūte bot yō blod i in my bode knowe
⁊ syþen þis note is so nys þ^t noʒt hit yow falles
⁊ jhaue frayned hit at yow fyrst foldez hit tome
⁊ if i carp not comlyly let alle þis cort rych bout blame
ryche togeder con roū
⁊ syþen þay reddē alle same
to ryd þe k̄yḡ wyth croū
⁊ gif gawan þe game

þen comaūded þe kȳg þe knyzt forto ryfe
 ⁊ he ful radly vp ros ⁊ ruchched hȳ fayre
 kneled doū bifore þe kȳg ⁊ cachez þat weppen
 ⁊ he luflyly hit hȳ laft ⁊ lyfte vp his honde
 ⁊ gef hȳ goddez bleffȳg ⁊ gladly hȳ biddes
 þat his hert ⁊ his honde ſchulde hardi be boþe
 kepe þe cofyn q̄ þe kȳg þat þʳ on kyrf ſette
 ⁊ if þʳ redez hȳ ryzt redly j̄trowe
 þat þʳ ſchal byden þe bur þat he ſchal bede aff
 gawan gotz to þe gome w^t giferne ī honde
 ⁊ he baldly hȳ bydez he bayft neu^ʳ þe helder
 þen carpez to l̄ gawan þe knyzt ī þe grene
 refourme we oure for wardes er we fyrre paſſe
 fyrft j̄eþe þe hapel how þat þʳ hattes
 þat þʳ me telle truly as j̄tryft may
 in god fayth q̄ þe goode knyzt Gawan j̄hatte
 þat bede þe þis buffet quat ſo bi fallez aff
 ⁊ at þis tyme twelmonyth take at þe anoþ^ʳ
 wyth what weppen ſo þʳ wylt ⁊ wyth no wyz ellez on lyue
 þat oþ^ʳ onſwarez agayn
 fir gawan ſomot j̄p̄ryue
 as jam ferly fayn
 þis dint þat þʳ ſchal dryue
 Bigog q̄ þe grene knyzt l̄ gawan melykes
 þat j̄ſchal fange at þy fuft þat j̄haf frayft here
 ⁊ þʳ hatz redily rehersed birefoū ful trwe
 clanly al þe couenaūt þat j̄þe kȳge aſked
 ſaf þat þʳ ſchal fiker me ſegge bi þi trawþe
 þat þʳ ſchal ſeche me þi ſelf where ſo þʳ hopes
 j̄may be funde vpon folde ⁊ fych þe ſuch wages
 as þʳ deles me to day bifore þis douþe ryche
 where ſchulde j̄wale þe q̄ gauan where is þy place
 j̄wot neu^ʳ where þʳ wonyes bihȳ þat me wrozt
 ne j̄ know not þeknyzt þy cort ne þiname
 bot teche me truly þerto ⁊ telle me howe þʳ hattes
 ⁊ j̄ſchal ware alle my wyt to wȳne me þeder

⁊ þat iſwere þe forfoþe ⁊ by my ſeker traweþ
 þat is in nogh in nwe 3er hit nedes no more
 q̄ þe gome ī þe grene to gawan þe hende
 3if i þe telle trwly quen iþe tape haue
 ⁊ þʳ me ſmopely hat3 ſmyten ſmartly i þe teche
 of my hoʒ ⁊ my home ⁊ myn owen nome
 þen may þʳ frayſt my fare ⁊ forwardez holde
 ⁊ if i ſpende no ſpeche þēne ſpedez þʳ þe bettʳ
 for þʳ may leng ī þy londe ⁊ layt nofyrre bot flokes
 ta now þy grȳme tole toþe
 ⁊ let ſe how þʳ cnokez
 gladly l̄ for foþe
 q̄ gawan his ax he ſtrokes
 The grene knyzt vpon groūde grayþely hȳ drefſes
 alittel lut wʳ þehede þelere hedifcoʳuez
 his longe louelych lokkez helayd ouʳ his croū
 let þe naked nec to þe note ſchewe
 Gauan gripped tohis ax ⁊ gederes hit on hyzt
 þe kay fot onþe folde he be fore ſette
 let him doū lyztly lyzt on þe naked
 þat þe ſcharp of þe ſchalk ſchyndered þe bones
 ⁊ ſchrāk þur3 þe ſchyire grece ⁊ ſchade hit ī twȳne
 þat þe bit of þe broūſtel bot on þe groūde
 þe fayre hede fro þe halce hit to þe erþe
 þat fele hit foyned wyth her fete þere hit forth roled
 þe blod brayd fro þe body þʳ blykked on þe grene
 ⁊ nawþer falʳed ne fel þe freke neuʳ þehelder
 bot ſtyþly he ſtart forth vpon ſtyf ſchonkes
 ⁊ runyſchly he razt out þere as renkkez ſtoden
 lazt to his luflly hed ⁊ lyfthit vp ſone
 ⁊ ſyþen bo3ez tohis blonk þe brydel he cachchez
 ſteppe3 ī to ſtel bawe ⁊ ſtrydez alofte
 ⁊ his hede by þe here ī his honde haldez
 ⁊ as ſadly þeſegge hȳ ī his ſadel ſette ī ſtedde
 as non vnhap had hȳ ayled þa3 hedlez ho we
 he brayde his bluk aboute

þat vgly bodi þat bledde
 monion of h̄y had doute
 bi þat his refoūz were redde
 for þe hede in his honde he haldez vp euen
 toward þe derrest on þe dece he dressez þe face
 ⁊ hit lyfte vp þe yze lyddez ⁊ loked ful brode
 ⁊ meled þ⁹ much w^t his muthe as ze may now here
 loke gawan þ^r be grayþe to go as þ^r hettez
 ⁊ layte as lelly til þ^r me lude fynde
 as þ^r hatz hette ī þis halle herande þise knyztēs
 to þe grene chapel þ^r chose jcharge þe to fotte
 such adunt as þ^r hatz dalt differued þ^r habbez
 to be zederly zolden on nwzeres morn
 þeknyzt of þe grene chapel men knowen me mony
 for þi me for tofynde if þ^r fraystez faylez þ^r neu[́]
 þefore com oþ^r recreaūt be calde þe be houes
 with arunisch rout þe raynez he tornez
 halled out at þe haldor his hed ī his hande
 þat þe fyr of þe flynt flaze fro fole houes
 to quat kyth he be com knwe non þere what þēne
 neu[́] more þen þay wyfte fr^omqueþen he watz wōnen
 þe k̄yng ⁊ gawen þare
 at þat grene þay laze ⁊ grēne
 zet breued watz hit ful bare
 am^uayl amōg þo mēne
 Þaz arþ^r þe hende k̄yng at hert hade wonder
 he let no semblaūt befene bot sayde fulhyze
 to þe comlych quene wyth cortays speche
 dere dame to day demay yow neu[́]
 wel by cōmes such craft vpon c̄stmaffe
 layk̄yng of enfludez to laze ⁊ to fyng
 amōg þise kynde caroles of knyztez ⁊ ladyez
 neu[́] þe lece tomy mete j may me wel dres
 for j haf sen a felly j may not forfake
 he glent vpon l̄ gawen ⁊ gaynly he sayde
 now l̄ heng vp þyn ax þat hatz ī nogh hewen

⁊ hit watz don abof þe dece ondofer tohenge
 þer alle men for m'uayl myzt on hit loke
 ⁊ bitrwe tytel þ' of to telle þe wonder
 þēne þay bozed to aborde þifeburnes togeder
 þe kȳg ⁊ þe gode knyzt ⁊ kene mē hē ferued
 of alle dayntygez double as derrest myzt falle
 wyth alle maner of mete ⁊ mynstralcie boþe in londe
 wyth wele walt þay þat day tilworþed anende
 now þenk wel f̄ gawan
 for woþe þat þ' ne wonde
 þis auenture forto frayn
 þat þ' hatz tan on honde

This hanfell' hatz arthur of auenturus onfyrft
 in zonge zer for he zerned zelpȳg tohere
 thaȳ hym wordez were wane when þay to fete wenten
 now ar þay stoken of sturne werk stafful her hond
 gawan watz glad tobe gȳne þose gomnez ī halle
 bot þaz þe ende be heuy haf ze no wonder
 for þaz men bē mery inmȳde quen þay han mayn drynk
 azere zernes fulzerne ⁊ zeldez neu' lyke
 þe forme to þe fynifment foldez fullfelden
 for þi þis ȳol ou' zede ⁊ þe zere aff'
 ⁊ vche sefoū serlepes sued after oþ'
 af ter crysten masse com þe crabbed lentou
 þat fraysteȳ flesch wyth þe fysche ⁊ fode more fymple
 bot þēne þe weder of þe worlde wyth wynter hit þrepez
 colde clengeȳ adoū cloudez vp lyften
 schyre schedeȳ þe rayn ī schowrez ful warme
 falleȳ vpon fayre flat flowrez þere schewen
 boþe groūdeȳ ⁊ þe greueȳ grene ar her wedez
 bryddeȳ bulken to bylde ⁊ bremlych sȳgen bi bonk
 for solace of þe softe som' þat sues þer aff'
 ⁊ blossfūeȳ bolne to blowe
 bi rawez rych ⁊ ronk
 þē noteȳ noble ī noze

ar herde in wod fo wlonk
 after þe sefoū of som' wyth þe soft wynde3
 quen 3efer9 syfle3 h̄y self onfede3 ⁊ erbe3
 wela w̄yne is þe wort þat waxes þeroute
 when þe donkande dewe dropez of þe leuez
 to bide ablyfful blufsch of þe bryzt fūne
 bot þē hyzes herueft ⁊ hardenes h̄y sone
 warnez h̄y for þe wynter towax fulrype
 he dryues wyth drozt þe duft forto ryfe
 fro þe face of þe folde toflyze fulhyze
 wrope wynde of þe welkyn wraftelez w^t þefūne
 þe leuez lancen fro þe lynde ⁊ lyzten on þe groūde
 ⁊ al grayes þe gres þat grene watz ere
 þēne al rype3 ⁊ rote3 þat ros vponfyrft
 ⁊ þ9 3irnez þe 3ere ī 3isterdayez mony no fage
 ⁊ wynter wynde3 azayn as þe worlde afke3
 til mezel mas mone
 watz cūen wyth wynter wage
 þen þenkkez gawan ful sone
 of his anio9 uyage
 zet quyl alhalday w^t arþ' he lenges
 ⁊ he made afare onþ^t fest for þe frekez sake
 w^t much reuel ⁊ ryche of þe roūde table
 knyzte3 ful cortays ⁊ comlych ladies
 al for luf of þat lede ī longyge þay were
 bot neú þelece ne þe laf þay neuened bot m'þe
 mony ioyle3 for þat ientyle iape3 þer maden
 for aftter mete w^t mōn̄ȳg he mele3 tohis eme
 ⁊ ſpekez of his passage ⁊ pertly he ſayde
 Now lege lorde of mylyf leue j yow ask
 3e knowe þe coſt of þis cace kepe j no more
 to telle yow tenez þer of neú bot t̄fel
 bot jam boū to þe bur barely to morne
 tofech þe gome of þe grene as god wylme wyffe
 þēne þe beſt of þe bur3 bo3ed to geder
 aywan ⁊ errik ⁊ oþ' ful mony

In doddinaual de sauage þe duk of clarence
 launcelot ⁊ ly onel ⁊ lucan þe gode
 In boos ⁊ In byduer bigmē boþe
 ⁊ mony oþʳ menskful w^t mador delaport
 alle þis compayny of court com þe kȳg nerre
 forto couſeyl þe knyzt with care at her hert
 þere watz much derue doel driuen ī þe fale
 þat so worþe as wawan ſchulde wende on þat ernde
 to dryze a delful dynt ⁊ dele no more wyth bronde
 þe knyzt mad ay god chere
 ⁊ ſayde quat ſchuld i wonde
 of deſtines derf ⁊ dere
 what may mon do bot fonde
 he dowellez þer alþat day ⁊ dressez on þe morn
 afkez erly hys armez ⁊ alle were þay brozt
 fyrft atule tapit tyzt ouʳ þe flet
 ⁊ miche watz þe gyld gere þat glent þer alofte
 þe ſtif mon ſteppez þeron ⁊ þe ſtel hondelez
 dubbed ī adublet of adere tars
 ⁊ ſyþen a crafty capados cloſed aloft
 þat wyth a bryzt blaūner was bouēden w^t īne
 þēne ſet þay þe ſabatoūz vpon þe ſegge fotez
 his legez lapped ī ſtel w^t luflych greuez
 w^t polaynez piched þer to policed fulclene
 aboute his knez knaged wyth knotez of golde
 queme quyſſewes þē þat coyntlych cloſed
 his thik þrawen þyzez w^t þwonges to tachched
 ⁊ ſyþen þe brawdēn bryne of bryzt ſtel rȳgez
 v mbe weued þat wyz vpon wlonk ſtuffe
 ⁊ wel bornyſt brace vpon his boþe armes
 w^t gode cowters ⁊ gay ⁊ glouez of plate þat tyde
 ⁊ alle þe godlych gere þat hȳ gayn ſchulde
 wyth ryche cote armure
 his gold ſporez ſpend w^t pryde
 gurde wyth abront ful ſure
 w^t filk fayn vmbe his fyde

when he watz

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When he watz hasped ī armes his harnays watz ryche
þe lest lachet ou' loupe lemed of golde
fo harnayst as he watz he herknez his maffe
offred ⁊ honðed at þe heze auter
syþen he comez to þe kȳg ⁊ tohis cort ferez
lachez lufly his leue at lordez ⁊ ladyez
⁊ þay hȳ kyft ⁊ conueyed bikende hȳ to kryft
biþat watz Gryngolet grayth ⁊ gurde w^t afadel
þat glemed ful gayly w^t mony golde frenges
ay quere naylet fulnwe for þat note ryched
þe brydel barred aboute w^t bryzt golde boūden
þe apparayl of þe payttrure ⁊ of þe proude skyrtez
þe cropore ⁊ þe couertor acorded wyth þe arfoūez
⁊ al watz rayled on red ryche golde naylez
þat alglytered ⁊ glent as glem of þe fūne
þēne hentes he þe helme ⁊ hastily hit kyffes
þat watz stapled stifly ⁊ stoffed wyth īne
hit watz hyze on his hede hasped bihynde
wyth alyztly vryfoū ou' þe auen3tayle
enbrawden ⁊ boūden wyth þe best gēmez
on brode fylkyn borde ⁊ bryddez on semez
as papiayez paynted pernȳg bitwene
tortors ⁊ trulofez entayled fo þyk
as mony burde þer aboute had bē feuē wynf
þe cercle watz more oprys
þat vmbe clypped hys croū
of diamauētez adeuys
þat boþe were bryzt ⁊ broū

ī toūe

Then þay schewed hȳ þe schelde þat was offchyr goulez
wyth þe pentangel depaynt of pure golde hwez
he braydez hit byþe bauderyk aboute þe hals keft^r
þat bifemed þe segge semlyly fayre
⁊ quy þe pentangel apendez to þat prynce noble
jam ī tent yow to telle þof tary hyt me schulde
hit is afȳgne þat salamon set fū quyle
ī bytoknȳg of trawþe bitytle þat hit habbez

for hit is afigure þat haldez fyue poyntez
 ⁊ vche lyne vmbe lappez ⁊ loukez ī oþer
 ⁊ ayquere hit is emdelez ⁊ Englych hit callen
 ou´ al as j here þe endeles knot
 for þy hit acordez toþis knyzt ⁊ tohis cler armez
 for ay faythful ī fyue ⁊ fere fyue fyþez
 Gawan watz forgode knawen ⁊ as golde pured
 voyded of vche vylany wyth vertuez ēñōned ī mote
 for þy þe pen tangel nwe
 he ber ī schelde ⁊ cote
 as tulk of tale most trwe
 ⁊ gentyleft knyzt oflote
 fyrft he watz funden fautlez ī his fyue wyttez
 ⁊ efte fayled neu´ þe freke ī his fyue fyngres
 ⁊ alle his afaūce vpon folde watz ī þe fyue woūdez
 þat cryft kazt onþe croys as þe crede tellez
 ⁊ quere so eu´ þys mon ī melly watz stad
 his þro þozt watz ī þat þurz alle oþ´ þygez
 þat alle his forfnes he feng at þe fyue joyez
 þat þe hende heuen quene had of hir chylde
 at þis cause þe knyzt comlyche hade
 ī þe inore half of his schelde hir ymage depaynted
 þat quen he blufched þerto his belde neu´ payred
 þe fyft fyue þat jfinde þat þe frek vfed
 watz fraūchyse ⁊ felazschyp forbe al þyng
 his clannes ⁊ his cortaysye croked were neu´
 ⁊ pite þat passez alle poyntez þyse pure fyue
 were harder happed on þat hapel þē on anyoþ´
 now alle þese fyue fyþez forsoþe were fetled on þis knyzt
 ⁊ vchone halched in oþ´ þat non ende hade
 ⁊ fyched vpon fyue poyntez þat fayld neu´
 ne fanned neu´ ī nofyde ne fundred nouþer
 w^t outhen ende at any noke jquere fynde
 where eu´ þe gomen bygan or glod to an ende
 þefore on his schene schelde schapen watz þe knot
 þ⁹ alle wyth red golde vpon rede gowlez

þat is þe pure pentaungel wyth þe peple called w^t lore
 now grayþed is gawan gay
 ⁊ lazt his laūce ryzt þore
 ⁊ gef hem alle goud day
 he wende for eú more
 he spered þe sted w^t þe spurez ⁊ sprong on his way
 so stif þat þe stonfyr stroke out þer aff^t
 al þat sez þat semly fyked ī hert
 ⁊ sayde soþly al fame segges til oþ^r
 carande for þat comly bi kryft hit is scape
 þat þ^r leude schal be loft þat art of lyf noble
 tofynde hys fere vpon folde ī fayth is not eþe
 warloker to haf wrozt had more wyt bene
 ⁊ haf dyzt zonder dere aduk to haue worþed
 alowande leder of ledez ī londe h̄y wel semez
 ⁊ sohad bet^t haf ben þē britned to nozt
 hadet wyth analuifsch mon forangardez pryde
 who knew eú any k̄yng such coufel to take
 as knyztez ī caueloūz on cryft masse gomnez
 wel much watz þe warme water þ^t walfed ofyzen
 when þat semly fyre sozt fro þo wonez þad daye
 he made non abode
 bot wyztly went hys way
 mony wyllfū way he rode
 þe bok as jherde say
 Now ridez þis renk þurz þe ryalme of logres
 l̄ gauan on godez halue þaz h̄y no gomen þozt
 oft leudlez alone he lengez on nyztez
 þer hefonde nozt h̄y byfore þe fare þat helyked
 hade henofere bot his fole bifrythez ⁊ doūez
 ne no gome bot god bigate wyth to karp
 til þat he nezed ful nogh' ī to þe norþe walez
 alle þe iles of anglefay onlyft half he haldez
 ⁊ farez ou' þe fordez by þe forlondez
 ou' at þe holy hede tilhe hade eft bonk
 ī þe wyldrenesse of wyrale wonde þerbot lyte

þat auþ' god oþ' gome wyth goud hert louied
 ⁊ ay he frayned as he ferde at frekez þat he met
 if þay hade herde any karp of aknyzt grene
 ī any groūde þeraboute of þe grene clapel
 ⁊ al nykked h̄y wyth nay þat neu' ī her lyue
 þay feze neu' nof egge þat watz offuche hwez
 þe knyzt tok gates ſtraunge
 ī mony a bonk vn bene
 his cher fuloft con chaūge
 þat chapeler he myzt ſene
 Mony klyf he ou' clambe ī contrayez ſtraūge
 fer floten frohis frendeꝝ fremedly he rydez
 at vche warþe oþer wať þer þe wyze passed
 he fonde afoo h̄y byfore bot ferly hit were
 ⁊ þat ſofoule ⁊ ſo felle þat fezt h̄y by hode
 ſo mony m'uayl bi moūt þ' þe mon fyndeꝝ
 hit were to tore forto telle of þe tenþe dole
 ſumwhyle wyth wormez he werrez ⁊ w^t wolues als
 ſūwhyle wyth wodwos þat woned ī þe knarrez
 boþe wyth bullez ⁊ berez ⁊ borez oþ' quyle
 ⁊ etayneꝝ þat h̄y aneledede of þe heze felle
 nade he ben duzty ⁊ dryze ⁊ dryztyn hadſerued
 douteles he hade ben ded ⁊ dreped ful ofte
 for werre wrathed h̄y not ſo much þat w̄yť nas wors
 when þe colde cler wať fro þe cloudez ſchadden
 ⁊ fres er hit falle myzt toþe fale erþe
 ner ſlayn wyth þe ſlete he ſleped ī his yrnas
 mo nyzteꝝ þē ī noꝝh' ī naked rokkez
 þ' as claťande fro þe creft þe colde borne rēnez
 ⁊ hinged heze ou' his hede ī hard iiffe ikkles
 þus ī peryl ⁊ payne ⁊ plytes ful harde
 bi contray cayrez þis knyzt tyl kryft maſſe euen
 þe knyzt wel þat tyde
 to mary made his mone
 þat ho h̄y red to ryde

of grene

al one

⁊ wyffe h̄y to fū wone
 Biamoūte on þe morne meryly he rydes
 into aforest fuldep þat ferly wat3 wylde
 hi3e hille3 on vche ahalue ⁊ holt wode3 vnder
 of hore oke3 ful hoge a hundreth to geder
 þe hafel ⁊ þe ha3 þorne were harled al famen
 w^t roze raged mofse rayled aywhere
 w^t mony brydde3 vnblyþe vpon bare twyges
 þat pitofly þer piped for pyne of þe colde
 þe gome vpon gryngolet glydez hem vnder
 þur3 mony miſy ⁊ myre mō al h̄y one
 carande for his coftes leſt he ne keú ſchulde
 to ſe þe ſeruy of þat fyre þat on þat ſelf nyzt
 of a burde wat3 borne oure baret to quelle
 ⁊ þerfore ſyk̄yng he ſayde i be ſeche þe lorde
 ⁊ mary þat is myldeſt moder fodere
 of fū herber þerhezly imyzt here maſſe
 ande þy matyne3 to morne mekely i aſk
 ⁊ þer to preſtly i pray my pať ⁊ aue ⁊ crede
 he rode i his prayere
 ⁊ cryed for his myſdede
 he ſayned h̄y i ſyþes fere
 ⁊ ſayde cros kryſt me ſpede
Nade he ſayned h̄y ſelf ſegge bot þrye
 er he wat3 war i þewod ofawon i amote
 abof alaūde on alawe loken vnder bo3e3
 of mony borelych bole aboute bi þe diche3
 acastel þe comlokeſt þat eu knyzt a3te
 pyched on a prayere apark al aboute
 w^t apyked palays pyned ful þik
 þat vmbe teze mony tre mo þē two myle
 þat holde on þat on ſyde þe hafel auyſed
 as hit ſchemered ⁊ ſchon þur3 þeſchyre oke3
 þēne hat3 he hendly of his helme ⁊ he3ly he þonke3
 iefus ⁊ ſay gilyan þat gentyle arboþe

þat cortayfly had hȳkydde ⁊ his cry herkened
 now bone hostel coþe þe burne i beseche yow zette
 þ̄ ēne gedereȝ he to gryngolet w^t þe gilt heleȝ
 ⁊ he ful chaūcely hatȝ chofen to þe chef gate
 þat broȝt bremly þe burne to þe bryge ende i hafte
 þe bryge watȝ breme vp brayde
 þe zateȝ wer stoken faste
 þe walleȝ were wel arayed
 hit dut no wyndeȝ blasfe
 þe burne bode on bonk þat on blonk houed
 of þe depe double dich þat drof to þe place
 þe walle wod i þe wa^t wonderly depe
 ande eft aful huge heȝt hit haled vponlofte
 of harde hewen ston vp to þe tableȝ
 enbaned vnder þe abataylmēt i þe best lawe
 ⁊ syþen garyteȝ ful gaye gered bi twene
 wyth mony luflych loupe þat louked ful clene
 abet^t barbican þat burne blufched vpon neu^t
 ⁊ inermore he behelde þat halle ful hyȝe
 towres telled bytwene trochet ful þik
 fayre fylyoleȝ þat fyȝed ⁊ ferlyly long
 with coruon coproues craftyly sleȝe
 chalk whyt chymnees þer ches he i noȝe
 vpon bastel roueȝ þat blenked ful quyte
 so mony pynakle payntet watȝ poudred ay quere
 amōȝ þe castel carneleȝ clambred so þik
 þat pared out of papure purely hit semed
 þe fre freke on þe fole hit fayr i nghe þoȝt
 if he myȝt keu^t to com þe cloyst^r wyth inē
 to herber i þat hostel whyl halyday lested auinant
 he calde ⁊ sone þer com
 a porter pure plefaūt
 on þe wal his ernd he nome
 ⁊ haylfed þe knyȝt erraūt
 gode l̄ q̄ gawan woldeȝ þ^r go mȳ ernde
 to þe heȝ lorde of þis ho⁹ herber to craue

3e peſ q̄ þe porſ ʔ purely i trowoe
 þat 3e be wy3e welcū towon quyle yow lykez
 þē zede wy3e 3erne azayn ſwyþe
 ʔ folke frely h̄y wyth to fonge þe knyzt
 þay let doū þe grete drazt ʔ derely out 3eden
 ʔ kneled doū on her knes vpon þe colde erþe
 to welcū þis ilk wy3 as worþy hom þo3t
 þay 3olden h̄y þe brode 3ate 3arked vp wyde
 ʔ he hem rayfed rekenly ʔ rod ouʔ þe brygge
 ſere ſeggez h̄y ſefed byfadel quel he lyzt
 ʔ ſyþen ſtabeled his ſtede ſtif mē ī no3e
 knyzte3 ʔ ſwyerez comen doū þēne
 for to br̄yg þis buurne wyth blys ī to halle
 quen he hef vp his helme þer hized ī nogʔ
 for to hent hit at his honde þe hende to ſeruen
 his bronde ʔ his blafoū boþe þay token
 þē haylſed he ful hendly þo hapelez vchone
 ʔ mony proud mon þer p̄ſed þat pr̄yce to honō
 alle haſped ī his he3 wede tohalle þay h̄y wōnen
 þer fayre fyre vpon flet ferfly brēned
 þēne þe lorde of þe lede loute3 fro his chambre
 forto mete wyth menſke þe mon on þe flor
 he ſayde 3e ar welcū to welde as yow lykez ʔ welde
 þat here is al is yowre awen to haue atyowre wyllē
 graūt mercy q̄ gawayn
 þer kryft hit yow for3elde
 as frekez þat ſemed fayn
 ayþʔ oþʔ ī arme3 cō felde
 Gawayn glyzt on þe gome þat godly h̄y gret
 ʔ þu3t hit abolde burne þat þe bur3 azte
 ahoge hapel for þe none3 ʔ of hyghʔ eldee
 brode bryzt wat3 his berde ʔ al beuʔ hwed
 ſturne ſtif on þe ſtryþþe on ſtalworth ſchonkez
 felle face as þe fyre ʔ fre of hys ſpeche
 ʔ wel h̄y ſemed for ſoþe as þe ſegge þu3t
 to lede alortſchyp ī lee of leude3 ful gode

Þe lorde h̄y charred to achambre ⁊ clefly cūaūdeꝛ
 to delyu' hym aleude hym loꝝly toferue
 ⁊ þere were boū at his bode burneꝛ ī noꝝe
 þat broꝝt h̄y toabryꝛt boure þ' bedd̄yꝛg watꝛ noble
 of cortynes of clene fylk wyth cler golde hēmeꝛ
 ⁊ cou'toreꝛ ful curious w^t comlych paneꝛ
 of bryꝛt blaunm' aboue enbrawdēd bifydeꝛ
 rudeleꝛ rēnande on ropeꝛ red golde r̄ygeꝛ
 tapiteꝛ tyꝛt toþe woꝝe of tuly ⁊ tars
 ⁊ vnder fete on þe flet of folꝛande fute
 þer he watꝛ dispoyled wyth ſpecheꝛ of my'þe
 þe burn of his bruny ⁊ of his bryꝛt wedeꝛ
 ryche robes ful rad renkkeꝛ hym broꝝten
 forto charge ⁊ to chaunge ⁊ choſe of þe beſt
 ſone as he on hent ⁊ happed þ' īne
 þat fete on hyn ſemly wyth ſaylande ſkyrteꝛ
 þe ver by his uifage verayly hit ſemed
 welneꝛ to vche hāpel alle on hwes
 lowande ⁊ luſly alle his l̄ymeꝛ vnder
 þat a comloker knyꝛt neu' kryſt made
 whepen ī worlde he were
 hit ſemed as he myꝛt
 be prynce w^t outen pere
 ī felde þ' felle men fyꝛt
 a cheyer by fore þe chemne þ' charcole brēned
 watꝛ grayþed for ſ gawan grayþely w^t cloþeꝛ
 whyſſynes vpon queldepoynt^p þa koꝛt wer boþe
 ⁊ þēne amere mantyle watꝛ on þat mon caſt
 of abroū bleeaūt enbrauded ful ryche
 ⁊ fayre furred wyth īne w^t felleꝛ of þe beſt
 alle of ermyn ī erde his hode of þe ſame
 ⁊ he ſete ī þat ſettel ſemlych ryche
 ⁊ achaufed h̄y ceſly ⁊ þēne his cher mended
 ſone watꝛ telled vp atabil on treſteꝛ ful fayre
 clad wyth aclene cloþe þat cler quyt ſchewed
 ſanap ⁊ ſalure ⁊ ſylu' ī ſponeꝛ

hem þoꝝt

þe wyze wefche at his wyllē ⁊ went to his mete
 seggeþ hym ferued femly ī noze
 wyth fere fewes ⁊ fete fesoūde of þe best
 double felde as hit falleþ ⁊ felekyn fischeþ
 fūme baken ī bred fūme brad on þe gledeþ
 fūme soþen fūme ī fewe fauēd w^t spycēs
 ⁊ aysawes so fleze þat þe segge lyked
 þe freke calde hit afest ful frely ⁊ ofte as hende
 ful hendely quenalle þe haþeles re hayted h̄y at oneþ
 þis penaūce now ze take
 ⁊ eft hit schal amende
 þat mon much m̄þe con make
 for w̄y ī his hed þat wende
 þēne watþ spyed ⁊ spured vpon spare wyfe
 bi preue poynteþ of þat prynce put to h̄y seluen
 þat he be knew cortayfly of þe court þat he were
 þat aþel arthure þe hende haldeþ h̄y one
 þat is þe ryche ryal k̄yng of þe roūde table
 ⁊ hit watþ wawen h̄yself þat ī þat won fytteþ
 comen to þat krystmasse as cafe h̄y þen lympeþ
 when þe lorde hade lerned þat he þe leude hade
 loude lazed he þat soles hit h̄y þoꝛt
 ⁊ alle þe men ī þat mote maden much joye
 to apere ī his presense prestly þat tyme
 þat alle prys ⁊ prowes ⁊ pured þewes
 apendes to hys perfoū ⁊ prayfed is eu^l
 by fore alle men vpon molde his mensk is þe most
 vch segge ful softly sayde to his fere
 now schal we femlych se flezteþ of þeweþ
 ⁊ þe teccheles termes of talkyng noble
 wich spede is ī speche vnspurd may we lerne
 f̄y we haf fonged þat fyne fader of nurture
 god hatþ geuen v⁹ his g^rce godly for soþe
 þat such agest as gawan graūteþ v⁹ tohaue
 when burneþ blyþe of his burþe schal litte
 ī men̄yng of manēþ mere ⁊ f̄yge

þis burne now ſchal v9 bryng
 i hope þat may h̄y here
 ſchal lerne of luf talkyng
 Bi þat þe diner watz done ⁊ þe dere vp
 hit watz nez at þe niyzt nezed þe tyme
 chaplaynez to þe chapeles choſen þe gate
 rūgen ful rychely ryzt as þay ſchulden
 to þe herfū euenſong of þe hyze tyde
 þe lorde loutes þerto ⁊ þe lady als
 ī to a cumly clofet coyntly ho entrez
 gawan glydez ful gay ⁊ gos þeder ſone
 þe lorde laches h̄y byþe lappe ⁊ ledez h̄y toſytte
 ⁊ couply h̄y knowez ⁊ callez h̄y his nome
 ⁊ ſayde he watz þewelcomeſt wyze of þe worlde
 ⁊ he h̄y þonkked þroly ⁊ ayþ halched oþer
 ⁊ ſeten ſoberly ſamen þe ſeruiſe quyle
 þēne lyft þe lady to loke on þe knyzt
 þēne com ho of hir clofet w^t mony cler burdez
 ho watz þe fayreſt ī felle of fleſche ⁊ of lyre
 ⁊ of compas ⁊ colō ⁊ coſtes of alle oþ^r
 ⁊ wener þen wenore as þe wyze þo3t
 ho ches þur3 þe chaūfel to cheryche þat hende
 an oþer lady hir lad biþe lyft honde
 þat watz alder þen ho an aūcian hit ſemed
 ⁊ he3ly honowred w^t hapelez aboute
 bot vn lyke onto loke þoladyes were
 for if þe zonge watz 3ep 3ol3e watz þ^t oþ^r
 riche red on þat on rayled ay quere
 rugh ronkled chekez þat oþ^r on rolled
 kerhofes of þat on wyth mony cler perlez
 hir breſt ⁊ hir bryzt þrote bare diſplayed
 ſchon ſchyrrer þē ſnawe þat ſchedez on hillez
 þat oþ^r wyth agorger watz gered ou^r þe ſwyre
 chymbled ou^r hir blake chyn w^t mylk quyte vayles
 hir froūt folden ī fylk enfoubled ay quere
 toret ⁊ treleted w^t tryfle3 aboute

þat nozt watz bare of þat burde bot þe blake brozes
 þe tweyne yzen ⁊ þe nafe þe naked lyppez
 ⁊ þofe were foure tofe ⁊ fellyly blered
 amenfk lady on molde mō may hir calle for gode
 hir body watz fchort ⁊ þik
 hir buttokez bay ⁊ brode
 more lykker wys on to lyk
 watz þat fcho hade on lode
 When gawayn glyzt on þ^t gay þ^t g^rcio9ly loked
 wyth leue lazt of þe lorde he went hema3aynes
 þe alder he haylfes heldande fullowe
 þe loueloker he lappez a lyttel ī arme3
 he kyffes hir comlyly ⁊ knyztly he mele3
 þay kallen h̄y of a quoȳtaūce ⁊ he hit quyk afke3
 to be her feruaūt sothly if hemself lyked
 þay tan h̄y bytwene hem wyth talkȳg h̄y leden
 to cham bre to chemne ⁊ chefly þay afken
 fpyce3 þat vn fparely mē fpeded hom tobrȳg
 ⁊ þe wȳne lych wyne þ^t w^t vche tyme
 þe lorde luflych aloft lepez ful ofte
 mȳned m̄the tobe made vpon monyfypez
 hent he3ly of his hode ⁊ on afpere hinged
 ⁊ wayned hom to wȳne þe worchip þerof
 þat moft myrþe myzt meue þ^t cryftenmas whyle
 ⁊ iſchal fonde bi my fayth to fylf wyth þe beſt
 er me wont þe wede3 w^t help of my frende3
 þ9 wyth lazande lote3 þe lorde hit tayt make3 þ^t nyzt
 for to glade f̄ gawayn w^t gomne3 ī halle
 til þat hit watz tyme
 þe kȳg comaūdet lyzt
 f̄ gawen his leue con nyme
 ⁊ to his bed h̄y di3t
 on þe morne as vch mon myne3 þat tyme
 þat dryztyn for oure deſtyne to de3e watz borne
 wele waxe3 ī vche awon ī worlde for his ſake
 fodid hit þere on þat day þur3 dayntes mony

boþe at mes ⁊ at mele messes ful quaynt
 derf men vpon dece drest of þe best
 þe olde aūcian wyf hezeft ho fyttēz
 þe lorde lufly herby lent as i trowe
 Gawan ⁊ þe gay burde togeder þay seten
 euen ī myddez as þe messe metely come
 ⁊ syþen þurzalþe sale as hem best femed
 bi vche grome at his degre g^rypely watz ferued
 þʒ watz mete þer watz myrþe þʒ watz much ioie
 þat forto telle þerof hit me tene were
 ⁊ to poynte hit zet ipyned me pauēture
 bot zet i wot þat Wawen ⁊ þe wale burde
 such comfort of her compaynye cazten to geder
 þurz her dere daly aūce of her derne wordez
 wyth clene cortays carp clofed fro fylþe ī vayres
 ⁊ hor play watz passande vche prynce gomen
 trūpe⁊ ⁊ nakerys
 much pyp̄g þʒ repayres
 vche mō tented hys
 ⁊ þay two tēted þayres
 Much dut watz þer dryuen þat day ⁊ þat oþʒ
 ⁊ þe þryd as þro þronge ī þeraff
 þe ioie of sayn jone⁊ day watz gentyle tohere
 ⁊ watz þe laft of þe layk leude⁊ þer þozten
 þer wer gestes to go vpon þe gray morne
 for þy wonderly þay woke ⁊ þewyn dronken
 daūfed fuldre⁊ly wyth dere carole⁊
 at þe laft when hit watz late þay lachen her leue
 vchon to wende on his way þat watz wyze stronge
 gawan gef h̄y godday þegod mō h̄y lachche⁊
 ledes h̄y to his awen chambre þech̄yne byfyde
 ⁊ þere he draze⁊ h̄y on dryze ⁊ derely h̄y þonkke⁊
 of þe w̄yne worfchip ⁊ he h̄y wayued hade
 as to honō his ho⁹ on þat hyze tyde
 ⁊ enbelyse his burz w^t his bele chere
 iwyffe l quyl jleue me worþez þe better

þat Gawayn hatz ben my gest at goddez awen fest
 G^rnt merci l q gawayn i god fayth hit is yowrez
 al þe honð is yð awen þe heze kÿg yow zelde
 ⁊ jam wyze at yð wylle to worch yðe heft
 as i am halden þ' to i hyze ⁊ i loze
 þelorde fast can hÿ payne
 to holde lenger þe knyzt
 tohÿ anfwarez gawayn
 Bi non way þat he myzt
 Then frayned þe freke fulfayre at him seluē
 quat derue dede had hÿ dryuen at þat dere tyme
 so kenly fro þe kÿgez kourt to kayre alhis one
 er þe halidayez holly were halet out of toū
 for soþe l q þe segge ze fayn bot þe trawþe
 a heze ernde ⁊ a hafty me hade fro þo wonez
 for jam fūned my selfe to sech to aplace
 i wot i worlde wheder warde towende hit tofynde
 i nolde bot if jhit negh myzt on nwzeres morne
 for alle þe londe i wyth logres so me oure lorde help
 for þy l þis enquest i require yow here
 þat ze me telle w^t trawþe if eu' ze tale herde
 of þe grene chapel quere hit on groūde stondez
 ⁊ of þe knyzt þat hit kepes of colð of grene
 þ' watz stabled bi statut asteuen v9 by twene
 to mete þat mon at þ^t mere zif i myzt laft
 ⁊ of þat ilk nwzere bot nekede now wontez
 ⁊ i wolde loke on þat lede jf god melet wolde
 gladloker bigoddez sū þē any god welde
 forþi jwyffe bi zowre wylle wende me bi houes
 naf i now tobuſy bot bare þre dayez
 ⁊ me als fayn to falle feye as fayly of myy ernde
 þēne lazande q þe lorde now leng þe by houes
 forjſchal teche yow to þat terme biþe tymeze ende
 þe grene chapayle vpon groūde greue yow no more
 bot ze ſchal be i yowre bed burne at þy eſe
 quyle forth dayez ⁊ ferk on þefyrft of þe zere

Bi ri3t

⁊ cum to þat merk at mydmorn to make quat yow likez
 dowellez whyle new zeres daye in spēne
 ⁊ rys ⁊ raykez þēne
 mō ſchal yow fette ī waye
 hit is not two myle hēne
 þēne wat3 gawan ful glad ⁊ gomenly he lazed
 now ī þonk yow þryuandely þur3alle oþ þyge
 now acheued is my chaūce īſchal at yō wylle
 dowelle ⁊ ellez do quat ze demen
 þēne ſefed h̄y þe fyre ⁊ iſet h̄y byfyde
 let þe ladiez be fette to lyke hē þebetf
 þer wat3 ſeme ſolace byhemf elf ſtille
 þe lorde let forluf lotez ſo myry
 as wy3 þat wolde of his wyte newyft quat hemyzt
 þēne he carped to þe knyzt criande loude
 ze han demed to do þe dede þat ībidde
 wyl ze halde þis hes here at þys onez
 ze ſ for ſoþe ſayd þe ſegge trwe
 whyl ī byde ī yowre borze be bayn to zowe heft
 for ze haf trauayled q þe tulk townen fro ferre
 ⁊ ſyþen waked me wyth ze arn not wel waryft
 nauþ of ſoftnaūce ne of flepe ſoþly īknowe
 ze ſchal lenge ī yō lofte ⁊ lyze ī yō eſe
 to morn quyle þe meſſe quyle ⁊ to mete wende
 when ze wyl wyth my wyf þat wyth yow ſchal fitte
 ⁊ comfort yow w^t compayny til īto cort torne ze lende
 ⁊ i ſchal erly ryſe
 on hūtyg wyl ī wende
 gauayn g^rnte3 alle þyſe
 h̄y heldande as þe hende
 zet firre q þe freke aforwarde we make
 quat ſoer i w̄yne ī þe wod hit worpez to yōez
 ⁊ quat chek ſo ze acheue chaūge me þer forne
 ſwete ſwap we ſo ſware w^t trawpe
 queþ leude ſo lympe lere oþ betf
 bigod q Gawayn þe gode īg^rnt þ tulle

⁊ þat yow lyft forto layke lef hit me þynk^p
 who brýgeȝ v⁹ þis beu'age þis bargayn is maked
 fo fayde þe lorde of þat lede þay laȝed vchone
 þay dronken ⁊ daylyeden ⁊ dalten vntyȝtel
 þife lordeȝ ⁊ ladyeȝ quyle þat hem lyked
 ⁊ ſyþen w^t frenkyſch fare ⁊ fele fayre loteȝ
 þay ſtoden ⁊ ſtemed ⁊ ſtylly ſpeken
 kyſten ful comlyly ⁊ kaȝten her leue
 w^t monyleude ful lyȝt ⁊ lemande torchef ful ſofte
 vche burne tohis bed watȝ broȝt at þe laſte
 to bed ȝet er þay ȝede
 recorded couenaūteȝ ofte
 þe olde lorde of þat leude
 cowþe wel halde layk a lofte

Ful erly bifore þeday þe folk vpryfen
 geſtes þat go wolde hor gromeȝ þay calden
 ⁊ þay buſken vp bilyue blonkkeȝ tofadel
 tyffen he takles truſſen her males
 richen hem þe rycheſt to ryde alle arayde
 lepen vp lyȝtly lachen her brydeles
 vche wyȝe on his way þer hȝ wel lyked
 þe leue lorde of þe londe watȝ not þelaſt
 a rayed for þe rydyng w^t renkkeȝ ful mony
 ete a ſop haſtyly when he hade herde maſſe
 w^t bugle tobent felde he buſkeȝ by lyue
 by þat any day lyȝt lemed vpon erþe
 he w^t his hapeles on hyȝe horſſes weren
 þēne þife cacheres þat coupe cowpled hor hoūdeȝ
 vncloſed þekenel dore ⁊ calde hem þ' oute
 blwe bygly ī bugleȝ þre bare mote
 braches bayed þ' fore ⁊ breme noyſe maked
 ⁊ þay chaſtyſed ⁊ charred on chaſȝg þat went
 a hundreth of huntes as jhaf herde telle of þe beſt
 to tryftors vewters ȝod
 couples huntis of keſt

þ' ros for blasfez gode
 gret rurd ī þat forest
 At þe fyrft quethe of þe quest quaked þe wylde
 der drof ī þe dale doted for drede
 hized toþe hyze bot hefily þaywere
 restayed w^t þe stablye þat stouly ascryed
 þay let þeherttez haf þe gate w^t þe hyze hedes
 þe breme bukkez also w^t hor brode paumez
 for þe fre lorde hade de fende ī fermysou tyme
 þ^t þ' schulde no mon meue to þe male dere
 þe hindez were halden ī w^t hay ⁊ war
 þe does dryuen w^t gret dyn to þe depe fladez
 þer myzt mon se as þay flypte flentyg of arwes
 at vche wende vnder wande wapped aflone
 þat bigly bote on þe broū w^t fulbrode hedez
 what þay brayen ⁊ bleden bi bonkkez þay dezen
 ⁊ ay rachches ī a res radly hem folzes
 hūterez wyth hyze horne hasted hemaff
 wyth such acrakande kry as klyffes haden bruften
 what wylde so at waped wyzes þat schotten
 watz al to raced ⁊ rent at þe refayt
 biþay were tened at þe hyze ⁊ tayfed toþe wattrez
 þe ledez were solerned at þe loze tryfteres
 ⁊ þe gre hoūdez sogrete þat geten hembylyue
 ⁊ hem tofylched as fast as frekez myzt loke þ' ryzt
 þe lorde for blys abloy
 ful oft con laūce ⁊ lyzt
 ⁊ drof þat day wyth joy
 thus to þe derk nyzt
 þ⁹ laykez þis lorde by lynde wodez euez
 ⁊ G: þe god mon ī gay bed lygez
 lurkkez quyl þe daylyzt lemed on þe woves
 vnder couertō ful clere cortyned aboute
 ⁊ as ī flomyg heflode flezly he herde
 a littel dyn at his dor ⁊ derfly vpon
 ⁊ he heuez vp his hed out of þe cloþes

A corner of þe cortyn he cazt vp alyttel
 ⁊ waytez warly þider warde quat hit be myzt
 hit watz þe ladi loflyeft to be holde
 þat dro3 þe dor aff hir ful dernly ⁊ styllē
 ⁊ bo3ed to warde þebed ⁊ þe burne schamed
 ⁊ layde h̄y doū lyftyly ⁊ let as he slepte
 ⁊ ho stepped stilly ⁊ steltohis bedde
 keft vp þe cortyn ⁊ creped w^t ine
 ⁊ sethir ful softly onþe bed syde
 ⁊ lenged þere felly longe toloke quē he wakened
 þe lede lay lurked aful longe quyle
 compaft ī his concience to quat þat cace myzt
 meue oþ' amoūt tom'uaile h̄y þo3t
 bot zet he sayde ī h̄y self more femly hit were
 to aspye wyth my spelle space quat ho wolde
 þen he wakenede ⁊ wroth ⁊ to hir warde torned
 ⁊ vn louked his yze lydde3 ⁊ let as h̄y wondered
 ⁊ sayned h̄y as bihis saze þe sau' to worthe
 wyth ch̄yne ⁊ cheke ful swete
 boþe quit ⁊ red ī blande
 ful lufly con ho lete
 wyth lyppez smal lazande
 God moroū l̄ gawayn sayde þat fayr lady
 ze ar a slep vn slyze þat mō may slyde hider
 now ar ze tan alyt bot t̄e v9 may schape
 iſchal bynde yow ī yō bedde þ^t be ze trayft
 allazande þelady lanced þobourdez
 goud moroū g^re q̄ gawayn þeblyþe
 me schal worþe at yō wille ⁊ þat me lykez
 for i3elde me zederly ⁊ zeze aff g^rce
 ⁊ þat is þe best be my dome for me by houez nede
 ⁊ þus he bourded azayn w^t mony ablyþe laz^t
 bot wolde ze lady louely þē leue me g^rnte
 ⁊ de prece yō pryfoū ⁊ pray h̄y to ryse
 i wolde boze of þis bed ⁊ bulk me bett^t
 i schulde keu' þe more comfort to karp yow wyth

w^t hande

Nay for soþe beau l fayd þat fwete
 ze schalnot rise of yō bedde i rych yow bett
 i schal happe yow here þat oþ half als
 ⁊ syþen karp wyth my knyzt þat i kazt haue
 for i wene wel iwyffe l wowen ze are
 þat alle þe worlde worchipez quere so ze ride
 yō honō yō hendelayk is hendely prayfed
 w^t lordez wyth ladyes w^t alle þat lyf bere
 ⁊ now ze ar here iwyffe ⁊ we bot oure one
 my lorde ⁊ his ledez ar on lenþe faren
 oþ burnez i her bedde ⁊ my burdez als
 þe dor drawen ⁊ dit w^t a derf hafpe
 ⁊ syþen jhaue i þis ho⁹ h̄y þat al lykez
 i schal ware my whyle wel quyl hit lastez
 ze ar welcū to my cors
 yowre awen won towale
 me be houez of fyne force
 yō seruaunt be ⁊ schale
 In god fayth q̄ gawayn gay hit me þynkkez
 þaz i be not now he þat ze of speken
 toreche tofuch reuerence as ze reherce here
 jam wyze vn worþy i wot wel my seluen
 bigod i were glad ⁊ yow god þozt
 at saze oþ at seruyce þat i sette myzt
 to þe plesaūce of yo⁹ prys hit were apure ioye
 in god fayth l gawayn q̄ þe gay lady
 þe prys ⁊ þe prowes þat plesez al oþ
 if jhit lakked oþ set atlyzt hit were littel daynte
 bot hit arladyes i noze þat leu wer nowþe
 haf þe hende i hor holde as i þe habbe here
 todaly w^t derely yō daynte wordez
 keu hem comfort ⁊ colen her carez
 þe much of þegary sou oþ golde þat þ^t þay hauen
 bot i louue þat ilk lorde þ^t þe lyfte haldez
 jhaf hit holly i my honde þat al desyres
 scho made h̄y so gret chere

w^t tale

þurze grace

þat watz sofayr of face
 þe knyzt w^t speches skere
 afwared to vche a cace
 Madame q̄ þe myry mon mary yow zelde
 for ihaf foūden ī godfayth yowre fraūchis nobele
 ⁊ oþ^r ful much of oþ^r folk fongen hordedeꝝ
 bot þe daynte þ^t þay delen for my difert nyfen
 hit is þe worchyp of yō self þat nozt bot wel cōneꝝ
 bimary q̄ þe menkful me þynk hit anoþ^r
 for were iworth al þewone ofwȳmen alyue
 ⁊ alþe wele of þe worlde were ī myhonde
 ⁊ iſschulde chepen ⁊ choſe tocheue me alorde
 for þe coſtes þat ihaf knowen vponþe knyzt here
 of bewte ⁊ de bonerte ⁊ blyþe ſemblaūt
 ⁊ þat ihaf er herkkened ⁊ halde hit here trwee
 þ^r ſchulde nofreke vpon folde bifore yow bechofen
 iwyſſe worþy q̄ þe wyꝝe ze haf waled wel bett^r
 bot jam proude of þe prys þat ze put onme
 ⁊ ſoberly yō ſeruaūt my ſou'ayn iholde yow
 ⁊ yowre knyzt iþe com ⁊ kryſt yow for zelde
 þ^o þay meled of much quat til myd morn paſte
 ⁊ ay þe lady let lyk ahȳ loued mych
 þe freke ferde w^t defence ⁊ feted fulfayre
 þaz iwere burde bryzteſt þe burde ī mynde hade
 þe laſſe luf ī his lode for lur þat heſoꝝt boute hone
 þe dunte þat ſchulde hȳ deue
 ⁊ nedeꝝ hit moſt bedone
 þe lady þēn ſpek of leue
 he g^rnted hir fulſone
 þēne hogef hȳ godday ⁊ wyth aglent laꝝed
 ⁊ as hoſtod ho ſtonyed hȳ wyth ful ſtor wordeꝝ
 now he þat ſpedeꝝ vche ſpech þis diſport zelde yow
 bot þat ze be gawan hit gotꝝ ī mȳde
 quer fore q̄ þe freke ⁊ freſchly he afkeꝝ
 ferde leſt he hade fayled ī fōme of his caſtes
 bot þe burde hȳ bleſſed ⁊ biþis ſkyl ſayde

fo god as gawayn gaynly is halden
 ⁊ cortayfye is clofed foclene ī h̄y feluen
 couth not lyztly haf lenged fo long wyth alady
 bot he had craued acoffe bihis cōtayfye
 bifū towch of fūme tryfle at fū talez ende
 þē q̄ wouen jwyffe worþe as yow lykez
 jſchal kyffe at yō comaūdement as a knyzt fallez
 ⁊ fireleft hedifpleſe yow fo plede hit no more
 ho comes nerre w^tþat ⁊ cachez h̄y ī armez
 loutez luflych adouū ⁊ þe leude kyffez
 þay comly bykēnen tokryft ayþ' oþ'
 ho dos hir forth at þe dore w^t outhen dyn more
 ⁊ he ryches h̄y to ryfe ⁊ rapes h̄y ſone
 clepes to his chamberlayn chofes his wede
 bozez forth quen he watz boū blyþelyto maſſe
 ⁊ þēne he meued to his mete þ^t mēſkly h̄y keped
 ⁊ made myry al day tilþe mone ryfed
 w^t neú freke fayrer fonge
 bitwene twofo d̄ygne dame
 þe alder ⁊ þe zonge
 much ſolace ſetþay fame
 And ay þe lordeof þelonde is lent onhis gamnez
 to hūt ī holtez ⁊ heþe athyndeꝝ barayne
 ſuch aſowme he þ' ſlowe biþat þe fūne heldet
 of dos ⁊ of oþ' dere to deme were wonder
 þēne ferfly þay flokked ī folkat þe laſte
 ⁊ quykly of þe quelled dere aquerre þay maked
 þe beſt bozed þerto w^t burnez ī nogh'
 gedered þe gratteſt of gres þat þer were
 ⁊ didden hem derely vndo as þe dede aſkez
 ſerched hem at þe aſay fūme þat þ' were
 two f̄ygeres þay fonde of þefowleft of alle
 ſyþē þay flyt þe ſlot ſeſed þe erber
 ſchaued wyth aſcharp knyf ⁊ þe ſchyre knitten
 ſyþen rytte þay þe foure l̄ymes ⁊ rent of þe hyde
 þē brek þay þe bale þe baleꝝ out token

w^t game

lystily forlancȳg ⁊ lere of þe knot
þay gryped to þe gargulū ⁊ g^ryþely departed
þewefaūt fro þe wynt hole ⁊ walt out þe guttez
þē schar þay out þeschuldereꝝ w^t her scharp knyueꝝ
haled hem byalyttel hole tohaue hole fydes
siþen britned þay þebrest ⁊ brayden hit ī twȳne
⁊ eft at þe gargulū bigyneꝝ on þēne
ryueꝝ hit vp radly ryꝝt to þe byꝝt
voydeꝝ out þe a vanders ⁊ v^aayly þ^s aff^s
alle þe rymeꝝ byþe rybbeꝝ radly þay lance
fo ryde þay of byresoū biþe rygge boneꝝ
euenden to þe haunche þat hinged alle famen
⁊ heuen hit vp al hole ⁊ hwen hit of þere bi kynde
and þat þay neme for þe noubles bi nome as j trowe
bi þe byꝝt alof þe þyꝝes
þe lappeꝝ þay lance bihynde
tohewe hit ī two þay hyꝝes
biþe bak bon to vnbynde
Boþe þe hede ⁊ þe hals þay hwen of þēne
⁊ syþen sunder þay þe fydeꝝ swyft froþe chyne
⁊ þe corbeles fee þay kest ī agreue
þēn þurled þay ayþer þik side þurꝝ bi þe rybbe
⁊ hinged þēne aþ^s bihoꝝeꝝ of þe fourcheꝝ
vche freke forhis fee as falleꝝ forto haue
vponafelle ofþe fayre best fede þay þayr hoūdes
wyth þelyu^s ⁊ þe lyꝝteꝝ þe leþer of þe pauncheꝝ
⁊ bred baped ī blod blende þer amōgeꝝ
baldely þay blw prys bayed þayr rachcheꝝ
syþen fonge þayher flefche folden tohome
strakande ful stoutly mony stif moteꝝ
biþat þedaylyꝝt watz done þe douthe watz al wonen
ī to þe comly castel þer þe knyꝝt bideꝝ fulstille
wyth blys ⁊ bryꝝt fyr bette
þe lorde is comen þ^s tulle
when gawayn wyth hȳ mette
þer watz bot wele at wylle

Thēne comaūded þe lorde ī þ^t fale tofamen alle þe meny
 boþe þe ladyes onlogh^r tolyzt w^t her burdes
 bi fore alle þe folk on þe flette frekez hebeddez
 v^{ay}ly his venyfoū tofech h^y byforne
 ⁊ al godly ī gomen gaway he called
 techez h^y toþe tayles of ful tayt bestes
 scheweþ h^y þe schyree grece schorne vpon rybbes
 how payez yow þis play haf ī prys wōnen
 haue ī þryuandely þonk þurþ my craft serued
 ze ī wyffe q̄ þat oþ^r wyze here is wayth fayrest
 þat iþez þis seuen zere ī sefoū of wyn^t
 ⁊ al ī gif yow gawayn q̄ þe gome þēne
 for by a corde of couenaūt ze craue hit as yō awen
 þis is soth q̄ þe segge iþay yow þat ilke
 ⁊ iþaf worthyly þis woneþ wyth īne
 iwyffe w^t as god wylle hit worþez to zōez
 he hafpeþ his fayre hals his armeþ wyth īne
 ⁊ kyffes h^y as comlyly as ho coupe awyfe
 tas yow þere my cheuicaūce icheued no more
 ī wowche hit saf fynly þaz feler hit were
 hit is god q̄ þegodmon g^rnt m^ccy þ^rfore
 hit may be such hit is þe bet^t ⁊ ze me breue wolde
 where ze wan þis ilk wele biwytte of hor seluen
 þat watþ not forward q̄ he frayst me no more ze mowe
 for ze haf tan þat yow tydez trawe ze non oþ^r
 þay lazed ⁊ made hemblyþe
 wyth loteþ þat were tolowe
 to soper þay zede allwyþe
 wyth dayntes nwe ī nowe
 And syþen by þe chymne ī chamber þay feten
 wyzez þe walle wyn wezed tohem oft
 ⁊ efte ī her bourd^yg þay bayþen ī þe morn
 tofyllen þefame forwardez þat þay by fore maden
 þat chaūce sobytydez horcheuysaūce to chaūge
 what nwez so þay nome at nazt quen þay metten
 þay acorded of þe couenaunteþ byfore þe cōt alle

þe beuerage watz brozt forth ī bourde at þat tyme
 þēne þay louelych lezten leue at þe laft
 vche burne to his bedde busked bylyue
 bi þat þe coke hade crowez ⁊ cakled bot þryfe
 þe lorde watz lopen of his bedde þe leudez vchone
 so þat þe mete ⁊ þe masse watz metely delyuéd to chace
 þe douthe dressed toþe wod erany day sprengeð
 hez w^t hūte ⁊ hornez
 þurz playnez þay passe ī space
 vn coupled amōg þo þornez
 rachez þat ran on race

Sone þay calle of a quest ī aker syde
 þe hūt re hayted þe hoūdez þat hit fyrst mýged
 wylde wordez hȳ warp wyth awraft noyce
 þehowndeþ þat hit herde haftid þider swyþe
 ⁊ fellen as fast toþe fuyt forty at ones
 þēne such aglauánde glam of gedered rachchez
 ros þat þe rocherez rūgen aboute
 hūterez hemhardened w^t horne ⁊ wyth muthe
 þē al ī asemble sweyed to geder
 bitwene aflosche ī þat fryth ⁊ afoo cragge
 inaknot biaclyffe at þe kerre syde
 þ' as þe rogh rocher vn rydely watz fallen
 þay ferden toþe fyndȳg ⁊ frekeþ hemaft'
 þay vmbe keften þe knarre ⁊ þe knot boþe
 wyzez whyl þay wyften wel wyt ī ne hē hit were
 þebest þat þer breued watz wyth þe blod hoūdez
 þēne þay beten on þe buskez ⁊ bede hȳ vp ryfe
 ⁊ he vnsoūdyly out sozt seggez ou' þwert
 on þe sellokest fwyn fwenged out þere
 long sythen fro þe soūder þat sized for olde
 for he watz ⁊ bor alþer-gratteft
 quen he gronyed þēne greued mony
 þe fyrst þraft he þryzt toþe erþe
 rth good sped boutē spyt more
 wed hygh' ful hyze ⁊ hay hay cryed

⁊ if mon kēnes yow homto knowe ze keft hom of yō m̄yde
 þ̄ hatz for zetē zederly þat zifʹday j taztte
 bi alder trueft token of talk þat jcowþe
 what is þat q̄ þe wyghʹ j wyffe jwot neuʹ
 if hit be sothe þat ze breue þeblame is m̄y awen
 zet j kende yow of kyffyng q̄ þe clere þēne
 quere fo coūtenaūce is coupe quikly to clayme
 þat bicūes vche aknyzt þat cortayfy vſes
 do way q̄ þat derf mon my dere þat ſpeche
 for þat durft jnot do left jdeuayed were
 if jwere werned jwere wrang jwyffe zif i pfered
 mafay q̄ þe mere wyf ze may not be werned
 ze ar ſtif ī nohʹ to conſtrayne wyth ſtrenkþe zif yow lykez
 zif any were fo vilano⁹ þat yow de vaye wolde
 ze be god q̄ Gawayn goodis yō ſpeche
 bot þrete is vn þryuande ī þede þʹ jlende
 ⁊ vche gift þat is geuen not wʹ goud wylle
 jam at yō comaundemēt to kyffe quen yowlykez in ſpace
 ze may lach quen yow lyft ⁊ leue quenyow þynkkez
 þe lady loutez adoū
 ⁊ comlyly kyffes his face
 much ſpeche þay þʹ expoū
 of druryes greme ⁊ gʳce
 j woled wyt at yow wyze þat worþy þer ſayde
 ⁊ yow wrathed not þer wyth what were þe ſkylle
 þat fo zong ⁊ fo zepe as ze at þis tyme
 fo cortayſe fo knyztly as ze ar knowen oute
 ⁊ of alle cheualry to choſe þe cheſ þyng a lofed
 is þe lellayk of luf þe lettrure of armes
 for to telle of þis teuelyng of þis trwe knyztez
 hit is þe tytelet token ⁊ tyxt of her werkkez
 how her lele luf horlyuez han aūtered
 endured for her drury dulful ſtoūdez
 ⁊ affʹ wenged wʹ her walō ⁊ voyded her care
 ⁊ brozt blyffe ī to boure wʹ boūtees hor awen
 ⁊ ze ar knyzt com lokeft kyd of yō elde

yō worde ⁊ yō worchip walkez ayquere
 ⁊ i haf seten by yō self here fere twyes
 zet herde i neu' of yō hed helde no wordez
 þat eu' longed to luf lasse ne more
 ⁊ ze þat ar so cortays ⁊ coÿt of yō hetes
 ogh' to azonke þÿk zern toschewe
 ⁊ teche fū tokenez of trweluf craftes
 why ar ze lewed þat alle þe los weldez ffor schame
 oþ' elles ze demen me todille yō dalyaūce toherken
 i com hider fengel ⁊ fitte
 tolerne at yow fū game
 dos techez me of yō wytte
 whil mylorde is fro hame
 In goud fayþe q̄ gawayn god yow for zelde
 gret is þe gode gle ⁊ gomen to me huge
 þat so worþy as ze wolde wÿne hidere
 ⁊ pyne yow w^t sopou' amon as play wyth yō knyzt
 with any skÿnez cou'tenaūce hit keūez me ese
 bot to take þe toruayle to myself to trwluf typou
 ⁊ towche þe teme3 of tyxt ⁊ tale3 of arme3
 to yow þat i wot wel weldez more flyzt
 of þat art bi þe half or a hūdreth of feche
 as iam oþ' eu' schal ī erde þer i leue
 hit were afole fele folde myfre bymy trawþe
 i wolde yowre wylnÿg worche at my myzt
 as i am hyzly bihalden ⁊ eu' more wylle
 be feruaūt to yō seluen sofaue me dryztyn
 þ9 hÿ frayned þat fre ⁊ fondet hÿ ofte
 forto haf wōnen hÿ to woze what so scho þo3t elle3
 bot he de fended hÿ sofayr þat no faut semed bot blyffe
 Ne non euel on nawþ' halue nawþ' þay wyften
 þay lazed ⁊ layked longe
 at þe laft scho con hÿ kyffe
 hir leue fayre con scho fonge
 ⁊ went hir waye jwyffe
 Then ruþes hÿ þe renk ⁊ ryfes toþe masse

⁊ siþen hor din^ʳ watz dyzt ⁊ derely ferued
 þe lede w^t þe ladyez layked alle day
 bot þe lorde ou^ʳ þe londez laūced ful ofte
 swez his vncely swyn þat swygez biþe bonkkez
 ⁊ bote þebest of his brachez þe bakkez ī sūder
 þer he bode ī his bay tel bawe men hit breken
 ⁊ madee hym maw gref his hed forto mwe vt^ʳ
 so felle flonez þer flete when þe folk gedered
 bot zet þe styffest to start bistoudez he made
 tilat þelaft he watz so mat he myzt no more rēne
 bot ī þe haft þat he myzt he toahole wýnez
 of arasse biarokk þ^ʳ rennez þe boerne
 he gete þe bonk at his bak bigyēz to scrape
 þe froþe femed at his mouth vnfare biþe wykez
 whettez his whyte tuschez w^t hý þē irked
 alle þe burnez sobolde þat hý by stoden for woþe
 to nye hý on ferum bot neze hý non durft
 he hade hurt so mony byforne
 þat al þuzt þēne ful loþe
 be more wyth his tusches torne
 þat breme watz braý wod bothe
 Til þe knyzt com hý self kachande his blonk
 syz hý byde at þe bay his burnez byfyde
 he lyzt^ʳ luflych adoū leuez his corfō
 braydez out a bryzt bront ⁊ bigly forth strydez
 foudez fast þurz þe forth þer þe felle bydez
 þewylde watz war of þe wyze w^t weppen ī honde
 hef hyzly þe here sohetfly he fnaft
 þat fele ferde forþe frekez lest felle hý þe worre
 þe swyn settez hý out on þe segge euen
 þat þe burne ⁊ þebor were boþe vpon hepez
 in þe wyzcreft of þe wa^ʳ þe worre hade þat oþ^ʳ
 for þe mon merkkez hý wel as þay mette fyrft
 set sadly þe scharp ī þe slot euen
 hit hý vp toþe hult þat þe hert schyndered
 ⁊ he zarrande hý zelde ⁊ zedoū þe wa^ʳ

a hūdreth hoūdez hȳ hent

ful tyt

þat bremely conhȳ bite

burnez hī broȝt to bent

⁊ doggez to dethe endite

There watz blawȳg of prys ī mony breme horne

heze halowig on hiȝe w^t haþeleȝ þat myȝt

brachetes bayed þat beſt as bidden þe mayſteȝ

of þat chargeaūt chace þat were cheſ hūtes

þēne awyȝe þat watz wys vpon wod crafteȝ

to vnlace þis bor luſly bigȳneȝ

fyꝛſt he hewes of his hed ⁊ onhiȝe ſetteȝ

⁊ ſyþen rendeȝ him al rogh' bi þe rygge after

braydeȝ out þe boweles brēneȝ hō on glede

with bred blent þer w^t his braches rewardeȝ

ſyþen he britneȝ out þebrawen ī bryȝt brode cheldeȝ

⁊ hatȝ out þe haſtletteȝ as hiȝtly biſemeȝ

⁊ zet hem halcheȝ al hole þe halueȝ to geder

⁊ ſyþen onastif ſtange ſtoutly hem henges

now with þis ilk ſwyn þay ſwengen to home

þe bores hed watz borne bifore þe burnes ſeluen fo ſtronge

þat hī for ferde ī þe forþe þurȝ forſe of his honde

til he ſeȝ ſ Gawayne

ī halle hȳ poȝt ful longe

he calde ⁊ he com gayn

his feeȝ þ' forto fonge

þe lorde ful lowde w^t lote ⁊ laȝed myry

whē he ſeȝe ſ G: w^t ſolace he ſpekeȝ

þe goude ladyeȝ were geten ⁊ gedered þe meyny

he ſcheweȝ hem þe ſcheldeȝ ⁊ ſchapes hem þe tale

of þe largeſſe ⁊ þe lenþe þe hȳneȝ alſe

of þe were of þe wylde ſwyn ī wod þer he fled

þat oþ' knyȝt fulcomly comended his dedeȝ

⁊ prayſed hit as gret prys þathe proued hade

for ſuche abrawne of abeſt þe bolde burne ſayde

ne ſuch ſydes of aſwyn ſegh he neu' are

þēne hondeled þay þe hoge hed þe hende mō hit prayſed

⁊ let lodly þerat þe lorde forto here
 now gawayn q̄ þe god mon þis gomen is yō awen
 bi fyn for warde ⁊ falte faythely ze knowe
 hit is sothe q̄ þe segge ⁊ as liker trwe
 alle my get iſchal yow gif agayn bimy trawþe
 he þe habel aboute þe halfe ⁊ hendely h̄y kyſſes
 ⁊ eff̄ ſones of þe ſame he ſerued h̄y þere
 now ar we euen q̄ þe habel ī þis euen tide Bi lawe
 of alle þe couenauntes þat weknyt ſyþen i com hider
 þe lorde ſayde bifaynt gile
 ze arþe beſt þat i knowe
 ze ben ryche ī a whyle
 ſuch chaffer ⁊ ze drowe
 þēne þay teldet tablez trefteſ alofte
 Keſten cloþen vpon clere lyzt þēne
 wakned bi wozez waxen torches
 ſeggez ſette ⁊ ſerued ī fale alaboute
 much glam ⁊ gle glent vp þ̄ īne
 aboute þe fyre vpon flet ⁊ onfele wyſe
 at þe ſoper ⁊ aff̄ mony aþel ſongez
 as coūdutes of kryſt maſſe ⁊ carolez newe
 with al þe manly m̄þe þ̄t mon may oftelle
 ⁊ eū oure luſlych knyzt þe lady biſyde
 ſuch ſemblaūt to þat ſegge ſemly ho made
 wyth ſtille ſtollen coūtenaūce þat ſtalworth to pleſe
 þat al for wondered watz þe wyze ⁊ wroth w̄t h̄y ſeluen
 bot he nolde not for his nurture nurne hir a zaynez To wraſt
 bot dalt w̄t hir alī daynte how ſe eū þe dede turned
 quen þay hade played ī halle
 as longe as hor wylle hom laſt
 to chambre he con h̄y calle
 ⁊ to þe chem ne þay paſt
 Ande þer þay dronken ⁊ dalten ⁊ demed eft nwe
 to norne on þe ſame note on nwezerez euen
 bot þe knyzt craued leue tokayre on þe morn
 for hit watz nez at þe terme þat he to ſchulde

þe lorde h̄y letted of þat tolenge h̄y resteyed
 ⁊ fayde as i am trwe segge i liker my trawþe
 þ̄ schal cheue toþe grene chapel þycharres to make
 leude on nwzereꝝ lyzt longe bifore pryme
 for þy þow lye i þyloft ⁊ lach þyn ese
 ⁊ i schal h̄ut in þis holt ⁊ halde þe towchez
 chaūge wyth þe cheuifaūce biþat icharre hider
 for i haf fraysted þe twys ⁊ faythful i fynde þe
 now þrid tyme þrowe best þenkon þe morne
 make we mery quyl we may ⁊ m̄yne vpon joye
 for þe lur may mon lach when somonlykez
 þis watz grayþely graūted ⁊ gawayn is lenged W^t lizt
 bliþe brozt watz hym drynk ⁊ þay to bedde zeden
 l̄ G: lis ⁊ flepes
 fulstille ⁊ softe alnizt
 þe lorde þat his craftez kepes
 fulerly he watz dizt
 Aff melle a morsel he ⁊ his men token
 miry watz þe morn̄yg his moūture he alkes
 alle þe hapeles þat on horfe schulde helden h̄y aff
 were boū bulked on hor blonkkeꝝ bi forere þe halle zateꝝ
 ferly fayre watz þe folde for þe forst clenged
 i rede rudede vpon rak rifes þe sūne
 ⁊ ful clere coftez þe clowdes of þe welkyn
 hūteres vnhardeled bi aholt syde
 rocheres rougen birys for rurde of herhornes
 sūme fel i þe fute þer þe fox bade
 traylez ofte a traytes bi traūt of her wyles
 akenet kyres þerof þehūt on h̄y calles
 his felazes fallen h̄y to þ̄t fnafted ful þike
 rūnen forth i arabel i his ryzt fare
 ⁊ he fyskeꝝ hem by fore þay founden h̄y sone
 ⁊ quen þay segh' h̄y w^t syzt þaysued h̄y fast
 wrezande h̄ fu w t ly with a wroth noyse
 ⁊ he trantes ⁊ tornayeeꝝ þurꝝ mony tene greue
 hauiloūeꝝ ⁊ herkeneꝝ biheggeꝝ ful ofte

at þe laft bialittel dich he lepez ou' aspēne
 ftelez out fulltilly bialtrothe rande
 went haf wylt of þe wode w^t wylez fro þe hoūdes
 þēne watz he went er he wyft to to a wale tryff^ʃ al graye
 þer þre þro at aþrich þrat h̄y at ones
 he blenched azayn bilyue
 ⁊ stifly ftart onstray
 with alle þe wo onlyue
 to þe wod he went away
 Thēne watz hit lif vpon lift to lyþen þe hoūdez
 when alle þe mute hade h̄y met menged to geder
 fuche aforze at þat fyzt þay fette on his hede
 as alle þe clamberande clyffes hade claʃed onhapes
 here he watz halawed when hapelez h̄y metten
 loude he watz zayned w^t zarande ſpeche
 þer he watz þreted ⁊ ofte þef called
 ⁊ ay þe titleres at his tayl þat tary he ne myzt
 ofte he watz rūnen at whenhe out rayked
 ⁊ ofte reled ī azayn ſo reniarde watz wyle
 ⁊ ze he lad hem bi lag mon þe lorde ⁊ his meyny
 on þis man' biþe mountes quyle myd ou' vnder
 whyle þe hende knyzt at home halfūly flepes
 with ī ne þe comly corty es on þe colde morne
 bot þe lady for luf let not tollepe
 ne þe purpoſe to payre þat pyzt ī hir hert
 bot ros hir vp radly rayked hir þeder
 ina\mery mantyle mete to þe erþe
 þat watz furred ful fyne w^t fellez wel pured
 no hwef goud on hir hede bot þe hazer ſtones
 traſed aboute hir treſſō be twenty ī cluſtes
 hir þryuen face ⁊ hir þrote þrowen al naked
 hir breſt bare bifore ⁊ bihinde eke
 ho comez w^t īne þe chambre dore ⁊ cloſes hit hir aff
 wayuez vp awayndow ⁊ onþewyze callez w^t chere
 ⁊ radly þ⁹ re hayted h̄y w^t hir riche wordes bi
 a mon how may þ' flepe

þis mornīg is so clere
 he watz ī drowpīg depe
 bot þēne he con hir here
 In dreȝ droupȝg of dreme draueled þat noble
 as mon þat watz in mornȝg of monyþro þoztes
 how þat deſtine ſchulde þat day his wyrde
 at þe grene chapel when he þe gome metes
 ⁊ bi houes his buffet abide with oute debate more
 bot quen þat comly com he keúed his wyttes
 ſwenges out of þe ſweuenes ⁊ ſwareȝ w^t haft
 þe lady luflych com laȝande ſwete
 felle ou^h his fayre face ⁊ fetly hȝ kyſſed
 he welcūeȝ hir worþily with awale chere
 he ſeȝ hir ſo glorio⁹ ⁊ gayly atyred
 ſo fautles of hir fetures ⁊ of ſo fyne hewes
 wizt wallande joye warmed his hert
 w^t ſmoþe ſmylȝg ⁊ ſmolt þay ſmeten ī to m^he ⁊ wynne
 þat al watz blis ⁊ bonchef þat breke hem bi twene
 þay lanced wordes gode
 much wele þē watz þ^h īne
 gret pile bi twene hem ſtod
 niſ mare of hir knyȝt mȝne
 ffor þat prynce of pris deprefed hȝ ſo þikke
 nurned hȝ ſo neȝe þe þred þat nede hȝ bihoued
 oþ^h lach þer hir luf oþ^h lodly re fuſe
 he cared for his cortayſye leſt crapayn hewere
 ⁊ more for his meſchef ȝif he ſchulde make ſȝne
 ⁊ be traytor to þat tolke þat þ^t telde aȝt
 god ſchylde q^h þe ſchalk þat ſchalnot beſalle
 w^t luf laȝȝg alyt he layd hȝ by ſyde
 alle þe ſpecheȝ of ſpecialte þat ſprange ofher mouthe
 q^h þat burde to þe burne blame ȝe differue
 ȝif ȝe luf not þat lyf þat ȝe lye nexte
 bifore alle þe wyȝes ī þe worlde woūded ī hert
 bot if ȝe haf alēman a leu^h þat yow lykeȝ bet^h
 ⁊ folden fayth to þat fre feſtned ſo harde

þat yow laufen ne lyft ⁊ þat i leue nouþe
 and þat ze telle me þat now trwly i pray yow
 for alle þe lufeꝝ vpon lyue layne not þe soþe
 þe knyzt fayde be fayn jon
 ⁊ smeþely con he smyle
 in fayth i welde rizt non
 ne non wil welde þe quile
 þat is aworde q̄ þat wyzt þat worft is ofalle
 bot iam fwared for soþe þat fore me þinkkeꝝ
 kyffe me now comly ⁊ iſchal cach heþen
 i may bot mōne vpon molde as may þat much louyes
 ſykande ho ſweze doū ⁊ ſemly h̄y kyffed
 ⁊ ſiþen hoſeuēs h̄y fro ⁊ ſays as ho ſtondes
 now dere at þis de partȳg do me þis eſe
 gif me ſumquat of þy gifte þigloue of hit were
 þat i may m̄yne on þe mon my mōnȳg tolaffen
 now iwyſſe q̄ þat wyze i wolde ihade here
 þe leueſt þīg for þy luf þat jin londe welde
 for ze haf deſerued forſoþe ſellyly ofte
 more rewarde birefoū þē i reche myzt
 bot to dele yow fordrurye þ^t dawed bot neked
 hit is not yō honō to haf at þis tyme
 agloue for agaryfoū of gawayneꝝ gifteꝝ
 ⁊ iam here an erande ī erdeꝝ vncouþe
 ⁊ haue no mē wyth no maleꝝ w^t menſkful þīgeꝝ
 þat miſlykeꝝ me lade for luf at þis *tyne ne pine
 iche tolke mon do as he is tan tas to non ille
 nay hende of hyze honōs
 q̄ þat luffū vnder lyne
 þaz i hade nozt of yōeꝝ
 zet ſchulde ze haue of myne
 ho razt h̄y a riche rynk of red golde werkeꝝ
 wyth aſtarande ſton ſtondande alofte
 þat bere bluffchande bemeꝝ as þe bryzt fūne
 wyt ze wel hit watꝝ worth wele ful hoge
 bot þe renk hit renayed ⁊ redyly he fayde

ffor gile

I wil no giftez for gode my gay at þis tyme
 I haf none yow to norne ne nozt wyl itake
 ho bede hit h̄y ful byfily ⁊ he hir bode wernes
 ⁊ fwere fwyftel by his sothe þat he hit sefe nolde
 ⁊ ho fore þat he forfoke ⁊ sayde þ' after
 if ze renay my rynk to ryche forhit semez
 ze wolde not so hyzly halden be tome
 I schal gif yow mygirdel þat gaynes yow lasse
 holazt alace lyztly þat leke vmbe hir fydez
 knit vpon hir kyrtel vnder þe clere mantyle
 Gered hit watz w^t grene sylke ⁊ w^t golde schaped
 nozt bot aroūde brayden beten w^t fyngrez
 ⁊ þat hobede to þe burne ⁊ blyþely bifozt
 þaz hit vn worþi were þat he hit take wolde
 ⁊ he nay þat he nolde negh' ī no wyse
 nauþer golde ne garyfoū ergod h̄y g^rce fende
 to acheue to þe chaūce þat he hade chofen þere
 ⁊ þerfore I pray yow displese yow nozt to graūte
 ⁊ lettez be yō bifinesse for I bayþe hit yow neu'
 I am derely toyow biholde
 bi cause of yō sembelaūt
 ⁊ eu' ī hot ⁊ colde
 to be yō trwe seruaūt
 Now forsake ze þis silke sayde þeburde þēne
 for hit is symple ī hit self ⁊ so hit wel semez
 lo so hit is littel ⁊ lasse hit is worþy
 bot who so knew þe costes þat knit ar þer īne
 he wolde hit prayse at more prys parauenture
 for quat gome so is gorde w^t þis grene lace
 while he hit hade hemely halched aboute
 þer is no hapel vnder heuen to hewe h̄y þat myzt
 forhe myzt not beflayn forflyzt vpon erþe
 þē kest þe knyzt ⁊ hit come to his hert
 hit were a juel for þe joparde þat h̄y iugged were
 when he acheued to þe chapel his chek forto fech
 myz he haf slypped to be vn flayn þe slezt were noble

þēne he þulged with hir þrepe ⁊ þoled hir tofpeke
 ⁊ ho bere onh̄y þe belt ⁊ bede hit h̄y fwyþe
 ⁊ he g^rnted ⁊ h̄y gafe with agoud wyllē
 ⁊ bifozt hym for hir sake difceū hit neu^ʳ for nozte
 bot to lelly layne frohirlorde þe leude h̄y acordez
 þat neu^ʳ wyze ſchulde hit wyt jwyſſe bot þay twayne
 he þonkked hir oft ful fwyþe
 ful þro w^t hert ⁊ þozt
 bi þat on þr̄yne ſyþe
 ho hatz kyft þe knyzt fo tozt
 Thēne lachchez ho hir leue ⁊ leuez h̄y þere
 for more myrþe ofþat mon mozt ho not gete
 when he watz gon l̄ G gerez h̄y ſone
 riſes ⁊ riches h̄y ī araye noble
 lays vp þeluflice þe lady h̄y razt
 hid hit ful holdely þ^ʳ he hit eft fonde
 ſyþē cheuely to þe chapel choſes he þewaye
 preuely aproched to apreft ⁊ prayed h̄y þere
 þat he wolde lyfte his lyf ⁊ lern h̄y bett^ʳ
 how his ſawle ſchulde be ſaued when he ſchuld ſeye heþē
 þere he ſchrof h̄y ſchyrly ⁊ ſchewed his myſdedez
 of þe more ⁊ þe m̄yne ⁊ m̄ci beſechez
 ⁊ of abſolucioū he on þeſegge calles
 ⁊ he afoyled h̄y ſurely ⁊ ſette h̄y fo clene
 as domez day ſchulde haf ben dizt on þe morn
 ⁊ ſyþen he mace h̄y as mery amōg þefreladyes
 w^t comlych caroles ⁊ alle k̄ynes ioye w^t blys
 as neu^ʳ he did bot þat daye toþe derk nyzt
 vche mon hade daynte þare
 of h̄y ⁊ ſayde jwyſſe
 þ⁹ myry he watz neu^ʳ are
 ſyn he com hider er þis
Now h̄y lenge ī þat lee þ^ʳ luf h̄y bi tyde
 zet is þe lorde on þe laūde ledande his gomnes
 he hatz forfaren þis fox þ^t he folzed longe
 as he ſprent ou^ʳ aþēne toſpye þe ſchrewe

þeras he herd þe howndes þat hafterd h̄y fwyþe
 Renaud com richchande þurzaroze greue
 ⁊ alle þe rabel ī ares ryzt at his helez
 þe wyze watz war ofþe wylde ⁊ warly abides
 ⁊ braydez out þe bryzt bronde ⁊ at þe best caftez
 ⁊ he ſchūt for þe ſcharp ⁊ ſchulde haf arered
 arach rapes h̄y to ryzt erhemyzt
 ⁊ ryzt bifore þe hors fete þay fel onh̄y alle
 ⁊ worried me þis wyly wyth awroth noyfe
 þe lorde lyztez bilyue ⁊ cachez by ſone
 rafed h̄y ful radly out of þe rach mouþes
 haldez heze ou' his hede haloweþ fafte
 ⁊ þ' bayen h̄y mony bray hoūdez
 hūtes hyzedhem þeder w^t hornez ful mony
 ay re chatande aryzt til þay þe renk fezen
 biþat watz comen his compeyny noble
 alle þat eu' ber bugle blowed at ones
 ⁊ alle þiſe oþ' halowed þat hade no hornes
 hit watz þe myrieft mute þat eu' mē herde
 þe rich rurd þat þ' watz rayfed for re naude faule
 hor hoūdez þay þ' rewarde
 her her hedeþ þay fawne ⁊ frote
 ⁊ ſyþen þay tan reynarde ⁊ turnen of his cote
 ⁊ þēne þay helden to home for hit watz niez nyzt
 ſtrakande ful ſtoutly ī hor ſtore hornez
 þe lorde is lyzt at þe laſte at hys lef home
 fyndeþ fire vpon flet þe freke þ' by ſide
 Sir Gawayn þe gode þat glad watz w^t alle
 amōg þe ladies for luf he ladde much ioye
 he were ableaūt ofblwe þat bradde toþe erþe
 his ſurkot ſemed h̄y wel þat ſofte watz forred
 ⁊ his hode of þat ilke hinged on his ſchulder
 blande al of blaūner were boþe al aboute
 he meteþ me þis god mon ī myddeþ þe flore
 ⁊ al with gomen he h̄y gret ⁊ goudly he ſayde
 i ſchal fyllen vpon fyrft oure forwardez nouþe

w^t lote

þat we spedly hanfpoken þer spared watz nodrynk
 þen acoles he knyzt ⁊ kyffes h̄y þryes
 as fauerly ⁊ fadly as hehem sette coupe
 bikryft q̄ þat oþʳ knyzt ze cach much fele
 ī cheuifaūce of þis chaffer zif ze hade goud chepez
 ze of þe chepe no charg q̄ chefly þat oþʳ
 as is pertly payed þe chepez þat ī azte
 mary q̄ þat oþʳ mon myn is bihynde
 for ī haf h̄uted al þis day ⁊ nozt haf ī geten
 bot þis foule fox felle þe fende haf þe godez
 ⁊ þat is fulpore forto pay forfuche prys þīges
 as ze haf þryzt me here þro fuche þre colfes
 īnoz q̄ l̄ gawayn
 ī þonk yow biþe rode
 ⁊ how þe fox watz flayn
 he tolde h̄y as þay ftode
 With m̄þe ⁊ mynstralsye with metez at hor wylle
 Þay maden as mery as any m̄e mozten
 w^t laz̄yng of ladies w^t lotez of bordes
 Gawayn ⁊ þe gode mō so glad were þay boþe
 bot if þe douthe had doted oþʳ dronken ben oþʳ
 boþe þe mon ⁊ þe meyny maden mony iapez
 til þe sefoū watz sezen þat þay feú moſte
 burnez to hor bedde behoued at þe laſte
 þēne lozly his leue at þe lorde fyrft
 fechchez þis fre mon ⁊ fayre he h̄y þonkkez
 of ſuch afellyly ſoiorne as ī haf hade here
 yō honō at þis hyze feſt þe hyze k̄yng yow zelde
 ī zef yow me foron of yōez if yowre ſelf lykez
 for ī mot nedes as ze wot meue to morne
 ⁊ ze me take ſū tolke to teche as ze hyzt
 þe gate to þe grene chapel as god wyl me ſuffer
 to dele on nwzere3 day þe dome of my wyrdes
 īn god fayþe q̄ þe god mon wyth agoud wylle
 alþat eú ī yow hyzt halde ſchal ī rede
 þer af̄yngnes he aferuaūt to fett h̄y ī þe waye

fo gode

⁊ coūdue h̄y by þe downez þat he no drechch had bi greue
 forto frk þurȝ þe fryth ⁊ fare at þe gayneft
 þe lorde Gawayn con þonk
 fuch worchip he wolde h̄y weue
 þē at þo ladyez wlonk
 þe knyȝt hatȝ tan his leue
 With care ⁊ wyth kyffȝg he carppeȝ hem tille
 ⁊ fele þryuande þonkkeȝ he þrat hom to haue
 ⁊ þay ȝelden h̄y aȝay ȝeþly þat ilk
 þay bikende h̄y tokryft w^t ful colde fykȝgeȝ
 fyþen fro þe meyny he menfkly departes
 vche mon þat he mette he made hem a þonke
 for his feruyfe ⁊ his folace ⁊ his fere pyne
 þat þay wyth bufynes had ben aboute h̄y toferue
 ⁊ vche ſegge as fore tofeu^t w^t hy þere
 as þay hade wonde worþyly w^t þat wlonk eu^t
 þē with ledes ⁊ lyȝt he watȝ ladde to his chambre
 ⁊ blyþely broȝt to his bedde tobe at his reft
 ȝif he ne flepe ſouȝdly ſay ne dar i in þoȝt
 for he hade muche on þe morn to mȝne ȝif he wolde
 let h̄y lyȝe þere ſtille
 he hatȝ nere þat he ſoȝt
 ⁊ ȝe wyl a whyle be ſtyle
 iſchal telle yow how þay wroȝt

Now neȝeȝ þe nwȝere ⁊ þe nyȝt paſſeȝ
 þe day dryueȝ to þe derk as dryȝtyn biddeȝ
 bot wylde wedereȝ ofþe worlde wakned þeroute
 clowdes keften kenly þe colde to þe erþe
 wyth nyȝe in nogh^t of þe norþe þe naked to tene
 þe ſnawe ſnitered ful ſnart þat ſnayed þe wylde
 þe werbelande wynde wapped fro þe hyȝe
 ⁊ drof vche dale ful of dryftes ful grete
 þe leude lyftened ful wel þat leȝ i his bedde
 þaȝ he lowkeȝ his liddeȝ fullyttel he ſlepes
 bi vch kok þat crue he knwe wel þe

de liuſly he dressed vp erþe day ſprenged
 for þere watz lyzt of alaupe þat lemed ī his chambre
 he called tohis chamberlayn þat cofly h̄y ſwared
 and bede h̄y br̄yg h̄y his bruny ⁊ his blonk ſadel
 þat oþʳ ferkez h̄y vp ⁊ fechez h̄y his wedez
 ⁊ grayþez me l̄ gawayn vpon agrett wyfe
 fyrſt he clad h̄y ī his clopez þe colde forto were
 ⁊ ſyþen his oþʳ harnays þat holdely watz keped
 boþe his paūce ⁊ his platez piked ful clene to þonk
 þe r̄ygez rokked of þe rouſt of his riche bruny
 ⁊ al watz freſch as vpon fyrſt ⁊ he watz fayn þēne
 he hade vpon vche pece
 wypped ful wel ⁊ wlonk
 þe gayeſt ī to grece
 þe burne bed~ br̄yg his blonk
 Whyle þe wlonkeſt wedes he warp on h̄y ſeluen
 his cote wyth þe conyfaunce of þe clere werkez
 ennurned vpon veluet v̄tuu⁹ ſtonez
 aboute beten ⁊ boūden enbrauded ſemez
 ⁊ fayre furred w^t īne wyth fayre pelures
 zet laſt he not þe lace þe ladiez gifte
 þat for gat not gawayn for gode of h̄y ſeluen
 bi he hade belted þe bronde vpon his balze haūchez
 þēn dressed he his drurye double h̄y aboute
 ſwyþe ſweþled vmbe his ſwange ſwetely þat knyzt
 þe gordel of þe grene ſilke þat gay wel bi ſemed
 vpon þat ryol red cloþe þat ryche watz to ſchewe
 bot wered not þis ilk wyze for wele þis gordel
 forpryde of þe pendauntez þaz polyſt þay were
 ⁊ þaz þe glyfande golde glent vpon endez
 bot forto ſauē h̄y ſelf when ſufferh̄y by houed oþʳ knyffe
 to byde bale w^t oute dabate of bronde h̄y to were
 bi þat þe bolde mon boū
 w̄ynez þeroute bilyue
 alle þe meyny of renoū
 he þonkkez ofte ful ryue

Thēne watz gryngolet grayþe þat gret watz ⁊ huge
 ⁊ hade ben foïðned fau'ly ⁊ ī afiker wyfe
 h̄y lyft prik for poýt þat proude hors þēne
 þe wyze w̄yneꝝ h̄y to ⁊ wytez on his lyre
 ⁊ fayde soberly h̄y self ⁊ by his soth fwereꝝ
 here is ameyny ī þis mote þat on menske þenkkeꝝ
 þe mon hem maynteines ioy mot þay haue
 þe leue lady on lyue luf hir bityde
 3if þay for charyte cheryfen ageft
 ⁊ halden honõ in her honde þe habel hē zelde
 þat haldez þe heuen vpon hyze ⁊ also yow alle
 ⁊ 3if ī myzt lyf vpon londe lede any quyle
 ī schuld rech yow sū rewarde redyly if ī myzt
 þē steppez he ī to stirop ⁊ strydez alofte
 his schalk schewed h̄y his schelde on schulder he hit lazt
 gordez to gryngolet w^t his gilt helez to praūce
 ⁊ he starteꝝ onþe ston stod he nolenger
 his habel onhors watz þēne
 þat bere his spere ⁊ laūce
 þis kastel to kryft jkēne
 he gef hit ay god chaūce
 The brygge watz brayde doū ⁊ þe brode zateꝝ
 vn barred ⁊ born open vpon boþe halue
 þe burne blessed h̄y bilyue ⁊ þe bredez passed
 prayfes þe porter bifore þe prynce kneled
 gef hym god ⁊ goud day þat gawayn he saue
 ⁊ went onhis way w^t his wyze one
 þat schulde teche h̄y to tōne toþat tene place
 þer þe ruful race heschulde re sayue
 þay bozen bibonkkeꝝ þ' bozeꝝ ar bare
 þay clomben bi clyffeꝝ þer clengeꝝ þe colde
 þe heuen watz vp halt bot vgly þer vnder
 mist mugged on þe mor malt on þe moutez
 vch hille hade ahatte amyft habel huge
 brokeꝝ byled ⁊ breke bibonkkeꝝ aboute
 schyre schafande on schoreꝝ þ' þay doū schowued

welawylle watz þe way þer þay biwod schulden þat tyde
 til hit watz sone fesoū þat þe fūne ryfes
 þay were on ahille ful hyze
 þe quyte fnaw lay bifyde
 þe burne þat rod h̄y by
 bede his mayster abide
 ffor jhaf wōnen yow hider wyze at þis tyme
 ⁊ now nar ze not fer fro þat note place
 þat ze han spied ⁊ spuryed so specially aff
 bot j schal say yow for soþe syþen j yow knowe
 ⁊ ze ar alede vpon lyue þat j wel louy
 wolde ze worch bi my wytte ze worþed þe bett
 þe place þat ze prece to fulperelo⁹ is halden
 þer wonez awyze ī þat wafte þeworft vpon erþe
 for he is stiffe ⁊ sturne ⁊ tostrike louies
 ⁊ more he is þē any mon vpon myddelerde
 ⁊ his body bigger þē þe best fowre
 þat ar ī arþurez ho⁹ hestor oþʳ oþʳ
 he cheuez þat chaūce at þe chapel grene
 þer passēs non biþat place so proude ī his armes
 þat he ne d̄ynez h̄y to deþe w^t dynt of his honde
 for he is amon methles ⁊ mercy non vfes
 for be hit chorle oþʳ chaplayn þat bi þe chapel rydes
 monk oþʳ masse prest oþʳ any mon elles
 h̄y þynk as queme h̄y to quelle as quyk go h̄y seluen
 for þy j say þe as soþe as ze ī fadel fitte
 com ze þere zebe kyllled may þe knyzt rede to spende
 trawe ze me þat trwely þaz ze had twenty lyues
 he hatz wonyd here ful zore
 onbent much baret bende
 azayn his dyntez fore
 ze may not yow defende
 for þy goude l̄ gawayn let þe gome one
 ⁊ gotz a way sū oþʳ gate vpon goddez halue
 cayrez bifū oþʳ kyth þer kryft mot yow spede
 ⁊ jfchal hyz me hom azayn ⁊ hete yow fyrre

þat iſchal ſwere bigod ⁊ alle his gode halzeꝛ
 as help me god ⁊ þe halydam ⁊ oþeꝛ i noꝝh
 þat iſchal lelly yow layne ⁊ lance neu' tale
 þat eu' ze fondt to fle forfreke þat i wyft
 g^rnt m'ci q̄ Gawayn ⁊ gruchȳg he ſayde
 wel worth þe wyze þat woldeꝛ my gode
 ⁊ þat lelly me layne i leue wel þ' woldeꝛ
 bot helde þ' hit neu' ſoholde ⁊ i here paſſed
 foūded for ferde for to fle i fōme þat þ' telleꝛ
 i were aknyzt kowarde i myzt mot be excuſed
 bot i wylto þe chapel for chaūce þat may falle
 ⁊ talk wyth þat ilk tulk þe tale þat me lyfte
 worþe hit wele oþ' wo as þe wyrde lykeꝛ
 þaꝛe he be aſturn knape
 to ſtiztel ⁊ ⁊ ſtad w^t ſtaue
 fulwel con dryztyn ſchape
 his ſeruaūteꝛ forto ſaue
 Mary q̄ þat oþ' mon now þ' ſomuch ſpelleꝛ
 þat þ' wylt þynawen nye nyme to þy ſeluen
 ⁊ þe lyft leſe þy lyf þe lette i ne kepe
 haf here þi helme on þy hede þi ſpere i þi honde
 ⁊ ryde me doū þis ilk rake biꝛon rokke ſyde
 til þ' be brozt to þe boþem of þe brem valay
 þēne loke alittel onþe laūde on þi lyfte honde
 ⁊ þ' ſchal ſe i þat ſlade þe ſelf chapel
 ⁊ þe borelych burne on bent þat hit kepeꝛ
 now fareꝛ wel on godeꝛ half gawayn þe noble
 for alle þe golde vpon groūde i nolde go wyth þe
 ne bere þe felazſchip þurꝛ þis fryth onfote fyrre
 bi þat þe wyze i þe wod wendeꝛ his brydel
 hit þe hors w^t þe heleꝛ as harde as he myzt
 lepeꝛ h̄y ou' þe laūde ⁊ leueꝛ þe knyzt þere
 bigoddeꝛ ſelf q̄ gawayn
 i wyl nauþ' grete ne grone
 to goddeꝛ wylle jam ful bayn
 ⁊ to h̄y i haf me tone

hit hafe

al one

Thēne gyrdez he to gryngolet ⁊ gederez þe rake
 ſchowuez ī biaſchore at aſchaze fyde
 ridez þurz þe roze bonk ryzt toþe dale
 ⁊ þēne he wayted h̄y aboute ⁊ wylde hit h̄y þoꝛt
 ⁊ ſeꝛe nof̄ygne of refette biſydez nowhere
 bot hyze bonkkez ⁊ brent vpon boþe halue
 ⁊ ruze knokled knarrez w^t knorned ſtonez
 þe ſkwez of þeſcowtes ſkayned h̄y þoꝛt
 þēne he houed ⁊ wyth hylde his hors at þat tyde
 ⁊ ofte chaūged his cher þe chapel tofeche
 he ſeꝛ non ſuche ī nofyde ⁊ ſellyhym þoꝛt
 ſaue alyttel onalaūde alawe as hit we
 abalz berz biabonke þe br̄yme by fyde
 bi aforz of aflode þ^t ferked þare
 þe borne blubred þer īne as hit boyled hade
 þe knyzt kachez his caple ⁊ com to þelawe
 liztez doū luflyly ⁊ at alynde tachez
 þe rayne ⁊ his riche with a roze braūche
 þēne he bozeꝛ to þe berze aboute hit he walkez
 debatande w^t h̄y ſelf quat hit be myzt
 hit hade a hole on þe ende ⁊ on ayþer fyde
 ⁊ ou^t growen w^t greſſe ī glodes ay where
 ⁊ al watz holz ī w^t nobot an olde caue w^t ſpelle
 or a creuiſſe of anolde cragge he coupe hit nozt deme
 we lorde q̄ þe gentyle knyzt
 wheþer þis be þe grene chapelle
 here myzt aboute myd nyzt
 þe dele his mat̄ynes telle
 Now i wyſſe q̄ wowayn wyſty is here
 þis oritore is vgly w^t erbez ou^t growen
 wel biſemeꝛ þe wyze wruxled ī grene
 dele here his de uocioū on þe deuelez wyfe
 now iſele hit is þe fende ⁊ my fyue wyttez
 þat hatz ſtoken me þis ſteuen toſtrye me here
 þis is achapel of meſchaunce þat chekke hit by tyde
 hit is þe corfedest kyrk þat eu^t i com īne

with heze helme onhis hede his laūce ī his honde
 he romez vp to þe roffe of þe ro3 wonez
 þene herde he ofþat hyze hil ī a harde roche
 bi3onde þe broke ī abonk awonder breme noyfe
 quat hit claſed ī þe clyff as hit cleue ſchulde
 as one vpon agryndelſton hade groūden aſyþe
 what hit wharred ⁊ whette as waſ at a mulne
 what hit ruſched ⁊ ronge rawþe tohere
 þēne bi godde q̄ gawayn þat gere at j trowe
 is ryched at þe reuēnce me renk to mete
 let god worche we loo
 hit helpe3 me not a mote
 my lif þa3 jfor goo
 drede dot3 me nolote
 Thēne þe knyzt concalle ful hyze
 who ſti3tlez ī þis ſted me ſteuen to holde
 for now is gode gawayn go ande ryzt here
 if any wyze o3t wyl wȳne hiderfaſt
 oþ̄ now oþ̄ neū his nede3 to ſpede
 abyde q̄ on on þe bonke abouen oū his hede
 ⁊ þ̄ ſchal haf al ī haſt þat jþe hyzt ones
 3et he ruſched on þat rurde rapely a þrowe
 ⁊ wyth quettȳgawharf er he wolde lyzt
 ⁊ ſyþen he keuē3 biacragge ⁊ come3 of ahole
 whyrlande out of a wro wyth afelle weppen
 a dene3 ax nwe dyzt þe dynt w^t o 3elde
 w^t aborelych bytte bende by þe halme
 fyled ī afylor fowre fote large
 hit wat3 nolaffe biþat lace þat lemed fulbryzt
 ⁊ þe gome ī þe grene gered as fyrſt
 boþe þe lyre ⁊ þe legge3 lokkez ⁊ berde
 ſaue þat fayre onhis fote he foude3 on þe erþe
 ſette þe ſtele to þe ſtone ⁊ ſtalked byfyde
 when he wan to þe watter þer he wade nolde
 he hypped oū on hys ax ⁊ orpedly ſtrydez
 bremly broþe onabent þat brode wat3 a boutē

Bi rote

on ſnawe

I Gawayn þe knyzt con mete
 he ne lutte h̄y no þ̄yḡ lowe
 þat oþʳ sayde now I swete
 of steuen mon may þe trowe
 Gawayn q̄ þat grene gome god þe mot loke
 I wyffe þʳ art welcon wyze tomy place
 ⁊ þʳ hatz tyled þi trauayl as t̄ee mō schulde
 ⁊ þʳ knowez þe couenauntez kest vḡ by twene
 at þis tyme twelmonyth þʳ toke þʳ þe falled
 ⁊ I schulde at þis nwe zere zeply þe quyte
 ⁊ we ar I þis valay v̄ayly oure one
 here ar no renkes vs to rydde rele as vḡ likez
 haf þy helme of þy hede ⁊ haf here þy pay
 bulk no more debate þē i þe bede þēne
 when þʳ wypped of my hede at a wap one
 nay bi god q̄ gawayn þʳ me goft lante
 i schal gruch þe no grwe for grem þat fallez no whare
 bot styztel þe vpon on strok ⁊ I schal stonde styll
 ⁊ warp þe no wern̄yḡ toworch as þe lykez
 he lened wʳ þe nek ⁊ lutte
 ⁊ schewed þat schyre albare
 ⁊ lette as he nozt dutte
 for drede he wolde not dare
T hēþe gome I þe grene grayþed h̄y swyþe
 gederez vp hys gr̄yme tole Gawayn tofmyte
 wʳ alle þe bur I his body he ber hit on lofte
 mūt as maztyly as marre h̄y he wolde
 hade hit dryuen adoū as drez as he atled
 þer hade ben ded of his dynt þat dozty watz euʳ
 bot Gawayn on þat giferne glyfte h̄y byfyde
 as hit com glydande adoū on glode h̄y tofchende
 ⁊ schranke alytel wʳ þe schulderes for þe scharp yrne
 þat oþʳ schalk wyth aschūt þe schene wyth haldez
 ⁊ þēne repreued he þe prynce wʳ mony prowde wor
 þʳ art not gawayn q̄ þe gome þʳ is I d ha
 þat neuʳ arzed for no here byhülle ne be vale

⁊ now þ^u fles for ferde erþ^u fele harmez
 fuch cowardise of þat knyzt cowþe jneu^u here
 nawþ^u fyked jne flaze freke quen þ^u myntest
 ne kest no kaelacoū in kȳgez ho⁹ Arthor
 my hede fla3 tomy fote ⁊ zet fla3 □ neu^u
 ⁊ þ^u erany harme hent arze3 ī hert þ^u fore
 wherfore þe better burne me burde be called
 q̄ G: jschūt one3
 ⁊ so wyl jno more
 bot þa3 my hede falle onþe stone3
 j con not hit restore
 Bot busk burne bi þifayth ⁊ brȳg me to þe poȳt
 dele to me my destine ⁊ do hit out ofhonde
 for jschal stonde þe astrok ⁊ start no more
 til þȳ ax haue me hitte haf here my trawþe
 haf at þe þēne q̄ þ^t oþ^u ⁊ heuez hit alofte
 ⁊ waytez as wroþely as he wode were
 he myntez at hȳ maȳtyly bot not þe mon rynez
 with helde hefily hs honde er hit hurt myzt
 Gawayn grayþely hit bydez ⁊ glent w^t no membre
 bot stode styllle as þe ston oþ^u astubbe auþer
 þat rapeled is ī roche groūde w^t rote3 ahundreth
 þē muryly efte con he mele þe mon ī þe grene
 so now þ^u hatz þihert holle hitte me bihous
 halde þe now þe hyze hode þat arþur þe razt
 ⁊ kepe þy kanel at þis kest 3if hit keu^u may
 G: ful gryndelly w^t greme þēne sayde
 wy þresch on þ^u þro mon þ^u þrete3 tolonge
 j hope þat þihert arze wyth þyn awen seluen
 for soþe q̄ þat oþ^u freke sofelly þ^u spekez ri3t nowe
 i wyl no leng^u on yte lette þin ernde
 þēne tas he he hȳ stryþe to stryke
 boþe lyppe ⁊ browe
 þa3 hȳ myflyke

he lyftes lyztly his lome ⁊ let hit doū fayre

w^t þe barbe of þe bitte biþe bare nek
 þa3 he homered hefl̄ly hurth̄y no more
 bot snyrt h̄y on þat on fyde þat feúed þe hyde
 þe ſcharp ſchrank to þe fleſche þur3 þe ſchyre grece
 þat þe ſchene blod ou^r his ſchulderes ſchot to þe erþe
 ⁊ quen þeburne ſe3 þe blode blenk on þe ſnawe
 he ſprit forth ſpēne fote more þē aſpere lenþe
 hent hefl̄ly his helme ⁊ onhis hed caſt
 ſchot w^t his ſchuldere3 his fayre ſchelde vnder
 brayde3 out abryzt ſworde ⁊ bremely he ſpeke3
 neu^r ſyn þat he wat3 burne borne ofhis moder
 wat3 he neu^r ī þis worlde wy3e half ſoblyþe
 bl̄yne burne of þy bur bede me no mo
 jhaf a ſtroke ī þis ſted w^t oute ſtryf hent
 ⁊ if þow reche3 me any mo jredyly ſchal quyte
 ⁊ zelde zederly azayn ⁊ þ^r to 3e tryft
 bot on ſtroke here me falle3
 þe couenaūt ſchop ryzt fo
 fermed in Arþure3 halle3
 ⁊ þer fore hende now hoo

⁊ foo

The hapeł held^t h̄y fro ⁊ onhis ax reſted
 ſette þe ſchaft vpon ſchore ⁊ to þe ſcharp lened
 ⁊ loked to þe leude þat on þe launde zede
 how þat dozty dredles deruely þer ſtonde3
 armed fula3le3 ī hert hit h̄y lyke3
 þēn he mele3 muryly wyth amuch ſteuen
 ⁊ wyth arynkande rurde he to þe renk ſayde
 bolde burne on þis bent be not ſogryndel
 nomon here vn man^ly þe mys boden habbe3
 ne kyd bot as couenaūde at k̄yge3 kort ſchaped
 jhyzt þe aſtrok ⁊ þ^r hit hat3 halde þe wel payed
 jrelece þe of þe remnaūt of ry3tes alle oþ^r
 uf i deliuer had bene aboffet paraunf^r
 jcouþe wroþeloker haf waret to þe haf wro3t ang^r
 fyrſt jmanſed þe muryly w^t amynt one
 ⁊ roue þe wyth no rof fore w^t ryzt jþe pfered

for þe forwarde þat we feft ī þe fyrft nyzt
 ⁊ þʳ trystyly þe trawþe ⁊ trwly me haldez
 alþe gayne þow me gef as god mon schulde
 þat oþʳ mūt forþe morne mon iþe profered
 þʳ kyssedes my clere wyf þe colfez me raztez boute scape
 for boþe two here iþe bede bot two bare myntes
 trwe mon trwe restore
 þēne þar mō drede nowaþe
 at þe þrid þʳ fayled þore
 ⁊ þʳ for þat tappe tappe
 ffor hit is my wede þat þʳ werez þʳ ilke wouen girdel
 myn owen wyf hit þe weued i wot wel forsoþe
 now know i wel þy coffes ⁊ þy costes als
 ⁊ þe wowyng of my wyf i wrozt hit myseluen
 i sende hir to afay þe ⁊ sothly me þynkkez
 on þe fautleſt freke þat eú on fote zede
 as perle biþe quite peſe is of prys more
 ſo is gawayn ī god fayth bioþʳ gay knyztez
 bot here yowlakked alyttel ſ ⁊ lewte yow wanted
 bot þat watz for no wylyde werke ne wowyng nauþʳ
 bot for ze lufed yō lyf þelaffe i yow blame
 þat oþʳ ſtif mon ī ſtudy ſtod agret whyle
 ſo agreued for greme he gryed wʳ īne
 alle þe blode of his breſt blende ī his face
 þat al he ſchrank for ſchome þat þeſchalk talked
 þe forme worde vpon folde þat þe freke meled
 corfed worth cowarddyſe ⁊ couetyſe boþe
 ī yow is vylany ⁊ vyſe þat vʳtue diſſtryez
 þēne he kazt to þe knot ⁊ þe keſt lawfez
 brayde broþely þe belt to þe burne ſeluen
 lo þer þe falſſyng foule mot hit falle
 for care of þy knobbe cowardyſe me tazt
 to acorde me wʳ couetyſe my kynde to for ſake
 þat is larges ⁊ lewte þat longez toknyztez
 now am i fawty ⁊ falce ⁊ ferde haf ben eú ⁊ care
 of trecherye ⁊ vn trawþe boþe bityde forze
 i bi knowe yow knyzt

i bi knowe yow knyzt here styllle
 al fawty is my fare
 lete3 me ou' take yō wylle
 ⁊ efte iſchal be ware
 Thēn loze þat oþ' leude ⁊ luflyly ſayde
 i halde hit hardilyly hole þe harme þat i hade
 þ' art confessed ſo clene be knowen of þy myſſes
 ⁊ hatz þe penaūce apert of þe poȳt of myn egge
 i halde þe polyſed of þat plyzt ⁊ pured as clene
 as þ' hade3 neu' forfeſed ſyþē þ' watz fyrſt borne
 ⁊ i gif þe i þe gurdel þat is golde hēmed
 for hit is grene as my goune i G:: ze maye
 þenk vpon þis ilke þrepe þ' þ' forth þrȳgez
 amōg prynces of prys ⁊ þis apure token
 of þe chaūce of þe grene chapel at cheualro9 knyzte3
 ⁊ ze ſchal i þis nwe zer a3ayntomy wone3 fulbene
 ⁊ waſchȳ reuel þe remnaūt of þis ryche feſt
 þer laped hȳ faſt þelorde
 ⁊ ſayde w^t my wyf iwene
 weſchal yow wel acorde
 þat watz yō enmy kene
 Nay for ſoþe q þe ſegge ⁊ ſeſed hys helme
 ⁊ hatz hit of hendely ⁊ þe hapel þonkke3
 i haf ſoiorned ſadly ſele yow bytyde
 ⁊ he zelde hit yow 3are þat 3arkke3 al mēſkes
 ⁊ comaūde3 me to þat cortays yō comlych fere
 boþe þat on ⁊ þat oþ' myn honōed ladyez
 þat þ9 hor knyzt wyth horkeſt han koȳtly bigyled
 bot hit is no ferly þa3 afole madde
 ⁊ þur3 wyles of wȳmen be wonen tofor3e
 for ſo watz adam i erde w^tone bygyled
 ⁊ ſalamon w^t fele ſere ⁊ ſamſon eft ſone3
 dalyda dalt hȳ hys wyrde ⁊ dauyth þer aff
 watz blended w^t barſabe þat much bale þoled
 now þeſe were wrathed wyth her wyles h^t were awȳne huge
 to luf homwel ⁊ leue hem not aleude þat coupe

for þes wer forne þe freest þat folzed alle þe sele þat mufed
 ex ellently of alle þyfe oþ' vnder heuen ryche
 ⁊ alle þay were bi wyled
 with wyth wȳmen þat þay vfed
 þaz iþe now bigyled
 Me þink me burde be excufed
 Bot yō gordel q̄ G: god yow for zelde
 Pat wyl iþwelde wyth guod wyllē not for þe wȳne golde
 Ne þe faynt ne þe fylk ne þe fyde pendaūdes
 for wele ne for worchyp ne for þe wlonk werkkeꝝ
 bot īfȳgne of my surfet iþchal se hit ofte
 when iþride ī renoū remorde to myseluen
 þe faut ⁊ þe fayntyfe of þe flefche crabbed
 how tender hit is to entyfe teches of fylþe
 ⁊ þᵛ quen pryde ſchal me pryk for prowes of armes
 þe loke to þis luf lace ſchal leþe my hert
 bot on iþwolde yow pray displefes yow neu'
 fyn ze be lorde of þe zonder londe þ' iþhaf lent īne
 wyth yow wyth worchyp þe wyze hit yow zelde
 þat vþhaldeꝝ þe heuē ⁊ on hyz ſitteꝝ
 how norne ze yowre ryzt nome ⁊ þēne no more
 þat ſchal i telle þe trwly q̄ þ^t oþ' þēne
 Bernlak de hautdefert i hat ī þis londe
 þurꝝ myzt of morgne lafaye þat ī my hoᵛ lenges
 ⁊ koyntyfe of clergye bi craftes wel lerned
 þe mayftres of m'lyn mony ho taken
 for ho hatꝝ dalt drwry fuldere fū tyme at hame
 with þat conable klerk þat knowes alle yō knyꝝteꝝ
 morgne þe goddes
 þerfore hit is hir name
 weldeꝝ non fo hyze hawteffe
 þat ho necon make fultame
 ho wayned me vpon þis wyfe to yō wȳne halle
 forto affay þe furquidre zif hit soth were
 þat rēnes of þe grete renoū of þe roūde table
 ho wayned me þis wonder yō wytteꝝ toreue

for to haf greued gaynð ⁊ gart hir to dyze
 w^t gopnȳg of þat ilke gomen þat goftlych ſpeked
 w^t his hede ī his honde bifore þe hyze table
 þat is hoþat is at home þe aūcian lady
 ho is euen þyn aūt arþureʒ half ſufter
 þe duches doʒter of tyntagelle þat dere v^t aff
 hade arþur vpon þat apel is nowþe
 þerfore jeþe þe hapel to com to þy naūt
 Make myry ī my hoʒ my meny þelouies
 ⁊ jwol þe as wel wyze bi my faythe
 as any gome vnder god for þy grete traupe
 ⁊ he nikked hȳ naye he nolde bi nowayes
 þay acolen ⁊ kyſſen ayþer oþ^r oncoolde
 to þe prynce of paradise ⁊ parten ryʒt þere
 Gawayn onblonk fulbene
 to þe kȳgeʒ burʒ buſkeʒ bolde
 ⁊ þe knyʒt ī þe enker grene
 whiderwarde foeu^r he wolde
 wylde wayeʒ ī þe worlde wowen now rydeʒ
 on gryngolet þat þe g^rce hade geten of his lyue
 ofte he herbered ī houſe ⁊ ofte alþeroute
 ⁊ mony aventure ī vale ⁊ venquyſt ofte
 þat j ne tyʒt at þis tyme ī tale to remene
 þe hurt watʒ hole þat he hade hent ī his nek
 ⁊ þe blykkande belt he bere þeraboute
 abelef as a bauderyk boūden bihis ſyde
 loken vnder his lyfte arme þe lace w^t aknot
 ī tokenȳg he watʒ tane ī tech ofa faute
 ⁊ þʒ he cōmes to þe cōt knyʒt al ī ſoūde
 þer wakned wele ī þat wone when wyſt þe grete
 þat gode G:: watʒ cōmen gayn hit hym þoʒt
 þe kȳg kyſſeʒ þe knyʒt ⁊ þe whene alce
 ⁊ ſyþen mony ſyker knyʒt þat ſoʒt hȳ to haylce
 of his fare þat hȳ frayned ⁊ ferlyly he telles
 biknoweʒ alle þe coſtes of care þat he hade
 þe chaūce of þe chapel þe chere of þe knyʒt

þe luf of þe ladi þelace at þe laft
 þe nirt ī þe nek he naked hem ſchewed forblame
 þat he lazt forhis vnleute at þe leudes hondes
 he tened quen he ſchulde telle
 he goned for gref ⁊ grame
 þe blod ī his face con melle
 when he hit ſchulde ſchewe forſchame
 lo lorde q̄ þe leude ⁊ þe lace hondeled
 þis is þe bende of þis blame j bere my nek
 þis is þe laþe ⁊ þe loſſe þat j lazt haue
 of couardife ⁊ couetyſe þat jhaf cazt þare
 þis is þe token of vn trawþe þat jam tan īne
 ⁊ jmot nedeꝝ hit were wyle ijmay laft
 for non may hyden his harme bot vnhap ne may hit
 for þʒ hit oneꝝ is tachched twȳne wilhit neuʒ
 þe k̄yng comforteꝝ þe knyzt ⁊ alle þe cōt als
 lazen loude þʒat ⁊ luflyly acorden
 þat lordes ⁊ ladis þʒt longed to þe table
 vche burne of þe broþʒ hede abauderyk ſchulde haue
 abende abelef h̄y aboute of abryzt grene
 ⁊ þat for ſake of þat ſegge ī ſwete to were
 for þat watꝝ acorded þe renoū of þe roūde table
 ⁊ he honðed þat hit hade euʒ more affʒ
 as hit is breued ī þe beſt boke of romaūce
 þʒ ī arthurʒ day þis aūʒ bitidde
 þe brutʒ bokeʒ þʒ of beres wytteneſſe
 ſyþē brutʒ þe bolde burne bozed hiderfyrft jwyſſe
 affʒ þe ſegge ⁊ þe aſaute watꝝ ſefed at troye
 mony aūʒeꝝ here biforne
 haf fallen ſuche er þis
 now þat bere þe croū of þorne
 he bryng vʒ to his blyſſe Amen
 Hony ſoit Q̄i mal pence