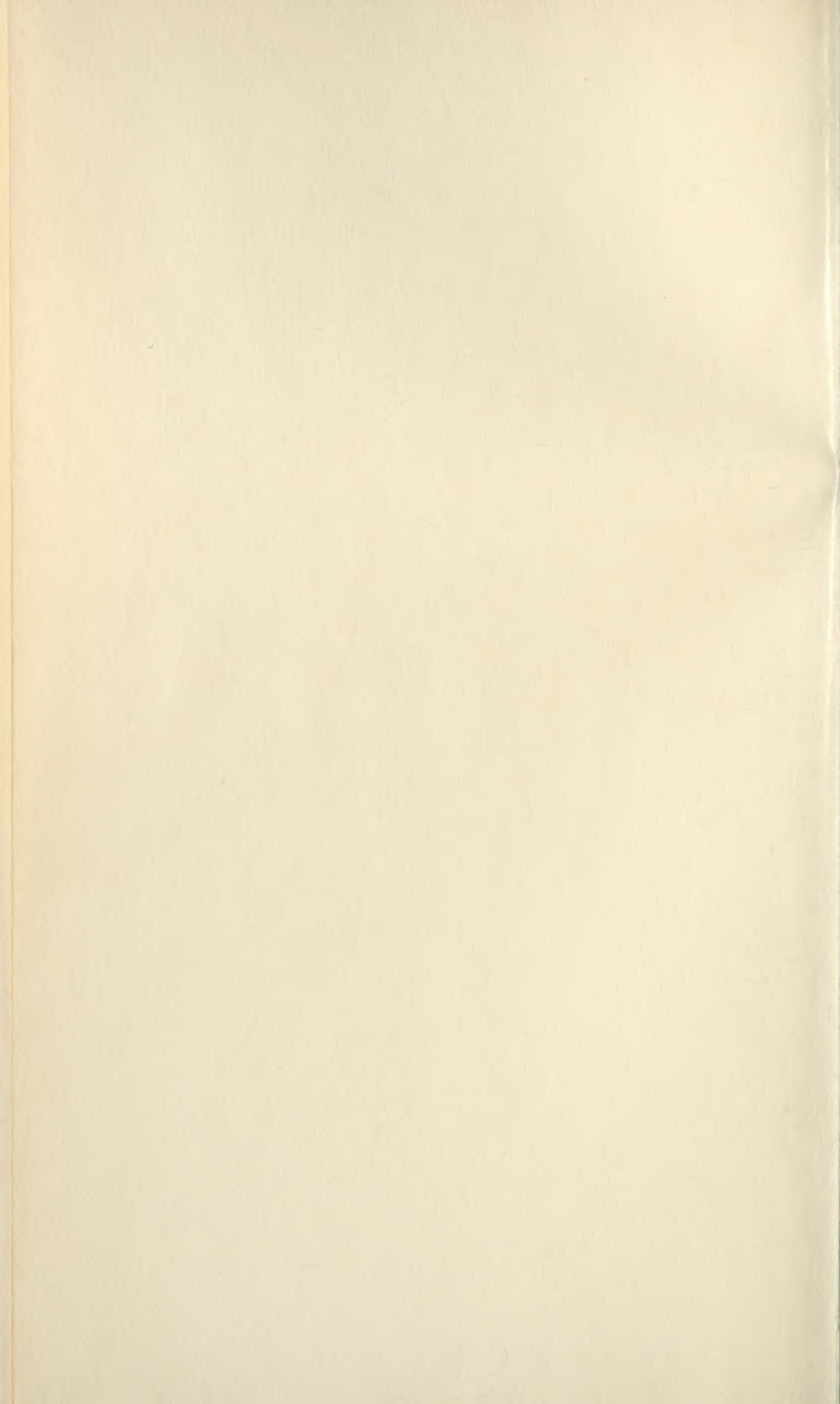




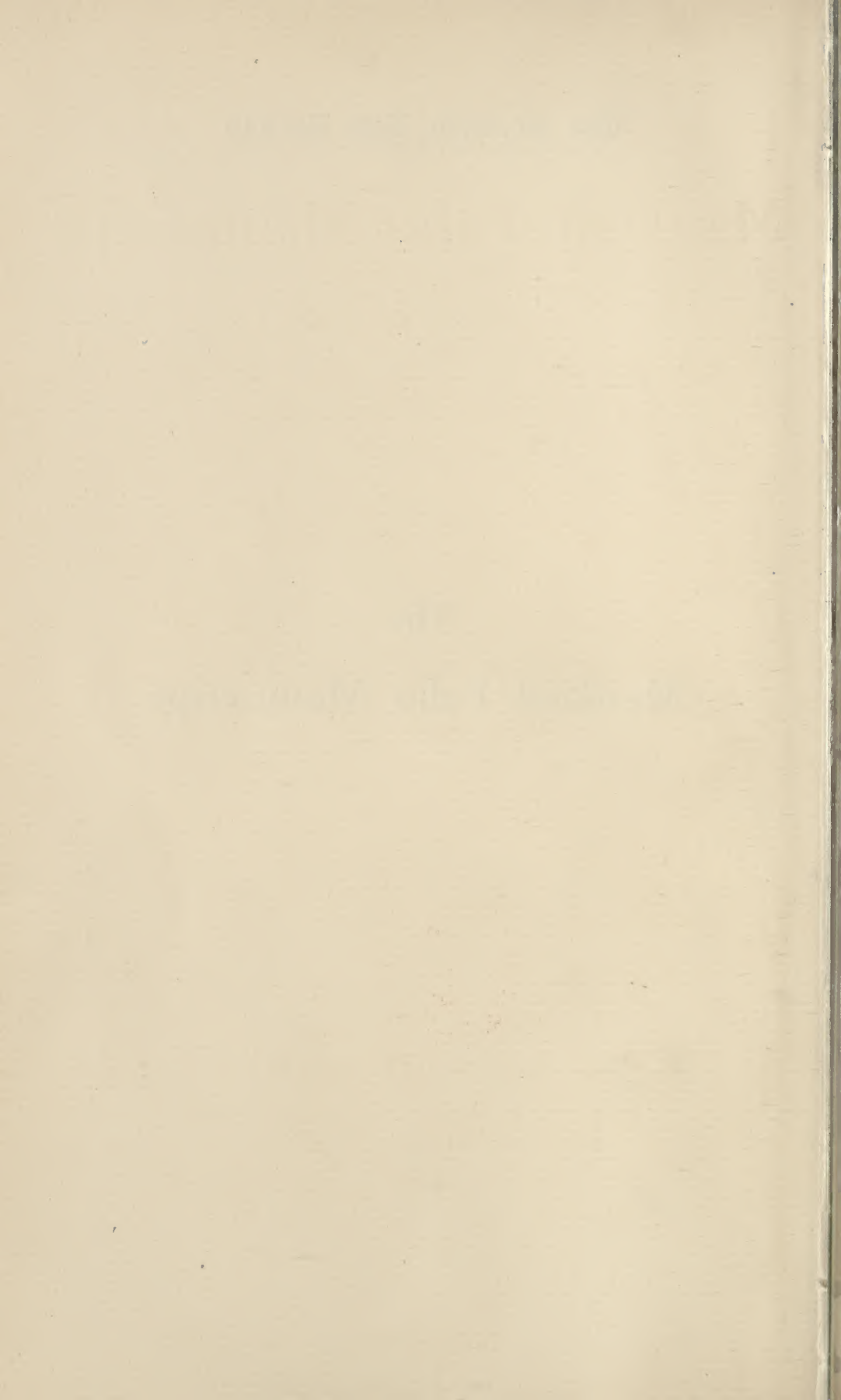
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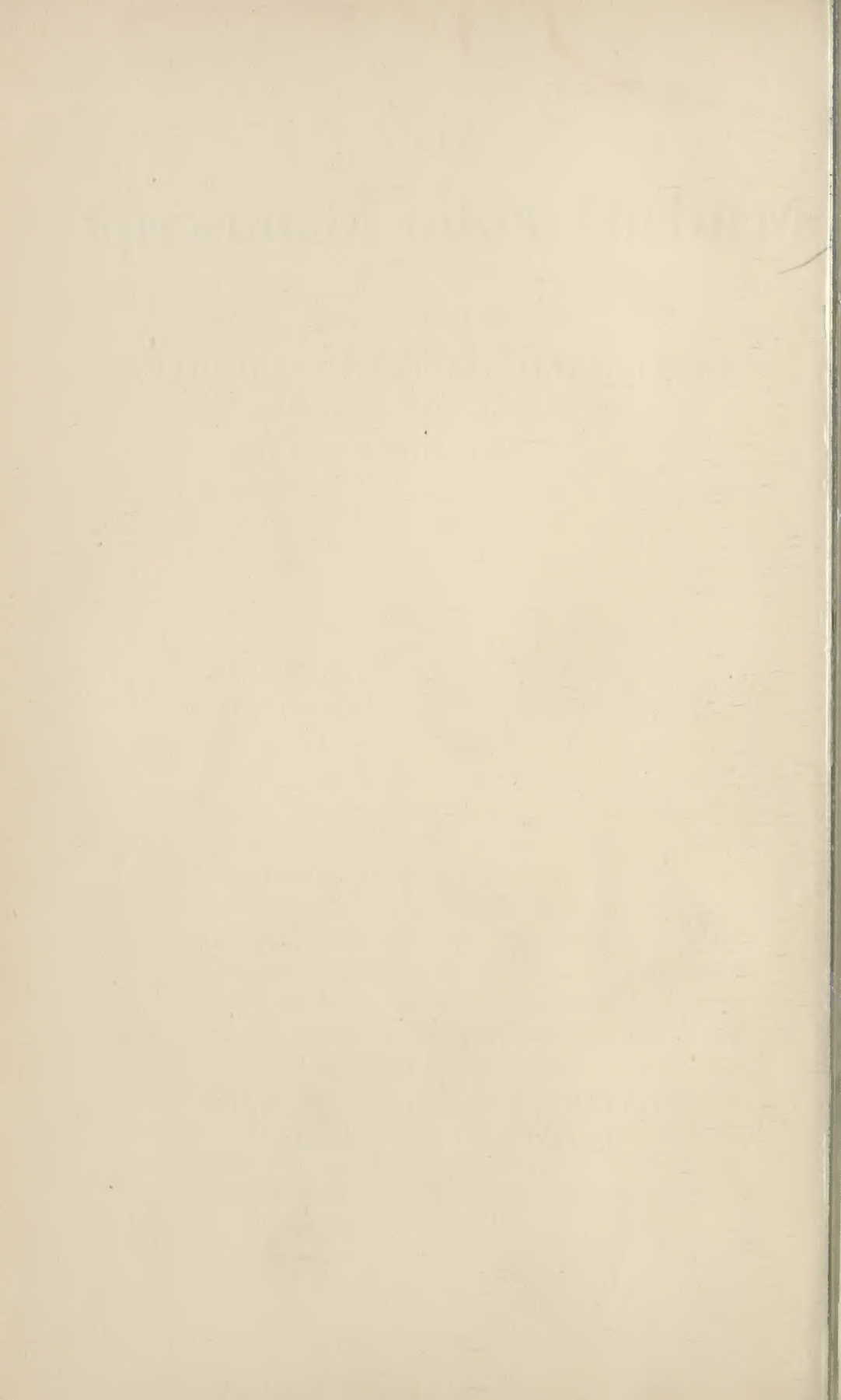
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P R E F A C E.

THIS volume contains the complete text of the Maitland Folio Manuscript, one of the treasures of the Pepysian Library in Magdalene College, Cambridge. A full description of the manuscript will be given in the second volume, together with textual notes and other relevant matter. In the meantime the following points should be noted by those who wish to make any close study of the texts.

The various distinct portions of which the manuscript consists are indicated by dividing lines in the list of Contents, and by footnotes which record changes in the handwriting. It should be particularly observed that pp. 2-18 (in the numbering of the Folio itself) and 339-342 are fragments of an earlier manuscript containing poems by Dunbar, while pp. 67-68 are a single stray leaf from some other source. The Folio proper thus begins with p. 19, and consists of two main portions, one of which (pp. 41-264) has been bound up within the other (pp. 19-40 and 265-338).

For the most part, the text has been printed without other change than the expansion of contractions, and all cases of altered or doubtful readings are duly recorded. Words or lines which are now too faded to be read with

absolute certainty, or have altogether disappeared, are enclosed in round brackets. Insertions in square brackets are purely editorial; these words are not, and never have been, in the manuscript. The absence of punctuation, except in a small number of pieces, is in accordance with the original.

Few of the pieces in the manuscript have headings, but the authorship of the great majority is stated in the usual way by a colophon beginning with "quod." To help in the identification and study of the texts, numbered headings have been inserted before each, with a reference (in most cases) to a previous printed version, whether this has been taken from the Maitland MS. or from some other source.¹

The text has been printed from a careful transcript by Mr A. Rogers of the University Library, Cambridge; and the proofs have been closely collated with the manuscript by Mr Rogers and myself. In making this collation, special attention was given to unusual or suspicious forms, and to readings which were found to differ from those adopted by previous editors.

Special thanks are due to the Master and Fellows of Magdalene College for permission to print the entire manuscript, and to the Librarian of the College for his kindness in affording ready access to it on several occasions.

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¹ In these headings the following abbreviations have been employed:—

S.T.S. = Scottish Text Society's edition.

P. = Pinkerton, *Ancient Scottish Poems, &c.*, 1786.

M.Cl. = the Maitland Club edition of Sir R. Maitland's poems.

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[I. DUNBAR *Meditatioun in Wyntir*;¹ S.T.S., p. 233.]

[p. 3]² And lat fortune wirk furthe hir rage
quhen yat no resoune may assuage
quhill yat hir glaß be rune and past 25

And prudence in myne eyr say[is] aye
quhy wald thowe hald that will awaye
Or craiff yat thowe may heff no space
Thow tending till ane wther plece
a Iurnay going euere day 30

And thane sayis age my freind *cum* neir
and be *nocht* strange I the requier
cum broyer and be the hand me tak
remember thowe hes ane compt to mak
off all thy tyme thowe spendit heir 35

Thane deid castis wp his *zettis* wyd
Sayng thir opine sall the byd
albeit yat yowe war *neuer* so stout
wnder this lintell sall thowe lowt
Thair is no vpair way be-syd 40

¹ A second and complete copy of this poem occurs on pp. 318-19 of the MS.

² For the contents of pp. 1-2 see after p. 360 of the MS. Pages 3-18 are in one hand.

ffor feir off this all day I drowpe
 no gold in kist nor wyne in cowpe
 no ladyis bewtie nor luiffis blis
 may lat me to remembar this
 quhowe glaid yat euer I dyne or sowpe 45

3et quhen tlie *nycht* beginnis to schort
 It dois my spreit sum thing¹ confort
 off thocht opressit wyth the schouris
 Cum lustie somir with thy flowris
 That I may leiff in sum disport 50
Quod dumbar

[II. DUNBAR *Of Sir Thomas*
Norray; S.T.S., p. 192.]

Now lythis off ane gentill *knycht*
 Schir thomas norny vyß and *vycht*
 and full off cheuelry
 quhais father was ane grand keyne
 his mother was ane farie queyne 5
 (Gottin be sossery)²

[p. 4] Ane fairar *knycht* nor he was ane
 or ground may noypair ryd nor gane
 Na beire buklar nor brand
 Or com in this court but dreid 10
 he did full mony valzeant deid
 In roiß and *murray* land

full mony catherine hes he chaist
 and cummerid mony helland gaist
 amang thay dully glennis 15
 Off the glen quhettane xx^{ti} scoir
 he drawe as oxin him befoir
 This deid thocht na man kennis

¹ *On margin.*

² *Cut away in MS.*

At feastis and brydallis wp aland
 he wan the gre and the garland 20
 Dansit non so on deiß
 he hes att wersling^{is} bein ane hunder
 3et lay his body neuer at wnder
 he knawis giff yis be leiß

Was neuer vyld Robein wnder bewch 25
 nor 3et Roger off clekniskleuch
 So bauld a berne as he
 Gy off gysburne na allan bell
 Na simonis sonnes off quhynfell
 At schot war neuer so slie 30

This anterouß knycht quhar euer he vent
 At Iusting and at tornament
 euermor he wan the gre
 was neuer off halff so gryt renowne
 3ir bewis the knycht off southe hamptowne 35
 I schrew him giff I le

Thairfoir (Que)netyne was bot a lurdane
 (That callit him ane full) plum Iurdane
 (This wyse and worthie knycht)¹
 [p. 5] (He) callit him fowlar yan a full 40
 he said he was ane licheruß bull
 That croynd bait^h day and nycht

He wald heff maid him curris kneff
 I pray god better his honour saiff
 Na to be lychtleit sua 45
 3et yis far furth I dar him praisß
 he fyld neuer sadell in his dais
 and curry befyld tua

¹ *These lines are worn away, and are supplied from the Reidpelh MS.*

Quhairfoir euer at pesche and zull
 I cry him lord off euere full 50
 That in this regeone duellis
 and verralie yat war gryt Rycht
 for off ane hy renowned knyght
 he wanttis no thing bot bellis
 Quod dumbar

[III. DUNBAR *Of the Changes*
of Lyfe ; S.T.S., p. 232.]

I seik about yis varld vnstabile
 To find ane sentence conuenabile
 Bot I can noch in all my wit
 Sa trew ane sentence fynd off it
 as say it is dessaveabile 5

ffor zesterday I did declair
 quhow yat the session¹ soft and fair
 Com In als fresche as pako fedder
 This day it stangis lyk ane edder
 Concluding all In my contrair 10

Zisterday fair wp sprang the flouris
 This day thai ar all slane with schouris
 And fowllis in forrest yat sang cleir
 Now walkis with a drery cheir
 full caild ar baith pair beddis and bouris 15

(So nixt to summer winter bein)²
 [p. 6] nixt efter confort cairis kein
 nixt dirk mednycht ye mirthefull morrow
 nixt efter Ioy aye cumis sorrow
 Sa Is this varld and ay hes bein 20
 Quod dumbar

¹ Deleted, and seasoun written on margin.

² This line is cut away ; the text is from the Reidpeth MS.

[IV. DUNBAR *The Rule of
Covatyce*; S.T.S., p. 158.]

Fredome honour and nobilneß
med manhied mirthe and gentillneß
ar now in court all Reput vyce
and all for caus off couatyce

All weilfair welthe and vantowneß 5
ar chenget into wrechidneß
and play is set at lytill pryce
and all for caus off cowatyce

Halking huntting and sweft hors rinning
Is chenget all In wranguis vinning 10
Thair is no play bot carttis all¹ dyce
And all for caus off cowatyce

Honerable how[s]haldis ar laid downe
a laird hes ~~wit~~ him bot a lowne
yat leidis him efter his devyce 15
and all for caus off couatyce

In townnes to landvart and to se
quhar thair was play and gryt plente
wenysoun vyld foull vyne and spyce
Is now bot cair and cowatyce 20

Husbandis that grangis hed full gret
cattell and corne to sell and et
hes now no guidis bot cattis and myß
and all for caus off cowatyß

[p. 7] (Honest ȝemen)² In every toun 25
That wont war to wear reid and browne
Ar now arayit vithe raggis and lyce
And all for caus off couatyce

¹ all *deleted*, and *and* written above it.

² *Torn away*; the line is omitted in the *Reidpeth* copy, but The burgessis of every toun is inserted in pencil.

Lordis in silk harllis to the heill
 for quhilk the tennenttis haiff sauld yair seill 30
 and liffis on ruttis vnder ye ryß
 and all for cauß off cowatyß

Quha yat dois deidis off pete
 and leiffis in pece and cherete
 Is now ane fuill and yat full nyß 35
 and all for cauß off cowatyß

Quha reiff can vyair mennis rowmes
 and wpon pur men gadder sowmes
 Is now ane actiue man and vyß
 and all for caus off cowatyß 40

Man pleis thy¹ makar and be mirry
 and set nocht off this warld a chirry
 virk for ye plece² off paradyce
 for yair Ryngis na cowatyce
Quod dumbar

[V. DUNBAR *Quhen mony Benefices
 vakit*; ³ S.T.S., p. 205.]

Schir at this fest off benefyce
 Think yatt small partis makis gryt ßerwyce
 and equall distrebucioun
 makis thame content yat hes ressoun
 and quha hes nane ar plesit on na vyß 5

Schir quhidder it is merit mair
 To giff him drink yat thristis sair
 Or fill ane full man quhilk⁴ he brist
 And lat his fallow de for thrist
 Quhilk wyne to drynk as worthy war 10

¹ *Interlined.*

² *Sic.*

³ *Another copy occurs on p. 316 of the MS.*

⁴ *Sic, for quhill.*

[p. 8]

It is no glaid collatioune
 quhair ane makis mirry ane vpair luikis downⁿ
 Ane thristis ane vpair playis cope owt
 Lat anes the cope go rownd abowt
 and wein ye couenis benissoun 15
 Quod dumbar

[VI. DUNBAR *Aganis the Solistaris
 in Court*; ¹ S.T.S., p. 206.]

Be diuerß wyiß and operatiounes
 men makis in court yair solistationes
 sum be ßervice and diligence
 sum be continvall residence
 Sum one his substance dois abyd 5
 Quhilk ² fortoune do for him provyd
 Sum singis sum dances sum tellis storyis
 Sum lait at ewin bringis in ye morysis
 Sum flirdis sum fenzeis and sum flatteris
 Sum playis the fuill and all owt clatteris 10
 Sum man Musand be ye waw
 Luikis as he mycht nocht do with aw
 Sum standis in a Nuk and rownes
 for covetyce ane vpair neir swownes
 Sum beris as he wald ga vud 15
 for Hait desyr off varldis gud
 Sum at ye meß lewes all devocioñ
 and besy labouris for premocioñe
 Sum hes yair aduocattis in chalmir
 and takis thame selff yair off no glawmir 20
 my sempillnes amang the laiff
 wait off na way sa god me saiff
 Bot with ane humble cheir and face
 Refferis me to the kyngis grace
 me think his graciows countenance 25
 In Ryches is my sufficiance
 Quod dumbar

¹ Another copy on p. 316 of the MS.

² Sic, for quhill.

[VII. DUNBAR *To the King*;
S.T.S., p. 208.]

[p. 9] Of benefyce *ſir* at *euery* feist
quha monyest hes mak*is* maist requeist
(Get *yai nocht* all) *yai* think *ȝe* (wrang thame)
ay is the ovr vord off the gest
giff *yame* the pelff to *part* anang¹ thame 5

Sum swallis suan *sum* swallis duik
and I stand fastand In ane nuik
quhill the effec off all thay fang thane¹
Bot lord quhow piteowslie I luik
quhen all the pelff thay *part* amang thane¹ 10

Off sic hie feist*is* off sanct*is* in glory
Baith off *commone* and *proper* story
quhar lord¹ was patrones oft I sang thane¹
Caritas pro dei amore
and ȝet I gatt nathing amang thane¹ 15

This blind world *euer* so payis his det
Ryche befoir puir spraid*is* ay *yair* net
To fische all watter*is* dois belang *yane*¹
quha nothing hes can no thing get
Bot ay is sefar set [a]mang thane¹ 20

Sa thay the kirk had In to cuir
Thay force bot lytill quho² it fuir
nor off the buik*is* nor bell*is* quha rang thame
Thay penß *nocht* off the procheſie puir
had thai the pelff to *part* amang theñ 25

¹ So in MS.

² Altered to how above the line.

So warryit is this varld rent
 That men off it ar neuer content
 off dethe quhill yat the dragoune stange yame
 Quha maist hes maist dois yane repent
 and hes maist compt to part amang thame 30
Quod dumbar

[VIII. DUNBAR *Lerning vain without
 Guid Lyfe*; ¹ S.T.S., p. 224.]

[p. 10] To speik off science craft or sapience
 off vertew morall cuning or doctryne
 off Iure off wisdome or Intelligence
 Of every studie lair or disciplyne
 all is bot tynt or reddy for to tyne 5
 nocht vsing it as it suld vsit be
 The craft excersing *considering* nocht ye fyne
 Ane peraloufs seiknefs is vane prosperite

The curius probacion logicall
 the eloquence off ornat rethorye 10
 The naturall science ² filosoficall
 The dirk apirance off astronamy
 The theologicis sermon the fable off poetrye
 with owt guid lyff all in ye salff dois de
 as mayis flouris dois in september drye 15
 ane peralowfs lyff is vane prosperite

Quhar foir 3e clerkis grytast off constance
 fullest off science and off knaleging
 to ws be mirrouris in 3owr gouernance
 and in 3owr dirknefs be lampis off schining 20
 Or thane in frustar ³ is ⁴ 3owr lang lerning
 Gyff to 3owr sawis 3our deidis contrar be
 3owr maist accusar is 3our awin cuning
 ane peralowfs seiknes is vane prosperite
Quod dumbar

¹ Another copy on pp. 317-18 of the MS.

³ Corrected to vain.

² off deleted here.

⁴ all interlined here.

[IX. DUNBAR *Complaint aganis*
Mure; S.T.S., p. 210.]

Schir I *complane* off Iniuris
a refing sonne off rakyng Muris
Hes magellit my making throw his malis
and present it In to 3owr palis
Bot sen he pleß *wit*h me to pleid 5
I sall him knawin mak hyne to calis
Bot giff 3owr heneß it remeid

That fulle disme[m]berit hes my meter
and poysonid It *wit*h strang salpeter
*Wit*h rycht defamowß speiche off lordis 10
quhilk *wit*h my collouris all discordis
Quhois crewall sclander sseruiss ded
and In my name all (leis) recordis
3owr grace beseik (I of remeid)

[p. 11] He has Indorsit myn Indyting 15
*Wit*h versis off his awin¹ hand vryting
quhair in baithe sclander is and tressouñ
Off ane vod fuill far owt off ressouñ²
he wantis nocht bot a rowndit heid
for he has tynt bait~~h~~ wit and ressouñ 20
3owr grace beseik I off remeid

Puness him for his deid culpabile
or gar deliuer him a babile
That cuddy rug the drumfress fuill
may him resaue agane this 3uill 25
all roundit in to 3allow and reid
That ladis may bait him lyk a buill
for that to me war sum remeid
Quod dumbar

¹ On margin.

² Altered on margin to seasouñ.

[X. DUNBAR *Of the Vyce of
Tresounne*; S.T.S., p. 190.]

In wyce most vitiuſ he excellis
That *wit*h ye wyce off tresounne mellis
Thocht he remissione
Hawe for prodicione
schame and suspecione 5
*wit*h him duellis

And he euer odiuſ as ane ovll
The falt so terribill is and fovll
horribill to nature
Is ane tratour 10
Ane feynd In fratour
wnder ane cowl

Quhar Is ane tretour or ane theiff
wpone him selff rynnes the mischeiff
his fraudfull vyllis 15
him selff begyllis
as in ye yllis
Is now ane preiff

The faill strang tratour Donald owar
mair falset hes yane vpair fowr 20
Round ylis and seis
In his supleis
On galow treis
Now he dois glowr

[p. 12]

falset no feit hes nor defence 25
Be pur practik nor piscence
Thocht it fra lycht
be smorit *wit*h slycht
god schawes the rycht
*wit*h soir vengeance 30

Off the falß fox dissimilatour
 kynd hes all reffar theiff & tratour
 efter respyt
 To virk dispyt
 mair appetyt 35
 thai heff off natour

War the fox tane ane thusand fauld
 and grace him giffin als oft for fraud ¹
 Var he on plane
 all war in vane 40
 fra hence agane
 Nane mycht him hald

The murderaser and martyr mayis ²
 and ay quhilk ³ he be slane he slayis
 vyffis thus makis mokis 45
 spynand on rokkis
 ay rynnes the fox
 quhille he fut hais.
Quod dumbar

[XI. DUNBAR *The Dance of the Sevin*
Deidly Synnis; S.T.S., p. 117.]

Of feber-zeir ye fyftein nycht
 full lang befor the dayis lycht
 I lay in till a traunce
 and thair I saw bait^h hewin & hell
 me thocht amang the feyndis fell 5
 The Devyll gart cry a daunce

¹ *Altered to* and grace him gevin ay quhen he cald ; *and thus in the Reidpeth copy.*

² *Altered to* The mourderar ay mourder mais ; *Reidpeth omits the line.*

³ *Altered to* quhill.

[p. 13] Of schrewis (yat war neuir weill schrewin)¹
 agane the feist off ffasternes ewin
 To mak thair obßerwance
 He bad galland^{is} ga grathe a gyiß 10
 and cast wp gambald^{is} to the skyiß
 as verlott^{is} dois in france

Lat se *quod* he nowe quha begynneß
 with yat ye fowll sewin deidlie synneß
 Begowthe to leip at aneß 15
 and first off all In dance cam pryd
 with bair collit bak and bonet on syd
 lyk to mak waste waneß

And Round about him as a quheill
 hang all in rumpill^{is} till his heill 20
 his keithe cot for the nanes
 mony prowd trumppour with him trippit
 Throw schaldane fyr ay as thay skyyppit
 Thai girmed with hidowis granes

Hely harlott^{is} on haltan vyß 25
 Com In with mony haltand gyß
 Bot zet lowche neuer mahoune
 quhilk² prest^{is} com In with bair swache nekk^{is}
 Thane all the Dewill^{is} lowche and maid gekk^{is}
 Blak bellie and bause browne 30

Thane Ir com In with stowrt & stryff
 His Hand was euer wpon his knyff
 He brandest lyk ane beir
 Bostaris braggari^s and barganer^{is}
 efter him passet in to pair^{is} 35
 all boddin In feir off weir

¹ Faded; text from the Reidpeth copy.

² Sic, for quhill.

In lak^{is} and stryppis and bonett^{is} off steill
 Thair laigg^{is} war chengzeit to the heill
 fraward was thair affeir
 Sum wpone vpair^{is} with brand^{is} beft 40
 Sum lagget wpair to the heft
 with knyff^{is} that scherpe culd scheir

[p. 14] (Nixt in the dance followit Invy)¹
 (All full)² off feid and fellony
 Hid malyce and dispyt 45
 (For)² prevay hattrent the tratour trymmilit
 hym followet mony freik dissimilit
 With fenget vord^{is} and quhyt

And flatterar^{is} in to mennis faces
 and bakbytar^{is} in secreit pleges 50
 to le yat had delyte
 and still rowner^{is} off fals lesing^{is}
 allece yat court off noble king^{is}
 Off yame can neuer be quyte

Nyxt efter him com cowatyce 55
 Ruit off all ewill and ground off wyce
 That neuer cowthe be content
 Catyff^{is} wretches & okkarar^{is}
 Hudpyk^{is} hurdar^{is} & gadderar^{is}
 all with yat virlo vent 60

Out off pair thrott^{is} pai schot on vdder
 off meltyne gold mair yane a fidd^{er}
 as fyr flaucht most fervent
 aye as thay temit yaim off schot
 ffeynd fild yaim wp new to ye throt 65
 With gold off alkyne prent

¹ Cut away; text from the Reidpeth copy.

² Faded; R. has All full and For.

off p[er]fect and p[er]fection
the p[er]fect and p[er]fection
the p[er]fect and p[er]fection
the p[er]fect and p[er]fection
the p[er]fect and p[er]fection

And p[er]fecting in to m[er]its faires
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Syne swerneweß at the secundu bidding
 Com lyk ane sow owt off a midding
 full sleipye was his grunze
 mony sueir lumberd belli huddroun 70
 mony slut daw and sleipe duddroun
 him ßervit ay *wit* sunze

He drew yame furt*h* in till ane chenze
 and beliall *wit* ane brydill renze
 euer laschet yame on the lunze 75
 In daunce yai war so slaw off feit
 Thai gawe yame In the fyr a heit
 Thame quikkar for to Cunze

[p. 15] Syne lechery yat lathelie corps
 Come berand lyk ane bawkit hors 80
 Sic lythenewß did him leid
 Thair followit him ane vglie sort
 full mony a stinking foull tramort
 That had In¹ syne bein deid

Quhene thai war enterit in ye daunce 85
 Thai wer full strange off contenaunce
wit tortchis byrnand reid
 Ilk ane lad wyair be the tarssis
 Suppois thai fyllit *wit* thair arssis
 It mycht be no remeid 90

Thane the full monstour gluttery
 withe waine² Insaciable & gredy
 To daunce yair did him dresß
 him follouet mony fouill drunkart
wit can and collop cope and quart 95
 In surfeit and excess

¹ *Altered from on ; syd deleted here.*

² *Sic, for wame or waime.*

full mony ane waistleß walydrag
 with waimes wnveldable did furth wag
 In cresche yat did Increß
 Drink ay thai cryed with mony a gape 100
 The Dewellis gawe yame hat leid to lape
 Thair leweray was no leß

Na menstrell playit to yame but Dowl
 for glewe men yair war haldin owt
 be day and eik be nycht 105
 Except ane menstrall slew ane man
 So till heritage he wane
 entering be breiff off rycht

Mahoune cryit for a hiland padyeane
 That¹ rane a feynd and fetchit makfad(3ane) 110
 ffor¹ northewart In ane nuik
 Be he the corynoche had done schowt
 Irsche men so gadderit him about
 In hell gryt rowme thai tuik

[p. 16] Tha tarmagantis with tag and tattir 115
 full lowd begowthe in Irsche to clattir
 and roupe lyk revene and ruik
 The dewell so deifet was with yair zell
 That in ye Deipast pit off hell
 he smorit thame with a smuik 120
Quod dumbar

¹ *Sic.*

[XII. DUNBAR *Complaint to the King*; S.T.S., p. 212.]

Complane I wald wist I quhome till
 Or wnto quhome daret my bill
 quhidder to god yat all thing steiris
 and ¹ thing seis and all thing heiris
 and all thing vrocht in dayis seweyne 5
 Or till his moder quein off heweyne
 Or wnto wardlie prince heir downe
 That dois for Iustice weir a crownne
 Off vrangis and off gryt Iniuris
 That nobillis in yar dayis Induris 10
 and men off wertew and cuning
 Off wit and vysdome in gydding
 That nocht cane in this cowrt conquyß
 for lawte luiff nor lang ßervyß
 Bot fowll Iow Iowrdane hedit Ievellis 15
 Couth quhennis ² kenseis and cukouß ³ kewellis
 Stuffettis strekouris & stafische strummellis
 Wyld haschbaldis haggarbaldis and hummellis
 Druncartis dysouris dyowris drewellis
 misgydit memberis off the Dewellis 20
 mismad mandragis off mastiß strynd ⁴
 Crawdones couhirttis and theiffis off kynd
 blait mouit bladzeanes with bledder cheikis
 Clubfacet clucanes with clutit breikis
 Chuff midding churllis cuming off cart fillaris 25
 gryt glaschewe hedit gorge millaris
 Ewill horrible monsteris fals and fowll
 Sum causleß clekis till him ane cowl
 ane gryt conuent fra syne to tyß
 and he him selff exampill of vyß 30
 Enterand for geir and no devocioun
 The Dewill is glaid off his promocioun

¹ Altered to all.

³ R. has culroun.

² Altered to Cowkin.

⁴ Altered to skynd.

[p. 17] Sum ramyis ane rokkat fra the roy
 and dois ane dastart destroy
 and sum yat gaittis ane personage 35
 Thinkis it a present for a page
 and on no wayis content is he
 my lord quhill yat he callit be
 Bot quhow Is he content or nocht
 dem 3e abowt in to 3owr thocht 40
 The lerit sone off erll or lord
 wpone this ruffie to remord
 That with all castingis hes him cled
 his erandis for to ryne and red
 and he Is maister natiwe borne 45
 and all his eldaris him beforne
 and mekle mair cuning be sic thre
 hes to posseid ane Dignite
 Saying his odius ignorance
 Panting ane prelottis countenance 50
 Sa far abowe him set at tabell
 That vont was for to muk the stabell
 ane pykthank in a prelottis clais¹
 with his wawill feit and virrok taiß
 with hoppir hippis and henchis narrow 55
 and bausy handis to be² a barrow
 with lut schulderis and luttard bak
 quhilk natur maid to beir a pak
 with gredy mynd and glaschane gane
 mell hedit lyk ane mortar stane 60
 fenzeing the feris off ane lord
 and he ane strumbell I stand ford
 and euer moir as he dois ryß
 and² nobles off bluid he dois dispyß
 and helpis for to hald yame downe 65
 That thay ryß neuer to his renowne
 Thair foir o prince maist honorable
 be in this meter merciabill

¹ Corrected from pleße.² Sic.

[p. 18]

and to thy auld ſerwandis haff E
 (That lang)¹ hes lipinit Into the 70
 Gif (I be)¹ ane off (tha)¹ my sell
 Throw all regiones hes bein hard tell
 Off quhilk my vrytting vitnes beris
 and ȝete thy danger ay me deris
 Bot efter danger cumis grace 75
 as hes bein herd in mony plece
Quod dumbar &c

[XIII. DUNBAR *The Petition of the
 Gray Horse* ; S.T.S., p. 215.]

Schir lat It neuer In toume² be tald
 That I suld be ane ȝowllis ȝald

Suppois I war ane ald ȝald auer³ 25
 schott furth our clewch to squische the cleuer
 and hed the strenthis off all streneverne
 I wald at ȝoull be housit and stald
 ſir lat it neuer In toune be tald

30

I am ane auld horſ as ȝe know
 That euer In duill dois drug and draw
 gryt court horſ puttis me fra ȝe staw
 to fang the fog be firthe and fald
 ſir lat it neuer in toune be tald &c 35

I heff run lang furth in the feild
 On pastouris that ar plane and peld
 I mycht be now tein In for eild
 my bekis ar spruning⁴ he and bald 40
 ſir lat it neuer In touñ be tald &c

¹ *Faded ; supplied from R.*² *Sic, for toune.*³ *Altered to ȝaid aver.*⁴ *Sic.*

My maine is turned In to quhyt
and thair off 3e heff all the wyt
quhen vpair hors hed brane to byt 45
I gat bot griß grype giff I wald
ßir lat it neuer in towne be tald &c

I was neuer dautit in to stabell
My lyff hes bein so miserabell 50
my hyd to offer I am abell
(For evill schoud strae yat I reiv wald) ¹
ßir lat it neuer in towne be tald

¹ *Faded; supplied from R.*

[XIV. MAITLAND *Counsale to his Son* ;
P., p. 275 ; M. Cl., p. 19.]

[THE LAIRD OF LETHINGTOUNIS COUNSALE TO HIS
SONE]¹ BEAND IN THE COURT.

- [p. 19] My sone in court gif thow pleisis remane
This my counsale in to thy mynd inprent
In thy speiking luik yat thow be nocht vane
Behald and heir and to thy tung tak² tent
Be no lear or ellis thow art schent 5
found the on treuth gif thow wald weill betyde
To gouerne all and reule be nocht our bent
He reulis weill yat weill in court can gyde
- Be nocht ane scornar nor feinzeit flatterar
Nor 3it ane roundar of Inuentit talis 10
Off it thow heiris be nocht ane clatterar
ffall nocht in plie for thing yat lytill valis
Haue nocht to do *wit*h vther mennis falis
ffra wickit men yow draw the far on syde
Thow art ane fule gif thow *wit*h fulis dalis 15
He reulis weill yat weill in court can gyde
- Be war quhamto thy counsale thow reveile
Sum may seim trew and 3it dissemblit be
Be of thy promeiß and condition leill
Waist *nocht* thy gude in prodigalitie 20

¹ Cut away ; supplied from the Quarto. A new hand begins here.

² Interlined.

Nor put thyne honour in to Leopardie
 With folk diffamit nother gang nor ryde
 With weilfull men to argoun Is folie
 He reulis weill yat weill in court can gyde

Be na ¹ dysar nor playar at the cairtis 25
 Bot gif it be for pastyme and small thing
 Be nocht blawine *wit*h windis of all airtis
 Constante in gude of wisdome is ane sing
 Be wyse and tentie in thy gouerning
 And try thame weill in quham thow will confyde 30
 Sum fair wourdis will gif wald se ye hing
 He reulis weill yat weill in court can gyde

Artour all thing ay to thy prince be trew
 In thocht and deid in wourde in werk and sicht
 ffra tressonabill cumpany eschew 35
 Thy princis proffitt and honour at thy nicht
 Set ay forwarde at powar day and nicht
 And lat nathing ye *commoun* weill elyde
 And at all tyme manteine Iustice and richt
 He reulis weill yat weill in court can gyde 40

[p. 20] Thocht thow in court be *wit*h the hieast placeit
 In honour office or in dignitie
 Think yat sum tyme thow may be fra it chassit
 As sum hes bein befoir and 3it may be
 Neidfull it is pairfor to gang warlie 45
 That rakleslie yow snapper nocht nor slyde
 Ken ay thy self best in prosperitie
 He reulis weill yat weill in court can gyde

Preis nocht to be exaltit abone vther
 ffor gif thow do thow sall be sair Invyit 50
 Grit perrale is to tak on hand ye ruther
 Quhill first yat thy experience be tryit

¹ *Originally* nocht ane.

My love in love of the people's love
And my compass in the world's love
In the spring and the love of the world
The heart and the love of the world
The love of the world and the love of the world
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Think at the last thy doing will be spyit
 Thocht thow *wit*h slicht wald cover it and hyde
 And all thy craft sall at the croce be cryit 55
 He reulis weill *yat* weill in court can gyde

Be war in giffing of ane heiche counsale
 In materis grit and doutsum specialie
 Quhilk be *ye* wirking of *ye* warld may faile
 Thocht it seme never sa apperandlie 60
 Behald the warldis instabilitie
 That never still in till ane stait dois byde
 Bot changeand ay as dois the mone and see
 He reulis weill that weill in court can gyde

Gif *wit*h the peple thow wald luiffit be 65
 Be gentill lawlie and meik in thyn estait
 ffor and thow be vncourteß proude and hie
 Than all the warld sall the detest and hait
 flie feinzeing flattering falsheid and dissait
 Invent nathing *yat* may the realme devyde 70
 (Or salle occasioun)¹ trouble and debait
 He reulis weill *yat* weill in court can gyde

Grund all thy doing vpon sut~~h~~fastnes
 And hald the ay gude cumpanie amang
 Gadder na geir *wit*h craft and wretchitnes 75
 preis nocht to conquieß ony thing *wit*h wrang
 Ewill gottin guddis lëstyis never Lang
 Thocht all war thyne *wit*hin this warld sa wyde
 Thow sall fra it or It fra the sall gang
 He reulis weill *yat* weill in court can gyde 80

¹ Supplied from the Drummond text; the MS. apparently has Or sawe
 seditioun derisioun crossed out and followed by „, indicating a marginal correction now
 lost. The Quarto reads Ay nourisch peace flie. R. has flie with a blank space
 before it.

[p. 21] Aboue all thing I the exhort and pray
 To pleis thy god set all thy bissie cure
 And syn thy prince serve luif weill and obey
 And as thow may be helpand ay the pure
 Sen erdlie thingis will nocht ay endure 85
 Thairfor in hewin ane place for the provyde
 Quhair thair is Ioy rest gloir and all pleysour
 On to ye quhilk eternale god ws gyde
 Quod richart maitland of ledingtoun knycht

[XV. MAITLAND *On the New Yeir* ;
 P., p. 279 ; M. Cl., p. 1.]

¹ O hie eternale god of micht
 Off thy grit grace grant ws thy licht
 With hairt and mynd sinceir
 To leif eftir thy lawis richt
 Now in to this new 3eir 5

God keip our quein and grace hir send
 This realme to gyde and to defend
 In iustice perseveir
 And of yir weiris mak ane end
 Now in to this new 3eir 10

God send grace to our quein regent
 Be law to mak sic punischment
 To gar lymmaris foirbeir
 ffor till oppreß the innocent
 Now in to this new 3eir 15

Lord schent all sawaris of seditiouñ
 Remove all rancour and suspitiouñ
 Quhilk may this cuntre deir
 Put all perturbaris to punitiouñ
 Now in to this new 3eir 20

¹ Apparently by the same hand as the preceding, but in blacker ink.

God send pasturis of veritie
 Be quham we may instructit be
 Our god to serve and feir
 and to set furthe his wourde trewlie
 Now in to this new 3eir 25

[p. 22]

And tak away thir ignoranttis
 Off kirkmen that vyceis hantis
 And leidis ws arreir
 That bayt^h gude lyf and cunning wantis
 Now in to this new 3eir 30

God gif our lordis temporale
 Grace to gif ane trew counsale
 This realme to gyde and steir
 To be obedient and loyale
 Now in to this new 3eir 35

And tak away all grit oppressouris
 Commoun mantenaris of transgressouris
 Movearis of stryf and weir
 ffor theveis and revaris intercessouris
 Now in to this new 3eir 40

Lordis of the sait mak expeditiouñ
 Gar everilk man mak restitutiouñ
 Off wrangus land and geir
 And we sall eik 3our contributiouñ
 Now in to this new 3eir 45

Men of law I pray 3ow mend
 Tak na ewill querelis be the end
 ffor proffit may appeir
 Invent na thingis to gar ws spend
 Our geir in this new 3eir 50

God grant our ladeis chastitie
 Wisdome meiknes and grautie
 And haue na will to weir
 Thir¹ clething full of vanitie
 Now in to this new 3eir 55

Bot for to weir abilzement
 According to thair stait and rent
 And all thingis foirbeir
 That may thair barnis gar repent
 heireftir mony 3eir 60

[p. 23] God send our burgesß wit and skeill
 ffor to set furth the commoun weill
 With lawtie sell thair geir
 And to vse met and mesure leill
 Now into this new 3eir 65

And all vane waistouris tak away
 Regratouris yat takkis doubill pay
 And wynsellaris our deir
 Dyvouris yat drinkis all the day
 Now in to this new 3eir 70

Grace be to ye gude burges wyffis
 That be leifsum lawbour thryveis
 And dois vertew leir
 Thriftie and of honest lyveis
 Now in to this new 3eir 75

ffor sum of yame wald be weill fed
 And lyk ye quenis ladeis cled
 Thocht all yair barnis suld bleir
 I trow yat sic sall mak ane red
 Of all thair pakis this 3eir 80

¹ *Sic ; the Quarto has Thair.*

God send the *commounis* will to wirk
 The grund to laubour and nocht irk
 To win gude quheit and beir
 And to bring furt^h bayt^h staig and stirk
 Now in to this new ȝeir 85

And tak away thir ydill lownis
 Cryand crakkaris *with* cloutit gownis
 And sornaris yat ar sweir
 And put thame in the galiounis
 Now in to this new ȝeir 90

I pray all staitis and degre
 To pray to god continewalie
 His grace to grant ws heir
 And send ws peax and vnitie
 now in to this new ȝeir 95
 Quod Richart Maitland of Ledington Kn^t¹

[XVI. MAITLAND *Of the Quenis Maryage*;
 P., p. 283; M. Cl., p. 5.]

[p. 24]² OFF THE QUENIS MARYAGE WITH THE DOLPHIN
 OF FRANCE

The grit blythnes and Ioy inestimabill
 ffor to set furth we scottis ar nocht abill
 Nor for to mak condigne solemnitie
 ffor the gude newis and tythingis comfortable
 Off ye contract of maryage honorabill 5
 Betuix ye quenis maist nobill maiestie
 And the gritest ȝoung prince in christintie
 And allya to ws maist profitable
 Off france ye dalphine first sone of king Henrie

¹ This ascription is in a seventeenth-century hand, but the Quarto has S. R. M. of lethingtoun.

² Same hand and ink as pp. 19-21.

All lustie wowaris and hardie chevaleiris 10
 Go dresß 3our horßß 3our harnesß and 3our geiris
 To rin at listis to Iust and to turnay
 That it may cum on to 3our ladeis eiris
 Quha in the feild maist valeantlie him beiris
 And 3e fair ladeis put on 3our best array 15
 Requeist 3oung men to ryd in 3our leveray
 That for 3our saik thai may breik twentie speiris
 ffor luif of 3ow 3oung lustie ladyis gay

All burrowis townis euerilk man 3ow prayis
 To mak bainfyris fairseis and clerk playis 20
 And throw 3our rewis carrellis danß and sing
 And at 3our croce gar wyn rin sindrie wayis
 As wes the custome in our eldaris dayis
 Quhen yat thai maid triumphe for ony thing
 And all 3our stairis with tapessarie gar hing 25
 Castellis schut gunnis schippis and galayis
 Blaw vp 3our trumpatis and on 3our drummis din(g)

Preistis and clerkis and men of religioun
 with devote mynd gang in processioun
 And in 3our queiris sing with melodie 30
 To the grit god mak intercessioun
 [p. 25] To send our princeß gude successioun
 With hir 3oung spous to our vtilitie
 That eftir hir may governe this cuntrie
 And ws defend from all oppressioun 35
 And it conserve in law and libertie

3e lordis and all barounis of renowne
 And all (e)staitis¹ of this natioun
 Mak grit triumphe mak banket and gude cheir
 And euerilk man put on his nuptiale gowne 40

¹ *There is a blur between all and staitis ; the Quarto and the Drummond text have the e-.*

Lat it be sein in to the burrowis toun
 That in 3our cofferis hes lyn this mony 3eir
 Sen yat 3our quein hes chosin hir ane feir
 Ane potent prince for to mantein 3our croun
 And intertenie¹ 3ow in peax and weir 45

Lat all the world be 3our proceeding see
 That yair is fayth and treuth in 3our cuntrie
 Luif lautie law and gude conscience
 Concorde concurrante in peax and vnitie
 Obedience to the authoritie 50
 ffoirsicht provisioun and experience
 Honour manheid iustice and prudence
 Quhilk gif 3e haue 3e sall estemit be
 And be Ilk man haldin in reuerence

O michtie prince and spous to our maistress 55
 Ressaue this realme in luif and hartlineß
 Set furt^h our lawis mantein our libertie
 Do equale iustice bayt^h to mair and leß
 Rewarde vertew and punische wickitneß
 Mak ws to leif in guid tranquillitie 60
 Defend our commounis treit our nobilitie
 And be thy mein our commouñ weill increß
 That we tak plesour to mak politye

Scottis and frenche now leif in vnitie
 As 3e war brether borne in ane cuntre 65
 [p. 26] Without all maner of suspitiouñ
 Ilk ane to vther keip trew fraternitie
 Defendand vther bayt^h be land and see
 And gif ony of ewill conditiouñ
 Betuix 3ow tua wald mak ceditiouñ 70
 Scottis or franche quhat man yat ever he be
 With all rigour put him to punitiouñ

¹ Or interteine, but the Quarto has interteney.

O nobill princes and moder to our quein
 With all thy hairt to god lift vp thy ein
 And gif him thankis for grace he hes the send 75
 That he hes maid the instrument and mein
 With maryage to cowpill in ane chein
 Thir tua realmes ather to defend
 Think weill warit the tyme thow hes done spend
 And the travale that thow hes done sustein 80
 Sen it is brocht now to sa gud ane end
quod R/ m/ of ledingtoun knycht

[XVII. MAITLAND *Of the wyning of Calice* ; P., p. 287 ; M. Cl., p. 8.]

OFF y^e WYNNING OF CALICE

Reiois henrie most cristinit king of france
 Reiois all pepill of yat regioun
 That *with* manheid and be happy chance
 Be thy levetennent trew of grit renouñ
 The duik of gweis recouerit calice toun 5
 The quhilk hes bein tua hundreth 3eiris bygane
 In to the handis of inglis natioun
 Quha never thocht be force it micht be tane
 Bot we may se yat mennis Iugement
 Is all bot vane quhen god plesis to schaw 10
 His michtie powar quha is omnipotent
 ffor quhen he plesis he can gar princis knaw
 That it is he allane yat rewlis aw
 And mannis help is all bot vanitie
 [p. 27] Think yat it wes his¹ hand yat brak the waw 15
 Thairfoir gif gloir to him eternalie
 Sa hie ane purpois for to tak in hand
 Quha gaif yat prince sa grit¹ audacite
 To seige yat toun yat sa stranglie did stand
 And quha gaif him sic substance and supplie 20

¹ *Interlined.*

And quha gaif him at end the victorie
 Quha bot grit god the gydar of all thingis
 That quhen he plesis can princis magnifie
 And for yair syn translat realmes and kingis

That nobill king wes gritlie till avance 25
 Quha eftir yat his captanis of renouñ
 Had tynt ane feild be hasarde and mischance
 3it¹ tynt na curage for yat misfortouñ
 Bot lyk ane michtie valzeant campiouñ
 Be his levetennent and nobill men of weir 30
 Tuik vpon hand to sege yat strongest toun
 In to the deidest tyme of all the zeir

Thairfoir ze all yat ar of scottis blude
 Be blyth reioiſ for the recovering
 Off yat strong toun and of ye fortoun gude 35
 Off 3our maist tendir freynd yat nobill king
 Quhilk ay wes kynd in help and supporting
 Off 3ow be men and money copious
 And in his hand hes instantlie the thing
 To 3ow scottis yat is maist precious 40

Sen ze love god in thingis outwardlie
 In fyris and processoun generale
 Sua in 3our hartis love him inwardlie
 Amend 3our lyvis repent 3our synnis all
 Do equale ressoun bayth to grit and small 45
 And everie man do his vocatiouñ
 Than god sall grant 3ow quhen ze on him call
 Of 3our fayis y^e dominiouñ²

[p. 28] Sen god in the begynning of this zeir
 vnto yat king sa gude fortun hes send 50
 we pray to him sic grace to grant ws heir
 That we get berwik our merchis for to mend

¹ Originally Syne.

² Sic.

Quhilk gif we get our bordouris may defend
 Aganis ingland wth his help and supplie
 And than I wald ye weiris had ane end 55
 And we to leif in peax and vnitie
quod R/ m/ of ledingtoun knycht

[XVIII. MAITLAND *Of the Assemblie of the
 Congregationun* ; P., p. 290 ; M. Cl., p. 11.]

OFF THE ASSEMBLIE OF YE CONGREGATIOUN

Eternale god tak away thy scourge
 ffrom ws scottis for thy grit mercie
 Send ws thy help this land to clenge and purge
 Off discorde and Inanimitie
 Betuix the liegis and authoritie 5
 That we may leif in peax wthhouttin deir
 In lawtie law in luif and libertie
 with mirrinesß in to this new 3eir

Almichtie god send ws support and grace
 Off mann^{is} help we ar all disparit 10
 To mak concord that had sic tyme and space
 And nane as 3it hes thair laubour warit
 As na man war yat for this cuntre carit
 Bot and this stryf and truble perseveir
 he sall be seage yat sall escape vnsarit 15
 And nocht thole pane in to this new 3eir

Think 3e nocht schame yat ar scottis borne
 Lordis barounis of authoritie
 That throw 3our sleuth this realme suld be forlorne
 3our grund distroyit and 3our policie 20
 Sic wraik sall cum vpon 3ow haistelie
 That 3e sall say allace we war our sweir
 Quhill we had tyme that maid na vnitie
 Amend it 3it now in to this new 3eir

[p. 29] Trow 3e to ly lurk and do na mair 25
 To se quhilk syde sall haue the victorie
 The quhilk at last sall nocht help 3ow ane hair
 Ryis vp concur and thame certifie
 Quhilk *wit*h ressoun will nocht rewlit be
 3e will *wit*h force *wit*houttin fraude or fer 30
 Mak weir on thame as *commoun* Inimie
 And thame correct now in to this new 3eir

God grant his grace to the inferiouris
 Off this puir realme thair querele to considder
 And till obey to thair superiouris 35
 So *yat* our heid and leigis do confidder
 In peax and luif for to remane togidder
 Syn we war quyt of all the men of weir
 That all trew folk from berwik to baquhidder
 May leif in rest vnrest in this new 3eir 40

The quenis grace gif scho hes offendit
 In hir office lat it reformat be
 And 3e liegeis lat 3our falt be mendit
 And *wit*h trew hairt serve the authoritie
 And 3e kirkmen do 3our dewitie 45
 And all estaitis syn and vyce fairbeir
 The quhilk to do I pray the trinitie
 To send 3ow grace now in to this new 3eir

God mak ws quyte of all herecie
 And put ws anis into *ye* richt way 50
 And in thy law we sa instructit be
 That we be nocht begylit everie day
 Ane sayis this ane vther sayis nay
 That we wait nocht quham to we suld adheir
 Chryst send to ws ane rewle to keip for ay 55
 without discord now in to this new 3eir

God send Iustice this land to rewle and gyde
 And put away thift reif and oppressiouñ
 That all trew folk may suirle gang and ryde
 without discord had parliament and sessiouñ 60
 [p. 30] To gar trew folk brouk thair iust possessiouñ
 And gif ws grace gude lord quhill we ar heir
 To ceiß from syn repentand our transgressiouñ
 And leif in Ioy now in to this new zeir
quod R/ m/ of ledingtouñ knycht

[XIX. MAITLAND *Of the Quenis arryvale in Scotland*; P., p. 295; M. Cl., p. 16.]

OFF THE QUENIS ARRYVALE IN SCOTLAND

Excellant princes potent and preclair
 Prudent peirleß in bontie and bewtie
 Maist nobill quene of blude vnder the air
 with all my hairt and micht I wylcum the
 Hame to thy native peple and cuntre 5
 Beseikand god to gif ye grace to haue
 Off thy liegeis ye hartis faythfullie
 And thame in luif and favour to ressave

Now sen thow art arryvit in this land
 Our native princes and Illustir quene 10
 I traist to god this regioun sall stand
 Ane auld fre realme as it lang tyme hes bein
 Quhairin richt sone thair sall be hard and sein
 Grit Ioy Iustice gude peax and policie
 All cair and cummar banist quyt and clein 15
 And Ilk man leif in gude tranquillitie

I am nocht meit nor able to furt^h set
 how thow sall vse discreitlie all thing heir
 Nor of ane princeß the dewitie and det
 Quhilk I beleif thy hieness hes perqueir 20

Bot gif neid be thair is anew can leir
 Thy maiestie of thy awin natiouñ
 And gif the counsell how to rewle and steir
 With wisdome all belangand to thy crowne

3it I exhort the to be circumspect 25
 Off thy counsale in the electioun
 Cheis faythfull men of prudence and effect
 Quha will for wrang mak dew correctioun
 And do iustice without exceptioun
 Men of knowlege gude lif and conscience 30
 That will nocht failze for affectioun
 Bot of gude fame and lang experience

[p. 31]

Quhilk gif yow do I houpe that thow sall ring
 Lang in this land in grit felicitie
 will thow pleiß god he will the send all thing 35
 Is neidfull to mantene thy royaltie
 Quha gif ye grace to gyde sa prudentlie
 That all thy doing be to his plesour
 And of scotland to the commoditie
 Quhilk vnder god thow hes now in thy cure 40

And gif thy hieness plesit for to marie
 That thow haue hap I pray the trinitie
 To cheis and tak ane husband without tarie
 To thy honour and our vtilitie
 Quha will and may mantein our libertie 45
 Repleit of wisdome and of godliness
 Nobill and full of constance and lautie
 With gude successioun to our quyetness

Madame I wes trew servand to thy mother
 And in hir favour stude ay thankfullie 50
 Off my estait als weill as ony vther
 Prayand thy grace I may ressaut be

In siclyk favour *witʰ* thy maiestie
 Inclynand ay to me thy gracious eiris
 And amang vther servandis think on me 55
 This last request I lernit at the freir's

And thocht *yat* I to serve be nocht sa able
 As I wes wont becaus I may nocht see
 3it in my hairt I salbe ferme and stable
 To thy hieness *witʰ* all fidelitie 60
 Ay prayand god for thy prosperitie
 And that I heir thy peple *witʰ* hie voce
 And Ioyfull hartis cry continewlie
 Viua marie trenobill royne de escois
quod richart maitland of ledingtoun knyght

[XX. MAITLAND *To be put in ony publict
 hous*; P., p. 32; M. Cl., p. 83.]

[p. 32]

TO BE PUT IN ONY PUBLICT HOUS

Dreid god and luif him faythfullie
 Haue fayth in chryst ay constantlie
 And with thy nychtbour cheritie
 ffor grace on god ay call
 Obey and serve the quein trewlie 5
 Keip Iustice peax and vnitie
 ffra all sort of seditioun flie
 And do ressoun till all

Hait pryde invy and lichorie
 All yre sweirnes and glutonie 10
 Avarice and ydolatrie
 All tressoun and debaitis
 Luif vertew richt and honestie
 In cheritable deidis exercit be
 All leifsum promeis keip Iustlie 15
 Till all maner of staitis

Keip 3ow fra prodigalitie
 Oppression wrang and crueltie
 And fra all vyce and vanitie
 And grund 3ow vpone treuth 20
 Hant gude and honest cumpanie
 vse wyse counsale and grauitie
 Do all 3our thing^{is} discreitlie
 And of ye pure haue reuth
quod R. m/. of Ledingtoun knycht

[XXI. MAITLAND *Satire on the Age* ;
 P., p. 298 ; M. Cl., p. 23.]

Quhair is the blythnes yat hes bein
 Bayth in burgh and landwart sein
 Amang lordis and ladyis schein
 Daunsing singing game and play
 Bot now¹ I wait nocht quhat thai mein 5
 All mirrines is worne away

[p. 33] ffor now I heir na wourde of 3ule
 In kirk on cassay nor in scule
 Lordis lattis thair kitching^{is} cule
 And draw^{is} thame to the abbay 10
 And scant hes ane to keip thair mule
 All houshaldaris Is worne away

I saw no gysaris all this 3eir
 Bot kirkmen cled lyk men of weir
 That never cummis in the queir 15
 Lyk ruffyanis is thair array
 To preiche and teiche yat will nocht leir
 The kirk gudis thai waist away

¹ *Interlined.*

Kirkmen affoir war gude of lyf
 Preichit teichit and stanchit stryf 20
 Thai feirit nother swerd nor knyf
 ffor luif of¹ god the suyth to say
 All honou^rrit thame bayth^h man and wyf
 Devotioun was nocht away

Our faderis wyse was and discreit 25
 Thay had bayth^h honou^r men and meit
 With luif thai did thair tennent^{'s} treit
 And had¹ aneuche in poiss to lay
 Thay wantit nother malt nor quheit
 And mirrineß was nocht away 30

And we hald nother 3ule nor pace
 Bot seik^{'s} our¹ meit from place to place
 And we haue nother luk nor grace
 we gar our landis dowbill pay
 Our tennentis cryis alace alace 35
 That reuth and petie Is away

Now we haue mair it is weill kend
 Nor our foirbearis had to spend
 Bot far leß at the 3eiris end
 And never hes ane mirrie day 40
 God will na rycheß to ws send
 Sa lang as honour is away

[p. 34] We waist far mar now lyk vane fulis
 We and our page to turß our mulis
 Nor thai did than yat held grit 3ulis 45
 Off meit and drink said never nay
 They had lang formes quhair we haue stulis
 And mirrines was nocht away

¹ *Interlined.*

Off our wanthrift sum wytis playis
 And sum thair wantoun vane arrayis 50
 Sum¹ the wyt on thair wyffis layis
 That in the court wald gang so gay
 And caris nocht quha ye merchant payis
 Quhill pairt of land be put away

The kirkmen keipis na professioun 55
 The temporale men committis oppressioun
 Puttand the pure from thair possessioun
 Na kynd of feir of god haue thai
 Thai cummar bayth the kirk² and sessioun
 And chassis cheritie away 60

Quhen ane of thame sustenis wrang
 We cry for Iustice heid and hang
 Bot quhen our nychtbour we ourgang
 We laubour iustice to delay
 Effectioun blindis ws sa lang 65
 All equitie is put away

To mak actis we haue sum feill
 God wait gif yat we keip thame weill
 We cum to bar with Iak of steill
 As we wald bost ye Iuge and fray 70
 Off sic iustice I haue na skeill
 Quhair rewle and ordour Is away

Our lawis are lichtleit for abusioun
 Sumtyme is clokit with collusioun
 Quhilk causis of blude ye greit effusioun 75
 ffor na man sparis now to slay
 Quhat bringis cuntreis to confusioun
 Bot quhair yat Iustice is away

¹ thair *deleted here.*² *Altered to court.*

Bot lord yis cwmms of thy iust Iugement
 ffor pwneisment of *our* Iniquitie 10
 That never of *our* synnis will repent
 Bot persaveris in impiete
 We ar so sowpit in sensualite
 Bayt^h spirituale and temporale estait
 The pepill all misgydit haillelie 15
 Nocht regneth now bot trouble and debait

[p. 36] Sum tyme ye preistis thocht yat yai did weill
 quhone yat yai maid yair beirdis and schwfe yair crown
 vsit round cappis and gownis to yair heill
 And meß and mateynis said of yair fassoun 20
 Thocht that all vyciß rang in yair persoun
 Lychorie glwttunrie vane gloir and avarice
 with swerd and fyre for zeles of Relegioun
 Off christin peple oft maid sacrefece

ffor quhillk god hes yame pwneisit rycht scharplie 25
 Bot had yai left yair auld abusioun
 And turnit yame fra vyce to god trewlie
 And syne forth[o]icht yair wrang intrusioun
 In to ye kirk be fals elusioun
 The word of god syne preitchit fayt^h/fullie 30
 Thai had nocht cumit to sic confusioun
 Nor tholit had as zit sic miserie

Now is protestanis rissin ws amang
 sayand thai will mak Reformatioun
 Bot zit as now ma vyciß never rang 35
 As pryd Invy fals dissimulatioun
 (Dissa)it adultre (and) fornicatioun¹
 Thift reif slauchter oppressioun of the pwir
 Off polecey plane alteratioun
 Off wrangous geir now na man takis cwir 40

¹ This line is written on the margin, and partly cut away.

Thai think it weill and yai ye paip do call
 The antechryst and meß ydolatre
 And syne eit flesche vpone ye frydayis all
 That yai sserue god *rycht* yān accordinglie
 Thocht in all thing yai leif maist wickitlie 45
 Bot god *commandit* ws his law to keip
 ffirst honour him and syne haue chirrete
*wit*h our nyctbour and for *our* synnis weip

Think weill that god that pwneist ye papists
 Is 3it on lyve and 3ow to pwneis able 50
 As he did yame that in 3our synnis insists
 As godis word war haldin bot ane fable
 Bot gif 3our hart on god be ferme and stable
 Thocht that his word in to 3our mouth 3e haue
 Except 3our lyif be yairto conformable 55
 In word and wark 3e bot 3our selfe dissauē

[p. 37] I mene nocht heir of faythfull christianis
 Nor ministeris of godis word trewlie
 quha at ye samyn stedfastlie remanis
 In word & wark *wit*hout ypochrisey 60
 Bot I do mene of yame allanerlie
 That callit ar ye fleschlie gossellaris
 Quha in yair wordis apperis *rycht* godlie
 Bot 3it yair varkis the plane contrair declaris

Bot thocht of papistis and protestanis sum 65
 Hes bayt~~h~~ gane wrang and godis law transgresst
 Keip ws gud lord yat neuer mair we cum
 To sic errour bot grace to do ye best
 That *wit*h all men thy trew fayt~~h~~ be confest
 That christiane folk may leif in vnete 70
 Vertu set vp and all vyciß supprest
 That all ye warld gud lord may honour ye
 ffinis *quod* Richart maitland of lethingtoun
 knycht 1570

[XXIII. MAITLAND *The blind Baronis comfort*; P., p. 305; M. Cl., p. 113.]

¹ Blind man be blythe thocht yat yow be wrangit
 Thocht blythe be hieriet tak no malankolye
 Thow salbe blythe quhane yat thay salbe hangit
 That blythe hes spulzeit sa malisiowslie
 be blythe and glaid yat nane persawe in ye 5
 That thy blythneß *consistis* into ryches
 Bot yow art blythe yat yow eternallie
 Sall ring *with* god in iternall blythneß

Thocht thay hawe spulzeit blythe of gud and geir
 zit hawe thay² left lyand still ye land 10
 Quhilk to transport was nocht in yair poweir
 Nor zit wilbe thocht na man thame gan-stand
 Thairfoir be blythe ye tyme may be at hand
 Quhane blythe salbe zit *with* godis grace
 als weill plenneist as ewer thay it fand 15
 Quhane sum sall rew ye rining of yat race

Ay to be blythe wtuertlie appeir
 That be na man it may persaut be
 That yow pansis for tynsall of thy geir
 That thy wnfreindis yat ar prowde and hie 20
 Be blythe and glad of thy aduersitie
 Thairfoir be stout and gar yame wnderstand
 ffor loiß of geir yow takis na sussy
 ffor zit behind yow hes aneuche of land

[p. 38] Be blythe and glaid ay in thy intent 25
 ffor lisum blythneß is ane happie thing
 Be yow nocht blythe quhat waillith land or rent
 and yow be blythe is cawß of lang lewing

¹ *In a new hand.*

² hawe spulzeit bly *deleted here.*

Be yow nocht blythe thocht yat yow war ane king
 Thy lyf is nocht bot cair without blythneß 30
 Thairfoir be blythe and pray to god ws bring
 Till his blythneß and Ioy yat is endleß
 ffinis.

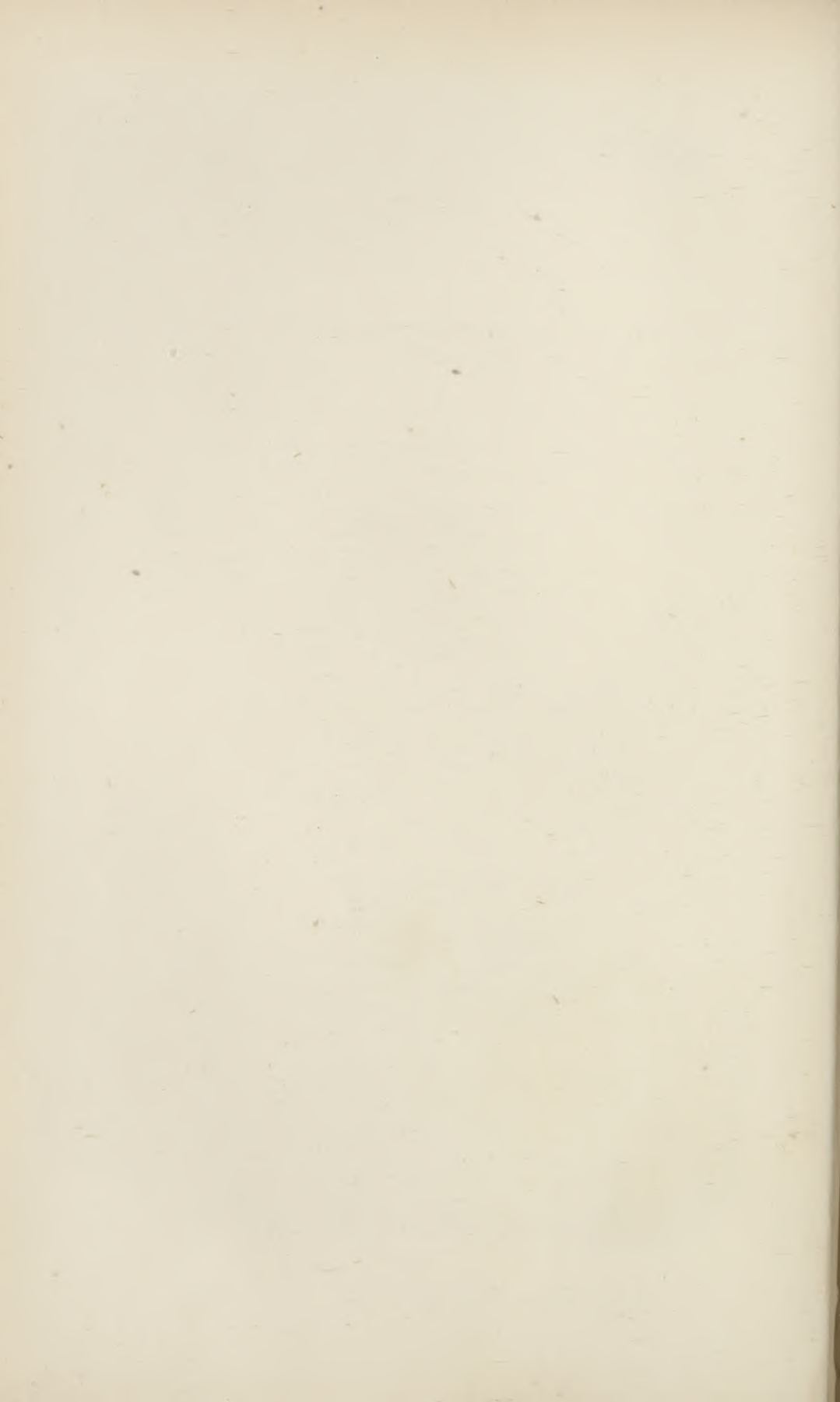
quod fſir richart maitland of lethingtoun knycht
 Quhane his landis of ye bararonie¹ of blyth
 In lawderdaill was heriet be rollent foster 35
 Inglisman kapitane of wark w^{ith} his cumpanye
 To ye nomber of thre hunder men quha ſpulzeit
 fra ye ſaid fſir richard and fra his eldest sone
 Thair fſerwandis and tennentis furthe of ye ſaid
 baronie fowr thowsand ſcheip 3oungar and elder 40
 twa hundrithe nowlt threttie horß and meiris and insyght
 furthe of his howß of blythe wourthe ane hundrithe pund
 and ye haill tennentis insyght of ye haill baronrie
 That was tursabill this ſpulze was *committit* ye
 xvj day of maij ye 3eir of Jaj^{ve} lxx 3eiris 45
 and ye ſaid fſir richart was thre ſcoir and xiiij
 3eiris of age and growin blind in tyme of
 peice quhane nane of yat cuntra lippint
 ffor ſic thing

[XXIV. MAITLAND *Moral Verses*;
 P., p. 307; M. Cl., p. 81.]

² Luke yat na thing to ſyn ye tyce
 Bot ground ye ay vpone iuſtice
 ay follow verteu, and fle vyce
 Off toung be trew.
 ay hait all kynd of covatyce 5
 waist not yi guidis at ye dyce
 ffe fra all fulis yat ar nyce
 and yame eſchew.

¹ *Sic, for baronie.*

² *In a new hand.*



Hald ye *in* honest cwmpanye
 yi persone gyde ay honestlie 10
 and hant na kynd of harlatrie
 ffra syn abstene
 deill *with* all folkis faythfullie
 and vse ye neuer for to Lee
 Conqueis na guidis wrangouslie 15
 be na fals mene

To everie persone do ressoun
 Keip ye fra melling *with* tressoun
 and tak *in* thank and gude sessoun
 Quhat god ye¹ send 20
 Put na man be oppressoun
 ffurthe of yair iust possessioun
 To god mak intercessioun
 ffor ane gude end

[XXV. MAITLAND *Pious Rymes*;
 P., p. 308; M. Cl., p. 82.]

[p. 39] ² Synnaris Repent yat ze haue spent
 3our tyme in wickitnes
 Bot now be bent *with* trew intent
 To leif in godlynes

3our lyvis mend and not offend 5
 3our gracious god na mair
 Think on ye end how ze man wend
 away nakit and bair

Thairfore ask grace, *quhill* ze haue space
 at god for 3our grit myß 10
 Sin fra 3ou chace preis to yat place
 quhair ay is ioy and blys

¹ ye deleted and will written above.

² In a new hand.

3our god ay feir folie forbeir
 On verteu follow ay
 prydfull not be vse not to lie 15
 adwyse weill quhat 3e say

Keip ay kyndnes and faythfulnes
 To 3our freindis Ilkane
 Hait gredynes and doubilnes
 Vnder trust dissaue nane 20

Leif modestlie luif honestie
 Vse not in sin to ly
 nane in 3ou se crudelite
 yre malice nor Invy

Luif god ay best all sin detest 25
 And fals ypochrisie
 Luif peace and rest and nane molest
 Bot leif in chirrite.

Quod ri^d maitland

[XXXVI. MAITLAND *The World worth
na Thocht*; P., p. 310; M. Cl., p. 72.]

3e yat sum tyme hes bene weill stakit
 Thocht of 3our geir sum be inlakit
 And 3our selffe in to trouble brocht
 Off yis fals warld tak neuer thocht

To sum pair is bot litle Left 5
 Bot *wit^h* grit wrang ar planelie reft
wit^h dewillis lymmis yat neuer docht
 Off yis fals warld 3it tak na thocht

Off houshald graythe sum rycht skant war
wit^h vyer menis geir now planeist ar 10
 Bettir nor euer pair faderis bocht
 Off yis fals warld 3it tak na thocht

To reif yair nyctbour few now rakis
 ffor feir of god bot daylie takis
 ffra yame yat neuer aucht yame ocht 15
 Off yis fals warld 3it tak na thocht

Sum to yair freind wer sa faythles
 That vnder cullour of kyndnes
 Thame to distroy did all yai mocht
 Off yis fals warld 3it tak na thocht 20

Sum yat rycht weill planeist hes bene
 Thair Landis now ar waistit clene
 with commoun theifis yat leifis nocht
 Off yis fals warld 3it tak na thocht

[p. 40] Distroyit is ye polecie 25
 for ye maist pairt of yis cuntre
 To wraik ye rest seir wayis ar socht
 Off yis fals warld 3it tak na thocht

I hoip ye tyme sall cum schortlie
 sall gar all wickit cwmpanie 30
 Repent ye wrang yat yai haue wrocht
 ffor pwneising yai sall tak thocht
 Quod Richard maitland

[XXVII. MAITLAND *Miserie the Frute
 of Vyce*; P., p. 312; M. Cl., p. 35.]

How sould oure commoun weill Indure
 god to offend we tak na cure
 ffor nane preissis yair lyfe to mend
 ffor na trouble yat god will send
 As plaigis come be aventure 5

Quhone darthe cummis or pestilence
 we say it is be accidene
 And gif weir cwmis ony way
 The muifaris hes ye wyt we say
 And cwmis not for our offence 10

And gif we mufe ye weir oure sell
 we say we haue ane gude quarrell
 And nowder will persaeue nor kna
 That god for syn will lat ws fa
 In to mischeif and oft parrell 15

The grit men sayis yat yair distres
 Cwmis for ye peples wickitnes
 The peple sayis for¹ ye transgressioun
 Off grit men and yair oppressioun
 Bot nane will yair awin syn confes 20
Quod richard maitland

[XXVIII. MAITLAND *Gude Counsals* ;
 P., p. 313 ; M. Cl., p. 39.]

Luif vertew euer and all vycis fle
 Wicketnes hait alway gudnes Imbrace
 Remufe rancour and ay keip chirrite
 Proudnes deteist Invy fra ye far chace
 gredynes neuer lat in ye tak place 5
 Be honorable and weill credence keip
 Beseynes not sleuthe haueand tyme and space
 Treulie serue god and als for synnis weip
quod richard maitland

Thir last aucht lyniffis 3e may begon at ony nuke
 3e will and reid bakward or fordward and 10
 3e sall fynd ye Lyke sentence and metir

¹ *On margin.*

[XXIX. ARBUTHNOT
A general Lament.]

- [p. 41]¹ O wrachit weird O fals feinzeit fortouñ
 O heich vnhappie O cruell destanie
 O clene mistemperit constellatiouñ
 O ewill aspect in my natiuitie
 O weird sisteris quhat alis 3ow at me 5
 That all dois wirk this contrair my intent
 Quhilk is the caus yat I murne and lament
- All thing dois quyt proceid aganis my will
 Bayt^h hewin and erth ar contrair me coniurit
 I luif ye gude and cummerit am with yll 10
 With wickit bait I daylie am allurit
 To cheis my lyf I can noch^t be assurit
 Now till ane thing now till ane vther bent
 Quhat mervell is thocht I murne and lament
- My hairt dois luif ye trew religiouñ 15
 And the trew god wald trewlie serve but dout
 Bot Atheisme and superstitiouñ
 Hes sa me now environit about
 That scantlie can I find quhar to get out
 Betuix yir twa I am so daylie rent 20
 Quhat mervell Is thocht I murne and lament
- Vnder my god I wald obey my prince
 Bot ciuile weir dois sa trouble yat cais
 That scarslie wait I quham to reverence
 Quhat till eschew or quhat for till embrace 25
 Our nobillis now sa fickill ar allace

¹ *The hand of pp. 19-35 resumes here.*

This day thai say ye morne¹ thai will repent
 Quhat *mervell* is thocht I murne and lament

ffane wald I leif in concord and in peace
 Without diuisioun rancour or debait 30
 Bot now allace in everie land and place
 The fyre of haitred kindlit is so hait
 That cheritie doith ring in none estait
 Thocht all concur to hurt ye Innocent
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament 35

I hait thraldome zit *man* I binge and bek
 And Iouk and nod sum patroun for to pleifs
 I luif fredome zit *man* I be subiect
 I am compellit to flatter *with* my feis
 [p. 42] I me torment sum vther for till eif² 40
 Quha of my travaile scantlie Is content
 Quhat *mervell* is thocht I murne and lament

I luif na thing bot pure simplicitie
 And to dissemble *man* my tung asyle
 The plane hie path is maist plesand to me 45
 zit sumtyme *man* I arme [me] *with* a wyle
 Or do I not men sall me sonne begyle
 ffirst me dissave syn lauch quhen I am schent
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament

I luif larges and liberalitie 50
 zit povertie to spend dois mak me spair
 I hait auerice and prodigalitie
 To get sum geir zit *man* I haue greit cair
 In vanitie syn I *man* it outwair
 woun be ane wretche and in to waistrie spent 55
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament

¹ ye morne repeated.

² This line is rewritten.

I luif ye vertew honest chaistitie
 To bawdische bourdis zit man I oft gif ear
 To satisfie ane flesch[1]e cumpanie
 lyk ruffian I man me sumtyme bear 60
 In venus scule I man sum lessoun leir
 gif I wald comptit be courtesß and gent
 Quhat mervell is thocht I murne and lament

I luif delyt and wrappit am in wo
 I luif¹ plesour and plungit am in pane 65
 I list to rest zit man I ryd and go
 And quhen I list to flie I man remane
 with warldlie cair a gentill hairt is slane
 I feill ye smert and dar noch^t mak my plent
 Quhat mervale Is thocht I murne and lament 70

I hait flatterie and in to wourdis plane
 And vnaffected language I delyte
 zit man I leir to² flatter gloiße and fayne¹
 Quhidder I list to speik or zit to wryt
 Or ellis¹ men sall noch^t compt me wourth a myte¹ 75
 I salbe raknit ruid or negligent
 Quhat mervell Is thocht I murne and lament

[p. 43] Scorning I hait zit man I smyle and smyrk
 Quhen I the morkis of vther men behald
 3ea ofttymes man I lauch suppois I Irk 80
 Quhen bitterlie yair tauntis thai haue tauld
 And sumtyme als quhidder I nylle or wald
 Ane scorne for scorne to gif I man tak tent
 Quhat mervell Is thocht I murne and lament

I luif modest sobir ciuilitie 85
 mixit with gentill courtesß hamlyneß
 bot outhir man I vse scurrilitie
 Or ellis sic strange and vncouth fremmitnes
 That I wait noch^t quhow³ to mak myrreneß

¹ Rewritten.² gloiße deleted here.³ Originally quhane(?).

Nor be quhat mene *with* men me to acquent 90
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament

With temperance I wald vse meit and drink
 And hes all surfat banket in dispyte
 And ȝit at feist and banket *man* I wink
 And at ȝame hant quhair I haue no delyte 95
 I vse ȝe ewill and hes *nocht* all ȝe wyte
 Thocht body bow ȝit dois ȝe hairt dissent
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament

All costlie clay^{*this*} I compt *nocht* wour^{*th*} ane prene
 Quhilk dois bot foster pryde and vanitie 100
 ȝit dar I *nocht* in *commoun* place be sene
 Lest I be clethit *sum* quhat gorgiouslie
 And be I not ȝan men sall talk of me
 And call me outhir wraiche or indigent
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament 105

With hart and mynd I luif humilitie
 And pauchtie pryde richt sair I do detest
 Bot *with* ȝe heich ȝit *man* I heichlie be
 Or *with* ȝat sort I sall *nocht* sit in rest
 This warld hes maid ȝe proverb manifest 110
 Quha is ane scheip ȝe woulf will sounne him hent
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament

With pacience richt ferme¹ I wald ourcum
 And vther mennis Infirmiteis Indure
 Bot than am I comptit ane batie bum 115
 And all men think^{*is*} a play me till iniure
 My sufferance till vice dois thame allure
 The mair I thole ȝe mair thai me torment
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament

¹ *Rewritten.*

[p. 44] I luif sylence and taciturnitie 120
 And in few wourdis wald my purpois tell
 3it sumtyme man I wourdis multiplie
 And mak my tung to ring as dois ane bell
 with wilfull folk I man bayth cry and 3ell
 Or 3eild to thame and quyte ye argument 125
 Quhat mervell Is thocht I murne and lament

I hait all schameleß gloriositie
 And me delyte in modest schamefastnes
 3it sall I nocht be comptit wourth ane flie
 Without I speik of all mater be geß 130
 Gloir and brag out¹ and tak a face of bress
 Nathing misknaw vnder the firmament
 Quhat mervell Is thocht I murne and lament

To charge to ask to put ane man to pane
 I wald be curteß gentill and discreit 135
 Bot quhill I on ane ganeand tyme remane
 I am ay servit at the latter meit
 And sum vther is placeit in my seit
 That thocht nocht schame for to be impudent
 Quhat mervell is thocht I murne and lament 140

I luif ye vertew callit gratitude
 And lyk for lyk I 3arne to 3eild agane
 3it can I nocht ressave bot yll for gude
 And thai in quhais danger I remane
 I can nocht quyte albeit I wald richt fane 145
 I want all micht na powar is me lent
 Quhat mervell Is thocht I murne and lament

I luif Justice and wald yat everie man
 had yat quhilk richtlie dois to him pertene
 3it all my kyn allya or my clan 150
 In richt or wrang I man alwayis mantene
 I man applaude quhen thai pair materis mene

¹ bragout in MS.

Thocht conscience *yair*to do *nocht* consent
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament

Swa thocht I luif *ye* richt and *nocht* the wrang 155
 3it gif ane freyndis case sall cum in hand
 It to assist I man bayt~~h~~ ryde and gang
 And as ane scollare leir to vnderstand
 That it is not repute vyce in this land
 ffor wrang to rander wrang equiualent 160
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament

[p. 45] Off trew freyndis fain wald I haue (sum stoir)¹
 With thame *ye* leig of amitie to bind
 Bot thocht I seik amang ane hundreth scoir
 Ane fayt~~h~~full freynd now scantlie sall I find 165
 That is *nocht* licht lyk weddercok in wynd
 It is thocht vyce now to be permanent
 Quhat *mervell* is thocht I murne and lament

In poetrie I plei~~ß~~ to pa~~ß~~ *ye* tyme
 Quhen cairfull thochtis *wit~~h~~* sorow sail~~3~~eis me 170
 Bot gif I mell *wit~~h~~* meiter or *wit~~h~~* ryme
 With rascale rymouris I sall raknit be
 Thay sall me burding als *wit~~h~~* monie lie
 In chargeing me² *wit~~h~~* that quhilk never I ment
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament 175

I wald travell and ydilne~~ß~~ I hait
 Gif I culd find sum gude vocation
 Bot all for *nocht* in vane lang may I wait
 Or I get honest occupation 180
 Letteris ar lichtlyt in our nation
 ffor lernyng now is nother lyf nor rent
 Quhat *mervell* Is thocht I murne and lament

¹ Cut away; supplied from Quarto.

² Interlined.

And schortlie now at ane wourde to conclude
 I think yis world sa wrappit in mischeif
 That gude is yll and yll Is callit gude 185
 All thing I see dois bot augment my greif
 I feill ye wo and can nocht se releif
 The lordis plaig throuchtout ye world is went
 Quhat mervell is thocht I murne and lament
 Explicit¹

[XXX. ARBUTHNOT
The World changed.]

Religiouſ now Is raknit as ane fabill
 And fer of god is comptit fulischneß
 Thair is na man to leif now Iugeit able
 Bot cairleß cativeis full of cursidneß
 Ane wickit lyf is Iugeit welthyneß 5
 Sa vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce
 O leving lord yis change is wounder nyce

[p. 46] Remorß for syne Is thocht bot fulische feir
 And fleschlie loving Iugeit libertie
 (God)² is forzeit for gredynes of geir 10
 All houp of hewin is haldin vanitie
 And hellis pane is comptit poetrie
 Swa vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce
 O leving lord yis change Is verray nyce

Vane voluptie Is thocht³ welth and weilfair 15
 And fickill ryches thocht felicitie
 gude exercieß is thocht torment and cair
 And honest laubour comptit miserie
 And best estait ay ydill for to be
 Swa vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce 20
 O leving lord yis change is wounder nyce

¹ In a much later hand, but the Quarto has *finis quod Arbuthnet.*

² Faded ; supplied from Q.

³ Is thocht repeated, but deleted.

Self luif is thocht a vertew souerane
 And pryuat proffitt prudent policie
 ffor commoun weill travale laubour or pane
 Is comptit bot ane fulische fantasie 25
 fflatrie preuales treuth makis Inemitie
 Swa vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce
 O leving lord yis change is wounder nyce

Treuth is Iugeit barnelie simplicitie
 And doubilneß of wisdome hes ye name 30
 Meiknes is thocht pusillanimitie
 And vtterance is to forzet all schame
 And mirrienes is all men to defame
 Swa vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce
 O leving lord yis change is wounder nyce 35

Craft and dissait is callit quyk ingyne
 And fals semblance is callit courtesie
 he yat can best his nychtbure vndermyne
 Is haldin scharpe weill wirkand and wittie
 And blak falsheid is namit sutteltie 40
 Swa vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce
 O leving lord yis change is wounder nyce

ffeirsneß and yre is callit kene curage
 And patience is comptit cowardneß
 vane brag and boist is raknit vassalage 45
 and wode folie is haldin hardineß
 Bot modestie is termit simpilneß
 Swa vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce
 O leving lord yis change Is wounder nyce

[p. 47] ffilthie lucre Is comptit honest schift 50
 And oppressiouñ is thought bot princes play
 maistreis and reif is gyding and gude thrift
 ffraude in Iustice is thocht craftie delay
 Ane thing to think ane vther ay to say

Is comptit now for vertew and na vyce 55
O leving lord yis change is wounder nyce

Knowlege of god is curiositie
And wisdom standis in prophanitie
Grave countenance is gloriositie
Dissolute lyf is thocht humanitie 60
Gude fallowschip standis in vanitie
Swa vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce
O leving lord yis change is wounder nyce

Now filthie speche is thocht purpois maist meit
And hurdome haldin is ane prettie sport 65
pudicitie is comptit lak of spreit
And ruffiance now gettis best report
All grave purpois is trist and but confort
Sua vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce
O leving lord yis change is wounder nyce 70

Waisting is comptit liberalitie
And gredehynes is thocht ane gudlie gayne
honest spending is prodigalite
Ay grittest coist is apone thingis vane
And that is ¹ socht quhairof ye flesch ² is fane 75
Swa vyce vertew and vertew is thocht vyce
O leving lord yis change is wounder nyce

Pryde now is comptit magnanimitie
And lawlineß is Iugeit base curage
Trew monising dois mak inimitie 80
And feinzeit favour takkis vp the wage
Trew preiching makkis ye wyckit mair to rage
The mair thai heir the mair thay rin in vyce
O leving lord this change is wounder nyce

¹ thocht *deleted here.*

² fleschis, *with .is deleted.*

Quhen I behald ye warld thus rin areird 85
 And seis how vyce dois all vertew oppreß
 Than I accuiß my fortouñ and my¹ weird
 [p. 48] (Throuch)² passiouñ and fleschlie febilneß
 Bot quhen I luik ye deipis bothumleß
 Off goddis secreit þan I clein recant 90
 And cry for mercy and my crymes grant

ffor I suld *nocht* my destany dispyte
 As ethnyk authouris full of ignorance
 Nor gif my weird and my vnhap the wyte
 Nor of my birth warie ye influence 95
 I ken richt weill nothing *cummis* be chance
 ffor fortouñ is *nocht* bot ane fabill vane
 Inuentit be philosophouris profane

Bot everie thing *þat* in this warld dois fall
 Dois cum be goddis michtie provydençe 100
 And be *þat* spreit supercelestiale
 Be his devyne and supreme sapience
 Thocht it exceid our dull intelligence
 Off everie thing ye ressouñ till invent
 (3it)² of our part we aucht to stand *content* 105

And thocht ye warld be haly set on yll
 3it aucht we *nocht* to gruge nor to repyne
 Bot on ye lord depend and on his wyll
 Reposing ws on his powar devyne
 Quha is [h]is awin he will thame nevir tyne 110
 Bot caus all thing to thame wirk for ye best
 On this promeiß we suld repoiß and rest

¹ *freynd deleted here.*

² *Faded; supplied from Q. The first two or three letters of ll. 102-3 and 106-112 have been rewritten.*

ffor erdlie Ioy yān suld we *nocht* attend
 Erd is no place of our felicitie
 Welth in this world is *nocht* our finale end 115
 Nor trouble heir is *nocht* our meserie
 Our trew reward nother ye ene can see
 Nor eiris heir nor to the hairt is knawin
 Quhilk our gude lord preparis for his awin

In ye world ye prince of darknes^s hes empyre 120
 And gude men tholis tribulatiounⁱ
 Bot sic tryale is lyk ane clengeing fyre
 Thame to prepair to yair saluatiounⁱ
 [p. 49] To walk in thame in yair vocatiounⁱ
 And monis¹ thaim yair missis till amend 125
 And to remem^bber on the latter end

ffor trowble heir dois testifie our syne
 And dois convict ws of in[i]quitie
 Trowble dois schaw ye stait yat we ar in
 And dois declair our imbecilitie 130
 Off goddis wraith it is ane testimonie
 Aganis syne and crymes execrabil
 Swa to ws truble is richt profitabil

Our conscience it movis to remorde
 Quhen we yairof do taist ye bitternes^s 135
 It makkis ws to cleif vnto ye lord
 Quhen we behald our fulische febilnes^s
 Throuche it we hait² ye warldis wrechitnes^s
 Quhen we se nathing heir yat³ standis stabill
 Swa to ws truble is richt proffitable 140

It garris ws luik vnto ye latter end
 Quhen we se *nocht* in erde ws till allure
 It causis ws on prouidence depend
 with pacience it drawis till indure
 Off hewinlie Ioy our houp it makkis sure 145

¹ Originally moveis.² we hait *interlined*.³ Originally yān.

It dois conforme ws vnto cryst our heid
And lernis ws to muse apone ye deid

And monye vthir thousand proffittis mo
Dois ay proceid of persecucioun
ffor lak of tyme quhilk I now lat ourgo 150
Bot this I gadder in conclusioun
Thocht all this warld ryn in confusioun
3it godlie men suld *nocht* be drewin bak
Bot of ye present pane ane profitt mak

Ceis *yan* my saull and truble me no moir 155
And lat allane all paynfull pensifness
And rander to thy hewinlie makar gloir
Off pane and plesour confort and distres
Content yi self *with* sempill sobirness
And traist in to ye loving lord allone 160
And for yis warldlie truble mak na mone

[p. 50] (For but all paine ane)¹ plesour heir perfyte
(In)¹ to yis warld be no wicht may be fund
But dulefull dolour and plesand delyte
Ilk ane *with* vther be ye toppe is bund 165
And our foirfatheris adamis deidlie wound
In erd hes privat ws of perfyte loy
Quhy suld we than at truble ws anoy

Thocht god haue *nocht* in erde appoyntit ye
To brouk wirschip and honour *with* the laif 170
3it he will and hes ordanit *yat* thow be
Ane quham his sounye lord Iesus sall saif
Quhat grittar gyft I pray ye can yow craif
With him he sall ye na gude thing refuiss
Desist yairfoir thy fortoun till accuiss 175

¹ *Faded; supplied from Q.*

Desist and ceiß yi self for to torment
 ffor truble or for pane terrestriale
 Off thy estait stand quyet and content
 Sen erthlie pleiß^{our} is bot bestiale
 bot lippin for ye lyf celestiale 180
 Repoiß thy spreit apon yat hewinlie Ioy
 vnto ye quhilk ye lord mot ws convoy
 ffinis *quod* maister Alexander arbothnat
 In anno 1571.

[XXXI. MAITLAND *The Folye of ane auld
 Man*; P., p. 314; M. Cl., p. 40.]

¹ Amang folysis ane grit folye I find
 Quhone that ane man past fyftie zeir of age
 That in his vane consait growis sa blind
 As for to Iwne him selfe in Mariage
 With ane 3ounge laß: quhais blude is in ane rage 5
 Thinkand yat he may serwe hir appetyte
 Quhilk gif he faill / yan will scho him dispyte

Ageit men sould Iois in morall telis
 And nocht in talis: for folye is to marye
 ffra tyme that bayth^h yair strent^h and nature felis 10
 To tak ane wiff, and bring yame selfe in tarye
 ffor fresche Maii, and cauld Ianuarye
 Aggreis nocht vpone ane sang in Iwne
 The tribbill wantis / that sould be swng abwne

[p. 55] Men sould tak vayage at the Larkis sang 15
 And nocht at evin quhone passit is ye day
 Efter mid age, the Luifar Lyis full lang
 Quhone yat his hair is turnit Lyart gray
 Ane auld gray beird on ane quhyt mouthe to lay
 In to ane bed, it is ane petuous sycht 20
 The ane cryis help, ye vper wantis mycht

¹ *In a new hand.*

Till haue bene merchand bigane mony 3eir
 In handwarp, burges / and ye toun of berrie
 Syne in to deip for to tyne all his geir
 Wit~~h~~ vane consait to pure him selfe and hirrie 25
 Grit parrell is for to pas oure ye ferrie
 In to ane Lekand bott, nocht nalit fast
 To beir the saill nocht havand ane¹ steif mast

To tak ane maling that grit Laubor Requyris
 Syne wantis grayt~~h~~ for to manure the land 30
 Quhone seid vantis yan men of teling tyris
 Than cummis ane findis it waist Lyand
 3okis his pleuch, telis at his awin hand
 Bettir had bene ye first had never kend it
 Nor thoill yat schame / and sa my teill is endit 35
 ffinis quod Richard maitland of Lethingtoun.

[XXXII. DUNBAR *This Nycht
 in my Sleip*; S.T.S., p. 144.]

² Dremand me thocht yat I did heir
 The commowne peiple bane and sweir
 blasfemiand godis maiestie
 The dewill ay rowndand in yair eir
 Renunce 3our god and cum to me (5)

The marchand sweiris mony aithe
 That newer man saw better clayt~~h~~
 Na fynnar silk cum owr ye se
 To sweir quod sathan be nocht layt~~h~~
 To sell my geir I will hawe ye (10)

The tail3our sayis in all this toun 26
 be yair ane better schappin gown
 I gif me to ye feind als fre
 grant (mercy)³ tayl3our quod mahowne
 Renunce 3(our god and)³ cum to me 30

¹ fast deleted here.

² The hand of pp. 37-8 resumes here.

³ faded.

[p. 56]

The sowter sayis in gwd effect
 The dewill mot hang him be ye nek
 gif better butis of ledder may be
 The feind sayis fy yow saris of blek
 ga wysche ye weill syn cum to me 35

The bakstar sayis I forsak god
 and all his warkis ewin and od
 That better breid did ¹ na man se
 The dewill said and on him cowld nod
 with thy licht lewis cum wnto me 40

The fleschour sweiris be godis woundis
 come newer sic beif into yir bowndis
 na fattar mottoune can noch be
 fals *quod* ye feind and till him rowndis
 Renunce thy god and cum to me 45

Be goddis blud *quod* ye tauernneir
 Thair is sic wyine in my selleir
 hes newer come in yis cuntrie
 (3i)t *quod* ye dewill yow sellis our deir
 with thy fals met cum downe to me 50

The menstrall sayis yat ewer I thryve ²
 gif I do oucht bot drink and swyve ²
 The dewill sayis than I counsall ye
 Excerfs that ³ craft in all thy lyve
 syn cum and play ane spring to me 70

The fiche wyfis flet and swore yair menis 81
 and to ye feind gaif flesche and banis
 sa did ye hukstaris haillellie
 The dewill said welcum all at anis
 Renunce your god and cum to me 85

¹ *Interlined.*² *Altered from thryf and swyf.*³ *Originally thy.*

The rest of craftis grit ethis swair
 Thair wark and craft had na *compair*
 Ilk ane into *ȝar* qualitie
 The dewill sayis thane *wȝthouttin* mair
 Renunce *ȝour* god & *cum* to me 90

The theif sayis *ȝat ew(er)*¹ I scaip 76
 Na ane stark widdie gar me gaip
 bot I in hell for (geir) wald be
 The dewill (sayis) welcum in a (raip)
 Renunce *ȝour* god and *cum* (to me) 80

[p. 57] The cowrt man did grit aithis sweir 91
 He wald serve sathan for sewin *ȝeir*
 for fair clay*th*is and gold plaintie
 The dewill said *ȝair* is sum for geir²
 wald renunce god [and] duell *wȝth* me 95

To bane and sweir na staittis stud a
 man or woman grit or sma
 Ryche and pwr nor *ȝe* clargie
 The dewill³ said than of *commown* la
 all mensworne folk man cum to me 100
quod dumbar

[XXXIII. DUNBAR *The twa
 Cummeris*; S.T.S., p. 160.]

Airlie on als⁴ wodnisday
 at *ȝe* wyne sat *cumeris* tway
 The tane to *ȝe* tother cold compleine
 sichand and soupand can scho say
 This lange letrune hes maid me lene 5

¹ *Faded*; so in ll. 78-80.

³ *Interlined*.

² *forgeir in MS.*

⁴ *l blurred*; R. has as.

besyd ye fyr quhair yat scho sat
 god wait gif scho was girt and fat
 3it to be febill scho did hir fene
 sayand ay cumer lat preif of yat
 That lentrune sall nocht mak ws lene 10

fair gentill cumer said ye tother
 3e tak yat migarnes of 3our mother
 Ill wyne to test scho did disdene
 bot mawessie scho bad nane vther
 That lentrune suld nocht mak hir lene 15

Kumer be blythe bayth ewin and morrow
 and lat 3our hwsband drie ye sorrow
 fra our lang fasting 3ow referne¹
 and I sall find 3ow god to borrow
 That lentrune sall nocht mak 3ow lene 20

ffair gentill cumer than said scho
 all is to tene him at I do²
 In bed he is nocht worthe ane bene
 ffill ye cop cumer and drink me to
 That lentrune sall nocht mak ws lene 25

[p. 58]

Thir twa out of ane scopin stowp
 tha drank thre quartis soup and soup
 sic drouthe and thirst was thame betwene
 bot thane to mend tha had gud hop
 That lentrune swld nocht mak thame lene 30
 quod dumbar

¹ *Sic, for refrene.*² *Faded.*

[XXXIV. ANON. *Of Ladies
Bewties*; P., p. 187.]

Off ladies bewties to declair
 I do reiofs to tell
 Quhan thay ar 3ung me think yame fair
 And lustie lyk to sell
 Thay do appeir for to excell 5
 Sa wounderowfs moy thai mak it
 Sweit sweit is thay birdis
 Ay will thay be *contractit*

Qwhan thay hawe pair wirginatie
 Thay seim to be ane sanct 10
 Ewin as thay knew diuinitie
 No propertie yae want
 Quho findis yame trew and semis *constant*
 And trestis in all thay say
 Swir swir he is begylit 15
 And lichtliet for ay

Sen Adam *our* progenatour
 first creat be ye lord
 Be Ewe his wickit paramour¹
 Quha *consallit* him discord 20
 perswading him for to accord
 wnto ye dewillis report
 Dull dull dreis ye man²
 That trestis into yat sort

Bot pair is mony Adamis now 25
 and ewis into yis land
 Sic beistlie men subiectit now
 ay reddie at *command*

¹ Line 21 written after this, but deleted.

² yat deleted here.

Quhat ewer yair wyffis dois yame demand
 Thay wirk it mony wayis 30
 A(y) fraudand at ye man
 Quhill thay bring him *our* stayis

[p. 51]

Our Lordis ar so degenerat
 Sen Ladies tuk sic steir
 Thay spend yair rentis vpoun yair weidis 35
 And baneist hes gud cheir
 Thair gold smyth wark it gois so deir
 To compterfit grit prencis
 Lordis and lairdis *your* wyffis but weir
 puttis *your* to grit expensis 40

Thair beltis yair brochis and yair ringis
 Makis biggingis bair at hame
 Thair huddis yair cheynis yair garnysyngis
 ffor to agment yair fame
 Scho sall thairfoir be callit madame 45
 Bot and ye laird maid knycht
 Grit grit is yair grace
 howbeit yair renttis be slycht

The lairdis yat drank guid wyn and aill
 Ar now fane to drink swattis 50
 Thay top ye beir and cheipis ye meill
 The ladie sellis ye aittis
 The lakmen and ye laird debaittis
 Dishonorit is yair name
 ffy ffy on yame all 55
 ffor yai regaird no schame

Scho sayis and ye laird hald men
 That he will wodset land
Quhilk waistit is be hir women
 Mahown ressaue yat band 60

ffor thay will waist mair wnder hand
 Nor ws weill staik may
 Lordis and lairdis gar hound 3our doggis
 And hoy ya queinis away

Sen hunger gois now wp and down · 65
 And na gwd for ye lakmen
 The lairdis and lordis rydis of ye toun
 ffor feir of hungrit bakmen
 The ladies at ye 3et dois (.)achk¹ yame
 Regarding no commend 70
 schort be yair lyveis
 And dulfull be yair End
 ffinis²

¹ *Reading uncertain.*

² *P. 52 contains a couple of stanzas (badly written in a later hand) of the poem on p. 53, and some other scribble, all of which is crossed through.*

[XXXV. ANON. *The Dumb
Wife*; P., p. 361.]

[p. 67]¹

(Q)uhan wthair wyfes war glaid
To mak pair husbandis blyth
Scho sat and nothing said
And comfort none could kyth
Than to be breif he tuik sic greif 5
That deiplie he did sweir
Than² he forthought that he had brocht
Ane du^m wyf hame for geir

And so wpone ane day
he went alone to pance 10
so met he iⁿ his way
Ane greit gri^m man be chance
quhilk fast at him did fraine
quhy he sa sadlie went
quhat angwisch greif or paine 15
purturbit his intent
he bad him schaw and lat him knaw
of all his greif ye ground
he sould remeid haif he na dreid
gif remeid micht be found 20

Than he declairis cleir
The mater all and su^m
how he had tane for geir
Ane woman deif and du^m
for hir riches and rentes 25
he wedit hir to his wyfe
bot now he sair repentes³
And Irkes sair of his lyfe
his eirdlie Ioy is turnit to noy
he wist him self war deid 30
qwod he agane tak na disdane
And I sall find remeid

¹ In a different hand. This leaf, which forms no part of the manuscript proper, is printed here to avoid interruption of the following section.

² The n perhaps corrected to t.

³ Originally repentes.

(Gi)f thow will counsell keip
 (And) learne weill quhat I say
 (This nicht in hir first sleip)¹ 35
 [p. 68] vnder hir tounge thow lay
 of qwaiken espin leif
 The quhilk betaiknis wound
 And scho sall haif releif
 Of speikeine thow sall find 40
 quhat kynd of tair foroutin fail
 That thow of hir requyreis
 scho sall spek² out haif thow na dout
 And mair than thow desyreis

 Than was he glaid of this 45
 And thought him self weill chewin
 And hame he com *wit* blis
 Thocht lang will it was ewin
 quhill scho was fallin on sleip
 Ay warlie watchit he 50
 And than he tuik guid keip
 And laid in leifis thrie
 Thinkand his cuir to wirk most suir
 he lay walkand quhill day
 quhill scho awoik guid tent he tuik 55
 To heir quhat scho suld say

 Na rest than could he tak
 bot tumbillis heir and thair
 The first word yat scho spak
 Scho said ewill mot 3e fair 60
 That wald not lat me rest
 And I sa seik yis nicht
 for Ioy he hir imbraist
 his hairt was hie on hicht
 Than furth scho schew all yat scho knew 65
 quhan that scho could not speik
 (F)ra scho began scho spairit not than
 And (litill till)³ ane seik

¹ Cut away; supplied from R.² of deleted here.³ Worn away; supplied from R., which also gives more of the text.

[XXXVI. DUNBAR & KENNEDY
The Flyting; S.T.S., p. 11.]

[p. 53]

quod dunbar

Schir Iohne the roß thair Is ane thing compylit
 In generale be kennedie and quynteine
 That hes yair self abuif the sternis stylit
 Bot had yai maid of mannance ony mynting
 In speciale sic stryff suld ryß but stynting 5
 Albeit *with* boist yair breist war als hie bendit
 as lucifere yat fra the hewin discendit
 hell suld nocht hyd thair heid fra harmes hynting

The erd suld trimbill the firmament suld schaik
 And all the air suld of ye¹ venning stink 10
 And all the dewillis in hell sall for reddour² quaik
 To heir quhat I suld wryt *with* pen and ink
 ffor and I flyt sum segis suld for schame sink³
 The sey suld birne the sone suld⁴ tak ecclips
 Roches suld ryff ye warld nicht hald no grippis 15
 so loud of cair the commoun bell suld clynk

Bot wounder layth war I to be ane baird
 flyting to ws richt gritlie I eschame
 at It is nother winning nor rewarde
 Bot tynsale bayth of honour and of fame 20
 Entres⁵ of sorow sclandyr and ewill name
 3it may thay be sa bauld in yair bakbyting
 To gar me ryme and rais the feynd in flyting
 and throw all kinrikis and cuntreis game proclame

¹ *Inserted by a later hand.*

² *Sall deleted, and d prefixed to reddour, by later hand.*

³ *for deleted, and sink altered to think, by later hand.*

⁴ *clipse deleted here.*

⁵ *Sic, for encres.*

Quod kennydie to dunbar

Dirtin dumbar quham on blawis thow thy boist 25

pretendand the to wryt sic scaldit scrowis

Raw mowit rebald yow sall down to the rost

My laureate *lettres* at the and I louß

Mandrag *memmerkin* maid maister bot (in mowis)¹

Thryse scheild trumpour *wit*h ane (threid bair gown)¹ 30

Say deo *mercy* or I sall cry the down

And leif thy rymming rebald and thy (r)owis

Dreid dirtfast duerche *yat* yow hes disobe(yit)

My coussing quint(in)g and my *commis*(are)

(Fantastik) fole (traist weill) thow salbe (fleyit) 35

[p. 54] Ignorant elfe owle ape and Irregulare

Scaldit skaitbirde and *commoun* scammyllair

wanfulkit fundling *yat* nature maid an Irle

bayt~~h~~ Iohne the roß and yow sall squaill and skirle

And ever I heir ocht of your making mair 40

Heir I put sylence to the in all partis

obey and ceiß thy play *yat* thow pretendis

waik wallidrag and verlot of the cairtis

Se sone thow mak my *commisar* amendis

And lat him lay sax leischeis on thy lendis 45

meiklie in recompensatioun of thy scorne

Or yow sall ban the tyme *yat* yow wes borne

ffor kennedye to the this sedule sendis

Quod dunbar to kennedye

Ersche brybour bayrd vyle beggar *wit*h thy brattis

Cuntbittin crawdown kennedy theif of kynd 50

Ewill faceit and dryit as deusmen on the rattis

Lyk as the gleddis on thy gule snowt² had dynd

Mismaid monsture ilk mone out of thy mynd

Renunce rebald thy ryming thow bot rois

Thy treichour toung hes tane ane heyland strynd 55

Ane lawland erß wald mak ane better nois

¹ *Faded, as also ll. 33-5, 129, 134, etc.*

² *Originally* snout.

Rewin riggit¹ ruke all full of rebaldrie
 Skitterand scorioun scauld in scurrilite
 I se the haltane in thy harlotrye
 And in to vther science no thing sle 60
 Off everie vertew void as men may se
 Quytclame clergye and cleik to the ane club
 Ane baird blasphemar¹ in bryborie to be
 ffor wit and wisdome ane wisp fra the may rub 64

Cum(mir)waild crawdoun yat na man curis ane kerf 129
 Sweir swappit swanky swynekepar fra swaitis 130
 Thy commissar quintin biddis the cum kifs his ers
 He luiffis nane sic forlane lown of laitis
 He sayis yow scaffis and beggis mair beir and aitis
 Th(an ony) crepill in carrik land abowt
 (Vthir) pure beggers and yow for wage debaitis 135
 Decrippit carlingis on Kennedy (cryis owt)

[p. 69] I haue mater aneuche I bid *nocht* feinze
 Thocht thow foull trumpour yus vpon me leid
 Corruppit caryoun heir I sall cry thy seinze
 Thinkis yow *nocht* how thow come in thy grit nede 140
 Greitand in galloway lyk a gallowbreid
 Ramand and roupand beggand kow and ox
 I saw ye thair in to thy wathman weid
 Quhilk wes *nocht* wourth ane pair of auld gray sokkis

Ersche ketterrine *with* thy pok brat and rilling 145
 Thow and thy quene as greydie gleddis ze gang
With poikis to mill and beggis bayth meill and
 scheilling

Thair is bot lyf and lang nalis zow amang
 ffoull haggirbald for hennis zit will thow hang
 Thow hes ane peralous face to play *with* lambis² 150
 Ane thousand kyddis war thay in fauld full strang
 Thy lymmair luik wald fley yame and yair dammis

¹ *Sic.*² *Altered by later hand to lawmis.*

In till ane glen thow hes out of repair
 Ane layt^hlie luge ^yat was the lipper mennis
 With the ane soutaris wyf of blis als bair 155
 And lyk tua stalkaris steilis in cockis and hennis
 Thow pykis the powtrie and scho pullis of the pennis
 All carryk cryis god gif ^yat deuse war dround
 And quhen thow heiris ane guse cry in the glennis
 Thow thinkis ^yame sweitar ^yan sacryne bell ^yat
 sound 160

Thou lazarus thow laithlie bene¹ tramort
 To all this warld ^yow may exempill be
 To luke vpon thy gryslie petwus port
 ffull hiddowus holl and holkit is thyn Ee
 Thy cheikblaid bair and blaiknit is thy blee 165
 Thy choulk ^yi chollare makis men for to leif chaist
 Thy gane It garris ws think ^yat we mon dee
 I *coniure* the ^yow heiland hungart gaist

The larbar linkis of thy lang lenze² (craig)
 Thy pure pynd throt peilit and owt of ply 170
 Thy scoulderit skyne hewit lyk ane safferone (bag)
 (Garris men di)speyse ^yair flesche thow spreit of (Gy)
 (Fy feyndly fro)nt fy verray tyk face fy
 [p. 70] Ay loungeand lyk ane lokman on ane ledder
 With hingit luik ay wallowand vpone wry 175
 lyk till ane stark theif glowrand in ane teddyr

Nyse nagus nipcaik with thy schulderis narrow
 Thow luikis lyk ane³ lowne of lownis all
 Hard hurcheoun hippit harpand as ane harrow
 Thy rigbane ratlis and thy ribbis all on raw 180
 Thy hanchis hurkillis with huikbanis hard and haw
 Thy laithlie lymmis als lene as ony trees
 Obey theif carle or I sall breik thy gaw
 ffoul carribald cry mercy on thy knees

¹ *Sic, for lene.*² *In later hand.*³ *lousie deleted here.*

Thow pure pynhippit vglie averhill 185
 with hurkilland bonis holland throw the hyd
 Reistit and crynd as hangit man on hill
 And all beskitterrit everie tyme and tyde
 Quhilk brewis mekill barrat to thy bryde
 Hir cair is all to clenge thy cabroche howis 190
 Quhair yow lyis soust in saufferoun bak and syde
 poudirit with primroß savorand of no clowse 192

Thow speirit dastart gif I dar with the fecht 65
 3a dragone doubert¹ yairof haue yow na dought
 Quhair euir we meit yairto my hand I hecht
 To red this rebbald rymming with ane rout
 Throw all bartane It salbe blawin out
 How thow posonit pelour gat thy paikis 70
 with ane dog leische I schaip to gar the schout
 And nother tak to the knyf swourde nor axe

Thou crop and rute of tratouris tresonable
 thow father and mother of murthour and mischeif
 Dissaitfull serpent with teirrand mynd vnstable 75
 Cukkald crawdoun cowart and commoun theif
 Thow purposit till vndo the lord thy cheif
 in paislay with ane poysons yat wes fell
 (for) the quhilk brybour 3it sall thow thole ane breif
 peilour on the I sall It preif my sell 80

Thocht I wald lie thy frawart fisnomie
 Dois manifest thy malice till all men
 (fy, tra)tour theif, fy ganzelon fy fy

[p. 71] ffy ffeyndlie front fer foullar yan ane fen 85
 thow leit tratour quhilk I sall on the preif
 Suppois thy heid war armit tymes ten
 yow sall recry It or than thy crown sall cleif

¹ doubert originally omitted, but added at end of line.

² Line omitted; also wanting in the Reidpeth copy.

Or thow durst move thy mynd malicious
 Thow saw the saill abuif my heid vpdrow 90
 bot eolus full wode and neptunus
 Mirk and moneleß ws met *wit^h* wind and waw
 And monye ane hundreth myle hyne couth ws draw
 by hiland forland getland and norroway cost
 in sey desert quhill we war fameist aw 95
 3it come I hame fals baird to lay thy bost

Thow callis the rethore *wit^h* the goldin lippis
 nay gonnand gaippand full thow art begylit
 Thow art but glunto *wit^h* thy giltin hippis
 That for thy *lymm*erie hes money leische befylit 100
 vane vagabund wedefull out of thy wit gane wyld
 laythlie and lousie als lauchtane as ane leik
 Sen thow *wit^h* wirschip wald sa fane be stylit
 Haill souerane seinjeour thy ballokis¹ hingis throw
 thy breik

fforwirdin fule of² all the warld refuse 105
 Quhat marvele is *yocht* thow reiose to flyte
 Sic eloquence as yow in eriche dois vse
 In sic is set thy fraward appetyte
 Thow hes full lytill feill of fair endyte
 I tak on mee ane pair of loudeane hippis 110
 Sall fairar inglis mak and mair *parfyte*
 Than yow can blabbir *wit^h* thy carryk lippis

Bettyr yow ganis to leid ane dog to skummer
 pynd pyk pors peilour yan *wit^h* thy maister (pingill)
 Thow lay full prydeleß in (ye heit of summer) 115
 And fane at ewin to bring (hame ane singil)
 And rub it at ane (vther wyffis ingile)
 Bot now in (winter for purteth thow art traikit)
 Thow hes n(a breikis to lat thy balgis to gingill)
 Beg (the ane bratt for baird thow sall go naikit)³ 120

¹ Altered by later hand to Bagis.

² the deleted here.

³ Gone in MS. ; supplied from Reidpeth copy.

[p. 72] Leyne lundyr and ¹ lairbair ² lousie in lisk and lunze
 ffy scolderit skyrne thow art bot scoir and scrumpill
 ffor he yat rostit lourence had thy grunze
 And he yat hid sanct Iohnis Ene with ane wompill
 And he ³ yat dang sanct augustine with ane rumpill 125
 Thy foull front had and he yat bartilmo fled
 The gallowis gapis efter thy gracious gruntill
 As thow wald for ane haggeis hungrie gled 128

fforwirdin wirling I warne the it is writtin 193
 How ⁴ skytand skarth yow hes the hurle behind
 vane wraggilland wasp ma wormes hes thow schittin
 Than pair is gerß on grund and leif on leynd 196
 Thocht thow did first sic fulty to me fynd
 Thow sall agane with ma witnes yan I
 The gulesoche gane dois on thy bak It bind
 Thy hostand hippis lattis neuer thy hoiß be dry 200

Thow held ye burgh lang with ane borrowit gowne
 and ane cap roustit barkit all with sweit
 And quhen ye laddis saw ³ ye ³ sua lyk ane lowne
 Thay bickerrit the with mony baa and bleit
 Now vpon land thow leiffis on ⁵ rubbit quheit 205
 Oft for ane caus thy burdclayth nedis no spreiding
 ffor thow hes nother to drink nor zit ³ to ³ Eit
 Bot lik ane berdles bayrde yat had no bedding

Strait gibbonis air yat neuer ourstraid ane horß
 Bla bairfute berne in bare tyme was thow borne 210
 Thow bringis the carrik clay to edinburghcht corß
 vpone thy botinis howbald hard as horne
 Stra wispis hingis out quhair the waltis ar worne
 Cum thow agane to skar ws with thy strayis
 We sall gar scaill our scoleis all the to scorene 215
 And stane ye vp the casay quhair thow gayis

¹ *Altered by later hand to lunderand.*

³ *Interlined.*

⁴ *thow deleted here.*

² *bayth deleted here.*

⁵ *Corrected from apone.*

(In Edin)bu(rgh ye) boyis as beis out thrawis
 (And cryis out hay heir cum)is our awin queir clark
 (Then fleis thow lyk ane howlat) chaist *with* crawis
 (Sa all the brachattis at thy bottnis) bark 220
 (Than carlingis cryis keip curches in ye mirk
 Our gallowis lo *quhair* 3on graceles gais) ¹
 [p. 77] Ane vther sayis I se him want ane sark
 I reid 3ow *cummer* tak in 3our lynning clay^{his}

Than rinnis thow down the gait *with* gild of boyis 225
 And all the toun tykis hingis in thy heilis
 Of ladis and lownis thair rysis sic ane noyis
 Quhill runseis rinnis away *with* cartis and quheilis
 And cagear averis castis bayt^h colis and creilis
 ffor rerde of the and ratling of thy butis 230
 ffsche wyffis cryis fy and castis down squell and
 skeilis
 Sum claschis ye sum cloddis ye on the cutis

Lowne lyk mahowne be bowne me till obey
 Theif or in greif mischeif sall the betyde
 Cry grace tyk face or I the chais and fley ² 235
 Oule rare and 3oule I sall defoull thy pryde
 Peild gled bayt^h fed and bred of bichis syde
 And lyk ane tyk purs pyk quhat man settis by ye
 fforflittin cuntbittin beschetting barkit hyde
 Clime ledder fill tedder foull edder I defy the 240

Myche muttoun byt buttoun peild gluttoun ayr to
 hillous
 bannok beggar oster dreggar flay fleggar in the flet
 Chitterlilling rouche rilling lik schilling in the milhous
 Bair rebeatour theif of natour fals tratour and feyndis
 get

¹ Worn away; supplied from Reidpeth copy.

² Originally flee.

fline of tauche rak a sauche cry crauche thow art our
 set 245
 Muttoun dryver garnale ryvear 3ad swyvear foull (fell
 the)
 Erratyk lunatyk purspyk and carlingis (pet)
 Rottin crok dirtin dok cry cok or I sall quell the

Quod Kennedie to dunbar ut sequitur
 Dathan deuillis sone and dragone dispitous
 abironis birth and bred *with* baliall 250
 Wode werwolf worme and scorpioun v(ennem)ous
 luciferis lade and feyndis face infernall
 Sodomyt sypherit fra sanctis celestiall
 put I *nocht* sylence to the schiphird knave
 And now beginnit of new (to ryme and rave) 255
 Thow salbe maid blaitt bleirit bestiall

(How thy foirberar's come I haue ane feill)¹
 [p. 78] At cokburnispeth as the wryting makis me war
 generit betuix ane scho beir and ane deuill
 was he and callit dewilbeir and *nocht* dunbar 260
 This deuillbeir generit on ane meir of mar
 Corspatrik erle of marche and be Illusioun
 The first yat euer put scotland to confusioun
 was yat fals tratour hardelie say I dar

Quhen bruce and baliole differrit for the crowne 265
 Scottis lordis culd *nocht* obey inglis lawis
 This corspatrik betraisit berwik toun
 And slew sewin thousand scottismen in the wawis
 The battell syne of Scottis mure he gart caus
 And come *with* edwarde langschankis to the feild 270
 Quhair twell thousand trew scottismen war keild
 And wallace choissit as ws the cronicles schawis

¹ *Cut away.*

Scottis lordis chiftanis he gart hald and chesoun
 In firmance fast quhill all the feild was done
 Wit^hin dunbar that auld spelunc of tressoun 275
 Sua inglis tykis in scotland war abone
 Than spulzeit thay the halie stane of scone
 The croce of halyrud hous wit^h vther Iowellis
 He birnis in hell bodie banis and bowellis
 This corspatrik yat scotland hes vndone 280

Wallace gart cry ane counsale in to perth
 And callit corspatrik tratour be his style
 That depryuit dragoun drew him in till desert
 And said he kend bot wallace kyng in kyle
 Out of dunbar yat theif he maid exyle 285
 On to edwarde and inglis grund agane
 (teirandis) tadis and fserpentis will remane
 In dunbar wallis todis wolfis and beistis vyle

Na (ful)is of effect (of) gude amang thay benkis
 (Biggis na) bydis for na thing yat may be 290
 (Thai st)anis of tressoun as the birnstane stinkis
 (Deuilbeiris mother cassing) in be the sey
 (The wariet apill)¹ of the forbidden tre
 (That Adame bayt quhen he tint paradise)²
 [p. 79] Sche eit invennemmit as ane coketrice 295
 syne mareit wit^h the deuill for dignite

3it of new tressoun I can tell the tailis
 It cummis on nicht in vesiouin in my sleip
 Archebald dunbar betrasit the hous of halis
 Becaus the 3oung lord had dunbar to keip 300
 pretendand yairthrow to vther rowmes to creip
 Richt cruellie his castell he persewit
 Brocht him furt^h bundin and his place reskewit
 Set him in fetteris in till ane dungeoun deip

¹ Faded (ll. 289-293); supplied from Reidpeth copy.

² Cut away.

It war agane nature and guide ressoun 305
 That deuillis beiris barnis wer trew to god and man
 That war bayt^h borne gottin and bred w^{it}h tressoun
 Belgebubis oyis and cursit corspatrikⁱs clan
 Thow was ¹ and ordanit be sathane
 ffor to be borne to do thy kin diffame 310
 And gar me schaw thy antecessouris schame
 Thy kin yat leveis may wary the and ban

Sen thow on me yus lymmer leyis and tratlis
 And findis sentence yus foundit of invy
 Thyn eldaris banis ilk nycht rysis and ratlis 315
 Apone thy croce vengeance vengeance thay cry
 Thow art the caus thay may nocht rest nor ly
 Thow sayis for yame few psalmes psalteris or creidis
 Bot garris me tell thair tressonabill deidis
 And thair auld syn w^{it}h new schame certifie 320

Insensate sow ceif^s fals ewstas air
 And knaw kene scald I hald of alathya
 And caus me nocht the caif^s lang to declair
 Off thy curst kin deuilbeir and his allya
 Cum to the croce on kneis and mak ane crya 325
 Confes thy cryme hald kennedie thy kyng
 and w^{it}h ane hawthorne scourge thy self (and) ding
 Thus drie thy pennance w^{it}h de eli quisti (qui)a

Paß to my *commisser* and be con(fest)
 Cour before (him on kneis and cum in will)² 330
 [p. 80] And syn gar stobo for thy lyf protest
 Renunce thy rymes bayt^h ban and birne thy bill
 heve to the hewin thy handis and hald the³ still
 Do yow nocht this bogill yow salbe brint
 w^{it}h pik and fyre ter gunpulder and lint 335
 On arthuris sait or on ane hiear hill

¹ Blank in MS.² Faded.³ Originally thy.

I perambolit of *parnas*o the montane
 Enspirit *with mercurii* fra his goldin speir
 And dulcelie drank of eloquence the well and fontane
 Quhen it was purifit fra frost and flowit cleir 340
 And yow come fule in marche or fabruar
 Thair till ane pull and drank the paddok roid
 That garris thy¹ ryme in to thy termes gloyd
 And blaberis and billis yat noyis mennis eiris to heir

Thow luiffis nane² Eriche elf I vnderstand 345
 Bot It suld be all trew scottis mennis leid
 It was the gud langage of this land
 And scota it causit to multiplie and spreid
 Quhill corspatrik yat we of tressoun reid
 Thy foirfader made Eriche and Erichemen thin 350
 Throw his tressoun brocht inglis rumpillis in
 Sua wald thy self micht thow to him succeid

Ignorant fule in to thy mowis and crakkis
 It may be verifit that thy wit is thin
 Quhair thow wrytis densmen dryit on the rattis 355
 Densmen of denmerk ar of the kingis kin
 The wit thow suld haue had was cassin in
 Ewin at thyn ers bakwart *with* ane staff sloung
 heirfor fals harlot hursone hald thy tung
 Deuilbeir thow devis the deuill thy Eme *with* din 360

Quhair as thow said I staw hennis and lambis
 I lat the (wit I) haue land store and stakkis
 Thow wald be fane (lad to) knaw *with* thy *gamnis*
 vnder (my) burd smust banis behynd doggis bakkis
 Thow hes ane tume purs and I haue steidis and
 takis 365
 (Thow ti)nt cultyre and I haue cultyre & pleucht
 (Substance & geir) and yow ane (weidie) tuche
 (Our mont falcon about thy craig to rax)³

¹ *Sic*, for the.² vther deleted here.³ Faded; supplied from R.

[p. 59] And ȝit mont falcoun gallows is our fayr
 ffor to be fyld *with* sic ane fructles face 370
 Cum hame and hing on our gallous of air
 To erde the vnder It I sall purches grace
 To eit thy flesche ȝe doggis sall haue sum space
 The rawinis sall ryff nathing bot thy tung ruttis
 ffor thow sic¹ malice on thy maister mutis 375
 It is weill set that thow sic barrat brace

ffinale finance amang thy freyndis thow beggit
 To stanche ȝe stormes *with* haly muldis ȝow lost
 thow sailit² for to get ane doukar for to dregg it
 It lyis closit in ane clout on syland cost 380
 Sic reule garris the be *seruit with* cald rost
 And sit vnsoupit oft bezond ȝon see
 Cryand caritas at durris pro amore dei
 bairfute breikles and all in duddis vp dost

Deuilbeir hes *nocht* ado *with* dunbar 385
 The erle of murray buyr ȝat surname richt
 That euir trew to the king and constant war
 And of ȝat kin come dunbar of west feild *knycht*
 That successioun is hardy wyß and wicht
 And hes nathing ado now *with* the deuill 390
 Bot deuilbeir is thy king and kennis ȝe weill
 And hes in hell for the ane chalmer dicht

Cursit crowpand craw I sall gar crop thy tung
 And thow sall cry cor mundum on thy kneis
 Duerche I sall ding the quhill thow sall dryt and
 dung 395
 And ȝow sall lik thy lippis and sweir thow lewis
 I sall degrayde the graceleß of thy greise
 Scaill ȝe for scorne and scheir the of the (scule)
 gar round thy heid transforme the till a fule
 And syn for tressoun trone the to the treis 400

¹ materis *deleted here.*

² sailit *in MS.*

Rawmowit rebheld renegat rebeature
 (My) lenagis forbey(raris) was ay liell
 It (cumes) of kynd to the to be ane trature
 To ryd on nycht to rug to reif to steill
 Quhen thow puttis poyoun to me I (appeill) 405
 ye in yat part and (pre)if it pelour wth thy (persoun)¹
 [p. 60] Clame noch^t to clergie I defy the gersoun
 Thow sall by it deir wth me duerche and yow dele

In ingland oule suld be thyn habitatioun
 Homage to edwarde langschank's maid thyn kyn 410
 In dunbar thay ressaut him yat fals natioun
 Thay suld be exilde scotland mair and myn
 Ane stark gallous ane widdie and ane pyn
 The heid punt of thy eldaris armes ar
 writtin abone be prophecy hang dunbar 415
 Quarter and draw and mak thy surname thyn

I am of the kyng's blude and his trew speciale clerk
 That neuer 3it Imaginit him offence
 Constant in myn alegeance wourd and werk
 Onlie dependand on his excellence 420
 Traistand to haue of his magnificence
 Guerdoun rewarde and benefice bedene
 Quhen yat the rawinis sall rug out bayt^h thy Ene
 And on the rattis salbe thy residence

ffra etrik forrest furt^hwart to dunfreis 425
 Thow beggit wth ane pardoun in all kirkis
 Collapis cruddis meill grottis grysis and geis
 And on ye nycht quhilk² stall yow staigis and stirkis
 Becaus yat Scotland of thy beggin irkis
 Thow schapis in france to be ane knyght of feild 430
 Thow hes ye clamschell and thy burdun keild
 Unhonest wayis all walroun yat thow wirkis

¹ Faded; supplied from R.² Sic.

Thow may nocht pass mont bernard for wyld bestis
 Nor wyn throw mont scharp for the snaw
 Mont nicklas mont godart pair arestis 435
 (Briganis) sic boyis and bludis game with ane blaw
 (In) p(arise¹ with the m)aster bureaw
 (A)byd (and be his) prentice neyr the bank
 (And help to) hang (the pece for) half ane frank
 (And² at ye) last thy self (sall) thole yat law 440

haltand harlot the deuill a gud thow (hais)
 ffor falt of pissence pelour thow man pack (the)
 Thow drank thy thrift sauld (& wedsett) thy cl(ais)³

[p. 61] Thair is na lord yat will in seruice tak the 445
 Ane pak of flay skynnis fynance for to mak the
 Thow sall ressaue in danskin on my tailze
 with de profundis fend the and yat⁴ failze

In to the catherine thow made ane foule cahute
 ffor yow bedrait hir down fra sterne to steyr 450
 Apon hir sydis was sein yat yow culd schute
 Thy dirt clethis to hir towis yis twentie zeir
 The firmament nor firt^h was neuer cleir
 Quhill thow deuilbeir deuill birth^h was on the sey
 Thay saulis had sunkin all throw the syn of the 455
 War nocht the pepill maid so greit prayar

Quhen yat the schip was sanit and vnder sail
 foull brow in how thow purposit to pas
 Thow schot and wes nocht sicker of thy tail
 beschait the steir ye compas and the glas 460
 The skippar bad gar land the at the bas
 Thow spewit and caist out mony a lathlie lump
 ffastar nor all the marinalis culd pump
 And now thy wame is worss yan ever it wes

¹ pairtis in R.

³ Line omitted; ll. 436-443 faded.

² Omitted in R.

⁴ faille the deletea.

448 And I sall send the blak deill for to tak the Bann.
 deuill CXM

Had thay bein sa purvait of schot of gun 465
 by men of weir but perell thay had past
 As thow was louß and reddie of thy bun
 Thai nicht haue tane the collum at the last
 ffor thow wald cuk ane cartfull at ane cast
 Thair is na schip yat will the now ressaue 470
 Thow fild fastar nor fyftein nicht lave
 And myrit yame wíth muk to the midmast

Throw Ingland theif and tak the to thy fute
 And boun wíth the to haue ane fals botwand
 Ane horß merschale thow call the at the mute 475
 And wíth yat craft convoy the throw the land
 be na thing arche tak frelie vpon hand
 ffor happin thow be hangit in northumbyr
 Than all thi kyn ar weill quyt of thy cum(byr)
 And yat may be thy dome I vnderstand 480

[p. 62] He souerane lord lat never this sinfull sote
 Do schame fra hame on to 3our natioun
 lat never sic ane be callit ane scot
 Or rottin crok lous of thy dok yair doun
 ffra honest folk devoyd this laithlie lown 485
 In sum desert quhair yair is na repayr
 ffor fyling and infecting of the ayr
 Cary this kankerrit corrupt caryoun

Thow was consavit in the grit ecclipsß
 ane monsture maid be god mercurius 490
 Na hald agane nor hoo is in thy hippis
 Infortunat fals and furius
 Euill schrewin wantthrewin not clein nor curius
 Ane mytin full of flytin flirdome lyk
 Scabbit crabbit ewill facit messane tyk 495
 Ane schit but wit schyre and Iniurius

Greit in the glaikis and maister gibboun gukkis
 nother *parfyte* in pecie¹ nor prose
 All clossis vnder clud of nicht thow cukkis
 Rymes thow of me of rethorie the rose 500
 Lunatyk lymmar lusbauld loufs thy hoifs
 That I may tuiche thy ton *wit* tribulatioun
 In recompensing of thy conspiratioun
 Or turfs ye out of scotland tak the choifs

Ane benefice quha wald gif sic ane beist 505
 Bot gif it war to gingill Iudas bellis
 Tak ye ane fiddill and ane flute and gest
 Vndocht thow art ordonit to *nocht* ellis
 Thy cloutit clouk thy scrip and thy clamschellis
 Cleik on thy corfs and syn pas on to france 510
 And cum yow neuer agane but ane mischance
 The feynd fayr *wit* the fordwart our the fellis

Cankerit caym tryte trowand titvillus
 M(ar)madin *memmerkin* monstour of all men
 (I) sall gar bak the to the laird of hilhous 515
 To suellie the in steid of ane pullit hen
 (Fow)mart fasart fosterit in filth and (fen)
 [p. 63]ffoull feynd flend fule apon thy fisnome fy
 Thy dok of dirt droppis and never gois dry
 To toyn² thy tone It hes tyrit carlingis ten 520

Conspiratour cursit cокkatrice and bell² ka
 Turk trumpour tratour tyrane intemperat
 Thow Irfull ettercop pylat apostita
 Iudas Iow Iuglayr lollart laureat
 saracine symonite provit pagane pronunziat 525
 Macomeit mensworne bugrist abhominabill
 Deuill dampnit dog sodomyt insatiabill
*wit*h gog and magog grit glorificat

¹ poesie *written above*.² *Sic*.

Deuilbeir yir ar the causis yat I conspyre
 pharo thy fader Egiptia thy dame 530
 Nero thy nevo golyas thy grandschyr
 Tarmagant tempis the and Vespatus yi Eme
 Belzebub thy full brother he will clame
 To be thyn air and cayphas thy sectour
 pluto thy heid of kyn and protectour 535
 To hell to leid the on lycht day and leim

Harrot thyn vther eme and greit egeas
 merceane macomeit and makcensius
 Thy trew kyniswoman anthenor and enenas
 Ethroup thy neir nece and austerne olubrius 540
 putidew baall and eik ezobulus
 Thir feyndis ar the flouris of thy four brancheis
 Steirand the pottis of hell and neuer stancheis
 Dout noch*t* deuilbeir tu es diabolus

Deuilbeir thy speir of weir but feyr yow zeild 545
 Hangit mangit edderstangit strynd of stultorum
 To me maist he kennedie (and fle) the feild
 prikkit wikkit *convickit* lamp (Lollardorum)
 Defamit blamit schamit primas pagin(orum)
 (Out) I schout apou thy snowt yat snewell(is) 550
 Tail tellar rebellar induellar *wit*h** the (deuillis)
 Spynk synk *wit*h** stynek and ¹ tartara tarmago(rum) ²
 Quod kennedy to dunbar

¹ *Sic.*² *Ll. 546-552 faded.*

[XXXVII. DUNBAR *The Goldin
Targe*; S.T.S., p. 1.]

[p. 64]

THE GOLDIN TARGE.

Richt as the sterne of day begouth to schyne
 Quhen gon to bed was vesper and lucyne
 I raiß and by ane river did me rest
 Vpsprang the goldin candill matutine
 With cleir depurit bemis cristelling 5
 Glaiding the mirrie fewlis in yair nest
 Or phebus was in purpour capie ¹ vest
 wp rais the lark ye hewin~~n~~is menstrale syne ²
 In may in till ane morrow mirthfullest

Full angelik thir birdis sang thair houris 10
 Wit~~h~~in thair curting~~is~~ grein in to yair bouris
 Apparatit quhyt and reid wit~~h~~ blumis sweit
 Anamalit wes the feild wit~~h~~ all colouris
 The perlie droppis schuk in to silver schouris
 Quhill all in balme did branche and leveis fleit 15
 Depart fra phebus did aurora greit
 Hir cristell teiris I saw hing on the flouris
 Quhilk he for luif all drank vp with his heit

ffor mirth of maij wit~~h~~ skippis and wit~~h~~ hoppis
 The birdis sang apone the tender croppis 20
 With curous note as venus chapell clerk~~is~~
 The rosis reid new spredding of yair knoppis
 War powderit bricht wit~~h~~ hewinlie beriale droppis
 Throw bemis reid birning as ruby spark~~is~~
 The skyis rang for schouting of the lark~~is~~ 25
 The purpour hewin our scalit in siluer sloppis
 Ourgilt the treis brancheis leif and bark~~is~~

¹ Or capre.

² Sic.

Down throuche the ryß ane rever ran *wit^h* stremis
 So lustelie apon thay likand lemes
 That all the laik as lamp did leme of licht 30
 Quhilk shaddowit all about *wit^h* twinkling glemes
 The b(ew)is¹ batheit war in secund bemes
 Thro the reflex of phebus visage bricht
 On every syd the hege raiß hei on hicht
 The bonk was grene the bruk wes full of bremes¹ 35
 The staneris cleir as sterne in frostie nicht

[p. 65] The cristell² air the saufer firmament
 The ruby skyis of the orient
 Kest beriale bemes on emerant bewis grene
 The rosy garth depaynt and redolent 40
 With purpoure azure gold and gulis gent
 Arrayit wes by dame flora ye quene
 So nobillie yat Ioy was for to sene
 The roche agane the rever resplendent
 As low illuminit all the leveis schene 45

Quhat throw the mirrie fewlis armonie
 And throw the revaris sownd that ran me by
 On floris mantill I sleipit quhair I lay
 Quhair sone into my dremes fantasye
 I saw approche agane the orient sky 50
 Ane saill als quhyt as blossome apon spray
Wit^h merß³ of gold bricht as the sterne [of] day
 Quhilk tendit to the land full lustelie
 As falcon swoft desyrous of hir pray

And hard on burde onto the blumit medis 55
 Amangis the grene rispis and the reidis
 Arryveit scho quhair fro anon thair landis
 Ane hundreth ladies lustie in till weidis
 Als fresche as flouris yat in may vpspreidis

¹ *Faded.*² *Altered to cristall.*³ *Altered to mast.*

In kirtillis grene *wit*howttin kell or bandis 60
 Thair bricht hair hang glitterand on the strandis
 In tressis cleir wouppit *wit*h goldin threidis
 With papis quhyt and middillis small as wandis

Discryve I wald bot quha couth weill endit
 How all the feildis *wit*h thair lillies quhyt 65
 Depaynt was bricht quhilk to the hewin did gleit
 Nocht tholomeir als fair as thow (culde)¹ wryt
 For all thi ornat stylis maist *per*fyte
 Na 3it thow tullius quhais lippis sueit
 Off rethorik did in till termes fleit 70
 3our aureat toungis both bene all to lyt
 ffor to comp(yle)¹ yat paradyce compleit

[p. 66] Thair saw I nature and venus quene and quene
 The fresche aurora and ladie flora schene
 Iuno appello² and proserpina 75
 Diane the goddes chaist of woddis grene
 My ladie cleo yat help of makaris bene
 Theses² pallas and prudent minerua
 ffair feint² fortoun and lemand lucina
 Thair michtie quenis *wit*h crownis micht be sene 80
 with bemis blyt*h* bricht and² lucifera

Thair saw I maij of mirthfull monethis quene
 Betuix apryle and Iune hir sister schene
*Wit*in the garding walkand vp and down 85
 Quham of the foulis gladith all be dene
 Scho was full tendyr in till her 3eiris grene
 Thair saw [I] nature present hir ane gown
 Riche to behald and nobill of renoun
 Off everie hew yat vnder the hewin hes bein
 Depaynt and broud be gud proportioun 90

¹ *Faded.*² *Sic.*

ffull lustelie thir ladeis all in feir
 Enterit *wit~~h~~*in this park of most pleseyr
 Quhair *yat* I lay heilit *wit~~h~~* levis ronk
 The mirrie fowlis blisfullest of cheir
 Salust nature methocht on yair maneir 95
 And everie blome on branch and eik on blonk¹
 Openit and spred thair balmy levis donk
 Full law inclynit to thayr quene so cleyr
 Quham of yair nobill nurissing thay thonk

Syne to dame flora on the samin wyse 100
 Thai salus and thay thank ane thousand syfs
 And to dame venus luffis nichtie quene
 They sang ballatis of luif as wes the gyfs
Wit~~h~~ amorous notis most lustie to devyfs
 As yai *yat* had luif in yair hartis grene 105
 Thair hony throttis op~~in~~it fra the splene
wit~~h~~ warbillis sueit did perfs the hewinlie skyis
 Quhill loud resounit the firmament serene²

[p. 73] Ane uther court yair saw I subsequent
 Cupyd the king ane bow in hand ay bent 110
 And dreidfull arrowis g[r]unding scharp and squayr
 Thair saw I mars the god armipotent
 Awfull and sterne strang and corpolent
 Thair saw I crabit saturne auld and hair
 His luik wes lyk for to *perturb* the air 115
 Thair was *mercurius* wyse and eloquent
 Of rethorik *yat* fand the flouris fayr

Thair wes the god of gardingis preapus
 Thair wes the god of wildernes phanus
 And Ianus god of entres delitabill 120
 Thair wes the god of fludis neptunus
 Thair wes the god of windis Eolus

¹ *Sic.*² *Faded.*

With variand luik lyk till ane lord vnstable
 Thair wes bachus the gladar of the tabill
 Thair wes pluto *yat* Elriche incobus 125
 In klok of grene his court vsit no sabill

And everie on of *yir* in grene arrayit
 On harp and lute full mirrelie thay playit
 And sang ballatis *with* michtie notis cleyr
 ladeis to dans full sobyrlie assayit 130
 Endlang the lustie reveir so *yai* mayit
 Thair observance richt hewinlie wes to heir
 Than crap I throw the leveis and drew neir
 Quhair *yat* I wes richt suddandlie effrayit
 All throw a luik quhilk I haue coft full deyr 135

And schortlie for to speik be luiffis quene
 I wes espyit scho bad hir archeris kene
 Go me arrest and *yai* no tyme delayit
 Than ladeis fair leit fall *yair* mantillis grene
With bowis big in tressit haris schene 140
 Richt suddanlie *yai* had ane feild (ar)rayit
 And *zit* richt greitlie was I nocht effrayit
 The *pairtie* was so plesand for to sene
 A wou(ndir lus)¹ty bikkeir me assayit

[p. 74] And first of all *with* bow in hand ay bent 145
 Come dame bewte richt as scho wald me schent
 Syn followit all hir damysellis in feyr
With mony dyvers awfull instrument
 On to the preß fair having *with* hir went
 ffyn porturature plesance and lusty cheir 150
 Than come ressoun *with* scheild of gold sa cleir
 In plait of maill as mars armipotent
 Defendit me *yat* nobill cheualleyr²

¹ *Torn away.*

² *Originally -ayr.*

Syne tendir ȝouth com *witȝ* hir virginis ȝing
 Grene innocence and schamefull abusing¹ 155
 And quaking dreid with humill obedience
 The goldin targe harmit me¹ nothing
 Curagis in ȝame wes nocht begun to spring
 ffull sone¹ thay dreid to done a violence
 Sueit womanheid I saw cum in presence 160
 Of artalȝe a world scho did in bring
 Servit *witȝ* ladeis full of reuerence

Sche led *witȝ* hir nurtyr and laulynes
 Cuntinauce patience gud fame and steidfastnes
 Discretioun gentrice and considerance 165
 lefull cumpany and honest besines
 bening luik myld cheyr and sobirnes
 All thir bure gainȝeis till do me grevance
 Bot ressoun bure the targe *witȝ* sic constance
 Thair sch(er)p assay nicht do to me no derance 170
 ffor all thair preß and aufull ordinance

(O)ne to the preß persewit hie degre
 Hir (follo)vit ay estait and dignite
 Comparisoun honour and nobill array
 W(ith) wantownes renoun and liberte 175
 Riches fredome and eik nobilite
 Wit ȝe thay did thair baner hie display
 (An)e clud of arrowis as haill schour lousit thay
 (A)nd schott quhill waistit was ȝair artail(ȝe)
 (Sy)ne went abak rebutit of (thair pray) 180

[p. 75] Quhen venus had persautit this rebute
 Dissemblance scho bad go mak persute
 At all powar to pers the goldin targe
 And scho ȝat wes of dowbilnes the rute
 Askit hir chois of archaris in refute 185

¹ *Sic.*

venus the best bad hir go waill at large
 Sche tuik presence plicht ankyr of the barge
 And fair calling yat weill ane flane couth schote
 And cherissing for to compleit hir charge

Dame hamelines scho tuik in cumpany 190
 That hardy¹ wes and² heynd in archerie
 And brocht in³ bewtie to the feild agane
 w^{it}h all the chois of venus cheualrie
 Thay come and bickerrit vnabasilie
 The schour of arrowis rappit on as Rane 195
 paralus presence yat mony syr hes slane
 The battell brocht on burde hard me by
 The salt was all the sairar suith to sane

Thik was the schot of grunding dartis kein
 Bot ressoun w^{it}h the scheild of god so schein 200
 warlie defendit quha sa euir assayit
 The aufull schour he manlie did sustein
 Quhill presence caist ane puldar in his Ein
 And yan as drunken man he all forvayit
 Quhen he was blynd the fule w^{it}h him thay playit
 And banist him amangis the bewis grein 206
 That sary sicht me suddanlie effrayit

Than was I woundit to the deith full neir
 And goldin as ane wofull presoneir
 To lady bewtie in ane mament space 210
 me thocht scho semit lustiar of cheir
 Efter yat ressoun had tynt his Ene clier
 Than of befoir and lustiar of face
 Quhy wes thow blindit ressoun quhy allace
 And gart ane hell my paradice appeir 215
 And mercy sene⁴ quhair yat I fand no grace

¹ *Altered to lady.* ² *Altered to rycht.* ³ *Altered to dame.* ⁴ *Sic.*

[p. 76] Dissemblance wes bissie me to syle
 And fayr calling did oft vpon me smyle
 And cherissing me fed *wit^h* wourdis fayr
 New acquaintance embrasit me ane quhyle 220
 And fauorit me quhill men nicht gang ane myle
 Syn tuik hir leif I saw hir nevermair
 Than saw I danger towart me repayr
 I couthe eschew hir presence be na wyle
 On syd sche luikit *wit^h* ane fremmit fayr 225

And at the last departing culd hir dres
 And me delyuerit on till hevines
 ffor to remane and sche in cuir me tuik
 Be this the lord of wyndis *wit^h* wodnes
 God eolus his bugill blew I ges 230
 That *wit^h* the blast the leveis all to schuk
 And suddandlie in the space of ane luik
 All wes hyne went pair wes bot wildernes
 Thair wes no moir bot birdis bonk and bruk

In tuinkling of ane E to schip thay went 235
 And swyft vp sail to the top thay stent
 And *wit^h* swift cours attour the flud thay frak
 Thay fyrit gunnis *wit^h* pulder violent
 Till yat the reik rais to the firmament
 The rocheis all resownit *wit^h* the rak 240
 ffor rerd it semit yat the ranebow brak
wit^h spreit effrayit vpon my feit I sprent
 Amang the clewis so cairfull wes the crak

And as I did awalk of this sweving
 The Ioyfull fewlis mirralie did sing 245
 ffor mirth of phebus tendyr bemes schene
 Sweit *wit^h* ¹ t(he) vapours and soft the morowing
 halsum the vaill depaynt *wit^h* flouris 3ing

¹ Apparently corr. to was.

The air attemperit sobyr and amene
 In quhyt and reid was all the feild besene 250
 Throw naturis nobill fresche *aznamaling*
 In mirthfull maij of everie (moneth quene)¹

[p. 81] O Reuerend chauseir rose of rethoris all
 As in our tung and flour imperiall
 That rais in bartane euir quha reidis richt 255
 Thow beiris of maikaris the triumphe ryall
 Thy fresche *aznamalit* termes celicall
 This mater couth haue Illuminit full *brycht*
 Was yow *nocht* of our inglis all the licht
 Surmonting euerie tung terrestriall 260
 Als fer as mays morrow dois midnicht

O morell goweir and lidgait laureat
 your suggerit lippis and tungis aureat 263
 Our rude language hes cleir Illuminat
 And fayr ourgilt our speche yat imperfyt
 Stud or your goldin pennis schup to wryt
 This yle befor wes bair and desolat
 Off rethorik or lustie fresche endyt 270
 Bein till our eiris caus of grit delyt
 your angell mouthis most mellifuat² 265

Thow lytill quair be euir obedient
 humill subiect and simpell of intent
 Befoir the face of euery *cunning* wicht
 I knaw quhat yow of rethorik may spend³
 Off all hir lustie rosis redolent 275
 Is nane in to thy garland set on hicht
 Eschame *yairof* and draw the out of sicht
 Rude is thy weid destenit bair and rent
 Weill aucht thow [be] efferrit of the licht
 Explicit the goldin targe
 compylit be maister william dunbar

¹ *Gone.*² *These two lines (264-5) are misplaced.*³ *Sic.*

[XXXVIII. DUNBAR *The Tua Mariit Wemen
and the Wedo*; S.T.S., p. 20.]

HEIR BEGINIS THE TRETIS OF THE TUA MARIIT
WEMEN AND THE WEDO COMPLYIT BE MAISTER
WILLIAM DUNBAR

Apon the midsummer ewin mirriest of nichtis
I muvit furt^h allane¹ meid as midnicht wes pas(t)²
[p. 82] Besyd ane gudlie grein gart^h full of gay flouris
Hegeit of ane huge hicht w^{it}h hawthorne treis
Quhairon ane bird on ane bransche so birst out hir
notis 5
That neuer ane blyt^hfullar bird was on the beuche
hard
Quhat throw the sugarat sound of hir sang glaid
And throw the savour sanative of the sueit flouris
I drew in derne to the dyk to dirkin efter mirthis
The dew donkit the daill and dynnit the feulis 10
I hard vnder ane holyn hewinlie grein hewit
Ane hie speiche at my hand w^{it}h hautand wourdis
W^{it}h yat in haist to the hege so hard I inthrang
That I was heildit w^{it}h hawthorne and w^{it}h heynd
leveis
Throw pykis of the plet thorne I presandlie luikit 15
Gif ony persoun wald approche w^{it}hin that plesand
garding
I saw thre gay ladeis sit in ane grein arbeir
All grathit in to garlandis of fresche gudlie flouris
So glitterit as the gold wer thair glorius gilt tressis
Quhill all the gressis did gleme of the glaid hewis 20
Kemmit war thair cleir hair and curiouslie sched
Attour thair schulderis doun schyre schyning full bricht
With curches cassin yair abone of kirsp cleir and thin

¹ *Sic.*

² *The heading and first two lines have been re-inked.*

Thair mantillis grein war as the greß that grew in
may sessoun

Fetrit *witʰ* þair quhyt fingaris about thair fair sydis 25

Off ferlifull fyne favour war þair faceis meik

All full of flurist fairheid as flouris in Iune

Quhyt seimlie and soft as the sweit lillies

Now vpspred vpon spray as new spynist Rose

Arrayit ryallie about *witʰ* mony riche wardour 30

That nature full nobillie *annamalit*¹ *witʰ* flouris

Off alkin hewis under hewin that ony heynd knew

Fragrant all full of fresche odour fynest of smell

(Ane cumlie tabil coverit wes) befor tha clier ladeis

(With ryalle cowpis apon rawis) full of ryche wynis 35

(And of thir fair wlonkes with) tua weddit war *witʰ*
lordis

(Ane) was ane wedow I wiß wantoun of laitis

(And as thai talk) at the tabill of mony taill (sindry)²

[p. 83] They wauchtit at the wicht wyne and waris out
wourdis

And syn thai spak more spedelie and sparit no
matiris 40

Aude viduam Iam cum Interrogatione sua

Bewrie said the wedo 3e woddit wemen 3ing

Quhat mirth 3e fand in maryage sen 3e war menis
wyffis

Reveill gif 3e rewit þat rakles conditioun

Or gif þat ever 3e luffit leyd vpone lyf mair

Nor thame þat 3e 3our fayth hes festinit for euer 45

Or gif 3e think had 3e chois þat 3e wald cheis better

Think 3e it *nocht* ane blist band þat bindis so fast

þat none vndo It a deill may bot the deith ane

Responsio prime vxoris ad viduam

Than spak ane lusty belyf *witʰ* lustie effeiris

It that 3e call the blist band þat bindis so fast 50

¹ f deleted here.

² At the bottom of this and the following pages many words and letters are faded or altogether lost, and the correct reading uncertain.

Is bair of blis and bailfull and greit barrat wirk's
 3e speir had I fre chois gif I wald cheis bettir
 Chen3eis ay ar to eschew and changeis ar sueit
 Sic cursit chance till eschew had I my chois anis
 Out of the chein3eis of ane churle I chaip suld for
 euir 55

God gif matrimony wer made to mell for ane 3eir
 It war bot merrens¹ to be mair bot gif our myndis
 pleisit

It is agane the law of luf of kynd and of nature
 Togidder hartis to strenne that stryveis wth vther
 Birdis hes ane better law na bernis be meikill 60
 That ilk 3eir wth new Ioy Ioyis ane maik
 And fangis 3ame ane fresche feyr vnful3eit and
 (constant)

And lattis 3air ful3eit feiris flie quhair 3ai (pleis)
 Cryst gif sic ane *consuetude* war in this kith (haldin)
 Than weill war ws wemen 3at euir we war . . . 65
 we suld haue freiris¹ as fresche to fang quhen (us) likit
 And gif all larbaris 3air leveis quhen thai lak curage
 My self suld be full semlie in silkis arrayit
 Gymp Iolie and gent richt Ioyus and gent¹

I suld at fairis be found new faceis to se 70
 At playis and at preichingis and pilgrim(ages) greit
 To schaw my renone (royaly) quhair preis was of (folk)

[p. 84] To manifest my makdome to multitude of pepill
 And blaw my bewtie on breid quhair bernis war mony
 That I nicht cheis and be chosin and change quhen
 me lykit 75

Than suld I waill ane full weill our all the wyd realme
 That suld my womaⁿheid weild the lang winter nicht
 And quhen I gottin had ane grome ganest of vther
 3aip and 3ing in the 3ok ane 3eir for to draw
 Fra I had preveit his pitht the first plesand moneth 80
 Than suld I cast me to keik in kirk and in markat
 And all the cuntre about kyngis court and vther

¹ *Sic.*

Quhair I ane galland nicht get aganis the nixt 3eir
 ffor to perfurneis furt^h the werk quhen failzeit the tother
 A forky fure ay furt^hwart and forsy in draucht 85
 Nother febill nor fant nor fulzeit in labour
 Bot als fresche of his forme as flouris in may
 For all the fruit suld I fang yocht he the flour burgeoun
 Aude vt dicet de viro suo

I haue ane wallidrag ane worme ane auld wobat carle
 A waistit wolroun na wort^h bot wourdis to clatter 90
 Ane bumbart ane dronbee ane bag full of flewme
 Ane scabbit skarth ane scorpoun ane scutarde behind
 To se him scart his awin skyn grit scunner I think
 Quhen kisis me yat carybald yan kyndillis all my sorow
 As birß of ane brym bair his berd is als stif 95
 Bot soft and soupill as the silk is his sary lwme
 He may weill to the syn assent bot sakles is his deidis
 (With) gor is ¹ his tua grym Ene ar gladderit all about
 And gorgeit lyk tua gutaris yat war with glar stoppit
 Bot quhen yat glowrand gaist grippis me about 100
 Than think I hiddowus mahowne hes me in armes
 (Thair) ma na sanyne me save fra yat auld sathane
 ffor thocht I croce me all cleine fra the croun doun
 (He wil my corse) all beclip and clap me to his breist
 Quhan schavein is that auld schak with ane scharp
 rasour 105

He chowis me his chewill mouth and scheddis my
 lippis
 (And) with hard hurcheone skyn sa heclis he my
 cheikis

(That as) ane glemand gleyd glowis my chaftis
 [p. 85] I schrenk for yat scharp stound bot schout dar I noch
 ffor schore of yat auld schrew schame him betyde 110
 The luif blenkis of yat bugill ¹ fra his bleirit ene
 As belzebub had on me blent abasit my spreit
 And quhen the smiy on me smyrkis with his smaik
 smollat

¹ Sic.



He fipillis lyk ane farsy aver that flyrit on ane gylat
 Quhen yat the soundis of his saw synkis in my Eiris
 Than ay renewis my noy or he be neir cumand 116
 Quhen I heir nemmit his name yan mak I nyne croceis
 To keip me fra the commerance of yat carle mangit
 That full of elduring¹ is and anger and all ewill thewis
 I dar nocht luik to my luif for yat lene gib 120

He is sa full of Ielosy and ingyne fals
 Ever Imagining in mynd materis of ewill
 Compassand and castand caßis ane thousand
 How he sall tak me *with* ane trew atryst¹ of ane vthir
 I dar nocht luik¹ to the knaip yat the cop fillis 125
 For Indilling of yat auld schrew yat ever on ewill
 thinkis

ffor he is waistit and worne fra venus werkis
 And may nocht beit wourth ane bein in bed of my
 misteris

He trowis yat 3oung folk I warne¹ 3eild quhair he
 gane Is

Bot I may 3uik all this 3eir or his 3erd help 130
 And quhen yat carybauld carle wald clyme on my
 wame

Than am I bot² dangerus and dane and dour of my will
 3eit leit I never yat larbar my leggis ga betwene
 To fyle my flesche na fummill me *without* a fee (gret)
 And thocht his pen purlie me payis in to bed 135
 His purse payis richelie in recompens efter
 ffor or he clim on my corce yat carybauld (forlane)

I have ane conditioun of ane curchef of kirsp (allther
 fynest)

Ane gown of engranit clayth richt gailie (furrit) 139
 Ane ring *with* ane ryall stane or vther (riche iewell)
 Or rest of his Rousty raid (thocht he wer rede wod)
 For all the buddis (of Iohne) blunt (quhen he abone
 clymis)

Me think ye baid (deir aboucht sa bawch ar his werkis)

¹ *Sic.*

² *Blotted or deleted.*

And thus I sall¹ him solace yocht I eit¹ (sour think)
 Fra sic ane syr god 3ow sauf my (sueit sisteris deir) 145
 [p. 86] Quhen yat the seimlie had said her sentence till end
 Than all thai leuche apon loft w^{it}h laitis full mirry
 And raucht the cop round about full of riche wynis
 And rail3et lang or thay wald rest w^{it}h ryatus speiche
 Hic bibent et inde vidua Interrogat alteram
 mulierem et illa respondet vt sequitur

The wedo to the tother wlonk warpit thir wourdis 150
 Now fayr sister fallis 3ow but fen3eing to tell
 Sen men first w^{it}h matrimonie 3ow mensit in kirk
 How haue 3e farne be 3our fayth confes3 ws the treuth
 That band to bliss or to ban quhill 3ow best thinkis
 Or how 3e lyk lyf to leyd in to leill spousage 155
 And syn my self 3ow exame on the samin wyse
 And I sall say furt^h the suth dissembland na wourde
 The pleisand said I protest the treuth gif I schaw
 That of 3our toun3is 3e be traist the vther tua grantit
 To speik quod sche I sall noch^t spair 3air is no spy
 neir 160

W^{it}h yat sprang wp hir spreit be a span heichar
 I sall ane ragment reveill fra the rute of my hart
 A roust yat is so ranclit quhill rysis my stomak
 Now sall the byll all out brist² that beild hes bein lang²
 For it to beir on my breist was burdin our hevie 165
 I sall the vennim avoyd w^{it}h ane vent large
 And me assuage of yat swalme that suellit was greit
 My husband was ane hure maister the hugeast in erd
 Thairfoir I hait him w^{it}h my hart sa help me our lord
 He is ane 3oung man richt 3aip bot noch^t in 3outhis
 flouris 170

ffor he is fadit full far and feiblit of strenth
 He wes ane flurissing fresche w^{it}hin thir few 3eiris
 Bot he is fail3eit full far and ful3eit in labour
 He hes bein lichour sa lang quhill lost is his nature
 His lwme is waxit larbar and lyis in to swowne 175

¹ Sic.²⁻² Corrected from was burdin our hevie.

Was ne(uer sug)eroun war set na on yat snail tyrit
 ffor efter (sevin) owk(is rest it) will nocht ryd anis
 He hes bein waistit vpon (wemen) or he me wyf cheisit
 And in adulterie in my tyme I haue him tane oft
 (And 3it) he is als brankand with (bonet on syde) 180
 [p. 87] And blenkand to the brichtest that in the burcht duellis
 Als courtlie of his clething and kemmit his hair is
 And he yat is mair valzeand in to venus chalmer
 He semis to be sum thing woirt^h that syphir in bour
 He luikis as he wald luffit be thocht he be lytill of
 valour 185
 He dois ane dotit dog yat dams on all bussis
 He liftis his leg vpon loft thocht he nocht list to pische
 He hes ane luik with^out lust and lyf with^out curage
 He hes ane forme with^out force and fassioun but virtew
 And fair wourdis but effect all frustar of deidis 190
 He is for ladeis in luif ane richt lustie schadow
 Bot in to derne at the deid he salbe droup funding
 He railzeis and makis rippet with^h ryatus wourdis
 Ay rusing him of his raidis and rageing in chalmer
 But god wait quhat I think quhen he so thra speikis 195
 And how It settis him so syd to seg^{is} of sic materis
 Bot gif him self of sum ewin¹ micht ane sa¹ amang
 yame
 Bot he nocht ane is bot nane of naturis possessouris
 Sche yat hes ane auld man nocht all is bygylit
 He is at venus werkis na war nor he semis 200
 I wend I had chosin ane Ieme and I haue ane geit
 gottin
 He had the gleyming of gold and was bot glaß fundin
 Thocht men be ferß weill I find fra failze yair curage
 Thair is bot Endling and anger yair haitis with^hin
 3e speik of birdis on beuche of blis may thay sing 205
 That on sanct valentynis day ar vakandis Ilk 3eir
 Had I that pleisand prevelege to pairt quhen me likit
 To change and ay to cheis agane yan chaistite adew

¹ Sic.

Than suld I haue ane fresche feir to fang in myne
armes 209

To hald ane freik quhill he fant may sillie¹ be callit
Apon sic materis I muß at mydnycht full oft
And murnis so in my mynd I mureiß my selfin
Than ly I walkand for wa and walteris about
Waryand oft my wickit kin yat me away cast
To sic ane crawdoun but curage to knyht my cleir
bewt(e) 215

And yair so mony kein knichtis this kinrik wíthín
Than think I on ane semilyar the suth for to tell

[p. 88] Na is our syr be sic sewin wíth that I sicht oft
That he full tendirlye dois turne to me his twme
persoun

And wíth ane 3oldin 3erd dois 3ok me in armes 220
And sayis my souerane sueit thing quhy sleip 3e nocht
bettir

Me think yair haldis 3ow ane heit as 3e sum harme alit
Quod I my huny hald abak and handle me nocht sair
Ane hache hes happinnit hestelie at my hairt rute
With that I seme for to swoun yocht I no suerf tak 225
And yus besweik I yat swane wíth my sueit wourdís
I cast on him a crabbit and¹ quhen the cleir day is
cuming

And leitis it is ane luif blenk quhen he about gleymeis
I turne it in ane tendyr luik that I in tene waryit
And him behaldis hamlie wíth hartlie smyling 230
I wald ane tendir peronall that nicht no put thole
That hathit¹ men wíth hard geir for hurtyng of flesche
Had my gud man to hir gaist for I dar god sweir
Sche suld nocht stert for his straik ane stray breid of
erd

And sýn I wald yat ilk band yat 3e sa blist call 235
Had bond him so to yat bricht quhill his bak werkit
And I war in bed brocht wíth berne yat me lykit
I trow yat bird of my blis suld ane burde want

¹ *Sic*.

Anone quhen this amiable had endit hir speche
 loud lauchand the laif allowit hir meikill 240
 Thir gay wyffis maid game amang the grene leveis
 Thay drank and did away dule vnder derne levis
 They swappit at the sueit wyne yai swan quhyt of
 hewis

bot all the pertliar in plane thai put out yair voceis
 Nunc bibent et inde prime due Interrogant
 viduam et de sua responsione *et quomodo*
 erat

Than said the wedo I wiß yair is no way vther 245
 Now tydis me for to talk my taill It is nixt
 God my spreit now inspyre and my speiche quiking
 And send me sentence to say substantious and nobill
 Sa my preiching may pers 3our perverst hartis
 And mak 3ow meikar to men in maneris and *con-*
ditionis 250

I schaw sisteris in to schryft I was ane schrew euer
 bot I was schene in my schroude and schew me
 Innocent

[p. 89] And thocht I dour was and dane dispitous and bauld
 I was dissemlit subtelie in ane sanctis liknes
 I semit sobir and sueit and sempill *wit*hout fraude 255
 Bot I culd sextie desaue yat subtillar war haldin
 On to my lessoun 3e lith and leir at me wit
 Gif 3e *nocht* list befoir¹ be foirleit *wit*h losingeris vntrew
 Be constant in 3our gouernance and counterfit gud
 maneris

Thocht 3e be kene and inconstant and cruell in
 mynd 260

Thocht 3e as tygiris be terne be tretabill in luif
 And be as turtouris in 3our talk yocht 3e haue tailis
 brukill

be dragounis bayth and dowis ane in dowbill forme
 And quhen it neidis 3ow anone not bayth thair
 strenthis

¹ *Sic.*

Be amiabill *witʰ* humill face as angell appeirand 265
 And *witʰ* a terribill taill be stangand as edderis
 Be of ʒour luik lyk innocentis thocht ʒe haue ewill
 myndis

Be courtlie ay in clething and costlie arrayit
 That hurtis ʒow nocht wourth ane hen ʒour husband
 payis for all

Twa husbandis I haue had yat held me baytʰ deyr 270
 Thocht I dispytit yame agane thay spyit nathing
 Ane was ane hair hachart yat hostit owt flewme
 I haitit him lyk ane hund thocht I It hid preuie
Witʰ kissing and *witʰ* clapping I gart the carle fon
 Weill couth I claw his cruik bak and keme his cowit
 noddill 275

And *witʰ* ane bukkie in my cheik bo on him behind
 And *witʰ* ane bek gang about and blier his auld E
 And *witʰ* ane kynd countinace kyß his krynd cheik
 In to my mind makand mokis at yad¹ mad fader
 Trowand me *witʰ* trew luif to treit him so fayr 280
 This couth I do *witʰ*out dule and no diseiß tak
 Bot ay mirrie in my mynd and myrthfull of cheyr
 I had ane lustiar leyd my lust for to slokyn
 That couth be secreit and sure and ay sauf (my ho)nour
 And sew (bot i)n certan tymes and in secreit p(la)ces 285
 (Ay quhen the auld) did me angyr *witʰ* akwart wourdis
 (Apon the galland for) to goif gladit me agane

[p. 90] I had sic wit yat for wo weipit I bot lytill

Bot leit the sweat ay the sour to the sessoun bring
 Quhen yat the chuf wald me chyde with gyrnand
 chaftis 290

I wald him chuk cheik and chyn and cheiris him so
 meikill

That his cheif chymmis he had I wist¹ to my sone
 Suppois the churle wes gone chaist or the child was
 gottin

As wyse woman ay I wrocht and nocht as wode fule

¹ *Sic.*

ffor mair *wit^h* wylis I wan na vertuousnes of handis 295
 Syn mareit I ane marcheand michtie of gudis
 He was ane man of myd eild and of meyn statour
 Bot we no fallowis war in freyndschip nor blude
 In fredome nor furt^hbeiring na fayrnes of persoun
 Quhilk ay the fule did forzet for febilnes of knowlege 300
 Bot I so oft thocht him on quhill angerit his hart
 And quhylum I put furt^h my voce and pedder him
 callit

I wald richt twichand in talk be I was twyfs mareit
 ffor endit was my Innocence *wit^h* my ald husband
 I wes appeirand to be pairt *wit^h*in perfyte eild 305
 Sua sayis the curat of our kirk *yat* knew me full zung
 He is our famous to be fals that fair wourthy *prel^o*t
 I sall be layt^h to lat him lie quhill I may luik furt^h
 I gart the bicheman¹ obey *yair* was no bute ellis 309
 He maid me richt hie reuerance fra he me richt knew
 for thocht I say it my self the soueranis wes meikle
 betuix his bastarde blude and my birth nobill
 That page was neuer of sic pryce for to presume anis
 Unto my persoun to be peir had pietie nocht grantit
 Bot *merc*ie in to womanheid is ane greit vertew 315
 for never bot in ane gentil hart is generit ony reuth
 I held ay grein in to his mynd *yat* I of grace tuik him
 And *yat* he culd ken him self I courteslie him lierit
 He durst nocht sit anis my summoundis for or the
 secund scharge 319

He wes ay reddie for to ryn so raid he wes for blame
 Bot ay my will was the war of (wo)manlie nature
 The mair he lowtit for my luif th(e les o)f him I (rakit)
 And eik this is ane farlie thing o(r I him faith gaif)
 I had sik fauour to *yat* freik (and feid syne for ever)
 [p. 91] Quhene I the cur had all clein and him our cuning
 haill 325

I crew abone that crawdoun as cok *yat* was victor
 quhen I him saw subiectit and set at my bidding

¹ *Sic.*

Than I him lichtleit as ane lowne and laithit his
maneris

Than wox I so vnmercifull to martyr him I thocht
For as ane beist I broddit him to all boyis laubour 330
I wald haue riddin him to rome *wit* ane raip in his
heid

War *nocht* ruffill of my renoun and rumour of pepill
And zit hatrent I hyd *wit*in my hart all
Bot quhillis It hapnit so huge quhill it be hid¹ out
Zit tuk I never the wisp clein out of my wyd throt 335
Quhill I ocht wantit of my will or quhat I wald desyr
But quhen I seuerit had the syr of substance in erde
And gottin his bigginis to my barne and he borow
landis

Than *wit*h ane stew stert out the stoppell of my hals
That he all stuneist of that stound as of ane steill
wapin 340

Than wald I efter lang first sa fane haue bein wrokin
That I to flyt was als ferß as ane fell dragoun
I had for flattering of yat fule feinjet so lang
My evidentis of herytage or thai war braid selit
My breist yat was greit beild and bowdin was sa
huge 345

That neir my barrat out brist or the band making
Bot quhen my billis and my bauchlis wes all selit
I wald na langar beir on brydill bot braid vp my heid
yair nicht na mollat mak me moy nor hald my mouth in
I gart the reinzes rak and ryf in to schundyr 350
I maid yat wyf to wirk all wemenis laubouris
And laid doun all mazlie materis and menß in this
erde

Than said I to my cummaris in counsale about
Se how I cabeld 3on cowt *wit*h ane kene brydill
The capill yat the crelis kest in the caff middin 355
Sa courtaslie the carte drew and kennis no plungeing
He is *nocht* skeycht nor zit scer na skippis *nocht* on syd

¹ *Sic.*

And thus the scorne and the scaith scapit he nother
 He wes na glaidsum gaist for no gay lady¹ 359
 I leit him be lumbart to lous all my misteris
 [p. 92] And he was fane for to fang fre yat fayr office
 And thocht my fauouris to find throw his fell giftis
 He graythit me in gay silk and gudlie arrayis 365
 In gownis of Ingranit clayt^h and greit goldin chenzeis
 In ringis ryallie set wth ryche rubie stanis
 Quhill all helie rais my renowne amang the rude peipill
 bot I full craftelie did keip yai courtlie weidis
 Quhill efter deid of that drowp yat docht nocht in
 chalmer 370
 Thocht he of all my clathis maid cost and expens
 Ane vthir sall the wirschip haue yat weild^s me efter
 And thocht I lykit him bot lytill 3it for the luif of
 vyeris
 I wald me prein plesandlie in precious wedis
 That luiffaris micht vpon me luik and 3ounge lusty
 gallandis 375
 That I held mair in dantie and derrar be full mekill
 Na him yat dressit me sa denk full doytit wes his heid
 Quhen he was heriet out of hand to hee vp my honour
 And payntit me as pacok proudest of fedderis
 I him miskend be cryst and cukkald him maid 380
 I him forleit as ane laid and laithit him meikill
 I thocht my self ane papingay and him ane pluckit
 herle
 And thus enforsit he is fay and fortifyt my strenth
 And maid ane stalwart staff to straik him self doun
 Bot of ane bourd in to bed I sall 3ow breif 3it 385
 Quhen he ane haill 3eir was hanit and him behuivit rage
 And I wes layth to be loppin with sic ane lob aver
 Als lang as he was on loft I luikit on him never
 And leit neuer in my thocht yat he my thing persit
 Bot ay in mynd on² ane vthir man Imaginit yat I
 had 390

¹ Line 360 is omitted.² Sic.

Or ellis I had never mirrie bein of yat mirthles raid
 Quhen I yat grome geldit had of gudis and of nature
 Me thocht him grasles on to goif sa me god help
 Quhen he had warit all on me his welth and his
 substance 394

Me thocht his wit (was all) went away w^{it}h the laif
 And so I did (him) dispiß I spittit quhen I saw him
 That super expendit ewill spreit spulzeit of all vertew
 For 3e wait wyffis for he yat wantis riches
 (and) falzeit anis in venus play he is ful vyle haldin
 (Full f)rustar is his fresch array and fairnes of
 persone 400

[p. 93] All is bot fruitleß his affect and failzeis at the vpw^{it}h
 I buskit vp my barnis lyk barounis sounis
 And maid his¹ fulis of the fry of his first wyf
 I banist fra my boundis his brether Ilkane
 His freyndis as my fayis I had at feid ever 405
 Be yis 3e beleif may I luffit nocht him self
 For never I lykit ane leid yat langit till his bluid
 And 3it thir wysemen wait yat all wyffis ewill
 Ar kend w^{it}h thair conditiounis and knawing w^{it}h
 the samin

Deid is now yat divyr and dollyne in erde 410
 W^{it}h him deit all my dule and my drery thochtis
 Now done is my dullit nycht my day is vpsprungin
 Adew dolour adew my dente now beginnis
 Now am I ane wedow Iwiß and weill am at eiß
 I weip as I war wofull bot weilis me for ever 415
 I busk as I war bailfull bot blyth is my hart
 My mothe makis mourning and my mynd lauchis
 My klokis gai ar cairfull in colour of sabill
 Bot courtly and curious is my corpsß yair vnder
 I droup w^{it}h ane deid luik in my dule habite 420
 As w^{it}h mannis daill I done had for dayis of my lyf
 Quhen yat I go to the kirk cled in cairweid
 As fox in ane lambis flesche feinze I my cheir

¹ *Sic.*

Than lay I furt^h my brycht buik on breid on my kne
 Wit^h mony lustie letter illuminit wit^h gold 425
 And drawis my clouk fordwart our my face quhyt
 That I may spy vnspyt ane space be my syd
 Full oft I blenk by my buke and blinnis of devotioun
 To sequhat berne is best branit in¹ braidest in schulderis
 Or forgeit is maist forslie to furneis ane bankat 430
 In venus chalmer valiantlie wit^houttin vain ruse
 And as the new mone all pale oppressit wit^h change
 Kythis quhytis hir cleir face throw cluddis of sabill
 So keik I throw my cloukis and castis kynd lukis
 To knychtis and to clerkis and to courtlie persounis 435
 Quhen freyndis of my husbandis behaldis me on far
 I haue my waltir sponge for wa wit^hin my wyde coukis¹
 [p. 94] Than wring I it full wylelie and weitis my cheikis
 Wit^h yat waltiris my ein and welteris doun teiris
 Than say yat all yat sittis about se 3e noch^t allace 440
 3on lustles leid so lilelie scho luffit hir husband²
 That sic ane perle of plesance suld 3on pane drie
 I sane me as I war ane sanct and semis ane angell
 At langage of lichorie I leit as I war crabbit 445
 I sith¹ wit^hout sair harte or seiknes in bodie
 According to my sabill weid I man haue sad maneris
 Or thay will se all the suth for certis we wemen
 we set ws all fra the sicht to syle men of treut^h
 we dule for na ewill deid sa it be derne haldin 450
 wyse wemen hes wayis and wounderfull gydingis
 with greit Ingyne to begaik pair Ielyous husbandis
 And quietlie wit^h sic craft gydis our materis
 That vnder chryst no creature kennis of our doingis
 Bot folk ane cure may miscuke yat knowlegis wantis
 And hes no colouris for to cover pair awin kyndlie
 faltis 456
 And dois as yir damisellis for derne doytit luf
 That dogonis haldis in dante and delis wit^h game so
 lang

¹ Sic.² Line 442 is omitted.

Quhill all the cuntre knaw yair kyndnes of fayth
 fayth hes ane fair name bot falset faris better 460
 fy on hir yat can nocht fenze hir awin fame to saue
 zit am I wyse in sic werk and was all my tyme
 Thocht I want wit in warldlines I wylis haue in luif
 as ony happie woman hes yat is of hie blude
 Hutit be yat halok laß ane hundreth zeir of eild 465
 I haue ane secreit servand richt sobir of his toung
 That me supportis of sic nedis quhen I a syn mak
 Thocht he be sempill to the sicht he hes ane toung
 sicker

full mony semlyar sege war sseruice dois mak
 Thocht I haue cayr vnder clouk ye clier day to the
 nicht 470

zit I haue solace vnder sark quhill the sone ryß
 zit am I haldin ane halie wyff our all the hale schyre
 I am so peteous to the pure quhen yair is persounis
 monye

in passing of pilgramagis I pryd me full meikill
 Mair for the preiß of the people nor ony perdoun
 winning 475

[p. 95] bot zit me think the best bourd quhen barounis and
 knichtis

And vther bacheliris blyth blumyng in youth
 And all my luffaris leill my lugeing persewis
 Sum fillis me wyne wantounlie with weifayr and Joy
 Sum rownis sum railzeis and sum reidis ballatis 480
 Sum raveis furt h ruidlie with riatus speche
 Sum plenis and sum prayis sum prysis my bewte
 Sum kissis me sum clappis me sum kyndnes me
 profferis

Sum karvis to me curtaslie sum me the cop gevis
 Sum stalwardlie steppis ben with ane stout curage 485
 And ane stif standand thing stavis in my neif
 And mony blenkis ben our yat but full far sittis
 That may nocht for the thik thrang thryf as yai wald
 And with my fair calling I confort yame all

ffor he yat sittis me nixt I nip on his fyngar 490
 I schir him on the tother syd on the samyn fassoun
 And he yat behind me sittis hard on him I lene
 And him before me *with* my fute fast on I tramp
 And to the bernis fer but sweit blenkis I cast
 To euerie man in speciall I speik sum wourdis 495
 Sa wyslie and sa womanlie quhill warmis pair hartis
 Thair is no levand leid sa law of degre
 That sall me luif vnluffit I am so luik hartit
 And gif his lust be so lent to my lyre quhyt
 That he be lost or *with* me lig his lyf sall haue no
 danger 500

I am so *mercyfull* in mynd and menis all wichtis
 My sillie saull sall be sauf quhen¹ sall not¹ all Iugeis
 ladeis leyr thir lessounis and be *nocht* lassis fundin
 This is the legeant of my lyf thocht latine it be nane
 Quhen endit had hir ornat speche this eloquent
 wedo 505

Lowd yan leuch all the laif and lovit hir mekle
 And said thai suld exemple tak of hir souerane
 teiching

And wirk efter hir wourdis yat woman was so p(rudent)
 Than culit yai mouthis *with* comfortable drinkis
 And carpit full *cummyrlyk* *with* cop going round 510
 Thus draif yai our yat deir nicht *with* dancei(s full
 noble)

Quhill yat the day did vp daw and dew (donkit the
 flouris)

The morow myld wes and meik ye mavei(s did sing)
 And all removit the mist and the meid (smellit)

[p. 96] Silver schouris doun schuik as the schein cristell 515
 And birdis schoutit in the schaw *with* thair schill notis
 The goldin glitterand gleme so glaid² thair hartis
 Thai maid ane glorious gle amang thai grene bewis
 The soft south² of the swyre and sound of the stremes
 The sweit sauour of the swarde and singing of fewlis

¹⁻¹ *Faintly written in an original blank.*

² *Sic.*

Micht confort ony creature of the kyn of adam 521
 And kindill agane his curage yocht it war cauld sloknit
 Than rais yir royale rosis in yair riche wedis
 And raikit hame to thair rest throw the ryß blumeis
 And I all priuelie past to ane plesand arbeir 525
 And *with* my pen did report yair pastyme most mirrie
 3e auditouris most honorabill yat Eris hes giffin
 On to this vnkouth adventure quhilk airlie me hapnit
 Off thir thre wantoun wyffis yat I haue writtin heir
 Quhilk wald 3e waill to 3our wyf gif 3e suld wed
 ane 530

Quod maister william
 Dunbar

[XXXIX. ANON. *De Regimine
 Principum.*]

[p. 96] DE REGIMINE PRINCIPUM BONUM CONSILIUM.

Richt as all stringis ar cupillit in ane harpe
 In ane accord and tunit *with* ane vthe
 Quhilk is as ¹ king yan ² curiouslie thai ³ carpe
 The sang is sweit quhen yat the sound is suth
 Bot quhen thai ar discordand fals and muthe 5
 Thair will na man tak plesance of thair play
 Thai may weill thole the menstrale war away

(An)d gif the stringis be nocht all trew and traist
 (Qu)hat sall we say suld we ye menstrale wyte
 (3e bot) he bend and pruve yame *with* ane wreist 10
 (Be yai vn)trew pull out and mak thame quyt
 (And other) trew put in yair steidis als tyt
 (And change ay) sua quhill 3e find trew accord
 (Than wil men) ⁴ say he ganis to be ane Lord

¹ Deleted, with (a)ne on margin. ² Altered to yat. ³ Altered to wald.

⁴ Defects supplied from the *Chepman and Myllar prin'*.

[p. 97] Thow ryall king as thus suld rewle thy rewme 15
 Gud sound and sut~~h~~fast to thy subiectis gif
 Thy tyme to teiche all suld be tane as twme
 Thy lof¹ suld gar thy liegeis laulie² leif
 Thow suld gar sift thy subiectis throw ane seif
 Se quha war worthy to wirschip quha to wa 20
 And game rewarde as yai caus to ye ma

Rewarde wourthy and pvnis wickednes
 Nurice virtew exclude vyceis and errorr
 Consider weill the sound of thy subiectis
 Know yair curage as face in ane mirrour 25
 Consider weill be thy sewin³ sure
 And thow put blind men in this gouernance
 Thow salbe pvnist for yair Ignorance

ffor sic men as thow deputis vnder the
 Quhether yai be fulis wickit men or wyse 30
 All men will traist yat siclyk man yow be
 As yow committis to governe thyn office
 How suld ane man but knowlege keip Iustice
 Nor but Iustice to be ane gouernour
 Thus sall thow never of thy deidis haue honour 35

Bot gar 3oung lordis study in thy lawis
 And in thair 3outhheid tak sum teichment
 How suld ane man be wyß yat nothing knowis
 To gif the counsale in the parliament
 Or for to gif ane richtuous Iugement 40
 Na for to gouerne iustice in thy landis
 That hes yair wit to seik at vther mennis handis

Remember quhy thy crown wes gevin the till
 And als thy ceptour in taikning of iustice
 Quhair throw yow suld discerne gud fra ewill 45
 Tempyr trespas and luif yame yat (ar) wyse
 Traist men and trew thow depute in thy office

¹ Altered on margin to (la)wis. ² Altered to laulyk. ³ Altered to civile.

To reule thy kinrik all quhair out¹ and in
 Quhilk¹ may pleis god and pepill mair and min

[p. 98] Bot sen ane² mannis wit may *nocht* suffice 50
 ffor to manteine so hie ane *gouernance*
 Thow suld gar cheis the counsale *yat* war wys(e)
 be all thy thre estaitis ordinance
 And lay haill ye charge in yair ballance
 To gif the counsale in thy *gouvernement* 55
 As yai will ansuer at the grit Iugement

And cheis no man for hie lordschip nor blude
 Off grit powar nor riches to counsale
 Bot the³ electioun chosin men of gude
 Quhilk god and man plesis yair *gouernale* 60
 Quhilkis hes the voce of all the *communis* hale
 To luif god and lautie Iustice and prudence
 And knawin of gud lyf and eik of conscience

Think on yat yow sall gif ane trew compt
 and ansuer for thy iuges and thy sell 65
 And wait *nocht* quhen thow salbe *summunt*
 ffor to compeir quhair yow sall longest duell
 Quhair no rewarde salbe bot hewin or hell
 Sall no man be ransownit for no geir
 Bot everie man sall his awin chargeis beir 70

And tak *nocht* all the birding on thy bak
 with pertiale counsale in to priuite
 Gif it be ewill thow sall haue all the lak
 Thocht it be weill small honour It is to ye
 ffor evir the proffit of the *communitie* 75
 Is put abak quhen sic men hes ye cure
 And ever thy croun is indegent and pure

¹ *Faded.*² *Interlined.*³ *Altered to be.*

Thus may thow se be suthe experience
 be yame yat hes thy gudis to dispend
 Thai gar the trow yow may nocht mak dispens 80
 On thyn awin (ho)ushald nocht half ane (3eir)¹ to end
 bot in hunting and sorning thai the send
 On lordis and on abbatis heir and yair
 Thai by lordschippis yat² yow art alwayis (bair)¹

[p. 99] Quhat makis this bot cative creaturis 85
 quhilk culd never counsale bot in covatice
 Quhilkis had neuer hart nor heid to hie honouris
 wenand no wy bot wratcheis is wyse
 Lord god quhair ar yir princeis hie of pryce
 Quhilkis in Iustice settis all haill yair erdlie gloir 90
 Ay richis yame self and the realme more and more

Na king suld of yair small comptis knaw
 Na wit of scarsnes nor of wrechit thing
 That micht his hart to dreid of mister draw
 Quhilk may him caus to be callit ane dring 95
 His delyt suld be to encressing
 ffor hie honour greit wirschip and renowne
 And lat neuer wretchitnes rest in his persoun

It is degrading to ane kingis crowne
 To mell him w^{it}h small wrechit bissines 100
 Na w^{it}h na tutillar for to rouk and rowne
 To leir to conqueir gudis w^{it}h scantnes
 Nobilite suld mell w^{it}h nobilnes
 And specialie thy ryall maiestie
 Suld never be occupiit bot in materis hie 105

ffor sic men counsalis euir to covatice
 The quhilkis to law is mortall Innimie
 Covatice is now merchand to iustice
 And euir is reddie law to sell and by
 Suld nane sic be of thy counsale for thy 110

¹ *Faded.*² *Corrected to bot.*

Nor beir officeis quhairin thyn honour lyis
That may be bocht fra Iustice in sic wyß

Bot wald yow *commit* all thy prouidence
of all thyn offices to thy greit counsale
To cheis trew men yat war of hie prudence 115
Off all thy gudis to haue the *gouernall*
Quhilkis war no wretchis greidie nor pertiall
sparand yair gudis and spendand thyn honour
M(air) for thair proffitt nor for thy valour

[p. 100] Excluding all effectioun singulare 120
And to the *commoun* proffitt ay tak heid
Quhen kingis settis yame for prow *particulair*
Thair realme sall never haue honour of yair deid
Douttis yow to want or quhair of hes yow dreid
luif weill thy god and serve him keping iustice 125
Riches redoundis to men yat ar richtwis

Quha wald be riche haue E to honour ay
ffor ryches followis honour euirmair
To honour wisdom is the nerrest way
And wisdom to virtew is the nerrest air 130
And vertew *cummis* of science and of lair
And science *cummis* onlie of goddis grace
Conqueist throw gud lyf travaill and bissines

Thus sen vertew is grund of alking grace
And souerane flour of *mercy* and iustice 135
Als weill of wirschip as of wourthines
Sen nane ar sauf bot men yat ar richtuous
Hald vertew in thy hart gif thow be wyß
And in Iustice set all thy bissie cure
Thy realme sall ryche and thow sall neuer pure 140

Quhen rome was regent be wysmen senaturis
 In iustice and in publict politey
 Our all this erde yai war lordis and victuris
 And tuik tribute for souerane senzorie
 Bot quhen the well of Iustice was gane dry 145
 And publict prow past in diuisioun
 Thair grit gloir turnit in derisioun

Heirfore keip law gif yow will hald yi land
 And luif larges or thy lordschip sall leis
 But quhilk greit fayt/2 micht nevir stedfast stand 150
 The sampill suth before thy self yow seis
 ffor falt of law all fruct of fortoun fleis
 hir forfaltouris fremmitlie scho haldis at feid
 ffor quhilk hir dintis ar dishonour or deid

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Explicit prima pars incipit secunda

Iustice wald haue ane generale president 155
 Ane auditour of complayntis of the pure
 Quhilk daylie suld minister Iugement
 To pure folk cryand iustice at the dure
 Spendand mair yai yair clame is of valour
 And put abak quhill greit cause gar yame decide 160
 Syn leiffand all for povertie may *nocht* byd

It is vnpossibill to thy grit counsale
 ffor to decyde all causis small and greit
 Bot to small men *commit* all casis small
 Off pure pleinzeand yat zamers at the zet 165
 Quhilk daylie hes *nocht* half yair fill of meit
 With wyffis and barnis swownand for falt of breid
 ffor quhilk the god sall challenge of thair deid

Quhat thank *cunnis* god the for to Iustife
 The pure *commounis* yat yow hes in to cure 170
 And syn thy self levand maist wranguslie
 Doand na richt nothir to riche nor pure
 Allace sic lordschip may *nocht* lang indure

Wald þow tak sampill be thir auld storyis
How mony princeis war perreist on this wyß 175

Twa partiis ar of iustice speciall
The ane is dome and richtuous iugement
The vther is to vpmak the scaythis hale
Eftir the dome the partys to content
Without delay to mak the sythment 180
Eftir the terme of law vterlie
Or ellis the iuge is dettour verralie

Thy iustice all yat iustice hes to leid
Oft tymes delayis þair executioun
Sparand the law for frendschip luif or feyd 185
ffor reddour requeist meid or warisone
Syn quhen the partie complenis to the crowne
Thay send yame oft to thair awin Iugeis agane
Quhilk for ye playnt full deir sall by ye pane

[p. 102] But this is nocht the richt ordour of Iustice 190
Quhen any partie complenis to the crowne
vpon ane Iuge yat he is nocht richtuous
His playnt is wourth ane appellatioun
Than suld the counsale gar wysmen sit doun
se quhilk of yame had richt and quha had wrang 195
And punyce weill the faltour or he gang

And gif the Iuge makis of forfaltour
Committand cryme vnto thy maiestie
In his office of quhilk thou beiris the cure
puneis yat weill as it effeiris to be 200
And lat him¹ never beir office mair of ye
Gif yat thow dois fra that tyme forthirwart
Off his misdeid þow art bayth airt and part

¹ *Interlined.*

Thre maneris ar of iustice in generale
 ffirst to thy god syn to thyne awin persoun 205
 To god to hald thy fayth *wit* conscience hail
 To thy self yat yow exceid no ressoun
 The thrid do law to peple and *commoun*
 bot first yow suld yame schaw ane gud myrrour
 ffor pepill followis ye trid of yair pastour 210

Quhat avalis men thy richtuous Iugement
wit writ and wax confermit as effeiris
 And the partijs never to be content
 Bot drechis and delayis our fra zeir to zeiris 214
 Trowis yow *nocht* god of heiaist hewin yame heiris
 Cryand vengeance for falt¹ of lyveis fude
 Off ye and yame yat reiffis yame yair gude

Sanct dauid sayis in holie prophecie
 The man is blist yat dois baith dome and law
 Quhilk quhen he giffis ane sentence sut²/*fastlie* 220
 garris execut it for ony mannis aw
 Nocht anerlie to seill ane nakit saw
 ffor towart god is bot derisioun
 (Ane bair) sentence but executioun

[p. 103] Quhen dome is gevin and richtwous Iudgement
 quhilk's clarkis callis Iustice iudicative 226
 Send but delay furt² *wit* in-continent
 Suld eftir follow Iustice executive
wit all the costis yat ressoun wald descryve
 bayth *interes* and all the scathis² hail 230
 To be assythit richt as the principall

And be it in heid court of our³ souerane lord
 Quhilk's signifis Iugement⁴ superlative
 Quhen dome is gevin and na remeid set ford
 And terme of law allegeit to prescriue 235
 As yat tyme yair is no man on lyve

¹ of lyffis *deleted here*.

³ *Corr. from ane.*

² *Corr. from staitis.*

⁴ *Corr. from region.*

may it revok but hurting to the croun
And degrading to his iurisdiction

Syn *cummis* ane thing quhilk meikill hurtis
ressoun

Quhilk seyndill is remedit in this land 240

Quhen ony man rebellis to the crowne

Nocht bousumlie obeyand to thy wand

Deforceand *serref* masar or seriand

Thair is na punissing bot lat¹is it¹ our pass

Quhair na aw is how suld yair follow grace 245

3it is ane thing of quhilk me *mervalis* mair
quhen thy greit counsale *wit^h* thyn awin assent

Hes ordanit strait iustice na man to spair

*wit^h*in schort tyme yow changeis thyn entent

Sendand ane contrarie lettir in-*contenent* 250

Chargeing yat of yat mater mair be *nocht*

Than all the world wait weill yat yow art bocht

Than is ane pure man hereit vtterlie

And tynt bayt^h costis laubour and principall

Thyn saull thyn honour ar blekit petuouslie 255

and crabit all thy counsale generale

war it in france thai wald mak se sessioun² hale

In *parliament* and *nocht* bow to thy crowne

Quhill yow maid yame ane reformatioun

[p. 104] Thow suld haue na trublande in Iugement 260

To tak na part nothir *wit^h* riche nor pure

To thrale the iuge be for^s to yair intent

To gif ane wrangous sentence for reddour

bot everie man *wit^h* his awin procutour

ffor Iustice kepis *nocht* of no cosingnage 265

Off hie lordschip nor 3it of greit lineage

¹ *Interlined.*

² *Sic ; altered to cecessioun.*

Als law hes maid straitlie Inhibitioun
 That nane tak bud for gift of benifice
 Nor for to do yat offence to the croun
 To tak rewarde for doing of iustice 270
 Thay forfalt bayth to god and thair office
 And als ar curst be law of spiritualite
 Quhilkis but the paip may *nocht* assolzeit be

Bot quhen the king gevis plane remissiouñ
 In case requyrand rigour of iustice 275
 but gudlie caus he offendis to his crowne
 And forfaltis bayth to god and his *seruice*
 he may weill vnderstand and he be wyse
 That he is manslayar of ane thousand ma
 As he had hewin yame *with* his handis tua 280

Bot our althing I pray the specialie
 Thow wald remorde and graip thy conscience
 Gif thyn eldaris hes had ocht wranguslie
 fra folk yat micht na durst *nocht* mak defence
 Aganis thy crowne and ryall excellence 285
 And *with* counsale mak reformatiouñ
 ffor thy saull heill and thy saluatiouñ

ffor iustice sa is ane standand well
 perpetuallie *withouttin* waryance
 Quhilk to all men yair richtis will yame tell 290
 And tholis nane¹ do wrang nor distrubance
 (ffor) goddis luif haue E to thy ballance
 [p. 105] And paise it ewin and lat It *nocht* skellice²
 Do swa yat all the world se yow be wyse

Thus sen thow hes the harp in generall 295
 As gud menstrall to rewle It be musik
 quhilk signifys thy realme and pepill hale
with officiaris quhilk gouernis thy kinrik
 pull out thy wrast and gar yame sownd alyk

¹ *Corr. from man.*

² *Or skellace.*

As gud menstrall to play in ane accorde 300
 All men will say thow art lyk to be ane lord

My souerane lord sen yow hes gevin me leif
 To fy(nd) faltis yat forfaltis to thy croun
 Quhilkis to yi maiestie may gane stand or greve
 Thow maik thairfoir gude reformatioun . 305
 heir I protest be my saluatioun
 It yat I say twichand thy maiestie
 Is for the proffitt of thy realme and the

ffinis bonum regimen
 pro consilio principum etc

[XL. WYNTOUN *The Duke of Orleans' defence
 of the Scots* ; S.T.S., VI. p. 368.]

A ne thousand 3eir thre hundreth^h nynty^e and ane
 fra Iesus chryst had manheid tane

The bischop of sanct androis se
 Maister waltir traill callit was he
 Be counsale and be ordinance 5
 of scottismen he passit in france
 ffor in to scotland men hard tell
 At the duik Iohne of longcastell
 Be ane ordinat delyuerance
 Off inglismen he passit in france 10
 And quhat soeuir thay tretit had
 Our bischop yair twelf monethes baid
 And thair . . . lie¹ the inglismen
 The (scottismen)¹ diffamit yan

[p. 106] Thay said thair gadderring in to weir(is) 15
 Micht nocht exceid fyve hundreth speiris
 The king of france yai said for thy
 Suld lat of scottis men bot lichtlye

¹ *Faded.*

Thir wourdis war said in the presence
 of the duchtie duik of orlyance 20
 Quhilk had ane speciale effectioun
 Till scottismen and yair natioun
 And yā *in* haist he maid ansueyr
 As it was said on this maneyr
 ȝe wein to lak bot ȝe *commend* 25
 That natioun as ȝe mak it kend
 Was never realme nor regioun
 wourth mair *commendatioun*
 Than ar the few folk of scotland
 As yat ȝe gar ws vnderstand 30
 ȝe say yair gaddering in to weiris
 may nocht exceid fyve hundreth speiris
 And ȝe ar ane michtie natioun
 Excelland in presumptioun
 ffor all landis lyand ȝow by 35
 ȝe suppress wth ȝour senzory
 Owyr ȝe win yame to ȝour croun
 Or haldis yame in subiectioun
 bot the few folk of Scotland
 quhilk by dry marchis ar lyand 40
 Neir on to ȝow yai hald yair awin
 As it is maid vntill ws knawin
 And will cum wth yair poweir
 playnȝe¹ in ȝour land of weir
 And day and nicht will ly yairin 45
 And in ȝour sicht ȝour landis burne¹
 ȝour cattale and ȝour gudis thay ta
 And spairis nothing ȝour self to sla
 [p. 107] Thus suffer thay on na kin wyf
 ȝow of sic micht to do suppress 50
 Bot euir thay quyrt ȝow lill for law
 Or yat ȝe skail the markat aw
 That natioun may ȝe nocht defame
 Bot gif ȝe smyt ȝour awin wth schame

¹ *Sic.*

The king of france thairfor think me 55
 Suld hald yame in to mair daintie
 That so few folk of so lytill micht
 Aganis 3ow can mantenië yair fecht
 vpon the dry *merchis* lyand
 As it is gart ws vnderstand 60
 Quhen this was said the inglismen
 War schamit of yair wourdis yan
 And held yame still and spak na mair
 In till dispyt as yai did ayr
 ffinita responsio Illustrissimi ducis 65
 orlianensis in honorem et defensionem scotie

[XLI. D. STEEL *The Ring
of the Roy Robert.*]

In to the ring of the roy Robert
 The first king of the gud stewart
 hary of ingland and the ferd king
 In scotland send and askit this thing
 At king robert quhy he *nocht* maid 5
 him *seruice* for his landis braid
 And quhy he causit to be spilt
 fell cristiane blude throucht his gilt
 He said he aucht of heretage
 In loundoun for to mak homage 10
 Eftir the richt of brutus king
 Quhilk had all Ingland in *gouerning*
 ffra yat king robert wyse and wicht
 Had hard and sein this wryt be sicht
 [p. 108] Sa fer he grew in matelent 15
 On till his barounis tauld his intent
 And at yame all he askit It
 That he micht ansueir be his awin wit
 Thay war richt loyfull of yat thing
 Referrit yame to yair nobill king 20

Than *wit*hout counsale of ony man
 To dyt and wryt our king began
 We robert throw godis micht
 King of scotland and ylis richt
 That inebbis in the oceane see 25
 That to this day was euir free
 To the henrie of longcastell
 Thy epistill we consider weil
 Duik of yat Ilk thow suld be cald
 It is thy richtest style of auld 30
 And I admit the *nocht* as king
 ffor certane poyntis of degrading
 Thairfor ane king I call *nocht* the
 ffor hurt of kingis maieste
 wit yow yat we haue vnderstand 35
 ffor to declayre anent scotland
 Thy wryt be wourd we haue sene
 ffra first to last at yow can mein
 Quhair throw yat thow sall answer haue
 of my awin self accept the laif 40
 And in the first thow schawis ws till
 Na cristiane blude yat yow wald spill
 On to the quhilk we witnes beir
 Na blude for ws beis spilt in weir
 Bot gif it be in our defence 45
 Throw thy corruptit violence
 And quhair thow wrytis and schawis till ws
 Sen borne was sonnis of auld brutus
 That our successouris aucht to be
 servandis till jouris gre be gre 50
 Thow leyd pairof It is weil knawin
 we war euir fre *wit*hin our awin
 Thocht Iohine ¹ baljoun maid ane band
 Contrair the richt of fayr scotland
 Thair he was mainsworne yat we defend 55
 On till ws all it is weil kend

[p. 109]

¹ *Sic.*

Anent the barnis of auld brutus
 That kyndnes hes bene kepit till ws
 Scotland euir 3it hes bene fre
 Sen scota of egipt tuik the see 60
 Bot 3e ar thirlit and our harlit
 The grit refuse of all the warld
 ffor nichtbure tressoun amangis 3our self
 ffour tymes as the cronicle will tell
 3e haue halelie conquiest bene 65
 Ten thousand pvndis of gold so schene
 To Iulius cesar payit 3e
 off tribute thus 3e war *nocht* free
 be saxounis als 3e war ouerthrawin
 Be tua borne chiftanis of 3our awin 70
 And germaneis in cumpany
 All borne sarazenis vtterlie
 At come *wit* horsus and ingest
 And maid 3our auld blude richt waist
 And slew the gentillis of Ingland 75
 At salisberrie I vnderstande
 And till ane takin the hingand stanis
 Ambrosius set vp for the naneis
 In till ane lestand memoriall
 At saxounis had ourset 3ow all 80
 vnder the hewin is no kinryk
 Off sorow hes bein to 3ow lyk
 3e war put syn in subiectioun
 At we nor 3it nane vnder croun
 was never in sic necessitie 85
 As hapnit 3our aduersatie
 Than henslot sone of denmark king
 The thrid tyme raisß on 3ow to ring
 The quhilk of ingland maid conquest
 And left amangis 3ow at the last 90
 ane dane in ilk ane hous was knawin
 3ow to defoull *wit*in 3our awin

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That occupiit bayt^h gude and wyff
 Thus in bondage 3e leid 3our lyff
 Quhen this was done and all by past 95
 The ferd conquest approchit fast
 Off the bastarde of normandie
 Quhilk conquiest ingland halelie
 Quhilk 3it amangis 3ow ringis 3air blude
 And meikill ¹ vther yat is nocht gude 100
 And gif 3e trow 3is nocht south be
 Reid the registrar and 3e may see
 And the cronicles of braid bartane
 Quhairout of our authoris ar tane
 That this is suth yow may nocht lane 105
 ffrance and bartane kennis in plane
 Thow art nocht richtuous for to ring
 ffor all realmes knawis this thing
 In londoun thow swoir in parliament
 Ingland ten 3eiris thow suld absent 110
 Heir wes yow opinlie mainsworne
 Or thre 3eiris and ane half wes worne
 Thow rais tressonable for to ring
 And hes vndone richart thy king
 Gif yow knawis nocht thy meikle miß 115
 The suth in proverb spokin Is
 fflyt wth thy nichtburis and 3ai will tell
 All the mischeif yat the befell
 [p. 111] Bot for our Realme I dar weill say
 Was never none hyn to this day 120
 Brocht scotland in subiectioun
 Bot ane was manesworne of 3our croun
 The quhilk of langschankis hecht edwarde
 Tuik on him to declayr the parte
 Betuix the brus and Iohne balioun 125
 Than throw 3our fals illusioun
 Iohne bal3oun quhair he had no richt
 Tuik tresonable to hald wth slicht

¹ as *deleted here.*

Strenthis and castellis of our cuntre
 3e gat throw 3our subtilite 130
 Than willame wallace wicht and wyse
 Wichtlie reskewit ws thryfs
 And robert the bruce rakleslie
 first tynt syn wan ws wichtlie
 And *wit* him Iames the gud douglas 135
 Quhilk preveit weill in euerie place
 Erle thomas randell wyse and wicht
 As yan was neuer ane hardyar *Knycht*
 Thir exilit all 3our fals barnageis
 And fred our realme of all thirlageis 140
 And gif yow trowis yis nocht suth is
 Off sextie thousand we thocht no mis
 At bannokeburne discomfist was
 Als 3our fals king away culd pas
 Throw ane Inborne tratour at was kend 145
 Quhilk fre in ingland he him send
 Or ellis we had tane 3our king
 And ingland had in *gouerning*
 Quhen all this was *cuming* and gane
 Than edwarde of carnauerane 150
 Discumfist he was at biland
 be my father (I tak) on hand
 [p. 112] Waltir stewart yat in hy
 Chaissit him all opinlye
 Ane hundreth myle on King edward 155
 Quhill yat he was reskewit be parte
 Till scarisburc*ht* castell and yair him left
 Syn till his ost returnit eft
 Be yan 3our clergy of ingland
 Renewit agane *wit* stalwart hand 160
 At myttoun as it is weill knawin
 Thair haistellie 3e war ourthrawin
 Be the gud douglas the suth to say
 And thomas the gud erle of murray
 Quhair twentie hundret*h* war dungin to deid 165

wit/zouttin succour or remeid
 Off preistis yat bair schawin croun
 That hardie men war of renoun
 Eftir this robert the bruce
 Tuik stait and halelie culd reduce 170
 Northummerland all till him sell
 3e may nocht say nor this befell
 Syn 3e war fane or 3e wald cefß
 To proffer mariage for peice
 And askit the prince of bruce dauid 175
 Tyll dame Ionet touris till ally
 3e maid yat eidentis and yat band
 vnder the grit seill of ingland
 The quhilk 3e call 3our goldin chartour
 In Ingland hes maid mony martyr 180
 Quhilk we haue plainlie for to schaw
 The verite quha will It knaw
 And falslie brokin is in 3ow
 All tyme befoir as weill as now
 And throw 3our fals suppl(eyin)g 185
 Quhen edwarde bal3oun rais to king ¹
 To preis on sextie agane sextie
 Or fourtie agane fourtie gif 3e lyk
 Or xx agane xx of our kinryk
 Gif tho[w] be pacient and tholmudie ² 190
 And wald noch/t spill na cristiane blude
 And gif thow thinkis it best sa
 lat ws derein3e It betuix ws tua
 I proffer me to preif on the
 At we and scotland 3it ³ art ² fre 195
 And of the paip nothing we hald
 Bot of the kirk our fayt/~~h~~ of auld
 At ² we are bunding of det to do
 At ² all cristiane pepill aucht to do
 This wryt to lundoun he hes send 200

[p. 113]

¹ Part of the text is evidently omitted here.² Sic.³ and deleted here.

And quhen the barounis had It kend
 And had considerit It in plane
 3it na said ansuer come agane

ffinis the ring of the roy Robert
 maid be dene dauid steill

[XLII. ANON. *The Freiris of Berwik*;
 (Dunbar's P.) S.T.S., p. 285.]

As it befell and hapnit vpon deid
 Vpon ane rever the quhilk is callit tweid
 At tweidis mout^h yair standis ane nobill toun
 Quhair mony lordis hes bene of grit renowne
 And mony wourthy ladeis fair of face 5
 Quhair mony fresche 3oung galand was
 In to this toun the quhilk is callit berwik
 Apon the se it is na vther lyk
 ffor It is wallit weill about wit^h stone
 And dowbill stankis cassin mony on 10
 And syn the castell it is so strang and wicht
 Wit^h staitlie touris and turatis he on hicht
 With kirnallis closit most craftelie of all
 The portculis most subtillie to fall
 [p. 114] That quhen thay list to draw It vpon hicht 15
 That it may be in to na mann^{is} micht
 To win yat hous by craft or subiltie
 Thairto is it most fair alluterlie
 On to my sicht quhair euir I haue bein
 most fair most gudlie and all thair best be-sene 20
 The toun the castell and the land
 The valayis grein vpon the tother hand
 The grit croce kirk and eik the mason dew
 The freiris of Iacobinis quhyt of hew
 The carmelitis augustinianis and als the minouris
 eik 25

The four ordouris of freiris war *nocht* to seik
 And all in to this wourthy place duelling
 So hapnit it in till ane fair morowing
 That tua of yir quhyt Iacobine freiris
 As yai war wount of vsage 3eir by 3eir 30
 To pas amang yair brether vpon land
 Thir halie freiris yus walk yai furth on hand
 ffreir robert the ane freyr allane hecht ye to yir
 Thir sillie freyris *wit* wyffis weil can gluddyr
 And tell yame talis and halie mennis lyveis 35
 Richt wonder weil yai plesit all the wyffis
 Till on ane tyme thai purpost till pas hame
 Richt weirie was and tyrit freyr allane
 ffor he was auld and micht *nocht* dure the travell
 And als he had ane grit spyce of the gravell 40
 ffreyr robert was 3oung and wonder hait of blude
 And by the way he bure bayth clouk and hude
 And all yair geir he bure¹ for he was² strang and
wycht

Be yat It drew weil towart to the nicht
 And yai war *cumin* to the toun weil neyr 45
 ffreyr allane said robert gud brother deir
 It is so layt I dreid ye 3ettis be closit
 And I am tyrit and wondyr ewill disposit
 [p. 115] To lig *wit*hout the toun but gif yat we
 In sum gude hous yat we micht harberit be 50
 So winnit yair ane wonder gay ostleir
 Without the toun in till ane fair maneir
 And symon laureir he was callit be name
 Ane fayr blyth wyf he had of ony ane
 Bot scho was sumthing denk and dengerus 55
 Thir sillie freiris come to yat mannis hous
 And hailsit hir richt bayth full curtaslie
 And scho rewardit yame agane in hy
 ffreyr robert speirit efter the gudman
 And scho to yame richt softlie answerit yan 60

¹ *Sic.*² *wicht deleted here.*

He went fra hame god wait on wednisday
 In to the cuntre to se for corne and hay
 And vther sindrie thingis as we haue neid
 ffreir robert said I pray to god him speid
 And sauf him sound in till his leill travale¹ 65
 ffreyr robert said dame fill ane stoip of aill
 That we may drink for I am verray dry
 With yat the gudwyf walkyt furth in hy
 Sche fild ane stoip and brocht in cheis and breid
 Thay eit and drank and levit all yair pleid 70
 ffreyr allane said to the gudwyf in hy
 Cum heir fayr dame and sit ws down heir by
 And fill this stoip agane dame I 3ow pray
 ffor or we pairt full weill we sall 3ow pay
 The freiris vox blyth and mirrie talis culd tell 75
 And ewin so thai hard ye prayar bell
 Off yat abbay and yan thai war agast
 Becaus thai wist ye 3ettis war lokkit fast
 That yai nicht nocht fra thyn get entray²
 The gud wyf yan thai pray for cherite 80
 [p. 116] To grant yame herberie yair fore yat nicht
 And scho to yame anone ansuerit on hicht
 The gud man is fra hame as [I] 3ow tauld
 And god wait gif I dar be so bauld
 To herbry freiris in to this hous with me 85
 Quhat wald symon say aye benedicite
 I trew I durst never luik him in the face
 Our lord Iesus me sauf from sic ane cace
 And keip me out of perrell and fra schame
 Than sillie freyr allane said fayr dame 90
 ffor godis luif 3e heir quhat I wald say
 Put 3e ws out we will be deid or day
 The way is ewill and I am tyrit and wait
 And as 3e know it is so uerray lait
 The 3ettis ar closit we may nocht get in 95
 Till our abbay on nawayis may we win

¹ These two lines are repeated, but crossed out.² Or entrey.

Thairfore behuvis ws to byd heir still
 and put ws halelie dame in till 3our will
 The gud wyf luikit to the freiris tua
 And at the last to game can scho say 100
 3e byd *nocht* heir be him *yat* hes me coft
 bot gif 3e list to lig vp in 3on loft
 Quhilk is wrocht in to 3on hallis end
 3e sall find stray and claythis I sall 3ow send
 And gif 3e leist to pas bayth on in feyr 105
 ffor I will haue no langar repayr heir
 Than hir madin scho sendis game befoir
 And bad game wend *wit*houttin wourdis more
 Thay war full blyth to do as scho game kend
 And vp thay wend richt in the hallis end 110
 In till ane loft was maid for corne and hay
 scho maid pair bed and syn went down away
 Scho closit the trap and yai remanit still
 In to the loft and had *nocht* all pair will
 ffreir allane liggis down as he best micht 115
 [p. 117] ffreyr Robert said I hecht to walk this nicht
 Quha wait perchance sum sport I may aspy
 Thus in the loft I lat thir freyris ly
 And of this fayr wyff I will 3ow tellyne mair
 Schew¹ was full blyth *yat* thay war chosin pair 120
 ffor scho had maid ane tryst that samyn nicht
 ffreyr Iohne hir luffis supper for to dicht
 Thairfoir sche desyrit nane vther company
 Becaus freyr Iohne all nicht *wit*h hir wald ly
 Quhilk duelland was *wit*hin that nobill toun 125
 Ane gray freyr he was of greit renown
 He gouernit all the haly abasy
 Siluer and gold he had aboundandlie
 He had ane preuie postroun of his awin
 That he micht vsche quhen him list vnknawin 130
 Thus in the toun I will him levin still
 Bydand his tyme and turne agane I will

¹ *Sic.*

To this fayr wyf how scho ye fyre culd beit
 Scho thringis on fat capounis on the speit
 And fat cunyngis to the fyre culd lay 135
 And bade hir madin in all the haist scho may
 To flame and turne and rost yame tendyrlic
 Syn till hir chalmer sche is went in hy
 Sche pullit hir cunt and gaif it buffatis tua
 Apon the cheik and till It can scho say 140
 ze suld be blyth and glayd at my request
 Thay mullis of zouris are callit till ane feist
 Scho said till It and softlie at scho leucht
 He did noch^t Ill yat fand zow half aneuche
 And or I sleip I think ze salbe pleisit 145
 zour appetyt and myn sall both be easit
 Sche castis on ane kirtill of fyne reid
 Ane quhyt curchey sche cast vpon hir heid
 Hir kirtill belt was silk and siluer fyne
 With ane proud purfs and keyis gingling syn 150
 [p. 118] On Ilkane fingar scho waris ringis tuo
 Sche was als proud as ony papingo
 And of ane burde of silk richt costlie grein
 Hir tusche was w^{it}h siluer weill besene
 And but sche come in to the hale¹ anone 155
 And syn sche went to se gif ony come
 And ewin so freir Iohne knokit at the zet
 His knok sche knew and in sche culd him lat¹
 Sche wylcummit him vpon ane fayr maneir
 He thankit hir and said my sweit luif deyr 160
 Thair is ane pair of bossis gud and fyne
 Thay hald ane galloun full of gaskan wyne
 And als ane pair of pertrikis new slane
 And als yat creill is full of breid of mane
 Thus haue I brocht to zow my sweit luif deyr 165
 Thairfoir I reid now yat we mak gud cheyr
 Sen it is so sen symon is fra hame
 I will take ye hameliar heir now dame

¹ *Sic.*

Sche sayis 3e ar weill mayr wylcum heir
 Than symon is or salbe all this 3eir 170
 With yat sche smylit wounder suttellie
 He thristis hir hand agane full preuilie
 Thus at yair sport I will yame levin still
 Bydand yair tyme and turne again I will
 To tell 3ow of thir sillie freyris twa 175
 That liggit in the loft amang the stray
 ffreyr alane still in to the loft can ly
 ffreyr robert had a lytill Iolesy¹
 ffor in his hart he had ane persaving
 And throw the wall he maid with his botkin 180
 A lytill hole richt prevelie maid he
 That all yair deid yair down he mycht weill se
 And he nicht heir all yat ever thay culd say
 Quhen scho wes proud richt wounder fresche and gay
 And quhat sche war vpon hir heid abuif 185
 And how sche clippit him bayt^h hart and luif
 [p. 119] So prelatlyk he sat in till his chyre
 Sche rowndis yan ane epistill in till eyre
 Thus sport yai yame and makis melodie
 quhen scho saw the supper was reddie 190
 Scho gois beleyff and coveris the burde anone
 And syn ane pair of bossis hes scho tone
 And set yame down vpon the burde him by
 And ewin so thay hard ye gudman cry
 He knokit at the 3et and callit fast 195
 fra thay him knew yai war all sayr agast
 And als freyr Johne was sumthing in effray
 And stertis vp and wald haue bein away
 bot all for nocht he nicht no way get out
 The gudwyf speiris with ane visage stout 200
 3on is symon yat makis yis deray
 That I nicht now haue tholit weill away
 I sall him quyt and I may leif ane 3eir
 Him yat hes merrit ws on this maneir

¹ *Sic.*

Becaus of him we may *nocht* byd togidder 205
 I me repent as now *yat* 3e come hidder
 ffor we war weill and he had bene away
 Quhat sall I do allace the freir can say
 In to this case lord how sall I me beir
 ffor I am schent and symond fynd me heir 210
 I dreid me sair and he cum in this Innis
 And find me heir *yat* I loß both my quhyⁿnis
 I mon 3ou hyd till he be brocht till rest
 perchance scho sayis all cum^mis for the best
 Ane kneddin troche *yat* lay intill ane nuk 215
 Wald hald ane boll of flour quhen *yat* scho buik
 And vnder It scho gart him creip in hy
 Quhair he had rowme aneuche *yat* he nicht ly
 Sche closit him and syn went on hir way
 And till hir madin smertlie can scho say 220
 Away all *yis* and slokin out the fyre
 go clois the burde and tak away the chyre
 [p. 120] And lok in all in 3on almorie
 Bayt^h meit and drink and ga belyf in hy
 Bayt^h cunyn^gis caponis and wyld fewlis fyne 225
 The mane breid ye bossis *wit^h* the wyne
 Sche hid vp all and strowit the hous so clein
 That no liknes of feist meit nicht be sene
 And syn but ony langer delay
 Sche castis of all hir fresche array 230
 And bownit hir till hir bed anone
 And leit him knok *yairout* his fill symon
 Quhen he was tynt¹ for knokit and for cryid
 About he went on to the tother syd
 Till ane windo wes at hir beddis heid 235
 And cryit alesoun awalk for goddis deid
 And ay on alesoun fast he couth cry
 And at the last scho ansuerit crabbitlie
 Say quha be *yat* sa weill knawis my name
 Go hens scho sayis for symon is fra hame 240

¹ *Sic.*

And I will haue no gaistis heir perfay
 Thairfoir I pray 3ow wendis on 3our way
 And at this tyme 3e may *nocht* harbrait be
 Than symon said fair dame knaw 3e *nocht* me
 I am 3our symon and husband of this place 245
 Ar 3e my spous symon scho said allace
 Throw misknawlage almaist I had gane *wrang*
 Quha wend yat 3e so lait wald haue *cuming* hame
 Sche stertis vp and gettis licht in hy
 And leit him in and yat delyuerlye 250
 Sche tuik fra him ye geir as was ye gyse
 And leit him in vpon ane haistie wyse
¹ He bad the madin kindill on ane fyre
 And get me meit and tax all my hyre
 The gudwyf said richt schortlie 3e me trow 255
 Heir is no meit yat ganeand is for 3ow
 How sa fair dame gar get me cheis and breid
 And fill the stoup and hald me *wit* na pleid
 [p. 121] ffor I am werie tyrit and bayt~~h~~ cauld and wait
 Than vp scho rais and maid na mair debait 260
 Bot coverit ane burde and set on breid in hy
 And syn cauld meit scho brocht delyuerlie
 Ane soust fute and ane scheipis heid full swyt~~h~~
 And fillit ane cop and fein3et to be blyt~~h~~
 He sittis down and sweiris be allhallow 265
 I fayr richt weill had I ane gud fallow
 Deme eit *wit* me and drink gif yat 3e may
 The gud wyf said meiklie hop I nay
 It war mair tyme in to 3our bed to be
 Than now to sit desyrand *cumpanye* 270
 The freiris tua yat in the loft can ly
 Thay hard him weill desyrand *cumpany*
 ffreir robert said allane gud brother deir
 I wald the gudman wist yat we war heir
 Quha wait perchance the better we may fair 275
 ffor sickerlie my hart will euer be sair

¹ Sche tuik fra him *deleted here*.

Gif 3on scheipis heid *witʰ* symon birnist be
 And pair so gud meit in 3on almerie
 And *witʰ* yat wourd he gaue ane hoist anone
 The gudman herd and speirit quha is 3on 280
 Me think pair is men in to 3on loft
 The gudwyf ansuerit *witʰ* wourdis soft
 3on are 3our awin freyris brether tuay
 I pray the dame tell me quhat freiris ar thay
 3on is freir robert and sillie freyr allane 285
 That all this day hes gane *witʰ* meikill pane
 Be thay war heir it was so verray lait
 Houris was rounng and closit was the 3et
 And in 3on loft I gaif yame herberye
 The gudman said sa god haue part of me 290
 Thay freiris tua ar hartlie wylcum hidder
 Gar call yame doun yat we may drink togidder
 The gudwyf said I reid 3ow lat yame ly
 ffor thay had lever sleip nor be in laudery
 [p. 122] To drink and dot It ganis *nocht* for thame 295
 lat be fair dame thay wourdis ar in vane
 I will yame haue be goddis dignite
 mak no delay bot bring yame doun to me
 The gudman said vnto his madin sone
 Go pray yame baytʰ cum *witʰ*houttin hune 300
 And vp the trap the madyne opinnit yane
 And bad yame baytʰ cum doun to the gudman
 ffreyr robert sayd fayr dame be sanct Jame
 The gudman is deirlye wylcum hame
 And we sall cuni anone 3e may him say 305
 Him for to pleiſ in all yat ever we may
 And *witʰ* yat wourde pai stert vp baytʰ
 anone
 And doun the leddyr delyuerly ar gone
 And salust symon als sone as thay him se
 And he agane yame wylcummit hertfullie 310
 He said cum ben my awin brether deyr
 And set 3ow doun 3e baytʰ besyd me heir

For I am heir allane as ȝe may se
 Thairfoir sit down and beir me *cum*panie
 And tak ȝour parte of sic gud as we haue 315
 ffreyr allane said I pray to god ȝow saue
 Heir is aneuche forsuth of goddis gude
 Than symon swere ȝame be the halie rude
 ȝit wald I gif ane croun of gold fra me
 ffor sum gude meit and drink amang ws thre¹ 320
 ffreyr robert said quhat meitis wald ȝe haue
 Or quhat kin drink desyr ȝe for to crave
 ffor I haue mony sindry practikis seyr
 Bezond the sey in pariss cuth I leyr
 That I will preif *ssir* glaidlie for ȝour saik 325
 And for our dame ȝat herberie ws cuth mak
 I tak on hand and ȝe will counsale keip
 ȝat I sall gar ȝow haue or ȝat ȝe sleip
 [p. 123] Off the best ȝat is in this cuntrey
 And gaskane wyne and ony in It be 330
 Or be yair ocht *wit*hin ane hundreth myle
 It salbe heir *wit*hin ane lytill quhyle
 The gudman *mervallis* meikill of ȝat taill
 And said my brother my hart will never be haill
 Bot gif ȝe preif ȝat practik or we *part* 335
 be quhat kin science nigromansy or airt
 ffreyr robert said of this ȝe haue no dreid
 ffor I can do fer mair and ȝair be neid
 Than symon said freyr robert I ȝow pray
 ffor my saik ȝat science ȝe wald assay 340
 To mak ws sport and ȝan the freyr uprais
 And tuk his buik and to the flure he gayis
 And turnis our and reidis on ane space
 And in the eist he turnit ewin his face
 And maid ane croce and than the freyr cuth lout 345
 And in the west he turnit him ewin about
 Than in the north he turnit and lowtit down
 And tuik his buik and said ane vrisone

¹ Bezond the sey in pariss cuth I leyr *deleted here*.

And ay his E was on the almerie
 And on the trouche quhair *yat* the freyr cuth ly 350
 He set him down and kaist abak his heid ¹
 He girnit he glourit he gapit as he war weid ¹
 And quhylum he sat still in ane studeying
 And quhylum on his buik he was reyding 354
 And quhylum *wit* *bayt* his handis he wald clap
 And vther quhyllis he wald *bayt* glour and gaip
 And on this wyse he *zeid* the hous about
 Weill twyfs or thryfs and ay the freyr cuth lout
 Quhen *yat* he come ocht neir the almerie
 Thairat our dame had wounder greit Invy 360
 ffor in hart scho had ane persaveing
 That he had wit of all hir gouerning
 Sche saw him gif the almerie sic ane stait
 [p. 124] On till hir self scho said ffull weill I wait
 He knawis full weill *yat* I haue in my thocht 365
 Quhat sall I do allace that I was wrocht
 Get symon wit it war my vndoing
 be that the freyr hes left his studeing
 And on his feit he stertis vp full sture
 And come agane and said al haill my cure 370
 Is done anone and *ze* sall haue plentie
 Off breid and wyne the best in this cietie
 Quhairfoir fair dame get vp delyuerlie
 And gang belyff vnto *ze*our almerie
 And oppin It and sone *ze* bring ws syn 375
 Ane pair of bossis full of gaskane wyne
 Thay hald ane galloun and mair I wait it weill
 And bring ws als the mane breid in the creill
 Thair is ane pair of capounis pypand het
 And als ane pair of cunyn^gis weill I wait 380
 Twa pair of pertrikis I wait *yair* is na mair
 And eik the plovaris and ¹ se *ze* bring ws *yair*
 The gud wyf wist it was no variance
 Sche knew the freyr had sene hir gouernance

¹ *Sic.*

Sche wist it was no bute for to deny 385
 And ȝan scho ȝeid on to the almary
 And opy~~n~~nit It and than scho fand richt ȝair¹
 all ȝat ȝe freyr had spokin of befoir
 Sche stert abak as scho war in effray
 And sanis hir and to symon can say 390
 haly benedicite quhat may this mene
 Quha hard euir of sic ane farlie sene
 Sa grit ane farlie as now is hapnit heir
 Quhat sall I say he is ane haly freyr
 ȝe said full suth of all that ȝe culd say 395
 Sche brocht all furt~~h~~ and on the burde culd lay
 Bayt~~h~~ breid and wyne wit~~h~~outtin moir
 The capounis cunyngis as ȝe haue hard before
 [p. 125] pertrikis plevaris before ȝame [h]as sche brocht
 The freyr knew and saw ȝair wantit nocht 400
 Bot all was brocht as him list devyse
 ffra symon saw it ferd vpon this wyse
 he had greit wonder and sweiris by the mone
 ffreyr robert hes richt weill his devoir done
 He may be callit ane man~~z~~ of grit science 405
 So suddandlie ȝat all ȝis purviance
 Hes brocht ws heir all throw his subtilte
 And throw his arte and his philosophie
 It was in gude tyme ȝat he come hidder
 Now fill the cop we may drink togidder 410
 And mak ws mirrie efter this ewill day
 ffor I haue ridding ane woundyr wilsum way
 On till ws all throw his wyse gouernance
 And god be lovit heir is aneuche sufficiance
 And wit~~h~~ that wourd thay drank round about 415
 Off ye gud wyne and ay thay playit cop out
 They eit and drank and maid richt mirrey cheir
 Wit~~h~~ loud sang bayt~~h~~ symon and the freyr²

¹ *Sic.*² Quhill at the last ȝai waxit blyth IlkaneThan Symon (=431-2) *written here and deleted.*

Quhill on this wyse the lang *nyc/ht* our thay draif
 Thay wantit nothing *yat* thay desyr to craif 420

All pair sport *yocht* *yai* war weill at eifß
 on till our dame it micht hir nothing pleifß
 vther thing was more in till hir thoct
 Sche had sic dreid hir hart wes all on *floucht*

Throw the freyr scho suld discoverit be 425

Asyd to him sche caist ane *fremmit* E
 still scho sat and leit *ya(me)* all allane
 quhat scho thoct sche wist (no vdir)¹ wane
 bot thay war (blyth annwche)¹ god wait and sang
 (For ay)¹ the wyne was wal(kand) *yame* amang 430

Quhill at the last thay waxit blyt^h Ilkon

Than symon said on to the freyr anone

I marvale meikle how *yat* this may be

In to schort tyme *yat* *ze* so suddanlie

Hes brocht ws heir sa mony danteis seyr 435

Thairof haue *ze* *nocht* farlie said the freyr

I haue ane page full previe of myn awin

will cum to me quhen *yat* I list vnknawin

[p. 126] And bring to me sic thing as I wald haue

Quhat I so list me neidis *nocht* to crave 440

Quhairfor be blyth and tak in pacience

And traistis weill I sall do diligence

Gif *yat* *zow* list or lykis to haue more

He sall it bring and *yat* I sall stand fore

Incontinent richt heir *yat* *ze* may se 445

bot I protest *yat* *ze* keip this previe

lat na man wit *yat* I can do sic thing

Than symon said I sweyr be hewinis king

It salbe kepit counsale as for me

Bot brother deir *zour* *seruand* wald I se 450

Gif *ze* pleis *yat* we may drink to gidder

ffor I wait *nocht* gif *ze* may ay cum hidder

quhen we list or lykis sic as this

Than symon sayis swa haue I Ioy or blis

¹ *Cut off. These four lines (427-30) are written on the margin.*

I dar *nocht* vndertak It vpone me 455
 ffor dyuers causis now apperandlie
 Till bring him heir so lait vpon the *nicht*
 And namelie now in till freyr allanis sicht
 bot gif It war vpon this wyse
 To translait him in ane vther gyse 460
 ffra his awin kynd in till ane vther stait
 Than symon sayis 3e mak na mair debait
 How euer 3e will It lykis weill to me
 bot brother deir 3our *seruand* wald I se
 ffreyr robert said sen *ȝat* 3our will Is so 465
 Tell on to me *withouttin* wourdis mo
 In to quhat stait 3e list *ȝat* he appeir
 Than symon said in lyknes of ane freyr
 In quhyt habite sic as 3our self can weir
 ffor colour quhyt It will to no *man* deir 470
 And ewill spreitis quhyt colour euer will fle
 ffreyr robert said I say It may *nocht* be
 That he appeir in till *our* habite quhyt
 ffor till our ordour It war ane grit despyte
 [p. 127] That ony sic ane vnwourthy wicht as he 475
 In our habite *ȝat* ony *man* suld se
 bot sen it plesis to 3ow *ȝat* now is heir
 3e sall him se in lyknes of ane freyr
 In gray habite as is his kynd to weir
 In to sic wyß *ȝat* he sall no *man* deir 480
 Sua *ȝat* 3e do as I sall 3ow devyß
 To hald 3ow cloiß and rewle 3ow on this wyß
 Quhat sua It be *ȝat* outhir 3e se or heir
 3e speik nothing nor 3it 3e mak no steir
 Bot hald 3ow cloiß quhill I haue done my cure 485
 Than he said symon 3e *man* be on the flure
 Neir besyd I sall be 3our warrand
 Haue 3e no dreid bot still by me 3e stand
 Than symon said I *consent* *ȝat* It be sua
 Than vp he start and tuik ane libberlay 490
 In till his hand and on the flure he stert
 Sumthing effrayit thocht stalwart was his hart

Than symon said till freyr robert sone
 Tell me maister quhat 3e will haue done
 Nathing he said bot hald 3ow clois and still 495
 And quhat I do 3e tak gud tent *yair* till
 And neir the dure 3e hald 3ow preuelie
 And quhen I bid 3ow stryk stryk hardelie
 In to the nek se *yat* 3e hit him richt
 I warrand *yat quod* he *with* all my *mycht* 500
 Thus on the flure I leif him standand still
 bydand his tyme and turne agane I will
 Till freyr robert *yat* tuik his buik in hy
 And turnit our the levis bissaly
 Syn 3eid to the trouche and on this wyß said he 505
 How hurlbasie anone I *coniure* the
 That vp 3ow ryse and syn to appeir
 In gray habite in lyknes of ane freyr
 Out fra the trouche quhair *yat* thow can ly
 Thow rax the sone and mak ws na tary 510
 [p. 128] Thow turne our the trouche *yat* we may se
 And syn till ws 3ow schaw the opinlie
 And in this place se na man *yat* thow greif
 Bot draw thy handis bayth in to thy sleif
 And pow thy coull leuche attour thy face 515
 ffor 3ow sall byd no langar in this place
with *yat* the freyr vnder the trouche *yat* lay
 No wounder thocht his hart was in effray
 Than of the trouche he tumblit sone anone
 And to the dure he schapis him to gone 520
With ewill cheir and dreyrie countynance
 ffor never befoir him hapnit sic ane chance
 Bot quhen freyr robert him saw gangand by
 Than on symon he cryis hastelye
 stryk hardelie for now Is tyme to the 525
with *yat* symon ane felloun flap leit flie
with his burdoun he hit him in the nek
 He was so fers he fell attour ane sek
 And brak his heid vpon the mustarde stone
 Be *yat* the freyr attour the stair was gone 530

In sic ane wyß he missit hes the trap
 He fell in ane meikle myre as wes his hap
 was fourtie fute on breid vnder the stayr
 And thus his pairt was nathing wounder fayr
 In to *yat* tyme considdering how It stude 535
 Out of the myre full smertlie at he woide
 And on the wall he clame full haistely
 was maid about and all *wit* stanis dry
 And of *yat* schape in hart he wes full fane
 Now he sall be layth to cum agane 540
wit *yat* freyr robert stert about and saw
 Quhair *yat* the gudman lay so wounder law
 Apon the flure and bleidand was his heid
 he stert till him and went he had bein deid
 And claucht him vp *wit*houttin wourdis mair 545
 [p. 129] And to the dure delyuerly him bayr
 And for the wynd was blawand in his face
 He sone ourcome In till ane lytill space
 And syn the freir hes franit at him fast
 Quhat alit him to be sa sair agast 550
 He said 3on feynd had maid me in effray
 Lat be *quod* he the werst is all away
 And mak mirrey and se 3e murne na mair
 3e haue him strikin quyt out *our* the stayr
 I saw him skip gif I the suth can tell 555
 at our the bak in till ane myre he fell
 lat him now go he is ane gameleß gaist
 And to 3our bed 3e bowne to tak 3ow rest
 Thus symonis heid apon the wall was brokin
 And als freyr Iohne attour the stair was loppin 560
 And hurt his heid and wait him wounder ewill
 And alesoun scho gat *nocht* all hir will
 And thus my taill I end heir of the freyr
 Chryst send ws peice and lat ws nevir haue weyr
 ffinis the freiris of berwik

[XLIII. ANON. *Christis Kirk on the Grene*;
P., p. 444; Bann. MS., fol. 99 a.]

Was never in scotland hard nor sene
Sic dansing nor deray
nother in falkland on the grene
nor peblis to the play
As was of wowaris as I wene 5
At chrystis kirk on ane day
Thair come our kittie wesching clene
In hir new kirtill of gray full gay
At chrystis kirk on the grene 10

To dance the damisallis yame dicht
and lassis licht of laittis
Thair gluviss war of the raffell richt
Thair schone war of the straitis
Thair kirtillis war of the lincum licht¹ 15
weill prest *wit*h mony plaitis
[p. 130] Thay war so nyce quhen men yam nicht
Thay squeild lyk ony gaitis ful² loud
At chrystis kirk on the grene 20

Sche scornit Iok and scrippit at him
And morgeound him *wit*h mokkis
He wald haue luffit hir sche wald nocht lat him
ffor all his zallow lokkis
He cherist hir scho bad ga chat him 35
Sche comptit him nocht tua clokkis
So schamfullie ane schort gown sat him
his lymmis was lyk twa rokkis sche said
At chrystis 40

Off all thir madinis myld as meid
was nane sa gymp as gillie
As ony rose hir rude was reid
Hir³ lyre was lyk the lillie

¹ *Rewritten.*

² *In later hand.*

³ *lyk deleted here.*

Bot ȝallow ȝallow was hir heid 25
 And sche of luif so sillie
 Thocht all hir kin suld haue bein deid
 Sche wald haue bot sweit willie allane
 at Chrystis kirk of the grein 30

Stewin come steppand in *witʰ* stendis
 no renk *mycht* him arrest
 platfut he bobbit vp *witʰ* bendis
 ffor mald he maid requeist
 he lap quhill he lay on his lendis 45
 bot rysand he was prest
 quhill he hostit at baytʰ the endis
 In honour of the feist That day
 At chrystis on the grein 50

Thome lutar was ȝair menstrale meit
 O lord gif he culd lance
 He playit so schill and sang so sweit
 quhill towsie tuik ane trance
 [p. 131] All auld *lycht* futtis he did forleyt 55
 And counterfutit france
 Hei¹ him avysit as *man* discreit
 And vp the moreis dance scho tuik
 at Chrystis 60

Than robene roy begouth to revell
 And dowie to him druggit
 lat be *quod* Iohke¹ and callit him gavell
 And be the taill him tuggit
 He turnit and cleikit to the cavell 65
 bot lord ȝan gif ȝai luggit
 Thai partit ȝair play thane *witʰ* ane nevell
 men wait gif hair wes ruggit betwene yame
 at Chrystis kirk 70

¹ *Sic.*

Ane bend ane bow sic sturt couth steir him
 grit scayth^h war to haue scard him
 He chesit ane flaine as did affeir¹ him
 The tother said dirdum dardum
 Throw bayth^h the cheikis he thocht to cheir him 75
 Or throw the chaftis haue charde him
 Bot be ane myle It come nocht neir him
 I can nocht say quhat mard him Thair
 at Chrystis kirk 80

With yat ane freynd of his cryit fy
 and vp ane arow drew
 he forgeit It so ferslye
 The bow in flenders flew
 Sa was the will of god trow I 85
 ffor had the tre bene trew
 men said yat kend his archerie
 That he had slane anew That day
 at Chrystis kirk 90

Ane haistie hensour callit harie
 Quhilk wes ane archer heynd
 Tit wp ane takill but ony tarye
 [p. 132] That turment so him teynd
 I wait nocht quhidder his hand cud varie 95
 Or gif the man was his freynd
 Bot he chapit throw the michtis of marie
 as man yat na ewill meynd yat tyme
 at chrystis kirk 100

Than lowrie as ane lyoun lap
 and sone ane flane culd fedder
 he hecht to pers him at the pape
 Thairon to wed ane wedder

¹ Originally affeird.

He hit him on the wambe ane wap 105
 And It buft lyk ane bledder
 bot lo as fortoun was and hap
 his doublat was of ledder And sauft him
 at chrystis kirk of / 110

The baff so boustuousle abasit him
 To the erd he duschit down
 The tother for dreid he preissit him
 and fled out of the toun
 The wyffis come furth and vp thay paisit him 115
 And fand lyff in the loun
 And with thre routis thay raisit him
 and coverit him of swoune agane
 At crhrystis¹ kirk 120

Ane 3aip 3oung man yat² stude him neist
 lousit of ane schot with Ire
 He etlit the berne ewin in the breist
 The bout flew our the byre
 Ane cryit yat he had slane ane preist 125
 Ane myle bezond ane myre
 Than bow and bag³ fra him he caist
 And fled als fers as fyre of flint
 at Chrystis kirk 130

With forkis and flalis thay leit grit flappis
 and flang togither with friggis
 with bougaris of barnis pai birst blew cappis
 [p. 133] Quhill thay of bernis maid briggis
 The rerde rais rudlie with the rappis 135
 Quhen rungis was layd on riggis
 The wyffis come furth with cryis and clappis
 lo quhair my lyking liggis Quod scho
 at chrystis kirk 140

¹ *Sic.*² maid him *deleted here.*³ bak *deleted here.*

Thay girnit and leit gird *wit^h* granis
 Ilk gossop vther grevit
 Sum straikit¹ stingis sum gadderit stanis
 Sum fled and weill eschewit
 The menstrale wan *wit^h*in ane wanis 145
 That day full weill he previt
 ffor he come hame *wit^h* unbrise² banis
 Quhair fechtaris war mischevit for ever
 at chrystis kirk 150

Heich huchoun *wit^h* ane hissill ryß
 To red can throw yame rummill
 He mudlit yame doun lyk ony myse
 He wes na baty bummill
 Thocht he wes wicht he wes noch^t wyß 155
wit^h sic Iatouris to geummill¹
 ffor fra his thoume thay dang ane sklyß
 Quhill he cryit barlaw fummill ouris
 At chrystis kirk 160

Quhen *yat* he saw his blude so reid
 To fle nicht no man lat him
 He wend it had bene for ald feid
 The far sarar it sat him
 He gart his feit defend his heid 165
 He thocht thay cryit haue at him
 Quhill he was past out of all pleid
 He suld be swyft *yat* gat him throw speid
 at Chrystis kirk 170

The toun soutar in breif was boudin
 His wyf hang in his waist
 His body was in blude all browdin
 He granit lyk ony gaist

¹ *Sic.*² *Altered from something illegible.*

[p. 134] Hir g[l]itterand hairis yat war full goldin 175
 So hard in luif him laist
 That for hir saik he wes vn3oldin
 Sewin myle quhen he wes chaist and mair
 at Chrystis kirk 180

The millar was of manlie mak
 To meit him was na mowis
 Thair durst na ten cum him to tak
 So nobbit he yair nowis
 The buschement haill about him brak 185
 And bickert him with bowis
 Syn tratourlie behind his bak
 Ane hewit him on the howis behind
 at Chrystis kirk / 190

Twa yat was herdismen of the herde
 Ran vpone vther lyk rammis
 Thai forsy freikis richt vneffeird
 Bet on with barow trammis
 Bot quhair yair gobbis war bayth vngird¹ 195
 Thai gat vpon ye gammis
 Quhill bludie barkit was yair berd
 As thay had worreit lambis Most lyk
 At Chrystis kirk 200

The wyffis cast vp ane hiddwous 3ell
 quhen all the 3oungkeiris 3okkit
 Als fers as ony fyr flauchtis fell
 freikis to ye feild yai flokit
 Thay cavellis with clubbis culd vther quell 205
 quhill blude at breistis out bokkit
 So rudlie rang the Commouñ bell
 quhill all the steipill rokkit for rerde
 at Chrystis Kirk on / 210

¹ *Sic.*

Quhen thai had beirit lyk batit bullis
 And brane wode brynt in balis
 Thai wox als mait as ony mulis
 That maggit war *wit* malis
 [p. 135] ffor fa[n]tnes¹ thay forfochin fulis 215
 ffell doun lyk flauchter falis
 ffresche men com hame and halit the dulis
 And dang yame doun in dalis bedene
 at Chrystis kirk / 220

Quhen all wes done dic *wit* ane ax
 Come furth to fell ane futher
quod he quhair ar 3on hangit smaikis
 Richt now yat hurt my brother
 His wyf bad him gang hame gud glaikis 225
 And sua did meg his mother
 He turnit and gaif yame bat*h* yair paikis
 ffor he durst stryk na vther men said
 At chrystis kirk on the grene 230
 ffinis

[XLIV. DUNBAR² *The Testament of Mr.
Andro Kennedy*; S.T.S., p. 54.]

I maister walter Kennedie
 Curro quando sum vocatus
 Gottin *wit* sum Incubie
 Or *wit* sum freir Infatuatus
 In fayth I can nocht tell trewlie 5
 Vnde aut vbi fui natus
 Bot be my treuth I trow trewlie
 Quod sum diabolus Incarnatus

 Cum nihill sit certius morte
 We man all de man yat is dome³ 10
 Nescimus quando vel qua sorte
 Nor blind allane wait of ye mone

¹ fantnes *in catchword*.

² Here assigned to [Walter] Kennedy.

³ Sic.

Ego patior in pectore
 This nicht I nicht *nocht* sleip ane wink
 licet eger in corpore
 3it wald my mouth be wait *wit* drink 15

[p. 136]. Nunc condo testamentum meum
 I leif my saull for euirmare
 per omnipotentem deum
 In to my lordis wynsellare 20
 Semper ibi ad remanendum
 Quhill domisday *wit*hout diseuir
 bonum vinum ad bibendum
*wit*h sweit cuthbert yat luffit me never

Ipse est dulcis ad amandum 25
 He wald oft ban me in his breth
 Det mihi potum ad potandum
 and I forgif him layth and wrayth
 quia in cellario cum seruitia
 I had lever ly bayth air and lait 30
 Nudus solus in comesia
 Na in my lordis bed of stait

Ane barrall boung ay at my bosum
 Off warldis welth I bad na mare
 Corpus meum ebriosum 35
 I leif on to the toun of air
 In ane draff middin for euir and ay
 vt ibi sepelire queam
 Quhair drink and draff may euery day
 be cassin super faciem meam 40

Thair wald I be bereit me think
 Or beir my bodie ad tabernam
 Quhair I may feill the savour of drink
 Syn sing for me requiem eternam

	I leif my hart yat never was sicker	45
	Sed semper variabile	
	That never mair wald flow nor flicker	
	Consorti meo ¹ Iacobe	
	Thocht I wald bind it <i>wit^h</i> ane wicker	
[p. 137]	Verum deum renui	50
	Bot and I hecht to teme ane bekar	
	Hoc pactum ² semper tenui	
	Syn leif I the best aucht I coft	
	quod est latinum propter caupe	
	To heid of kin bot I wait <i>nocht</i>	55
	quis est ille I schrew my scaupe	
	I callit my lord ¹ bot hiddill	
	Sed nulli alii hoc dixerunt	
	we war als sib as seif and riddill	
	In vna silua que creuerunt	60
	<i>omnia</i> mea solatia	
	Thai war bot leesingis all and ane	
	Cum omni fraude et fallacia	
	I leif the maister of sanct antane	
	willielmus gray sine gracia	65
	Myn awin deir cussing as I wene	
	qui <i>nunquam</i> fabricat mendacia	
	bot quhen the holine growis grene	
	My feinzein and my fals wy ⁿ ning	
	relinquo falsis fratribus	70
	ffor yat is goddis awin bidding	
	dispersit et dedit pauperibus	
	ffor menis saulis yai say yai sing	
	mentientes pro muneribus	
	Now god gif yame ane ewill ending	75
	pro suis prauis operibus	

¹ *Sic.*² *Interlined.*

To Iohk¹ fule my foly fre
 lego post corpus sepultum
 in fayth I am mare fule yan he
 licet ostendit bonum vultum 80
 Off corne and cattell gold and fe
 Ipse habet valde multum
 and 3it he bleiris my lordis E
 fingendo eum fore stultum

[p. 138] To maister Iohne clerk syne 85
 do et lego Intime
 goddis malesoun and myne
 Ipse est causa mortis mee
 war I ane dog and he ane swyne
 multi mirantur super me 90
 bot I suld gar yat lurdane quhryne
 Scribendo dentes sine d

Residuum omnium bonorum
 ffor to dispone my lord sall haue
 Cum tutela puerorum 95
 ade kitte and all the laif
 In fayth I will na langar raif
 pro sepultura ordino
 On the new gyß sa god me saif
 Non sicut more solito 100

In die mee sepulture
 I will haue nane bot our awin ging
 Et duos rusticos de rure
 Beirand ane barrell on ane sting
 Drinkand and playand cop out ewin 105
 Sicut egomet solebam
 Singand and greitand with hie stewin
 potum meum cum fletu miscebam

¹ Sic.

I will na preistis for me sing
 Dies illa dies Ire 110
 Nor ȝet no bellis for me ring
 Sicut solet semper fiere
 Bot ane bag pyp to play ane spring
 et vnum ailwisp ante me
 In steid of baneir for to bring 115
 quatuor lagenas servicie
 w~~i~~th~~i~~n the graif to set sic thing
 In modum crucis iuxta me
 To fle ȝe dewill ȝan hardelie sing
 De terra plasmasti me 120
 finis quod kennedie

[XLV. ANON. *Proverbial Maxims*;
 Bann. MS., fol. 134 b.]

[p. 139] Mony man makis ryme and luikis to na ressoun
 Ane king seikand tressoun he may find land
 Traist nocht in the band ȝat is oft brokin
 Quhen ane fule hes spokin he hes all done
 The man suld haue Irne schone suld byd ane vther
 mannis deid 5
 Quhen the falt is in the heid the memberis ar seik
 Ane woman thocht scho seme meik scho is ewill to
 know
 Mony man glosis the law oft aganis ȝe pure
 He ȝat spendis his gude on ane hure hes bayth
 skayth and schame
 He ȝat can nocht gang hame he is ane pure man 10
 Ane man quhen he began suld think on the end
 He ȝat glaydlie wald spend suld preiſ for to win
 Comunlie still syn makis loud schame
 Better is gud name ȝan ewill wone geir
 Quha vsis maist for to sweir Is nocht best trowit 15
 Ane tre is eith bowit quhen ȝat it is ȝoung

He *yat* rewlis weill his tung may be callit wyse
 Geir win at the dyß richis never *ye* air
 Ane woman *yat* is fayr may happin be gude
 Ane colt of ane gude stude oft happinⁿis best 20
 Gudis may *nocht* lang lest that is ewill wone
 Ane werk weill begone makis the better end
 Preiß neuer to spend meikle on ane fule
 It is eith to cry hailzule one ane vtheris¹ mannis cost
 He suld haue hunger in frost in heit *yat* will *nocht*
 wirk 25

Obey weill to haly kirk and thow sall fair the better
 bandis boyis or fetteris is *nocht* lyk maryage
 Ane woman keipit in cage Is ane ewill tressour
 Eit and drink *wit*h messour and defy *ye* leiche
 Ane man of meikle speiche may sum tyme lie 30
 Think *yat* *yow* man die thow sall *nocht* glaidlie syn
 Ane man may be of gud kyn and be lytill wourth
 Ane fule biddis Ioy furth and is bayth spur and wand
 bettir is man but land na land but man

He *yat* is cunit of ewill clan wysmen suspectis 35
 [p. 140] Ane scabbit scheip infectis all the hale flok
 Quhairof *seruice* the lok and the theif in the hous
 It makis ane wantoun mouß ane vnhardy cat
 Ane swyne *yat* is fat is caus of his awin deid
 Parte never in feid fra hame *wit*h thy wyf 40
 fley ay fra stryf for ane sweit thing is peice
 all may *nocht* be leiß *yat* mony sayis
 Thow may mend tua nays *wit*h anis said 3oy¹
 He is nane so lytill fa bot he may quhyllis noy
 It is eythar to distroy be far nor to big 45
 Quha *yat* vsis to thig is layth to leif the craft
 Ane auld man is full daft *yat* weddis ane 3oung
 woman

He man trow in sum man or leif ane ewill lyf
 Be thow Ioleous¹ of thy wyf scho will be *ye* war
 He *yat* twichis pik or tar may *nocht* weill be clene 50

¹ *Sic*,

Ane wound quhen it is grene It is best halit
 Ane byle lang beilit man breik at the last
 vnkyndnes by past may nocht be forȝet
 Be blyth at the meit and sad at the prayaris
 ffor lytill mair or leſſ thow mak no debait 55
 leif never the hie gait for ye by rode
 Quha yat doutis nocht god sall nocht fair weill
 He yat covaitis all is hable all to tyne
 put mony to the scule for all will nocht be clerkis
 At all doggis yat barkis men suld nocht be movit 60
 He yat is weill luffit he is nocht pure
 greit laubour and cure makis ane man auld
 Ane gud taill ewill tald is spilt in the telling
 In bying and selling is mony fals ayth
 Commounlie gud clayth is ay best cheip 65
 Quha preissis farrest to leip is able gang abak
 And thus in ane morning of may this mater culd
 I mak

ffinis Amen etc.

[XLVI. ROULE *Cursing*;
Bann. MS., fol. 104 b.]

[p. 141]

D evyne poware of michtis maist
 of father sone and haly gaist
 Jesus chryst and his apostolis¹
 peter paule and his discipulis
 And all the powar vnder god 5
 And now of rome yat beiris ye rode
 vnder the lord to louſſ and bind
 paip alexander yat ȝe may find
 with yat powar yat peter gaif
 Goddis malesoun mot thay haue 10
 and all the blude about yair hart
 blak be yair hour hard yair parte

¹ The first three lines have been rewritten.

ffor fyve fat geiß of ßir Iohne rowlis
 wth capounis hennis and vther foulis
 bayt^h the haldaris and the heilaris 15
 Ressattaris and the previe steilaris
 And he yat sauffis saulis and *condamnis*
 Beteiche ye dewill thair guttis yair gammis
 Thair toung yair teith yair handis yair feit
 And all yair bodie hale compleit 20
 That brak his 3arde and staw his frute
 And raif his erbis vp be the rute
 His quheit his aitis his peiß his beir
 In stouk or stak to do him deir
 In berne in hous in kill or milne 25
 Except wthout it war his will
 His woule his lamb his cheis his stirk
 Or ony teyndis of halie kirk
 And all yat lattis vnkend or knawin
 The vicair to dispone his awin 30
 Kirkland hay or greß to the avale
 be yair support red or counsale
 Now cursit and wareit be yair werd
 Quhill thay ar levand vpon erd
 Hunger sturt and tribulatioun 35
 And never to be wthout vexatioun
 Off yengeance sorow and of cair
 [p. 142] graceles thriftles and threid bair
 all tymes in yair legacie
 fyre swerd watter or widdie 40
 Or ane of thir infirmiteis
 Off warldlie scharp aduersateis
 Powert pestilence or poplisie
 Dum deif or ydropesie
 Magrame or 3it the missalrie 45
 Ane postrume or 3it the *parlasie*
 ffluxis hyvis or hutit Ill
 Host heidwark or the land Ill
 Cauld canker or fistill feueris
 brukis bylis blobis or blistaris 50

emerideß or the sair als

The chowkkis ye spynnage in the halfß

The painfull gravell and the gute

The gulsoche yat thai never be but

sciatica and artalica

55

The crippl the cramp the colica

The worme the wareit vedumfa

Rumbursin riplis and bellethraw

The choukis yat haldis yair chaftis fra chawin

Golk galit and at thair hart knawing

60

The stany wring ye stane and sand blind

The barne bed and the morb behind

The stranzelone and the grit grandgor

The harchat in yair lippis before

The mowlis and in yair sleip ye mare

65

The canker als and the caterß¹

And never to be but schot of blude

Or elf schot yus to conclude

and mony vther maleteis¹

bayth for his hennis and his geiß

70

Mot fall vpone yair cairfull corß

With all the ewillis yat ever bure horß

fische fowle best or man

In erd sen the¹ first the warld began

[p. 143]

Till yai remember or thay de

75

Repentand yair Iniquite

And draw yair inclinatioun

fra slouth till contemplatioun

fra feyndis fell subiectioun

Till haly kirkis correctioun

80

Sua yai mak plane confessioun

2

than gud will and contritioun

Salbe yair saulis remissioun

That will schryf yame with yair curat

85

That in yair hart is ewill indurat

¹ *Sic.*

² *A line appears to be missing here, but no blank in MS.*

Na vther preist hes powar nor freir
 And thay daylie still perseveir
 Nocht dreidand god in werk nor wourd
 Nor 3it of haly kirk 3e swerde 90
 Bot in cursitnes and synfull wayis
 levand and dryveand our ȝair dayis
 Nor ask god *mercy* nor repent
 Than this salbe ȝair sacrament
 ffra god our lady and all his hallowis 95
 The dewill ȝair saulis ȝair cragis ȝe gallois
 and cerbarus ȝair banis sall know

1

gog and magog and grim garrog
 The deuill of hell ȝe cheif harrog 100
 Sim skynnar and *ser* girnega

² Iulius apostata

prince pluto and quene cokatrice
 Devotinus ȝe dewill ȝat maid the dyce
 cokacadman and senyanus 105
 fyre mouth and tutyvillus
 And brownie als ȝat kan play kow
 Behind the clayth *wit*h mony mow
 All ȝir about the beir ³ salbe
 Singand ane dolorous deregie 110
 And vȝeris deuilis ȝair sall be sene
 Als thik as mote in sonnis beme

[p. 144]

How ȝai sall carie amang ȝair cluikis
 Sum libber layis and sum hell cruikis
 Sum *wit*h Kamis and sum *wit*h cardis 115
 Sum *wit*h quhippis of leddering tardis
 Sum *wit*h clubbis and mellis of leid
 Sum *wit*h branderathis burnand reid
 And sum *wit*h rumpillis lyk ane skayit
 And geiß and capounis rostit hait 120

¹ *Blank in MS.* For thair dispyt of the kirkis law, *Bann.*

² *The blank also appears in Bann.*

³ *ȝe deleted here.*

That salbe laschit on yair lippis
 Cum yai *wit/in* the deuillis grippis
With sculzoun cloutis and dressing knyvis
 plat for plat on yair gingyvis
 Sayis richt yus of rowlis geiſ 125
 Thair chaftis chowit yame euerie peiſ
 ffor yow art he and yow art scho
 That roulis blak Iabert put in bro
 And yow art scho *yat* staw his hen
 And put hir in the pot yair ben 130
 lo this is he *yat with* his hart
 Wald never gif to god his parte
 Bot ay about for to dissaue
 The haly kirk *yat* it suld haue
 Than ruffie taskar *with* his flaill 135
 Sall beit yame all fra top to taill
 And ruffy ragman *with* his taggis
 Sall ryff yair synfull saulis in raggis
 And quhen ye dewillis hes yame tirvit
 All yair saulis beis transformit 140
 Sum in beitchis and sum in beiris
 Sum in mulis and sum in meiris
 Aganis ye statour *yat* yai war in
 ffor vengeance of yair deidlie syn
 To ryd and tak possessioun 145
 In hell for yair transgressioun
 And *with* grit din and this deray
 Compeir sall sathan but delay
 Sayand richt yus in his sentence
 1 150

[p. 145] I dewill of dewillis I 3ow *condamme*
 ffor geis for 3owis for woule for lamb
 ffor thy hy 3ow to the pot of hell
with sathan abiron euer to duell
 As feyndis spreitis perpetuall 155
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¹ A line is evidently missing here ; no blank in MS.

ffor to remane in mesery
 with meikill sorow and Invy
 Deip acheron 3our saule Invaide
 Als blak als rouche as ony taid 160
 snaykis serpentis and edderis
 Mot stuf 3our bellies and 3our bledderis
 In hellis hole quhair never is lycht
 nor never is day bot ever nicht
 Quhair never is mirth ewin nor morow 165
 Bot endles pane sorow on sorow
 quhair never is peice nor 3it concord
 Nor vnite bot ay discorde
 Malice rankour and Invy
 With magra ¹ and melancolie 170
 Quhair yair is hunger cald and thirst
 Dirknys mirknys rouk and mist
 And cair but consolatioun
 With eternale damnatioun
 Than fra the sentence on yame be said 175
 greit baliall sall gif ane braid
 And bakwart leip vpon ane beir
 Sum on ane mule and sum on ane meir
 Sum on woulfis and sum on wicchis
 Sum on brod sowis and sum on bicchis 180
 Sum on dragounis and sum on deuillis
 And sum on gillattis Iust vp creilis
 Than is yair noch bot sadill and brydill
 Thir cuttit meiris hes lang gane ydill
 Bot sic ane clawin with yair cluikis 185
 And sic ane rerdin with yair ruikis
 [p. 146] Rampand with ane hiddowis beir
 Cryand all is ouris yat is heir
 Gif yai be weir men of grit pane
 All yair saulis sall be slane 190
 Quhair with the feynd yai salbe furrit
 Becaus ye kirk thai haue incurrit

¹ Sic.

The membris of thai cursit men
 That staw the guse ye cok the hen
 Thai salbe cuttit be the croppis 195
 Quhair *with* the dewill Iakkis and Iokkis
 Salbe bordourit and buttonit als
 In sing yat yai war mensworne and fals
 Syn led in towis and in tedderis
 And all figuris foull of fedderis 200
 That all ye court of hewin may know
 Thay war ye theveis yat roulis geis staw
 ffor quhy greit god *our* hieast iuge
 He gaif decreit but his refuge
 That all pykaris yat steilis pultre 205
 Gayis *nocht* to hewin bot yai sall fle
 To hell *with*out redemptioun
 Quhair yair is no remissioun
 The discripsioun of yir forsaid dewillis
 Thay haue lang talis on yair heilis 210
 And rumpillis hingand on yair talis
 And dragoun heidis and warwoulf nalis
With glourand Ene glitterand as glas
With bugillis and hornis maid of bras
 And on yair kneis bla and blak 215

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and dyuers faceis repleit of Ire
 Spittand vennum and sparkis of fyre
 And sum *with* teyth and tyger tungis
 Attour yair berdis lyk blaudis of longis 220
 Spottit and sprutit vp and down
 Reid attri lyk ane scorioun
 And sum ar sneth² and sum ar rouch
 [p. 147] And sum ar lyk ane *serpentis* slouche
 And prik mule Eris and sum is lyk 225
 Thair eiris lyk ane middin tyk
With gaipand mouth richt zaip to suellie
 The mair the less dewill in his bellie

¹ Blank in MS. ; the line is also wanting in Bann.

² Sic.

Off yair foule figouris na man can tell
 Thocht yai war sewin 3eiris in to hell 230
 To leir to paynt portour or blasoun
 Thair forme and ¹ yair feyndlie fassoun
 Thair vgsum horribiliteis

2

Nor 3it na tail3our yat schapis with scheiris 235
 Thocht infinit he be of 3eiris
 Maist principillie to schaip yair grayth
 In hell for steiling heir of clayth
 Can counterfit nor mak it meit
 Ane gabert for ane dewill compleit 240
 And 3it in hell is mony ane
 That said yai war als trew as stane
 gif yair be ony in this hous
 That beiris ye nedill that gorrit the lous
 I yame beseik yai be nocht wrayth 245
 Suppois yai clyit haue part of clayth
 bot seik ye caus and leß ³ ye deid
 And blame the scheiris yat schair the skreid
 And quha yat stelis and on stouth levis
 Cursit mot thai be amangis the theveis 250
 Now to the effect proceed will I
 And speik of feyndis fastase ³

2

In court nor with the quene of farie
 But heltaris heidtallis ³ sonkis or saidillis 255
 But butis or spurris crukis or ladillis
 with foull berdis blasand in the wind
 And hot speitis in thair tailis behind
 Than iufar lawsie with his Iaggis
 [p. 148] And bellie basie with his baggis 260
 at hellis 3ettis sall mak sic rerding
 On yir steillaris of geiß sall ding
 That it beis harde in middill erde
 Thair rumling and yair grit rerde

¹ and repeated.² A line missing here ; no blank in MS.³ Sic.

Thunner blast and fyre sall blaw 265
 That na dewill ma ane vther knaw
 for reik and stink of brintstane birnand
 Deuillis gaipand and also girnand
 Than sall blay baliall gif ane brattill
 And all the theiffis in hell sall startill 270
 lyk to ane gade of yrne or steill
 That doun war sinkand in ane weill
 Sa sall thai all to endles pane
 And never to cum out agane
 Now Jesu for yi passioun 275
 That deit for our redemptiouñ
 Of all mankynd haue mercy on
 lat never this sentence fall yame on
 bot grant yame grace ay till forbeir
 Resset or stouth of wickit geir 280
 And als agane yis geir restore
 Til roule as I haue said befoir
 And to repent yai suld in tyme
 pray we to god this endis ye ryme
 This tragidie is callit but dreid 285
 Roullis conscience ¹ quha will It reid
 ffinis *quod* roule etc.

[XLVII. ANON. *How the
 Father teichet the Sone.*]

My sone gif yow to the court will ga
 my bidding luik wth the thow ta
 And everie day tak tent thairto
 Suppois yat thow haue meikle ado
 ffirst sone I gif the in bidding 5
 [p. 149] To luif thy god attour all thing
 That is to say on this maneir
 luik preiching yat yow glaidlie heir

¹ *Sic.*

And serve thy god all yat yow may
 In the beginning of the day 10
 And in fayth he sall cum the to
 quhen euir yat thow hes ocht ado
 ffor of sic *seruice* and yow tyre
 Thow falis meikill of thy desyre
 Thow luif yi god Intentfullie 15
 Suppois yow be *nocht* ay reddie
 Quhen yow *cummis* in the kirk to pray
 Thocht preiching be *nocht* reddie ay
 3it luik yat yow ay prayand be
 Quhill yat thy maister mister the 20
 And vse thow this ane 3eir to end
 It sall richt gritlie the amend
 And gif yow lykis for till haue pryse
 In weir yow wirk vpon this wyse
 be gud of lyf weill luiffand ay 25
 Als far furth as ever thow may
 It proffettis mair to men of armes
 gud lyf yan ony vther charmes
 ffor and ane man weill luiffand be
 He sall do mair nor vther thre 30
 And sen gud lyf makis ye hardie
 ffor to do weill be ay bissie
 ffor gud lyf ay and godlines
 Sall eik yi pryfs and thy riches
 I bid ye sone yat yow be leill 35
 At yow haue no delyte to steill
 bayth of thy tounge and of thy hand
 be ay certane and *nocht* waverand
 And lippin *nocht* in no privityte
 To heill yat efter may wittin be 40
 Quha traistis *yairin* withouttin dout
 Ar schent and schamit syn all out
 And gif yow lykis for [to] le
 Ane leyar sone yan sall yow se
 At thre or four or ane or twa 45
 Richt *with* thy leising sall the ta

And say yow leis richt pertlie
 Than dar yow *nocht* be sa hardy
 To contrar yame yocht yow war wrayth
 Than art yow fals and cowart bayth 50
 I pray ye sone be *nocht* vnkynd
 ffor It and falsheid ar of ane kynd
 ffor and yow be ane vnkynd crose ¹
 On neid yow man be fals of forse
 ffor vnkyndnes traist sickerlie 55
 Is mother till all tratorie
 Descending doun lyne be lyne
 Ather till vther neir cusing
 be *nocht* haltane nor dangerous
 nor on na wyß dispituous 60
 Thir thre may bring the to bargane
 with thy nychtburis euerilkane
 And yat I forbid ye to do
 bot gud sone do my bidding to
 vnblamit be gif yat thow wald 65
 In mesour ay is best to hald
 Swa may yow keip ye vnreprevit
 And haue yow hap ye better luffit
 I forbid the be barganour
 In cumpany or grit bostour 70
 ffor ane bostour no man doutis
 bot schent and schamit is with scoutis
 And gif yow lykis for till stryf
 fra cumpany I reid belyf
 Thow tak yi leif but mair assaill 75
 ffor ane of yir tua sall *nocht* faill
 Owther to be slane with ane swerde
 Or ellis of Ilkman haue ewill wourde
 And it be kend in thy mischeif
 To be put fra the court as theif 80
 And fra thyn furth yat thai the know
 fra everie court be put on raw

[p. 151]

¹ *Sic.*

bot nevertheleß 3it bid I the
 In thy defence gif yat It be
 bot luik rycht weill thow haue ye richt 85

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for haue yow bayth richt and defence
 sall na man blame ye yair anence
 This bidding tak gud tent pairto
 gif yi maister hes ocht ado 90

Or 3it thy falow or thy freynd
 quhame with thow hapnis for to wend
 And thay be put in harde assay
 se als fer furth as ever yow may
 Thow bisse ye to be neir by 95

Sua yat na man find cowardrye
 Nother in thy hart nor in thy hand
 Ever als lang as yow may stand
 be noch haltane nor hey of will
 vncunnand nor dispituous till 100

Be yair bauldie ane barganour
 And yocht yat yow be ane bostour
 se ² yat yow fallow weill in deid
 Thow salbe luffit with everie leid
 And than sall quyt the in thy stryff 105

Thy godlynes and thy gud lyf
 fle yow never thy maister fra
 ffor yow sall suffer meikill wa
 And sen yow wait weill thou man de
 Quhat bute is yan fra deid to fle 110

quhair may yow de with mair honour
 Than with thy maister in ane stour

[p. 152]

Bot 3it trow noch yat thow sall de
 Set yair be nane bot yow and he
 Think yat 3e tua 3ow allane 115
 sall wone 3our fayis euerilk ane
 for and yow fle fra him to toun
 I gif ye sone my malesoun

¹ A line wanting here ; no space in MS.² Corrected from swa.

Erar on the thy deid yow ta
 Than leif and fle yi maister fra 120
 Myn awin deir sone I the requeir
 Thir documentis yat yow wald leyr
 And keip yame weill bayth leß and mair¹
 Thir sawis yat I haue said befoir
 Quhair euir thow hapnis for to be 125
 with folkis of law or hie degrey
 It sall the richt gritlie amend
 Now fayr weill sone and yus I end
 ffinis how the father
 teichit the sone

[XLVIII. LICHTOUN *Dreme* ;
 Bann. MS., fol. 101 a.]

Quha doutis bot dremis is greit fantasie
 my sperite was reft and had in extasie
 my heid lay lauch in to this dreme but dout
 At my foir top my fyve wittis flew out
 I murnit and I maid ane felloun mane 5
 Me thocht the king of farie had me tane
 And band me in ane presoun fut and hand
 without routh in ane lang raip of sand
 To preiß ye presoun wale it was noch^t eith
 ffor it wes mengit and maid with mussell teith 10
 And in the middis it had ane myre of flint
 I sank yairin quhill I wes neir hand tynt
 And quhen I saw yair wes na vther remeid
 I fleichterit vp with ane fedderem of leid
 And so I thocht me feire of my youth 15
 [p. 153] I tuik my lytill ta in to my mouth
 and kest my self richt with ane nichtie bend
 put through ye volt and pressit noch^t ye pend

¹ *Sic.*

And this I thocht in to my dollie dreme
 I brak my heid vpon ane kirne of reim 20
 That I suld hurt my self I had dispyt
 And all in teyn I turnit and vomit tit
 Drank of ane well yat wes gane dry sewin 3eir
 Syn lap thre loupis and I wes haill and feir
 Syn eftir yat I had chapit yat case 25
 Me thocht I wes in money dyuers place
 Quhilk wer to lang to haue in parfyte mynd
 In egipt Irland arrogone and ynde
 In bulloun burges and in bethleem
 In Iourie land and in Ierusalem 30
 In france in freisland and in coupland fellis
 Quhair cokkis cleikit craw birdis in cokkill schellis
 In pole pertik peblis and periaf
 And yair I schippit in ane barge of draff
 We wand vp sail and couth our anker wey 35
 And suddanlie out throw the frossin se
 We salit in storme but steir gyd or glaß
 To paradyce ye place quhair adam wes
 Be we approchit to the port in hy
 I wes weill war of enoch and ely 40
 Sittand on zule ewin in ane fresche grein schaw
 Rostand stray berries at ane fyre of snaw
 I thocht I wald noch^t sker yame of yat place
 Quhill yai had drawin ye burde and said ye grace
 Bot suddanlie I wouk out throw the plane 45
 To se may herbis yat I micht tell agane
 Methocht I hapnit on ane montane sone
 I wanderit vp and was war of ye mone
 And had noch^t bein I loutit in yat steid
 I had strikin ane lump out of my heid 50
 [p. 154] Quhen I wes¹ me thocht I couth noch^t leif
 Bot syn I tuik the sone beim in my neif
 And wald haue climmyng bot it wes in the clippis
 Schortlie I slaid and fell on bait^h my hippis

¹ *Sic.*

Doun in ane medow besyd ane busk of mynt 55
 I socht my self and I wes sewin 3eir tynt
 3it in the mist I fand me on the morne
 I harde ane pvnder blaw ane elriche horne
 And syn besyd me on ane fair medow grein
 I saw thre quhyt quhalis semlie to be sene 60
 Thair thidder¹ stakis wer maid of grene gerß hair
 Off meige schankis bayt^h cleinlie quhyt and fair
 Thair teddir staikis war maid weill greit to graip
 with silkin chalkillis and swollis of quhyt saip
 The pvnder ran fast for to fynd 65
 Thir quhalis thre vpon the gerß² to pynd
 he had ane clak¹ weill maid and wounder meit
 Off ganand grayt^h of gud raw girdill feit
 Ane cleinlie clouk maid of ye courtlie wyse
 Off emot skynnis w^{it}h mony kithis and plyis 70
 Ane payr of hoisß maid of ane auld milne hopper
 Ane pair of courtlie schone of copper
 Ane heckit hvde maid of the wyld wode saige
 Traist 3e weill this pvnder thoch^t him na page
 He bair ane club gert mony carle be coy 75
 Maid of ane auld burde of the ark of noy
 He draif yir thre quhalis to ane ley
 Ane him swelliet and bair him to ye se
 And pair he leiffit of lempettis in hir wame
 Quhill harvist tyme yat hirdis draif yame hame 80
 Be this wes done ye tother tua quhalis returnit
 To swellie me I gret I dulit I murnit
 Me thocht I fled and throw ane park couth paß
 And walknit syne quhair trow 3e yat I wes
 Doun on ane hie slaik and gat ane felloun faw 85
 And lay between ane pitchar and ane waw
 As wyffis commendis yis dreme I will conclude
 [p. 155] God and the rude mot turne it all to gude
 Gar fill the cop for this auld carling's clamis
 That gentill aill is all the³ caus of dremis 90

¹ *Sic.*² behind *deleted here.*³ gude of *deleted here.*

[XLIX. ANON. *Peblis
to the Play.*]

At beltane quhen ilk bodie bownis
 To peblis to the play
 To heir the singin and the soundis
 The solace suth to say
 Be firth and forrest furt^h thay found 5
 Thay grayt^hhit¹ yame full gay
 God wait yai¹ wald yai do yat stound
 ffor it wes yair feist day Thay said
 of peblis to the play 10

All the wenchis of the west
 war vp or the cok crew
 ffor reilling yair nicht na man rest
 ffor garray and for glew
 And said my curches ar noch^t² prest 15
 Than ansuerit meg full blew
 To get ane hude I hald it best
 be goddis saull yat is trew quod scho
 of peblis to the play 20

Scho tuik the tippet be the end
 To lat it hing scho leit noch^t
 Quod he thy bak sall beir ane bend
 In fayt^h quod scho we meit noch^t
 Scho wes so guckit and so gend 25
 Thay day ane byt scho eit noch^t
 That¹ spak hir fallowis yat hir kend
 be still my Ioy and greit noch^t Now
 of peblis to ye play 30

Allace quod scho quhat sall I do³
 am I noch^t cleirlie tynt
 I dar noch^t cum amang na ging⁴
 I am so ewill sone brint

¹ *Sic.*

² *gude deleted here.*

³ *Altered to euer Allace than said scho.*

⁴ *Altered to cum 3on mercat to.*

[p. 156] ¹ amang 3on *merchandis* my *erandis* do 35
 Marie I sall anis mynt
 Stand of far and keik *yaim* to
 as I at hame wes wont *quod* scho
 Off peblis to the play 40

Hopcal3o and cardronow
 gaderit out thik fald
 With hay and how rolumbelow
 The 3oung *foltis* ² wer full bald
 The byg *pyk* ² blew and *yai* out threw 45
 out of the townis vntald
 Lord sic ane schout wes *yame* amang
 Quhen *yai* wer our the wald Thair west
 Off peblis to the play 50

Ane 3oung *man* stert in to *yat* steid
 als cant as ony colt
 ane birkin hat vpon his heid
with ane bow and ane bolt
 Said mirrie *madinis* think *nocht* lang 55
 The wedder is fair and smolt
 He cleikit vp ane hie ruf sang
 Thair fure ane *man* to the holt *quod* he
 of peblis to the play 60

Thay had *nocht* gang ³ half of *ye* gait
 quhen the *madinis* come vpon *yame*
 Ilk ane *man* gaif his consait
 How at *yai* wald dispone *yame*
 Ane said the fairest fallis me 65
 Tak 3e the laif and fone *yame*
 Ane vther said *wyfs* me lat be
 On tweddell syd and on *yame* Swyth
 of peblis to the play 70

¹ To mok *deleted here*.² *Sic*.³ *Corrected to gane*.

Than he to ga and scho to ga
 and never ane bad abyd 3ow
 Ane winklot fell and hir taill vp
 wow *quod* malkin hyd 3ow
 Quhat neidis 3ow to maik it sua 75
 [p. 157] 3on man will *nocht* ourryd 3ow
 Ar 3e our gude *quod* scho I say
 To lat yame gang besyd 3ow 3onder
 of peblis to the play 80

Than thai come to the townis end
*wit*houttin more delay
 He befoir and scho befoir
 To se quha wes maist gay
 all yat luikit yame vpon 85
 leuche fast at yair array
 Sum said yat yai wer *merkat* folk
 Sum said the quene of may wes *cumit*
 Of peblis to the play 90

Than yai to the taverne hous
*wit*h meikle oly-prance
 Ane spak *wit*h wourdis wonder crouß
 Adone *wit*h ane mischance
 braid vp the burde he hyd¹ tyt 95
 we ar all in ane trance
 se yat our ² napre be quhyt
 for we will dyn and daunce Thair out
³ of peblis etc. 100

Ay as the gudwyf brocht in
 ane scorit vpon ye wauch
 Ane bad pay ane vther said nay
 byd quhill we rakin our lauche

¹ *Sic.*² *naip* deleted here.³ *Thairout* deleted here.

The ¹ gudwyf said haue 3e na dreid 105
 3e sall pay at 3e aucht
 ane 3oung man stert vpon his feit
 and he began to lauche for heydin
 Off peblis to ye play 110

[p. 158]

He gat ane trincheour in his hand
 and he began to compt
 Ilk man tua and ane happenie
 To pay thus we war wount
 Ane vthe[r] stert vpon his feit 115
 and said thow art our blunt
 To stak ² sic office vpoun hand
 Be god yow s^reuice ane dunt of me
 of peblis to the play 120

Ane dunt quod he quhat dewill is yat
 be god yow dar noch*t* dud
 He stert till ane broggit stauf
 wincheand as he war woode
 all yat hous wes in an reirde 125
 Ane cryit the halie rude
 help ws lord vpon this erde
 That yair be spilt na blude heir in
 of peblis to the play 130

Thay thrang out at the dure at anis
 with*out*tin ony reddin
 Gilbert in ane guttar glayde
 He gat na better beddin
 Thair wes noch*t* ane of yame yat day 135
 wald do ane vyeris biddin
 Thair by lay thre and threttie sum
 Thrimland in ane midding Off draff
 of peblis to the play 140

¹ gif *deleted here.*² *Sic.*

Ane cadgear on the merkat gait
 Hard yame bargane begin ¹
 He gaif ane schout his wyff come out 145
 scantlie scho micht our hy him
 He held scho drew for dust yat day
 micht na man se ane styme To red yame
 of peblis to the play 150

He stert to his greit gray meir
 and of he tumblit the creilis
 allace quod scho hald one gud man
 and on hir kneis scho knelis
 [p. 159] Abyd quod scho wy nay quod he 155
 In till his stirrappis he lap
 The girding brak and he flew of
 and vpstert bayt^h his heilis at anis
 of peblis to the play 160

His wyf come out and gaif ane schout
 and be the fute scho gat him
 all be dirtin drew him out
 lord god richt weill yat sat him
 He said quhair is 3on culroun knaif 165
 Quod scho I reid 3e lat him
 gang hame his gaitis be god quod he
 I sall anis haue at him 3it
 of peblis to the play 170

3e fylit me fy for schame quod scho
 se as 3e haue drest me
 How feill 3e 3ir as my girdin brak
 quhat meikle deuill may lest me
 I wait [nocht] weill quhat it wes 175
 my awin gray meir yat kest me
 Or gif I wes forfochtin faynt
 And syn lay down to rest me 3onder
 of peblis to the play 180

¹ Two lines wanting here.

Be yat the bargan wes all playit
 The stringis stert out of yair nokkis
 Sewinsum yat the tulze maid
 lay grufflingis in the stokkis
 Iohne niksoun of ye nether warde 185
 Had lever haue giffin ane ox
 Or he had cuming in yat companie
 He swore be goddis cokkis and mannis bayth
 of peblis to the play 190

With yat will swane come sueitand out
 ane meikle millar man
 gif I sall dance haue doun lat se
 [p. 160] Blaw vp the bagpyp yan
 The schamons dance I mon begin 195
 I trow it sall noch^t pane
 So hevelie he hochit about
 To se him lord as yai ran That tyd
 of peiblis to the play 200

Thay gadderit out of the toun
 And neirar him yai dreuche
 Ane bade gif ye daunsaris rowme
 will swane makis wounder teuche
 Than all the wenschis te he yai playit 205
 Bot lord as will 3oung leuche
 Gude gossep cum hyn 3on¹ gaitis
 ffor we haue daunsit aneuche at anis
 at peblis at the play 210

Sa ferslie fyr hait wes the day
 His face began to frekill
 Than tisbe tuik him by the hand
 wes new cuming fra the heckill

¹ *Sic.*

Allace quod scho^e quhat sall I do 215
 And our doure hes na stekill
 And scho to ga as hir tail brynt
 And all the cairlis to kekill At hir
 of peblis to the play 220

Thy¹ pyper said now I begin
 To tyre for playing to¹
 Bot 3it I haue gottin na thing
 ffor all my pyping to 3ow
 Thre happennis for half ane day 225
 And yat will noch^t vndo 3ow
 And gif 3e will gif me richt noch^t
 The meikill deuill gang wth 3ow Quod he
 of peblis to the play 230

[p. 161] Bayt^h the daunsing wes all done
 Thair leif tuik les and mair
 Quhen the winklottis and the wawaris¹ twynnit
 To se it wes hart sair
 Quhat atkin said to fayr ales 235
 My bird now will I fayr
 The dewill a wourde yat scho nicht speik
 Bot swownit yat sweit of swair ffor kyndnes
 of peblis to the play 240

He fippillit lyk ane faderles fole
 And be still my sweit thing
 be the halyrud of peblis
 I may noch^t rest for greting
 He quhissillit and he pypit bayt^h 245
 To mak hir blyt^h yat meiting
 My hony hart how sayis the sang
 Thair salbe mirth at our meting 3it
 of peblis to the play 250

¹ *Sir.*

Be yat the sone wes settand schaftis
 And neir done wes ye day
 Thair men nicht heir schukin¹ of schaftis
 Quhen yat pai went pair way
 Had pair bein mair made of this sang 255
 Mair suld I to 3ow say
 At beltane Ilka bodie bound
 To peiblis to the play
 ffinis

[L. DUNBAR *The Turnament*²;
S.T.S., p. 122.]

Off februar the xv nicht
 ffull lang befor the dayis licht
 I lay in till ane trance
 And pair I saw bayt~~h~~ hewin and hell
 Methocht amangis ye feyndis fell (5)
 Mahoun cryit eftir ane daunce

Off schrewis yat wer never weill schrewin
 Aagane¹ the feist of fastrounis ewin
 To mak pair observance
 He bad galandis ga grayt~~h~~ ane gyse (10)
 [p. 162] And cast vp gawmundis to the skyis
 of the new vse of france

He bad first play the heyland padzan
 Than ran ane feynd to fetch makfadzan (110)
 ffar nort~~h~~wert in ane nuik
 Be [he] the corenoche had done schout
 Irismen sa gadderit him about
 In to hell girt rowme he¹ tuik

¹ *Sic.*

² *But the opening verses are the first and last stanzas of the "Dance of the Sevin Deidly Synnis": see pp. 12-13 and 16 ante.*

Thay tarmagantis *wit*h tag and tatyr (115)
 So loud in ersche begouth to clatter
 And roup lyk rawin and rouk
 Mahown sa deiffit wes *wit*h yair 3ell
 That in the deipest pot of hell
 He smorit yame *wit*h smoik (120)

Syn till ane turnament fast yai hyit
 That lang befoir in hell wes cryit
 In presence of mahowne
 Betuix ane tail3our and ane sowter
 Ane priklous and ane howell¹ cloutter 5
 The barres wes maid boun

The tail3our bayt*h* *wit*h speir and scheild
 Convoyit wes on to the feild
*wit*h mony lymmer lown
*wit*h seymbyttaris and beist knapperis 10
*wit*h stomak steilaris and wit¹ clipparis
 Ane gracles¹ garysoun

His baner borne wes him befoir
 Quhairin wes cloutis mony score
 Ilkane of sindrie hew 15
 And all stowin out of sindrie wobbis
 ffor quhill the greit se fillis and ebbis
 Tail3ouris will never be trew

The tail3our on the barres blent
 Allace he tynt all hardement 20
 ffor dreid he changeit hew
 [p. 163] Mahoun to confort him maid him knycht
 Na ferlie thocht his hart wes wicht
 That to sic honour grew

¹ *Sic.*

He maid ane hecht befoir mahoun 25
That he suld ding the souter doun
Thocht he war strang as maist¹
bot quhen he on the barres blenkit
The tailjouris curage a lytill schrenkit
His hart did all our cast 30

And quhen he saw the souter cum
of all sic wourdis he wes dum
Sa sair he wes agaist
In till his hart wes sic ane scunner
Ane rak of fartis lyk ony thunder 35
He leit of blast for blast

The souter to the feild him drest
He wes convoyit out of the west
As the defendar stout
suppois he had na lustie verlot 40
He had full mony lousie harlot
Round rinnand him about

His baner wes ane berkit hyd
quhair in sanct girnegay did glyd
Befoir the foulsum rowt 45
full sowterlyk he wes of latis
ffor ay betuix his harnes plaitis
The oly furt^h couth spout

vpon the tailjour quhen he did luik
His hart a lytill wamling tuik 50
Scantlie he micht vpsit
In till his stomak wes sic ane steir
Off all his dennar yat cost him deir
His breist held never ane bit

¹ *Sic.*

- [p. 164] To comfort him or he raid further 55
 Mahoun of knichtheid gaif [him] ordour
 ffor savour syn he did spit
 And he about mahounis nek
 Did spew agane ane quart of blek
 Thus knychtliē he him quyt 60
- And fourtie tymes ye feynd cryit fy
 The souter richt abaisitly
 vnto the feild he soucht
 quhen yai wer *seruit* of yair speiris
 Thay nicht weil ken be yair effeiris 65
 Thair hartis war bayt^h on floucht
- Thay spurrit vpon ather syd
 The hors attour ye ground did glyd
 and thame togither brocht
 The tailzour wes *nocht* weil sittin 70
 He left ye sadill all be-schittin
 And to the erde he soucht
- His birnis¹ brak wīt^h sic ane brattill
 The sowtaris horß stert wīt^h ane rattill
 And round about did reill 75
 The horß yat wes effrayit richt ewill
 Than¹ wīt^h the souter to the deuill
 And yair he warit him weil
- Sumthing fra him mahoun eschewit
 He trowit agane to haue bein spewit 80
 Sa sterne he wes in steill
 He thocht he wald agane debait him
 He turnit his erß and all bedrait him
 Quyt fra nek to heill

¹ *Sic.*

He lowsit it of *wit^h* sic ane rerde 85
 bayt^h hors and man he blew till erde
 He fart *wit^h* sic ane feir
 Now ha I quyt the *quod* mahoun
 That new maid knycht wes laid in swoun
 And did all armes foir sweir 90

[p. 165] Mahoun gert yame to dungeoun dryff
 And yame of knychtheid did depyff
 Dischargeing yame all weir
 And [maid] yame harlottis ay for euir
 Sic steyll to keip yai haid far lever 95
 Than ony armes to beir

I had mair of yair werkis writtin
 Had noch^t the soutar bein beschittin
 With balyalis ers vnblast
 Bot yair sa gud ane bourde me tho^{ch}t 100
 Sic solace to my hart yair socht
 ffor lauchter neir I birst

And quhen I waknit of my trance
 To put this in remembrance
 Micht na man me resist 105
 To tell the case how it befell
 Befoir mahoun the dewill of hell
 Schiris trow It gif 3e list
 ffinis quod dunbar

[LI. DUNBAR *The Merle and Nightingale*; S.T.S., p. 174.]

In may as [that] aurora did vpspring
 with cristale ein chaissing the cloudis sabill
 I hard ane merle *wit^h* mirrie notis sing
 Ane sang of luif *wit^h* voce richt comfortable
 Agane the oryent bemis amiabill 5
 Apon ane blythfull branche of lawrie grene
 Thus wes hir sang sweit and delectabill
 Ane lusty lyf in luffis service bene

Wnder this branche rane doun ane reveir
 Off balmy liquor christelling of hew 10
 Agane the ¹ aissure lusty ² skyis brycht ³
 Quhair did apon the toyer syd persew
 Ane nychttingale *wit^h* sugorit notis new
 Quhois angellis fedderis as to ⁴ the paco schone
 [p. 166] This wes hir sang and of ane sentence trew 15
 All luif is lost bot vpon god allone

Seið quod the merle thy preiching nichtingale
 Sould folk thair ȝouth spend in to holynes
 Of ȝoung sanctis growis auld feyndis but fail 35
 ffy ypocraceis growis ⁴ in ȝeir is tendernes
 Agane the kynd of law thow gois expreß
 That cruikit age suld nocht *wit^h* ȝouth be sene
 Quhilk nature of conditiounis maid diuerß
 Ane lustie lyff in luffis seruice bene 40

The nichtingale said fould remember the
 That in eild and ȝouth and everie houre
 The luif of god most deir to man suld be
 That him of nocht wrocht lyk his awin fygour

¹ hevinlie *interlined here*.

³ *Altered to lycht*.

² *Deleted*.

⁴ *Sic*.

And deit him self fra deid him to succour 45
 O quhither was kythit yair trew luif or none
 He is most trew and steidfast paramour
 All luif is lost bot vpon god allone

The merle said quhy put god sic bewtie
 In ladeis face¹ wth sic womanlie having 50
 Bot gif he wald yat thay suld luffit be
 And eik nature to luif gaif yame inclyning
 And he of nature yat wirkar wes and king
 wald nathing frusture put na let be sene
 In creaturis of his awin making 55
 Ane lustie lyf in luiffis service bene

The nichtingale said nocht to yat behuve
 put nocht² sic luif in to ane ladeis face
 That scho sould haue the thank yairof or luif
 Bot be ye wirkar yat put in hir sic grace 60
 Off bounte bewte ryches tyme or space
 Off everie gudnes yat is to cum or gone
 The thank redoundis to him in everie place
 All luif is lost bot vpon god allone

[p. 167] O nichtingale yat wer ane storie nyce 65
 That luif suld nocht depend in cherite
 And gif yat vertew contrair be to wyse
 Than luif suld be ane vertew yan think me
 ffor ay to luif invy man contraire be
 God bad eik luif thy nichtbure from the splene 70
 And quho yan ladeis sweitar nichtburis be
 Ane lustie lyff in luffis service bene

The nichtingale said bird quhy dois yow raif
 Ane man may in his ladie tak sic delyt
 him to forzet yat hir sic bewtie gaif 75
 And for his ewin² resaue hir colour quhyt

¹ *Interlined.*² *Sic.*

Hir goldin tressis and hairis redomyt
 lyk till apollonis bemis quhen yat thai schone
 Suld nocht him blind from luif yat is parfyte
 All luif is lost bot vpon god allone 80

The merle sayis luif causis honour ay
 luif causis cowartis manheid to purches
 luif makis knichtis hardie at assay
 luif makis wretches full of largnes
 luif makis sweir folkis full of bissines 85
 luif makis slugardis fresche and weill be-sene
 luif changeis vyce in vertuous nobilnes
 Ane lustie lyf in luffis service bene

The nichtingale said trew is the contrarie
 Sic frusture luif bindis manis hart so sair 90
 In to yair mynd it makis yame to vary
 In fals langar thay so drunken ar
 Thair wit is went of wo yai ar nocht war
 Quhill yat yair wirschip away be fro yame gone
 fame guddis and strenth quhairfor weill say I dar 95
 All luif is lost bot apon god allone

[p. 168] The merle sayis my errorr I confes
 Sic frusture luif is all bot vanite
 Blind ignorance gaif me sic hardines
 To argoun so aganis the verite 100
 Quhairfor I counsale euerie man yat he
 ffor luif nocht in the feyndis nek¹ be tane
 Bot [luif] the luif yat did for his luif de
 All luif is lost bot vpon god allone

Than sang yai both with voceis loud and cleir 105
 The merle said man luif him yat hes ye wrocht
 The nichtingale sang man luif thy god most deir
 That the and all this warld hes maid of nocht

¹ *Sic.*

The merle said *man* luif him *yat* hes the socht
ffrome hewin to erde and heir tuik flesche and
bone 110

The nichtingale said *wit~~h~~* all his blude ws bocht
All luif is lost bot vpon god allone

Than flaw thir birdis attour thir feyldis grene
Singand of luif amang thir leiffis small
Quhois ythand pleid in to my thocht is grene 115
Both sleyping walking in rest and in travale
Me to comfort it dois maist avale
Agane for luif quhen luif I can find none
To think how sang this merle and nichtingale
All luif is lost bot vpon god allone 120
ffinis quod dunbar etc.

[LII. DUNBAR *Of Deeming*¹;
S.T.S., p. 92.]

Musing allone this hinder nicht
off mirrie day quhen gone wes *ye* nicht²
*wit~~h~~*in ane garth vnder ane tre
I hard ane voce *yat* said on hicht
May na man now vndemit be 5

[p. 169] ffor thocht I be ane crownit king
3it sall I *nocht* eschew demyng
Sum callis me gude sum sayis *yai* le
Sum prayis god to end my ring
So sall I *nocht* vndemit be 10

Be I ane lord and *nocht* lordlyk
Than evirie peylour and purspyk
Sayis land wer better set on me
Thocht he dow *nocht* to leid ane tyk
3it can he *nocht* lat deming be 15

¹ Another copy on p. 313 of MS., and there attributed to Stewart.

² Sic.

Be I ane lady fresche and fair
 with gentill men makand repair
 Than will thai say bayt^h scho and he
 That I am Iapit lait and ayr
 Thus sall I *nocht* vndemit be 20

Be I ane court man or ane knycht
 Honestlie cled as cummis richt
 Ane prydfull man y^an call thay me
 Bot god send yame ane widdie wicht
 That can *nocht* lat yair deming be 25

¹ And be I ornat in my speiche
 Than towsie sayis I am so striche
 I speik *nocht* lyk yair hous meinze
 Suppois hir mouth mister ane leiche
 zit can scho *nocht* lat deming be 35

Bot wist yir folkis y^at vyeris demis
 How y^at yair sawis to vyeris semis
 Thair vicious wourdis and vanite
 Thair traitling toungis y^at all furth^h temis
 Sum tyme wald lat yair deming be 40

War *nocht* the mater wald grow mair
 To wirk vengeance on ane demair
 But dout I wald caus mony de
 And mony catif end in cair
 Or sum tym lat yair deming be 45

[p. 170] Iames the ferd our nobill king
 Quhen he wes of his zeiris zing
 In sentence said full suttellie
 Do weill and set *nocht* by deming
 ffor [na] man sall vndemit be 50

¹ Be I lytill of stature *precedes, but is deleted.*

And so I sall *wit*h goddis grace
 Keip his *comand* in to that case
 Beseikand ay the trinite
 In hewin *yat* I may haue ane place
 ffor yair sall no *man* demit be 55
 ffinis

[LIII. ANON. *The Use of Court* ;
 Bann. MS., fol. 261 b.]

The vse of court so weill I knaw
 The ladeis ar solistaris aw
 At hame remanis the sarie lairdis
 That giffis no giftis nor 3it rewardis
 Bot sendis yair wyffis behind the 3ardis 5
 To furthir erandis fra ewin faw
 The vse of court so weill I knaw

In cloikis yai come so quentlie cled
 And rowndis to get yair erandis sped
 Thai gif no buddis bot on the hiddis¹ 10
 And gettis grit scuddis in naikit bed²
 Thair buclair is bowit¹ and bakwart borne
 And all the caus is quhyt¹ forlorne
 vp gettis yair wame thay thing¹ na schame
 And syn bringis hame the laird the horne 15
 Thair buclar is borit and bakwart borne
 ffinis

¹ *Sic.*

² *Bann. has two additional verses here.*

[LIV. ANON. *Ane fair sweet
May*; P., p. 190.]

Ane fair sweet may of mony one
 scho went on feild to gather flouris
 by come ane gymp man thay callit him Iohne
 He luiffit yat prowde in paramouris
 He sayis this hart of myn is 3ouris 5
 And euer hes bein ¹ sen first I spyit 3ow
 [p. 171] I gang *wit*h 3ow *wit*hin tua houris
 In fayth quod scho I may *nocht* byd 3ow

 Gif 3e so chapit it wer ane scorne
 My hart giffis me *wit*h [3ow] to gang 10
 Sche sayis cum meit [me] heir to morne
paraduenture 3e may sum freyndschip fang
 Do way quod scho 3e duell to lang
 Adew gude *ſir* god mot gyd 3ow
 Now be sanct bernarde and 3e byd langer 15
 I say 3ow suyth I will *nocht* byd 3ow

 And quhen he come he said ² hir thair
 Still at hir tryst behind the toun
 ffair sweet wourdis he spak to yat fair
 And grapit hir out throw the gowne 20
 And in hir eir begouth to rowne
 And said be said ² richart I mon ryd 3ow
 3e ar so lang in lowsing down
 The dewill bodie now may byd 3ow

 He sayis my fair quhair haue 3e ee 25
 This werk Richt wyslie man be wrocht
 Quod scho to find ws it may *nocht* be
 Thocht we war *wit*h ane sleuthhound socht
 Allace this byding is deir bocht
 ffor schame quod scho for schame go hyd 3ow 30
 I feill 3our lang thing standis *nocht*
 Now the dewill burne me and ever I byd 3ow
 ffinis

¹ and ever hes bein *repeated, but deleted.*

² *Sic.*

[LV. ? LYDGATE *Thingis in Kynd*, etc.;
Bann. MS., fol. 79 b.]

Thingis in kynd desyris thingis lyk
bot discontrare haitis euerie thing
Sauf onlie mankynd can nevermor lyk
Bot gif he haue ane solatiuous leving
ffleschelic desyr and gaistlie nurisching 5
In to ane persoun yat samyn to be brocht
Watter and fyre togither in kindilling
It may weill ryme bot it accordis nocht

[p. 172] Ane man (at anis)¹ to serve lordis tuane
The quhilk be both contrarie in opinioun 10
To pleis yame both and purches no disdane
Talk *wit*h the ane and *wit*h the vyer rowne
Be trew to both *wit*houttin tweche of tressone
Tell him of him ye thing yat never wes wrocht
To bring all this to gud conclusioun 15
It may weill ryme bot it accordis nocht

To haue ane gall and clippit ane gentill dow
To be my freynd and gif me fals counsale
To breik my heid and syn put on my how
To be ane preist and formest in batell 20
To ly in bed and castellis till assaill
To be ane merchand quhair nathing may be boucht
To haue ane trew wyf *wit*h ane wantoun taill
It may weill ryme bot It accordis nocht

To be of no cunning and to knaw the herbe 25
To carp language yat nane may vnderstand
Ane fule to haue ane verrie wyß proverb
Ane ffre borne barne of hir yat is ane bonde
Vnpossibill thingis for to tak on hand
To big ane castell or ye grund be wrocht 30
To gif ane doume be law yat may nocht stand
It may weill ryme bot it accordis nocht

¹ *Faded.*

A wrache to weir ane nobill skarlot gown
 A begger furrit purfellit weill *wit*h sabill
 A gude husewif ay rinning in the toun 35
 A chyld to thryff quhilk is vnchestiable
 To be content and lichtlie changeable
 To haue in dainte ye thingis *yat* never docht
 A rome rynnar *wit*hout leissing or fabill
 It may weill ryme bot It accordis nocht 40

A michtie king in ane pure regioun
 Ane haistie wit and hie thingis to devyse
 Meik almous deid and als detraxioun
 [p. 173] Knichtlie manheid and schamfull cowardies
 Ane hewinlie hell ane paynfull paradyse 45
 Ane haly doctour *wit*h ane lichorous thocht
 To wirk on heid syn eftir to devyse
 It may weill ryme bot It accordis nocht

A giltie toung colorit *wit*h eloquence
 Ane fals entent *wit*hin and dissavabill 50
 Ane blyth visage *wit*h freyndlie apperance
 Ane crewale hart Invious and vengeable
 Ane gentill hors in to ane naikit stabill
 Ane mirrie sang the hart *wit*h sorow socht
 To Iune thir all and mak it sufficiabill 55
 It may weill ryme bot it accordis nocht

ffrelie to spend and full of cuvatyce
 To seik burgeounis out of ane auld dry stok
 A gay tempill *wit*hout devyne service
 Ane birdles caige ane key *wit*hout ane ¹ lok 60
 Ane tume schip ay ryding in ane rok
 Ane michtie bischop in ane cuntre of nocht
 Ane wantoun hird and ane weill rewlit flok
 It may weill ryme bot it accordis nocht
 ffinis

¹ Deleted.

[LVI. ANON. *O Lux
beata Trinitas.*]

- O Immensa trinitas
ffather and sone makar of all
O gloriosa trinitas
O alpha et oo infinall
O maiestas Imperiall 5
O sempiterna deitas
In *persounis* thre eternale
O lux beata trinitas
- O lux beata trinitas
O lord of lordis maist speciall 10
O regalis diuinitas
O king of kings celestially
O iuste iudex most generall
most traistfull and of bonitas
Thairfor I sing and evermor schall 15
O lux beata trinitas
- [p. 174] O lux beata trinitas
O souerane king of all I say
O cuius *summa* deitas
Bene hyd frome all clerkis away 20
O god of micht yat all thing may
Compleit *wit*h vertew and *wit*h grace
It is my sang to wirschip ay
O lux beata trinitas
- O thow most hie and excellent 25
Most michtfull and most *merciab*le
O gracious god *omnipotent*
In hewin and erde most honorable
O most deir and delectable
O well of all kynd worthyest 30
To thy hie place thow mak ws able
O lux beata trinitas

O creator of creaturis
 Corpus sumens ex virgine
 O peiſß and rest *yat* maid to kyß 35
 Commercyonem¹ admirable
 O god *yat* tuik humanite
 Schyning as the sone in glas
 In marie mother *yat* virgen fre
 O lux beata trinitas 40

Heir wes wysdome and heir wes mycht
 Heir wes vertew in greit plainte
 Quhen god in marie thus couth licht
 procedens sine semine
 O vera lux de lumine 45
 Aganis our lord knaw we this case
 Quod nihill est impossibile
 O lux beata est¹ trinitas

O verbum in principio
 Sanct Iohne it beiris witnes best 50
 Quhen he said in the gospell so
 verbum caro factum est
 Thair we sing bayt^h most and leist
 Blyssit be *yat* natiuitas
 [p. 175] And ever sall wirschip *yat* halie feist 55
 O lux beata trinitas

O potestas of michtis maist
 O sapientia of the same
 O vertew of the halie gaist
 O Jesu chryst bayt^h god and man 60
 O grund of grace *yat* all began
 O precious plesand and¹ pietas
 O well of mercie *yat* all was¹ wane
 O lux beata trinitas

¹ *Sic.*

Ane barne of blis for ws wes borne 65
 That lowis rent vpoyn the rude
 Syn c[r]ownit w^{it}h ane croun of thorne
 And syn for ws thow bled yⁱ blude
 Off the come doun the walter gude
 That wische ws all of our trespas 70
 Thy deid thow tuik w^{it}h full mynd¹ mude
 O lux beata trinitas

O dulefull deid in thy manheid
 ffull haistelie thow hereit hell
 syn rais frome deid in thy godheid 75
 On the thrid day the treuth to tell
 O mercy now thow beiris the bell
 Off peice and rest o vnitas
 The feynd our fa thus doun he fell
 O lux beata trinitas 80

O conquerour of all honour
 Ascendit wes quhair thow come fra¹
 w^{it}h god and man and saluour
 To thy father altissimo
 On his richt hand to set also 85
 In hewin w^{it}h all Ioyfulnes
 Thairfor we sing in weill and wo
 O lux beata trinitas

[p. 176] Now fader sone and halie gaist
 Souerain god in personis thre 90
 Thow bring ws quhair thy Ioy is maist
 In hewin euermore thy face to se
 And marie mother yat virgen fre
 The spous of god I wait sche wes
 pray thow yⁱ sone yat it so be 95
 O lux beata trinitas

ffinis

¹ Sic.

[LVII. HENRYSON *Youth and Age*; S.T.S., III. p. 121.]

Quhen fair flora goddes of the flouris
 Bayth firth and feild so freschlie had our-freit
 And peirlie droppis of the balmy schouris
 All¹ woddis grein had *wit*h thair watteris weyit
 Moveand allone in ane morning I met 5
 Ane mirrie *man* yat all one mirth cuth mein
 Syngand this sang yat suttellie wes set
 O youth be glaid in to thy flouris grene

I luikit furth a lytill me befoir
 I saw ane cative on ane club *cummand* 10
*Wit*h cheikis leyn and lykart² lokis hoir
 His ene wes houle his voce wes haifß hostand
 wallowit and wane and waik as ony wand
 Ane bill he bure vpon his breist abone
*wit*h letteris liell but leiß wes his legiant 15
 O youth thy flouris fadis farlie sone

This young *man* lap vpon the land full licht
 I marvalit mekle vpon his makdome maid
 waldin I am quod he and wonder licht
 wair² brane as bair and breist burlie and braid 20
 No grume on ground may my guerdoun degraid
 Nor of my pith may pair wourth half ane prene
 My face is fair my figour will *nocht* faid
 O youth be glaid in to thy flouris grene

This³ seinzeour sang *wit*h ane full nobill stewin 25
 Schaikand and² his berd and said my barne lat be
 [p. 177] I wes *wit*hin this saxtie zeiris and sewin
 Ane freik on fold bayth frak forsy and fre

¹ *Corrected from And.*

² *Sic.*

³ ? *Altered from The.*

Als glaid als gay als 3oung als 3aip as 3e
 Bot now my dayis ar all ourdrewin and done 30
 Behald my lathlie lycome gif I be¹
 O 3outh thy 3eiris fadis farlie sone

This mirrie man of mirth 3it movit mair
 My corß is clene *wit/outtin* corruptiouñ
 My self is sauf fra seiknes and fra sair 35
 My wittis fyve ar dowbill in proportiouñ
 2

My hart is hale my lever and my splene
 Heirfoir to reid this bill I haue ressoun
 O 3outh be glaid in to thy flouris grene 40

The bewar hair said to the burlie berne
 This breif yow sall abyd sone be thow bald
 Thy strenth thy stait yocht Iohne¹ be never so sterne
 The fever fell for eild [sal] gar the fald
 Thy corß sall cling thy curage sall wax cald 45
 Thy heill sall huik and tak ane hurt bot hune
 Thy wittis fyve sall wane thocht thow nocht wald
 O 3outh thy 3eiris faidis ferlie sone

Ane vper werß this 3oung man 3it can sing
 at luiffis layr ane quhyll I think to leit 50
 Clein3e¹ to cramp in court *wit/h* my clething
 To luik amang thir lustie ladeis sweit
 Off maryage to mell *wit/h* our mouthis meit
 In sacreit wyse quhair we may *nocht* be sene
wit/h birdis blyth in bowre my baill to beit 55
 O 3outh be glaid in to thy flouris grene

This anciant man gaif ansuer angrieli
 ffor all the crampyn thow sall cruik and cowre
 And all fleschlie lustis yow sall defy
 Quhen pane sall the depryve for paramour's 60

¹ *Sic.*² *A line omitted here ; no space in MS.*

Than will na bird of the be blyth^h in bouris
 [p. 178] Quhen thy manheid sall mynnis as the mone
 Than sall yow say gif yat my sang before¹
 O 3outh thy flouris fadis farlie sone

This galzart grutchit and began to greif 65
 And on full sone he went his wayis but wein
 This leyn man leuth¹ nathing bot tuik his leif
 And I abaid amang thir leiffis grene
 That talkin suthlie fra yat I had sein
 In treuth me thocht thay trevist in thair toun 70
 O 3outh be glaid in to yi flouris grene
 O 3outh thy flouris fadis ferlie sone
 ffinis

[LVIII. DUNBAR *Of the Worldis
 Instabilitie*; S.T.S., p. 226.]

This waverand warldis wretchidnes
 The failzeand and frutles bissines
 The mispent tyme the sseruice vane
 ffor to considder is ane pane

The slydand Ioy the glaidnes schort 5
 The feynzeid luif the fals confort
 The sweit abayd ye slichtfull trane
 ffor to considder is ane pane

The sugvrit mouthis with myndis yairfra
 The figurit speiche with faceis tua 10
 The plesand toungis with hartis vnplane
 ffor to considder is ane pane

The liell labour lost and liell sseruice
 The lang avail on humill wyse
 And the lytill rewarde agane 15
 ffor to considder is ane pane

¹ *Sic.*

Nocht I say all be this cuntre
 ffrance Ingland Ireland almanie
 Bot als be Italie and spane
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane 20

[p. 179]

The change of warld fro weill to wo
 The honourable vse is all ago
 In hall and bour in burgh and plane
 ffor to considder is ane pane

Beleif dois liep traist dois *nocht* tarie 25
 Office dois flit and courtis dois wary
 Purpos dois change as wynd or rane
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane

Gud rewle is banist our the bordour
 And rangat ringis but ony ordour 30
*wit*h reird of rebaldis and of swane
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane

The pepill so wickit ar of feiris
 The frutles erde all witnes beiris
 The ayr infectit and prophane 35
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane

The temporale stait to gryp and gather
 The sone disheris wald the father
 and as ane dyuour wald him demane
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane 40

Kirkmen so halie ar and gude
 That on yair conscience rowme and rude
 May turne aucht oxin and ane wane
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane

I knaw *nocht* how the kirk is gydit 45
 Bot beneficis ar *nocht* leill devydit
 Sum men hes sewin and I *nocht* ane
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane

And sum vnworthy to browk ane stall
 wald clym to be ane cardinall 50
 Ane bischoprik may nocht him gane
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane

[p. 180] Vnwourthy I amang the laif
 Ane kirk dois craif and nane can haue
 Sum w^{it}h ane thraif playis passage plane 55
 quhilk to considder is ane pane

It cum^{is} be king it cum^{is} be quene
 bot ay sic space is ws betwene
 That nane can schut it w^{it}h ane flane
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane 60

It micht haue cum^{ing} in schortar quhyll
 ffra calȝecot and the new fund yle
 The part^{is} of transmeridiane
 quhilk to considder is ane pane

It micht be this had it bein kynd 65
 cum^{ing} out of the desertis of ynde
 Our all the grit se oceane
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane

It micht haue cum^{ing} out of all ayrtis
 ffra paris and the orient part^{is} 70
 And fra the ylis of aphrycane
 Quhilk to consydder is ane pane

It is so lang in cum^{ing} me till
 I dreid y^{at} It be quyt gane will
 Or bakwart It is turnit agane 75
 Quhilk etc

vpon the heid of it is hecht
 bayt^h vnicornis and crownis of wecht
 Quhen it dois cum all men dois frane
 quhilk etc 80

I wait [it] is for me provydit
 bot sa done tyrsum it is to byd It
 It breikis my hairt and birstis my brane
 quhilk etc

[p. 181] Greit abbais grayt^h I nill to gather 85
 Bot ane kirk scant coverit wit^h hadder
 ffor I of lytill wald be fane
 quhilk to considder is ane pane

And for my curis in sindrie place
 wit^h help ^{ssir} of 3our nobill grace 90
 My sillie saule sall never be slane
 Na for sic syn to suffer pane

Experience dois me so inspyr
 Off this fals failzeand warld I tyre
 That euermore flytis lyk ane phane 95
 Quhilk to considder is ane pane

The fformest hoip 3it yat I haue
 In all yis warld sa god me saue
 Is in 3our grace bayt^h crop and grayne
 quhilk is ane lessing of my pane 100
 ffinis quod dumbar etc.

[LIX. ANON. *Welcume*,
Eild; P., p. 192.]

Quhen phebus in the ranie clude
 Oursylit had the bemes bricht
 And all wes lowne befoir wes loude
 Causit be sylence of the nicht
 I saw sittand ane werie wicht 5
 Murning and making ane dreerie mone
 Quhilk full sobirlie sat and sicht
 welcum eild for 3outh is gone

The gaynes of my 3eiris gent
 The flouris of my flesche¹ 3outhheid 10
 I wait *nocht* how away is went
 And wallowit as the winter weid
 My curag waxis deif and deid
 My ruby cheikis wes reid as rone
 Ar leyn and lauchtane as the leid 15
 welcum eild for 3outh is gone

[p. 182] As schadow in the sonnis beme
 Or primrois in the winter schone¹
 So all my dayis is bot ane dreme
 And half the sleiping of ane hour 20
 ffor my plesance of paramour
 This proverb now I mon propone
 Exempill is said als sweet als sour
 welcome eild for 3outh is gone

Ane nap is nurissand eftir none 25
 Ane fyre is fosterand for my feit
 w^{it}h dowbill sokkis for my schone
 And mittanis for my haindis¹ meit
 At luiffis lair I list *nocht* leit
 I lyk best quhen I lig allone 30
 Now all is sowr befoir wes sweet
 welcome eild for 3outh is gone

My curland hair my cristell Ene
 Ar beld and bleird as all may se
 My bak yat sum tyme brent hes bene 35
 Now cruikis lyk ane camok tre
 be me 3our sampill 3e may se
 ffor so said wourthy salomon
 elding is end of erthlie glie
 welcum eild for 3outh is gone 40

¹ *Sic.*

O fresche ȝouthheid of ȝeiris grene
 O tendyr plant of hie curage
 Now as ȝow art so haue I bene
 Als plesand and of hie parage
 ȝouthheid haue mynd on age 45
 And deid ȝat closis all in stone
 Sen heir lestis none heretage
 welcome eild for ȝouth is gone
 ffinis

[LX. ANON. *Princely Liberality.*]

[p. 183] Excelland michtie prince and king
 In this new ȝeir I the exhort
 In Ioy and ryaltie to ring
 with everie glaidnes and disport
 Sen of this lyf the time is schort 5
 with lawde and fame thy name vp-he
 Thy servandis cheris and support
 with princelie liberalite

Ane fair peple thow hes to leid
 as ony prince vnder the air 10
 lat *nocht* the falt be in the heid
 sen ȝat the memberis ar so fair
 of riches thow can never be bair
 haue thow ȝair hartis halelie
 thair gudis ȝai will on ȝe wair ¹ 15
 Throw princelie liberalite

Giff ȝow ȝair hairtis fra the tyne
 Thair gudis sall the never increß
 Suppois ȝat ȝow had ² kinrikis nyne
 Thy kinglie powar sall decreß 20

¹ *Written on margin, in place of the deleted line, Thy honour shall wax mair & mair.*

² *kink deleted here.*

Keip ever thy name *wit^h* nobilnes
 ffor gif *yat* honour fra the die
 Thair may na ryches *ye* redref^s
 Bot princelie liberalite

Haue mercie of all wofull wichtis 25
 and lat *yame* to thy grace attayne¹
 Defend *yame* playnly in² *yair* richtis
 Sen of the law thow leidis *ye* reyne
 Quhow suld thow lauche and thay *complene*
 On to thy awin be nobill and fre 30
 ffor *yow* art bot ane king of bane¹
 ffra lossit be liberalite

[p. 184] Gold silver ryches and realmes of pryce
 no prince makis michtie for to ring
 Treut^h mercie fredome and iustice 35
 Thir four maikis ane nobill king
 The rubie ryche is fra the ring
 Quhen fredome is fra hie degre
 Quhairfoir no prince may be conding
 wit^houttin liberalite 40

Men may leif wit^hout ane king
 Ane king but men may beir no crowne
 Ane wreche may in to ryches ring
 Ring may no king bot in renowne
 Quhat helpis castell towre or toun 45
 But help of men and *yair* supplie
 Or quhat winnis men wit^hout guerdoun
 Bot princelie liberalite

Think *yat* ane king is bot ane man
 And man is prysit eftir his deid 50
 And thocht ane man all science can
 And it to vtheris dois noch^t reid

¹ *Sic.*² *yat* deleted here.

And vsis *nocht* him self at neid
 In vane he laubouris as ane be
 Quhois rent ane vther dois posseid 55
 And plantis *wit^h* liberalite

Quhairfoir sen yow art so expert
 So scharp of lerning and so wyse
 In science and in everie art
 And so Ingenious to devyse 60
 Exerse thy *cunning* all men cryis
 And gar thy worde and deid aggre
 Or all doctrine yow dois dispysse
 Gud law and liberalite

Pleis weill thy god *wit^h* all thy cure 65
 Gif yow of *man* wald haue no dout
 Do iustice syn to ryche and pure
 That dois for succour on the schout
 [p. 185] Cheris thy barounis the about
 Gif yow wald luiffit *wit^h* yame be 70
 And mak thy leigeis for to lout
wit^h luif and liberalite

And than sall grace grow on thy ground
 And welth vp walking sall but weir
 And ryches in thy realme abounde 75
 And peice *wit^h* plentie sall appeir
 I pray god and his mother deir
 ffair prince for thy prosperite
 And grant the grace to *perseveir*
 In law and liberalite ¹ 80

¹ *Some scribble follows here ; see Notes.*

[LXI. DUNBAR *Ane Orisoun*;
S.T.S., p. 235.]

- [p. 186] Thow *yat* in hewin for our saluatioun
 maid Justice *merc*ie and *piet*ie to aggre
 And gabriell send *wit*h the salutatioun
 On to ye mayd of maist humilite
 And maid thy sone to tak humanite 5
 ffor our demeritis to be of marie borne
 Haue of ws *piet*ie and our protectour [be]
 ffor but thy help this kynrik is forlorne
- O hie supernale father of sapience
 Quhilk of thy vertew dois everie folie chais 10
 Ane spark of thy hie excellent prudence
 Off¹ ws *yat* nowther wit nor ressoun hes
 In quhais hertis no prudence can tak place
 Exemple nor experience of beforne
 To ws synnaris ane drop send of thy grace 15
 ffor but thy help *yis* kynrik is forlorne
- We ar so bestlie dull and ignorant
 Our rudnes may *nocht* lichtlie be correctit
 Bot *yow yat* art of *merc*y militant
 Thy vengeance seifs on ws to syn subiectit 20
 And gar thy iustice be *wit*h reuth correctit
 ffor quyt away so wyld fra ws is worne
 And in folie we ar so fer infectit
 At but thy help thy kingrik is forlorne
- Thow *yat* on rude ws ransounit and redemit 25
 Rew on our syn befoir *3our* sicht decydit
 Spair our trespas quhilk may *nocht* be *expremit*
 ffor breif of iustice for we may *nocht* abyd It
 Help this pure realme in *partiis* all devydit
 ws succour send *yat* war the croun of thorne 30
 That *wit*h the gift of grace it may be gydit
 ffor but thy help this kinrik is forlorne

¹ *Sic.*

Lord hald thy hand yat strikin hes so soir
 Haue of ws pietie eftir our punytioun
 [p. 187] And gif ws grace the to greif no moir 35
 And gar ws mend *wit*h pennance and contritioun
 And to thy vengeance mak non additioun
 As yow yat of¹ michtis may to morne
 ffra cair to confort yow mak restitutioun
 ffor but thy help this kinrik is forlorne 40
 Quod dunbar quhen the gouernour
 past in fraunce

[LXII. DUNBAR (?)² *A general Satire*; S.T.S., p. 81.]

Doverrit in dreame devysing in my slummer
 How yat this realme *wit*h nobillis out of nummer
 Gydit provydit so mony zeiris hes bene
 And now sic hunger cowartis and sic cummar
*wit*hin this land was never hard nor sene 5

 Sik pryd of prelatis so few to preiche and pray
 Sic hant of harlottis *wit*h thame bayt~~h~~ nicht and day
 That suld haue ay [yair] god befor thair Ene
 So nyce array so strange to yair abbay
*wit*hin this land wes never harde nor sene 10

 So mony preistis cled vp in secular weid
*wit*h blasing breistis casting yair claythis on breid
 It is no neid to tell quham of I mene
 Sa few to reid the deirgey and the beid
*wit*hin this land wes never harde nor sene 15

 So mony maisteris so mony guckit clarkis
 So mony waistouris till g(od) and all his werkis
 Sic fyrie sparkis to . . . fra the splene
 Sic losing sarkis so mony (glen)goir merkis
*wit*hin this³ 20

¹ *Interlined.*

² *Here assigned to Sir James Inglis.*

³ *This verse is written on the margin, and partly cut away.*

So mony lordis so mony naturale fulis
 That better accordis to play yame at the trulis
 Nor stanche ye dulis *yat* *commounis* dois sustene
Cuming fra the sculis so mony awnis and mulis
wit~~h~~in this land wes never hard nor sene 25

So mony ane Iudge sic lordis maid vp of lait 46
 So smale refuge the pure *men* to debait
 So mony ane stait for the *commoun* weill so quhein
 Over all the gait so mony theiffis so tait
wit~~h~~in this land wes never hard nor sene 50

[p. 188] So mony ane sentence retreitit for to win
 Geir and acquaintance or kyndnes of yair kin
 Thay think na syn quhair yai get geir betwene
 So mony ane gyn to haist yame to the pin
wit~~h~~in this land wes never hard nor sene 55

So meikill tressoun so mony *parciall* sawis 26
 So lytill ressoun to help the *commoun* Cawis
 That all the lawis ar *nocht* set by ane prene
 Sic fein~~z~~et flawis so mony waistie wawis
wit~~h~~in this land wes never hard nor sene 30

So mony theiffis and mycharis richt weill kend
 So grit releiffis and lordis yame to defend
 Becaus thai spend ye spreyt~~h~~ all yame betwene
 So few to wend this mischeif to amend
wit~~h~~in this etc 35

This to correct thay schoir *wit~~h~~* mony craikis
 Bot lytill effect *wit~~h~~* speir and batell ax
 Thair curage lakis *yat* suld yair hartis mak kene
 So mony Iakis and brude on beggaris bakis
wit~~h~~in this land etc 40

Sic vantar voustouris sic men of sindrie staturis
 Braillaris and boistouris degenerit fra yair naturis
 w^{ith} sic regraturis the pure men to prevein
 Sa commoun tratouris sa mony fals rebiatouris
 w^{ithin} this land etc 45

Sic knavis sic crakaris so mony cartis and dyce 56
 Sic haland schaikaris qu^{hilk} at cowkelbeis gryß
 wan meikill pryce quhair lymmaris did convein
 Sic store of lyce so mony wittis vnwyse
 w^{ithin} this land etc 60

So mony merchantis so mony aythis mainsworne
 So pure tennentis sic cursing ewin and morne
 That slayis the corne and fruyt y^{at} suld grow grene
 [p. 189] Sic scayth and scorne so mony paitlait worne
 w^{ithin} this land wes never hard nor sene 65

So mony kitte drest vp w^{ith} goldin cheinze 76
 So lytill witte y^{at} weill can fabillis feinze
 w^{ith} apill reinze to schaw yair semblance schene
 At sathanis seinze sic ane vnsell menze
 w^{ithin} this land etc 80

Sic farting stulis sic faggis als fat as quhalis 71
 Sic faceit lyk fulis w^{ith} haitis¹ y^{at} lytill avalis
 And sic foull taillis y^{at} soupis the cassay clene
 Sic dust y^{at} scalis sic fillokis w^{ith} fuk salis
 w^{ithin} this land wes never harde nor sene 75

So mony rakkattis sic caicharis and sic gillaris 66
 Sic balaris nakkattis so mony tutivillairis²
 And sic ewill willaris speikand of king and quene
 Sic pudding fillaris discending doun of millaris
 within this land wes never harde nor sene 70
 ffinis quod f^{sir} Iames inglis

¹ Sic.² Line 69 written next, but deleted.

[LXIII. DUNBAR *Lament for the
Makaris*; S.T.S., p. 48.]

I That in heilth wes and glaidnes
am trowblit now *witʰ* grit seiknes
and feblit *witʰ* infirmite
Timor mortis *conturbat* me

Our pleyſance heir is all vayn glorie 5
This fals warld is bot ane transitorie
The fleſche is brukill the feynd is sle
Timor mortis *conturbat* me

The ſtait of man dois change and varie
Now ſownd now ſeik now blytʰ now ſarie 10
Now dansand mirrie now lyk to de
Timor mortis *conturbat* me

Na ſtait in erde heir ſtandis ſicker
As *witʰ* the wind wavis the wicker
[p. 190] Swa waveris the warldis vanite 15
Timor mortis *conturbat* me

On to the deid gois all eſtaitis
Princeis prelatis and poſtatis
Both riche and pur of all degre
Timor mortis *conturbat* me 20

He takis the knyghtis in the feild
Enarmit baytʰ *witʰ* helme and ſcheild
victour he is at all mellie
Timor mortis *conturbat* me

The ſtrang vnmercyfull terand 25
Takis on the motheris breiſt ſoukand
The bab full of benignite
Timor mortis *conturbat* me

He takis the campioun in the stour
 The capitane closit in the tour 30
 The lady in bowre full of bewtie
 Timor mortis conturbat me

He sparis na lordis for his pissance
 Nor clerkis for yair intelligence
 His awfull straik may na man fle 35
 Timor mortis conturbat me

Art magiciance and astrologis
 Rethoris logicianis and theologis
 Thame helpis na conclusiounis sley
 Timor etc 40

In medicyne the most practicianis
 leichis syrurgianis and phisitianis
 Thair help fra deid may nocht supplie
 Timor mortis conturbat me

I se ye maikaris amang the laif 45
 playis yair padzandis syn gois to graif
 Sparit is nocht thair faculte
 Timor mortis conturbat me

[p. 191] He hes done pitwouslie devour
 The nobill chauseir of makaris flour 50
 The monk of burie and gower all thre
 Timor *domini* conturbat me

The knycht *ſir* hew of eglintoun
 Etrik heriot and wyntoun
 He hes tane out of this cuntre 55
 Timor *domini* conturbat me

The scorioun hes done infect
 maister Iohne clerk and Iames auchinlek
 ffra ballat making and tragidie
 Timor mortis conturbat me 60

Holand barbour he hes bereiffit
 Allace *yat* he *wit~~h~~* ws *nocht* levit
 Schir mongo lockart of the le
 Timor mortis conturbat me

The clerk of tranent eik he hes tane 65
 That maid the anteris of gawan
*f*sir gilbert Hey endit hes he
 Timor mortis conturbat me

He hes blind Harie and sande traill
 Slane *wit~~h~~* the schour of mortale hail 70
 quhilk patrik Iohnstoun nicht *nocht* fle
 Timor etc

He hes reft mersar his endyt
 That did in luif so lustie wryt
 So schort so quik so ¹ sentence hie 75
 Timor mortis conturbat me

He hes tane roule of abirdene
 And gentill rowle of corstorphine
 Tua better fallowis did na man se
 Timor mortis *conturbat* me 80

In dunfermling he hes done rowne
wit~~h~~ maister robert Hendersouf
 Schir Iohne the roß embrasit hes he
 Timor mortis conturbat me

[p. 192]

¹ *Sic.*

Gud maister waltir kennedie 85
 in poynt of deid lyis verralie
 Grit reuth it war yat he suld de
 Timor mortis conturbat me

Sen he hes all my brether tane
 He will *nocht* lat me lef allane 90
 on force I man his nixt pray be
 Timor mortis conturbat me

Sen for the deid remeid is none
 Best is yat we for deid dispone
 eftir our deid yat leif may we 95
 Timor mortis conturbat me
 ffinis quod dunbar etc

[LXIV. DOUGLAS *Conscience* ;
 Sm., I. 121.]

Quhen halie kirk first flurist in ȝouthheid
 prelatis wer chosin of all perfectioun
 Off conscience than the brydill had to leid
 And conscience maid the hale electioun
 Syn eftir yat come schrewit correctioun 5
 And thocht yat conscience had our large ane weid
 And of his habite out cuttit thay ane skreid

And fra conscience ye con thay clip away
 And maid of conscience science and na mair
 Bot ȝit the kirk stude weill full mony day 10
 ffor It wes rewlit be mene of wit and layre
 Syn eftir yat sciens began to payr
 And thocht at sciens was our lang ane Iaip
 The sci away fast can thay rub and sraip

And fra sci of science wes adew 15
 Than left yai *nocht* bot this sillab ens
 Quhilk in our language singnifices ¹ yat schrew
 Riches and geir yat gart all grace go hens
 ffor sciens both and fayt~~h~~full conscience
 So corruptit ar *wit~~h~~* this warldis gude 20
 That falset Ioukis in everie clerkis hude

[p. 193] O hungrie ens cursit *wit~~h~~* caris calde
 All kynd of folk constrenis thow to wirk
 ffor the that theif Iudas his maister sald
 ffor the symon infectit halie kirk 25
 To poysoun Iustis yow dois never Irk
 Thow fals ens go hens thow monsture peralous
 God send defens *wit~~h~~* conscience in till ws
 ffinis *quod* bischop douglas of dunkeldeñ etc

[LXV. DUNBAR *Memento, homo, quod cinis es*; S.T.S., p. 74.]

Memento homo quod cinis es
 Think man yow art bot erde and aß
 lang heir to duell nothing yow preiß
 ffor as yow come so sall thow paß
 lyk till ane schadow in ane glaß 5
 hyne gais [all] the tyme yat heir is
 Think yocht yi bodie wer of braß
 Quod tu in cinerem reuerteris

Wourthy hectour and hercules
 fforsy achill and strang samsouñ 10
 Alexander of grit nobilnes
 King Daid and fayr absolone
 Hes past yair tyme and all ar gone
 At will of him yat all thing steiris
 Think man exceptiouñ yair is none 15
 Sed tu in cinerem reuerteris

¹ *Sic.*

Thocht yow now be most glaid of cheir
 ffairest and plesandest of port
 3it may thow be *wit~~h~~*in ane 3eir
 Ane vgsum horrible tramort 20
 And sen yow knawis the tyme is schort
 And in all hour yi dait in weir Is
 Think *man* amang all vyer sport
 Quod tu in cinerem reu~~er~~teris

[p. 194]

Thy lusty bewtie and thy 3outh 25
 sall faid as dois the *symmer* flouris
 Syn sall he¹ swellie *wit~~h~~* his mouth
 The dragoun deith yat all devouris
 No castell sall the keip nor touris
 Bot he sall feche the *wit~~h~~* thy feiris 30
 Thairfoir remember at all houris
 Quod tu in cinerem reu~~er~~teris

Thocht all this warld thow did posseid
 Noch~~t~~ eftir deid yow sall posses
 Nor *wit~~h~~* the tak bot thy gud deid 35
 Quhen thow dois fra the cuntre dref
 Go speid the *man* and the confes
 Tak this to spur the quhen thow sweiris
 and sadlie in thy hart impreß
 quod tu in cinerem reu~~er~~teris 40

Thocht yow be taiklit never so sure
 Thow sall in deithis port aryve
 Quhair noch~~t~~ for tempest may indure
 Bot freschlie all to spvmis dryff
 Thy ransoun *wit~~h~~* his woundis fyve 45
 Mak thy plicht ankeris and thy steiris
 To hald thy saule *wit~~h~~* him on lyve
 Quod tu in cinerem reu~~er~~teris
 ffinis etc

¹ *Sic.*

[LXVI. DUNBAR *To the King*,
etc. ; S.T.S., p. 218.]

Schir for 3our grace bayt~~h~~ nicht and day
Richt hartlie on my kneis I pray
wit~~h~~ all devotioun~~i~~ *yat* I can
God gif 3e war Iohne thomsounis man

ffor war It so *yan* weill war me 5
But benefice I wald noch~~t~~ be
my hart ¹ fortoun wer endit *yan*
god gif 3e war Iohne thomsounis man

[p. 195] Than wald sum reuth wit~~h~~in 3ow rest 10
ffor saik of hir fairest and best
In bartane sen hir tyme began
god gif 3e war Iohne thomsounis man

ffor it nicht hurt in no degre
That on so fair and gude as sche
Throw hir vertew sic wirschip wan 15
Als 3ow to mak Iohne thomsounis man

I wald gif all *yat* ever I haue
To *yat* conditioun~~i~~ sa god me saif
That 3e had vowit to the swan
Ane 3eir to be Iohne thomsounis man 20

The mersy of *yat* sweit meik rose
Suld soft 3ow thirsill I suppois
Quhois pykis throw me so reuthles ran
God gif 3e war Iohne thomsounis man

My aduocat bayt~~h~~ fair and sweit 25
The hale reiosing of my spreit
wald speid in to my erand *yan*
and 3e war anis Iohne thomsounis man

¹ *Sic.*

Ever quhen I think ȝow harde or dour
 Or mercyles in my succour 30
 Than pray I god and sweit sanct an
 Gif ȝat ȝe war Iohne thomsounis man
 ffinis quod dunbar

[LXVII. DUNBAR *Vanitas Vanitatum* ;
 S.T.S., p. 244.]

O wreche be war this warld will wend the fro
 quhilk hes begylit mony greit estait
 Turne to thy freynd beleif *nocht* in thy fo
 Sen thow mon go be grathing to thy gait
 Remeid in tyme and rew *nocht* all to lait 5
 Próvyd thy place for ȝow away man paß
 Out of this vaill of trubbill and dissait
 vanitas vanitatum et *omnia* vanitas

[p. 196] Walk furt*h* pilgrame quhill ȝow hes dayis licht
 Dreß fra desert draw to thy duelling place 10
 Speid home for quhy anone *cummis* the nicht
 Quhilk dois the follow *wit*h** ane ythand chaise
 Bend vp thy sail and win thy port of grace
 ffor and the deith ourtak the in trespas
 Than may thow say ȝir wourdis *wit*h** allace 15
 vanitas vanitatum et *omnia* vanitas

Heir *nocht* abydis heir standis nothing stabill
 This fals warld ay flittis to and fro
 Now day vp bricht now *nicht* als blak as sabill
 Now eb now flude now freynd now cruell fo 20
 Now glaid now said now weill now in to wo
 Now cled in gold dissoluit now in aß
 So dois ȝis warld transitorie go
 vanitas vanitatum et *omnia* vanitas
 ffinis quod dunbar

[LXVIII. DUNBAR *Remonstrance to
the King*; S.T.S., p. 220.]

Schir 3e haue mony *seruitouris*
 And officiaris of dyuers curis
 Kirkmen courtmen and craftismen fyne
 Doctouris in Iure and medicyne
 Divinouris rethoris and philosophouris 5
 Astrologis artistis and oratouris
 Men of armes and vail3eand knychtis
 And mony vther gudlie wichtis
 Musicianis menstrualis and mirrie singlaris
 Chevalouris cawandar¹ and ² flingaris 10
 Cun3ouris³ carvouris and carpentaris
 Beildaris of barkis and ballingaris
 Masounis lyand vpon the land
 And schipwrichtis hewand vpon the strand
 glasing wrichtis goldsmythis and lapidar^{is} 15
 Pryntouris payntouris and potingaris
 And all of yair craft cunning
 And all at anis lawboring
 Quhilk pleisand ar and honorable
 And to 3our hienes profitable 20
 And richt convenient for to be
 [p. 197] *with* 3our hie regale maiestie
 Deseruing of 3our grace most ding
 Bayth thank rewarde and cherissing
 And thocht yat I amang the laif 25
 Vnworthy be ane place to haue
 Or in yair nummer to be tald
 Als lang in mynd my work sall hald
 Als hail in everie circumstance
 In forme in mater and substance 30
 But wering or consumptiouñ
 Roust canker or corruptiouñ

¹ Or calb-.

² Blank in MS.

³ carpentaris deleted here.

As ony of yair werkis all
 Suppois yat my rewarde be small
 Bot 3e sa gracious ar and meik 35
 That on 3our hienes followis eik ¹
 Ane vthir sort more miserabill
 Thocht yai be noch sa profitable
 ffe3eouris fleichouris and flatteraris
 Cryaris craikaris and clatteraris 40
 Soukaris groukaris gledaris gunnaris
 Monsouris of france gud clarat cunnaris
 Inopportoun askaris of yrland kynd
 And meit revaris lyk out of mynd
 Scaffaris and scamleris in the nuke 45
 And hall huntaris of draik and duik
 Thrimlaris and thristaris as yai war woid
 Kokenis and kennis na man of gude
 Schulderaris and schowaris yat hes no schame
 And to no cunning that can clame 50
 And can non vthir craft nor curis
 Bot to mak thrang 3ir in 3our duris
 And rusche in quhair thay counsale heir
 And will at na man nurtir leyr
 In quintiscence eik Ingynouris Ioly 55
 [p. 198] That far can multiplie in folie
 ffantastik fulis bayth fals and gredy
 Off tounge vntrew and hand ewill diedie
 ffe3 dar of all this last additioun
 Cum in tolbuyth without remissioun 60
 And thocht this nobill cunning sort
 Quhom of befoir I did report
 Rewardit be it war bot ressoun
 Thairat suld no man mak enchessoun
 Bot quhen the vyer fulis nyce 65
 That feistit at cokelbeis gryce

¹ *Corr. from reik.*

Ar all rewardit and *nocht* I
 Than on this fals warld I cry fy
 My hart neir bristis yā for teyne
 Quhilk may *nocht* suffer nor sustene 70
 So grit abusiouſi for to se
 Daylie in court befoir myn E
 And ȝit more panence wald I haue
 Had I rewarde amang the laif
 It wald me sumthing satisfie 75
 And leſs of my malancolie
 And gar me mony falt ourse
 That now is brayd befoir myn E
 My mind so fer is set to flyt
 That of *nocht* ellis I can endyt 80
 ffor owther man my hart to breik
 Or *wit*h my pen I man me wreik
 And sen the tane most nedis be
 In to malancolie to de
 And lat ye vennim ische all out 85
 Be war anone for It will spout
 Gif yat the tryackill cum *nocht* tyt
 To swage the swalme of my dispyt
 Quod dunbar

[LXIX. DUNBAR *I cry the Mercy*,
 etc. ; S.T.S., p. 65.]

[p. 199] To the o mercifull saluitour myn Iesus
 My king my lord and my redeymar sweit
 Befoir thy bludie figour dolorus
 I schryve my syn *wit*h humill hart and spreit
 That ever I did vnto this hour compleit 5
 Bayt^h in to werk in wourde and in entent
 ffalling on face full low befoir thy feit
 I cry the mercy and lasar to repent

To the my meik sweit saluator I me¹ schryue
 And dois me in thy mercy most excellling 10
 Off the wrang spending of my wittis fyve
 In hering seying twiching taisting smelling
 Ganestanding greving offending and rebelling
 Aganis the my god *omnipotent*
 with teris of sorow fro myn Ene distilling 15
 I cry the mercy and lasair to repent

I wrychit synnar vyle and full of vyce
 of the sewin deidlie synnis dois me schryue
 Off pryd Invy of yre and covatice
 Off lichorie glutony with sleuth ay to ourdryff 20
 Exercing vyces ever in all my lyff
 ffor quhilk allace I servit to be schent
 Rew on me Iesu for thy woundis fyve
 That cryis the mercy and lasair to repent

I schryve me lord yat I abusit haue 25
 The sewin deidis of mercy corporall
 The hungre meit nor thristie drink I gave
 vesiit the seik nor 3it redeme the thrall
 Herbreit the wilsoun² nor naikit cled at all
 Nor 3it the deid to bury tuik I tent 30
 Thow [that] put mercy aboue thy werkis all
 I cry the mercy and lasar to repent

[p. 200] In the sewin deidis of mercy spirituall
 To ignorant nocht gaif I my teiching
 Synneris correctioun nor destitute counsale 35
 Nor on to wofull wretchis conforting
 Nor on to vperis confort of my praying
 Nor wes to ask forgevenis pacient
 Nor to forgif my nichtburis offending
 I cry the mercy and lasair to repent 40

¹ *Corr. from the.*² *Sic.*

¹ Lord I haue done full lytill reuerence
 On to the sacramentis sewin of grit renouñ ¹ 42
 Thy ten *commandis* o ² god for till honour
 Nocht tane in vane no manslayar to be 50
 ffather and mother to wirschip at all hour
 To be no theif the halie day to vp-he
 Nichtburis to luif fals witnes for to fle
 To leif adulterie to covat na *mannis* rent
 In all this lord full culpable I know me 55
 I cry the *mercy* and lasair to repent

In articlis of the treuth Ane god I trow
 The fader and all thing *comprehendit*
 And in his onlie blissit sone Iesu
 Off mary borne on crose deit and descendit 60
 The thrid day rysing to the faderis hand assendit
 Off quyk and deid to cum and hald Iugement
 In to yir poyntis o lord quhair I offendit
 I cry the *mercy* and lasar to repent

I trow in to the blissit halie spreit 65
 And in the kirk and do as it *commandis*
 And to thy dome we schall ryse *compleit*
 And tak our flesche agane both feit and handis
 All to be sauf in stait of grace yat standis
 plane I revoik in thir quhair I miswent 70
 [p. 201] Befoir the Iuge and lord of sey and landis
 And cryis the *mercy* and lasair to repent

I synnit lord *nocht* being strang as wall
 in houp of fayth in fervent cherite
 Nocht *with* the fair four vertewis cardinale 75
 Aganis vyces sure enarming me
with fortitude and temperance thir thre
 with Iust[ice] ever in werk wourd and entent
 To the chryst Iesu casting vp myn E
 I cry the mersy and lasair to repent 80

¹ *These two lines are deleted.*

² *Sic.*

¹ In the sewin *commandis* of kirk yat is to say
 Thy teynd to pay and cursing to eschew
 To keip the festuall and fasting day ¹ 83
 Off syn also in to the halie spreit
 Off schryft postponing of syn aganis nature 90
 Off incontritioun of confessioun indiscreit
 Off ressayt synfull of the my saluitor
 of vndone pennence and satisfacioun sure
 of the sewin giftis of halie gaist me sent ²
 Off pater *noster* of sewin petitionous pure 95
 I cry the *mercy* and lasair to repent

Nocht thanking the of gratitude nor grace
 That yow me wrocht and boutht ³ me with thy deid
 of this schort lyf remembring nocht the space
 The hewinis blis the hellis hidduous feid 100
 But more trespas my synnis to remeid
 Concluding ever all throuche in myn entent
 Throw ³ quhois blude on rude for men ran reid
 I cry the *mercy* and lasair to repent

I know me vicious lord and richt culpable 105
 in aythis swering lesing and blaspheming
 of frusture speiking in court in kirk and table
 In wourdis vyle in vaniteis expreming
 prysing my self and ewill my nichtburis deming
 [p. 202] So in ydilnes my dayis haue I spent 110
 Thow yat wes rent on rude for my redeming
 I cry the *mercie* and lasair to repent

I synnit in dissaving thochtis Ioly
 Wp to the hewin extollit in myn Intentioun
 In hie exaltit arrogance and folie 115
 Proudnes derisioun scorne and vilipensioun

¹ These three lines are deleted.² Corrected from send.³ Sic.

Presumptiouñ Inobedience and contemptiouñ
 In fals vaingloir and deidis negligent
 O thow yat deid on rude for my redemptiouñ
 I cry the *mercy* and lasair to repent 120

I synnit als in reif and in oppressiouñ
 In wrangus gudis taking and posseding
 Contrair my ressoun conscience and discretiouñ
 In prodigall spending but reuth of pure folk neding
 In full deceptiounis fals Inuentiounis breiding 125
 To conqueir honour fre or ¹ land and rent
 In fleschlie lust aboue mesour exceding
 I cry the *mercie* and lasair to repent

Off mynd dissemblit lord I me confesß
 Off feid vnder ane freyndy ¹ contenance 130
 Off *partiale* Iugeing of *perverst* wilfulness
 Off flattering wourdis and fenzeing for substance
 Off fals solisting for wrang delyuerance
 At counsale cessioun and at parliament
 Off everie gilt and wickit gouernance 135
 I cry the *mercie* and laisar to repent

I schryve [me] of all cursit *cumpanie*
 all tyme both witting and vnwitting me
 Off criminall causis and deidis of felony
 Off tyranny and vengible cruelte 140
 In blude or slauchter culpable gif I be
 Be ony wyse deid counsale or consent
 O deir Iesu yat for me deit on tre
 I cry the *mercie* and lasair to repent

[p. 203] Thocht I haue *nocht* thy precious feyt to kiß 145
 Als had the magdalen quhen scho did *mercy* craif
 Allace scho weipit teiris for hir miß
 And everie morow did seik the at thy graif

¹ *Sic.*

That seis my hart as yow hir foirgaif
 Thairfoir gif¹ me as I am penitent 150
 Thy² precious body in breist or I ressaue
 I cry the *mercy* and lasair to repent

To mak me Iesu on the for to remember
 I ask thy passioun in mynd for to abonde
 quhill on me vnmen³it be ane member 155
 Bot feiling wo *wit*h the of everie wound
 And euerie strok mak throw my hart to stound
 That euer did stryk thy fair flesche *inn*ocent
 So *yat* no *part* be of my body sound
 Bot crying *merc*ie and lasair to repent 160

Off all thir synnis *yat* I haue heir *expremit*
 and hes forzet to the lord I me *schryve*
 appeiling frome thy iustice court extreme
 On to thy court of *mercy* *exult*ve
 Thow mak thy schip in blissit port arryve 165
 That fallis heir in stormis violent
 And sauf me Iesu for thy woundis fyve
 That cryis the *mercy* and lasar to repent
 heir endis ane *confessioun* generale
compylit be maister williams dunbar

[LXX. DUNBAR *Of the Passioun
 of Christ*; S.T.S., p. 239.]

Amang thir freiris *wit*hin ane cloister
 I enterit in ane oritorie
 And kneling down *wit*h ane pater noster
 Befoir the michtie king of glorie
 Haveing his passioun *in* memorie 5
 Syn to his mother I did inclyne
 Hir halsing *wit*h ane gaude flore
 And sudandlie I sleipit syne

¹ *Sic.*

² *presi deleted here.*

- [p. 204] Methocht Iudas *wit*h mony ane Iow
 Tuik blissit Iesu our saluatour 10
 And schot him furt*h* *wit*h mony ane schow
*wit*h schamefull wourdis of dishonour
 And lyk ane theif or ane tratour
 Thay leid *yat* hewinlie prince most hie
*wit*h manassing attour messour 15
 O mankynd for the luif of *ye*
- ffalslie condamnit befoir ane Iuge
 Thay spittit in his visage fayr
 And as lyounis *wit*h awfull rage¹
 In yre thay hurlit him heir and thair 20
 and gaif him mony buffat sair
 That it wes sorow for to se
 Of all his clay*th*is thay tirvit him bair
 O mankynd for the luif of the
- Thay terandis to revenge *yair* tein 25
 ffor scorne thai cled him in to quhyt
 And hid his blyt*h*full glorious Ene
 To se quham angellis had delyt
 Dispituouslye syn did him smyt
 Saying gif sone of god thow be 30
 Quha straik *ye* now *yow* tell ws tyt
 O mankynd for the luif of the
- In tene thay tirvit him agane
 and till ane pillar thai him band
 Quhill blude birst out at everie vane 35
 Thay scurgit him bayt*h* fut and hand
 At everie straik ran furt*h* ane strand
 Quhilk my*cht* haue ransonit warl*d*is thre
 He baid in stour quhill he my*cht* stand
 O mankynd for the luif of the 40

¹ *Sic.*

[p. 205] Nixt all in purpyr thay him cled
 And syn *witʰ* thornis scharp and kene
 His saikles blude agane thay sched
 persing his heid *witʰ* pykis grene
 vnneiß *witʰ* lyf he nicht sustene 45
 That croun on thrungin *witʰ* crueltie
 Quhill flude of blude blindit his Ene
 O mankynd for the luif of the

Ane croce *yat* wes baytʰ large and lang
 To beir thay gaif this blissit lord 50
 Syn fullelie as theif he hang
 Thay harlit him furtʰ *witʰ* raip and corde
witʰ bluid and sweit was all deflorde
 His face the fude of angellis fre
 His feit *witʰ* stanis was rewin and scorde 55
 O mankynd for the luif of the

Agane thay tirvit him bak and syd
 Als brim as ony baris woid
 The claytʰ that claif to his cleir syd ¹
 Thay raif away *witʰ* ruggis rude 60
 Quhill fersly followit flesche and blude
 That it was pietie for to se
 Na kynd of torment he ganestude
 O mankynd for the luif of the

Onto the crose of breid and lenth 65
 To gar his lymmis langar wax
 Thay straitit him *witʰ* all *yair* strenth
 Quhill to the rude thay gart him rax
 Syn tyit him on *witʰ* greit Irne takkis
 And at ¹ him all nathing ¹ on the tre 70
 Thay raissit on loft be houris sax
 O mankynd for the luif [of] the

¹ *Sic.*

Quhen he was bendit so on breid
 Quhill all his vanis brist and brak
 [p. 206] To gar his cruell pane exceid 75
 Thay leit him fall doun *wit^h* ane swak
 Quhill corß and corps and ¹ all did crak
 Agane thay rasit him on hie
 Reddie may turmentis for to mak
 O mankynd for the luif of the 80

Betuix tuo theiffis the spreit he gaif
 On to the fader most of nicht
 The erde did trimmill the stanis claif
 The sone obscurit of his licht
 The day wox dirk as ony nicht 85
 Deid bodies rais in the cite
 Goddis deir sone all thus was dicht
 O mankynd for the luif of the

In weir *yat* he wes 3it on lyf
 thay rane ane rude speir in his syde 90
 And did his precious body ryff
 Quhill blude and watter did furth glyde
 Thus Iesus *wit^h* his woundis wyde
 Ane *mertirdome* sufferit for to de
 And tholit to be crucifyid 95
 O mankynd for the luif of the

Methocht compassiouñ vode of feiris
 Than straik at me *wit^h* mony ane stound
 And for contritiouñ bathit in teiris
 My visage all in watter drownit 100
 And reuth in to my eir ay rounde
 ffor schame allace behald man how
 Best is *wit^h* mony ane ² wound
 Thy blissit saluatour Iesu

¹ Deleted.² Sic.

Than rudlie come remembrance 105
 ay rugging me *wit*houttin rest
 Quhilk crose and nalis scharp scourge and lance
 And bludy crowne befoir me kest
 [p. 207] Than pane *wit*h passioun me opprest
 And evir did petie on me pow 110
 Saying behald how Iowis hes drest
 Thy blissit saluatour chryst Iesu

With greiting glaid be than come grace
*wit*h wourdis sweet saying to me
 Ordane for him ane resting place 115
 That is so werie wrocht for the
 That schort *wit*hin thir dayis thre
 Sall law vndir thy lyntell bow
 And in thy hous sall herbrit be
 Thy blissit saluatour chryst¹ Iesu 120

Than swyth contritioun wes on steir
 And did eftir confessioun ryn
 And conscience me accusit heir
 And kest out mony cankerit syn
 To ryß repentence did begin 125
 And out at the zettis did schow
 pennance did walk the hous *wit*hin
 Byding our saluitour chryst Iesu

Grudge become gyd and gouernour
 To keip the hous in sicker stait 130
 Ay reddie till our saluatour
 Quhill *yat* he come air or lait
 Repentence ay *wit*h cheikis wait
 No pane nor pennence did eschew
 The hous *wit*hin evir to debait 135
 Onlie for luif of sweet Iesu

¹ *Sic.*

ffor grit terror of chrystis deid
 The erde did trymmill quhair I lay
 Quhairthrow I waiknit in yat steid
 with spreit halflingis in effray 140
 Than wrayt I all without delay
 Richt heir as I haue schawin to 3ow
 Quhat me befell on gud fryday
 Befoir the crose of sweit Iesu
 ffinis quod dunbar

[LXXI. KENNEDY *Honour*
with Age; Sch., p. 15.]

[p. 208] At matine hour in middis of the nicht
 waiknit of sleip I saw besyd me sone
 Ane ageit man semit sextie 3eiris be sicht
 This sentence set and sang it in gude tune
 O thrynfald god and eterne lord in trune 5
 To be content and luif the I haue caus
 That my licht 3outhheid is ourpassit and done
 Honour with age to everie vertew drawis

Grene 3outh to age 3ow¹ man obey and bow
 Thy fulies¹ lust lestis scant ane maij 10
 That pan wes wit is naturale foly now
 warldlie honour ryches and fresche array
 Defy the dewill dreid deid and dumisday
 all man sall be accusit as yow knawis
 Bleissit¹ be god my 3outhheid is away 15
 Honour with age to everie vertew drawis

O bittir 3outh yat seymit delitious
 O swetest age yat sum tym seymit sowir
 O rekles 3outhie hie het and vitious
 O halie age fulfillit with honour 20

¹ *Sic.*

O flowand 3outhē fruteles and feding flour
 Contrair conscience leithe to lufe gud lawis
 Off all vane gloir ye lanterne and myrrour
 Honour to age with euerie vertew drawis

This warld is sett for to dissaif ws evyn 25
 pryd is ye net and covatyce is ye trayne
 ffor no reward except ye loy of hevyn
 Wald I be 3oung in to yis warld agane
 The schip of faythe is stormyt *with* wynd and rayne
 Off heresyē dryvand in ye sey hir blawis 30
 My 3outhē is past and I am glaid and fayne
 Honour to aige *with* everie vertew drawis

Lufe law and lawte gravit law yai ly
 Dissimulance hes borrowit conscience clayfs
 writ walx and selis ar no wayis sett by 35
 fflattrie is fosterit baithe *with* freyndis and fais
 The sone to brouke it yat ye fadir hais
 wald haue him deid sathan sa seid sawis
 3outhēid adew ane of my mortall fais
 Honour to age *with* everie vertew drawis 40
Quod M^r Waltir Kennedy

[LXXII. 'THEOLOGUS'
O cruell Tyger.]

[p. 209] O cruell tyger and serpent vennomous
 Bruar of baill to thy destructioun
 Infidele channoun and s^{er}riand vitious
 Townglandis¹ war in the opinioun
 Sawar of discorde this cuntre vp and douñ 5
 Mother of vyces and most to cuvatous
 Ringis in the to thy confusioun
 Traist weill thy end it sall be dangerous

¹ *Sic.*

Baliale yat fell *with* lacyfer
 Hes the ressaut to his *seruice* hale 10
 ffor feyndis pleysour is ever to defer
 Concord peace and trubbill to assale
 Sa is thy mynd I wait *with*houttin fail
 To smoir Iustice and to be nerois war
 He fortounis weill *with* the hes lytill dale 15
 Bot as ane tratour to apeill the at the bar

Thow art infectit *with* the synnis sewin
 That generis trubbill in everie regioun
 The first is pryd yat banist wes the hewin
 Sa sall thow be for thy collusioun 20
 It is maid knawin thy opin tressoun
 Our all ye land thy iustice is vnewin

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That we may meit oft syis at vnset stewin

Invy is gydar of thy wittis fyve 25
 And maister is of thy vertewes all
 Siclyk is yre yat evermore wald stryve
 To caus his maister for to haue ane fall
 Thow may traist weill quhen yow will on thame call
 Thai will be reddy at thy hand belyff 30
 Nocht for thy proffit as you weill knaw sall
 Bot evir thy honour in haist for to depryve

[p. 210] Remember the quhat ringis in thy corss
 Lichorie yat evermoir is grene
 Quhill nature lestis bot syn it man on forss 35
 Expellit be of bewteis obseruing
 Off all thir vyces wes thy nurisching
 Think thow nocht lang quhill cuning be thy forss
 Off haistie depyving and on gallous hing
 Than sall thow mister nother mule nor horss 40

¹ A line missing here ; no space in MS.

Gluttony thow hes obseruit in ment ¹
 Quhilk fosterit ye in to corruptioun
 Had yow rememberit how oliphernes tent
 Throw lichorey wes his destructioun
 Quhen lady Iudith wes send fra the toun 45
 Him to betrais wes hale hir intent
 Be war in tyme for depriuatioun
 ffor this realme hale yair to will sone consent

Off deidlie synnis I haue fund the sax
 3it *yair* is ane yat drawis thy hart richt neir 50
 Thus sall yow never in goddis seruice rax
 Als lang as sweirnes is to the so deir
 Amend thy lyf for yow hes bot ane 3eir
 The till avyse of thy mischevous actis
 The quhilk hes maid scotland all on steir 55
 And causit pure men be spulzeit of thair pakkis
 ffinis *per* theologum

[LXXIII. ANON. *Quhair-of
to wryt?*]

ffane wald I *wit*h all diligence
 Ane sang mak plesand of sentence
 To everie mannis appetyte
 Bot thair in failzeis my science
 Thus wait I *nocht* quhair of to wryt 5

ffor thocht sewin 3eir I war avysit
 And *wit*h my wittis all devysit
 [p. 211] Ane singulare thing to put in dyte
 It suld *wit*h sum men be dispysit
 Thus wait I *nocht* quhair of to wryt 10

¹ *Sic.*

And thocht I say in generale
 Sum sall it tak in speciale
 And of sum folk I suld haue wyt
 Quham I did never offend nor sall
 Thus wait I nocht quhairof to dyte 15

Wryt I of liberalite
 Off gentryce or of nobilite
 Than will thay say I flatter quyt
 Sa few ar of that facultie
 Thus wait I nocht quhairof to wryt 20

And gif I wryt of wretchitnes
 Than is It wer yan ever It wes
 ffor thay will say yat I bakbyte
 So thik yat surname dois increß
 Thus wait I nocht quhairof to wryt 25

Wryt I nocht eftir all mannis mynd
 Suppois yat pairt be ewill Inclynd
 The making is nocht worth ane myt
 Is none so hable ar onto Inde
 That eftir all mannis will can wryt 30

Grit danger is in the endyting
 Gif lytill rewarde be in wryting
 Better war leif my paper quhyt
 And [tak] me to vther delyting
 Thus wait I nocht quhair of to wryt 35
 ffinis

[LXXIV. ANON. *Nane wait
 how lang he levis heir.*]

[p. 212] In honour of this christinmes
 Now everie man suld him addreß
 To sing and dance and mak gud cheir
 wait nane how lang he levis heir

Tak ȝe no *thocht* nor ȝit dispair 5
 Off this fals warld how ever It fayre
 That changeis fassoun everie ȝeir
 wait nane quhow lang he levis heir

Quhen we beleif it is most stabill
 To change on ws it is most able 10
 ffortoun so quentlie dois it steir
 wait nane how lang he levis heir

ffor quhen we of this cuntre flit
 Haue we *nocht* all alyk of It
 Thocht we it by *nocht* alyk deir 15
 wait nane how lang he levis heir

Quhairfoir me think *yair* part is best
 That can *with* treuth be mirryest
 ffor angell lyf he gois maist neir
 wait nane how lang he levis heir 20
 ffinis

[LXXV. DUNBAR *He wirkis Sorrow
 to him-sell*; S.T.S., p. 134.]

He ȝat hes gold and grit ryches
 And may be in to myrrynes
 And dois glaidnes fra him expell
 And levis daylie in distres
 He wirkis sorow to him sell 5

He ȝat may be but sturt and stryff
 And leiff ane lustie pleysand lyff
 And syn *with* maryage dois him mell
 And weddis syn ane wickit wyff
 He wirkis sorow to him sell 10

[p. 213] He yat hes for his awin gainze
 Ane pleyсанд prop but mak¹ or mainze
 And schuttis at ane vncouth schell
 fforfarne with the fleyis of spainze
 I gif him to the dewill of hell 15

And [he] yat with gud lyff and treuth
 But varyance or ordour¹ sleuth
 Dois evirmair with a maister duell
 That never mair will of him reuth
 He wirkis sorow to him sell 20

Now all this tyme lat ws be mirry
 And set noch on this warld ane chirrie
 And quhill pair is gud wyn to sell
 He yat dois on dry breid wirrie
 I gif him to the dewill of hell 25
 ffinis

[LXXVI. ANON. *The selie
 court man* ; P., p. 197.]

God as thow weill can
 Help the selie court man
 His banis may I sair ban
 ffirst lernit me to ryde

Thre brether war we 5
 all borne of ane cuntre
 The hardest fortoun fell me
 The grit god be my gyde

The eldest brother was na fule
 quhen he was 3oung 3eid to the scule 10
 And now he sittis on ane stule
 Ane prelot of pryde

¹ *Sic.*

My secund brother buyr the pak
 Ane lytill quhyle vpon his bak
 Now he hes gold and warldis wrak 15
 lyand him besyd

[p. 214]

Now mon I to the court fayr
 Thriftles and threid bair
 Quhair ever I found or I fayr
 In barrat to byd 20

All man maikis me debait
 ffor heirschip of horsmeit
 ffra I be semblit on my feit
 The outhorne is cryde

Thay rais me all *wit*h ane rout 25
 And chasis me the toun about
 And cryis all *wit*h ane schout
 Traytour full tryde

Quhen I haue riddin all day
 He wer wyse *yat* can say 30
 Gif the court man weill lay
 Na be sanct bryde

A nicht is sone gane
 This is our auld a rayne
 I am maist wilsum of wane 35
*wit*hin this world wyde

Now man I the court fle
 ffor falt of meit and na fe
*wit*h na mair gud na *3e* se
 vpon this gald glyde 40

Syn but deuotioun furt~~h~~ fair
 and feinze me ane pardonar
 with bag and burdone full bayr
 To beg and noch~~t~~ to byd

[p. 215]

Now in my mynd me remordis 45
 As the court man recordis
 All my lipning vpon lordis
 Is layd me besyd

Man yow se for thy self
 And purches the sum pelf 50
 leyd noch~~t~~ thy lyf lyk ane elf
 That our the feild can slyde
 ffinis

[LXXVII. ANON. *The Bewteis
 of the Fute-ball.*]

Brissit brawn~~i~~s and brokin banis
 Stryf discorde and waistie wanis
 Cruikit in eild syn halt with all
 Thir are the bewteis of the fute bale
 ffinis

[LXXVIII. ANON.
Think on God.]

Think on god yat the bocht
 lang in syn ly noch~~t~~
 In thy kin pryd the noch~~t~~
 ffor tynt thing Cair noch~~t~~
 puyr folk oppres noch~~t~~ 5
 ffor all this warld sall turne to noch~~t~~
 ffinis

[LXXIX. CLAPPERTON *Worth Maryage*; P., p. 135.]

In bowdoun on blak monunday
 Quhen all was gadderit to the play
 Bayt^h men and women semblit yair
 I hard ane sweit ane sicht and say
 way wort^h maryage for evermair 5

Madinis 3e may haue grit plesance
 ffor to do venus obseruance
 Thocht I inclusit be wit^h cair
 That I dar nother sing nor dance
 wa wort^h maryage for euirmair 10

[p. 216]

Quhen yat I was ane madein 3ing
 lichtlie wald I dance and sing
 And sport and play bayt^h lait and air
 Now dar I noch^t luik to sic thing
 way wour^th maryage for evirmair 15

Thus am I bundin out of blis
 On to ane churle sayis I am his
 That I dar noch^t luik our the stair
 Scantlie to gif s^r lohne ane kis
 wa wort^h maryage for evirmair 20

Now war I ane madin as I wes
 To mak me lady of the baß
 And thocht yat I wer never so fayr
 To weddin suld I never paß
 way wort^h maryage for evirmair 25

Thus am I thirlit on to ane schrew
 quhilk dow nothing of chalmer glew
 Off bowre bourding bayt^h bask and bair
 God wayt gif I haue caus to rew
 way wour^th maryage for evirmair 30

All nicht I clatter vpoin my creid
 prayand to god gif I wer deid
 Or ellis out of this warld I wair
 Than suld I se for sum remeid
 way wourth^h maryage for euirmair 35

3e suld heir tell and he wer gane
 That I suld be ane wantoun ane
 To leir the law of luiffis layr
 In our toun lyk me suld be nane
 way worth^h maryage for evirmair 40

[p. 217] I suld put on my russet gowne
 My reid kirtill my hois of broun
 And lat yame se my 3allow hair
 vndir my curche hingand doun
 way wourth^h maryage for evirmair 45

Luffairis bayth^h suld heir and se
 I suld luif yame yat wald luif me
 Thair hartis for me suld never be sair
 Bot ay vnweddit suld I be
 way wourth^h maryage for evirmair 50
 ffinis *quod* clappertoun

[LXXX. ANON. *God
 gif I wer wedo now.*]

Vnder ane birkin bank me by
 I harde ane heynd cheild mak his mane
 He sichit and said richt drerelie
 Ewill is the wyff yat I haue tane
 ffor thy to 3ow I mak my mane 5
 3e tak gude tent quhair yat 3e wow
 It is scant ane twelf month gane
 God gif I wer wedo now

war I ane wedo forouttin weir
 ffull weill I culd luik me aboute 10
 In all this land bayth fer and neir
 Off wyffing I suld haue no dout
 vpon my hip I haue ane clout
 Quhilk is *nocht* pleysand for my prow
 Quhen scho is in I am *yairout* 15
 God gif I wer wedo now

Quhen scho is in I am *yairout*
 Scho list *nocht* at my layr to leyr
 In all this land forouttin dout
 Off stursumnes scho hes no peir 20
 Scho garris me say *with* sempill cheir
 That I haue nother corne nor kow
 I mak my mane as 3e may heir
 God gif I wer wedo now

[p. 218] Scho luikis doun oft ay lyk ane sow 25
 And will *nocht* speik quhen I cum in
 I spak ane wourde *nocht* for my prow
 To ding hir weill It war na syn
 Syn on hir fut couth scho wone
 And to the rude scho maid ane vow 30
 ffor I sall hit thy spindill schyn
 god gif I war wedo now

with that scho raucht me sic ane rout
 Quhill to ye erde scho gart me leyn
 Suppois my lyf wes oft in dout 35
 hir malice I culd *nocht* refrein
 Scho garris me murne I bid *nocht* feyn
 And *with* sair straikis scho garris me sow
 Thus am I *cummerit with* ane quene
 God gif I wer ane wedo now 40
 ffinis

[LXXXI. STEWART *Princelie
Maiestie*; Bann. MS., fol. 96.]

Schir sen of men ar dyuerß sortis
And dyuerß pastymes and disportis
According ar for Ilk degre
All thy trew liegis ye exhortis
To know thy ryale maiestie 5

And merk in thy memoriall
Thy predecessouris parentall
Quhois fructuous faitis and werkis hie
Makis yair fame perpetuall
Throw potent princelie maiestie 10

Sen throw the erde in lenth and breid
Thow art the maist illustere leid
And most preclair of progenie
Think yairupoun and caus thy deid
Apprive thy princelie maiestie 15

[p. 219] ffor nobill *cumming* of nobill kyn
And he fra nobilnes declyne
In yat case may comparit be
To braß fundin in goldin myn
Heirfoir think on thy maiestie 20

And play *nocht* bot at plesand playis
Als princes vsit affoir thir dayis
Halkin hunting and archerie
Iusting and ches yat nane gane sayis
vnto na princelie maiestie 25

To play at cairtis nor dyß accordis
To the bot *wit* thy noble lordis
Or *wit* the quene thy mother fre
To play *wit* puiyr men disaccordis
vnto yi princelie maiestie 30

Bot gif thow think quhen thow begynnīs
 ffreliē to gif all *yat* yow wynnīs
 To yame about *yat* s*ser*uice ye
 To keip syk wyⁿning schame and syn is
 And fer fra princeliē maiestie 35

To princes als it is ane vyce
 Till wse playing for cuvatyse
 To ryd or ryn our rakleslie
 Or¹ aventure to go on yce
 Accordis noch*t* to thy maiestie 40

Ane prudent¹ eik suld be war
 And for na play the tyme defer
 Quhen he suld goddis s*ser*uice se
 And gif he dois weill say I dar
 It marris his ryale maiestie 45

[p. 220] Sen *yat* ye help is in thy handis
 And on thy feyt *y*i weillfair standis
 And on thy heid the liberte
 Off all trew liegis in thy landis
 Think on thy ryale maiestie 50

Think *yat* yair is ane king of kingis
 Our hewin erth and hell *yat* ringis
 Quhilk *wit*h** twinkling of ane E
 May [do] and vndo all kin thingis
 So mervalous is his maiestie 55

And pray vnto *yat* samyn king
 Goying¹ to bed and vpryssing
 Thy gyd and gouernour to be
 Quha grant the grace to ryse and ring
 To keip² thy ryale maiestie 60

¹ *Sic.*² *Corrected from nicht.*

Precelland prince yat hes na pair
 I ferlie in this first new 3eir¹
 ffinis

[LXXXII. STEWART *Largess of this
 New 3eir Day*; Bann. MS., fol. 95 a.]

LARGES OF THIS NEW 3EIR DAY

Syn larges of my lord chancellare
 Quhen I ane ballat till him bair
 He son3eit noch*t* nor said me nay
 Bot gaif me quhill I wald haue mair
 ffor larges of this new 3eir day 10

Off the galloway the bischop new
 Ane ballat of my bosome drew
 And me delyuerit but delay
 Ane fayr haiknay but hyd or hew
 ffor larges of this new 3eir day 15

Off halie crose the abbot 3ing
 To him I did ane ballat bring
 Bot or I passit far him fra
 [p. 221] I gat na les na dewill a thing
 ffor larges of this new 3eir day 20

The thesaurare and comptrollar
 Thay bad me cum I wait noch*t* quhair
 And thay suld gar I wait noch*t* quha
 gif me I wait noch*t* quhat full fayre
 ffor larges of this new 3eir day 30

Now larges of my lordis all
 Bayth temporale and spirituall

¹ *These two lines, properly the beginning of the next piece, are deleted.*

My self sall never sing nor say
 I haue 3ow fund so liberale
 ffor larges of this new 3eir day 35

ffoull fall the frost yat evir It fell
 It hes ye wyt I bid *nocht* tell
 Bayth hand and purfs it bindis sua
 3e may gif na gude fra 3our sell
 ffor honour of this New 3eir day 40
 ffinis

[LXXXIII. DUNBAR *Without Glaidnes*
avalis na Tresour; S.T.S., p. 108.]

Be mirrie man and tak *nocht* far in mynd
 The wavering of this wrechit vale of sorow
 To god be humill and to thy freynd be kynd
 And with thy nichtbure glaidlie len and borow
 His chance the nicht it may be thyn to morow 5
 Be glaid in hart for ony eventure
 ffor oft with wysemen hes bein said afforow
 without glaydnes avalis na tressour

Mak ye gude cheir of it yat god the sendis
 ffor welth but weilfair nothing the avalis 10
 No gude is thyn sauf onlie at yow spendis
 The remanent yow broukis bot with balis
 Seik yow to solace quhen saidnes ye assailis
 ffor lang in dolour yi dayis may *nocht* Indure
 [p. 222] Thairfor of comfort pull vp all thy sailis 15
 without glaid[n]is etc

Thocht all ye wraik yat evir had levand wicht
 war onlie thyn of it no more haue sall
 bot meit and clayth and of the laif ane sicht 35
 3it to the iuge thow sall mak compt of all

Ane raikning ryche cummis of ane ragment small
 Be iust and Ioyous and do to none Iniure
 Than treuth sall mak the strang as ony wall
 without glaidnes avalis etc 40

Thow seis thir wretchis set with sorow and cair 25
 To gadder gudis all thair lyvis space
 Thair baggis ar full thair self ar always bair
 And of the ryches bot the keping hes
 Quhill ane cum eftir to spend It at hes grace
 Quhilk of the wyning tuik bot lytill cure 30
 Thairfoir be glaid and spend with mirrie face
 without glaydnes etc

ffollow on peiß fley trubbill and debait 17
 with famous folkis hald ye in companie
 be cheretable and meik in thy estait
 All warldlie plesour lestis bot ane cry 20
 ffor trubill in erde tak na malancolie
 Be ryche in patience gif thow in gudis be pure
 quha leveis mirrelie levis nichtelie
 without glaydnes avalis no trasour
Quod dunbar

[LXXXIV. ANON.
Think on thy End.]

Sad and solitare sittand myn allone¹
 Remember¹ of this warldis vanite
 How I haue tynt ye tyme yat Is bygane¹
 In vane plesour in youth and grit folie
 Be reissouñ I fand ane nobill grit bewtie 5
 In till ane buik quhair It wes brevit in
 [p. 223] ² agane all vyces most vertew is to the
 Think on thy end and thow sall never ³ syn

¹ *Sic.*

² And deleted here.

³ do deleted here.

Remember man quha may hald deid agane
 The tyme passis and deid drawis neir 10
 Thair is na manheid nor riches in certane
 wisdom siluer gold or vther geir
 Quhen d[e]id callis may lat it to compeir
 In blis or bale *yan* man thow wend to wyne
 Amend thy miß quhill thow art levand heir 15
 Think on thy end and thow sall never syn

ffy on this warldis fals prosperite
 fy on ye ryches *yat* lestit bot ane quhyle
 To erdlie Ioy ay sorow sickerlie
 Succedis sone and settis in exile 20
 All warldlie welth *yat* waverand is and vyle
 And we it wist we wald *nocht* pryse ane pyn
 Nor for na gold our sellie sowle to fyle
 Think on thy end and thow sall never syn

Quhen deid callis *yan* seiknes will the assaill 25
 Ane *yat* sudandlie drawis the till ane end
 Arme the weill or ellis thy sicht will fail
 Aganis the feynd thy fayth the to defend
wit contrit hart schaip first thy miß to amend
 Confess the clein restoir all wrangis win 30
 ffor of this world thow man pass hyn and wend
 Think on thy end and *yow* sall never syn

Off all fulis maist fule he is
 That for the plesour of the caryouñ
 Causis the saull to tyne *ye* lestand blis 35
 Off paradyce duelland in damnatiouñ
 Bot wormes meit and cankerit corruptioun
 In thy corps heir *yat* thy delyt is in
 Now send me Jesu for thy bitter passioun
 Ane blissit end and sauf my saull fra syn 40
 ffinis

[LXXXV. ANON. *In Baill
be blyth* ; P., p. 202.]

- [p. 224] **I**n baill be blyth for yat is best
 in barret gif yow be bowne to byd
 lat comfort cleinlie in the rest
 lat never thy cair in court be cryid
 Thy harmes het luik yat yow hyd 5
 have houp in him yat ay sall lest
 ffra sorow sone be set on syd
 In baill be blyth for It is best
- Gif yow will nocht in baill be blyth
 Sone of this blis yow may be bayr 10
 Albeit yow sich ane thousand syth
 It will nocht sauf the of thy sair
 Nor 3it remeid ye of thy cair
 lat confort kyndlie in the rest
 Thow leyr this lessoun at my layr 15
 In baill be blyth for yat Is best
- Deir on deis and yow be dicht
 And syn sittis drowpand lyk ane daa
 ffayn will thay be of yat sicht
 And yai yat onelie is thy fa 20
 Thay will nocht gruge to lat ye ga
 Thair is no gle with sic ane gest
 Oft syis sayis the sampill swa
 In bale¹ be blyth for yat is best
- Lat never thy Innemeis wit thy miß 25
 Nor mak ye mirth on na maneir
 How evir thay say with the it is
 Off thy mischeif lat yame nocht heir
 Thay will be blyth as bird on breir
 In payn to se the pvnist and prest 30
 Thairfoir in countenance ay be cleir
 In baill be blyth for yat Is best

¹ *Corrected from blyth.*

[p. 225]

ffor¹ ay blyth I reid we be
 at evir in blis we may be kend
 ffor this I say be may þan me 35
 That murning may no thing amend
 ffra ye feynd god ws defend
 ffor bayth fute and hand wes fast¹
 of this mater I mak ane end
 In baill² be blyth for yat Is best 40
 ffinis

[LXXXVI. DUNBAR *Man, spend thy Gude* ; S.T.S., p. 152.]

Man sen thy lyf is ay in weir
 And deid is sicker drawand neir
 The tyme vnsicker and the place
 man spend thy gude quhill thow hes space

Thow may to day haue gude to spend
 And to morne haistellie fra It wend 10
 And leif ane vther thy baggis to braiðs
 man spend thy gude quhill thow hes space

Gif it be thyn thy self it vse 5
 Gif it be nocht thow it refuse
 Ane vther of it ye profitt hes
 man spend thy gud quhill thow hes space

Quhill thow hes space se thow dispone
 That for thy gude quhen yow art gone
 Nocht with¹ ane vther sla nor chafþ 15
 man spend thy gude quhill thow hes space

Sum all his dayis dryvis our in vane
 ay gadderand geir with sorow and pane
 and vyeris ar glayd at zule and pasche
 man spend thy gude quhill thow hes space 20

¹ *Sic.*² *Miswritten bayth.*

Syn cummis ane vyer glayd of his sorow
 That for him prayit nor ewin nor morow
 And fangis it all *wit*h mirrey face
 Man spend thy gude quhill yow hes space

Sum greit gude gaderis and all it sparis 25

And eftir him cummis 3oung airis

[p. 226] That his auld th[r]ift settis on ane ais
 man spend thy gude quhill thow hes space

It is all thyn yat thow dispendis
 And *nocht* all yat yow dependis¹ 30

bot his to spend he¹ yat hes grace
 man spend thy gude quhill thow hes space

Luik how the barne dois to the moder 37

And tak 3our sampill be ane vther

That it *nocht* efter be ye case

man spend thy gude quhill thow hes space 40

Traist *nocht* ane vther to do the to

It at thy self wald never do

ffor gif yow dois strange is the case 35

man spend thy gude quhill thow hes space

ffinis

[LXXXVII. DOUGLAS,
King Hart; Sm., I. 85.]

	King hart in to ² his cumlie castell strang	
Cor in (corpore)	Closit about <i>wit</i> h craft and meikill vre	
homini(s)	So senlie wes he set his folk amang	
hart in (body)	That he no dout had of misaventure	
of ma(n)	So proudlie wes he polist plane and pure 5	
	<i>wit</i> h 3outhheid and his lustie levis grene	
	So fair so fresche so liklie to endure	
	And als so blyth as bird in symmer schene	

¹ *Sic.*

² *Above the line.*

ffor wes he never ȝit *wit* schouris schot
 Nor ȝit ourrun *wit* rouk or ony rayne 10
 In all his lusty lecam *nocht* ane spot
 Na never had experience in to payne
 Bot alway in to lyking *nocht* to layne
 Onlie to love and verrie gentilnes
 [p. 227] He wes inclynit cleinlie to remane 15
 And woun vnder the wyng of wantownnes

ȝit wes this wourthy wicht king vnder warde
 ffor wes he *nocht* at fredome vtterlie
 Nature had *lymmit* folk for ȝair rewarde
 This godlie king to governe and ¹ to gy 20
 for so ȝai kest ȝair tyme to occupy
 In welthis for to wyne for thay him teichit
 All lustis for to lane and vnderly
 So prevelie thai preis him and him preicheid

ffirst strent*h* lust and wantownnes 25
 Grein lust / disport / Ielous[y] and Invy
 freschnes newgot ² waistgude and wilfulnes
 Delyuernes fulehardenes / thairby
 Gentrice fredome / price previe / espy
 Wantwyt vanegloir prodigalitie 30
 vnrest nichtwalk and full of glutony
 vnricht / dyme sicht / with slicht and subtilitie

Iuuentus
 et quot
 nomina
 habet
 ȝouthheid
 and quhat
 names he
 (hes).

Thir war the Inwarde ythand seruitouris
 quhilk *gouernouris* war vnto ³ this nobill king
 And kepit him inclynit to ȝair Curis 35
 So wes ȝair nocht in erde ȝat ever nicht bring
 Ane of thir folk away fra his duelling
 Thus to ȝair terme thay serve for ȝair rewarde
 Dansing disport singing revelling
 With bissines all blyt*h* to pleis the lairde 40

¹ for *deleted here*.² *Sic*.³ *Deleted*.

Desideria
cordis (in)
Iuuentute
The desyris
of hart in
youth.

Thir folk *wit*h all the femell yai nicht fang
 Quhilk nummerit ane milȝon and weill mo
 That wer vpbred as *seruitouris* of lang
 And *wit*h this king wald woun in weill and wo
 ffor favour nor for feid wald found him fro 45
 vnto the tyme yair dait be run and past
 That god nor gude nicht gar yame fro him (go)
 No greif nor grame suld grayth yame so agas(t)

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fyve *seruituris* this king he had *with*out
 That teichit war ay tressoun to espy 50
 Thai watchit ay ye wallis round about
 ffo[r] Innemeis yat of hapning ay come by
 Ane for the day quhilk Iugeit certainly
*wit*h cure to ken the colour of all hew
 Ane for the nicht yat harknit bissely 55
 Out of quhat airt that ever the wyndis blew

Syn wes yair ane to taist all nutriment
 That to yis king wes *seruit* at the deiß
 Ane wther wes all fovellis for¹ sent
 Of licour or of ony lustie meiß 60
 The fyft yair wes quhilk culd all¹ but leis
 The heit the cauld the harde and eik the soft
 Ane ganand *seruand* bayth for weir and pece
 ȝit hes thir folk yair king betrasit oft

Honour persewit to the kingis ȝet 65
 Thir folk said all yai wald nochȝt lat him in
 Be caus thai said yair lord to feist wes set
 With all his lustie *seruandis* more and myn
 Bot he ane port had enterit *wit*h ane gyn
 And vp he can in haist to the grit toure 70
 And said he suld it parall all *wit*h syn
 And fresche delyt *wit*h mony florist floure

¹ *Sic.*

lyke founoure the king he had about
that toun he was an hussone b. for
the murther in the wallis round about
the murther of hysing in some be
dne for the day the murtherer
we mite to be the volume of all he
and for the murther of the murtherer
Out of the murtherer that the murtherer

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So strang this king him thocht his castell stude
 with mony towre and turat crownit hie
 About the wall yair ran ane water void 75
 Blak stinkand sowr and salt as is the sey
 That on the wallis wiskit gre be gre
 Boldning to ¹ ryis the castell to confound
 Bot thai wit^hin maid sa grit melody
 That for yair reird thay nicht nocht heir the
 sound 80

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With feistis fell and full of Iolitee
 This cumlie court thair king yai kast to keip
 That noy hes none bot newlie novaltee
 And ar nocht wount for wo to woun and weip
 ffull sendill sad or soundlie set to sleip 85
 No wandreth wait ay wenis welth endure
 Behaldis nocht nor luikis nocht ye deip
 As yame to keip fra all misaventure

Richt as the rose vpspringis fro the rute
 In ruby colour reid most ryik of hew 90
 Nor waindis nocht the levis to outschut
 ffor schyning of the sone yat dois renew
 Thir vther flouris greyne quhyt and blew
 quhilk hes na craft to knaw the wynter weit
 Suppois yat sonimer schane dois yame reskew 95
 That dois yame quhile ourhaill with snaw and sleit

Dame plesance had ane pretty place besyd
 with ² fresche effeir and mony folk in feir
 The quhilk wes paralld all about with pryde
 So precious yat it prysit wes but peir 100
 with bulwerkis braid and mony bitter beir
 Syn wes ane brig yat hegeit wes and strang
 And all yat couth attene the castell neir
 It maid yame for to mer amiff and mang

¹ ryf deleted here.² fle deleted here.

With touris grit and strange for to behald 105
 So craftlie with kinnellis kervin hie
 The fitchand chaynis floreist all of gold
 The grundin dairtis scharp and bricht to se
 Wald mak ane hart of flint to fald and fle
 ffor terror gif yai wald ye castell saill 110
 So kervin cleir that nicht na crueltee
 It for to wyn in all this warld avale

[p. 230] Servit this quene dame plesance all at richt
 first hie apporte bewtie and humilnes
 with mony vtheris madinis fair and bricht 115
 Reuth and gud fame fredome and gentilnes
 Constance patience raddour and meiknes
 Conning kyndnes heyndnes and honestie
 Mirth lustheid lyking and nobilnes
 blis and blythnes plesance and pure pietie 120

This war the staitis worthyest and ding
 With mony mo yat servit to this quene
 Ane legioun liell war at hir leding
 Quhen hir court leist semble fair and clein
 In yair effeir fayr service nicht be sene 125
 for wes yair nocht yat semit be avyse
 That no man nicht the poynting of ane prene
 Repreve nor pece bot payntit at devyse

Hapnit this wourthy quene vpon ane day
 with hir fresche court arrayit weill at richt 130
 Hunting to ryd hir to disport and play
 With mony ane lustie ladie fair and bricht
 Hir baner schene displayit and on hicht
 wes sene abone yair heidis fayr quhair yai ryd
 The grene ground wes Illuminyt of the lycht 135
 fresche bewtie had ye vangarde and wes gyde

Ane legioun of thir lustie ladeis schene
 folowit this quene trewlie this is no nay
 Harde by this castell of this king so kene
 This wourthy folk hes walit yame a way 140
quhilk did the dayis watcheis¹ to effray
 ffor seildin had yai sene sic folkis befor
 So mirrelie yai muster and thai play
 w^{it}hout² outhr brag or bost or schore

[p. 231] The watcheis of the sicht wes sa effrayit 145
 Thai ran and tauld the king of yair intent
 lat *nocht* this mater *sir* be lang delayit
 It war speidfull sum folk 3e outwarde sent
 That culd reherß quhat thing 3one peple ment
 Syn 3ow agane yairof to certifie 150
 ffor battell byd yai bauldlie on 3on bent
 It war bot schame to fein3e cowartlie

3outhheid vpstart and cleikit on his cloik
 was browdin all w^{it}h lustie lëvis grene
 Ryse fresche delyte lat *nocht* this mater soke 155
 We will go se quhat may this muster mene
 So weill we sall ws it cope betwene
 Thair sall nothing pas away vnspyt
 Syn sall we tell the kyng as we haue sene
 And yair sall nothing trewlie be denyit 160

3outhheid furt^h past and raid on Innocence
 Ane mylk quhyt steid yat ambilit as the wynd
 And fresche delyt raid on benevolence
 Throw out the meid yat wald *nocht* byd behind
 The beymes bricht almost had maid yame
 blind 165
 That fra fresche bewtie spred vnder the cloude
 To hir thai socht and sone thai culd hir find
 No saw yai nane never wes half sa proude

¹ *Written* wachteis.² *Sic.*

The bernis both wes basit of the sicht
 And out of mesour marrit in yair mude 170
 As spreitles folkis on blonkis hvffit on hicht
 Both in ane studie starand still yai stude
 ffayr calling freschlie on hir wayis zuid
 And both yair reynzeis cleikit in hir handis
 Syn to hir castell raid as scho war woude 175
 And festnit vp thir folkis in venus bandis

[p. 232] Becaus thair come no bodwarde sone agane
 The king out sent newgate and wantownnes
 Grene luif disport / waistgude that nocht can lane
 And w^{it}h yame freschlie feir / fule-hardynes 180
 He bad yame spy the cais quhow yat it wes
 And bring bodwart or him self outpast
 Thay said yai suld and sone yai can yame drefß
 full glaid yai glyde as gromes vnagaist

On grund no greif quhill yai the grit ost se 185
 wald yai nocht rest ye rinkis so thay ryde
 Bot fra thay saw yair sute and yair sembly
 It culd yame bre and biggit yame to byd
 Dreid of disdane / on fute ran thame besyde
 Said yame be war sen wisdomes is away 190
 for and 3e prik amang thir folk of pryde
 A pane 3e salbe restit be the way

full-hardynes full freschlie furt^h he flang
 A fure leynt^h fer befor his feiris fyve
 And wantones suppois he had ye wrang 195
 him followit on als fast as he nicht dryve
 So thai wer lyk amang yame self to stryve
 The fouresum baid and huvit on the grene
 fresche bewtie w^{it}h ane wysk come¹ belyve
 And yame all reistit war yai never so kene 200

¹ *Sic.*

With yat the foursum fayn thay wald haue fled
 Agane vnto yair castell and yair king
 Thai gave ane schout and sone thai haue yame sched
 And bisselie thay kan yame bundin bring
 Agane vnto yair quene and bandis thring 205
 about thair handis and ¹feit so fast
 quhill yat yai maid yame w^{it}h yair tormenting
 Haly of yair lyvis half agast ¹

[p. 233²] The watchis on the kingis wallis hes sene
 The chassing of the folk and yair suppryse 210
 vpstart king hart in propir yre and tein
 And baldlie bad his folk all w^{it}h him ryse
 I sall noch^t sit he said and se yame thryse
 Discomfit clein my men and put at vnder
 Na we sall wrik ws on ane vther wyfs 215
 Set we be few / to thame be fifty hounder

Than out thay raid all to ane randoun richt
 This courtlie king and all his cumlie ost
 his buirelie bainer brathit vp on hicht
 And out thay blew w^{it}h brag and mekle bost 220
 That lady and hir lynnage suld be lost
 Thay cryit on hicht thair soinge ¹wounder lowde
 Thus come thay keynlie carpand one the cost
 Thay preik yai prance as princis yat war woude

Dame plesance hes hir folk arrayit weill 225
 fra yat scho saw yai wald battell abyde
 So bewtie w^{it}h hir wangerde gane to reill
 The greitest of thair ost scho can our ryde
 Syn fresche apport come on the tother syd
 So bisselie scho wes to battell boune 230
 That all yat ever scho micht ourtak yat tyde
 Hors and men w^{it}h brount scho straik all doun

¹ *Sic.*² *This page and the next have been re-inked.*

Richt yair king hairt he hes in handis tane
 And puirlye wes he present to the quene
 And scho had fairlie w^{it}h ane fedderit flayne 235
 Woundit the king richt wonderfull to wene
 Delyuerit him deme bewtie vnto sene
 His wound to wesche in sobering of his sair
 Bot alwayis as scho castis it to clene
 His malady Incessis mair and mair 240

[p. 234] Woundit he wes and quhair 3it he na wait
 And mony of his folk hes tane the flicht
 He said I 3eild me now to 3our estait
 fayr quene sen to resist I haue no micht
 Quhat will 3e saye me now for quhat plycht 245
 ffor yat I wait I did 3ow never offence
 And gif I haue done ocht yat is vnrycht
 I offer me to 3our beneuolence

Be this battell wes neir vincust all
 The kingis men ar tane and mony slane 250
 Dame plesance can on fresche bewtie call
 Bad hir command the folk to presoun plaine
 King hart sair woundit was bot he wes fayne
 for weill he traistit yat he suld recure
 The lady and hir ost went hame agane 255
 And mony presoner takin vnder hir cure

King hart his castell leuit hes full waist
 And hevenes maid capitane It to keip
 Radour ran hame full fleyit and for-chaist
 him for to hyde crap in the dungeoun deip 260
 langour he lay vpon the wallis but sleip
 But meit or drink the watche horne he blew
 Ire wes the portour that full sayr can weip
 And Ielousy ran out he wes never trew

He said he suld be spy and bodwart bring 265
 Bayt^h nicht and day how yat his maister fure
 He followit fast on fute eftir the king
 vnto the castell of dame plesance puire
 In the presoun fand he mony creatuire
 Sum fetterit fast and fra ¹ fre and large 270
 Quhair ever yame list w^{it}hin the wallis fure
 Sone Ielousy him hid vnder ane targe

[p. 235] Thar saw I lust by law vnder lok
 In streinze strong fast fetterit fute and hand
 Grene luif lay bund w^{it}h ane felloun blok 275
 About the crag wes claspit w^{it}h ane band
 3outhheid wes lous and ay about waverand
 Desyre lay stokkit by ane dungeouⁿ dure
 3it honestie keip ¹ him fair farrand
 And waistgude followand him quhair euer he fure 280

Discretiouⁿ wes as than bot 3oung of age
 He sleipit w^{it}h lust quhair ever he micht him find
 And he agane wes crabbit at the page
 Ane ladill full of luif stude him behind
 He swakit in his ene and maid him blind 285
 Sua fra that tyme furth he micht noch^t se
 Speik yow ane wourde thy four feit sall I bind
 Syn swak the our the wallis in the se

Bissines newgate freschnes and syn disport
 fredome gentrice cuning and fair maner 290
 All thir wer lous daylie and 3eid ouer thort
 To clois befor the dungeouⁿ windo neir
 quhair wynnit fair dame plesance yat wes cleir
 Quhilk hes espyit richt weill yair gouernance
 And lauchan he *commandit* tymes seir 295
 Tyme to await vpone yair observance

¹ *Sic.*

This lustie quene w^{it}hⁱⁿ hir dungeouⁿ strong ¹
 Coud dysyde ¹ ay hir ladeis hir about
 And as scho list scho leirit yame to mang
 That wald be in / all folk y^{at} wer w^{it}h^{out} 300
 ffor hie apport scho is hir capitane stout
 Bewtie hir baner beris hir beforne
 Dame chaistetie hir chalmarere bot dout
 And strangenes hir portare can weill scorne

[p. 236] ffayr calling is grit garitour on hicht 305
 That watchis ay the wallis hie abone
 And sweit semblance is merschale in hir sicht
 As scho commandis so swyth all is done
 Sa is yair nocht ¹ mvsik nor of tvne
 The ladeis sweit yai mak sic melodie 310
 Quhat wicht y^{at} nicht It heir suld luge sone
 To angell song and hewinlie armony

King hart in till ane previe closet crappe
 was neir the dungeoun wall neir by the ground
 Swas ¹ he nicht heir and se sic wes his happe 315
 The meikle mirth y^e melodie and sound
 Quhilk fra the wallis sweetlie can redound
 In at his eir and sink vnto his hart
 And yairin wirkis mony previe wound
 That dois oft sys him strang w^{it}h stoundis smart 320

Ay seik he is and ever he hes his heill
 In battale strang and hes both pece and rest
 The scharpe and als the soft can w^{it}h him deill
 The sweit the sour both rewle and als vnrest
 Dame danger hes of dolour to him drest 325
 Ane pallioun that na proudnes hes w^{it}h^{out}
 with teiris weit ar rottin may nocht lest
 fast brikan^d by y^e bordouris all aboute

¹ *Sic.*

Bot ȝouthheid had him maid ane courtlie cote
 Als grene as gerſ w^{it}h goldin stremis bricht 330
 Broudin about fast bukillit to his throte
 A wourthy weid weill closand and full licht
 Ane wysar ȝat wes payntit for the sicht
 As ruby reid and pairt of quhyt amang
 Off coulouris micht ȝair nane be freschar dicht 335
 Bot hevines had fassonit It all wrang

[p. 237] This wourthy king in presoun thus culd ly
 with all his folk and culd ȝair nane outbrek
 full oft ȝai kan vpon dame pietie cry
 ffair thing cum doun a quhyle and w^{it}h ws speik 340
 Sum farar way ȝe micht ȝour harmes wreik
 Than thus to murdour ws ȝat ȝoldin ar
 wald ȝe ws rew quhair euir we micht our reik
 we suld men be to ȝow for euirmare

That ansuer¹ danger and said that wer grete
 doute 345

A madin sweit amang sa mony men
 To cum alane / bot folk war hir about
 That is ane craft my self culd never ken
 w^{it}h that scho ran vnto hir lady kene¹
 Kneland madame scho said keip pietie fast 350
 Syth scho ask no licence to hir len
 May scho wyn out scho will play ȝow a cast

Than danger to the dure tuik gude keip
 Both nicht and day ȝat pietie suld noch^t paß
 Quhill all fordwart¹ in defalt of sleip 355
 Scho bisselie as for-travalit scho wes
 fayr calling gaif hir drink in to ane glas
 Sone efter ȝat to sleip scho went anone
 Pietie was war ȝat Ilk prettie laß
 And privelie out at the dure is gone 360

¹ Sic.

The dure on chare It stude all wes on sleip
 And pietie doun the stare full sone is past
 This bissines hes sene and gave gud keip
 Dame pietie hes he hint in armeis fast
 he callit on lust and he come at the last 365
 his bandis gart he birst in peces smale
 Dame pietie wes gritlie feirit and agast
 Be yat wes comfort croppin in *our* the wall

[p. 238] Sone come delyte and he begout^h to dance
 Grene love vpstart and can his spreitis ta 370
 full weill is me said disport of this chance
 for now I traist gret melody to ma
 All in ane rout vnto the dure thay ga
 And pietie put *yairin* first yame befor
 Quhat wes *yair* mair out harro taik and slay 375
 The hous is wone *wit*houtin brag or schoir

The courtinis all of gold about the bed
 weill stentit was quhair fair dame plesance lay
 Than new desyr als gredie as ane glade
 Come rinnand in and maid ane grit deray 380
 The quene is walknit *wit*h ane felloun fray
 vp glifnit and beheld scho wes betrayid¹
 Zeild 3ow madame on hicht can *fsir* lust² say
 A wourde scho culd *nocht* speik scho wes so abaisit

Zeild 3ow madame grene lust culd say all sone 385
 And fairlie sall we governe 3ow and 3ouris
 Our lord king hartis will most now be done
 That 3it is law amang the nether bowris
 Our lang madame 3e keipit thir hie towris
 Now thank we none bot pietie ws suppleit¹ 390
 Dame danger in to ane nuk scho lowris
 And quakand *yair* the quene scho lay for dreid

¹ *Sic.*² day deleted here.

Than busteousnes Come *wit~~h~~* brag and bost
 All *yat* ganestude he straik deid in the flure
 Dame plesance sad sall we thus gate be lost 395
 Bring vp *ye* king lat him in at the dure
 In his gentrice richt weill I dar assure
 Thairfor sweit confort Cryit vpone the king
 Than bissines *yat* *cunning* creature
 To serve dame plesance sone thay can him bring 400

[p. 239] So sweit ane smell¹ as straik vnto his hart
 Quhen *yat* he saw dame plesance at his will
 I *zeild* me *ſir* and do me nocht to smart
 The fayr quene said vpone this wyſ him till
 I sauſ *zouris* suppois it be no skill 405
 All *yat* I haue and all *yat* myne may be
 with all my hairt I offer heir *zow* till
 And askis *nocht* bot *ze* be trew² till me

Till *yat* loue desyre and lust devysit
 Thus fair dame plesance sweitlie can assent 410
 Than suddandlie *ſir* hairt him now disgysit
 On *gat* his amouris klok / or *euir* he stint
 freschlie to feist thir amouris folk ar went
 Blyth~~nes~~ wes first brocht bodwarde to the hall
 Dame chastite *yat* selie Innocent 415
 ffor wo *zeid* wode and flaw out our the wall

The lustie quene scho sat in the middis³ the deiſ
 Befoir hir stude the nobill worthy king
 Servit *yai* war of mony dyuerſ meis
 full sawris sweit and swyth thai culd *yame* bring 420
 Thus thai maid ane mirrie *merschelling*
 Bewtie and loue ane sait¹ burde hes begoiⁿ¹
 In⁴ *wirschip* of that lustie feist so ding
 Dame plesance hes gart perce Dame venus tun

¹ *Sic.*² *me deleted here.*³ *Altered to mid.*⁴ *lustie deleted here.*

Quha is at eis quhen bayth ar now in blis 425
 Bot fresche king hart that cleirlie is aboue
 And wantis nocht in warld yat he wald wiß
 And traistis nocht that euir he sall remove
 Sewin 3eir and moir 3ir lyking and 3ir loue
 Off him yai haue the cure and gouernance 430
 Quhill at the last befell and sua behuif
 Ane changeing new thay¹ grevit dame plesance

[p. 240] A morrowing tyde quhen at the sone so schene
 Out raschit had his bemis frome the sky
 Ane auld gudlie man befor ye 3et was sene 435
 Apone ane steid yat raid full easalie
 he rappit at the 3et but courtaslie
 3it at the straik the grit dungeoun can din
 Syn at the last he schowtit fellowlie
 And bad yame ryß and said he wald cum in 440

Sone wantownnes come to the wall abone
 and cryit our quhat folk ar 3e yairout
 My name is age said he agane full sone
 May thow nocht heir langar how I culd schout
 Quhat war 3our will I will cum in but dout 445
 Now god forbid in fayth 3e cum nocht heir
 Rin on thy way [or] thow sall beir ane route
 And say the portar he is wonder sweir

Sone wantownnes he went vnto the king
 And tald him all the caiß quhow yat It stude 450
 That taill I traist be na leissing
 he wes to cum yat wist I be the rude
 It dois me noy be god in bone and blude
 That he suld cum sa sone quhat haist had he
 The quene said to hald him out war gude 455
 That wald I fayne² war doin² and It nicht be

¹ *Sic.*²⁻² *Interlined.*

ȝouthheid vpstart and knelit befoir the king
 Lord *witʰ* ȝour leif I may na langar byd
 My warisoun I wald *ȝat witʰ* me bring
 lord pay to me and gif me leif to ryde 460
 ffor micht I langer resyde ȝow besyde
 ffull fayne I wald no war my felloun fa
 ffor dout of age *ſir* king ȝe latt me slyde
 ffor and I¹ byde in faytʰ he will me sla

p. 241] Sen ȝow man pas fair ȝouthheid way is me 465
 Thow wes my freynd and maid me gude *seruice*
 ffra thow be went never so blytʰ to be
 I mak ane vow thocht *ȝat* It be nyce
 Off all blytʰnes thy bodie beiris the pryce
 To warisoun I gif ȝe or thow ga 470
 This fresche visar wes payntit at devyse
 My lust alway *witʰ* the ²se that ²thow ta

ffor saik of the I will no colour reid
 Nor lusty quhyt vpone my bodie beir
 Bot blak and gray alway quhill I be deid 475
 I will none vther wantoun wedis weir
 ffayr weill my freynd thow did me never deir
 vnwelcum age thow come agane my will
 I lat the wit I micht ȝe weill forbeir
 Thy warisoun suld be small but skill 480

Than ȝouthheid said disport and wantounnes
 My brether both dispone ȝow *witʰ* me ryde
 vpstart on fute lyflie delyuerance
 Said schirris I pray ȝow tak me for ȝour gyde
 Trow ȝe *ȝat* I sall ly heir in to hyde 485
 This wourthy craft *ȝat* nature me ²to gaif
 Na na this cowartnes sall *nocht* betyde
 ffair on I salbe formest of the laif

¹ *Altered from* he.² *Interlined.*

Out at ane previe postrome all thai past
 And wald *nocht* byd all out to tak yair leif 490
 Than fresche delyte come rynnand wonder fast
 And *wit* ane pull gat ȝouthheid be the sleif
 Abyd abyd gud fallow the *nocht* greif
 len me thy cloke to gyf me for ane quhyle
 want I *yat* weid in fayt I will mischeif 495
 Bot I sall follow ye *wit*in ane myle

[p. 242] Delyte come in and all *yat* saw his bak
 Thay wenit it had bein ȝouthheid bundin still
 Bot eftirwart quhen *yat* thai *wit* him spak
 Thay knew it wes ane seinȝe¹ maid ȝame till 500
 Sone quhen he had disportit him his fill
 His courtlie cloke begouth to fayd of hew
 Thriftles threidbair and reddy for to spill
 lyk failȝeit blak *quhilk* wes befor tyme blew

ȝit wald he *nocht* away alluterlie 505
 Bot of retinew feit he him as ȝan
 And or he wist he spendit spedellie
 The flour of all the substance *yat* he wan
 So wourde he pure and powrit to the pane
 ȝit appetyt his sone he bad duell still 510
 Bot wit ȝe² weill he wes ane sory man
 ffor falt of gude he wantit all his will

Be *yat* wes age enterit and ȝit first
 His branchis braid out bayr he mony bore
 vnwylkum was the cry quhen *yat* thai wist 515
 ffor followand him thair come fyve hunder score
 Off hairis *yat* king hart had none befor
 And quhen *yat* fayr dame plesance had ȝame sene
 Scho grevit and scho angerit weill more
 Hir face scho wryit about for propir teyne 520

¹ *Sic.*² *will deleted here.*

Scantlie had age restit him yair ane quhyle
 Quhen constance¹ come cryand our the wall
 How lang think ȝe to hald me² in exile
 Now on my saule ȝe ar bot lurdanis all
 And sum of ȝow be god sall haue ane fall 525
 May I him meit fra presence of the king
 all fals tratouris I may ȝow full weill call
 That s̄eruit weill be draw both heid and hing

[p. 243] ffra age harde yat constance¹ was come-ing
 ffull sone scho rais belyve and leit him in 530
 Sadnes he had ane cloik fra meture mvming
 he had vpon and wes of ageis kin
 It war richt harde thay tua in sunder twin
 Thairfoir agis³ his¹ bak he ran anone
 In mid the cloiſs yair conscience met with syne 535
 Ane felloun rout he layde on his rig bone

Conscience to syn gave sic ane dunt¹
 Quhill to the erde he flaw and lay at vnder
 ȝit conscience his breist hurt with the dynt
 Bot sadnes hes to put this tua in sunder 540
 folie and vyce in to thair wit thay wounder
 Quhow sic ane maister man so sone suld ryſ
 In mid the cloiſs on luikand neir fyve hunder
 The kingis folk to ding and to suppryse

Thai war adred and sone hes tane the flicht 545
 Syn in ane hirne to hyd sone can ȝame hy
 Than conscience come to the kingis sicht
 Out at ane dore ran falset and Invy
 Gredie desyr and gamsome glutony
 Vant and vanegloir with new grene appetyte 550
 ffor conscience luikit sa fellonlie
 Thay ran away out of his presence quyte

¹ *Sic.*² *Interlined.*³ *Altered from at.*

God blis the lord thus conscience can say
 This quhyle bygane thow has bene all to glaid
 3a consience and 3it fayne wald I play 555
 Bot now my hart waxis wounder sad
 Thai haue bene wickit counsalouris thow had
 wist thow the suth as thow sall eftir heir
 ffor wit thow weill yair burding wes bad
 The rute is bitter scharp as ony breir 560

[p. 244] Thy tresour haue thay falsle fra the tane
 Thir wickit folk thow wenit had bene trew
 And stowin away fra the ane and ane
 for think thay never cum the for to glew
 Quhair is thy garment grene and gudlie hew 565
 And thy fresche face yat 3outhheid to the maid
 Thow bird think schame [and] of thy riot rew
 Saw yow thy self in to thy colour sad

Now *mervale nocht* suppois I *wit*h the chyde
 ffor wit yow weill my hart is wounder wa 570
 Ane vther day quhen thow may na thing hyde
 I man accuse the as thy propir fa
 Off thy vane werk first witnes thow me ta
 Quhen all thy Iolitie beis Iustifeit
 It grevis me yat thow suld graceles ga 575
 To waist thy weifair and thy welth so wyde

As conscience wes chydand thus on hicht
 Reassoun and wit richt at the 3et thay rang
*wit*h rappis lowd for it drew neir the nicht
 Bad lat thame in for thai had standing lang 580
 Said conscience in gude fayt*h* this is wrang
 Gif me the key I sall be portar now
 So come thai in Ilkane throw vyer thrang
 Syn *wit*h ane wisk almost I wait *nocht* how

Ressoun ran on quhair at discretioun lay 585
 In to ane nuke quhair na man culd him find
 And *with* his kniyf he schure the flesche away
 That bred vpone his Ene and maid him blind
 Syn gaif he him the thuide ewin behind
 Now may yow se get vp no langar ly 590
 And scouner *nocht* to ryd in rane and wynd
 Quhair euir I be se *yat* thow be neir by

[p. 245] The king begouth to speik vpone this wyse
 ffayr conscience 3e ar to crabbit now
 3our souerane and 3our lord for to suppryse 595
 Thar is no man of gude will 3ow allow
 Quhat haue I done *yat* thus hes crabbit 3ow
 I followit counsale alway for the best
 And gif thai war vntrew I dar avow
 Natur did mis sic folk apone me cast 600

Nature me bred ane beist in to my nest
 And gaif to me 3outhheid first *seruitour*
 That I no fut micht find¹ be eist or west
 Bot euir in warde *in* tutorschip and cure
 And wantownnes quha wes to me more sure 605
 Sic nature to me brocht and first devysit
 Me for to keip fra all misaventure
 Quhat blame serve I thus way to be supprysit

3e did greit mis fayr conscience be 3our leif
 Gif *yat* 3e war of kyn and blude to me 610
 That sleut/fullie suld lat 3our tyme our sleif
 And cum this lait how suld 3e ask 3our fee
 The steid is stollin steik the dure lat se
 Quhat may avale god wait the stall Is tume
 And gif 3e be ane counsalour sle 615
 Quhy suld 3e sleut/fullie 3our tyme forsume

¹ *Sic.*

Off my harme and drerie Indigence
 Gif yair be ocht amys me think *parde*
 That ȝe ar caus verray of my offence
 And suld sustene ȝe bettir part for me 620
 Mak answer now quhat can ȝe¹ say lat say²
 ȝour self excuse and mak ȝow foule or clene
 ressoun cum heir ȝe sall our Iuge be
 And in this caus gif sentence ws betwene

[p. 245] Sir be ȝour leif in to my propir caus 625
 Suppois I speik ȝe suld *nocht* be displesit
 Said conscience this is ane villaneis caus²
 Gif I suld be the caus ȝe ar disesit
 Na ȝoung counsale in ȝow sa lang wes seasit
 That hes ȝour tressour and ȝour gude distroyit 630
 Richt fayne wald I *with* *mirror*² It war meisit
 ffor of ȝour harme god wait gif I be noyit

ȝe put grit wyt yat I so lang abaid
 Gif yat I culd *with* counsale ȝow avale
 Sir traist weill ane verrie caus I had 635
 Or ellis war no ressoun in my taile
 My terme wes set by ordour naturall
 To quhat work alway I most obey
 No dar I *nocht* be no way mak travale
 Bot quhar I se my maister got a swy 640

ffor stand he on his feit and stakkir *nocht*
 Thir hundrethȝ ȝeir sall cum in to his hald
 Bot nevirtheles s̄ir all thing ȝe haue wrocht
with help of wisdom and his willis wald
 I sall reforme ȝow it blythlie be ȝe bald 645
 And ȝouthheid sall haue wit of ȝour misdeid
 Thairfoir requyr ȝe ressoun mony fald
 That he [h]is rollis raithlie to ȝow reid

¹ *Interlined.*² *Sic.*

Ressoun rais vp and on his rollis he brocht
 Gif I sall say the sentence sall be plane 650
 Do never the thing *yat* ever may scayth the ocht
 Keip mesour and treuth for *yairin* lyis na trayne
 Discretiouñ suld ay *wit* king hart remane
 Thir vthir 3oung folk *seruandis* ar bot fulis
 Experience mais knowlege now¹ agane 655
 And barnis 3oung suld lerne at auld *mennis* sculis

[p. 247] Quha gustis sweit and feld never of the sowre
 Quhat can [he] say how may he seasoun luge
 Quha sittis hate and feld nevir cauld ane hour
 Quhat wedder is *yairout* vnder the luge 660
 How suld he wit that war ane *mervale* huge
 To by richt blew *yat* nevir ane hew had sein
 Ane *seruand* be *yat* nevir had sein ane fuge
 Suppois it ryme it accordis *nocht* all clene

To wiß the richt and to disvse the wrang 665
 That is my scule to all *yat* list to leyr
 Bot wisdome gif 3e suld duell vs amang
 Me think 3e duell our lang put down 3our speir
 3e nicht weill mak ane end of all this weir
 wald 3e furt²schaw 3our wourthy document 670
 ffor is *yair* none *yat* can forbeyr
 The work of vice *wit*houtin 3our assent

Wit said *sir* king be war or 3e be way
 ffor foirsicht hes full lang bein flemit
 vnto know thy freynd for be thy fa 675
 Gif thow will haue thy cuntre all well 3emit
 And be thow weill to hald the so it semit

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Eftir thy deith thy deidis mon be demit
 be thy desert outhir to baill or blis 680

¹ *Sic.*² *A line wanting here ; no space in MS.*

Honour he raid the castell round about
 vpon ane steid *yat* wes all quhyt as milk
 In ¹ eis thairin cryit he *wit*h ane schout
 Dame plesance spak hir face hid *wit*h ane silk
 He is ane *gouernour* of *ouris* *yat* Ilk 685
 wit said cum in full welcum to thir wanis
 I compt *nocht* all *3our* *werkis* wirth ane wilk
 3e sall *nocht* herbrie me and eis at anis

[p. 248] Wirschip of weir come on the tother syde
 vpon ane syd ¹ rampand wes reid as blude 690
 He cryit on strenth cum out *man* be my gyde
 I can *nocht* ryde out our this water woude
 Dame plesance harde and on hir wayis scho 3eid ¹
 Richt to the king and bad him strenth arreist
 I wald *nocht* *3ir* for mekle warldlie gude 695
 want strenth ane hour quhen euir we go to feist

In all disport he may ws gritlie vaill
 Gif him na leif bot hald him quhill 3e may
 The king full weill had harde dame plesance taill
 And strenth he hes arreistit be the way 700
 Abyde he said we sall ane vther day
 seik wirschip at our will and ws avance
 I dreid me sair *3ir* strenth of *yat* delay
 ffor armes hes both happie tyme and chance

Strenth said now I am grene and in my flouris 705
 fayne wald I follow wirschip and I nicht
 for gif I byde in fayth the falt is 3ouris
 I man obey to 3ow sen *yat* is richt
 Now se I weill dame plesance hes grit slicht
 And fy on eis *yat* haldis honour out 710
 He is the man nicht bring ws all to licht
 lo quhair he rydis bakwart *wit*h his route

¹ *Sic.*

With this bewtie come in the king's sicht
 full reverendlie scho knelit in his presence
 Dame plesance sayis *ſir* yat ze do vnricht 715
 Durst I it say vnto your hie reuerence
 ze haue displesit hir hie magnificence
 That suld lat conscience in hir castell cum
 He is hir fo and dois hir grit offence
 And oftymes can hir *ſeruitouris* ouercome 720

[p. 249] Thairwith the king vpstart and turnit abak
 On conscience and all his court in feir
 And to the quene the richt way can he tak
 ffull suddanlie in armis hint the cleir
 Scho wryit about to kyſſ scho wes full sweir 725
 Than he agane full fayrlie to hir spak
 No be ¹ no wraith with me my lady deir
 ffor as I may I sall you mirrie mak

Thocht conscience and wisdom me to keip
 Be cunning both I sall thame weill begyle 730
 ffor trewlie quhen thai ar gone to sleip
 I salbe heir within ane bony quhyle
 My solace sall I sleilies thus our syle
 Richt sall nocht rest me alway with his rewle
 Thocht I be quhylum bowsum as ane waile ² 735
 I salbe cruikit quhill I mak rewle ²

Dame plesance [said] my freyndis now ar fledge
 The lusty folk yat ze furth with you brocht
 Methink thir carlis ar nocht courtlie clede
 Quhat Ioy haue I of game I compt thame nocht 740
 youthheid and fresche delyte nicht thai be brocht
 ffor with thair *ſeruite* I am richt weill kend
 fayne wald I that ze send men and game socht
 all thocht It war vnto the warldis ende

¹ now *deleted here*.

² *Sic.*

The quene¹ wourde wrayth the king wes sore
addrede 745

ffor hir disdane he culd *nocht* gudlie beir
Thai sowpit sone and syn thai bownit to bede
Sadnes come in and rownit in his eir
Dame plesance hes² *perceaut* hir new feyr
and airlie affoir the sone scho gan to ryse 750
Out of the bed and turst vp all hir geir
The king wes sound on sleip and still he lyis

[p. 250] Hors and harnes hint scho hes in haist
*wit*³ all folk scho can his³ wayis fair
Be this it wes full neir myd day almaist 755
Than come diseis in rydand *wit* ane rair
The quene is went allace I wait *nocht* quhair
The king began to walk and harde the beir
Than Ielosie come strekand vp the stair
To serve the king and drew him wounder neir 760

Ressoun come *ſir* king I reid 3e ryse
Thair is ane grit pairt of this fayr day run
The sone was at the hicht and dounwarde hyis
Quhair is the thesaure now *yat* 3e haue woun
This drink wes sweit 3e fand in venus tun 765
Sone eftir this it salbe staill and soure
Thairfoir of it I reid no moir 3e cun
lat it ly still and pleis 3our *paramour*

Than wisdome sayis schape for sum governance
Sen fayr dame plesance on hir wayis ar³ went 770
In 3our last dayis 3e may 3our self avance
Gif *yat* 3e wourde of thesaure indigent
Go to 3our place & 3ow yairin present
The castell 3et is strang aneuche to hald
Than sadnes said *ſir* king 3e man assent 775
Quhat haue 3e now ado in this waist fald

¹ *Corrected from king.*

² *new feir deleted here.*

³ *Sic.*

The king hes harde thair counsale at the last
 And halelie assentit to thair saw
 Mak reddie sone he sayis and speid ȝow fast
 ffull suddanlie thai can the clariouſ blaw 780
 On horſs thai lap and raid on all on raw
 To his awin castell thairin he wes brede
 langour the watche attour the kirnale flaw
 And hevines to the grit dungeouſ flede

[p. 251] He cryit *sir* king welcome to thy awin place 785
 I haue it keipit trewlie sen thow past
 Bot I haue meikill *mer*vale of thy face
 That changeit is lyk ane winter blast
 ȝe havines ȝe king said at the last
 Now haue I this *wit*h fer mo harmes hint 790
 Quhilk grevis me quhen I my comptis kast
 How I fresche ȝouthheid and his fallowis tynt

Strenth wes as than fast fadit of his flouris
 Bot still ȝit *wit*h the king he can abyde
 Quhill at the last in the hochis he cowris 795
 Than prevelie out at the ȝet can slyde
 He stall away and went on wayis wyde
 And socht quhair ȝouthheid and his feiris wound
 ffull suddanlie suppois he had na gyde
 behind ane hill he hes his feiris funde 800

Swa on ane day ȝe dayis watchis tua
 Come and said thai saw ane felloun mist
 ȝa said wisdome I wist it wald be wa
 That is ane sing befor ane hevie trist
 That is *parell* to cum quha it wist 805
 ffor on sum syd ȝair sall ws folk assaill
 The king sat still to travaill he *nocht* list
 And herknit syn ane quhyle to wit his tail

Desyre wes dalie at the chalmer dure
 And Ielousie wes never of his presence 810
 Ire kepit ay the 3et *wit*h meikle cure
 And wretchitnes wes hyde in to the spence
 Sic folk as thir he had to mak defence
*wit*h all thair familie fullie hundreth^{is} fyve
 Sir eis he wes the gritest of reuerence 815
 Best lovit *wit*h the king of leid on lyve

[p. 252] To the 3et come rydand on ane day
 wirschip of weir *quhilk* sawis honour^{is} hie
 Go to the king *wit*h sture voce can he say
 Speir gif ony office he hes for me 820
 ffor and him list I will him serve for fee
 wysdome come to the wall cryand our agane
man seik thy fortoun *wit*h aduersitie
 It is *nocht* heir sic thing as the suld gane

Strenth is away outstolling lyk ane theif 825
quhilk keipit ay the thesaure of estait
 Thair is na *man* suld cheris the sa leif
 Thir vther folk of wirschip ar full blait
 wirschip of weir agane *wit*h wisdome flate
Quhy wald 3e *nocht* me se *quhen* strenth 3e hade 830
 Thair *wit*h come eis sad¹ I sit warme and hait
Quhen yai yairout salbe *wit*h stouris stade

Wirschip sayis ware I wait 3e haue at hand
Quhilk sall assail 3e 3our wallis hie and strong¹
 Than plesance¹ said dame plesance sweet sem-
 bland 835
 In 3outhheid wald *nocht* thole ws wirschip fang
 Adew fayr weill wirschip sayis now I gang
 To seik my craft vnto the warldis ende
 wirschip sayis tak 3ow diseis amang
 And wait on me als *quhylum* *quhair* 3e wend 840

¹ *Sic.*

ffor do 3e *nocht* 3e may *nocht* weill escheif
 Quhat is 3our name wisdome for suyth I hecht
 All wrang god wait ofttymes *ßir* be 3our leif
 Myn aventure will schape out of 3our sicht
 Bot nevirtheles may fall *yat* 3e haue richt 845
 Rent haue I none outtak fortune and chance
 That man I ay persew both day and nicht
 Eis I defy so hing*is* in his ballance

[p. 253] Richt as thir two ware talkand in feir
 Ane hiddous ost thai saw come our the mvre 850
 Decrepitus his baner schane *nocht* cleir
 was at the hand *wit*h** mony chiftanis sture
 A crudge bak *yat* cairfull cative bure
 And cruikit was his lathlie *lymmis* bayth
 But smirk or smyle bot rather for to smvre 855
 But scoup or skift his craft is all to scayth

*Wit*h*in* ane quhyle the castell all about
 He seigit fast *wit*h** mony sow and gyne
 And thai *wit*h*in* gaif mony hiddowus schout
 ffor *yai* war wonder wa king hart to tyne 860
 The grundin ganzeis and grit *gunnis* syne
 Thai schut *wit*h*out* *wit*h*in* thai stonis cast
 King hart sayis had the hous for it is myne
 Gif it *nocht* our als lang as we may lest ¹

Thus thai *wit*h*in* had maid full grete defence 865
 ay quhyll thai micht *ye* wallis haue 3emit
 Quhill at the last thai wantit *yame* dispence
 Ewill purvayit folk for weir and sa weill stemit
 Thair tunnis and thair tubbis war all temit
 And fail3et was the flesche *yat* wes *yair* fude 870
 and at the last wisdome the best hes demit ²

¹ *Sic.*² *A line wanting here.*

And he be tynt in *parell* put we all
 Thairfoir had wait and lat him *nocht* away
 Be this thai harde ye meikle fore tour fall 875
 Quhill¹ maid yame in the dungeoun to effray
 Than rais *yair* meikle dirdum and deray
 The barmekin birst thai enterit in at large
 heidwerk hoist and *parlasy* maid grit pay
 And *murmouris* mo *wit*h mony speir and targe 880

[p. 254] Quhen yat thay saw na bute wes to defend
 Than in the lent¹ *decripitus* full tyte
 He socht king hart for he full weill him kend
 And *wit*h ane swerde he can him smertlie smyte
 His bak in twa richt pertlie for dispyte 885
 And *wit*h the brand brak he both his schinnis
 He gaif ane cry than comfort fled out quyte
 And thus this bailfull bargane he begynnis

Ressoun forfochtin and ewill drest
 And wisdome wes ay wanderand to the dure 890
 Conscience lay doun ane quhyle to rest
 Becaus he saw the king wourd waik & pure²
 ffor so in dule he nicht no langar dure
 Go send for deid thus said he verament
 3it for I will dispone of my thesaure 895
 vpon this wyse mak I my testament

To fayr dame plesance ay quhen sche list ryde
 My prowde palfray vnsteidfastnes I leif
 with fikkilnes hir sadill set on syde
 Thus aucht³ yair none of reassoun hir to reve 900
 To fresche bewtie becaus I culd hir heve
 Grein appetyte hir *servand* for to be
 To crak and cry alway quhill he hir deve
 That I *command* him straitlie quhill he de

¹ *Sic.*² *Written p'ure.*³ of none deleted here.

Grein lust I leif to the at my last ende 905
 of fantisie ane fostell fillit fow
 3outhheid becaus yat thow my barne-heid kend
 To wantounnes ay will I yat thow bow
 To gluttony yat oft maid me our fow
 This meikle wambe this rottin levir als 910
 Se yat 3e beir and yat command I 3ow
 And smertlie hing both abone his halß

[p. 255] To rere supper be he amang yat route
 3e me commend he is ane fallow fyne
 This rottin stomak yat I beir aboute 915
 3e rug it out and reik it to him syne
 ffor he hes hinderit me of mony dyne
 And mony tyme the meß hes gart me sleip
 Myn wittis hes he waistit oft wth wyne
 And maid my stomak wth hait lustis let 920

Deliuérance hes oft tymes done me gude
 Quhen I wes 3oung and stede in tendir age
 He gart me ryn full rakles be the rude
 At ball and boull thairfoir greit weill yat paige
 This brokin schyn yat swellis and will nochit
 swage 925
 3e beir to him he brak it at the ball
 And say to him yat It salbe his wage
 This breissit arme 3e beir to him at all

To chaistite yat selie Innocent
 heir leif I now my conscience for to scour 930
 Off all the wickit roust yat throw It went
 Quhen scho for me the teiris doun culd powre
 That fayr sweit thing bening in everie bour
 That never wist of vyce nor violence
 Bot euirmore is mareit wth mesour 935
 And clene of lustis curst experience

¹ Sic.

To fredome sall 3e found and fairlie beir
 This threid bair cloik sumtyme wes thik of wow
 And bid [him] for my saik that he it weir
 Quhen he hes spendit of yat he hes now 940
 Ay quhen his purs of penneis is noch*t* fow
 Quhair is his fredome than full far to seik
 A 3on Is he wes quhylum till allow
 Quhat is he now no fallow wour*th* ane leik

[p. 256] To waist-gude luk and beir neid yat I lefe 945
 To covatice syn gif this bleis of fyre
 To vant and voky 3e beir this rowm slef
 Bid yame yairin yat thai tak yair hyre
 To bissines yat nevir wes wont to tyre
 Beir him this stule and bid him now sit doun 950
 ffor he hes left his maister in the myre
 And wald noch*t* draw him out thocht he suld droun

ffule hardines beir him this brokin brow
 And bid him bawldlie bind it wi*th* ane clout
 ffor he hes gottin morsellis on the mow 955
 And brocht his maister oft in meikle dout
 Syn sall 3e eftir faire dame dangeir schout
 And say becaus scho had me ay at feid
 This brokin speir sum tyme wes stiff and stout
 To hir I leif bot se it want the heid 960
 ffinis

Quod maister gavvin douglas
 Bishop of dunkeld ¹

¹ *This ascription, which is in a much later hand, is repeated below; see Notes.*

[LXXXVIII. J. MAITLAND *Aganis sklandrous*
Toungis; P., p. 156; M. Cl., p. 121.]

[p. 257] AGANIS SKLANDROUS TOUNGIS IN ANNO 1572

Gif bissie branit bodeis 3ow bakbyte
 and of sum wickit wittis 3e ar Invyit
 Quha wald deprave 3our doingis for dispyte
 Dispyis 3air dewilliche deming and defyit
 ffor fra 3at tyme and treuthe 3air talis haue tryit 5
 The suythe sall schaw it selffe out to 3air schame
 And be 3air speche 3air spyte salbe espyit
 And haue na fayt^h nor force aganis 3our fame

Misknaw 3air crafte and kythe not as 3e kend it
 Thair doingis will 3air deling sone detect 10
 ffor gif 3e freit, find falt or be offendit
 Thair sawis to be suythe sum will suspect
 Bot gif 3air lewis 3e lychtlie and neglect
 And lat 3ame lie and tak¹ 3ou as 3ai list
 ffra tyme thai find 3air fabillis faill effect 15
 Thai will deny 3air deling and desist

As furious fluidis with gritter force ay flowis
 and starkar stevin, quhone stoppit ar 3e stremis
 And gorgit waterris ever gritter growis
 And forcit fyris with gritter gleidis out glemis 20
 and ay moir brycht and burning is 3e beymis
 Off phebus face 3at fastast ar reflexit
 Sa gude Renoun quhil^k raillarris rage reprevis²
 Advansis moir 3e more Invyaris wexit

¹ Deleted, and corrected to lak on margin.

² Sic.

The moir yai speik, ye sonar ar thai spyit 25
 The moir yai lie, 3our lak wilbe ye leß
 The moir yai talk, ye treut^h is sonar tryit
 The moir planelie yair poysons yai expres
 The les yai caus yair credeit to increß
 The moir yai wirk, ye les yair wark awancis 30
 The moir thai preis 3our praysis to oppres
 The gritter of 3our gloir¹ is ye glanciß

Do quhat 3e dow detractouris ay will deme 3ou
 Quhais crafte is to calumpniat but caus
 Bakbyttarris ay be brutis will blaspheme 3ou 35
 althocht ye contrair all ye cwntrie knais
 And wald 3e warde 3ow vpe betwne¹ tua wais
 3it so 3e sall not frome yair sayingis save 3ou
 Bot gif yai see 3e sussie of yair sais
 Blasone yai will how ever 3e behaue 3ou 40

Gif 3e be secreit, sad, and solitair
 Peirtlie yai speik yat privalie 3e play
 And gif in public places 3e repair
 3e seik to see and to be sein thai say
 war 3e a sanct, yai suld suspect 3ow ay 45
 Be 3e humane our humill yai will hald 3ou
 gif 3e beir strange yai 3ow esteme our stay
 And trows it is 3e, or ellis sum hes it tald 3ou

[p. 258] Gif 3e be blythe 3our lychnes yai will lak
 Gif 3e be grave 3our gravite is chekit 50
 Gif 3e lyk musik mirthe or myrrie mak
 Thai sweir 3e feill ane string and bownis to brek it
 gif 3e be seik sum slychtis ar suspectit
 And all 3our sairris callit secreit swngzeis
 Dais² thai dispyte, and be 3e daylie deckit 55
 Persaue yai say ye papingo yat prwnzeis

¹ *Sic.*² *Altered to Thais.*

Gif 3e be wyiß and weill in verteu versit
 Cwnning ȳai call vncwmlie for ȳour kynd
 And sayis it is bot slychtis 3e haue seirsit
 To cloik ȳe crafte quhairto 3e ar Inclynd 60
 gif 3e be meik ȳit ȳai mistak ȳour mynd
 And sweiris 3e ar far schrewdar nor 3e seme
 Swa do ȳour best thus sall 3e be defynd
 And all ȳour deidis sall detractouris deme

ȳit ȳai will leif ȳair¹ leing at ȳe last 65
 ffra ȳai advert Invy will not availl
 Bakbyttarris brutis bydis bot ane blast
 Thai flwreis sone but forder fructe ȳai fail
 Rek not ȳairfoir how raschellie ravarris rail
 ffor never wes vertew ȳit without Invy 70
 Sua promptlie sall ȳour patience prevaill
 Quhone ȳai perhape sic demyng sall deir by
 ffinis² quod Iohnne maitland *commendatar* of colding-
 hame and sone eftir L. thirlstane & chancellor
 of scotland and died 3 october 1595²

[LXXXIX. ANON. *The Thochtis
 of Men*; P., p. 212.]

The thochtis of men dois daylie chynge
 As fantasie breidis in ȳair breistis
 ffor quhy ȳair nature is so strange
 That few can find quhair freindschip restis
 ffor double deiling beiris suche way³ 5
 all honest mening dois quyte decay

The stedfast faythe ȳat freindis profess
 Is fled frome ȳame and seiȳdle vsit
 Quha dois ane faythefull freind possess
 Be quhame he never wes abusit 10

¹ deming *deleted here.*

²⁻² *In later hands.*

³ *Sic.*

Quhair ane is fund ane freind in deid
A scoir yair be yat failis at neid

ffor barran treis will bloswmme beir
als weill as thois yat fructe do 3eild
Quhais bark and branchis schynis als cleir 15
als ony flour in all ye feild
als semple luikis ye subtill man
As he yat of na falsat can

[p. 259] A freind in wordis *quhair* deidis be deid
Is lyke ane spring yat watir wantis 20
And he yat *wit* fair wordis is fed
Dois hoipe for fructe of witherit plantis
Bot quha can Iuge be vew of E
Quhair deidis be deid *quhair* treuth suld be

The sureast way yat I can find 25
Is first to prufe and syne to trust
So sall affectioun not be blind
ffor treuthe will sone try out ye iust
And tryall knawis quha menis dissait
and biddis be war *wit* yair debait 30

Without gude prufe be not oure bald
gif you my counsale list to taik
In payntit wordis yair is no hald
Thai be bot leavis yat wind dois schaik
Bot *quhair* yat wordis and deiddis aggre 35
Trust weill yat freind and credeit me
ffinis

[XC. DUNBAR *Oj Discretioun*
in *Asking*; S.T.S., p. 84.]

Eftir everie asking followis nocht
 Rewarde bot gif sum caus be wrocht
 And be yair caus as men may see
 And be yair naine it wilbe thocht
 In asking suld discretioun be 5

A fule quhidder he haue caus or nane
 Cryis gif me gif me in till a rane
 and he yat dronis on as ane be
 Suld haue ane herare dull as a stane
 In asking suld discretioun be 10

Sum gifis mair yan he deservis
 sum askis na thing bot it he seruis
 Sum schamis to ask and breidis of me
 and all within his guardoun servis
 In asking suld discretioun be 15

He yat makis all his maist seruice 21
 He may it tyne with crakis and coyis ¹
 In fuliche Oportunitie
 few wordis may suffice to ye wyis
 In asking suld discretioun be 25

Not neidfull in asking yat men be dwm
 ffor no thing is gottin but wordis sum
 Now speche ¹ but diligence we see
 ffor na thing it alane will cum
 In asking suld discretioun be 30

¹ *Sic.*

Sum hes so mwche he takis no cure 36
 That of ye vynning tuke na labure
 Bot for his tyme no moir hes he
 He tynis bayt^h eirand and honure
 In asking suld discretioun be 40

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Suppois ye faveand¹ be lang vnservit
 sum tym ye Maistir will reward it
 gif he dois not quhat remedie
 To flytt wth fortoun it is no wit
 In asking suld etc 45

Asking wald haue convenient place 31
 Convenient tyme lasar and space
 But haist but preis of grit meinze
 but hart rekles or toung abasit
 In asking etc 35

[XCI. DUNBAR *Of Discretioun*
in Giffing; S.T.S., p. 87.]

To speik of giftis or almous deidis
 Sum giffis for mereit and sum for meidis
 sum warldlie hono^{ur} to vphie
 Sum giffis to yame yat no thing neidis
 In giffing suld discretioun be 5

Sum giffis for thank and sum for threit 11
 sum giffis money sum giffis meit
 Sum giffis wordis fair and sle
 And giftis fra sum can no man treit
 In giffing suld di. etc 15

¹ Or saveand.

Sum gifis for Pryde gloir and vane	6
sum giffis <i>wit^h</i> grwnsching and <i>wit^h</i> pane	
Sum giffis for practict and supplie	
Sum giffis for twyis als gude agane	
In giffing suld etc	10
Sum for his giftis sa lang Requyrit	16
<i>Quhill</i> ye perseware be so tyrit	
That or ye gift delyuerit be	
the thank is frustrat and expyrit	
In giffing etc	20
Sum giffis so lytill and wrachelie	
That all his giftis ar not set by	
Sa grit ane hudepyk haldin is he	
That all ye warld cryis on him fy	
In giffing suld etc	25
Sum in his giffing is so large	
<i>Quhill</i> all our ladin is his barge	
Throw want and prodigalite	
Thairof his honour dois discharge	
In giffing suld discretioun be	30
Sum giffis to strangearis and faces new	36
That 3istirday fra flanderris flew	
and will not pay auld <i>seruandis</i> fee	
<i>Thocht</i> yai be never of sa grit vertew	
In giffing suld etc	40
Sum giffis to yame can flattir and feinze	
Sum giffis to yame can craftlie pleinze	
Sum giffis to men of honestie	
And haldis all Ianglaris at disdeinze	
In giffing suld discretioun be	45

[p. 261] Sum giffis giftis and riche arrayis
 To sweir all yat his Maistir sayis
 Thocht he ken weill ye contrarie
 So is yair mony now a dayis
 In giffing sould discretioun be 50

Sum giffis to gude men for yair thewis
 Sum giffis to trumpuris and to schrewis
 sum giffis to knaiffis auctorite
 Bot in yair office gude fund few is
 In giffing etc 55

Sum giffis parochounis full wyde
 Curches¹ of S. barnarde and S. bryde
 The peple to teche and oursie
 That hes na witt yame selffe to gyde
 In giffing etc 60

[XCII. DUNBAR *Of Discretioun*
in Taking; S.T.S., p. 90.]

Eftir giffing we will speik of taking
 Bot litle of na gude giftis forsaking
 Sum takis *our* litle autorite
 And sum *our* mekle and yat is glaiking
 In taiking suld discretioun be 5

Thir clarkis takkis benefices wth bralis
 Sum of sanct Petir and sum of S. paulis
 sett he ye rent na cure giffis he
 Suppois ye dewill tak all yair saulis
 In taking etc 10

Thir baronis takis frome yair tennentis pure
 All fructis yat growis in ye fure
 Males and gressowmes ar raisit so hie
 and garris yame beg fra dur to dure
 In taking etc 15

¹ *Sic.*

Thir merchandis takis vnlesum win
Quhill makis yair pakkis oftymes full thin
 Be yair successioun 3e may see
 That ill won geir Riches not ye kin
 In taking etc 20

Sum takis vyer mennis takkis
 and to ye pure Oppressioun makis
 he never Rememberis yat he mon die
Quhill yat ye gallous gar him rax
 In taking etc 25

Pairt takis be sey and *part* be land
 and parte fra taking can not hald his hand
Quhill he be titt vpe on ane tre
 and yan yai gar him vnderstand
 In taking suld etc 30

Sum wald tak all yis warld on breid 36
 and not 3it can be satisfeid
 Throw harte insatiable and gredie
 Sum wald tak litle and can not speid
 In taking sould discretioun be 40

[p. 262] Sum wald tak all his *nicht*bouris geir 31
 had he of man als litle feir
 As he dois god quha dois him see
 To tak it all he wald not forbeir
 In taking etc 35

Stude I na mair aw of man nor god 36
 Than suld I tak bayt^h ewin and od
 ane end of all thing yat I see
 Sic iustice is not worthe ane clod
 In taking etc 40

Grit men for taking and Oppressioun 41
 ar sett full famous on ye sessioun
 Quhair small takarris ar hingit hie
 Thai ar schamit for evir and yair successioun
 In asking geving and taking suld discretioun be 45
 ffinis.

[XCIII. A. SCOT *Against vicious
 Lovers*; S.T.S., p. 85.]

3e blindit luiffarris luke
 The Rekles lyfe 3e leid
 Espy ye snair and hwke
 Quhilk hankis 3ow be ye heid
 I hald it best Remeid 5
 To leif and latt it be
 ffor luif hes none at feid
 Bot fuilis yat can not flee

Quhat is 3our luif bot lust
 and litle for delyte 10
 ane beistlie game robust
 To reif 3our rasoun quyte
 ane fulsum appetyte
 That strent^h and persoun waikis
 ane pastyme Imperfyte 15
 To smote¹ 3ow wit^h ye glaikis

Quhair sensuall luste procedis
 all honest luif is pynd
 I may compair 3our deidis
 vnto ane brutell kynd 20
 Quhair verteu is constrynd
 To folow vyce considder
 That rasoun wit and mynd
 ar all ago togidder

¹ *Sic.*

The wyisast woman yair out 25
 withe wordis may be wylit
 To do yat deid butt dout
quhilk honour hes exylit
 how mony ar begylit
 and few we find yat chaipis 30
Quhairfoir 3our faythe is fylit
 To fraude thais sillie aipis

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3e mak regrat for grace
Quhair grace 3it never grew
 3e lang to Rin yat race 35
 That one or boithe sall Rew
 3e preiſſ ay to persew
 Thair sytt and 3our awin sorrow
 3e traist to find yame trew
 That never was able forrow 40

3e cry on cupide king
 And on venus quene in vane
 3e send all syndrie thing
wit^h trateis ¹ yame to trane
 3e preche to fleche ye slayne ¹ 45
 3e grene ay *quhill* yai grant
 3our practikis ar prophane
 Pure ladeis to supplant

3e schoute as 3e war schent
 Thai swoun to see 3ou smartit 50
 3e Rave as 3e war rent
 And thai ar Reuthfull hartit
 3our play is so pervertit
Quhill 3e gar thair bellie Ryis
 Than warye yai 3ow yat gartit 55
 And 3e yame in lykwyis

¹ *Sic.*

3it yair is leissum luif
 That lauchfullie suld lest
 he is not to Repruif
 That is wth on possest 60
 That band of luif is best
 and not to pas attoure
 Bot 3e can not tak rest
 Quhill yai cast vpe all foure

Sic luiffarris seindle meittis 65
 Bot leill luif ay forloirn is
 Quhone yai bewaill and greittis
 Sum of 3ow morkis and skornis
 3our hecht 3our aythe mensworn is
 3our lippis ar lyk byrdlyme 70
 I think 3e want bot horniffis
 Off bukkis in belling tyme

3e trattill and 3e tyist
 Quhill yai for3et yair fame
 3e trane yame to ane tryst 75
 And yair 3e get yame tane
 Thai sussie not for schame
 Nor comptis not quhat cum syne
 Bot quhone 3e claw yair wame
 Thai woltir oure lyk swyne 80

Thocht 3oung perverst creaturis
 To palzardrie replaidis
 And aulde ageit Rubiatouris
 Thai will hant ye laittis of laidis
 ffra yai begin sic gaidis 85
 To leif of yai ar laythe
 Quhill yat yai gett thre blaidis
 Off venus boutting clayt^h

3e wantoun wowarris vagis¹
 with yame yat hes ye cwn3e 90
 And scho haue bismeir baggis
 3e grunche not at hir grun3e
 Rycht so ladyis will not sun3e
 with waistit wowbattis rottin
 Bot proudlie² yai will prwn3e 95
 Quhair geir is to be gottin

Gif money may 3ou move
 I hald it auarice
 It is no constant luife
 Bot *commoun* merchandice 100
 That ordour new it is
 Quhair luif is sauld and coft
 It is ane double vyce
 To bring ye dewill aloft

The bitche ye curr doig fannis 105
 The wolffe ye wilroun vsis³
 The mwle frequentis ye anis
 And hir awin kynd abusis³
 Rycht so ye Meir refusis
 Ane cursoure for ane aver 110
 Rycht few I find excusis
 Bot women quhylis will wavir

Quhair lichorie belappis 121
 all stedfast luife it stoppis
 ffor huredome ay onhappis
 with quenerie cannis and coppis
 3e preif 3ow at yair proppis 125
 Quhill hair and berde be daple
 3e coveit all kynd of croppis
 As eua did ye aple

¹ *Sic.*² *On margin, correcting pindlie in text.*³ *Altered from vff, abuff.*

This 3e haue all ye wyte
 And yair mischeif 3e mak it 130
 That suld haue witt perfyte
 and rasoun to abstractit
 Suld ladeis yan be lakit
 Thocht few of yame be gude
 All yair dissait yai tak it 135
 Off 3our awin flesche and blude

Appardone me of this 145
 gif ocht be to displeis 3ow
 gif I haue said amiff
 My mynd salbe to meisß 3ow¹

¹ *Four lines are lost here, which run thus in the Bannatyne MS. (fol. 290 b) :—*

Thir ressonis ar to raiß 3ow
 Fra crymes vndir coite
 Or war 3e say nocht waiß 3ow
 Quod Allexander Scote

[XCIV. MAITLAND *Satire on the Toun
Ladies* ; P., p. 328 ; M. Cl., p. 27.]

[p. 265]

¹ Sum tyme wyfis sa grave hes bene
lyk giglettis cled wald not be sene
Off burges wyfis thocht I speik heir
Think weill of all women I mene
On vaneteis yat waistis geir 55

Thay say sum ar sa delicat
In feding feisting and bancat
Can not content yame *wit* sic cheir
As weill may suffice yair estait
ffor newfangnes ² of cheir and geir 60

Sum will spend mair as I heir say
In spyce and droigis on ane day
nor wald yair moderis in a 3eir
Quhilk will gar mony pak decay
And yai sa vanelie waist yair geir 65

Thairfore 3oung wyfis specialie
Off all sic faltis hald 3ou fre
and moderatlie to leif now leir
In meit and clayth accordinglie
and not sa vanlie waist 3our geir 70

Vse not to skift a thort ye gait
nor [na] ³ mwmchances air nor lait
Be na dansar for yis dangeir
Off 3ou be tane ane ill consait
That 3e ar able to waist geir 75

¹ Ten verses are wanting here.

² *Sic.*

³ *From the Quarto.*

Hant ay in honest cwmpanie
 and all suspicious places fle
 Lat never harlat cum 3ou neir
 That wald 3ou leid to leychorie
 In hoip to get yairfoir sum geir 80

My counsale I giff generalie
 To all women quhat euer yai be
 This lessoun for to cun perqueir
 Syne keip it weill continewalie
 Bettir nor ony warldlie geir 85

Leif burges men or all be loist
 On 3our wyfis to mak sic coist
 quhilk may gar all 3our bairniffis bleir
 Scho yat may not want wyne and roist
 Is able for to waist sum geir 90

Betwene yame and nobillis of blude
 na Difference bot ane velwet hude
 Thair camreche courcheis ar als deir
 Thair vyer clayth^{is} ar als gude
 And als coistlie in vyer geir 95

[p. 266] Bot wald grit lordis¹ tak gud heid
 To yair honour wald² find remeid
 And thole na burges wif to weir
 Lyk lordis wyfis in ladeis weid
 as dames of honour vyer geir 100

I speik for na dispyt treulie
 my selffe am not of faltis fre
 Bot yat 3e sould not persaweir
 In to sic folische vanite
 ffor na newfangnes³ of geir 105

¹ *Altered in later hand to ladies.*

² *Sic ; and in Quarto.*

³ *Sic.*

Ladys

For wald your lordis lak ynd hard
to your honour wald find remord
and thole na bryges wald to non
erh lordis wylle in ladys wold
as dancos of Jomun byer you

I speik for na dyspr trouba
my soeffe am me of factis fwe
Bot yat zo sued not porfawen
for to be pefthe vanto
for na mounfingnes of you

Off bryges wylle thotte I speik yllano
Syn Landwart Ladoris do all lano
as so your thotting may appon
werand jayar not yano may jano
On vnr bane claygre werand you

¶ Richard mairland off
cechington am

¶ **C**hyddair ye tomow thidre
Sa porthin stolis nor and vntre
that name ten keip, howe not nor schor
Nor yet dore storp, for your mischobis
Chay p lanchie throe ye timber endis
howe ye melle dille yano ydis
Whan yat in sett as in yat yett
chaw is na yett nor dore yano bydis
Chay loef to norbe qv on yat ya
Chay lym na thing so hid yano fra
for yoff men wald, yon fustis facd
yan wape yv beld, to brome and fa

Chay fane now fane fuvrit faica
Ethre fuvrit and lander dace
non ar yat fane in louthiane
and sparis nane yat yat nia wale

Chay landis yat ar no stouthie sa pthe
to extreme picevria in brothe
yat wntre pthevria, soe land ye pthevria
sat nane so fow is, yat ar loff off

Be tomow taking of blas nane melle
for yat sad fessye ynd broid and dille
non ar sa wntre melle pure and nable
fane to so stakun, wntre wntre toille

Chay thebis yat wld and melle fane
fessme of nane Be ano to nane
melle of ye lare fess of ye fess
to melle can wale, yat fessme fessme

Off burges wyfis thocht I speik plane
 Sum Landwart Ladeis ar als vane
 as be yair clething may appeir
 weirand gayar nor yame may gane
 On our vane claythis wairand geir 110
 Quod Richard maitland off
 Lethingtoun knycht

[XCV. MAITLAND *Aganis the Theivis of Liddisdaill*; P., p. 331; M. Cl., p. 52.]

O ff liddisdaill ye commoun thevis
 Sa peirtlie stelis, now and revis
 That nane can keip, hors nolt nor scheip
 Nor 3it dar sleip, for yair mischevis. 5

Thai planelie throw ye cuntrey rydis
 I trow ye mekle deill yame gydis
 Quhair yai on sett, ay in yai gett
 Thair is na 3et / nor dur yame bydis. 10

Thai leif rycht nocht quhar eir yai ga
 Thair can na thing be hid yame fra.
 ffor giff men wald, yair housis hald
 yan wax yai bald, to burne and sla. 15

Thai haue neir hand hirreit haill
 Ettrik forrest and Lawderdaill
 now ar yai gane / in lowthiane
 And sparis nane, yat yai will waill. 20

Thai landis¹ ar w^{it}h stouthe sa socht
 To extreme powertie ar brocht
 yai wickit schrewis, hes laid ye plewis
 That nane or few is / yat ar left ocht 25

¹ yai deleted here.

Be commoun taking of blak¹ maile
 Thai yat had flesche gud breid and aile
 now ar sa wrakit / maid pure and nakit
 fane to be stakit / w~~it~~h watir caile 30

Thai thevis yat stelis and tursis hame
 Ilkane of yame hes ane to-name
 will of ye lais, hab of ye schais
 To mak bair wais / yai think na schame 35

[p. 267] Thai spulze pure men of yair pakis
 Thai leif yame nocht on bed nor bakis
 Baythe hen and cok, w~~it~~h reill and rok
 The lairdis Iok / all w~~it~~h him takis 40

Thai leif not spindle spwne nor speit
 Bed boustar blancat sark nor scheit
 Iohne of ye park, Rypis kist and ark
 ffor all sic wark / he is rycht meit 45

He is weill kend Iohnne of ye syde
 a gritter theif did neuer ryd
 He neuer tyris, for to brek byris
 Our mwir and myris, our gude a gyd 50

Thair is ane callit clemmettis hob
 ffra ilk pure wiff revis yair wob
 and all ye laif, quhat ever yai haif
 The deill ressaif / yairfoir his gob 55

To se sa grit stouthe quha wald trowit
 onles sum grit man it allowit
 Rycht sair I rew, thocht it be trew
 Thair is sa few, yat dar avow it 60

¹ meill *deleted here.*

Off sum grit men yai haue sic gait
 That reddie ar yame to debait
 And will vpweir / yair stollin geir
 That nane dar steir / yame air nor lait 65

Quhat causis thevis ws ouirgang
 Bot want of iustice ws amang
 nane takis cair, thocht all forfair
 na man will spair, now to do wrang 70

Off stouthe now thocht yai cum gud speid
 That nowder of god nor man hes dreid
 3it or I de, sum sall yame se
 Hing on a tre, quhill yai be deid 75
 Quod Richard maitland

[XCVI. MAITLAND *Aganis the Divisioun
 of the Lordis*; M. Cl., p. 47.]

O leving lord yat maid baythe hewin and hell
 ffra ws expell, yis creuell ciuile weir
 That all yis 3eir, hes done yis cuntre quell
 That nane can tell, how yai sall keip yair geir
 nor without feir, quhair yai sall rest and duell 5

Allace yis is a miserable lyf
 Off sturte and stryfe / yat na man can wit how
 keip ox or kow, ye thevis ar sa ryfe
 3e ewin to fyff, yai ryd ye cuntrie throw
 Rax yai I trow, thai sall wraik man and wiff 10

[p. 268] ffor thift and reiff, nor men of ill conditioun
 Is na pvnitoun, nor for na wickit deid
 Bot deidlie feid, gif 3e ask restitutioun
 wrang intromissioun, now cwmis waill gud speid
 (We h)ad grit neid, (of) iustice ye fruitioun¹ 15

¹ This line is written on the margin.

Quhat is ye caus of all yis grit confusioun
 Bot ye diuisioun, of lordis maist potent
 In land and rent, mony wrangous intrusioun
 And grit effusioun, now of blude Innocent
 ffor pwneisment, yair is nocht bot abusioun 20

Sum mannis land, and melling wth kirk geir
 Makis all yis weir / discord makis additioun
 Sum sayis ambitioun, yat wald haue reule and steir
 Bot 3it I feir, yat men full of seditioun
 Hes sawin suspitioun, yat credence is areir 25

Inemete is ane rycht wickit seid
 quhat deidlie feid, it wirkis 3e may se
 continewalie / 3our lyvis ar in dreid
 quhairfore on neid, 3our geir man waistit be
 gude vnite, for yat war best remeid 30

god gif his grace ye lordis till aggre
 That we may se, sum iustice in yis land
 quhilk can not stand, and yai deuydit be
 This to supple, gude men put to 3our hand
 mak ane sure band, syne keip it faythfullie 35

3e lordis all at god mercye Imploir
 Discord vane gloir / is caus of yis mischeif
 all thift and reiff / 3e man an^ser yairfoir
 And it restoir / or hing revar and theif
 god send releiff / yat wrang indure no moir 40

I speik yis to ye lordis on bayt^h ye sydis
 And all yat rydis / ye cuntrie to oppres
 And to purches, pure meⁿis gude yame prydis
 And not confydis / yat yai sall mak redres
 or yai posses / ye ioy yat god prowysdis 45
 Quod Richard maitland

[XCVII. MAITLAND *Aganis the Weiris*; M. Cl., p. 74.]

At moirning in ane garding grene
 I went alone to tak ye air
 quhair mony plesand treis war sene
 And syndrie kynd of flouris fair
 Quhone I did walk and gang
 Thir fair flouris amang
 In to my mynd yair come wth cair
 Ane thing yat maid my hart rycht sair
 That lestit hes ouirlang

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Quhone I think on ye grit mischeif
 That regnis now in yis cwntre
 Withouttin hoip syne of releif
 vnles yat god of his mercie
 and his divine poweir
 stanche yis vnkyndlie weir
 without ye quhilk apperandlie
 This haill land will distroyit be
 Rycht haistelie I feir

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It is ane petie to heir tell
 How ye pure *commounis* of yis land
 ffra wrang can not debait yame sell
 ffra reif and spulze of sum band
 Off suddartis of sum syd
 That nane dar gang nor ryd
 ffor troubling of sum wickit hand
 I wait not how yis realme sall stand
 and lymmeris walk so wyd

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O lord quhair ar yais zelous men
 That in yis land hes bene oft syis
 That quhone yai could persauie or ken
 Ane trouble in ye cuntrie ryis

30

with wisdome and foirsycht
 Thai wald set all pair mycht
 Be grit trawell and wordis wyse
 Ane remedie wald sone devys 35
 and set all thing at rycht

Bot now pair is not ane allace
 That I ken in yis regioun
 That ayer hes hap wit or grace
 To mak concord and vnioun 40
 Thairfore god send remeid
 and help ws in oure neid
 ffor mony hes Invention
 ffor to nwreis dissentioun
 and foster deidlie feid 45

The grittest caus of yis discord
 Is for our synnis pvneishment
 with mouthe we say we luif ye lord
 and far fra him in oure intent
 To speik of god delytis 50
 In doing him dispytis
 Reddie to reif ane man his rent
 not dreidand godis Iudgement
 as feinzeit ypochritis

I ken nane now for godis luife 55
 To do ane wrang yat will forbeir
 Nor 3it will stop for to remufe
 His nychtbour bayth fra land and geir
 and na thing by yai settit
 how wrangouslie yai get it 60
 ffor of pair god yai haue na feir
 To gar pair nychtbour leif perqueir
 ffra yai haue intromettit

England is glaid quhone it is tald
Of Scottis ye diuisioun 65
and for oure folichnes yai hald
Oure doingis in dirisioun

Bot wald we weill considir
Thai hound ws ay togiddir
Makand yair awin prouisioun 70
ffor oure grit scaythe and lesioun
The grip of yame is sliddir

3it ye ane pairt in yame dependis
The vyer on france for yair supple
Ilkane fra vyer yame defendis 75
as fra ane commoun enneme

I pray god I heir tell
we gre amang our sell
And syne yat all yis haill cuntre
Off france and england bayt^h war fre 80
with yame na mair to mell

Quhone yat ye ane ye vyer wraikis
The quhilk will not be done lychtlie
without trawell and mony straikis
Bot quhat sall yis wirk finalie 85

Bot rais ane deidlie feid
Off quhilk we haue na neid
In ye mene tyme grit polecie
and gud townis distroyit be
and mony man ly deid 90

Thairfore my lordis had vpe 3our handis
Thocht of 3our will 3e want sum thing
Or be distroyit men and landis
quhilk wilbe hurtfull to ye king
ffor his weill it is maist 95
That 3e aggre in haist

Or quhone he is of age to regnne
 quhair on to leif sall find na thing
 Bot all ye cwntre waist

god giff ye lordis grace to aggre 100
 and baneis all seditioun
 [p. 271] Syn ay¹ to leif in vnite
 And quyt of all suspitioun
 and yan to mak ane band
 In kyndnes ay to stand 105
 Ilk man get restitutioun
 and fullie intromissioun
 Off yair awin geir and land

I pray to god omnipotent
 To send ws peace *quhill* we ar heir 110
 Ilkane may leif vpone yair rent
 Or on yair craft *withouttin* feir
 and *with* sanct paule I pray
 To tak yame sone away
 That caus is of yis mortale weir 115
 And ye first tythingis yat I heir
 That yai be laid in clay
 quod R. maitland of Lethington

[XCVIII. MAITLAND *Of Unione amangis*
the Lordis ; M. Cl., p. 92.]

3e nobilliz all yat sould yis cuntrie gyd
 It to preſerue quhy do 3e not prowyd
 As of ye *commoun* weill 3e had na cair
 ffor quhilk yis realme is liklie to forfair
 Throw 3our grit necgligence 5
 That makis na defence

¹ *Interlined.*

ffra scaythe it for to keip
 Bot tholis it be spilt
 Throw 3our grit sleuth and gilt
Quhilk garris mony weip 10

It is ye caus of oure calamite
 Amang 3ou lordis ye grit Inemete
 That ar devydit now in parteis tua
 persewand vyer as 3our mortall fa
 with maist vnkyndlie weir 15
 ffor ye *quhilk* thing I feir
 without pair be sum dres
 That all yis land sall rewit
 and ennemeis persewit
 Thai sall sone it posses 20

Is pair na wyse and gudmen of renoun
 Luifand ye *commoun* weill of yis regioun
 That will apone yame pane and trawell tak
 Amang ye lordis gud vnite to mak
 and sic ane perfytt pece 25
 That may our sorrow ceiss
 Ilkane vyer assist
 Sic quyettes to stable
 That we may be mair able
 Our fais to resist 30

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Bettir it war ye lordis till aggre
 Nor *with* strangeris to cwmir yis cuntre
 giff ony cum we sall forthink it sair
 ws to oppres for na man will yai spair
 and na thing will yai want 35
 That salbe quhair yai hant
 and litill for it pay
 Thay will not spair to spulze
 Or ellis yai will tulze
 giff ony yame ganesay 40

ffor gif 3e yat dependis on ye king
 ffor 3our Support ye englismen Imbring
 At lent^h yairof 3e sall mak litill ruse
 Think on ye wordis king edward spak to bruse
 haue we not ellis to do 45
 Bot win ane rwme 3ou to
 qu^hilk pat ye bruce to pane
 giff yai cum heir I trow
 ye same sall say to 3ow
 and 3e ask ocht agane 50

And gif it chance ye quenis syd to be
 with all strangeris cwmand in hir supplie
 with englismen winqueist and put away
 Than will yai hald 3ou for ane facill pray
 and quhat yai get in hand 55
 Castell toun or land
 Thai will it not restoir
 Bot keip it to yair sell
 and think yairin to duell
 as yai haue thocht befoir 60

And giff 3e yat dependis on ye quene
 ffranche men bring in hir quarrell to sustene
 Remember how yai pleit 3ou befoir
 3e war rycht red yai sould 3ou not restoir
 To 3our auld liberte 65
 Bot thocht 3e sould be
 subiectit ay yame to
 giff I sall treulie wryt
 Or 3e war of yame quyt
 3e had aneuche ado 70

Thairfore my lordis in to 3our hartis Imprent
 To bring strangeris ye Inconvenient
 Thai help 3ou not for luif yai haue to 3ou
 Bot for yair awin grit proffeit and yair prow

quhilk gritlie sould 3ou mwif 75
 Ilkane vyer to luif
 and caus 3ou to aggre
 and 3our awin weill considir
 Thairfore knit 3ou togiddir
 To keip our liberte 80

And 3e in hand yat hes ye grittest strent/
 Quhat it will serue I wait not at the lent/
 It may be win it may be tane¹ be tressoun
 yairfore apply you ay to rycht and ressoun
 and of peace be content 85
 Thocht sum of 3our intent
 3e want for euirmair
 3e ar not sure I trow
 quha will cum releif 3ou
 and 3e be seigit sair 90

Sum ar dissimblit 3it proud in yair consait
 Bot vyer spyis weilaneuc/^t yair gait
 Nowder for king nor quenis autorite
 3e stryve² bot for particularite
 That can not be content 95
 Off yair awin land and rent
 As yair faderis befoir
 onles yai fill yair handis
 with vyer meⁿnis landis
 geir vittell and stoir 100

Ane vyer caus yair is of yis seditioun
 amang ye lordis ye vehement suspitioun
 The ane trowis giff yat ye vyer be
 Aboue yame put in to autorite
 Thai sall haue caus to dreid 105
 ffoirfaltis and auld feid

¹ *Sic.*² for *deleted here.*

That yai sall tak revenge
 Off yis wickit consait
 That nwreist hes debait
 god all yis cwntre clenge 110

I pray to him yat is of lordis lord
 Bring all oure lordis to ane perfytt concord
 And *wit*h yi grace yair spreitis all inspyre
 Amang yame kendle of chirrite ye fyre
 all rancour and Invy 115
 and faltis passit by
 To be forzettin clene
 That iustice executioun
 ffor wickitnes punitioun
 may on yis land be sene 120
Quod R maitland

[XCIX. MAITLAND *Aganis*
Covetyce; M. Cl., p. 101.]

[p. 274] **G**rit pane it is now to behald and se
 In to yis realme ye grit cupidite
 ffor yis fals warld ye peple hes so blindit
 To yair intent yai trow evir to bind it
 All haill yair hartis to covatice ar gewin 5
 Thai seik aneucht bot yai sall neuer find it
 Quhill yat yai cum owder to hell or hewin

*Wit*h gredenes infeckit ar all statis
 ffor to get land and geir yai seik all gatis
 And curis not to get it wrangouslie 10
 Be fraude or force or *wit*h subtilite
 Proffeit to find yai leif na thing onsocht
 Sum tyme not spair to vse crudelite
 To yair purpose giff yat may help yame ocht

Sum to get land or geir will nureiß stryf 15
 Sum it to get will tak ane wratchit lyfe
 Sum will not spair for fauour nor for feid
 Thair *nicht*bouris rowmes to tak yame *our* yair heid
Quhilk yai and yairis hes broukit ane lang tyme
 And sum wald haue yair *nicht*bour put to deid 20
 To get yair land for ane Inventit crime

Sum gadderis geir and hes na grace to spend it
 Sum dois wrang and na will hes to mend it
 Sum levis all yair dayis wickitlie
 To reif ye pure rycht few hes now petie 25
 And yair is mony ane yat litle cairis
 To putt bayth saule and lyfe in Ieoperdie
 To mak ane mekle conquais to yair airis

Syne wait not weill quhat yair airis wilbe
 nor quhat will cum of yair posterite 30
 ffor sum may be grit fulis naturall
 Sum may be waistouris and mak quyt of all
 Sum grit droncatis and spend yair thrift at wyne
 Sum may commit sic deidis criminale
 That may yame gar bayth geir and landis tyne 35

Thairfore I think it is ane grit folie
 ffor to mak ony conquais wrangouslie
 Syne wait not gif yai brouke it lang yame sell
 and quha sell brouk it eftir can not tell
 To conquais large sum hes grit wrangis wrocht 40
 And put yame selffe in danger of ye hell
 And in schort tyme yair conquais turne to nocht

I counsale all yairfore to be content
 Off iust conquais with ane sufficient rent

quha hes maist land is not ay best at eifß 45
 Quha mekle hes ye ma yai haue to pleis
 And *wit*h mony yair deidis salbe spyit
 It is not best ane heycht estait to cheis
 The grittest ar with monyast Invyit

[p. 275] Sum hes bene grit and fain¹ fra hey estait 50
 The grittest now may gang ye samyn gait
 And yai craib god in yair gouernament
 mony ar now yat hes aneuch of rent
 3it to get land and geir yai neuer rest
 Thair gredie hartis can neuer be content 55
 Lyk as yis warld and yai sould euer lest

3it I do not forbid allaturlie¹
 Conqueis to mak sa it be done iustlie
 ffirst for to make yame selff ane honest lyfe
 To helpe yair bairniffß freindis and yair wyff 60
 And as yai may ye pure to help hes neid
 Syne weill prowyd yat yair follow na stryfe
 ffor yair conqueis eftir yat yai be deid

All 3e yat hes ben gewin to gredenys
 Off all 3our vniust conqueis mak redres 65
 And it restoir to yame it did belang
 And think yair is ane god to pwneis wrang
 At quhome of 3our misdeidis ask mercye
 ffor sum tyme 3e fra land and geir sall gang
 In all 3our warkis remember 3e man de 70

This taile is trew and surar nor ye bas
 Radix malorum est cupiditas
Quod R maitland

¹ *Sic.*

[C. MAITLAND *Advice to Kyndnes*; M. Cl., p. 89.]

It is ane mortall pane to heir and se
 Off yis fals warld ye mutabilite
 ffra weill to wo fra treuthe to doubilnes
 ffra perfytt luife to fraude and fikilnes
 ffra godlie lyf to sensualite 5

And fra honour to warldlie wrachitnes
 And fra verteu to vyce and wickitnes
 ffra all gude ordour to confusioun
 ffra law and iustice to abusioun
 ffra trew mening to cullorit craftynes 10

ffra polecey to plane distructioun
 ffra vnite to grit diuisioun
 ffra chirrite to malice and Invy
 ffra clene leving in carnall lust to ly
 All ewill is vpe and all gudnes is doun 15

ffor nowder honour fayt^h nor conscience
 nor gratitude done of benevolence
 Neirnes of blude nor 3it affinite
 Can in yis warld gar kyndnes kepit be
 As may be sene be plane experience 20

[p. 276] ffor gredynes now gydis all estatis
 Instructand yame wit^h covetus consaitis
 Sayand to sum quhy do 3e want yis land
 This tak yis steid yat lyis sa neir hand
 It for to gett I can fynd twentie gaitis 25

Quhone gredenes had found sum wickit way
 Than come kyndnes yat purpose for to stay
 And said to him yat gredynes had drest
 Be his counsale his nychbour to molest
 Tent to my taile and heir quhat I will say 30

Quhy will ȝe now *commit* sa grit offence
 Agane all ressoun and gude conscience
 To tyne ȝour nyctbour ȝour kynnismen and ȝour
 freindis
 ffor gredynes of ony land or teyndis
 And to ȝe pure to do sic violence 35

Than cwmis in S^r gredynes belyve
 wth ȝir wordis away kyndnes to dryve
 Quhat is scho ȝis can paynt sa fair ane taile
 sa far agane ȝour proffeit and availe
 get scho credence scho will stope ȝow to thryve 40

And ȝe hir counsale owder do or heir
 ȝe will not conquais mekle land or geir
 put hir away and mell wth hir na¹ mair
 withe ȝat ȝai keist dame kyndnes our ȝe stair
 And gredynes ȝan held hir ay a-reir 45

Quhone dame kyndnes wes rebutit sa
 ȝan chirrite and dame petie can ga
 And said it is ane verrie wickit deid
 To tak ȝi nyctbouris maling our his heid
 And wth grit rigour baneis ȝaim ȝairfra 50

And als it is aganis godis command
 ffor to desyre ȝour nyctbouris geir or land
 withe violence to put ane pure man oute
 god will ȝou plaig ȝairfore wthoutin doute
 Bot gif ȝe mend ȝe sall not chaip his hand 55

Than gredynes said withe ane sturtsum cheir
 Quhat mekle deill brocht ȝir tuay harlatis heir
 ffurthe at ȝe dur he schot ȝame quyt away
 And syne he said and ȝe wald heir ȝir tuay
 ȝe wald not purches mekle land ȝis ȝeir 60

¹ *Interlined.*

Allace quhair is ye warld yat sum hes sene
 Sic chirrite in all estait hes bene
 That na man wald for steding tak nor teynd
 Displeis yair nychtbour na pure man nor freind
 Dame kyndnes ay sa travelit yame betwene 65

Thairfore I pray to god yat is abuif
 ffra all oure hartis yis gredynes remuif
 That everie man may withe chirrite
 Off his awin rentis sa contentit be
 That we may leif in to fraternale luif 70
 Quod R maitland

[CI. MAITLAND *Lament for the Disorderis
 of the Cuntrie*; M. Cl., p. 104.]

[p. 277]

O Lord our syn hes done ye tene
 That plagit yus hes yis cuntrie
 I trow wes neuer hard nor sene
 In Scotland gritter miserie
 grit ewill in to yis land we se 5
 As slauchtir hirschep thift and reiff
 Distructioun of all polecey
 and all manner of maist mischeiff

Now warldlie wisdom is desait
 And falsate haldin polecey 10
 Rycht few frome gyle can yame debait
 Sa grit is ye ypochrise
 Sum will speik fair and freindfullie
 ffor proffeit wald desave yair brodir
 sa ryff is infidelite 15
 ane kynnisman skant may trow ane vdir

Amang lordis syne ye grit stryfe
 Misreuland all yis regioun
quhilk hes gart mony loß yair lyfe
 And troublit burges and baroun 20
 Craiftismen and *commounis* ar put doun
 Be thift reiff and continewale weir
 neir hirreit is oure principale toun
 Oure merchandis daylie waistand geir

All yis is for oure pwneisement 25
 Becaus *our* god we will nat know
 ay brekand his commandiment
 Lyke as of him we stude na aw
 Mony ar godis word will schaw
 That ar far contrair in *yair* deidis 30
 And curis not agane ye law
 To tak yat ony man possedis

ffra sum is tane baythe hous and land
 wrangouslie as ye maner schawis
 Quhome doing wrang yai neuer fand 35
 Bot for all cryme will byd ye lawis
 baythe of yair deidis and yair sawis
 3it ar yai Spulzeit of yair rent
 quha hes yis done ye grit god knawis
 And grant yame grace for to repent 40

Sum hes yair place brunt in ane gleid
 Thair guddis spulzeit halelie
 yair *seruandis* slayne sum brunt to deid
 Thair selffis tane vncourtaslie
 and haldin in captiuite 45
 Quha wald haue for ane missiue bill
 Obeyit ye autorite
 And cwmit at my lord regentis will

Allace it is ane cairfull cace
 That oure lordis can not aggre 50
 quhilk for to do giff yai had grace
 wald stanche yis grit Iniquite
 [p. 278] Ane thing yair is yat troublis me
 Thocht sum wald fane mak gud concorde
 3it ay for ane yair is twentie 55
 To hound mantene and saw discord

Bot we sould rayer all lament
 Thir plaigis perturband ws sa sair
 And of oure synnis ws repent
 with ferme purpose to syn na mair 60
 Syne pray to god baythe lait and air
 To tak fra ws yis creuell skurge
 And for his mercye stanche oure cair
 And of all weir yis cwntre purge

My lordis all yat ar deuydit 65
 Could 3e aggre it wer ye best
 And gar yis realme be godlie gydit
 All thing to be with wisdome drest
 Than bettir mycht 3e put to rest
 The land yat now is furthe of ordour 70
 And yame releif yat ar opprest
 The thevis stanche and reule ye bordour

Sen 3e ar of ane natioun all
 Ilkane of vyer haue petie
 3e wait not 3it quhat may befall 75
 Sic chance hes cum rycht haistelie
 may gar 3ou think yat vnite
 sall to 3ou all be proffitable
 And neidfull yat 3e freindis be
 3e ken oure court is neuer stable 80

Quha euer get ye vper hand
 Off yair reward yai knaw na thing
 nor 3it how lang yat yai sall stand
 To haue ye reule of quene or king
 And specialie quhone yai ar 3ing 85
 Thairfore 3e sould tak *rycht* gude garde
 Or lestand feid 3e on 3ou bring
 Vncertane syne of 3our rewarde

O lord sic grace send to ws heir
 All scottismen for to aggre 90
 Ilkane to brouke yair land and geir
 That yame pertenis rychtuouslye
 Syne perfyte iustice we may se
 In courtis constrye and in Sessioun
 Craftismen and *commounis* may peceable 95
 yair leving win *wit*hout oppressioun
 quod richard maitland of L.

[CII. MAITLAND *Advyce to lesom*
Mirriness ; M. Cl., p. 84.]

Quhone I haue done considder
 This warldlis vanite
 sa broukle and sa sliddir
 Sa full of miserie
 Than I remember me 5
 yat heir yair is na rest
 Thairfore apperandlie
 To be myrrie is best

[p. 279]

Lat ws be blythe and glaid
 My freindis all I pray 10
 To be pansiue and sad
 na thing it helpe ws may

Thairfore put quyt away
 all hawynes of thocht
 Thocht we murne nycht and day 15
 It will awaill ws nocht

It will not be oure sorrow
 That will stope godis hand
 To stryk bayt^h ewin and morrow
 Baythe on ye sey and land 20
 Sens nane may it ganestand
 Lat ws all be content
 To vnderly ye wand
 Off godis pwneisment

Quhat god plesis to do 25
 accept it thankfullie
 quhat pane to put ws to
 Ressaue it patientlie
 And giff yat we wald be
 Relevit of oure pane 30
 ffor syn ask god mercye
 Offend him not agane

Giff we will mak mwrning
 Sould be for oure offence
 And not yat god dois bring 35
 On ws sic violence
 ffor ane dyuers pretence
 ffor Sum he will pwniſſ¹
 To preif yair patience
 And sum for yair grit miſſ 40

Sens first ye warld began
 Thair hes bene trouble ay
 ffor pwneisment of man
 And sall quhill dwmisday

¹ *Miswritten pwniſſ.*

and sen we may not stay 45
 Quhat god pleis do ws till
 quhat he will on ws lay
 Ressaue it *wit^h* gud will

ffor god will ay sum skurge
 Quhill yat ye warld tak end 50
 ffra syn ye warld to purge
 Will ay sum plaigis send ¹
 Bot quha will lyfe amend
 and preis to syn na mair
 Thair god will yame defend 55
 ffra euerlasting cair

3it planelie I conclude
 In to all warldlynes
 na thing for man sa gude
 as leifsum myrrynes 60
 ffor yair is na riches
 sa lang his lyfe can lenthe
 Conſerue him fra seiknes
 And keip him in his strenthe

[p. 280]

Thairfore *wit^h* trew intent 65
 Lat ws at god ask grace
 Oure synnis to repent
 Quhill we haue tyme and space
 Syne bring ws to yat place
 Quhair ioy is euermoir 70
 And se god face to face
 In his eternale gloir
 Quod richard maitland

¹ *This line is written on the margin.*

[CIII. MAITLAND *Moral
Advyce*; M. Cl., p. 111.]

Ground ye ay on gudnes
 Reule ye *with* rychttuousnes
 In tyme do yi beseynes
 and cheis ay ye best
 Preis ye not to oppres 5
 Helpe ay ye faderles
 Haue na pryde nor proudnes
 This world will not lest

In trouble tak patience
 Keip clene yi conscience 10
 To god do reverence
 Be to yi prince trew
 Keip ay weill yi credence
 Tyne nocht throw necgligence
 Proceid ay *with* prudence 15
 ydilnes eschew

Exceid not yi degre
 Do all thingis iustlie
 Haue god befor yi E
 quhair ever you gang 20
 Gyde yi selffe honestlie
 Hant in gude cwmpanie
 Off ye pure haue petie
 And do to nane wrang

At experience leir 25
 ffolische speiking forbeir
with musoure¹ spend yi geir
 na gude turne delay
 vse na ryatous cheir
 Do yi nychtbour na deir 30
 godis worde glaidlie heir
 and syne it obey
 Quod Richard maitland

¹ *Sic.*

[CIV. MAITLAND *Of the troublous
Tymes*; M. Cl., p. 108.]

- [p. 281] Mair mischeuous and wickit warld
nor yair is now, saw nane I trow
The cuntre throw, is quyt our harld
Now in yis troublus tyme
- Lowthiane quhair sum tyme hes bene 5
maist pol[e]cie, tranquillite
grittest suirte / for king and quene
Befoir yis troublous tyme
- Be men of weir is waistit haill
with thift and reiff, weir and mischeiff 10
gritter releif / in Liddisdail
now in yis troublous tyme
- The toune quhairin to duell wes best
withouthin feir, richest of geir
with men of weir, rycht sair opprest 15
now in yis troublous tyme
- Thairfoir all men be of gude will
and fast 3ou preis, to mak gude peace
Think tyme to ceis / scottis blude to spill
now in yis troublus tyme 20
- And sen sum abstinence is tane
na tyme ourse, bot besey be
This haill cuntrie to mak at ane
and stanche yis troublus tyme
- That it be sa we hartlie pray 25
To god abuife, for chrystis luife
And to remufe yis plaig away
And yis mischeuous tyme
ffinis ¹quod Richart maitland of Lethingtoun
knycht ¹

¹⁻¹ *This ascription is in a different hand and ink.*

[CV. MAITLAND *Of the Malyce of Poyetis* ;
P., p. 316 ; M. Cl., p. 79.]

Sum of ye poyetis and makaris yat ar now
 Off grit dispyte and malice ar sa fow
 Sa yat all lesingis yat can be Inventit
 Thai put in writt and garris yame be prentit
 To gar ye peple ewill opinioun taik 5
 Off yame quhome of yat yai yair ballattis maik
 with sclandrous wordis yai do all thing yai can
 ffor to defame mony gude honest man
 In setting furth yair buikis and yair rymes
 Accusand sum of Improbable crymes 10
 And thocht yat sum yair Libellis dois allow
 zit few yat will yair awin warkis avow
 and thocht yat yai bakbyttaris and blasphemaris
 Now at yis tyme hes mony yair mantenaris
 [p. 282] The day will cum yat yai sall forthink it 15
 That yai haue putt sic lesingis in to writ
 To steill ane manis fame is gritter sin
 nor ony geir yat is yis warld wthin
 Thairfore repent ze ralaris and restoir
 To yame yair fame quhome ze sklandrit befoir 20
 To yat effect apply your worde and deidis
 Ewill brute to tak furthe of ye peplis heidis
 Cry toung I leid throw all yis natioun
 Mak buikis and rymes of Recantatioun
 Sic alteratioun may cum in to yis land 25
 may gar ane tak ane vyer be ye hand
 And say think on ze maid of me ane ballat
 ffor your rewarde now I sall brek your pallat
 men sould be war quhat thing yai said or did
 ffor it may cum to lycht lang hes bene hid 30
 Thairfore na man mak ballattis nor Indyte
 Off detractioun ill sclandir nor dispyte
 Putt not in writt yat god or man may greif
 All vertew loue and all vyces reпреif

Or mak sum myrrie toy to gude purpose 35
 That may ye herar and redar baythe reiose
 Or sum frutfull and gude moralite
 Or plesand thingis may stand wth chirrite
 Dispytfull poyettis sould not tholit be
 In *commoun* weillis or godlie cwmpanie 40
 That sorte ar ay to saw seditioun
 And putt gude men in to suspitioun
 ffinis ¹quod ~~for~~ richart maitland
 of lethingtoun knycht ¹

[CVI. MAITLAND *The Ruyne
of Realmes*; M. Cl., p. 112.]

Off god ye misknawlege
 Off sin ye grit vsage
 na pwneisment for vice
 The wanting of Iustice
 Invy and gredenes 5
 Desait and vnkyndnes
 Oppressioun of ye pure
 Off *commoun* weill na cure
 Pryde and weir intestyne
 Bringis realmes to Rwyne 10
 ffinis ¹quod richart maitland ¹

[CVII. MAITLAND *How thy Hous
may lest*; M. Cl., p. 110.]

Giff you desyre yi hous lang stand
 and yi Successioun brouke yi land
 aboue all thing luif god and feir
 Intromet not wth wrangous geir
 nor conqueis na thing wrangouslie 5
 wth yi nyctbour keip chirrite

¹ *In different hand and ink.*

Obey deulie yi magistrate
 exceid in no thing thyne estait
 Oppres not bot support ye pure
 To helpe ye *commoun* weill tak cure 10
 Vse na desait mell not *wit*h trasoun
 And to all men do *rycht* and rasoun
 [p. 283] Bayt*h* in to word and deid be trew
 all kynd of wickitnes eschew
 slay na man nor yair to consent 15
 Be not creuell bot patient
 Allya ay in sum gude place
*wit*h noble honest godlie race
 Hait hurdome and all vyces fle
 Be humill hant gud cwmpanie 20
 Helpe yi freindis and do na wrang
 And god sall gar yi hous lest lang
 ffinis ¹*quod* Sir richart maitland of lethingtoun ¹

[CVIII. MAITLAND *Aganis Discord*
amang the Lordis ; M. Cl., p. 97.]

My lordis all sen abstinence is tane
 In ye mene tyme yat concord may be drest
 now tyne na tyme as 3e haue done bigane
 Sens 3e may haue conferring as 3e lest
 Do 3our power yis rwme to put to rest 5
 Lat never weir agane amang 3ou rys
 Than all ye world will 3our proceeding pryfs

Thair will na body be agane yis pece
 Bot gif it be of men a weir ye bandis
Quhilk fra all kynd of skafrie can not ceifs 10
 and yai yat brukis vyer mennis landis
 ffra wrangous geir yat can not keip yair handis
 Thir sorte of men wald haue no quyetnes
 ffor feir yai want sum thing yat yai posses

¹ *In different hand and ink.*

Bot at yat soirt 3e sould na counsale tak 15
 That hes na feir of god nor conscience
 To vse all thing Impediment may mak
 To 3our concord and 3e gif yame credence
 how yai proceid yair is experience
 ffor it is said yat sum man sair may Rew 20
 That in yis land sa mony captanis grew

ffor ony plesour of yir gredie men
 This *commoun* weill put not in Iepardie
 At 3our conventioun gar ye cwntrie ken
 That 3e trawell to mak tranquillite 25
 And yat 3e are content for to aggre
 All fail3eis past to be for3et for ever
 I trow 3e ken bot few yat faltit never

Grit is ye scayth yat cwmis of yis weir
 Off slauchtir hirschip Oppressioun and mischeiff 30
 It is petie ye *commownis* for to heir
 How yai ar drest *with* thift and oppin Reiff
 Syne seis nane apperance of releiff
 Thir creuell crymes yai feir vnpvnest be
 Sa lang as lestis yis Inemetie 35

[p. 284] 3it of all weir peace is ye fynale end
 Thairfore my lordis aggre or it be war
 Thair is na thing bot peace yat may yis mend
 And yat 3e wald yis *commoun* weill prefer
 To all causis yat ar particular 40
 And for na privat proffet yat may be
 Stop not to mak ane perfyte vnite

The *quhilk* to do I pray ye loving lord
 To giff 3ou grace in sic haboundance now
 That never mair be distance nor discord 45

And sic iustice be done yis kynrik throw
 The *quhilk* may gar ye rasche busk keip ye kow
 and everie man bruke his awin land and geir
 All trew liegis to leif *wit/houttin* feir
 ffinis *quod* R maitland

[CIX. MAITLAND *Solace in Age* ;
 P., p. 318; M. Cl., p. 114.]

[p. 285]

Thocht yat yis warld be verie strange
 And thevis hes done my rowmes range
 and teymd my fald
 3it wald I leif and byd ane chynge¹
 Thocht I be ald 5

Now me to Spulzie sum not spairis
 To tak my geir no captane cairis
 Thai ar so bald
 3it tyme may cum may mend my sairris
 Thocht I be ald 10

Sum now be force of men of weir
 my hous my landis and my geir
 ffra me yai hald
 3it as I may sall mak gud cheir
 Thocht I be ald 15

Sa weill is kend my Innocence
 That I will not for none offence
 fflyt lyke ane skald
 Bot thank god and tak patience
 ffor I am ald 20

ffor eild and my infirmite
 warme claythis ar bettir for me
 To keip fra cald
 nor in dame venus chamber be
 now being ald 25

¹ *Altered to change on margin.*

Off venus play past is ye heit
 ffor I may not ye mistiris beit
 Off meg nor mald
 ffor ane 3oung las I am not meit
 I am sa ald 30

The fairast wenche in all yis toun
 Thocht I hir had in hir best gown
 Rycht braiflie braild
 Withe hir I mycht not play ye loun
 I am so ald 35

my wyff Sum tyme wald telis trow
 and mony lesingis weill allow
 war of me tald
 Scho will not eyndill on me now
 and I sa ald 40

My hors my harnes and my speir
 and all vyer my hoisting geir
 now may be sald
 I am not habill for ye weir
 I am so ald 45

Quhone 3oung men cwmis fra ye grene
 At ye futball playing had bene
 with brokin spald
 I thank my god I want my ene
 and am so ald 50

[p. 286] Thocht I be sweir to ryd or gang
 Thair is sum thing I wantit lang
 ffane haue I wald
 and yame pwneist yat did me wrang
 Thocht I be ald 55
 quod R maitland of lethingtoun

[CX. MAITLAND *Aganis Oppressioun of the Commounis* ; P., p. 321 ; M. Cl. p. 42.]

IT is grit petie for to se
 How ye commownis of yis cwntrie
 ffor thift and reiff and plane oppressioun
 Can na thing keip in yair possessioun
 Quhairof yat yai may mak ane lyfe 5
 3it nane will pwneis yat transgressioun
 That nocht be left to man nor wyff

 Sum *with* deir ferme ar hirreit haill
 That wount to pay bot penny maill
 Sum be yair lordis ar opprest 10
 Put fra the land yat yai possest
 Thair¹ s*er*uice hes sum hirriet sone
 ffor carrage als sum hes no rest
 Thocht yair awin wark sould ly vndone

 Sum commownis yat hes bene weill stakit 15
 Vnder kirkmen ar now all wrakit
 Sen yat ye teynd and ye kirk landis
 Come in grit temporall m*er*nis handis
 Thai gar ye tennentis pay sic sowmes
 As yai will ask or quha ganestandis 20
 Thay wilbe put sone fra yair rowmes

 The teynd *quh*ilk tennentis had befoir
 Off yair awin malingis corne and stoir
 Thair laird² hes tane it ouir yair heid
 And garris yame to his 3aird it leid 25
 Bot yair awin stok yai dar not steir
 Thocht all yair bairnif*s* sould want breid
*quh*ill yai haue led yat teynd ilk 3eir

 Sic extortioun and taxatioun
 wes never sene in to yis natioun 30

¹ Altered on margin to Sair.

² On margin ; land in text.

Tane of ye *commownis* of this land
 Off *quhilk* sum is ¹ left waist liand
 Becaus few may sic chargis beir
 mony hes quhippis now in yair hand
 That wont to haue bayt^h lak and speir 35

Quhair throw ye haill *commwnite*
 Is brocht now to sic powertie
 ffor yai yat had gude hors and geir
 Hes skantlie now ane crukit meir
 And for yair sadillis yai haue soddis 40
 Thai haue na waippynnis worthe for weir
 Bot man defend wth stanis and cloddis

Thairfore my lordis I 3ow pray
 ffor ye puir *commownis* find sum way
 3our land to yame for sic pryce geiff 45
 As on yair maling yai may leiff
 Sufficientlie to yair estait
 Syne yame defend yat nane yame greif
 That yai may s^{erue} 3ou ayre and lait

[p. 287] Ryche comownis ar rycht proffitable 50
 Quhone yai to s^{erue} yair lord are hable
 Thair native cwntrie to defend ²
 ffra yame yat hurt it wald pretend
 ffor we wilbe ouir few a nwmer
 giff *commownis* to ye weir not wend 55
 nobillis may not beir all ye cwmer

Helpe ye *commownis* baythe lord and laird
 And god yairfore sall 3ow rewaird
 And giff 3e will not yame supple
 god will 3ow plaig yairfore iustlie 60
 and 3our successioun eftir 3ow
 Giff yai sall haue na mair petie
 On ye *commownis* nor 3e haue now
 quod Richard maitland of lethingtoun

¹ On margin ; hes in text.

² Line 54 written next and deleted.

[CXI. MAITLAND *Aganis*
Tressoun ; M. Cl., p. 87.]

T rasoun is ye maist schamefull thing
That may in ony¹ cwntre Regnne
and sould be hatit maist
Bot now in yis onhappie tyme
sa mony smittit *wit*h yat cryme 5
That few dar vyer traist

Thair is sa mony subteill wyle
Ilkane vyer for to begyle
ffra lawtie so yai leip
ffor gredynes of geir and land 10
yair will na kyndnes blude nor band
Gar sum yair credence keip

Grit nwmer ar in Dyuers landis
That prince and magistrat ganestandis
Rebelland creuellie 15
I will not speik in speciale
Bot I pray all in generale
That wickit vyce to fle

The deathe of chryst wes comfortable
To chrestin men maist profitable 20
3it foule wes Iudas pairt
Men sould hald yame abhominable
aboue all vyer detestable
That studeis in yat airt

Lyke as subiectis *wit*h trew intent 25
Sould be leill and obedient
To yair Superiouris
Sa sould na prince nor magistrat
Be craiftie meynis and desait
Hurte yair inferiouris 30

¹ *On margin.*

Quhilk giff yai do yame selffe yai schame
 and thocht men dar not yame defame
 3it god yat seis all
 may pwneis yame within schort space
 and fra yair heicht and princelie place
 giff yame ane shamefull fall 35

[p. 288] Thairfore all subiectis I 3ow pray
 3our princis luif and yame obey
 agane yame wirk na trasoun
 Siclike princis and magistratis 40
 wraik not 3our awin *wit* fals consaittis
 Bot do yame *rycht* and rasoun

All 3e yat sould be chrissin men
 3our honour and 3our dewtie ken
 Quhat 3e sould do to vyer 45
 and for na proffeit 3e may haue
 3our freind or nyctbour not desave
 Bot luif 3our chrissin brodir

Sua I exhort 3ow all estaitis
 Ceis fra dissimulance and desaittis 50
 And of fals punkis 3ow purge
 Ilkane to vyer syne be trew
 Or ellis 3e sall not eschew
 Off god ye mortall skurge
 quod R. m. of lethingtoun

[CXII. MAITLAND *Na Kyndnes at Court*
without Siller; P., p. 324; M. Cl., p. 45.]

Sum tyme to court I did Repair
 Thairin sum eirrandis for to dres
 Thinkand I had sum freindis yair
 To helpe fordwarte my beseynes

Bot not ye les 5

I fand no thing bot doubilnes
 Auld kyndnes helpis not ane hair

To ane grit courtman I did speir
 That I trowit my freind had bene
 Becaus we war of kyn sa neir
 To him my mater I did mene

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Bot withe disdene
 he fled as I had done him tene
 And wald not byd my teill to heir

I wend yat he in word and deid
 ffor me his kynnisman sould haue wrocht
 Bot to my speiche he tuke na heid
 Neirnes of blude he sett at nocht

15

Than weill I thocht
 quhone I for sibnes to him socht
 It wes ye wrang way yat I 3eid

20

My hand I putt in to my sleif
 And furthe of it ane purs I drew
 And said I brocht it him to geif
 Bayt $\frac{1}{2}$ gold and siluer I him schew

25

Than he did rew
 That he vnkyndlie me misknew
 And hint ye purs fast in his neif

- ffra tyme he gat ye purs in hand
 He kyndlie cousing callit me 30
 And baid me gar him vnderstand
 my beseynes all haillalie
 and sweir yat he
 [p. 289] My trew and faythfull freind sould be
 In courte as I pleis him *command* 35
- ffor *quhilk* bettir it is I trow
 In to ye courte to get Supple
 To haue ane purse of fyne gold fow
 Nor to ye hiaist of degre
 Off kyn to be 40
 Sa alteris oure nobilite
 grit kynrent helpis lytill now
- Thairfore my freindis gif ze will mak
 All courte men zouris as ze wald
 gude gold and syluer *wit*h zow tak 45
 yan to get help ze may be bald
 ffor it is tald
 kyndnes of courte is coft and sald
 neirnes of kyn na thing yai rak
Quod R. maitland of le.

[CXIII. MAITLAND *Pleasouris*
of Aige; M. Cl., p. 117.]

Pas tyme *wit*h godlie cwmpanye
 Now in yis warld is best for me
 Sen yat I am of sa grit age
 all displesour for to assuage
 gude is to luke in godis buke 5
 Quhair may be fund
 The perfectioun of Religioun
 Off faythe ye grund

All plesour vane I will refuse
 ffor my pastyme ye bybill vse 10
 Thocht I be aild and may not se
 I sall it gar be red to me
 Quhair I sall leir for to forbeir
 All wickitnes
 vyce to refuse vertew to vse 15
 w^{it}h godlynes

To reid or heir ye holie writt
 Trew knowlege sall I get in it
 how I sall haue me at all houris
 Baythe to my god and nychtbouris 20
 Instructand me to patientlie
 My trouble beir
 Sin to repent w^{it}h trew intent
 quhill I am heir

Sens in yis erthe I find no rest 25
 Reioce in god I think it best
 quha in yis lyfe giff me his grace
 Syne bring me to yat resting place
 Quhair ioy and gloir is evermoir
 Peace and concord 30
 To yat ilk ioy do me convoy
 Jesu oure lord
 quod R. maitland of lethingtoun

[CXIV. DUNBAR *The Dergy to the King*; S.T.S.^a p. 112.]

[p. 290]

We yat ar heir in hevynnis glorie
 To 3ou yat ar in purgatorie
 Commendis ws on hartlie wyß
 I mene we folk of paradyß

In edinburgh *with* all merynes 5
 To 3ow at striueling in distres
 Quhair nowdir plesour nor delyt is
 ffor pietie yis epistell wrytis
 O 3e heremytis and ankir sadillis
 That takkis 3our pennance at 3our tabillis 10
 And eitis no meit restorative
 nor drinkis no wyne confortative
 Nor aill bot yat is thin and small
with few coursis in 3our hall
 But cwmpany of lordis and knychtis 15
 Or ony vyer gudlie wychtis
 Solitar walking 3our alone
 seing no thing bot stok and stone
 Out of 3our panefull purgatorie
 To bring 3ow to ye Blys and glorie 20
 Off edinburcht ye myrrie town
 We sall begin ane cairfull sown
 Ane dirige devoit and meik
 The lord of blys doing beseik
 3ow to delyuer out of 3our noy 25
 and bring 3ow sone to edinburgh Ioy
 ffor to be merye amangis ws
 The dirige Begynnis yus

Lectio prima

The fader ye sone ye holie gaist 30
 The blissit Marie virgen chaist
 Off angellis all ye ordour nyne
 And all ye hewinlie court divyne
 Sone bring 3ow fra ye pyne and wo
 Off striueling everie court mans foo 35
 Agane to edinburchtis ioy and blys
 Quhair wirschip welthe and weilfair Is
 play plesance eik and honestie
 Say 3e amen for chirritie Tu autem domine

Responsio

Tak consolatioun in 3our payne
 In tribulatioun tak consolatioun 40
 Out of vexatioun cum hame agayne
 Tak consolatioun in 3our payne Iube *domine* etc

Out of distres of stirling town
 To edinburgh blys god mak 3ow bown

[p. 291] Patriarchis prophetis apostillis deir 45
 Confessouris virgynis and martyris cleir
 and all ye hewinlie court celestiall
 Devoitlie we vpone yame call
 That sone out of 3our paynis fell
 3e may in hewin heir *wit^h* ws duell 50
 To eit Swan cran peirtrik and pluver
 And everie fische yat Swowmis in rever
 To drink withe ws ye new fresche wyne
 That grew apone ye revar of Ryne
 ffresche fragrant claretis out of france 55
 Off angeo and of orliance
wit^h mony ane cours of grit daynte
 Say 3e amen for chirrite Tu autem *domine*

Responsio

God and sanct geill heir 3ow convoy
 Baythe sone and weill god and sanct geill 60
 To sonce and seill solace and Ioy
 God and sanct geill heir 3ow convoy Iube *domine*
 Out of stirling paynis fell
 In edinburgh Ioy sone mot 3e dwell

lectio tertia

We pray to all ye sanctis in hewin 65
 That ar abuif ye sternis sewin
 3ow to delyver out of 3our pennance
 That 3e may sone play sing and dance

And in to edinburgh mak gud cheir
 Quhair welthe and weifair is but weir 70
 And I yat dois 3our paynis discryve
 Thinkis for to visie 3ow belyve
 Nocht in desert w~~ith~~ 3ow to duell
 Bot as ye angell gabriell
 Dois go betweyne fra hevynis glorie 75
 To yame yat ar in purgatorie
 And in yair tribulatioun
 To gif yame consolatioun
 And schaw yame quhone yair pane is past
 They sall to hewin cum at ye last 80
 And how nane *servis* to haue sweitnes
 That never taistit bittirnes
 And yairfoir how 3e sould consididir
 Off edinburgh blys quhone 3e cum hiddir
 Bot gif 3e taistit had befoir 85
 Off stirling toun ye paynis soir
 And yairfoir tak in patience
 3our pennance and 3our abstinence
 And 3e sall cum or 3ule begyn
 In to ye blys yat we are In 90
Quhilk grant ye glorious Trinite
 Say 3e amen for chirrite Tu autem *domine*

Responsio

[p. 292] Cum hame and duell no mair In stirling
 ffra hyddowß hell cum hame and duell
 Quhair fische to sell is nane bot Spyrling 95
 Cum hame and duell na mair in stirling Iube *domine*
 Et [ne] nos Inducas in tentationem de stirling
 Sed libera nos a malo eiusdem
 Requiem edinburgi dona eis domine
 Et lux ipsius luceat eis 100
 A porta tristitiæ de stirling
 Erue *domine* animas et corpora eorum
 Credo gustare vinum edinburgi

In villa viuentium

Requiescant statim. In edinburgo amen 105

Domine exaudi orationem meam

Et clamor meus ad te veniat Oremus

Deus qui iustos et corde humiles ex eorum tribulatione
liberare dignatus es : libera famulos tuos apud villam
de stirling versantes a penis et tristitiis eiusdem : et ad
edinburgi gaudia feliciter perducas. Amen 111

Dumbaris dirige to ye king

Bydand our lang in stirling

[CXV. ANON. *This wardlie
Joy* ; P., p. 243.]

This wardlie Ioy is onlie fantasie
Quhairof no eirthlie wycht can be content
Quho maist hes wit leist sould in it effy
quho traistis it maist maist sall him repent
Quhat valis all yis riches and yis rent 5
Sen no man knawis quha sall his tresour haif
Preswme not gevin yat god hes to ye lent
within schort tyme ye quhilk he thinkis to craif
Explicit

[CXVI. ANON. *An idle Knaue* ; P., p. 204 ;
Bann. MS., fol. 145 a.]

He yat hes no will to wirk
And luifis not god nor holy kirk
And hes no landis for to Spend
nor 3it hes freyndis his neidis to mend
And hes na rent quhairon to leif 5
And will not beg yocht men wald geif
And with yat is trym fat and fair
How sall he byd ye Iustice air
Explicit

[CXVII. KENNEDY *Farewell to
Love*; Sch., p. 10.]

Leiff luif my luif nor langir I it lyk
 Altir our amowris In to observance
 [p. 293] Eschew ye sword of vengence or it stryk
 Eschew¹ lust and plesour turne in pennance
 Ouir misdeidis mend of kissing mak conscience 5
 Confes ouir Synnis and sathanas our-sett
 pwneis oure flesche for oure grit offence
 Haue Eye to god and brik ye devill's net

 Voluptuous lyfe quhy thinkis yow so sweit
 Knawing ye deithe yat no man may evaid 10
 Syne persaveris in fleschlie lust and heyit
 No sawis may ye frome yi Synnis dissuaid
 Contempning god of nocht yat hes ye maid
 Trusting in to yis brukill lyfe and vane
 Repent in tyme devoid ye of yis² laid 15
 And knaw in hell yair is eternall pane
quod kennedye

[CXVIII. ANON. *A
Prophecy*.]

Quhone pryd Is in pryce
 And wit is in covatyce
 And lichorie hes leif and riches is in reif
 halie kirk awles and Iustice lawles
 knychtis and knavis cled in lyke clething 5
 god and his flesche sworne in hething
 Than sall sorrow sit vpone seill
 Eftir sall fortoun sone turne hir quheill
 Be ye 3eiris of christ be cwmin and gayne
 A thowsand fyve hundir auchtie and ane 10
 Than sall all turne vp yat is down
 Rycht and lawtie sall beir ye croun
 And so sall stand *quhill* domysday
 Except ye filthe of Syn putt it away

¹ Deleted, and oure written on margin.

² land deleted here.

[CXIX. ANON. *Moral Rules*;
Bann. MS., fol. 74 a.]

Meiknes *with* mesoure
Lawtie and labour
Bringis ye till honour
ground ye yairin

Giff you thinkis to indure
Luif best thy creatour
And as yi selffe yi nychtbour
Syne ceifs frome syn

5

Thy stait and yi honour
That haly kirk hes in cure
Preis ye not to Iniwir
ffor na warldis wyn

10

Remember yi selffe sure
That bayth ye riche and ye pure
Ar all of ane nature
and of adamis kyn

15

Think deithe is at ye dure
Thy dayis in dreid and dolour
Thy pryd and yi poirtrature
Proffeittis not ane pyn

20

[p. 294.]

Quhone faill sell ¹ yi figure
and clay salbe yi ² closure
Ane verie narrow sepulture
ffull of askis and wermeyne
Explicit

¹ *Sic.*

² *cullour deleted here.*

[CXX. ANON. *It that I gif I
haif*; Bann. MS., fol. 147 a.]

IT yat I gif I haif It yat I len I craiff
 It yat I Spend is myne, It yat I leif I tyne
 get and saif and you sall haif, waist and want len and craiff
 Quha in welthe takis na heid, he sall haue falt in tyme of
 neid
 quhone I len I am ane freynd, and quhone I craif I am
 vnkynd 5
 Thus of my freind I mak ane fo: Schrew me and I mair
 do so

[CXXI. ANON. *Ane young
man Chiftane*; *ibid.*]

Ane young man chiftane witles, ane pure man spendar
 getles
 Ane auld man trechour treuthles, a woman lower landles
 Appeirandlie be sanct geyill, Sall never ane of yir do weill

[CXXII. ANON. *Tak Tyme
in Tyme*; *ibid.*]

Tak tyme in tyme, and no tyme defer
 Quhone tyme is past 3e may do wer
 Almychty god grant to our king
 Sic grace, yat he in vertew Regnne
 Swa yat yis realme ay gydit be 5
 withe iustice peace and equite
 Bettir is to suffir and fortoun to abyd
 Than haistalie to clym and suddenlie to slyd
Quod quha to quhame

[CXXIII. DUNBAR *In Prays
of Women* ; S.T.S., p. 170.]

Off women now yis I say for me
 Off eirthlie thingis nane may bettir be
 Thay sould haue wirschip and grit honoring
 Off men aboue all vyer warldlie thing
 Rycht grit¹ dishonour vpone him selfe he takis 5
 In word or deid quha ever women lakkis
 Sen yat of women cwmin all ar we
 Women ar women and so will end and de
 Wo worthe ye frute wald put ye tre to nocht
 And wo worthe him rycht so yat sayis ocht 10
 Off womanheid yat may be ony lak
 Or sic grit schame vpone him for to tak
 Thai ws consaue *wit^h* pane and be yame fed
 within yair breistis yair we be boun to bed
 Grit pane and wo and mwrning marvelous 15
 In to yair birthe yai suffir sair for ws
 Than meit and drink to feid ws get we² nane
 Bot it we sowik out of yair breistis bane
 Thai ar ye confoirt yat we all haue heir
 Thair may no man be to ws halfe so deir 20
 Thai ar oure verie nest of nwreising
 In lak of yame quha can say ony thing
 [p. 295] That fule his nest he fylis and for thy
 Exilit sould be of all gud cwmpany
 Thair sould na wyse man gif audierce 25
 To sic a fule *wit^hout* intelligence
 Christ to his fadir had not ane man
 Se quhat wirschip women sould haue yan
 That sone is lord yat sone is king of kingis
 In hewin and eirthe his maiestie ay Regnis 30
 Sen scho hes borne him in hir holynes
 And he is wel and grund of all gudnes
 All women sould of ws haue honoring
 Seruice and luif abuif all vyer thing
 quod Dumbar in prays of women

¹ honour deleted here.

² Corrected from yai.

[CXXIV. DUNBAR *Exces of Thocht*
dois me Mischeif; S.T.S., p. 104.]

Schir 3e Remember as befoir
 How yat my 3outhe is done forloir
 In 3our Seruice wth pane and greiff
 gud conscience cryis reward yairfoir
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeif 5

3our clarkis ar servit all aboute
 And I do lyke ane rid halk schout
 To cum to lure yat hes na leif
 Quhair my plwmis begynniss to mowt
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeiff 10

fforzet is ay ye falcounis kynd
 Bot ever ye myttell is hard in mynd
 Quhone ye gled dois ye peirtrikis preiff
 The gentill goishalk gois vndynd
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeiff 15

The pyat withe ye pairtie cote
 feyn3eis to sing ye nyctingale note
 Bot scho can not ye corchet cleiff
 ffor hasknes of hir carleche throte
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeiff 20

Ay fairast feddiris hes farrest foulis
 Suppois yai haue na sang bot 3owlis
 In syluer caiges yai sit but greif
 Kynd native nestis dois clek bot owlis
 exces of thocht dois me mischeiff 25

O gentill egill how may yis be
 Quhilk of all foulis dois heast fle
 3our leggis quhy do 3e not releif
 And chirreis yame eftir yair degre
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeiff 30

[p. 296]

Quhone servit is all vyer man
 gentill and sempill of everie clan
 Raf coilgearis kynd and Iohnne ye reif
 No thing I gett nor conqueis can
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeif

35

Thocht I in courte be maid refuse
 And haue few vertewis for to ruse
 zit am I cum of adame and Eve
 And fane wald leif as vyeris dois
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeif

40

Or I suld leif in sic mischance
 giff it to god war na grevance
 To be ane pykthank I wald preif
 ffor yai in warld wantis na plesance
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeif

45

In sum pairt of my selffe I pleinze
 Quhone vyeris dois flattir and feynze
 Allace I can bot ballattis breif
 Sic barnheid leidis my brydill reynze
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeiff

50

I grant my Seruice is bot lycht
 Thairfoir of mercye and not of rycht
 I ask 3ou Sir no man to greiff
 Sum medecyne gif yat 3e mycht
 Exces of thocht dois me mischeiff

55

Nane can Remeid my maledie
 Sa weill as 3e Sir veralie
 with ane benefice 3e may preiff
 And gif I mend not haistalie
 Exces of thocht lat me mischeif

60

I wes in ȝouthē on nwreice kne
 Cald dandillie bisshop dandillie
 And quhone yat age now dois me greif
 A sempill vicar I can not be
 Exces of tho~~ch~~t dois me mischeif 65

Iok yat wes wont to keip ye stirkis
 Can now draw him ane cleik of kirkis
 wi~~th~~ ane fals cairt in to his sleif
 worthe all my ballattis vnder ye byrkis
 Exces of tho~~ch~~t dois me mischeif 70

Twa curis or thre hes vplandis michell
 Wi~~th~~ dispensationis in ane knitchell
 Tho~~ch~~t he fra nolt had new tane leif
 He playis wi~~th~~ totum and I wi~~th~~ nychell
 Exces of tho~~ch~~t dois me mischeiff 75

[p. 309]¹ How sould I leif and I not landit
 Nor ȝit withe benefice am blandit
 I Say not Sir ȝow to repreiff
 Bot doutles I go ry~~ch~~t neir hand it
 exces of tho~~ch~~t dois me mischeiff 80

As saule in to purgatorie
 Leifand in pane wi~~th~~ hoip of glorie
 So is my selffe ȝe may beleiff
 In hoip Sir of ȝour adiutorie
 Exces of tho~~ch~~t dois me mischeiff 85
 Quod dumbar

[CXXV. HENRYSON *Aganis haisty Credence*
of Titlaris; S.T.S. III., p. 142.]

ffals Tutlaris now growis vp full rank
 Not Impit in ye stok of chirrite
 At yair lordis hoiping to get thank
 No dreid yai haue of yair nyctbouris to le

¹ *This leaf is misplaced.*

Than sould ye lord awise him weill and se 5
 Quhone ony tale is brocht to his presence
 giff it be groundit vpone verite
 Or he yairto gif haistelie credence

Ane nobill lord ane tale aucht weill to weye
 Know ye tellar and on quhome it is tauld 10
 Giff it be said for luif or for Invy
 And ye tellar weill awow it wald
 Thaireftir syne ye pairtie sould be cald
 ffor yair excuse to mak lauchfull defence
 Thus sould ane lord ye ballance of Iustice hald 15
 And never to gif ye first taill sone credence

Thir taill tellaris oftymes dois grit scayth
 Resand feid mortale and vyer discrepance
 And makis lordis *wit* freyndis and *nicht*bours
 wraithe

And troublit be withoutin cryme perchance 20
 It is ye ground of stryfe and distance
 moir paralous nor ony pestilence
 Ane lord in flatterraris to haue plesance
 Or haistelie gif to learis credence

It is dishonour to ane mychtie lord 25
 ffor fals talis to putt ane trew man doun
 Gifand credence vnto ye first record
 And not to heir na excusatioun
 giff ye tutelar so in his eir do roun
 The Innocent may get no audience 30
 Ryne as it may yairin is na ressoun
 To giff to talis haistelie credence

[p. 310] O thow wyse lord quhone yat ane flatterar
 The for to pleis and hurt ye Innocent
 will tell a taill of yi familiar 35
 Thow sould ye pairteis call Incontinent

And sit doun sadlie in to Iugement
 And serche ye caus weill or thow gif sentence
 Or ells yaireftir perchance thow may repent
 That yow to talis gaif sa sone credence 40

O wickit tounge sawand dissentioun
 ffals talis to tell yat will neuer tyre
 Moir parralous nor ony fell poysoun
 The pane of hell you sall haue to yi hyre
 Rycht so sall yai *wit*h mynd yat dois desyre 45
 To gif yair eirris to heir *wit*h patience
 ffor of discord it kendlis mony fyre
 To gif to talis our haistie credence

To heir bakbyttaris traist weill it is na bourd
 ffor yai ar planlie curst in everie place 50
 Thre persounis he slayis *wit*h ane word
 him selffe ye heirar And ye man saikles
*wit*hin ane hude he hes ane doubill face
 Ane bludy tounge vndir a fair presance
 I say no moir bot god gif grit men grace 55
 That yai to sic gif no haiste credence
 Quod Mr Ro^t henrysoun

[CXXVI. DUNBAR *Quhat is this
 Lyfe*; S.T.S., p. 250.]

Quhat is yis lyfe bot ane straucht way to deid
 Quhilk hes a tyme to pas and nane to duell
 A slyding quheill ws lent to seik remeid
 A fre chois gevin to paradise or hell
 A pray to deid quhome vane is to repell 5
 A schoirt torment for infineit glaidnes
 Als schort ane Ioy for lestand hevynes
 Quod dumbar

[CXXVII. ? HENRYSON *The Abbey Walk*; S.T.S. III., p. 130.]

Allone as I went vp and down
 In to ane abbay for to se
 Thinkand quhat consolatioun
 Wes best in all aduersite
 On cace I keist a syd myne Ee 5
 And fand yis writtin on a wall
 In quhat estait man yat yow be
 obey and thank yi god of all

[p. 297]

Thy kyngdome and yi grit Impyre
 Thy royaltie nor ryche array 10
 Sall not Indure at yi desyr
 Bot as ye wind will wend away
 Thi gold and all yi gudis gay
 Quhone fortunles¹ fra ye sell fall
 Sen yir but dout yow man assay 15
 Obey and thank yi god of all

Iob wes maist Riche I wait¹ we find
 Thobie maist full of chirrite
 Iob become pure and thobe blind
 Boithe tempit wth aduersite 20
 Sen blyndnes wes infirmite
 And povertie wes naturall
 Thairfoir wth patience boithe he and he
 Obeyd yair god and thankit him of all

ffor yocht yow be wth hurt or halt 25
 Or in yi face deformit ill
 Swa it be not throw yi defalt
 No man sould ye repruif throw skill

¹ *Sic.*

Blame not yi god, sic is his will
 Spur¹ not yi fute aganis ye wall 30
 Bot *wit*h meik hairt and prayar still
 Obey and thank yi god of all

God of his iustice may correct
 And of his mercye petie haif
 he is ane Iuge to nane suspect 35
 To pwneis synfull men and saif
Thocht yow be lord attoure ye laif
 And eftirwart maid bund and thrall
 Or pure beggar *wit*h skrip and staif
 Obey, and thank yi god of all 40

The chyngeing and grit variance
 Off eirthlie statis vp and doun
 Cwmis nowdir throw fortoun nor chance
 As sum men sayis *wit*hout ressoun
 Bot be ye grit prouisioun 45
 Off god abuif *yat* gyd ye sall
 Thairfoir quhone euir 3e till him bown
 Obey, and thank yi god of all

In welthe be meik hie not yi selffe
 Be glaid in wofull¹ powertie 50
 Thy power nor yi warldlie pelffe
 Is not bot verie vanite
 Remember him *yat* on ye tre
 ffor yi saik gustit bittir gall
*quhil*k rasis ye law, and *humilis* ye hie 55
 Obey and thank yi god of all
 ffinis authore incerto

¹ *Sic.*

[CXXVIII. STEWART *To the King* ;
Bann. MS., fol. 87 b.]

[p. 298]

This hyndir nicht neir by ye hour of nyne
To bed I went as is my consuetude
I sanit me and sone I slepit syne
And as I thocht ane ladie by me stude
Plesand but peir of poirt and pulchritude 5
wth cristell corps translucent as ye glas
Off alkyn clething nakit and denude
Bair onabilzeit as scho borne was

Hir bodie bair wes bricht as beriall
And throucht ye samin as semit to my sycht 10
I mycht weill ¹ [spye] ye ressounis on ye wall
Alswell as mony lampis had bene lycht
Seand scho wes sa wondirfull a weycht
I askit of hir name for chirrite
Rycht courtaslie yan an^suerit me ye brycht 15
And said yai call me ² ladie verite

Quhilk fra yis realme to lang hes baneist bene
Nor heir mycht haue no rest nor residence
Quhairthrow my freyndis ar confoundit clene
Off my fell fo falsheid throw ye offence 20
Thy selffe is ane yat oft in my absence
hes tholit pane Becaus you tuke my pairt
Bot I sall mak ye rychtuous Recompence
Quhone fals folk sall forthink it wth yair hairt

And quhone yat I persavit in to plane 25
Dame verite in my presence appeir
I salust hir as lady Sowerane
And hir besocht in maist humill maneir
This caus obscure to mak vnto me cleir
Quhone sall ye kythe and cuntre of Scotland 30
In peace and rest and playnte persaveir
withe sic ordour as vsis vyer land

¹ *A mark of omission here.*

² *ye deleted here.*

Than said yis bird of bewtie maist bening
 Solutioun yow sall haue sufficient
 Quhone yir bairnys ar baneist frome your king 35
 ffra counsale Sessioun and frome parleament
 Off quhome ye names ar schortlie subsequent
 I sall declair dewlie withe diligence
 Or I depairt furthe of yis place present
 And yow pairto pleis gif yine audience 40

ffirst wilfull wrang mon in ane woddie waiff
 And hid hatterent be hangit be ye heid
 And young counsale yat dois zow all desaiff
 And singular proffeit stollin of ye steid
 [p. 299] Dissimulance yat dois your lawis leid 45
 flattrie and falsate yat your fame hes fylit
 And Ignorance be putt to beg his breid
 And all pair kyn out of ye court exylit

Than trasoun man be thrwnit¹ to ane tre
 And mwrthour markit for his grit mischeiff 50
 And ye foule seid yat men callis Symonye
 Man planelie be depryuit with reпреiff
 Quhill yis be done ze sall haue no releiff
 Bot shamefull slauchtir derthe and Indigence
 Tak yow yis for yi anßer in to breiff 55
 And it present I pray ye to yi prince

ffor all yis soirt with schame mon be exylit
 Or yan demanit as I haue dewysit
 And vyer persounis in pair places stylit
 The quhilk Sen flowdon feild hes bene dispysit 60
 In yis cuntrie, and in all vyeris prysit
 Quhais names I sall caus ye to knaw
 That yow may sleip and pairwith be avysit
 Syne bayth ye soirtis vnto yi Souerane schaw

¹ Sic.

ffirst iustice prudence force and temperance 65
 Wit *commoun* wele and auld experience
 Concord correctioun cwnning and constance
 Luif lawtie science and obedience
 Gud conscience, treuthe and intelligence
 Mercye mesoure faythe hoip and chirrite 70
 Thir in 3our court man mak yair residence
 Or 3e get playnte and prosperite

This beand said yis ladie luminose
 ffra my presence hir persone did despoirt
 And I awoik and suddanlie vprose 75
 Syne tuke my pen and putt all in repoir
 That I did heir, heirfoir I 3ow exhoirt
 My sowerane lord vnto yis tale attend
 And 3ow to s~~er~~ue seik haistelie yis soirt
 Sen verite yis counsale to 3ow send 80

And lat yir fals folk yat Scho hes refusit
 Be flemit for yair infelicite
 ffor 3e *wit*h yame to lang hes bene abusit
 And 3our peple putt to penurite
 Schaip sum Remeid for godis deite 85
 And lat no moir ye weydis ouir ga ye corne
 Do 3e not swa 3e sall accusit be
 Befoir yat king *quhill*k bure ye crown of thorne
Quod willame stewart to ye king

[CXXIX. BALNAVIS *Advice to Gallandis* ;
 Bann. MS., fol. 138 d.]

[p. 300]

O Gallandis all, I cry and call
 keip strenthe *quhill* yat 3e haue it
 Repent 3e sall, quhone 3e ar thrall
 ffra tyme yat dub be lavit

Withe wantoun ȝouthē, *yocht* ȝe be cowthe 5
With curage hie on loft
 Suppois grit drouthe, *cum* in ȝour mouthe
 Bewar drink not our oft

Tak bot at list, Suppois ȝe thrist
 ȝour mouthe at lasar cule 10
 in mynd solist, wele to resist
 Langer lestis ȝeir nor ȝule

Thocht ȝe ryd soft, cast not our oft
 ȝour speir in to ȝe reist
With stufe oncoft, set vpone loft 15
 Aneuch is ewin a feist

In luifis grace, Suppois ȝe trace
 Thinkand ȝour selffe abone
 ȝe may percaif, cast dewis aif
 And swa be lorchit¹ sone 20

ffra tyme ȝe stank, in to ȝe bank
 And dry poynt puttis play
 ȝe tyne ȝe thank, man hauld ane hank
 Or all be past away

ffra ȝow rin twme, as I preswme 25
 Thow hes baithe scayth and scorne
 The to conswme *with* sic ane lwme
 That bourd *mycht* be forborne

ffor in ȝat play gif I suythe say
 gud will is not allowit 30
 Quhone ȝow not may, ga hame² away
 Than art ȝow all forhowit

¹ *Sic.*² *On margin.*

Considerance, hes no lowance
 ffra yow be bair yair ben
 At yat semblance, is no plesance 35
 Quhone pithles is yi pen

Quhone yow hes done, yi det abone
 fforfochin in ye feild
 Scho will say sone, get ye ane spwne
 Adew baythe speir and scheild 40

ffra yow inlaikis, to lay on straikis
 ffra thyne my sone adew
 Than yi Rowme vaiks, ane vyer it taks
 That Solace to persew

[p. 301] Quhone brawnīs big, abone to lig 45
 gud is thy tyme to ceifß
 To tait and tig, Syne grace to thig
 That is ane petwus preis

yairfoir be war, hald ye afar
 Sic chauffer for to prys 50
 To tig *with* tar, Syne get ye war
 It is ewill merchandyce

Mak yow no vant, ouiroft to hant
 In places darne yair doun
 ffra tyme yow want, That stufe is skant 55
 To borrow in ye town

few honour wyynnīs In to yat Innys¹
 ffor schuting at ye schellis
 Out of yair schynīs, ye substance Rynīs
 Thai get no gaynzell ellīs 60

¹ *Written in two lines in MS.*

In tyme lat be, I counsale ye
 vse not yat offering stok
 Quhone yai ye se, yai bleir yi E
 And maks at ye a mok

Thocht yow Suppois, haue at yi chois 65
 I rid ye for ye nanys
 Keip stufe in pose, tyne not yi hois
 Wair not all in yi wanys

ffra tyme scho se, vndir yine E
 The brayne away doun mwnts 70
 Than gam and gle, gaynis not for ye
 yow may let be sic hwnts

ffra yow luke chaist, adew yat feist
 To hwnt in to yat schaw
 Quhone on yat beist, at yi request 75
 The kennettis will not caw

Within yat stowp, fra tyme yow sowp
 And wendis to be sweir
 And maks a stop, quhone yai sould hop
 Adew ye thirsill deir 80

Thairfoir albeid, yi hounds haue speid
 To rin ouir oft lat be
 In yi maist neid, yai will but dreid
 Sum tyme rebutit be

Ouir oft to hwnd, in vncouthe grund 85
 Thow may tak vp onlatit
 Thairfoir hald bund, or scho be fund
 In dreid yi doigis be slatit

Scho is not ill, yat sitt[i]s still
 persewit in ye sait 90
 That beist scho will, gif ye yi fill
 qu/h'll yow be evin chakmaitit ¹

[p. 302] Suppois yow Raynge, ouir all ye grange
 And seik baythe syk and swch
 Still will scho maynge, and mak it straynge 95
 and giff ye syne anewch

Thairfoir awyse suppois scho ryse
 Rycht laych vndir yi fute
 Bot yow be wyis, Scho will suppryis
 And all yi houndis rebute 100

The tyme abyde, ye feildis ar wyde
 I counsale ye gude brudir
 Ewill is ye gyd, That salis but tyd
 Syne rekleffs ² ye rudir

Hwntaris adew, gif 3e persew 105
 To hwnt at euerie beist
 3e will it Rew, yair is anew
 Thairfoir haue 3e no haist

With ³ o and I, to 3ow I say
 3e hwntaris all and sum 110
 Quhone best is play, pas hame away
 In dreid war eftir cum

Quod Johnne balnavis

¹ -it *apparently deleted*.

² = reklessis.

³ ane *deleted here*.

[CXXX. ANON. *The murning
Maiden*; P., p. 205.]

Still vndir ye levis grene
This hindir day I went alone
I hard ane May sair mwrne and meyne
To ye king of luif Scho maid hir mone
Scho sychtit sely soir 5
Said lord I luif yi loir
Mair wo dreit never woman one
O langsum lyfe and yow war gone
Than sould I mwrne no moir

As rid gold wyir schynit hir hair 10
And all in grene ye May scho glaid
Ane bent bow in hir hand scho bair
vndir hir belt war arrowis braid
I followit on yat fre
That semelie wes to se 15
Withe still mwrning hir mone scho maid
That bird vnder a bank scho baid
And lenyt hir to ane tre

Wanweird scho said quhat haue I wrocht
That on me kythit hes all yis cair 20
Trew lufe so deir I haue ye bocht
Certis so sall I do na mair
Sen yat I go begyld
with ane yat faythe hes fyld
That garris me oft syis sicht full sair 25
and walk amang ye holtis hair
within ye woddis wyld

[p. 303] The grit disae for luif I dre
Thair is no tounge can tell ye wo
I luif ye lufe yat luifis not me 30
I may not mend bot mwrning mo

Quhill god send Sum Remeid
 Throw destany or deid
 I am his freind and he my fo
 My sweit allace quhy dois he so 35
 I wrocht him neuer na feid

Withoutin feyid I wes his freind
 In word and wark grit god it wait
 Quhair he wes placit yair list I leynd
 Doand him Seruice ayr and lait 40
 he kepand eftir syne
 Till his honour and myne
 Bot now he gais ane vyer gait
 And hes no E to my estait
 quhilk dois me all yis pyne 45

It dois me pyne yat I may prufe
 That makis me yus murning mo
 My lufe he luifis ane vther lufe
 Allace sweithart quhy dois he so
 Quhy sould he me forsaik 50
 haue mercye on his maik
 Thairfoir my hart will birst in two
 And yis walking with da and ro
 My leif now heir I taik

Than wepit scho lustie in weyd 55
 And on hir wayis can Scho went
 In hy eftir yat heynd I 3eid
 And in my armes could hir hynt
 And said fair lady at yis tyd
 With leif 3e man abyd 60
 And tell me quho 3ow hidder sent
 Or quhy 3e beir 3our bow so bent
 To sla our deir of pryd

In waithman weyd Sen I 3ow find
 In yis wod walkand 3our alone 65
 3our mylk quhyt handis we sall bind
 Quhill yat ye blude burst fra ye bone
 Chargeand 3ow to prwsoun
 To ye kingis deip dwngoun
 Thay may ken be 3our fedderit flane 70
 3e haue [bene] mony beistis bane
 vpone yir bentis broun

That fre anſerit *wit*h fair afeir
 And said Sir mercy for 3our mycht
 This man I bow and arrowis beir 75
 Becaus I am ane baneist weycht
 So will I be full lang
 ffor godis luif lat me gang
 [p. 304] And heir to 3ow my treut*h* I plycht
 That I sall nowder day nor nycht 80
 No wyld beist wait *wit*h wrang

Thocht I walk in yis forrest fre
 Withe bow and eik *wit*h fedderit flane
 It is weill mair yan dayis thre
 And mett or drynk 3it saw I nane 85
 Thocht I had neuer Sic neid
 My selffe to wyn my breid
 3our deir may walk Sir yair alane
 3it wes I never na beistis bane
 I may not se yame bleid 90

Sen yat I neuer did 3ow ill
 It wer no skill 3e did me skaith
 3our deir may walk quhair euir yai will
 I wyn my meit *wit*h na sic waithe
 I do bot litill wrang 95
 Bot gif I flowris fang
 giff yat 3e trow not in my aythe
 Tak heir my bow and arrowis bayt*h*
 And lat my awin selffe gang

I Say 3our bow and arrowis bricht 100
 I bid not haue ȝame be sanct bryd
 Bot 3e man rest *witʰ* me all nycht
 All nakit sleipand be my syd

I will not do ȝat Syn
 leif 3ow ȝis warld to wyn 105
 3e ar so haill of hew and hyd
 Luif hes me fangit in to ȝis tyd
 I may not fra 3ow twyn

Than lukit Scho to me and lewch
 And said sic luf I rid 3ow layne 110
 Albeid 3e mak it never sa tewch
 To me 3our labour is in vane

Wer I out of 3our sycht
 The space of halfe a nycht
 Suppois 3e saw me never agane 115
 Luif hes 3ow streinȝeit *witʰ* litle pane
 Thairto my treuthe I *plycht*

I said my Sweit forsuythe I sall
 ffor euer luif 3ou and no mo
 Thocht vȝeris luif and leif *witʰ*all 120
 Maist certanlie I do not so

I do 3ow trew luif hecht
 Be all ȝe bewis bricht
 3e ar so fair be not my fo
 3e sall haue syn and 3e me slo 125
 Thus throw ane suddan sycht

[p. 305] That I 3ow sla ȝat god forscheild
 Quhat haue I done or said 3ow till
 I wes not wont wappynis to weild
 Bot am ane woman gif 3e will 130
 That suirlie feirʼs 3ow
 and 3e not me I trow
 ffor god *Sir* tak in none ill
 Sall neuer berne ga breif ȝe bill
 At bidding me to bow 135

In to yis wod ay walk I sall
 Ledand my lyfe as wofull weycht
 Heir I forsaik bayt^h bour and hall
 And all yir bigingis yat ar brycht
 My bed is maid full cauld 140
 Withe beistis bryme and bauld
 That garris me say bayt^h day and nycht
 Allace yat euer ye toung sould hecht
 That hart yocht not to hauld

 Thir wordis out throw my hairt so went 145
 That neir I wepit for hir wo
 And yairto wald I not consent
 And said yat it sould not be so
 In to my armes swythe
 Embrasit I yat blythe 150
 Sayand sweit hairt of harmes ho
 ffound sall I neuer yis forrest fro
 quhill ze me confort kyth

 Than knelit I befoir yat cleir
 And meiklie could hir mercye craiff 155
 That seinlie yan wit^h sobir cheir
 Me of hir gudlynes forgaif
 It wes no neid I wyß
 To bid ws vper kyß
 Thair mycht no hairtis mair Ioy resaif 160
 Nor ayer could of vper haif
 This brocht wer we to blyß
 Explicit

[CXXXI. KENNEDY *Against*
Mouth Thankles; Sch., p. 12.]

Ane ageit man twys fourtie zeiris
 Eftir ye halie dayis of zule
 I hard in till ane place of freirris
 Off ordour gray makand grit dule

Ry~~ch~~t as he wer ane furious fule 5
 Oft syß he sychtis and cryis allace
 Be chryst my cair may neuer cule
 Becaus I ßeruit mouth thankles

[p. 306] Throucht ignorance and folie 3outhē
 My preterit tyme I wald not Spair 10
 Plesance to putt in to yat mouthe
 quhill eild said fule lat be yi fair
 Now of my heid is quhyt ye hair
 ffor feding of yat fowmart face
 Quhairfoir I mwrne bayth lait and ayr 15
 That euer I ßeruit mouthe thankles

Gold and syluer and geir yat I my~~ch~~t gett
 Brochis tabletis robbis and ryngis
 ffreliē to giff I wald not lett
 To pleis yai mwlis attour all thingis 20
 Ry~~ch~~t as ye Swan for sorrow singis
 Befoir hir deid a litill Space
 Ry~~ch~~t so do I and my handis wringis
 That euer I ßeruit mouth thankles

Bettir it wer ane man to serfe 25
 with worschip and honour vndir a scheild
 Than hir to pleis yoch~~t~~ [yow] sould sterf
 That will not luke on ye in eild
 ffra tyme yow haue no hair to heild
 Thy heid fra dolour yat it hes 30
 Quhone pen and purs and all is peild
 Tak yair ane meiß off mouth thankles

And in exempill it may be sene
 The grund of treut~~h~~ quha vndirstude
 ffra in yi bag yow beir yi Ene 35
 Thow gettis na grace bot for yi gude

At venus closet for to conclude
 Call ȝe not ȝis ane cankerit caiß
 Now god help and ȝe haly rude
 To keip all men fra mouth thankles 40

O broukle ȝouth in tyme behald
 And in ȝi hairt ȝir wordis graiff
 Or ȝi complexioun gadder cauld
 Amend ȝi myß ȝi selffe to saiff
 The hewynniss blys gif ȝou wald haif 45
 And of ȝi gylt remyt be grace
 And ȝis I hard ane auld man raiff
 Eftir ȝe ȝule of mouthe thankles
Quod Mr Waltir Kennedye

[CXXXII. DUNBAR *Of Content* ; S.T.S., p. 230.]

[p. 307]

Quho thinkis ȝat he hes Sufficence
 off gudis hes no Indigence
 Thocht he haue nowder land nor rent
 grit mycht nor hie magnificence
 he hes anewch ȝat is content 5

Quho had all riches vnto ynd
 And wer not satefeit in mynd
 With powertie I hald him schent
 Off covatyce sic is ȝe kynd
 He hes anewch ȝat Is content 10

Thairfoir I pray ȝow bredir deir
 Not to delyt in daynteis seir
 Thank god of it is to ȝe Sent
 And of it glaidlie mak gud cheir
 Anewch he hes ȝat Is content 15

Defy ye warld feynzeit and fals
 Withe gall in hart, and hwnyt hals
 Quha maist it Servis sall sonast it repent
 Off quhais subchettis sour is ye sals
 he hes aneuch yat is content 20

Giff yow hes mycht be gentill and fre
 And gif yow standis in powertie
 Off yine awin will to it consent
 And riches sall Returne to ye
 He hes aneuch yat is content 25

And 3e and I my bredir all
 That in yis lyfe hes lordschip small
 Lat langour not in ws Imprent
 gif we not clym we tak no fall
 He hes aneuch yat is content 30

ffor quho in warld moist covatus is
 In warld is purast man I wis
 And moist nedy of his intent
 ffor of all gudis no thing he hes
 That of no thing can be content 35
 Quod Dumbar

[CXXXIII. ANON. *Welcum be Weird*;
 P., p. 211; Bann. MS., fol. 132 a.]

This I propone in my carping
 All myne alone, yis I propone
 Makand my mone to hewynnis king
 This I propone in my carping

Welcum be weird as ever god will 5
 Quhill I be beyrd, welcum be weird
 In to yis eird ay to fulfill
 Welcum be weird as ever god will

[p. 308] I sall wey bayth in ane Ballance
 Wynning and skayth I sall we bayth 10
 ffor god will grayth his purviance
 I sall we baythe in ane ballance

Eiſ or deiseis as god will send
 alyke sall pleis, eiſ or diseiſ
 Ay till obeyſ quhill lyf mak end 15
 Eyſ or diseiſ as god sall send

Quhat mendis it a man to mwrne
 In syte to sit, quhat mendis it
 ffor or men witt, yis warld will turne
 Quhat mendis it a man to mwrne¹ 20
 Explicit

[CXXXIV. DUNBAR *A Brash
 of Wowing*; S.T.S., p. 247.]

In Secreit place yis hyndir nycht
 I hard ane beyrne say till ane bricht
 My hwny my hart my hoip my heill
 I haue bene lang 3our luifar leill
 And can of 3ow get confort nane 5
 How lang will 3e with danger deill
 3e brek my hart my bony ane

His bony beird wes kemmit and croppit
 Bot all with cale it was bedroppit
 And he wes townysche peirt and gukit 10
 He clappit fast he kist and chukkit
 As with ye glaikis he wer ouirgane
 3it be his feirris he wald haue fukkit
 3e brek my hart my bony ane

¹ *The Bannatyne copy has two additional verses here.*

Quod he my hairt sweit as ye hwnye 15
 Sen yat I borne wes of my mynnye
 I never wowit weycht bot 3ow
 my wambe is of 3our luif sa fow
 That as ane gaist I glour and grane
 I trymble sa 3e will not trow 20
 3e brek my hart my bony ane

Tehe *quod* Scho and gaif ane gawfe
 Be still my tuchan and my calfe
 My new spanit howffing fra ye sowk
 And all ye Blythnes of my bowk 25
 My sweit Swanking saif 3ow allane
 Na leyd I luiffit all yis owk
 ffull leifis me 3owr grac[e]les gane

[p. 311] Quod he my claver and my curldodie
 my hwny Soppis my sweit possodie 30
 Be not oure bosteous to 3our billie
 Be warme hairtit and not ewill wille
 3our heylis quhyt as quhalis bane
 garris ryiß on loft my quhillelille
 3e brek my hart my bony ane 35

Quod Scho my clype my vnspaynit gyane
 wth moderis mylk 3it in 3our mychane
 My belly huddrun my swete hurle bawsy
 My hwny gukkis my slawsy gawsy
 3our mvsing waild perse ane harte of stane 40
 Tak gud confort my grit heidit slawsy
 ffull leifis me 3our graceles gane

Quod he my kid my capircul3oun
 My bony baib wth ye rwch bryl3oun
 my tendir gyrle my wallie gowdye 45
 My tyrlie myrlie my crowdie mowdie
 Quhone yat oure mouthis dois meit at ane
 My stang dois storkyn wth 3our towdie
 3e brek my hairt my bony ane

Quod scho now tak me be ye hand 50
 Welcum my golk of Marie land
 My chirrie and my maikles mun3oun
 my sowklar sweit as ony vn3oun
 My strwmill stirk 3it new to Spane
 I am applyit to 3our opvn3oun 55
 I luif rycht weill 3our graceles gane

He gaiff to hir ane apill rubye
 quod scho gramercye my sweit cowhubye
 And yai tway to ane play began
 Quhilk men dois call ye dery dan 60
 quhill yat pair myrthis met baythe in ane
 Wo is me quod Scho quhair will 3e man
 Best now I luif yat graceles gane
 Quod Dumbar

[CXXXV. STEWART *The Variance*
of Court; Bann. MS., fol. 94 a.]

Rolling In my Rememberance
 Off court ye daylie variance
 Me think he sould be comptit wyse
 That first maid yis allegance
 Bettir hap to court nor gud seruys 5

ffor Sum man to ye court pretendis
 And yat his freindis wan he it Spendis
 Hoiping in honour to vpryß
 Syne wrachitlie but gwerdoun wendis
 Bettir hap to court nor gud fseruys 10

[p. 312]

And Sum dois to ye court Repair
 Withe emptie purs and gown full bair
 And sone in riches multipleys
 That he levis thowsandis to his air
 Throw hap and throw na gud Seruys 15

Sum *ſerwis* weill and *haldis* him still
 putand all in his *maistiris* will
 Bot sic *vnſervit* ar oft *syſ*
quhone *grokaris* *gettis* *yocht* *yai* *ſerue* ill
 Bettir hap to court nor gud *ſeruys* 20

Sum *takkis* reward at *yair* *awin* *handis*
 Off king and *quen*is *propir* *landis*
 Bot fast for *yame* *ye* *galhous* *crys*
 That *ouir* lang *solitar* it *standis*
 But *yame* *yat* *dois* sic *servys* 25

Sum *gettis* *giftis* and *gwerdoun* *grete*
 That did not for gud *ſeruice* *swete*
 Sum *gettis* *buddis* Sum *benefice*
 And Sum *dois* *folye* *countirfute*
 And *wynn*is *mair* nor for gud *ſeruice* 30

Sum *gettis* at *zule* and Sum at *pasche*
 Sum *tyn*is *syſ* and Sum *wyn*is *eis*
 Sum to *ye* *dewill* *gis*is *ye* *dys*
 That he can never win na grace
 Nowyr throw hap nor gud *ſeruys* 35

Rewarde in court is delt so ewin
 Sum *gettis* *yat* *mycht* *suffice* *sevin*
 And *vper* Sum in *langour* *lyis*
 Makand ane *mwr*mour to *ye* *hewin*
 That *yai* get *nocht* for gud *ſeruys* 40

To *nycht* *ye* court Sum *gydis* *clene*
 Thairin to *morne* dar not be *sene*
 Mair nor *ye* *dewill* in *paradys*
 Nor *speik* ane word *wit*h king nor *quene*
 Thocht he maid neuer sa gud *ſeruys* 45

Christ bring oure king to perfyte age
 Withe wit fra ȝouthis feirfull rage
 To help ȝame ȝat in him effyis
 And pay ilk man ȝair condigne wage
 According to ȝair gud Seruys 50
Quod Stewarte

[CXXXVI. DUNBAR *Of Deeming*;¹
 S.T.S., p. 92.]

[p. 313] **M**wsing alone ȝis hyndir nycht
 Off merye day quhone gane wes lycht
 within ane garthe vndir a tre
 I hard ane voce say on heycht
 may na man now vndemit be 5

ffor ȝocht I wer ane crownit king
 ȝit Sould I not eschew demyng
 Sum callis me gud Sum sayis ȝai le
 Sum prayis to god to end my Regnne
 Thus can I not vndemit be 10

Be I ane lord and not lord lyke
 Than euerie pelour and purspyke
 Sayis land wer bettir warit on me
 Thocht he dow not to leid ane tyke
 ȝit can he not lat demyng be 15

Be I ane ladie fresche and fair
 withe plesand men makand repair
 Than will ȝai sweir bayth Scho and he
 That I am Iapit lait and air
 So sall I not vndemit be 20

¹ Here attributed to Stewart; no name is attached to the earlier copy on p. 168 of MS.

Be I ane courteour or a knycht
 Honestlie cled eftir my mycht
 Ane prydfull man yan call yai me
 Bot god send yame ane wyddie wycht
 That can not lat sic demyng be 25

And be I litill of stature
 Than call yai me a catyve creature
 And be I off grit quantite
 Thai call me monstruous of nature
 So can I not vndemit be 30

And be I ornat in my Speiche
 Than towsie sayis I am *our* streche
 I mwte not lyk to yair meynze
 Suppois hir mwlls mistiris ane leiche
 3it can Scho not lat demyng be 35

Bot wist yir folkis yat vyeris deymis
 How yat *yair* sawis till vyeris seymis
 Thair vitious wordis and vanite
 Thair tratling towngis yat all furthe teymis
 wald Sum tyme lat yair deming be 40

War not ye mater wald grow ye mair
 To wirk vengeance on a demar
 But dout yair wald *rycht* mony de
 And mony cative end in cair
 Or yan yai wald lat demyng be 45

Iames ye feird of Scotland king
 Quhone he wes bot of *3eir's* 3ing
 This subsequent said subtelie
 Do weill and sett not by demyng
 ffor na man sall vndemit be 50

And sa sall I *with* goddis grace
 Keip his *command* in to yat cace
 Beseikand ever ye Trinite
 In hewin yat I may haue a place
 ffor yair sall no man demit be 55
 Quod Stewarte

[CXXXVII. DUNBAR *Tydingis fra
 the Sessioun* ; S.T.S., p. 78.]

Ane murelandis man of vplandis mak
 At hame yus to his *nichtbour* Spak
 Quhat tythingis gossope peace or weir
 The vyer roundit in his Eir
 I tell 3ow yis vndir confessioun 5
 Bot laitlie lychtit of my meir
 I come of ed^r fra ye Sessioun

Quhat tythingis herd 3e yair I pray 3ow
 The tuther ansuerit I sall say 3ow
 Keip yis in Secreit gentill brudir 10
 Is no man yair trowis ane vdir
 A *commoun* doar of transgressioun
 Off Innocent folk's prevenis a fuidir
 Sic tythandis hard I at ye Sessioun

Sum withe his fallow rownys him to pleis 15
 That wald for anger byt of his neif
 his fa Sum be ye oxtar ledis
 Sum pattiris *with* his mouthe on beidis
 That hes his mynd all on oppressioun
 Sum bekis full laich and Schawis bair heid's 20
 Wald luke full heich war not ye Sessioun

Sum bydand law layis land in wed
 Sum Superspendit gois to his bed

Sum spedis for he in court hes meynis
 Off parcialite Sum complenis 25
 How feid and favour fleymis discretioun
 Sum speikis full fair and falslie feynis
 Sic tythandis herd I at ye Sessioun

Sum castis Swmmondiz and Sum exceppis
 Sum standis besyd and skayld law keppis 30
 Sum is *continewit* sum *wynn*is Sum tynis
 Sum makis yame myrre at ye wynis
 And Sum putt out of his possessioun
 Sum hyrreit and on credence dynis
 Sic tythingis hard I at ye Sessioun 35

[p. 315] Sum sweiris and Sum forsaikis god
 Sum in ane lamb skyn is a tod
 Sum on his toung his kyndnes tursis
 Sum kervis throittis and Sum cuttis pursis
 To gallows Sum gais *wit*h processioun 40
 Sum sanis ye sait and Sum yame cursis
 Sic tythingis herd I at ye Sessioun

Religious men of dyuers places
 Cwmis yair to wow and se fair faces
 Bayth carmeletis and coirdeleiris 45
 Cwmis yair to gener and get freirris
 As is ye vse of yair professioun
 The 3oungar at ye elder leiris
 Sic tythingis herd I at ye Sessioun

Thair cwmis 3oung monkis of het complexioun 50
 Off devoit mynd lufe and affectioun
 And in ye courte yair proud flesche dantis
 ffull fadirlyk with pechis and pantis
 Thai ar So humill of intercessioun
 All *mercyfull* women yair errand grantis 55
 Sic tythingis hard I at ye Sessioun

Quod dumbar

[CXXXVIII. DUNBAR *Of the Changes
of Lyfe*¹; S.T.S., p. 232.]

I Seik aboute þis warld onstable
To find a sentence conveniable
Bot I can not in all my witt
Sa trew a Sentence find of it
As say it is dissavable 5

ffor 3istirday I did declair
How yat ye sasoun soft and fair
Come in als fresche as pacok feddir
This day it stangis lyke ane eddir
Concluding all in my contrair 10

3istirday fair Sprang ye flowris
This day yai ar all slane wth schouris
And foulis in forrest yat sang cleir
Now walkis wth ane drerie cheir
ffull caild ar bayth yair beddis and bowris 15

So nixt to Symmer wyntir bene
Nixt eftir confort cairis kene
nixt eftir mydnycht ye myrthfull morrow
Nixt eftir Joy ay cwmis sorrow
So is þis warld and ay hes bene 20
Quod dumbar

[CXXXIX. DUNBAR *Quhen mony
Benefices vakit*²; S.T.S., p. 205.]

[p. 316] **S**chir at þis feist [of] Benefice
Think yat small partis makis grit Seruice
And equale distributioun
Makis yame content yat hes ressoun
and quha hes nane ar plesit na wyisß 5

¹ Another copy on p. 5 of MS.

² Another copy on p. 7 of MS.

Schir quhiddir is it mereit mair
 To gif him drink yat thristis sair
 Or fill a fow man quhill he birst
 And lat his fallow de a thrist
 Quhilk wyne to drynk als worthie war 10

It is no glaid collatioun
 Quhair ane makis myrrie ane vyer lukis doun
 Ane thristis ane vyer playis cop out
 Lat anis ye cop ga Round about
 And wyn ye covanis banesoun 15
 Quod Dumbar quhone mony Benefices vakit

[CXL. DUNBAR *Aganis the Solistaris
 in Court*¹; S.T.S., p. 206.]

Be dyuers wayis and operatiounis
 Men makis in court pair Solistationis
 Sum be sseruice and diligence
 Sum be continewale Residence
 On substance Sum men dois abyde 5
 Quhill fortoun do for him prowye
 Sum singis sum dancis Sum tellis storeis
 Swm lait at evin bringis in ye moreis
 Sum flyrdis Sum feynzeis and Sum flattiris
 Swm playis ye fule and all out clattiris 10
 S[u]m man mwsand with ye wa
 Luikis as he mycht do with a
 Sum standis in to a nuke and rownis
 ffor covatice ane vyer neir swownis
 Sum beiris as yai wald ga wod 15
 ffor het desyir off warldis gude
 Sum at ye mes levis all devotioun
 And besey laboris for promotioun

¹ Another copy of p. 8 of MS.

Sum hes yair aduocattis in chamer
 And takis yame selffe yairof na glamer 20
 My Sympilnes amang ye laif
 Wait of na way Sa god me saiff
 Bot *wit*h ane humill cheir and face
 Referris me to ye kingis grace
 me think his gracious countenance 25
 In Riches is my sufficence
Quod dumbar aganis ye Solistar's in court

[CXLI. DUNBAR *Amendis to the Tailzouris
and Sowtaris*; S.T.S., p. 127.]

[p. 317]

Betwix tuelfe houris and ellevin
 I dremit ane angell come frome hewin
*wit*h plesand stevin Sayand on hie
 Tailzouris and Sowtaris blist be 3e 4

The caus to 3ow is not onkend
 That god mismakis 3e do amend 10
 Be craift and grit agilite
 Tailzouris and Sowtaris blist be 3e

Sowtaris *wit*h weill maid schwne and mete
 3e mend the faltis of ewill maid fete
 Quhairfoir to hewin 3our saulis will fle 15
 Tailzouris and sowtaris blist be 3e

Is not in all ye land ane flyrok
 That hes vpone hir fute ane wyrok
 Knwle tais or mowlis in na degre
 Bot 3e can hyd yame blist be 3e 20

And 3e tailzouris *wit*h wele maid clais
 Can mend ye worst maid man yat gais
 And mak him semelie for to se
 Tailzouris & Sowtaris blist be 3e

Thocht god mak a misfasonit Swayne 25
 3e can him all schaip new agane
 With bettir fassoun be sic thre
 Tail3ouris & Sowtaris blist be 3e

Thocht a man haue a brokin bak
 Haue he a gud tail3our quhat rak 30
 That can it cover *with* crafte sle
 Tail3ouris and sowtaris blist be 3e

Off god grit kyndnes may 3e clayme
 That helps his peple fra cruke and layme
 Supportand faltis with 3our Supple 35
 Tail3ouris and Soutaris blist be 3e

In eird 3e kythe Sic myracles heir
 In hewin 3e salbe sanctis full cleir
 Thocht 3e be knaifis in 3is cwntre
 Tail3ouris and Sowtaris blist be 3e 40
 Quod Dumbar quhone he drank to 3e
 Dekymnis ffor amendis to 3e bodeis of
 3air craftis

[CXLII. DUNBAR *Lerning vain without
 Guid Lyfe*¹; S.T.S., p. 224.]

TO Speik of science craft or Sapience
 Off vertew morall cwnnyng or doctrene
 Off Iure of wisdom or Intelligence
 Off euerie study lair or disciplene
 [p. 318] All is bot tynt or Reddie for to tyne 5
 Not vsing it as it sould vsit be
 The craist² exerceing considdering not 3e fyne
 A paralous seiknes is vane prosperite

¹ *Another copy on pp. 9-10 of MS.*

² *Sic, for craift = craft.*

The curious probatioun logicall
 The eloquence of ornat rethorie¹ 10
 The naturall science philosophicall
 The dirk apperance of astronomie
 The theologis sermoun, ye fablis of poetrie
 Without gud lyfe all in ye selfe dois de
 As Maii flouris dois in September dry 15
 A paralous lyfe is vane prosperite

Quhairfoir 3e clarkis and grittest of constance
 ffullest of science and of knowlegeing
 To ws be myrrouris in 3our governance 20
 And in our Darknes be lamps in schyning
 Or ȝan in frustar is 3our lang leirning
 Giff to 3our sawis 3our deidis contrair be
 3our maist accusar salbe 3our awin cwnning
 A paralus seiknes is vane prosperite
 Quod Dumbar at oxinfurde

[CXLIII. DUNBAR *Meditatioun*
in *Wyntir*²; S.T.S., p. 233.]

In to ȝir dirk and drublie dayis
 Quhone sabill all ye hewin arrayis
 With mystie vapouris cluddis and skyis
 nature all curage me denyis
 Off Sangs ballattis and of playis 5

Quhone ȝat ye nycht dois lent~~h~~in houris
 With wind with haill and havy schouris
 my dule spreit dois lurk for schoir
 My hairt for langour dois forloir
 ffor laik of Symmer with his flouris 10

¹ Originally oratrie.

² Another copy of lines 23-50 on p. 3 of MS.

I walk I turne sleip may I nocht
 I vexit am *wit^h* havie thocht
 This warld all our I cast about
 And ay ye mair I am in dout
 The mair yat I remeid haue socht 15

I am assayit on euerie syde
 Despair sayis ay in tyme prowye
 And get Sum thing quhairon to leif
 Or *wit^h* grit trouble and mischeif
 Thow sall in to yis court abyd 20

Than patience sayis be not agast
 hald hoip and treuthe *wit^h*in ye fast
 And lat fortoun wirk furthe hir rage
 Quhone yat no rasoun may assuage
quhill yat hir glas be run and past 25

[p. 319] And prudence In my eir sayis ay
 Quhy wald yow hald yat will away
 Or craif yat yow may haue no space
 Thow tending to ane vyer place
 A Iournay going everie day 30

And yan sayis age my freind cum neir
 And be not strange I ye requeir
 Cum brodir by ye hand me tak
 Remember yow hes compt to mak
 Off all yi tyme yow Spendit heir 35

Syne deid castis vpe his 3ettis wyd
 Saying yir oppin sall ye abyd
 Albeid yat yow wer neuer sa stout
 Vndir yis lyntall sall yow lowt
 Thair is nane vyer way besyde 40

ffor feir of yis all day I drowp
 no gold in kist nor wyne in cowp
 No ladeis bewtie nor luiffis blys
 May lat me to Remember yis
 How glaid yat euer I dyne or sowp 45

3it quhone ye nycht begynnys to Schort
 It dois my Spreit sum pairt confort
 Off thocht oppressit wth ye schowris
 Cum lustie Symmer wth yi flowris
 That I may leif in sum Disport 50
 Quod dumbar

[CXLIV. DUNBAR *All erdly Joy returnis*
in Fane ; S.T.S., p. 76.]

Off lentren In ye first moirnyng
 Airlie as did ye day vpspring
 This sang a bird wth voce out plane
 All eirdlie Ioy Returnis in pane

O man haue mynd yat yow man pas 5
 Remember yat yow art bot aß
 And sall in aß revert agane
 All warldlie ioy returnis in pane

Haue mynd yat eild ay followis 3outhie
 Deathe followis lyfe wth gaping mouthe 10
 Devoring frute and flowrit grayne
 All warldlie ioy returnis in pane

Welthe warldlie gloir and riche array
 Ar all bot thoirnis in yi way
 Coverit wth flouris laid for a trane 15
 All warldlie ioy returnis in pane

Come never maii so fresche and grene
 Bot Ianuare come als wod and kene
 Wes neuer sic drouthe bot anis come rayne
 All warldlie Ioy Returnis in pane 20

[p. 320]

Evir mair to yis warldlie Ioy
 As narrest [air] Succedis noy
 Thairfoir quhone ioy may not Remane
 His verie air succedis pane

Heir hilthe returnis in seiknes 25
 And myrthe returnis in havynes
 Towe in desert forrest in plane
 All warldlie ioy returnis in pane

ffredome Returnis in wrechitnes
 And treuthe returnis in doubilnes 30
 With feynzeand wordis and makis men fane
 All warldlie Ioy returnis in pane

Vertew Returnis in to vice
 And honour in to averice
 with covatice is conscience slane 35
 All eirdlie ioy returnis in pane

Sen eirdlie Ioy abydis never
 work for ye Ioy ye¹ lestis euer
 ffor vyer ioy is all bot vane
 all warldlie Ioy returnis in pane 40
Quod Dumbar

[CXLV. DUNBAR *To a
 Ladye*; S.T.S., p. 223.]

Sweit roiff of vertew and of gentilnes
 Delytsum lyllie of everie lustynes
 Richest in bontie and in bewtie cleir
 And euerie vertew yat is deir
 Except onlie yat ze ar mercyles 5

¹ *Sic.*

In to 3our garthe yis day I did persew
 Thair saw I flowris yat fresche wer of hew
 Baithe quhyte and rid moist lusty wer to seyne
 And halsum herbis vpone stalkis grene
 3it leif nor flour fynd could I nane of rew 10

I dout yat merche *with* his caild blastis keyne
 hes slane yis gentill herbe yat I of mene
 Quhois petewous deithe dois to my hart sic pane
 That I wald mak to plant his rute agane
 So confortand his levis vnto me bene 15
Quod Dumbar

[CXLVI. SHAW *The Voyage
 of Court*; P., p. 133.]

Suppois ye courte 3ow cheir and tretis
 And fortoun on 3ow schynis and betis
 I rid 3ow yan war lufe war le
 Suppois 3e sale betuix twa scheittis
 vyeris hes salit als weill as 3e 5

[p. 321] Giff chynge ye wynd on force 3e mon
 Bolyn huke haik and schete hale on
 Thairfoir bewar *with* ane scharpe blawar
 giff 3e be wyß avyse heiron
 And Set 3our sale a litle lawar 10

ffor gif 3e hauld 3our sale our strek
 Thair may cum bubbis 3e not suscep
 Thair may cum contrairis 3e not knaw
 Thair may cum stormes and caus a lek
 That 3e man cap be wynd and waw 15

And *yocht* ye air be fair and stormles
 3it yair hauld not 3our sale our pres
 ffor of hie landis yair may cum flaggis
 At sanct tabbis heid and buchan neß
 And ryve 3our foirsail all in raggis 20

Be [3e] yan vexit and at vndir
 3our freindis will fre¹ and on 3ow wondir
 Thairfoir bewar *with* our hie landis
 Sic flagis may fall Suppois a hundir
 war 3ow to help yai haue no handis 25

Dreid yis danger gud freind and brudir
 And tak exemple befoir of vyer
 knaw courtis and wynd hes oft syfs vareit
 keip weill to 3our cours and rewle 3our rudir
 And think *with* kingis 3e ar not mareit 30
Quod quyntene schaw

[CXLVII. DUNBAR *To the king*²; S.T.S., p. 208.]

Off Benefice Sir at everie feist
 Quha monyast hes makis maist requiest
 Get yai not all yai think 3e wrang yame
 Ay is ye our word of ye geist
 Giff yame ye pelffe to pairt amang yame 5

Sum swelleis swan Sum swelleis duke
 And I stand fastand in a nwke
 Quhill ye effect of all yai fang yame
 Bot lord how petewouslie I luke
 Quhone all ye pelfe yai pairt amang yame 10

Off Sic hie feistis of Sanctis in glorie
 Baithe of *commoun* and propir storie
 Quhair lairdis war patronis oft I sang yame
 Charitas pro dei amore
 And 3it I gat na thing amang yame 15

This blynd warld euer so payis his dett
 Riche befoir pure Spendis³ ay yair mett³
 To fische all watiris dois belang yame
 quha na thing hes can na thing gett
 Bot ay as syphir set amang yame 20

¹ *Sic.*

² *Another copy on pp. 8-9 of MS.*

³ *Sic.*

[p. 322] Swa yai ye kirk haue in yair cure
 Thai fors bot litill how it fure
 Nor of ye buikis or bell's quha rang yame
 Thai panß not of ye prochin pure
 hed yai ye pelfe to pairt amang yame 25

So variant is yis warld's rent
 That nane yairof can be content
 Off deathe quhill yat ye dragoun stang yame
 Quha maist hes yan sall maist repent
 With largest compt to pairt amang yame 30
 Quod Dumbar

[CXLVIII. DUNBAR *To a
 Ladye*; S.T.S., p. 245.]

My hartis tresure and swete assured fo
 The finale endar of my lyfe for ever
 The creuell brekar of my hart in tuo
 To go to deathe yis I deservit never
 O man slayar quhill saule and life dissever 5
 Stynt of 3our slauchtir allace 3our man am I
 A thowsand tymes yat dois 3ow mercy cry

Haue mercie luif haue mercie ladie bricht
 Quhat haue I wrocht aganis 3our womanheid
 That 3e mwrdir me a sakles wicht 10
 Trespassing neuer to 3ow in word nor deid
 That 3e consent yairto o god forbid
 Leif creuelte and saif 3our man for schame
 Or throucht ye warld quyte losit is 3our name

My deathe chasis my lyfe so besalie 15
 That wery is my goist to fle so fast
 Sic deidlie dwawmes so mischeifaislie
 Ane hundrithe tymes hes my hairt ouirpast
 Me think my Spreit Rynnys away full gast

Beseikand grace on kneis zow befoir 20
Or yat your man be lost for evermoir

Behald my wod intollerabill pane
ffor evermoir *quhilk* salbe my dampnage
quhy vndir traist 3our man yus haue 3e slane
Lo deithe is in my breist *with* furious rage 25
quhilk may no balme nor tryacle asswage
Bot 3our mercie for laik of *quhilk* I de
Allace quhair is 3our womanlie petie

Behald my deidlie passioun dolorous
Behald my hiddows hew and wo allace 30
Behald my mayne and mwrning merualous
Withe sorrowfull teris falling frome my face
Rewthe luif is nocht helpe 3e not in yis cace
ffor how sould ony gentill hart indure
To se yis sycht on ony creature 35

[p. 323] Quhyte dow quhair is 3our sobir humilnes
Swete gentill turtour quhair is 3our pete went
Quhair is 3our Rewthe ye frute of nobilnes
Off womanheid ye tresour and ye rent
Mercie is neuer put out of meik Intent 40
nor out of gentill hart is fundin petie
Sen mercyles may no weycht nobill be

In to my mynd I sall 3ou mercye cry
 Quhone yat my toving sall faill me to speik
 And quhill yat nature me my sycht deny 45
 And quhill my Ene for pane incluse and steik
 And quhill ye dethe my hart in sowndir breik
 And quhill my mynd may think and towng may steir
 And syne fair weill my hartis ladie deir
 Quod Dumbar quhone he list to feyne

[CXLIX. DUNBAR *How sould I
gouverne me?* S.T.S., p. 95.]

How sould I rewill me or in quhat wyß
 I wald Sum wyse man wald dewyß
 Sen I can leif in no degre
 Bot sum my maneris will dispys
 Lord god how sould I governe me 5

Giff I be lustye galland ane¹ blythe
 Than will yai say on me full swythe
 3on man out of his mynd is he
 Or sum hes done him confort kythe
 Lord god how sould I gowerne me 10

Giff I be sorrowfull and sad
 Than will yai say yat I am mad
 I do bot drowpe as I wald de
 So will yai deyme bayth^h man and laid¹
 Lord god how sall I governe me 15

Be I liberall gentill and kynd
 Thocht I it tak of nobill strynd
 3it will yai say baythe he and he
 3on man is lyke out of his mynd
 Lord god how sall I gowerne me 20

Giff I be lustie in myne array
 Than lufe I paramoris say yai
 Or in my mynd is proud and he
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 Lord god how sall I governe me 25

¹ *Sic.*

² *Line 24 (Or ellis I haif it sum wrang way) omitted; no space in MS.*

And gif Sum tyme rewarde gif¹ I 36

• Than haue yai malice and Invy
And Secreitlie on me yai lie
And dois me sklandir privaly
lord god how sould I gowerne me 40

And gif I be not wele besene 26

Than twa and twa sayis yame betwene
Euill gydit is 3on man par de
Be his clething it may be sene
lord god how sould I gowerne me 30

[p. 324]

Gif I be sene in court *our* lang
Than will yai quhispir yame amang
My freind's ar not worthe ane fle
That I sa lang but gwerdon gang
Lord god how sould I gowerne me 35

How sould my gyding be devysit 41

giff I spend litle I am dispysit
Be I courtas nobill and fre
A prodigall man yan am I prysit
Lord god how sould I governe me 45

Sen all is Iugit bayth gud and Ill
And no mannis toving I may had still
To do ye best my mynd salbe
Lat euerie man say quhat he will
The gracious god mot governe me 50

Quod Dumbar

¹ *Sic.*

[CL. DUNBAR *Of Ladyis in the Court*; S.T.S., p. 168.]

Thir ladeis fair, That maks repair
 And in ye courte ar kend
 Thre dayis yair, Thai will do mair
 Ane mater for to end
 Than yair gudmen, will do in ten 5
 ffor ony craift yai can
 ffor weill yai ken, Quhat tyme and quhen
 Thair meynis yai sould mak yan

 Withe litill noy, yai can convoy
 A mater finalie 10
 3it myld and moy, Thai keip it coy
 On ewynnys quyetlie
 Thai do no mys, Bot gif yai kyß
 And kepis collatioun
 Quhat rak of yis, The mater is 15
 Brocht to conclusioun

 3e may wit weill, yai haue grit feill
 A mater to solist
 Traist as ye steill, Syne never a deill
 Quhone yai cum hame is myst 20
 Thir laird's ar, me think *rycht* far
 Sic ladeis behaldin to
 That sa weill dar, Go to ye bar
 quhone yair is ocht ado

 Thairfoir I rid, gif 3e haue pleid 25
 Or mater in to pley
 To mak remeid, send in 3our steid
 3our ladeis grathit vp gay
 Thai can defend, ewin to ye end
 Ane mater furthe expres 30
 Suppois yai spend, it is onkend
 Thair geir is not ye les

[p. 325] In quyet place, And yai haue Space
 w^{it}hin les nor twa houris
 Thai can percace, purches sic grace 35
 At ye compositouris
 Thair compositioun, w^{it}hout suspitioun
 yair finalie is endit
 w^{it}h expeditioun, and full Remissioun
 And selis yairto appendit 40

All haill almoist, Thai mak ye coist
 w^{it}h sobir Recompence
 Rycht litle loist, yai get indoist
 all haill yair evudens¹
 Sic ladyis wyis, ar all to pryis 45
 To say ye verite
 Sic can devyis, and none Supprys
 Thame throw yair honeste
 Quod Dumbar

[CLI. ? DUNBAR *Against evil
 Women*; S.T.S., p. 266.]

The Beistlie lust ye furious appetyte
 The haistie wo ye verie grit defame
 The blynd discretioun and ye foule delyte
 Off womankynd yat dreidis for no schame
 Setand at not¹ god nor manis blame 5
 Thair lustis hes yame nvreist so but dreid
 That all yair traist is in yair god cupeid

So quhone ye biche is Iolie and on rage
 Scho chesis not ye grewhund in ye hour
 The fowlest tyk quhill Scho hir lust asswage 10
 Rycht so ye meir forsaikis ye cursour
 And takkis a crwkit aver and a dour
 Evin so women waris yair virginite
 On yame yat maist ar haldin onworthie

¹ *Sic.*

The lustiast ladie yat nature can devyne 15
 Thocht scho haue mony semelie *ſeruitour*
 3it se 3e hir full suddanlie *inclyne*
 To tak a cripill or a creatour
 Deformit as ane owle be dame natour
 Sic is yair weird yairfoir quha sould yame wyt 20
 To *ſerue* yair beistlie lust and appetyt

And sen yir clarkis hes writtin in yair stylis
 To 3oungar folk and yair Successioun
 ffor to eschew ye malice and ye wylis
 Off wickit women and yair oppressioun 25
 Thir folkis wyse of gud discretioun
 Hes techit ws quhat skaythis and offence
 That women dois *witʰ* colorit eloquence

[p. 326] And wer it possibill yat in ony corce
 wer Salamonis wit and hie sapience 30
 Arrestotls¹ clergie Sampsonis strentʰ and force
 Hectoris manheid and mychty excellence
 3it women sould *witʰ* yair sle eloquence
 Thair vertewis all mak of na avalis
 Be subtill wrynkis and yair desaitfull talis 35

Dissimulat so dangerous and dane
 So feynzeit and so fals *witʰ* litill feir
 And quhair yai go yai beir ye slekit stane
 Go follow yame quha will inconstance leir
 Secreit Invy and of dispyt ye speir 40
With women haill gois quyt now for euir
Quhilk sould caus men frome subtill huris dissivir
 Explicit

¹ *Sic.*

[CLII. DUNBAR *A Prayer*;
S.T.S., p. 267.]

Saluiour Suppois my sensualite
 Subiect to syn hes maid my saule of syß
 Sum spark of lycht and Spiritualite
 Walkynnys my witt and ressoun biddis me rys
 My corrupt conscience askis clips and crys 5
 ffirst grace syne space for to amend my myß
 Substance *with* honour doing none suppryis
 ffreyndis prosperite heir peax syne hewynys blys
Quod dumbar

[CLIII. ANON. *Now*,
Man, behald, etc.]

Now man behald yis warldis vaniteis
 The Ioy I wait of it is fantasye
 Thairfoir bewar my counsall Is
 Be glaid in god for doutles yow man de

Think yow art cwmin and wait not quhone to pas 5
 Think yow man chaynge and wait not quhair to be
 Think quhy yow come and quhat yi eirand was
 Be wele advysit for doutles yow man de

Avyse ye wele *quhill* yow hes tyme and space
 Exempill tak daylie as yow may se 10
 Quhone deid *cumis* yair is nane vper grace
 Bot 3eild ye yan for doutles yow man de

3eild ye to god *with* humill harte contreit
 In chirrite lufe as yow wald luifit be
 giff yow will leif yis warld you man dispyte 15
 Remember yis yat doutles yow man de

Be kynd for hewin celestially
 quhair ioy and gloir without end salbe
 Be k(y)n(d) and dreid ye creuell pane of hell
 Che(is) ye yat ane for doutles you man de 20

[CLIV. HENRYSON *The thre deid*
Powis ; S.T.S. III., p. 156.]

- [p. 327] O Synfull man in to yis mortall sey
 Quhilk is ye well and ¹ of murning and of cair
 With gaistlie sycht behauld our heidis thre
 Oure holkit ene with pelit powis bair
 As ze ar now in to yis warld we war 5
 Als fresche als fair als lustie to behauld
 Quhone yow luikis on yis suythe exemplair
 Off yi selffe man yow may be rycht vnbauld

 Off treuthe it is yat everie man mortale
 Man thole ye dethe and de yat lyfe hes tane 10
 Nane erthlie stait aganis dethe may prevaill
 The hour of dethe and place is vncertane
 quhilk is referrit to ye hie god alane
 Heirfoir haue mynd on dethe yat yow man de
 This sair exemple to se quotidiane 15
 Sould caus all men fra wickit vices fle

 O wantoun zouthie and fresche as lustie Maai
 fairest of flowris renewit quhyt or reid
 Behald our heidis o lustie gallandis gay
 full laithly yus sall ly yi lusty heid 20
 Holkit and how and wallowit as ye weid
 Thy crampan hair and eke yi lustie ene
 ffull cairfullie conclud sall dulefull deid
 Exemple heir be ws It may sene

 O ladeis quhyte in claythis coroscant 25
 Poleist with perle and mony pretious stane
 With papis quhyt and hals so elegant ¹
 Circulit with gold and sapheris mony ane
 3our fyngaris small quhyt as quhalis bane
 Arrayit withe ringis and mony rubeis reid 30
 As we ly yus so sall ze ly ilkane
 With pelit powis and holkit yus 3our heid

¹ *Sic.*

O wilfull pryd ye rute of all distres
 Withe humill hart vpone oure powis pens
 Man for yi miß ask mercye *witʰ* meiknes 35
 Aganis dethe may no man mak defence
 The empreour for all his excellence
 King and quene and eik all vyer stait
 Pure and ryche salbe¹ but difference
 Be turnd in aß and yus in erthe translait 40

The questioun quha can absolue lat se
 Quhat physnymour or perfyte palmystar
 Quha wes fairrest or fowlest of ws thre
 Or *quhilk* of ws be kyn wes gentillar
 Or maist expert in science or in lair 45
 In art mwsik or astronomye
 Heir still sould be 3our studie and repair
 And think *rycht* sure as yus all heidis man ly

[p. 328] O febill aige ay drawand neir yi dait
 O dulye dethe yat hes yi dayis compleit 50
 Behald oure heidis for *murning* and regrait
 ffall on yi kneis ask grace at god and greit
Witʰ orisionis¹ and holie psalmis sweit
 Beseikand him on ye to haue *mercye*
 And of oure saulis bydand ye Decreit 55
 Off his godheid to rew and glorife

Als we exhort yat everie man mortale
 ffor his saik yat maid of nocht all thing
 ffor *mercy* Cry and pray in generall
 To Iesus chryst of hevyn and erd ye king 60
 Throw 3our prayar that we and 3e may Regnne
 withe ye hie fadir be ye eternite
 The sone alswa ye holy gaist condigne
 Thre knit in ane be perfyte vnite
Quod M^r Robert Henrysoun

¹ *Sic.*

[CLV. STEWART *Advice to the King*; Bann. MS., fol. 88 b.]

Precellent prince haueand prerogative
 As royall roy in yis Regioun to regnne
 I the beseik aganis yi lust to stryve
 And luif yi god aboue all eirdlie thing
 And him Imploir now in yi 3eiris 3ing 5
 To grant ye grace yi peple to defend
 Quhilk he hes gevin ye now in governing
 In peax and honour to yi lyvis end

And sen you standis in till so tendir age
 That nature to ye wisdom 3it denyis 10
 Thairfore submit ye to yi counsale sage
 And in all things wirk as yai ye dewys
 But ouer all thing keip ye frome covatyce
 To princlie honour gif yow will pretend
 Be Liberall yān sall yi fame vpryfs 15
 And wyn ye honour to yi Lyves end

It yat yow gevis delyuer quhone yow hechtis
 And suffir not yi hand yi hecht delay
 ffor quhone yi hecht and yi delyuerance fechtis
 Bettir had bene yi hecht had bene away 20
 He aw me not yat Schortlie sayis me nay
 Bot he yat hechtis and causis me attend
 Syne gevis me *nocht* I may him repute ay
 Ane vntrew dettour to my lyves end

Bettir is gutt in feit nor cramp in hands 25
 The falt of feitt *wit* hors yow may Suppoirt
 Bot quhone yi handis ar bundin in to bandis
 Na schyrgane may cure yame or confoirt
 [p. 329] Bot yow yame oppin patent as a poirt
 And frelie giff Sic gude as god ye sendis 30
 Than may yai mend *wit*in a seasoun schort
 And wyn ye honour to yi lives end

Giff euery man eftir his facultie
 And *wit*h descretioun yow dispone yi geir
 Giff not to fulis and cwnning men *ourse* 35
 Thocht fulis round and flattir in yine Eir
 To yame giff not yat dois ye sawis sweir
 Giff to yame yat ar trew and constant kend
 Thay over all quhair yan sall yi fame furthe beir
 And wyn ye honour to yi lyves end 40

Sen yow art heid yi lieges memberis all
 gevin be god to ye in governance
 Luk yat yow reule ye rute originale
 That in yi falt no member get grevance
 ffor quha him selfe can not gyde nor avance 45
 Quhy sould ane province do on him depend
 To gyde him selfe yat hes no purveance
*Wit*h peax and honour to his lyves end

Dreid god be counsale of yi liegis all
 Rewarde gud deid pwneis all wrang and vice 50
 Se yat [yi] saw be sicker as yi sele
 fflame fraude and be defendar of Iustice
 Honour all tyme yi nobill genetrice
 Obey ye kirk giff yow dois miß amend
 So sall yow wyn ane place in paradyce 55
 And mak in erthe ane honorabill end
Quod stewarte to ye king

[CLVI. CHAUCER, *For Lack of Stedfastnes* ;
 P., p. 271 ; Bann. MS., fol. 67 a.]

Sum tyme ye warld so stedfast wes and stable
 That manis word wes obligatioun
 And now it is so fals and dissavabill
 That word and deidis in conclusioun
 Ar nothing lyke bot turnd vp syd down 5

Is all yis warld for neid and wilfulnes
That all is lost for lake of stedfastnes

Treuthe is putt doun rasoun is haldin fabill
Vertew hes now na dominatioun
Petie exylit and na man meritabill 10
Throw covatice blind is discretioun
The world is maid a permutatioun
ffra rycht to wrang fra rasoun to wilfulnes
That all is lost for lake of stedfastnes

Quhat makis yis warld to be so variabill 15
Bot lust yat folk hes of indiscretioun
Amang ws now a man is haldin vnabill
Except he can be sum collusioun
Doing his *nichtbour* wrang or oppressioun
Quhat makis this bot wofull wretchitnes 20
That all is loist for laik of stedfastnes

[p. 330] ffalsatt yat sould be abhominabill
That now is Regnand but reformatioun
Quha euer is large is haldin vnhabill
vyce is ye ground of Sustentatioun 25
All wit is turnd to cavillatioun
Lawtie expellit and all gentilnes
That all is lost for laik of stedfastnes

O prince desyir for to be honorabill
Chirreis yi folk and heit extortioun 30
Suffir na thing yat [may] be reprouable
To yine estait done in yi regioun
Schaw furth yi Sworde of castigatioun
Dreid god do law luf treuth and rychtuosnes
And leid yi folk agane to stedfastnes 35
Explicit

[CLVII. ANON. *Sir Penny*;
Bann. MS., fol. 144 a.]

Rycht fane wald I my quentance mak
 withe *Sir* penny and wait 3e quhy
 He is a man will vndirtak
 Landis for to sell and by
 Thairfoir me think rycht fayne wald I 5
 wit^h him in fallowschip to repair
 Becaus he is in cwmpanye
 Ane nobill gyde bayt^h lait and air

Schir penny for to hald in hand
 His cwmpany yai think sa sweit 10
 Sum gevis na cure to sell yair land
 withe *Sir* pennye for to meit
 Becaus he is of nobill spreit
 Ane furthie man and ane foirseand
 Thair is no mater to end compleit 15
 Qu^hill he sett to his seill and hand

Schir penny is ane val3eant man
 Off mekill strenthe and dignite
 And ever sen ye warld began
 In to yis land authoreist is he 20
 withe king and quene may 3e not se
 Thay treit him ay so tendirlic
 That na thing may to end brocht be
 without him in yair cwmpanye

Sir penny is a man off law 25
 Wit 3e weill bayt^h wys and war
 And mony rasownis can furthe schaw
 Quhone yat he stand^z at ye bar

Is nane sa wyiſſ can him defar
 Quhone he proponis furthe ane pley 30
 Nor 3it sa hardy man yat dar
 Sir penny tyne or disobey

[p. 33r] Sir penny is *rycht* scharpe and wyſſ
 The kirkis to steir he takis in hand
 Disponar of ye Benefiſſ 35
 In to yis realme ouir all yis land
 Is none so weycht dar him gane stand
 So wyslie can Sir penny wirk
 with Symonye his trew ſeruand
 That now is gydar of ye kirk 40

Giff to ye court yow mak repair
 And yow haue materis to proclame
 Thow art vnhabill weill to fair
 Schir penny and yow leve at hame
 To bring him furthe think you na schame 45
 I do ye weill to vndirstand
 In to yi bag beir you his name
 Thy mater bettir cumis by hand

Sir penny now is maid ane owle
 Thai wirk him mekle tray and tene 50
 Thai hald him in *quhill* he hair mowle
 And blindis him of baythe ye Ene
 Thairout he is bot seindill sene
 Sa fast yairin yai can him steik
 That pure *commounis* can never obtene 55
 Ane dayis lenthe with him to speik
 explicit

[CLVIII. DUNBAR *In this World
may none assure*; S.T.S., p. 100.]

Q uhomto sall I compleine my wo
and kythe my cairis ane or mo
I knaw not amang riche or pure
Quha is my freind quha is my fo
ffor in yis warld may none assure 5

Lord how sall I my dayis dispone
ffor lang Seruice Rewarde is none
And schort my lyfe may heir Indure
And losit is my tyme bigane¹
In to yis warld may none assure 10

Oft falsatt Rydis *wit* a rowtt
Q uhone treuthe gois on his fute about
And laik of Spending dois him spure
Thus quhat to do I am in doutt
In to yis warld may none assure 15

Nane heir bot rich men hes renoun
And pure men ar plukit down
And nane bot iust men tholis Iniure
Swa wit is blyndit and ressoun
ffor in yis warld may none assure 20

Vertew ye court hes done dispyß
A rebald to renoun dois *ryß*
And carlis of nobillis hes ye cure
And bumbardis brukis benefyß
So in yis warld may none assure 25

¹ *Sic.*

[p. 33²]

All gentrice and nobilite
 ar passit out of¹ hie degre
 On fredome is led foirfalture
 In princis is yair no petie
 So in yis warld may none assure 30

Is none so armit in to plait
 That can fra trouble him debait
 May no man lang in welthe Indure
 ffor wo yat lyis euer at ye wait
 So in yis warld may none assure 35

fflattrie weiris ane furrit govñ
 And falsate *wit^h* ye lord's dois rovn
 And trewthe standis barrit at ye dure
 Exylit is honour of ye toun
 So in ye warld may none assure 40

ffra everie mouthe fair wordis procedis
 In everie harte deceptioun breidis
 fra euerie E gois lukis demwre
 Bot fra ye handis gois few gud deidis
 Sa in yis warld may none assure 45

Towngis now ar maid of quhite quhale bone
 And hartis ar maid of hard flynt stone
 And eyn ar maid of blew asure
 And handis of adamant laithe to dispone
 So in yis warld may none assure 50

3it hart and handis and body all
 mon an^ser dethe quhone he dois call
 To compt befoir ye Iuge future
 Sen all ar deid or² de sall
 Quha sould in to yis warld assure 55

¹ *yis deleted here.*² *Sic.*

No thing bot deithe yis schortlie cravis
 Quhair fortoun ever as fo dissavis
 withe freyndlie smylingis lyk ane hure
 Quhais fals behechtis as wind hyne wavis
 So in yis warld may none assure 60

O quho sall weild ye wrang possessioun
 Or gadderit gold *wit*h oppressioun
 Quhone ye angell blawis his bugill sture
quhilk onrestorit helpis no confessioun
 In to yis warld may none assure 65

Quhat help is yair in lordschips sevin
 Quhone na hous is bot hell and hevin
 Palice of lycht or pit obscure
 Quhair 3owlis ar *wit*h horrible stevin
 In to yis warld may none assure 70

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Vbi ardentis anime
 Semper dicentes sunt ve ve
 Sall cry allace *yat* women yame bure
 O quante sunt iste tenebre
 In to yis warld may none assure 75

Than quho sall wirk for warldis wrak
 Quhone flude and fyre sall our it frak
 And frelie frustir feild and fure
*wit*h tempest keyne and thwndir crak
 In to yis warld may none assure 80

Lord sen ye tyme sa sone to cum
 De terra surrecturus sum
 Rewarde me *wit*h na erthlie cure
 Bot me ressaue in regnum tuum
 Sen in yis warld may none assure 85
Quod Dumbar

[CLIX. DUNBAR *How he was desyrd
to be ane Freir* ; S.T.S., p. 131.]

This nycht befoir ye dawning cleir
Me thocht sant francis did to me appeir
Wit*h* ane religious habite in his hand
And said in yis go cleithe ye my servand
Refuse ye warld for yow man be a freir 5

Withe him and wit*h* his habeit baithe I skerrit
Lyke to a man yat wit*h* a gaist wer marrit
Me thocht on bed he laid it me abone
Bot on ye flure delyverlie and sone
I lap yairfra and never wald cum nar it 10

Quod he quhy skerris yow at yis holy weid
Cleithe ye yairin for weir it yow moist neid
Thow yat hes done lang venus law¹ teche
Sall now be freir and in yis habeit preche
Delay it not it man be done but dreid² 15

In halie legendis haue I herd ellevin
ma Sanctis of Bischops nor freiris be sic sewin
Off full few freiris yat hes bene sanctis I reid
Quhairfore ga bring to me a Bischopis weyd
Giff ever yow wald my saule zeid vnto hewin 25

My bredir oft hes maid ye Supplicationis
Be epistill*s* serrmond*s* and relationis
To tak yis habeit bot ay yow did postpone
But forder proces cum on yairfoir anone
All circumstance put by and excusationis 30

¹ *Sic.*

² *A stanza is wanting here.*

Giff euer my fortoun wes to be a freir
 The dait yairof is gone full mony zeir
 ffor in to everie lustie toun and place
 Off all england frome berweik to calice
 I haue in to yi habeit maid gud cheir 35

[p. 334] In freiris weyd full fairlie haue I flechit
 In it haue I In pulpet gane and prichit
 In Dirntoun kirk and in cantirberry
 In it I past at dover *our* ye ferrie
 Throw picardie and yair ye peple teychit 40

So lang as I did beir ye freiris style
 In me god wait wes mony wrink and wyle
 In me wes falsat *with* euerie wicht to flattir
Quhilk mycht be fleymit *with* na halie watir⁴
 Reddie wes I all men for to bakbyte¹ 45

This freir yat did Sanct frances yair appeir
 Ane feynd he wes in lyknes of ane freir
 he vaneist away *with* stynk and fyrie smwke
with him me thocht all ye hous end he take
 And I awuke as wy yat wes in weir 50
Quod Dumbar

[CLX. DUNBAR *A Dream of Fortune* ; S.T.S., p. 149.]

Lucina Schyning in silence of ye nycht
 The hevyn all being full of sterris bricht
 To bed I went bot yair I take no rest
with havie thocht so sair I wes opprest
 That sair I langit eftir ye dayis licht 5

¹ *Sic.*

Off fortoun I complenit havalie
 That scho to me stude so contrariouslie
 And at ye last quhone I had turnit oft
 ffor werynes on me a slwmer soft
 Come *wit*h a dreming and a fantasie 10

Me thocht dame fortoun *wit*h a fremmit cheir
 Stude me beforne and said on yis maneir
 Thow suffir me to wirk gif yow do weill
 And preis ye not to stryve aganis my quheill
Quhill euerie warldlie thing dois turne and steir 15

ffull mony ane I set vpone heycht
 And makis mony full law down to lycht
 Vpone my stagis or yat yow do ascend
 Traist wele yi trouble is neir at ane end
 Seing yir takynnis quhairfoir yow mark yame richt 20

Thy trublit gaist sall never be degest
 Nor yow in to no benefice possest
Quhill yat ane abbot him cleythe in Eirnis pennys
 And fle vp in ye air amang ye crennys
 And as a falcoun fair fro eist to west 25

He sall ascend as ane horrible griphoun
 him meit sall in ye air ane scho dragoun
 Thir terribill monstur's sall togiddir thrist
 [p. 335] And in ye cluddis get ye antechrist
Quhill all ye air infect of yair poysoun 30

vndir saturnis fyrie regioun
 Symon magus sall meit him and mahown
 And merleyn at ye mwne sall him be bydand
 And Ionet ye wedo on a bwsum hame rydand
 Off wythchis *wit*h ane wondrus garesoun 35

And syne yai sall discend wth reik and fyre
 And p[r]eiche in eird y^e antechristis Impyre
 And y^an it salbe neir y^e warld's end
 Wth y^at yⁱs ladie did schortlie fra me wend
 Sleipand and walkand wes frustrat my desyre 40

Q^uhone I awoyk my dreme it wes so nyce
 ffra everie wicht I hid it as a vyce
 Q^uhill I hard tell be mony suthfast wy
 ffe wald ane abbot vp in to y^e sky
 And all his feddrem maid wes at devyce 45

wthin my hert confort I tuke full sone
 adew *quod* I my drerie dayis ar done
 ffull weill I wist to me wald never cum thrift
quhill y^at twa mwnis wer first sene in y^e lift
 Or *quhill* ane abbot flew abone y^e moyne 50
Quod Dumbar

[CLXI. DUNBAR *The Wowing
 of the King*; S.T.S., p. 136.]

This hyndir nycht in dumfermling
 To me wes tauld ane wondrous thing
 That lait ane tod wes wth ane lam
 And wth hir plaid and maid grit gam
 Syn till his breist did hir Imbrace 5
 And wald haue ridin hir lyke ane ram
 And y^at me thocht a ferlie cace

he brasit hir bony bodie sweit
 and halsit hir wth his forder feit
 Syne schuke his tale wth quhyng^e and zelp 10
 And todillit wth hir lyke a quhelp
 Syne lowrit on growfe and askit grace
 And ay y^e lam cryit ladie help
 And y^at me thocht a ferlie cace

The tod wes noyir leyne nor skowrie 15
 Bot wes ane lustie rid harit lowrie
 Ane lang tailyt beist and grit *wit*h all
 The syllie lam wes all to small
 To sic ane trybill to hald ane bace
 Scho fled him not fair mot him fall 20
 And yat me *thocht* ane ferlie cace

[p. 336.] The tod wes reyd ye lam wes quhyt
 Scho wes ane morsall of delyte
 he luiffit na *zowis* auld tewcht and sklendir
 Becaus yis lam wes younge and tendir 25
 He ran apone hir *wit*h a race
 And scho preissit neir for to defend hir
 And yat me *thocht* a ferlye cace

He grippit hir aboute ye waist
 and handlit hir as he had haist 30
 This Innocent yat *neue[r]* trespass
 Tuke hert yat scho wes handlit fast
 And leit him kyss hir lustie face
 his gyrnand gammys hir not agast
 And yat me *thocht* a ferlie cace 35

He held hir to him be ye hals
 And Spak *rycht* fair *thocht* hes ¹ wes fals
 Syne said and sweir ¹ to hir be god
 That he sould not twyche hir preyne cod
 The sillie thing trowit him allace 40
 The lam gaif credence to ye tod
 and yat me *thocht* a ferlie cace

I will na lesing putt in verß
 Lyke as yir Ianglaris dois rehers

¹ *Sic.*

Bot be quhat maner yai wer mard 45
 Quhone licht wes out and d'urris wes bard
 I wait not gif he gaif hir grace
 Bot all ye holis wes stoppit hard
 And yat me thocht a ferlie cace

Quhone men dois fleit in ioy maist fer 50
 Sone cumis wo or yai be wer
 Quhone carpand wer yir two moist crowß
 The wowlfe he vmbeset ye hous
 vpone ye tod to mak a chace
 The lam yan chepit lyk a mowß 55
 And yis me thocht a ferlie cace

Throw hiddows 3owling of ye wowfe
 This wylie tod plat doun a growfe
 And in ye sillie lammes skyn
 He crap als far as he mycht wyn 60
 And hid him yair a weill lang space
 The 3owis besyd yai maid na dyn
 And yat me thocht a ferlie cace

Quhone of ye tod wes herd no peip
 The wolfe wont ¹ all had bene on sleip 65
 And quhill ye bell had strikin ten
 The wowlfe hes drest him to his den
 [p. 337] Protestand for ye Secund place
 And yis Repoint I with my pen
 How at Dumfermling fell the cace 70
 Quod Dumbar

¹ *Sic.*

[CLXII. DUNBAR *To be blyth me
think it best*; S.T.S., p. 110.]

Full oft I mvse and hes in thocht
how yis fals warld is ay on flocht
Quhair no thing ferme is nor degest
And quhone I haue my mynd all socht
ffor to be blythe me think it best 5

This warld dois ever chynge and varie
ffortoun so fast ye quhele dois carie
No tyme in turning can it tak rest
ffor quhois fals chynge sould none be sarie
ffor to be blythe me think it best 10

Wauld man in mynd considdir weill
Or fortoun turnit on him ye quheill
That erdlie honour may not lest
His fall les paynfull sould he feill
for to be blythe me think it best 15

Off wardlie guddis and grit riches
Quhat frute hes men but merynes
Thocht he yis warld had eist and west
All is bot povertie but glaidnes
ffor to be blythe me think it best 25

Quha sould for tynsall drowp or de
Off thing yat is bot vanite
Sen to ye lyfe yat ever sall lest
Heir is bot twynkling of ane E
ffor to be Blythe me think it best 30

Hed I for warldlie onkyndnes
In hart tane ony havynes
or for my plesance bene opprest
I had bene deid lang syne doutles
for to be blythe me think it best 35

How euer yis warld dois chynge and varie
 Let ws no moir in hart be sarie
 Bot ay be reddie and addrest
 To pas out of yis fraudfull farie
 ffor to be blyth^h me think it best 40
Quod Dumbar

[CLXIII. MERSEK *Eird apone Eird.*]

[p. 338] Eyrd vpone eird wondirfullie is wrocht
 Eird hes gottin vpone eird ane dignite for nocht
 eird apone eird hes set all his thocht
 how yat eird vpone eird till hicht may be brocht

Eird apone eird wald fayne be a king 5
 And how yat eird gois to eird thinkis he no thing
 Quhone eird bydd^z eird his rentis hame to bring
 Than sall eird haue to eird herd departing

Eird apone eird wy^znis castellis and towris
 Than sayis eird vntill eird all yir ar owris 10
 Quhone eird apone eird hes biggit all his bowris
 Than sall eird vpone eird suffir scharp schowris

Eyrd apone eird and mold vpone mold
 Lyke as eird vnto eird never go sold
 Eird gois apone eird glitterand as gold 15
 3it sall eird go to eird sonar nor he wold

How yat eird luiffis eird grit wondir I think
 Or quhy yat eird will for eird owyir swet or swynk
 Quhone yat eird wⁱt^hin eird is closit vndir bynk
 Than sall eird wⁱt^hin eird haue ane ewill stynk 20

Lo eird vpone eird considir yow may
 How eird vnto¹ eird gois nakit away
 Quhy sould eird apone eird go owr proud or gay
 Sen eird vntill eird sall wend in pure array

I counsall eird vpone eird yat wondirle is wrocht 25
 quhill eird is apone eird to turne all his thocht
 And pray to god apone eird yat maid all of nocht
 That eird vpone eird to blys may be brocht
 Quod marsar

[CLXIV. ANON. *A rare
 Remedy.*]

Tak a wobster yat is leill
 And a myllar yat will not steill
 with ane preist yat is not gredy
 And lay ane deid corps yame by
 And throw virtew of yir thre
 That deid corps sall qwyknyt be
 ffinis

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¹ *Corrected from apone.*

[CLXV. DUNBAR *Of James
Dog*; S.T.S., p. 195.]

- [p. 339]¹ The wardraipper of wenus boure
to giff a do^ublett he is als doure
as it war off aⁿ futt syd frog
Madame 3e heff a dangero^us dog
- Quheⁿ yat I schawe to hi^m 3our markis 5
he turnis to me agaiⁿ and barkis
as he war wirriand aⁿ hog
Madame 3e heff a dangero^us dog
- Quheⁿ yat I schawe to hi^m 3our wrytiⁿ
he girnis yat I a^m red for bytiⁿ 10
I wald he had aⁿ hawye clog
Madame 3e heff aⁿ dangero^us dog
- Quheⁿ yat I speik till hi^m freindlyk
he barkis lyk aⁿ midding tyk
war chassand cattell thro^u a bog 15
Mada^m 3e heff a dangero^us dog
- He is aⁿ mastive mekle of mycht
to keip 3our wardroippe ouer nycht
fra ye grytt sowdaⁿ gog ma gog
Mada^m 3e heff a dangero^us dog 20
- he is ower mekle to be 3our messaⁿ
mada^m I red 3o^u get a leffs aⁿ
his gang garris all 3our chalmeris schog
mada^m 3e heff a dangero^us dog
quod dunbar of lames dog kepair
of ye quenis wardrep

¹ Pp. 339-342 are in a hand resembling that of pp. 3-18.

[CLXVI. DUNBAR *Of the same*
James; S.T.S., p. 197.]

O gracio^us princes guid and fair
do weill to Iames 3our wardraipair
quhais fayt^hfull bruder maist freind I am
he is na dog he is a Lam

Thocht I in ballet did with him bourde 5
in malice spack I newir an woord¹
bot all my dame to do 3our gam
he is na dog / he is a Lam

[p. 340] 3our hienes canocht gett an meter
to keip 3our wardrope nor discreter 10
to rewle 3our robbis and dress ye sam
he is na dog he is a Lam

The wyff yat he had in his Innis
that with ye² taingis wald braek¹ his schinnis
I wald schoⁿ drownet war / in a dam 15
he is na dog / he is a Lam

The wyff yat wald him kuckald mak
I wald schoⁿ war bayt^h syd and back
Weill batteret with an barroⁿ tram
he is na dog / he is an Lam 20

He hes sa weill doiñ me obey
in till all thing yairfoir I pray
That newir dolour mak him dram
he is na dog / he is a Lam
quod dunbar of ye said Iames / quheñ he
had plesett him

¹ *Sic.*

² tang *deleted here.*

[CLXVII. DUNBAR *Of a Dance in the Quenis Chalmer*; S.T.S., p. 199.]

Sir Ihoñ sinclair begowthe to dance
 for he was new cum owt of france
 for ony thing yat he do mycht
¹ the añ futt 3eid ay onrycht
 and to ye tother wald nocht gree 5
quod añ tak vp ye quenis knycht
 a mirrear dance mycht na mañ see

Thañ cañ in maistir robert schaⁿ
 he leuket as he culd lern̄ yañ a
 bot ay his añ futt did wawer 10
 he stackeret lyk añ strummall awer
 yat hopschackellt war aboñ ye kne
 to seik fr̄a sterling to stranawer
 a mirrear daunce mycht na mañ see

Than cañ in ye maister almaser 15
 an hommiltie Iommeltie Iuffler
 Lyk a stirk stackarand in ye ry
 his hippis gaff mony hoddoⁿs cry
 Iohñ bute ye fule said waes me
 he is bedirtiñ fye fy 20
 a mirrear dance mycht na mañ se

Thañ cañ in dunbar ye mackar
 oñ all ye flwre ² yair was nañ frackar
 and yair he dancet ye dirrye dantoⁿ
 he hoppet lyk a pillie wantoñ 25
 for luff of mwsgraeffe men tellis me
 he trippet quhill he tint his pantoñ
 a mirrear dance mycht na man see

[p. 341]

Thañ cañ in maestereß mwsgraeffe
 scho mycht heff lernit all ye laeffe 30

¹ his *deleted here*.

² *Interlined*.

quheñ I scha^u hir sa trimlye dance
 hir guid *convoy* and *contenance*
 than for hir saek I wissitt to be
 The grytast erle or duk In france
 a mirrear dance *mycht* na mañ see 35

Thañ cañ in dame do^unteboir
 god waett gif yat scho^u lo^uket sow^r
 scho^u maid sic morgeownis *with* hir hippis
 for *lachtter* nain *mycht* hald yair lippis
 quheñ scho^u was danceand bisselye 40
 añ blast of wind son fra hir slippis
 a mirrar dance *mycht* na mañ se

Quheñ yair was cum in fywe or sax
 The quenis dog begowthe to rax
 and of his band he maid a bred 45
 and to ye danceing soifñ he him med
 quho^u mastewlyk abowt 3eid he
 he stinckett lyk a tyk *sum* saed
 a mirrear dance *mycht* na man see
 quod dunbar of a dance in ye que(nis)
 chalmer

[CLXVIII. DUNBAR *Of ane
 Blakmoir*; S.T.S., p. 201.]

Lang heff I maed of ladyes quhytt
 nou of añ blak I will indytt
 yat landet furt^h of ye last schippis
 quho^u fain wald I descryue *perfytt*
 my ladye *with* ye mekle lippis 5

Quho^u scho^u is tute mowitt lyk añ aep
 and lyk a gangarall onto graep
 and quho^u hir schort catt noiß vp skippis
 and quho^u [scho] schynes lyk ony saep
 my ladye *with* ye mekle lippis 10

Quheñ scho^u is claid in reche apparrall
 scho^u blinkis als brycht as añ tar barrell
 quhen scho^u was borñ ye son tholit clippis
 the nycht be faiñ faucht in hir querrell
 my ladye *wit*h ye mekle lippis 15

Quhai for hir saek *wit*h speir and scheld
 preiffis maest mychtelye in ye feld
 sall kiß and withe hir go in grippis
 and fra thyñe furt*h* hir luff sall weld
 my ladye *wit*h ye mekle lippis 20

[p. 342] and quhai in fedle¹ receaves schaem
 and tynis yair his knycht*lie* naem
 sall cum behind and kiß hir hippis
 and newir to wther confort claem
 my ladye *wit*h ye mekle lippis 25
quod dunbar of an blak moir

{CLXIX. DUNBAR *To the
 Quene*; S.T.S., p. 203.]

Madam² 3our meñ sad yai wald ryd
 and latt yis fasterennis ewiñ ower slyd
 bott yai yair wyffis cam furt*h* in flockis
 and baid yam betteis som³ abyd
 att haem and lib yam of ye pockis 5

No^u propoiss yai señ 3e dwell still
 off wenus feest to fang añ fill
 bott in ye fedle¹ preiff yai na cockis
 for till heff riddiñ hed beñ leß ill
 nor latt yair wyffis breid ye pockis 10

¹ *Sic.*

² said *deleted here.*

³ *Or soñ.*

Sum of 30^{ur} meñ sic curage hed
 dañ venus fyre sa hard yam̃ sted
 thai brak vp durris and raeff vp lockis
 to get añ pampholet on a pled
 yat yai mycht lib yam̃ of ye pockis 15

Sum yat war ryato^us as rammiß
 ar nou maid tame lyk ony lammis
 and settiñ dowñ lyk sarye crockis
 and hes forsaeकिñ all sic gammis
 That meñ callis libbiñ of ye pockis 20

Sum thocht yam̃ selffis stark lyk gyandis
 ar no^u maid waek lyk willing¹ wandis
 with schiinnis scharp / and small lyk rockis
 and gottiñ yair bak in bayth yair handis
 for ower offt libbiñ of ye pockis 25

I saw coclinkis me besyd
 The 30^ung men to yair howses gyd
 had² bettir lugget in ye stockis
 sum fra ye bordell wald nocht byd
 quhill yat yai gatt ye spanzie pockis 30

Thairfoir all 30^ung meñ I 30^u pray
 Keip 30^u fra harlottis nycht and day
 Thai sall repent quhai with yam̃ 3ockis
 and be war with yat perrello^us play
 yat meñ callis libbiñ of ye pockis 35
 quod dunbar

¹ Sic.² Corrected from and,

[CLXX. ANON. *A Balade consolatoir* ;
M. Cl., p. lxvii.]

[p. 343]¹ A BALADE CONSOLATOIR TO S/R RICHARD
MAITLAND OF LETHINGTOUN KNYCHT

Tobie moist trew in mony trubillis tryit
And Iob maist Iust in godis Iugmentis reioyfs
Of prudence perll now in *your* pane applyit
Do quhat ze dow all dolour to depoiß
Nane cane eschew nor haue *yair* chance at choyfs 5
Thairfor be glaid and gif all gloire to god
quhais bontie nevir dois abandoun thoifs
That restis on him reiosing in his rod.

Your greif is gryte I grant in sa gryte aige
This to be maid, A martyr but a miß 10
Withe loß allace, sa lairge of *your* linnage
And childrine wyiß, and wertious at *your* wiß
besyd aboundance of all eirdlie blifs
bot weill ze wait, all warldlie welthe is wan²
Thane thank *your* god and tak na thocht of this³ 15
goddis giftis *yai* war, glaidlie gif yame agane.

Your wit and wertew in *your* wo declair
Lat no mishape nor miserie *zow* mowe
nor be nocht drawine, be dolour to dispair
bot pacientlie prayfs god yat dois *zow* prow 20
Think it no baill bot blissing frome abowe
Ane signe⁴ moist suir yat ze ar nocht forsaikin
for ay sic lot is luiket² *with* his lowe
Quhairof tak this *your* tryell for a taikin.

¹ Pp. 343-350 are by a new hand.

³ Altered from this.

² Sic.

⁴ Originally Ande (?) singe ; corrected on margin.

For quha *with* christ crawis to communicat 25
 The cairfull croce / mon carie as thair heid
 be pane his passioun / And participat
 Suffer Inwy necessitie and neid
 Duill and disdane, distres, dolour & dreid
 And patientlie pas our yis pilgramage 30
 be pane to perfyт plesour to proceid
 In hewine our harbrie, hame & heritage.

For as the maß misforme¹ of muddie molde
 be quhelling dois seir qualiteis acqyr
 and grethid in gleid groves glorious gleting golde 35
 Sa in afflichsioun² as a fornace fyir
 we ar preparde, be pruiф to ye impyr
 quhair god sic schreudis² sall frome his sanctis dis-
 sewi(r)
 That hewin hes heir, and hence nane *vper* hyir
 In wardlie welthe wrapte wpe to wo for ewir. 40

[p. 344] Quhair as the chossin be correctioun
 as in the fyir, ar framed to his feir
 bot ewir *with* sa fatherlie affectioun
 That in *yair* paine his pitie dois appeir
 And blist ar thay, dois sa *yair* burdin beir 45
 That fentis *nocht* / bot faythfull still ar found
 And patientlie in pruiф dois perseweir
 for ay the rod dois to *yair* rest redound.

To mak his mycht / and marcie manifest
 god his peculiar propir pepill prewit 50
 bot ay thair trublis turnit to the best
 That constantlie / wutill his *cunnand* clewit
 Ewin so ar now / the godlie gretlie grewit
 And lothsone² is ye lot of the elect
 bot thay at lenthe / *with* ioye salbe relewit 55
 That patientlie / his plesour dois expect

¹ *Interlined, and on margin.*

² *Sic.*

O thou most sweet in many contrived turns
 And yet most pure in good fragments & scraps
 Of pardons past, not in the same apprehension
 Of what we do all dole to do with
 None can afford nor have the chance of a single
 Sin nor to find and give all glory to God
 In his love and his own abundance of grace
 But rest in him sleeping in his arms.

[illegible]

1. *Wit and werford in hem we dattain
 wit in mishaps now misfortune zoll molpe
 now is in duntune, to dolour to diffame
 sol patienthe prayes gode not doot zoll frothe
 blysk it in kide let blessing come a new
 and fore mysk fro not gear not forfume
 for us in let is liden in let liden
 Quenstaf tak us zow here for a eiding.*

for gubel n' first nobil to committ
for he knisful were / my name at than hand
he same bit possim, and participat
Cnste Juben ne possit and neid
~~S~~noll and diffame, distoe, belom e dead
A m patientie pat vint m polynnyage
to point to possut phesne to partide
(In hoccine om barbars, hunc e heritages.

[illegible]

The croce of christ / and eik his¹ cair *contempill*
 Our aduocat / and maist asseured ayd
 propon that perfyт patroun for exempill
 for to *wit*stand / all wo yat can inwayd 60
 gewe him all gloir / and in 3our greif be glayd
 Sene 3e haue leirnit 3e ar ye Lordis elect
 suir² sealid wp sen he him self hes sayd
 quhome that I luiff / be croce I do correct.

I neid no ald exempill^{is} to recyt 65
 as tobie Iephe / Iob Iacob or sampson
 3our selff may be a patroun mair perfyт
 Off patience / and peirles paragon
 A thousand tymes 3e yame excell ilk on
 In frowning fortune / none I find so fit 70
 As perfyт patroun To 3oue to propon
 As 3e 3our selff / gif 3e will wif 3our wit

3e ar sa worthie wertheous and wyf
 I dar *nocht* preis / to preche 3owe patience
 Withe 3our awin wit / bot wyf 3owe to adwyf 75
 And to *continew* / clein in conscience
 Lat prudence practice and experience
 [p. 345] 3our weill and wo adwysidlie reuolwe
 Sa thoghe 3e seim / a seasoun in¹ suspence
 3our resoune rype / will rychtly 3ow resolwe 80

Wo wirkis to weill / be wice alternatiwie³
 and tein and trubill baithe ar transitorie
 quhen syt and sorrow / seim^{is} superlatiwe
 Sagis suld seim leist sucius and sorie
 The greter greif / the gretar is the glorie 85
 quhane it is maisterd / *wit*h magnanimie³ mynd
 Lat wertow yan / and wit haue wictorie
 According to ye curage of 3our kynd⁴

¹ *Interlined.*² *Originally Sewll* (?).³ *Sic.*⁴ *Originally kyng.*

Quhilk was ay worthy walȝand & wyȝ
 magnanimie ¹ manfull / and of mirie muid 90
 Off prudence bait~~h~~ / and prowes had ȝe pryȝ
 Off modestie meiknes and mansuetuid
 greit is the gloir of ȝour granfatheris guid
 That stoutlie stuid in monie stalwart stour
 Bald and but blot / and blamiȝ ² is ȝour bluid 95
 And ay hes bein in honour to this hour.

Sic destanie / and dorf ² deworing deid
 Oft hes ȝour houȝ / in hazard put of auld
 Bot ȝour foirbearis fraward fortounis feid
 And bittar blastis / ay buir wiȝ~~h~~ breistis bald 100
 Luit wanweirdis wirk / and walter as ȝai wald
 Thair hardie hartis hautie and heroic
 for fortounis feid or force wald newir fald
 Bot stormis wiȝ~~h~~stuid / wiȝ~~h~~ stomak stout and stoi(c)

Renownid richard of ȝour raiȝ record 105
 quhais prayȝ and prowes cane noch~~t~~ be exprest
 mair lustie linnage / newir had a lord
 for he begat / the baldest beirnis and best
 Maist manfull men / and madenis maist modest
 That ewir waȝ sen priams tyme off troye 110
 Bot pitiouslie / thay peirles perllis a pest
 Bereft him all bot burdalane a boye

[p. 346] Him self was aiged / his houȝ hang be a hair
 Deull & distres / almaist to did ² him drawe
 ȝit burdalane / his onlie sone and air 115
 As worthe wyȝ / and walȝeand as the lewe ²
 His houȝ vpheld / quhilk ȝe wiȝ~~h~~ honour haue
 Sa natuir thane / the lyk ennuy and name
 In kyndlie cair / dois kyndlie courage crowe
 To follow him in fortune and in fame. 120

¹ Sic, but -ie deleted.

² Sic.

Richard he was, richard 3e ar also
 and maitland als magnanimie ¹ than ar 3e
 In als greit aige, als wrappit ar in wo
 Sewin sonis 3e had, mycht contrawall his thre
 bot burdalane 3e haue behind as he 125
 The lord his linnage, sa enlarge and lyne
 As mony hundrethe, nepotis gre be gre
 Sen richard was, as hundrethe 3eiris hyne.

3our cairfull caice, To his is sa conforme
 greit caus 3e haue lyk conforte to consawe 130
 Esteim this stourt, as ane wnstabill storme
 Will god quha him, sic grace and glaidnes gawe
 Sic hape and honour eftir harm to hawe
 Wpheld his houß, sa mony hundrethe 3eiris
 Let 3our gray hairis, but greif go to [ye] grawe 135
 Withe better hart mair bitternes yat beiris

Na na confeid, his clemence will nocht quyt
 sic sobirnis, with sic seueritie
 bot send 3owe schortlie, securis ¹ in 3our syt
 pace perfytt plesour and prosperitie 140
 And propagat, sa 3our posteritie
 frome sone to sone, as he did sarais seid
 Seik him and serwe, him with sinceritie
 He will deny 3oue na thing in 3our neid.

3our houß is build on him as he hes biddin 145
 for nocht awales warldlie welthis or wit
 gif sic had serwid, for suite it had nocht sliddin
 [p. 347] God is [ye] ground be him it mon growe greit
 nocht be 3our bran, bot be his benefeit
 So now I houpe, his helpe and halie hand 150
 Sall found and fix, it faster on ane fit
 (nor) quhen it semed, be stroingar stoupis to stand

¹ Sic.

Iob was deiecked, and iuged lang iniust
 puir withe reproche, he did his pane deploir
 Be miserie almaist mowed to mistrust 155
 Sa greitlie god him grewed to his gloir
 Syn rest¹ renowne and riches did restoir
 and for his sones, that sodanlie war slan
 By dowbling of all blisß he had befoir
 Encressed his seid withe sones sewin agane. 160

And quhan tobias for his sone tuik thocht
 Baithe blind and boune, almaist to beg his breid
 He send him sycht, and saiff his sone hame brocht
 And w^{it}h abundance, blist him to the deid
 and luit him see his sones sonnes seid 165
 Sa to his awin his² ayd is all wayis ane
 He will confort 3ow constantlie confeid
 Bring 3ow frome baill and blisß 3our burdalane

3our houß of ald oft had no heir bot ane
 3ea worne away oft tymes ye warld it wenit 170
 quhen it was wack and w^{it}hout wther wane
 Oft tymes his mycht, and marcie did mantenit
 And laitlie onlie, on the lord it lenit
 Was demid³ doune, and to ye dust deieckit
 quha send 3our self, to sawe it and sustenit 175
 And in renowne and riches to ereckit

And gif 3e mark his marces⁴ monifald
 for suithe sene syne he hes nocht bene a sleip
 Bot did 3our baill most bountiouslie behald
 3our onlie sone quha semed a slauchter scheipe 180
 w^{it}h als greit cair he did conserue and keip
 As noe lothe or susan mony wayis
 And in sic stormes as may gar strangaris steipe
 Sustenis 3oure selff, and giffis 3owe mony dayis

¹ *Altered to rest by later hand.*

² *Interlined.*

³ *Originally demad.*

⁴ *Sic.*

[p. 348] Think *nocht* sic pitie, is but prowidenß 185
 Or he hes wrocht, sa wonderuslie in wane
 Or that his *mycht*, and marcie maist *immenß*
 In thair distres, his darling*s* will disdane
 no pitie is a perfyт presage plane
 He will 3our houß, In honour 3it vphald 190
 A monument of, marcie to remain
 frome hence furt*h* ay as it hes bein of ald

Thairfor reioce, In him and tak 3ow rest
 As 3e wald wis, 3our wo away sall wend
 Be mirrie for, his marcie manifest 195
 Promplie a perfyт, plesour dois pretend
 And he 3our houß, 3our selff and sone will send
 Mair solace schortlie nor 3e can *consaue*
 Healthe ioy in harte, honour and in 3e end
 3our gray heid sall, withe glaidnes ga to graue 200
 ffinis quod ¹

[CLXXI. ANON. *Carmen*
in carcere.]

Ille idem In carcere Carmen.
 Eia anime et duræ virtute obnitere sorti
 Sperne mala, immerito carcere letus vua
 Culpa grauat, turpat*que* animu*m* non fata miser*que* est
 quem scelus, et noxæ pena dolus*que* promunt
 Tu (licet in seru*um* grassetur fata cadauer) 5
 fraude vacas, euge,² qui miser esse potes?
 mens*que* io et hæc tantos exantlate labores
 Vince animis, dura, post meliora feres.

¹ Deleted, together with the author's name.

² Corrected from euge.

[CLXXII. ANON. *Fredome in
Prisoun*; P., p. 235.]

[p. 349]

Vp hart thow art the pairt
of man most souerane
Lat seruell menbris smert
and bound allane remaine
for gif thow do *nocht* stane 5
Thy trewthe and honestie
How cane thow be in pane
No suirlie yow art frie

The bondage of ye hart
withe schame is for to serue 10
and frome his honest pairt
And wertw for to serue¹
giff yow do noth deserue
That blot of infame²
Thocht captiue flesche do sterue 15
3it suirlie 3ow art fre

Thocht fortoun fraude or force
Detein ye in dispence
gif 3oue haue no remorse
In mynd nor conscience 20
and hes done no offence
Thocht in captiuetie
Thow suffer wiolence
3it suirlie 3ow art fre

Bot gif Thow *mycht* be taxit 25
or falsat *wit*h ye found
The corporis *mycht* be relaxit
bot schame suld ye confound
and gif ye suiche a wound
Suld lest perpetuallie 30
And mak ye slawe sa bound
That you couldist newir be fre

¹ *Corrected to suarue.*

² *Altered to -ee.*

Bot sen it is *nocht* so
 reioyß and tak ye rest
 Thocht fourtoun be yi fo 35
 Hir frowning sall *nocht* lest
 bot *cumis* for ye best
 Thy trewethe to testifie
 So thocht yow be opprest
 3it suirlye yow art fre 40

[p. 350]

Thane hart heild *nocht* ane hair
 nor in yi prisone ply
 Thay wertw now declair
 and fortounnis feid defy
 for tyme pai trewth sall try 45
 And gif ye wictorie
 Of fortoun and inwy
 and yow for ewir be fre
 finis Huius

[CLXXIII. MAITLAND *The Evillis
of new-found Lawis*; M. Cl., p. 99.]

¹ Lord god quhowe lang will sic lawe lest
 be quhilk sum trewe men ar opprest
 Off houß and landis disposest
 Without ane cauis
 sum ar sair drest 5
 sum sair molest
 be newe fund lawes

 ffor lack of iustice sum gettis vrang
 and sum be tretit tirranttis strang
 sum in ye cessioñe lyis *our* lange 10
 and hulie speiddis
 sair is ye sang
 puir folk amang
 that iustice neiddis

¹ *This piece appears to be in a different hand from the preceding pages.*

Be mein of court sum gettis land 15
 thinkand yat conquest ay sall stand
 thocht courttⁱs ay hes bein chengeand
 as dois ye mone
 That sum heffand
 aneuche in hand 20
 and lost it sone

Think 3e yat ar sa proud oppresourⁱs
 thocht 3e in court heff intercessourⁱs
 That god will tholl sa grypt transgressourⁱs
 Onpunest be 25
 fray god deg[r]essourⁱs
 and vrang possessourⁱs
 repent sall 3e

[p. 35^r] In christ I consall 3owe thairfoir
 all¹ gottin vranguslie restoir 30
 or 3e sall noch^t cwm to ye gloir
 off hevine Impyr
 Bot euer moir
 tormentit soir
 in hellis fyr 35

Lord punes yame yat ay pretendit
 for to do vrang or it defendit
 in haist lat yame be apprehendit
 and tholl ye law
 or gar yame mend it 40
 quhome yai offendit
 in deid or saw

And 3e yat hes ye lawe to leid
 without fauour frenschipe or feid
 ay forder iustice to proceid 45

¹ *Sic.*

indefferentlie
 3our proces speid
 helpe yame has neid
 quhat euer yai be
 Quod richart maitland
 of lethingtoun knycht

[CLXXIV. MAITLAND *Complaint aganis the
 lang Law-sutes* ; P., p. 335 ; M. Cl., p. 49.]

¹ Sair is ye recent murmur and regrat
 amang ye leges rysin off ye lait
 Throw all ye cuntray bayth off reche & puir
 plenand wpon ye lorddis off ye sait
 yat yair lang prosous ² may na man Induir 5

The baronis sayis yat yai heff far mair spendit
 Wpone ye lawe or yair metter wes endit
 Nor it wes worth thairfoir rycht sair yai rew
 To found ane pleye yat euer yai pretendit
 bot left It to yair airis to persew 10

[p. 352] The puir folk sayis yat yai for falt of spending
 Man leawe the lawe It is so lang in ending
 lang proses yame to pouertie hes brocht
 for off yair skayth be lawe can get na mending
 That yai ar faine to grie for thing off nocht 15

Thai giff sum wyt yat yair Is on ye session
 Sum nocht sa curing nor off sa guid disc[r]etion
 As yair befoir in to yat rowme hes bein
 Quhilk to do Iustice kepit yair profession
 Of quhom yair was na caus for to complein 20

¹ *A new hand begins here.*

² *Sic.*

Now ȝe that ar *nocht* off yus¹ *sait content*
 pas to ye prince to him *ȝour* caice lament
 and him exhort & pray affecteuslie
 That to yat set he wald na man present
 In tym to cum bot yai that ar vorthie 25

Guid cuning men yat ar vyfȝ and discreit
 practicians guid and to yat *senat meit*
 Men of guid *consience* honestie & fame
 That can *witȝ* witt & *trewȝ* all materis treit
 And hes be prudence purchest ane guid nam 30

And syne gar call ye college of Iustyiȝ
 All yair *Dependaris* and *vyairis* yat ar wyȝ
 and try ye cauȝ off lawe ye langsumnes
 And gar yame soone sum guid ordour devys
 to forder Iustice & schort ye lang proces 35

Bot giff yis mater onmendit be *oursein*
 ye leges can na gryttar skaytȝ sustein
 ffor na man salbe suir of land nor geir
 [p. 353] The trewe and pur salbe oppressit clein
 and this college sall *nocht* lang perseueir 40

Bot giff yis sete off *senatouris* gang done
 The spunk off Iustice off yis regioȝe
 I wott *nocht* quhowe yis realm sal rewled be
 better It were guid reformatioȝe
 Nor lat It perishe sa vnprudentle 45

For giff ye seit of Iustice sall *nocht* stand
 Thane ilk ane vikit maȝ at his awen hand
 sall him revenge as he sall think it best
 Ilk bangester & *limmer* of yis land
 Witȝ fre bryddillȝ sall do quhilk thing yame lest 50

¹ *Sic.*

Our souerane lord to yus mater heff E
 for It pertinis to yi maiestie
 This college to wppe hald or lat it doifi
 bot will yowe It wphald as it suld be
 It will ye helpe for to mentein yi croifi 55

Cauß ilk day so fast dois multiplie
 yat *wit*h yis seit can nocht our takin be
 bot wald yi henes yairfoir eik ye numer
 off senatoris men cuning & godlie
 wald mony mater end yat makis cummer 60

Schir at yi gift is mony abaseiß
 personages, prouestres, & diuers prebendreiß
 Nowe sen down is ye auld religion
 to eik sum lordis giff sum benefeiß
 and sum to helpe ye auld fundatiõ 65

[p. 354] Becaus ye lordis hes our lytill feyis
 Bot off vncertane casualiteyis
 off quhilk yai neuer gat payment compleitlie
 And now sic darthe is resin all man seis
 That cost ane pound befoir noⁿ costis thre 70

Schir yowe may gar on-hurt thy propertie
 The seit off iustice weill aduancit be
 quhilk beand doñe yair sall daylie increß
 in to yis land guid pece & polacie
 And yowe be brocht till honour & recheß 75

O lewand lord support yis ciwell seit
 and giff yame grace to gang ye nerrest geit
 Iustice to do *wit*h expeditione
 And bring all thing agane in guid esteit
 followand ye first guid Institutione 80
 Quod Richard maitland of
 Lethingtoun

[CLXXV. MAITLAND *On the Worldis
Ingratitude*; P., p. 339; M. Cl., p. 61.]

This warld so fals Is and vnstabill
Off greiddines vnsatiabill
In all astettis sic doubilneß
To find trew freindis fewe ar habill
for kipit is na auld kyndneß 5

Thocht 3e do plesar till gryt meñ
Thairfoir yai will 3owe skantlie keñ
Giff 3e heff ocht *with* yame to drefß
3e ar *nocht* habill to get beñ
for kepit is no auld kyndneß 10

[p. 355] Thocht 3e heff serwit mony ane 3eir
ane lord one 3our awen cost and geir
and 3e be fallin in distrefß
3owe to reliwe he wilbe sueir
And compt na thing 3our auld kyndneß 15

Thocht 3e heff ladyis serwit lang
and hes 3our pithe prewit yame amang
and 3e off wenus game decreßß
Owt off yair court yane man 3e gang
Nocht regarding 3our auld kyndnes 20

Sum to yair *nichtbouris* hes bein kynd
That nowe yair off hes neuer mynd
bot nottit ar *with* newfangilnes
off ingratnes It hes ane strynd
That can *nocht* keip na auld kyndnes 25

Sum for *communitis* hes doße
That ingratlie for3et It soñe
Sua full yai ar off ficulnes
Thai chenge als oft as dois ye moñe
And curis *nocht* off auld kyndnes 30

Sum did for yame In court and cessioin
That nowe falslie *with*out discretioin

In tyme off trubill and besines
 Mellit *with* yair land geir and possessioñ
 That scheu to yame so gryt kyndnes 35

[p. 356] Thair is yat sum man did resett
with mett and claythis hes him bet
 That efter in court gat entrefß
 That wald *nocht* keñ him quhen yai mett
 Off quhome he gat sa gryt kindneß 40

3e that ¹ *with* curteouris hes bein
 Acquentit lang be ony mein
 and 3e thame charge *with* besines
 ar abill to misknawe 3owe cleiñ
 bot 3e be buddis by yair kyndnes 45

Sen in yis warld in na degre
 Is kyndnes nor fidelitie
 lat ws pray god off his guidnes
 To bring ws to ye hewin sa he
 quhair in yair is *perfy*t kyndnes 50

Quod richart maitland
 of lethingtoun knycht ²

[CLXXVI. ANON. *All Women
 ar guid*; P., p. 244.]

³ All wemeine Ar guid noblle And excellent
 Quha can say yat × thay do offend
 Daylie × thay serwe thair god with guid intent
 Sendill × yai displeiß yair husbandis to yair lyffis end
 Allwayis × to pleise yame yai do intend 5
 Newir × man can feind in yam bruikilnes
 Sic quallateiß thay vse mair & les
 Reid this werß acording to ye meitter
 & It is guid of wemeñ bot reid it to
 ye nott ewin the contrair 10

¹ Deleted.

² This ascription is written twice, in different hands from the text.

³ A different hand and ink.

[CLXXVII. J. M. *Ane Admonitioun* :
P., p. 160; M.Cl., p. 124.]

[p. 357]¹ ANE ADMONITIOUN TO MY LORD REGENT
MAID BE I. M. P. OFF C.

Maist loyall lord ay for thy lawtie lowit
Now be *nocht* lackit for deloyaltie
Thocht to ye princis place thow be *promowit*
Be *nocht* abvsit be authoritie
bot schaw thy trewth & thyne integritie 5
Sene we so far our selffis hawe submittit
And king & countrie lawis & libertie
Wnto thy cure and credeit haif *committit*

Thy houß hes ay bene trustie and inteir
Defamit *nocht with* fraud and fickilnes 10
bot schaw thy self bayth sage scharpe & sinceir
Indewit *with* wertew wit and worthines
ingeyne Iugment Iustes and gentilnes
Craft conduct cair and knowlege to *command*
Heroik hart, honour and hardines 15
Or in this storne ² thy stait will newir stand

We haiff the chosin to ye cheifest charge
Our tossit galay to gowerne & to gyde
be war *with* bobbis scho is ane bruckill barge
And may *nocht* bitter blastis weill abyde 20
Thow may hir tyne in turning of ane tyde
Cast weill thy courß thow hes ane kittill cure
Off *perrallis* pans and for sum port *prouide*
And anker sicker quhair thow may be sure

All boreas bitter blastis ar *nocht* blawin 25
I feir sum boid ² and bobbis be behind
be tyde & tempest thow may be our thrawin
And mony foirlie ² foirtunis yow may find

¹ Pp. 357-366 are by the same hand as pp. 343-350.

² *Sic.*

As chanellis craggis beddis & bankis blind
 Lekkis and wanlukis *quhair* by thow may be lost 30
 be war thairfoir *wit^h*¹ weddir waw & wind
wit^h wncaith² coursis and wnknawin cost

Thow will put all into appeirand perrell
 gif Inglis forcis in this realme repair
 Sic ar *nocht* meit for to decyde *our* querrell 35
 Thocht farland foullis seime to haiff fedderis fair
 Cum thay acquaint thay will creip *inneir* mair
 and wilbe noysum *nychtbouris* and enorme
 And schortlie will sit to *our* sydis as sair
 As now thy rebellis quhome thay sould reforme 40

[p. 35⁸] That freindschip is ay faithfulest afar
 And longest will indure *wit^h* lytle dail
 I feir with vse and tyme it work to war
 fray yai aganis our partie anis prewaill
 quha wait bot syne thay will *our* selffis assaill 45
 Auld fayis ar sindill fayt^hfull freindis found
 first helpe ye half and syne *our* harll ye haill
 wilbe ane wofull weifair to our wound

Be thair exempill learne experience
 Ane forane mache or maister to admitt 50
 Reid quhane ye saxonis gat preeminence
 how sone thay socht as soueranis for to sitt
 Reid howe thay forcit ye britonis folkis to flitt
 And 3it posseidis yat peipillis *propirtie*
 be war we may be wolterit or we witt 55
 And lykwayis loiff Our land and libertie

Ane thowsand sick exempillis I could schaw
 and mony noble natioun I may name
 quho lost at lenthe thair libertie and law
 And sufferit hes bayt^h sorow skyt^h² & schame 60

¹ waw & *deleted here.*

² *Sic.*

That for to help yair harmes and hurt at hame
 fecht forane foris into yair support
 quha fuilzeit syne yair fredome force and fame
 And yame subdewit in ye samoñ sort

fleand charibde be war in scyll to fall 65
 And sa eschew ciuile dissentiouñ
 That oure estate to strangeris be *nocht* thrall
 The canker of *our* auld contentiouñ
 Will keipe no conand nor conventiouñ
 And gif yow gif yame credeit to correct wß 70
 be craftie way will and Inuentiouñ
 And subtill *slychtis* thay will seik to subiect ws

Scotland come newir 3it in seruitude
 sene fergus first bot ewir hes bene frie
 and hes bene alwayis brukit be a bloud 75
 And king of kingis descendit grie by grie
 gif yat it be in boundage brocht be the
 Thane waireit war thy weirdis and wanhap
 Thairfoir yir forane fayis sa foirsie
 That cachit we be *nocht with* thy este[r]clap 80

Mark and mynt at ye honour laud and prayß
 The wertew worßhip word and wassalage
 Off sick as hes done doihtelie¹ in yis¹ dayis
 To keipe yis realme from thraldome & bo(ndage)
 Merk alsß ye wyld witupour and ye wage 85
 Off vntreuthe tresoune and of tyranie
 [p. 359] And howe sone¹ honour hes and heretage
 And lyfis lost for thair disloyaltie

So for yi factis thow wilbe sene to find
 The lyk rewaird of wairtew or of wyce 90
 be *nocht* thairfoir syld as aue bellie blind
 Nor lat thy self be led wpone [ye] yce

¹ *Sic.*

Nor to content thy marrowis cowatice
 put *nocht* thy selff in perrell for to pereis
 nor beir ye blame quhair vyairis takis ye *price* 95
 Nor bett ye bus yat vthairis eattis ye bereis

The trone of tryell and theatre ¹ trew
 Is for to regne & rewle aboue ye rest
 quho hes ye wogue him all ye warld dois w(ew)
 And magistrat ye man dois manifest 100
 Swa sen yow hes ye princis place possest
 Louk to be prasisit as yow playis yi pairt
 And as yow luiffis so luiffit be and lest
 And alwayis delt *wit* estir yi desert
 ffinis

[CLXXVIII. ANON. *A Complaint
 anent Meiris* ; P., p. 181.]

To 3ow my lordis of renou
 The haill pepill of ruglingtoun
 burges *merchantis* & indwellaris
 Craftismen officiaris and meit selleris
 Rychemen puiranis and guid 3emen 5
 Wydewis maidnis and hyre women
 Honest matrons and guid wyffis
 3oung men & 3oungeris yat sindill stryffis
 Magistratis and men of degrie
 Seruandis and sic as luifis ² on fie 10
 schortlie of ye toun ye haill menzie
 Maist humblie to 3ow now dois plenzie
 That our traffique dois clene decay ³
 Our chift ² and gane is quyt away
 We haif na change *wit*in our burght 15
 The grene girß growis our streithis ² throcht
 Our baxisteris ² of breid hes no seil ²
 The brosteris hes na change for aill

¹ *Corrected from catre.*

² *Sic.*

³ *Corrected from decay.*

The flescheris skamlis are gane dry
 The heiland men bringis in na ky 20
 The merchandis hes na change of wair
 The hostillaris gettis na repair
 [p. 360] The craftismen ar *nocht* regardit
 The prentes boyis ar *nocht* rewairdit
 The stableris gattis¹ na stabil fies 25
 The hyre women gettis na balbeis
 The hors boyis ar hurt of yair waige
 Thair is no *proffeit* for a paige
 schortlie yair is na change *witkin*
 The court of strangeris is sa thin 30
 And all this sorow & mischeif
 Is *noyer* cum of houir nor theiff
 Nor be ye foirce of enimeis
 Nor be priuat conspiraceis
 Bot becaus men hes lattin down 35
 The fair & market of our toun
 I mein ye *mercatt* of our hors
 quhilk *nayer* cumis to pors¹ nor corfs
 Nor to ye croft our toun besyde
 for mony ane was wont to ryd 40
 At guit¹ sanct lukis nobit¹ fair
 quhair mony nobill did repair
 And for ye wery wynter tyd
 for ryddin hors did yaim prouid
 for yame and all yair company 45
 That it was plesour yane to se
 bot now ye nobillis takis na forfs
 And cairis *nocht* for ryddin hors
 On horfs yai will no money spend
 bot spairis it till ane vthair end 50
 Sua newir is sene in till our toun
 Lord laird burges or barroun
 and quhair yat mony gay gelding
 before did in our *mercat* ling

¹ *Sic.*

Now skantlie in it may be sene 55
 Twelff gait glydis deir of a preine
 This *cumis* nocht as we considder
 That *men* to trawell now ar slidder
 for mony now so bissie ar
 quhidder 3e trawell neir or far 60
 go befoir or byde behind
 3e shall yame ay in 3our gett find
 Thocht na thing to yame yair *perteine*
 3it yai will ay be bissie sene
 Nor 3it tak yai yis cair and pane 65
 On fut travellan on ye plane
 bot rydis *rycht* softlie on a meir
 Weill montit in yair rydding geir
 The *rycht* ressoun yane till espy
 Quhy rydin hors men will nocht by 70
 [p. 1]¹ Is yat yai gett ane meir onboycht
 and sua yai think yai ryd for nocht
 And thinkis it war ane fulishe act
 On rydin horß to spend yair pact
 Haifand ane 3aid at yair command 75
 To ryd on bayth in burgh & land
 This wikit meir sa weill yame staikis
 And ambillis *wit*h yame in ye glaikis
 That quha to hir dois anis him hant
 Thairefter he can nocht hir want 80
 for scho so gloriouslie dois ryd
 That yame puffis wp *wit*h pryd
 be yai anis montit on hir bak
 Thay think in yame yair is na lak
 Thair meit doubleit dois yame reioyß 85
 Thay spred abrod yair buffit hoiß
 Thay tak delyt in nedill wark
 Thay gloir in yair weill ruffit sark
 Thair litill bonet or bred hat
 Sumtyme heicht and sumtyme plat 90

¹ This leaf has been wrongly bound at the beginning of the MS.

Waittis *nocht* how on yair heid to stand
 Thair gluffis *perfomit* in thair hand
 Helpis meikill yair countenance
 et tout est a la mode de france
 Thair dry scrippionis bayt^h tryme & meit 95
 Thair mullis glitterane on yair feit
 Thair garttonis knottit *with* a roiß
 putis at ¹ ye lassis in yair chois
 Thay sny^t *thocht* yair na mister be
 That ze may yair trim napkyne se 100
 And gif ze *rycht*lie it considder
 The goldin knappis sall hing ye gidder
 quhane as yai talk of ony thing
 All tendis to yair awin lowing
 Wald ze esteme yame be yair crakis 105
 Thay wald be cesaris in yair actis
 for lordlie liberalitie
 Thay gane bot kingis for to be
 Thair ryches as yair selffis dois count
 King cresus thresour^{is} may *summount* 110
 On to yair taillis quha lest attend
 Thay knaw all to ye wardillis end
 gif ze will trow all yat yai tell
 In ewerie thing yai do excell
 Thir ar ye sasonis ¹ as I leir 115
 of *men* yat rydis on ye meir
 The women als yat on hir ryddis
 Thay man be buskit wp lyk bryddis
 [p. 2] Thair heidis heisit *with* seikin ¹ sailis
With clartty silk about yair taillis 120
 Thair gownis schant to schaw yair skin
 Suppois it be *rycht* oft full dine
 To mak yame small yair waist is bound
 A buist to mak yair bellie round
 Thair buttokis bosterit wp behind 125
 A fartigall to gayair wind

¹ *Sic.*

Thair hois maid of wantoun hew
 And quhene yai gange as yai noch^t knew
 Thay luift yair goune abone yair schank
 Syne lyk ane brydlit catt yai brank 130
 Sum tanttyng wordis yai haif perqueir
 That service yame in all mateir.
 finis.

[CLXXIX. ? MAITLAND¹
Ces, Hart, etc.]

[p. 2] Ces hart and trubill me no moir
 and lat alan all penseiffnes
 and rander till yai maker gloir
 Othair of plesour or distres
 Content yai selff wth sobirnes 5
 And put yi traist in god alon
 forzeit this warldillis wraichitnes
 And se for it yow mak no mon

Sen god yi souerane hes ye send
 into yis wail of miserie 10
 Amange ye rest yi tyme to spend
 quhill it him plei^s to call on the
 Recawe his giftis quhat ewire yai be
 stand still quhair ewir he dois ye place
 work yi wociatioun stedfastlie 15
 Calling on him to grant ye grace

Gruge noch^t aganis his godlie will
 Thocht yow get noch^t yi harttis desyre
 accui^s him noch^t bot hald ye still
 List² yow prowok his mychttie Ire 20
 perschance ye thing quhilk yow require
 And franis fast grantit to be
 wald rayair cast ye in ye myire
 Thane frome all denger set ye fre

¹ In the Quarto attributed to Arbuthnot.

² Sic.

Thy blindit wit can *nocht* considder 25
 his work of wosdome and *prouidence*
 Thy spreit can *nocht* controll togidder
 H(is) rigour *with* his patience
 [p. 361] his Ire *with* his beneuolence
 his *mercie* and his iugment rycht 30
 feir him yairfoir *with* reverance
 Sen yow can *nocht* concew his mycht

No warldlie thing sould ye affray
 gif yow till him haif *conscience* clein
 Thought¹ it be lost or teint¹ ye day 35
quhilk yow haid haill & sound zeistrein
 In hart yairfoir tak yow na teyne
 bot in yai mynd luif¹ wnmolest
 for mony tymes it may be sein
 That sick thingis *cumis* for ye best 40

Haif *nocht* inwy thocht woikit¹ men
 in warldlie welthe do ye excell
 Thocht yai yat do ye lord misken
 In to ye erthe beir now ye bell
 Remember yat yair is ane hell 45
quhair synneris all salbe forleir¹
 and quhoue ye Ioy na townghe cane tell
quhilk yow sall haif in hewinis gloir

Think on quhome god dois heir torment
 and chaistnes quhome he luiffis best 50
 That yai may *nocht* sett yair intent
 Wpone yis warld nor yairon rest
 bot rayer haet flie & detest
 The rout of pryd yat yairin ringis
 eschewand plesour as ane pest 55
quhilk drawis frome ye king of kingis

¹ *Sic.*

Remember also quhou sic chaystninge
 Dois ws allowr *our* selffis to knaw
 The quhippis of ye lord felinge
 becaus we daylie brak his law 60
 Sic punusching¹ hauldis ws in awe
 That we stray *nocht* our far esklent
 Nor *wit* ye weikit in 3oik drawe
 quhome in his wraithe ye lord will schent

Also sic tribulatione 65
 Sould ye admoniſ and mak plane
 That yi cheiff consolatioe
 Into yis warld is *nocht* found certane
 bot yat in hewin it dois remane
 onto ye *quhilk* yow sall pretend 70
 Without regard of triffillis wane
² Lowing ye lord quhat ewir he (send)

[p. 362] Stowpe yane wnder his michtie hand
 and ye content of his guid will
 Thocht yow haue noyair geir nor land 75
 Think *nocht* yairfoir he luifis ye ill
 bot rather think he dois fulfill
 his *promeiſ* quhane he dois ye bring
 be yat same trane ye hewinis wntill
 by *quhilk* first enterit christ *our* king 80

Thought yow be heir in oncowthe land
 and dois ye indignatioufi beir
 of countre men quhilk in ane band
 Conspyris still to do ye deir
 Tak yow yairfoir of yame na feir 85
 Sen yai can *nocht* annoy yi saull
 for in ye scriptour yow may leir
 quhou *sum* tyme lyk sufferit sanct paull

¹ *Sic.*

² *This line originally was* Luifand ye lord quhat ewir yow send.

Giff god wpone yi pairtie stand
 quhat misteris ye for to tak feir 90
 gif he defend ye *with* his hand
 yi *ennemies* can *nocht* ye deir
 This reill yis raige yis crewiell¹ weir
 Thocht it a quhyll do ye molest
 3e¹ as yow may in scriptour leir 95
 all thing sall tourne ye to ye best

In god *yairfoir* ye confort ay
 and quyt yis warld for it is wane
 prece to ye place can newir dicay
 Seik to ye sett yat is certane 100
 for eirthelie Ioy can *nocht* remane
 and quhair it is its onperfyit
with small plesour is meikill pane
 And dowblie¹ dowll *with* small dilyit

Sen but all pen¹ plesour perfyit 105
 into yis warld can *nocht* be found
 Sen dowllfull dolour and delyit
 ilk ane *with* vthair fast ar bound
 Sen our first fayeris deidlie wound
 hes preweit men of perfyte Ioy 110
 quhane¹ lang² yat yow lest on yis ground
 for warldlie geir tak 3e na noy

[p. 363] Thocht god hes *nocht* apointit the
 To bruik honouris amange ye leiff¹
 3it hee hes ordanit yat yow be 115
 Ane quhome his sone Iesus still¹ saiff
 quhat gretter gift yane can yow craiff
 Thane be at ane *with* sik ane lord
 And yat eternall Ioy to haif
 quhilk he hes promissit be his word 120

ffinis Richard Maitland

¹ *Sic.*

² *Interlined.*

[CLXXX. MAITLAND *To King James VI*; P., p. 342; M. Cl., p. 36.]

Oure Souerane lord in to thy tendir aige
leir to serue god him luif aboue all thing
cheis yi counsell of guid iust men and seige¹
That ar expert maist habill and condng
To gif ane fayt~~h~~full counsell till ane king 5
how he sould rewill his realme in peace & rest
To luif wertue and all wycis doun thrng
Thame to releiff that hes bene lang opprest.

Syne be yi counsell gar it be providit
how thow sall leif to yi royell estait 10
And how yi nobill *persoun* sall be gyddit
In tyme to cum and quha sall on ye wait
To be yi garde and serue ye air and lait
and quhat baronis sall in yi court remaine
Thair tyme about it to decoir all gait 15
Of yi effaires for to tak swm paine.

Thy propirtie and casualiteis
And thay be put to yi vtilitie
Will hald yi hous and pay yi *seruandis* feis
And find all thing yat neidfull is to thee 20
gif yow will vs na prodigalitie
And wainlie weist¹ ye rentis of yi croun
now in yi 3outh experience haif we
Thy leifng haill neir broght to confusioun.

Was newir king nor prince in yis countrie 25
Till leif vpone yat had so greit ane rent
To yi proffeit gif it weill gydit be
And *nocht* in waine consumit and mispent
[p. 364] Thairfoir be ressoun yow sould be content
Till leif on it yat to yi croun *pertenis* 30
That on yi lieges taxatioun nor stent
be newir raisit be vnlauchtfull menis.

¹ *Sic.*

Schir at yi baronis thrie thingis requyre
 quhilk be ressown can not dinyit be
 first to breik iustice yat nane sall ye desyre 35
 The secund is yat yow may vs frilie
 Thy awin leifing so yat it ma be trewlie
 put to sic proffeit as guidlie it may
 Thridlie yat yai ye helpe & fortifie
 iustice to do at all tyme *nicht* and day. 40

Schir gif na eiris to waine flatteraris
 quha at ye lenthe will bot ye plaine dissawe
 gif na credens to comune clatteraris
 nor in yi court na bakbyteris resawe
 That will of yame at quhome yai malice haife 45
 To yi hienes mony lowd lising make
 And gar yi grace in¹ heitrent consawe
 agane trewe men fra ye till hald abake

Mycht sclanderit men of ye gait audiens
 or war *present* quhane ewill teillis war tauld 50
 Thay sould say weill defend yair innocens
 Thair honestie sa iustifie yai wald
 gar yame think schame till lie yat was so bald
 and gar yi grace sa kene ye weritie
 That yow sould yane for honest men yame hald 55
 And tratlane toungis had our lang leif to li.

O royell roy yi realme ay rewile be *rycht*
 and be wyß *consell* gyd yi maiestie
 about yi *persoun* haif bayth day and *nicht*
 godlie guid men of fame and honestie 60
 And do na thing in yi minoritie
 be *persuasioun* of ewill teillis nocht trewe
 That quhane yow *cummis* to maioritie
 experience will gif ye caus to rew.

¹ *Sic.*

[p. 365] 3oung nobill king and yi counsell I pray 65
 This comune weill keipe in tranquillitie
 Sa sett it furt^h it may increse ilk day
 To yi lieges do iustice equalie
 Wit^hout respect to *persoun* or pairtie
 That in yis land be na tuilze nor sturt 70
 And in sum caice yi grace to schawe *mercie*
 And speciallie quhair na pairtie is hurt.

I pray to god ye gyder of all thing
 Oure souerane saif fra *dolour* & dicay
 and gif him grace to be ye nobillest king 75
 That in yis regioun range yis mony day
 That he may tak our lang *dolour* away
 in his *nonaige* yat we haif done sustene
 falsed and wrange be now banist for ay
 That guid iustice amang ws may be sene. 80

ffinis *quod* R. maitland

[CLXXXI. T. HUDSON
Epitaph; P., p. 350.]

[p. 366] EPITAPH OF SCHIR RICHARD MAITLAND OF
 LETHINGTOUN KNY^T: QUHO DIED OF THE AAGE OF
 FOUR SCOIR AND TENE 3EIRIS IN THE 3EIR OF GOD 1585
 DIE MENSIS 20¹ MARTII

The slyding tyme sa slilie slippis avey
 It reavis frome ws remembrance of *our* state
 And *quhill* we do the cair of tyme delay
 We tyne the tyde and do Lament to Laitt
 Thene to eschew such dangerous debaitt 5
 Prepone for patrone manlie maitland kny^{cht}
 Leirne by his Lyff to leive in sembill reatt
 with Luiff to god religioun Law and Rycht

¹ Or 21.

ffor as he was of wertu Lucent Light
 Off ancient bluid of nobill spritt and Name 10
 Belovit of god and everie gracijs vight
 So diet he auld deserving worthie fame
 A Rair exampill sett for ws to sie
 Quhat we have beine now ar and aucht to be
 Quod Thomas hudson

[CLXXXII. R. HUDSON
Epitaph; P., p. 350.]

ANE VTHER EPITAPH OF THE SAID S/R RICHARD

Thy surname Maitland schawis thy ancient raice
 Thy marciall actis the croniclis displey
 and speak thow Iustice quhillis he had thy place
 giff iustlie hie thy ballance did not suey
 He was ay prest goddis treuth to plant alwey 5
 Quho gaive hime Long 3eiris and ane faithfull wyff
 His childaris childring florisch day buy day
 In welth he Leivitt with honour Left this Lyfe
 Thene thow quho knawis his birth his Lyfe his end
 Mey sey his saull to Lesting Lyfe is send 10
 Thus mey we sie none mey frome daith refraine
 Bot Livis to die and dies to Leive againe
 We that hime wantis mey vaill his daith (alace)
 War not his worthie impis supplies his p(lace)
 Quod Robert hudson

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