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P R E F A C E.

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It is intended to publish the MS. in four volumes: the first in number (though it will be published last) will contain the editor's Introduction and the Draft or Duplicate part of the MS.; this, the second, volume contains the first part of the MS. proper from page 59 to page 323; the third volume will continue the text to page 554; while the final instalment of the text with Bannatyne's "Table of the Hail Buik" will appear as the fourth volume.

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in the body of the text, each piece is numbered in the Table of Contents, so that any references required in the Introduction will be easily made.

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This book is gifted to
Mr William Carmichaell
Be me

Will ffoulis ¹

Vide page
211 where is
Jacobus Foulis
1623 ¹.

The Wryttar to the reidaris

3e reverend redaris thir workis revolving richt
Gif 3e get crymis . Correct thame to 3our micht
And curfs na clark that cunninggly thame wrait .
Bot blame me baldly Brocht this buik till licht
In tenderest tyme . quhen knowlege was nocht bricht 5
Bot lait begun to lerne and till translait .
My copeis awld mankit and mvtillait .
Quhais trewth as standis (3it haif I sympill wicht)
Tryd furth, Thairfoir excuse sumpairt my estait—

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That in fyve pairtis It is dewly devydit

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2 The nixt ar morale / grave And als besyd it
3 grund on gud counsale . The thrid I will nocht hyd it
Ar blyith and glaid Maid for our consollatioun . 15
4 The ferd of luve / and thair richt reformatioun .
5 The fyift ar tailis and storeis weill discydit
Reid as 3e pleifs / I neid no moir narratioun



¹ *In a later hand.*

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God.

God is a substance for evir durable .
 Eterne / omnipotent / mercifull / and Iust .
 Quha gydis all thingis in order convenable .
 A God / in quhome ¹ilk man awcht for to trust .
 Quha for prayar givis grace to mortifie our lust . 5
 In quhais feir and luve all þat sall endeur .
 Sall eftir this lyif off bettir lyif be seur .



¹ ink changed to ilk and deleted.

One most Gentle, courteous and
 lustie Raigne ~~maye~~ be euer
 learned Scots poet and wri^{ter}
 he George Buchanan in the time
 of his youth

Which becoms the right excellent godly
 And Zenit there callit the benne of poe^{ty}
 Comprisit be the famous and renowned poet
 Mr Iohnne Bellenden archdean of murray concern
 the incarnation of our saluour christ

When golden yhesus mocht for the son
 To be the full to mak his manifeston
 And haueit deat in the virgin Mary
 Not without paine in his assentioun
 Appoynted to his oppositioun
 Chancel dour amara in his piteous p^{er}son
 Pleasid of him the best religious
 His pines foris stabit cy^{te} p^{er}son

The p^{er}son quene the quene m^{er}cy
 Quene and for his had p^{er} governour
 Not without a ray of c^{er}son
 In most excellent honore and p^{er}son
 In very glorie that mocht his p^{er}son
 Quene the his crown of his triumph
 Be quene p^{er}son and roccle ordmanet
 The p^{er}son m^{er}cy and blasse to the p^{er}son


The p^{er}son tymer, quene, and omnipotent
 D^{er}ibit of may the greit ballamit
 And t^{er}st the tymer and th^{er} expedient
 May to redeme for th^{er} captivite
 And to redeme for th^{er} p^{er}son
 Not lady and p^{er}son to be glorificat
 p^{er}son and condempn in the Lamb to be
 p^{er}son he not p^{er}son in p^{er}son

mercie

Before the face m^{er}cy th^{er} p^{er}son

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the first leif

Ane most Godlie, mirrie and
lustie Rapsodie maide¹ besundrie
learned Scots poets and written
be George Bannatyne in the
tyme of his youth.² 

Heir begynnis the richt excellent godly
And lernit werk callit the benner of
[peetie
Compylit be the famous and renoumit
[poet
Mr Johine bellenden archeden of
[murray concern[ing]³
the incarnatioun of our saluour chryist

Quhen goldin phebus movit fra the ram
In to the bull to mak his mansioun
And hornit dean in the virgin cam
W^t visage pail in hir assentioun
Approcheand to hir oppositioun 5
Quhen donc awrora w^t hir mistie schowris
fleand of skyis the bricht reflexioun
Hir siluer teiris skalit on the schowris⁴
The sesoun quhen the greit Octauian
Baith Erd and seis had had in govirnance 10
W^t diademe as roy cesarian
in maist excellent honor and plesance
W^t every gloir that nicht his fame advance
Quhen he the croun of hie triumphe had worne
Be quhais pēax and royell ordinance 15
The furious mars wes blawin to the horne
The samyne tyme quhen god omnipotent
Beheld of man the greit callamitie
And thocht the tyme wes than Expedient
Man to redeme fra thrald captiuitie 20
And to reduce him to felicitie
W^t body and sawle to be glorificat
quha wes condempnit in the lymb to bie
fra he wes first in syn prevaricat

¹ writtin *deleted*, maide *interlined*.

³ *Cut by inlay.*

² *In a later hand in black ink.*

⁴ *Sic.*

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	And crewall tormentis daly dois sustene	
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	How may thy grace nocht w ^t thy pietie Mene	
	Of thy awin werk the grit infirmitie	
Veretie	And be the contrare than said veretie	
	Thy word Eterne but end is permanent	
	Vnalterat but mvtabilitie	35
	W ^t owttin slicht of ony argument	
	Quhen adame wes fund inobedient	
	In paradice thruche his ambitioun	
	Perpetually be richtou's Iugement	
	Off thy blist visage Tynt fruisioun	40
Pece	Than pece said lord haif in thy memorie	
	That man thy wark / was creat to that fyne	
	That he micht haif perfyte felicitie	
	With the aboif the hevynis cristellyne	
	Quhilk lucifer did thrwch his foly tyne	45
	Sumtyme maid to thy Image worthiest	
	It wes said than be prophecie devyne	
	That thow sowld sleip and in my bosum rest	
Iustice	And Iustice said his odius offence	
	Contrare thy hie excellent dignitie	50
	his oppin syn and wilfull negligence	
	Befoir thy sicht sowld mair aggregit bie	
	Sen thow art alpha O and veritie	
	be richtous dome adame and all his seid	
	ffor tressone done agane thay ² maiestie	55
	Condempnit is to thoill the bittir deid	

¹ fyve written over fowre.

² Sic.


	Thir ladeis foure contending beselie	
	W ^t argumentis and mony strong repplyis	
Page 63	Befoir the blissit fader equalie	fol. 2 a
	Sum for Iustice and sum for mercie cryis	60
Sentence	The fader wret ane sentence in this wyis	
	ffor tressone done aganis oure maiestie	
	The bittir deid salbe ane sacrificyis	
	The grit offence of man to satisfie	
	The hevin the Eird Baith serchit vp and doun	65
	Nane wes thair fund sufficient cheretie	
	Man to redeme w ^t this conditioun	
	Than god eterne in his diuinitie	
	Seand it wes sa grit difficultie	
	To purge the spot of syn Originall	70
	Wes penitent that he maid man to bie	
	in to this warld, with sawle perpetuall	
	Thir ladeis foure than callit hes agane	
	And said your myndis sall fulfillit be	
	3e sall ay still in to my court remane	75
	And in this maner haif fraternitie	
	My <i>mercy</i> salbe knit to veritie	
	Than <i>peāx</i> and Iustice sall togidder brace	
	My sone salbeir the burding of this plie	
	And man salbe reconcyld to my grace	80
	The fader than on gabriall did call	
	And said my <i>serwand</i> pass w ^t diligence	
	To Mary myld my spous Emperiall	
	In wark nor word that nevir maid offence	
	And say to hir w ^t humill reverence	85
	My tender sone sall in hir bosum breid	
	And in hir chalmer mak his residence	
	hir honor savit and hir madinheid	

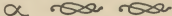
	Man nicht nocht mak ane sacrifice conding ffor adams syn and his posteritie	90
	To god als wa It wes nocht according	
Page 64	Allanerlie to thoill oure miserie	fol. 2 b
	Thairfoir it wes convenient to be	
	Chryist god and man / w ^t dowble natur cled	
	That he as man for oure offence nicht de	95
	And syne As god To ryiff Agane frome dede	
	Off god and man the blissit mediateur	
	Be sentence of the blissit trinitie	
	Is cum in bosum of the virgin peure	
	Subdewand him to our mortalitie	100
	Tho ^t he wes equall in diuitie ¹	
	To god eterne fader omnipotent	
	3it man to saif fra thrald captiuitie	
	Vnto the deid wes maid obedient	
	As craft of hand vpoun the stringis playis	105
	proportionat in hevinly melodie	
	Quhair thre attanis presentlie assayis	
	the vnison and concord armonie	
	The Craft / the string / The hand indifferentlie	
	Ane sound is hard over the Eir Iocund	110
	Suppois thir thre concurris equalie	
	3it Nane of thame bot stringis makis the sound	
	Richt so the fader and the halie spreit	
	Off man tewk nevir incarnatioun	
	And 3it thay war in to thair mynd compleit	115
	Participant in operatioun	
	Consenting to that hie legatioun	
	Maid to the blissit virgin tendirle	
	Quhen gabriell maid Annuntiatioun	
	The sone incarnat wes allanerlie	120

¹ Sic.

- Than Ionit wes / in perfytt vnitie
 Devyne persone / and miserie of man
 The moder peur full of virginitie
 Page 65 The fervent hairt and faith maist souerane fol. 3^a
 God saule and flesche At anes to remane 125
 Passing the strenth of Mannis argument
 Ane standing thre / And thre ay standing ane
 be michtie werk of god Omnipotent
- And of thir thre The formest vnioun
 the
 mervellus
 thingis Wes mervellus in maist Excellent gre 130
 Quhen of the hevin the michtie campioun
 His godheid knit to oure humanite .
 Oppynit the port And coft our libertie
 Quhairthrow the fruct of all oure grace began
 Quhilk nicht nocht haif sa grit difficultie 135
 As to tak natur of ane mortall man .
- The secund wes ane richt excellent thing
 Quhen moderfull wes the virgin vndefloir
 Quhair natur stwneist and had grit wondering
 And all that hevinlie labur did abhoir 140
 Than ressonne said / it wes nocht sene afoir
 Into this warld be ony levand leid
 Ane chyld to be of ony woman boir
 Hir bosum clene w^towttin mannis seid
- The thrid Excellent wes and mervellus 145
 Quhen fervent hairt and faith togidder ran
 Ane thing to natur richt contrarius
 Quhen scho this subteill argument began
 How may thir tway haif credence soveran
 W^t sicker faith in to our hairt obscure 150
 That god Eterne nicht stand ane mortall man
 Ane mother how to be / the virgin pure

	Thow godheid trine Rignand in vnitie	
	Mover of all w ^t sicht maist provident	
Page 66	Gevar of lyfe w ^t all tranquillitie	fol. 3 b
	Into thy self ay standand permanent	156
	All v ^p ir thing bot thow art indigent	
	Thy mercie grit thy gudnes ineffable	
	Baith hevin and Erd ar insufficient	
	To schaw thy wit and gloir inestimable	160
	O sone of god that for the weill of ws	
	Tuik in thy mynd so grit sollicitude	
	fra hivin to cum in natur glorius	
	Off the blist virgin takand flesche and blude	
	Howbeit thy godheid and oure nature rude	165
	Discordand war be distance infinite	
	Thow schawin hes thy michtie celcitude	
	Quhen thay wer knit in ane <i>persone</i> perfite	
	ffor thy grit gudnes and that mekle pane	
	Thow had in corps and sawle Intellectyve	170
	Quhen blude and watter birst fra every vane	
	And grundin speir owthrow thy hairt did ryve	
	Quhen fra thy body chasit wes thy lyve	
	Bring ws amang tha happie senatouris	
	Quhause thow hes Coffin w ^t thy woundis fyve	175
	Quhen saule depairtis in oure lattir houris	

Heir Endis the benner of pietie compylit
 Be maister Iohine bellentyne archedene
 Of murray 

And followis the proheme of the cosmographie
 of the cuntre of costland¹ compylit be the said Mr
 Iohine bellentyne 

¹ *Sic.*

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fol. 4 a

The proheme of the croniculs compylit be the
famous and Renownit clerk maister Iohine bellen-
tyne

Archedene of murray direct to king Iames
the fyft verry lernit and morale

Quhen siluer diane full of bemis bricht vid the Second
fra dirk eclips wes past this vther nicht prolog or pro-
 heme p. 782¹

And in the crab hir propir mansioun gane .
Artophilax contending at his might
In the grit Eist to set his visage richt . 5
I mene the ledar of the charle wane
Aboif oure heid wes the vrsis twane .
Quhen sterris small obscuris in oure sicht .
And Lucifer left twinkland him allane .

The frosty nicht w^t hir prolaxit houris 10
hir mantill quhyt spred on the tendir flouris .
Quhen ardent labour hes addressit me
Translait the story of oure progenitouris .
Thair greit manheid wisdoms and honouris .
Quhair we may cleir (as in ane mirroure) se 15
The furius End sumtyme of tirannye . . .
Sumtyme the gloir of prudent gouernouris
Ilk stait apprysit in thair facultie

My wery spreit desyring to repreß
my Emptiue pen of frutles besineß 20
Awalkit furth to tak the recent are .
Quhen priapus w^t stormy weid oppreß
Requeistit me in his maist tendirneß
To rest ane quhytle / Amyd his gardingis bare .
Bot I no maner cowth my mynd prepare 25
To sett assyde vnpleasant havineß .
On this and that contemplating solitare .

¹ *Pencilled note.*

- And first occurrit to my remmembraing
 How that I wes in service w^t the king
 Put to his grace in 3eiris tendirest . 30
 Page 68 Clerk of his comptis Thocht I wes inding fol. 4 b
 W^t hairt and hand and every vthir thing
 That nicht him pleiß in ony maner best .
 Quhill hie invy me frome his service kest .
 Be thame that had the court in gouerning 35
 As bird but plumes heryit of hir nest .
- Oure lyfe / oure gyding / And our aventuris
 Dependis frome thir hevinlie creaturis
 Apperandly be sum necessitie .
 ffor thocht ane man wald sett his besy curis 40
 So far as labor and his wisdome furis
 To fle hard chance of Infortunitie
 Thocht he Eschew it with difficultie,
 The cursid weird 3it Ithandly Enduris
 Gevin to him first in his natiuitie 45
- Off erdlie stait bewaling thus the chance
 Of fortoun gud I had no Esperance .
 So lang I swomit in hir seis deip
 That sad avysing w^t hir thoctfull lance
 Cowth fynd na port to anker hir firmance . 50
 Quhill morpheus the drery god of sleip
 ffor very rewth did on my curis weip .
 And set his slewth and deidly countenance
 W^t snorand vanis to ¹ throw my body creip .
- Me thoct I wes in to ane plesand meid 55
 Quhair flora maid the tendir blewmis spreid
 Throw kyndlie dew and humouris nutritiue .
 Quhen goldin titan w^t his flammis reid
 Aboif the seis rasiit vp hir heid

¹ *Interlined.*

Diffounding doun his heit restoretive . 60
 To every frute that natur maid on lyve .
 Quhilk wes afoir in to the winter deid
 for stormis cawld and froistis penetryve .

Ane siluer fontane sprang w^t wattir cleir
 in to that place quhair I approchit neir 65
 Quhair I did sone Espy ane felloun reird .

Page 69 Off courtly gallandis in thair best maneir fol. 5 a
 Reiosing theme in season of the 3eir
 As it had bene of mayis day the feird
 Thair gudly havingis maid me nocht Effeird 70
 With thame I saw ane crownit king appeir
 With tender downis rysand on his beird

Thir courtly gallandis settand thair intentis
 To sing / and play / on diuers^s instrumentis
 according to this princis appetit . 75

Two plesand ladeis Come pransand owir the bentis
 Thair Coistly clething schew thair michtie rentis
 Quhat hairt nicht wiß Thay wantit no^t a myt .

verteu and
 delyt : The rubeis schone vpoun thair fingaris quhyt .
 And finaly I knew be thair consentis 80
 This ane vertew / That v^per hecht delyt .

Thir goddessis arrayit in this wyse
 As reverence / and honor list devyse
 afoir this prince fell doun vpoun thair kneis
 Syne dressit thame in to thair best awyse 85
 (So far as wisdom in thair power lyiß)

To do the thing That nicht him best appeiße
 Quhair he reiosit in his hevinly gleiße
 And him desyrit for his hie Empryiß
 Ane of thame two vnto his lady cheiße 90

- delyt be-
gyⁿnis
- And first delyt vnto this prince said thus
Maist valzeant knycht in deidis Amorus
And lustiest that evir natur wrocht .
Quhilk in the floure of 3ewth mellyfluis
W^t notis sweit And sang mellodius 95
Awalkis heir Amangis the flowris soft .
Thow hes no game bot in thy mirry Thocht .
My hevinly blifß Is so delitius
All welth in Erd but it avalis nocht .
- Tho^t thow had france and italie also 100
spane / ingland / pole / w^t v^pir realmis mo
Thocht thow micht rigne in stait most gloriuis
Thy pissant kingdome is nocht worth ane stro fol. 5 b
gif it vnto thy plesour be ane fo .
Or trubill thy mynd w^t Curis dolorus 105
Thair is no thing may be so odius
to man . as leif in miserie and wo
defrawdand god of natur genius
- Dreß the thairfoir w^t all thy besy cure
that thow in Ioy and plesour may Endeur 110
Be sicht of thir foure bodyis Elementar
Two hevye and groß and two ar licht and peure
Thir Elementis be wirking of nateure
Doith change in v^pir / And tho^t thay be richt far
fra v^pir severit / w^t qualeteis contrar 115
of thame ar maid all levand creature
And finaly in thame resoluit ar .
- The fyre in air / The air in watter cleir
In Erd the watter turnis w^towt weir
The Erd in watter turnis oure Agane . 120
So furth in ordour / nathing consowmis heir
Ane man new borne begyⁿnis to appeir

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foure ele-
mentis

in v̄pir figeur than afoir wes tane .
 Quhen he is deid The mater dois remane
 Tho^t it resolve in to sum new maneir 125
 No thing is new Nocht bot the forme is gane

Thus is no thing in Erd bot fugitive
 Passand and cumand be spreiding successive
 And As ane beist / so is ane man consave
 Off seid infuse in memberis genitive 130
 And furth his tyme in plesour dois ourdrive
 (As chance him leidis) quhill he be laid in graue
 Thairfoir thy hevin and plesour now ressave
 Quhill thow art heir in to this present live
 ffor eftir deth thow sall no plesour have 135

The rose / The lilleis and the violet
 Vnpullit / sone ar w^t the windis ouriset
 And fallis doun but ony fruct I wiß
 Thairfoir I say sen that no thing may let
 Bot thy bricht hew mon be w^t 3eiris fret 140
 (ffor every thing Bot for ane sessone is)

Page 71 Thow may nocht haif ane moir excellent bliß fol. 6 a
 Than ly all nicht in to myne Armes plet
 To hals and braiß w^t mony lusty kiß

And haif my tendir body be thy syd 145
 So proper / set / quhilk natur hes provyd
 W^t every plesour that thow may devyne
 Ay q^{ll} my tender 3eiris be ouirslyd
 Than gif it pleiß that I thy brydill gyd
 Thow mon alway fro aigit men declyne 150
 Syne dreß thy hairt Thy curage and Ingyne
 To suffer nane into thy houß abyd
 But gif thaey¹ will vnto thy lust² inclyne

¹ Originally thai ; i changed to e and y added.

² Interlined.

- Gif thow desyris in to ¹ the seyis till ¹ fleit
of hevinly blifß / Than me thy lady treit 155
ffor it is said be clerkis of renoun
- B² ———
Thair is na pleso^r in this Erd so greit
As quhen ane lovar dois his lady meit
To quickin his lyfe of mony deidly soun³
As hiest plesour but comparisoun 160
I sall the geif in to thy 3eiris sweet
Ane lusty halk w^t mony plwmifß broun
- Quhilk salbe found sa Ioyus and plesant
gif thow in to hir mirry flichtis hant
of every blifß that may in Erd appeir 165
As hairt will think / thow sall no plenty want
Quhill 3eiris swift w^t quheilis properant
Consowme thy strenth / and all thy bewty cleir
And quhen delyt had said on this maneir
- verteu be-
gynnis As rege of 3owtheid Thocht maist relevant 170
Than vertew said As 3e sall Eftir heir
- My landis braid w^t mony plentouous schyre
sall gif thy hienes (gif thou list desyre)
Triumphant gloir / hie honour / fame devyne /
W^t sic pissans / that thame na furius yre 175
Nor weirand aige / Nor flame of birmand fyre
Nor bitter deth May bring vnto rewyne
- Page 72 Bot thow most first Ensuffer mekle pyne fol. 6 b
aboif thy self that thow may haif Empyre
Than sall thy fame and honour haif na fyne 180
- My realmes is set among my fois all
Quhilkis hes w^t me ane weir continwall
And evir still dois on my bordour ly
and tho^t / Thay may no wayis me ovirthrall
Thay ly in wait / gif ony chance may fall 185

¹ *Interlined.*² *B and the line are in pencil.*³ ⁿ soun.

Of me sumtyme to get the victory
 Thus is my lyf ane ythand chevalry
 Labor me haldis strong as ony wall
 And no thing brekis me bot sluggardy

Na fortoun may aganis me no^t ¹ availl 190
 Tho^t scho w^t cluddy stormis ² me assaill
 I brek the streme of scherp adwersitie .
 In wedder loun / and maist tempestous hail
 But ony dreid I beir ane equall saill
 My schip so strang that I may nevir die 195
 Wit / reasone / manheid / governis me so hie
 No Influence / No sterris may prevaill
 To rigne on me w^t infortunitie

Compari-
 souⁿ
 The rege of 3ewth may nocht dantt it be
 but grit distresß and scherp aduersitie 200
 As be this reasone Is experience .
 The fynest gold or silver that we se
 May nocht be wrocht to oure vtilite
 But flammis kene and bittir violence
 The moir distresß / The moir Intelligence 205
 Quhay salis lang in hie prosperitie
 Ar sone ouerset be stormy violence

This fragill lyf (as monent ³ induring)
 but dowl sall the and every pepill bring
 To sicker blisß / or than eternall wo 210
 gif thou be honest labour / dois ane thing /
 Thy panefull labour / sall vaneisß but tareing
 Howbeit thy honest werkis do nocht so /
 gif thou be lust dois ony thing also .

Page 73 The schamefull deid w^towt disseuering fol. 7 a
 remanis ay . quhen plesour is ago. 216

¹ Interlined.² Written twice, but first deleted.³ Sic.

- Ane vþir
compari-
son :
- As carvell ticht fast tending throw the see
Levis no prent amangis the wallis hee .
As birdis swift w^t mony bissie plwme
Perffs the Air / And wait nocht quhair thay flee . 220
Siclyk our lyfe / w^towt actiuitie
Giffis na fruct / howbeit Ane schaddow blwme .
Quhay dois thair lyf in to this Erd coinswme ¹
W^towt vertew / Thair fame and memorie
Sall vaneifß sonar / than the reky fwme 225
- thrid com-
parison :
- As watter purgis and makis bodeis fair .
As fyre be natur ascendis in the Air .
And purefeis with heitis vehement
As floure dois smell / As fruct is nvresare
As pretious balmes revertis thingis sair 230
And makis thame of rot Impatient .
As spyce maist sweit . and roß maist redolent
As sterne of day be moving circulare
chaisis the nicht w^t bemis resplendent
- Siclyk my werk perfytis every wicht 235
in fervent lufe of maist Excellent licht
And makis man in to this Erd but peir .
And dois the sawle fra all corruptioun dicht
W^t odour dulce and makis it moir bricht
Than diane full / Or 3it appollo cleir . 240
Syne raisis it vnto þe hiest speir
Immortaly to schyne in goddis sicht
As chosin spous and creatour most deir .
- This vþir wenche that clippit Is delit
Involwis man be sensuall appetit 245
In every kynd of vice and miserie :
Becaufß na wit nor ressonne Is *perfyte*
Quhair scho is gyd / Bot skathis Infinit

¹ Or comswme.

W^t dolour / schame and vrgent povertie
 ffor scho wes get off frothis of the sie 250
 Page 74 Quhilk signefeis hir pleseir vennemit fol. 7^b
 Is midlit ay w^t scherp adwersitie

Duke hanniball (as mony awthouris wrait)
 Throw spanzie come be mony passage strait
 To Italy in furour bellicall . 255
 Brak down the wallis / and the montanis slait
 And to his Army maid ane oppin gait
 And victoreis had / On the romanis all .
 AT capua be pleseir sensuall
 This duck wes maid so soft & dilligait 260
 That w^t his fois he wes sone overthrall

Off fers achill The weirly deidis sprang
 In troy and grece Quhill he in vertew rang
 How lust him slew It is bot rewth to heir
 Siclyk the troianis w^t pair knychtis strang 265
 The veljeant greikis fra thair rowmis dang
 Victoriously exercit mony 3eir
 That nicht thay went to thair lust and pleseir
 The fatall horß did throw thair wallis fang
 Quhais prignant sydis wer full of men of weir 270

Sardanapall the prince effeminat
 ffra knichtlie deidis wes degenerat
 Twynand the threidis of the purpour lynt
 With fingeris soft Amangis the ladeis sat
 And w^t his lust cowth nocht be satiat 275
 Quhill of his fois come the bittir dynt
 Quhat nobill men and ladeis hes bene tynt
 Quhen thay w^t lustis wer Intoxicat
 To schaw at lenth My tounge sowld nevir stynt

- Thairfoir camill the valzeant chevaleir 280
 (quhen he the gallis / had dantit be his weir)
 Off heretable landis wald haif na recompence .
 ffor gif his bairnis and his freindis deir
 Wer vertewis / thay cowld no^t failk zeir
 To haif ynewch be romane providence . 285
 Gif thay wer gevin to vyce and Insolence
 It wes nocht neidfull for to conquieis geir
 To be occasioun of thair Incontinence
- Page 75
 revard of
 verteu Sum nobill men as (poetis) list declair fol. 8 a
 Wer deifeit / Sum goddis of the Aire 290
 Sum of the hevin . As Eolus / vulcan /
 Saturne / mercurie / apollo / Iupitair
 Mars / hercules / and vpir men preclair .
 that glory Immortall in thair lyvis wan .
 Quhy war thir pepill callit goddis than 295
 Becaus thay had ane vertew singulair
 Excellent hie aboif Ingyne of man
- Revard of
 vyce And vpiris ar in reik sulphurius
 As Ixion / and wery Sisiphus
 Eumenides / the feureis richt odibill 300
 The proud gyandis / and thristy tantalus
 W^t hugly drink and fude most vennemus
 Quhair flammis bald and mirknes ar sensibill
 Quhy ar thir folk in panis so terribill
 Becaufis thay wer bot schrewis vicius 305
 In to thair lyf / w^t deidis most horribill
- And tho^t na fruct wer eftir consequent
 of mortall lyf / Bot for this warld present
 Ilk man to haif allanerly respect .
 Zit vertew sowld fra vice be different 310
 As quick fra deid / As riche fra Indigent

that ane . to gloir and honor hie ay ¹ direct
 This vpir . saule and body to neglect
 That ane / of ressonne moist intelligent
 This vpir / off beistis following the effect 315

ffor he that nold aganis his lustis strive
 bot leivis as beist of knowlege sensitive
 Eildis richt fast and deth him sone ourhailis
 Thairfoir the mvle Is of ane langer lyve
 Than stonit horß / Also the barrane wyve 320
 Appeiris 3ung Quhen that the brudy falis
 We see also / quhen natur nocht prevailis
 the pane and dolor ar sa pungitive
 No medecyne the patient availis

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 Conclusioun

Sen thow hes hard baith our intentis thusß fol. 8 b
 Cheiß of ws two the maist delitius 326
 first to sustene ane scherp adwersitie
 Danting the rege of 3owtheid furius
 And syne posseid tryvmpe Innvmerus
 Wt lang Impyre and he felicitie 330
 Or haif ane moment sensualitie
 Of fuliche 3owth in lyf voluptuous
 And all thy dayis full of miserie

Be than phebus his fyrie cairt did wry
 fra sowth to west declynand besely 335
 To dip his steidis in to ¹ the occiane
 Quhen he began ovirsyle his visage dry
 Wt vapouris thik and cluddis full of sky
 And notus brym the wind Meridiane
 Wt wingis donk And pennis full of rane 340
 Awalknit me / That I nicht no^t Espy
 Quhilk of thame two wes to his lady tane

¹ *Interlined.*

But sone I knew thay wer the goddesses
 That come in sleip to vailzeant hercules
 Quhen he wes zung and fre of every lore . 345
 To lust or honor / povertie or riches
 Quhair he contempnit lust and ydilnes
 That he in vertew nicht his lyf decore .
 And werkis did of maist Excellent glore
 The moir inressit his panefull bissines 350
 His hee tryvmphe and loving wes the more

Than thrwch this morall eruditioun
 quhilk come (as said is) in my visioun
 I tuke purpois or I forder went
 To wryt the story of this regioun 355
 W^t deidis of mony Illuster campioun
 And thocht the pane appeiris vehement
 To mak the story to the redaris moir patent
 I will begin at the discriptioun
 Off albion in maner subsequent 360



ffinis Compyld be maister Iohine bellenden

The prolog of the tent buik of Virgill compyld
 be the noble poet Mr gawyn dowglaß bischop of
 dumkeld : of godis workis to be inconprehensible
 be man wit or ¹ressone / As for Example of the trinitie

He plasmatour of thingis vniuersall
 Thow renewar of kynd / that creat all
 Inconprehensible thy werkis ar to consaif
 Quhilk grantit hes to every wicht to haif
 Quhat thing maist ganis vnto his governall 5

¹ Altered from of.

How *mervellus bene diuisionis* of thy gracis
 Distribut so to ilk thing / in all placis
 The son to schyne over all / and schaw his licht
 The day to labour / ffor rest thow ordanit nicht
 ffor diuerß cauffß / schupe seir sessionis and spacis 10

fresche ver to burgeoun herbis and sueit flowris
 The hait sommer / to nvreisß / corne all houris
 And breid alkynd of fowlis / fische / and beist
 Hervist / to randir his fructis maist and leist
 Winter / To snyb the erth with frostie schowris 15

Nocht¹ that thow neidit ocht² / All thing thow wrocht
 Bot to that fyne thow maid all thingis of nocht
 Of thy gudneß to be *participant* /
 Thy godheid na richer nor zit mair skant
 Nowthir now nor than / set ws wrocht of nocht 20

Thy maist supreme indiuisable substance
 In ane natur / Thre personis but discrepanc
 Rignand eterne ressavis nane³ accidenc
 ffor quhy thow art richt at this tyme present
 It that thow wes / and evir sall / but varianc 25

Sen our natur god hes to him vnyt
 His godheid vnccorrupt remanis *perfy*t
 Page 78 The sone of god havand verry Naturis twane fol. 9b
 in ane persone / and thre personis all ane
 In deitie / natur / maiestie / and delyt 30

The sone the self thing w^t the fader Is
 The self substance The holie gaist I wifß
 Is w^t thame baith thre disunit personage
 As wes and salbe evir of ane age
 Omnipotent Ane lord Equall in bliß 35

¹ N written over Th, confirmed by nocht on margin.

² Originally nocht, but n deleted.

³ On margin.

Quhilk soverane substance in gre *superlative*
 Na *cunning* comprehend ma nor discrive
 Nowthir generis / Generat Is / Nor dois proceid
 All ane *begynner* of every thing but dreid
 And in the self remanis eterne on lyve 40

The fader of none generat creat nor bore
 His onlie sone *Ingenneris* evirmoir
 not makis creatis Bot *Ingeneris* alway
 Of his substance / and all tyme of baith tuay
 Proceidis the haly gaist equall in glore 45

Off baith frome ane *begynning* proceidis he
 Sa bene the werkis of the trinitie
 Maist Excellent and wonderfull to consaif
 3it thame to trest the mair mereit we haif
 that be na manis ressonne previt may bie 50

The fader knawis him self quhilk knalege / spreidis
 Be generatioun eterne that evir breidis
 His sone his word and wisdome eternale
 Betuix thir twa Is luvē *perpetuale*
 Quhilk is the haly gaist fra baith proceidis 55

Nocht that the faderis natur myneist is
 of his substance he generis his sone in blif
 Nor so the sone / of kynd is eiboir

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That he ane *pairt* hes and no moir fol. 10 a
 Bot all he gevis his sone and all is his 60

The ilk thing he him gevis / that he remanis
 This single substance / *indifferente* thus ganis
 to thre in ane / And ilkane of tha thre
 The samyne thing is in ane maiestie
 Tho^t thir thre *personis* be seuerall in thre granis 65

Similitude :

Lyk as the sawll of man is ane / we waite
 Havand thre poweris distinct and seperait
 Vndirstanding / ressonne / and memoir .
 Intelligence / consideris the thing befoir /
 Ressoun / decernis / Memor keipis the consait 70

As thay bene in ane substance knit all thre
 Thre personis regnis in ane deitie
 We may tak als Ane vpir similitude
 groisly / the samyn purpos to conclude
 flamb / heit / and licht / Bene in ane fyre we se 75

Quhair evir the low is / hete and licht bene thare
 And had the fyre bene birnand evirmair /
 Evir sowld the flamb ingennerit haif his licht
 And of the birnand low / the flambis bricht
*per*petwaly sowld heir¹ hait haif sprung / alquhare 80

So generis the fader the sone w^t him eterne
 ffrome baith proceidis the haly gaist coeterne
 Thus rud exampillis and figuris may we geif /
 Thocht be his awin createur to preif /
 War Mair vnlikneß than liknes to descerne 85

ffreind ferly not Na causß is to complene
 Albeit thy wit / Grit god may nocht attene
 ffor nicht thow comprehend be thyne Engyne

Page 80 The maist Excellent maiestie devyne fol. 10 b
 He nicht be reput Ane pretty god and mene 90

Consider thy ressonne is so feble and lite /
 And his knowlege profound and infinite
 Consider how he is vnmensurable
 Him as he is / To know thow art no^t able
 It sufeiß the belief the creid *per*fyte 95

¹ sprung *deleted*, and heir *interlined*.

God is I grant ¹ in all thing / not excludit
 Gevis all gudnes / And is of nocht denudit
 Of him hes all thing *pairt* / and he not mynneist
 Hail he is alquhair / Not devydit nor fynneist
 W^towt all thing he is / And not excludit 100

O Lord thy wayis bene Investigable
 Sweit Lord thy self Is sa Inestimable
 I can wryt nocht bot wounderis of thy nicht
 That lawleit sa far Thy maiestie & hicht
 To be borne man in till ane oxis stabill 105

Thow tuke mankynd of ane vnwemmit maid
 Inclosit wⁱⁿ ane virgynis bosum glaid
 Quhome all the hevynnis nicht nevir comprehend
 Angellis scheipherdis and kingis ² thy godheid kend
 Tho^t thow in crib betuix twa beistis wes laid 110

Quhat infinit excellent hie bonte
 Aboif thy werkis all in wonderfull gre ³
 Lord quhen thow man maid To thyne awin Image
 That tynt him self throw his fulische dottage
 Thow man become And deit to mak him fre 115

Maid thow nocht man first presedent vndir the
 To dant the beistis / fowlis / and fische in se
 Page 81 Subdewit till him the erth and all thairin fol. 11 a
 Syne paradice grantit him and all his kin
 Gaif him fre will and power nevir to de 120

Enarmid him w^t resson and prudence
 Only bad him keip thyne obedience
 And to him sowld all creaturis obey
 Bittir was that fruct for his ofspring / and fey
 Maid deth vnknawin be fund / and lyf ga hence 125

¹ I grant *on margin.*

² and kingis *on margin.*

³ Originally *degre.*

O thyne Inestimable lufe & cheretie
 become ane thrall to mak ws bundin / fre
 To quickin thy sklavis thold schamefull deid maist fell
 Blist be thow virginall fruct that herreit hell
 And payit the price of the forbiddin tre 130

Thocht thow lerge stremis sched vpoun the rude
 Ane drop had been sufficient of thy blude
 Ane thowsand warldis to haif redemit I grant
 Bot thow the well of *mercy* wald not skant
 Ws to provok / to lufe the And be gude 135

Commounioun :

Over all thys syne thy Infinit godheid
 Thy flesche and blude luffly w^t wyne & breid
 To be our fude of grace in plege of glorie
 Thow last ws gaif . In *perpetuall* memorie
 Of thy passioun and dolorus panefull deid 140

Quhat thankis dew or gainzeild lord benyng
 May I maist sinfull wrechit captive Indyng
 Rander for this soverane hie bontie
 Sen body / sawle / and all I haif of the
 Thow art my price Mak me thy pray conding 145

My makar My redemar and support
 ffra quhome all grace and gudnes *cumis* at schort
 Page 82 Grant me thy grace My misdeiddis till amend fol. 11 b
 Of this and all my warkis to mak gud End
 This I beseik the lord I the exhort 150

ffrome the *begynning* and end be thow my Muse
 All *vpir* Ioue / and phebuis I refuse
 Lat virgill hald his *maumentis* till him self
 I wirschep nowdir ydoll / stok / nor elf
 Thocht furth I wryt / so as myne auctor duse 155

Is nane bot thow the fader of goddis and men
 Omnipotent eternall Ioue I ken
 Only thy help fader thair is Nane vthir
 I compt nocht of thir pagane god's ane futhir
 Quhas power May Nocht help ane haltane hen 160

The scriptur clips the god of goddis lord
 ffor quhay thy mandimentis keipis in accord
 Bene ane w^t the / Not in substance / bot grace
 And we our father callis the / in every place
 Mak ws thy sonis in cheretie but discord 165

Thow haldis court over cristall hevynis cleir
 With Angellis sanctis and hevinly spreitis seir
 Thay but seissing thy gloir & loving singis
 Manifest to^rthe and patent / bene all thingis
 Thy spous & quene maid and thy moder deir 170

Concord forevir mirth / rest / and endles bliß
 (Na feir of hell nor dreid of deth thair Is)
 In thy hie realme nor na kynd of Ennoye
 Bot all weilfair / Eiß / and evirlestand Ioye
 Quhais he plesance / Lord lat ws nevir miß 175
 ffinis q Mr gawyne dowglas

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Ane ballat of the creatioun of the warld /
 man / his fall /
 And redemptioun maid to the tone' of the
 bank's of helecon

God be his word / his work began
 To forme the erth and hevin for man
 The sie and watter deip
 The sone / the mone / The starris bricht
 The day divydit frome the nicht 5
 Thair coursis for to keip

- The beistis that on the grund do mvfe
 And fische in to the se
 ffowlis in the air to fle abvfe
 Off ilk kynd creat hee 10
 Sum creiping // sum fleiting //
 Sum fleing in the air
 So heichtly // so lichtly /
 In moving heir and thair
- Thir workis of grit magnificence 15
 Perfytit be his providence
 According to his will
 Nixt maid he man to gif him gloir
 Did with his ymage him decoir
 Gaif *parradice* him till 20
 Into *pat* garding hevinly wrocht
 With plesowris mony one
 The beistis of every kynd war brocht
 Thair Names he sowld expone
 Thame *Nemmyng* // And *kennyng* // 25
 As he list for to call /
 ffor pleising // And eising //
 Off man / Subdewit thame all /
- In hevinly ioy man so possest
 To be allone god thoct not best 30
 Maid eve To be his Maik
 Bad thame increß and mvltiplie
 And Eit of every fruct and trie
 Thair plesour thay sowld taik
 Except the trie of gud & Ill 35
 That in the middis dois stand
 fforbad that thay sowld cum it till
 Or twiche it w^t thair hand

	Leist plucking // or lucking //	
	Baith thay and als thair seid	40
Page 84	Seveirly // Awsteirly //	fol. 12 b
	Sowld dye without remeid	
	Now adame and his lusty wyfe	
	In <i>parradyce</i> leidand thair lyfe	
	With plesowris infineit	45
	Wanting Na thing sowld do thame Eiß	
	Ilk beist obeying thame to pleiß	
	As thay cowld wiß in spreit	
	Behald the serpent subtilly	
	Invyand manis estait	50
	With wickit craft and subtilty	
	Eve temptit with dissait	
	Nocht feiring // Bott speiring //	
	Quhy scho take not hir till	
	In vsing // And chusing //	55
	The fruct of gud and Ill	
	Commandit ws scho said the lord	
	Nowayis pairto we sowld accord	
	Vnder Eternall pane	
	Bot grantit ws full libertie	60
	To Eit of every fruct and trie	
	Except that tre in plane	
	No, No, not so the serpent said	
	Thow art dissaut thairin	
	Eit 3e pair of 3e sall be Maid	65
	In knowlege lyk to him	
	In semyng // and demyng //	
	Off every thing arricht	
	Als dewly // Als trewly //	
	As 3e war goddis of nicht	70

Eve with thir fals wordis thus allurit
 Eit of the fruct and syne procurit
 Adame the same to play .
 Behald said scho how pretious
 So dilicat and delitious 75
 Besyd knowlege for ay
 Adame puft vp in warldly gloir
 Ambitioun and of pryde
 Eit of the fruct allace thairfoir
 And swa thay baith did slyde 80
 Neglecting // fforzetting //
 The eternall goddis command
 Quha scurgit // And purgit //
 Thame quyt owt of that land

Page 85 Quhen thay had Eitin of that frute 75 fol. 13 a
 Off Ioy than war thay destitute 86
 And saw thair bodyis bair
 Annone thay past with all thair speid
 Off leivis to mak thame selvis a weid
 To cleith thame was thair cair 90
 During the tyme of Innocence
 No syn Nor schame thay knew
 ffra tyme thay gat experience
 Vnto ane bufs thay drew
 Abyding // and hyding // 95
 As god sowld nocht thame see
 Quha spyit // and cryit //
 Adame quhy hyddis thow thee

 I being naikit lord throw feir
 ffor schame I durst nocht to compeir 100
 And so I did refuse
 Had thow nocht Eitin of that tre
 That knowlege had nocht bene in the
 Nor 3it No sic excuse

- This helper Lord thow gaif to me 105
 Hes cawsit me transgrefß
 Sayd scho The serpent subtilly
perswadit me no less
 Intreitting // be Eitting //
 that we sowld be *perfyte* 110
 Me sylit // Begylit //
 In him lyis all the wyte
- The lord that evir Iugeit richt
 Bringand his Iustice to the licht
 The serpent first did Iuge 115
 Becauß the woman thow begylit
 ffor evir thow sall be exylit
 Said he w'towt reffuge
 Betuix hir seid and thy ofspring
 Na peax Nor rest salbe 120
 And hir seid sall thy heid down thring
 ffor all thy subtilty
 Abhorrit // deformit //
 Thow on thy breist sall gang
 In feiding // And leiding // 125
 Thy lyfe the beistis amang
- The woman nixt for hir offence
 Page 86 Did of the lord ressaif sentence fol. 13 b
 Hir sorrow sowld increß
 With wo and pane hir childrene beir 130
 Subdewit to man vndir his feir
 No liberty possesß
 ffor adamis falt he curst the erth
 That barane it sowld be
 Without labour sowld 3eild na birth 135
 Off coirmis Erb nor tre

Bot wirking // And irking
 ffor evir sowld remane
 And being // in deing //
 In Erth returne Agane 140

O crewall serpent vennemus
 Dispytfull and seditious
 The grund of all our cair
 Thow fals bound slave vnto the divill
 Thow first Inventar of the evill 145

Off blifs quhilk maid ws bair
 O diuillis slaive did thow beleif
 Or how had thow sic grace
 Thairby for evir Thow micht leif
 Aboif in to that place 150
 Thy grudgeing // gat scrudgeing
 And swa god lute the sie
 A dissavar // no cravar //
 Off his reward sowld be

O dilicat dame / with Eiris bent 155
 That harknit to that fals serpent
 Thy banis we May sair ban
 Without excuse thow art to blame
 Thow Iustly hes obtenit that name

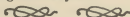
The verry wo of man 160
 With teiris we may bewaill & greit
 That wickit tyme and tyd
 Quhen adame was caussit to sleip
 And thow tane of his syd

No sleiping // Bot weiping 165
 Thy seid hes fund sensyne
 Thy Eitting // and sweitting //
 Is turnd to wo and pyne

Adame thy pairt quha can excuse
 With knowlege thow þat did abuse 170
 ^oThy awin felicitie
 Page 87 The serpentis fals Inventing fol. 14 a
 The womanis sone consenting
 Was nocht sa wickitlie
 god did prefer the to þis day 175
 And thame subdewid to the
 So all that thay cowld mene or say
 Sowld not haif movit the
 To brecking // abiecking
 That heich command of lyfe 180
 Quhilk gydit // Provydit //
 The ay to leif but stryfe

Behald the stait þat man was In
 And als how it he tynt throw syn
 And loist the same for ay 185
 3it god his promeiß dois *performe*
 Send his sone of the virgyn borne
 Oure ransone for to pay
 To that gret god lat ws gif gloir
 To ws hes bene so gude 190
 Quha be his deith did ws restoir
 Quhairof we war denude
 Nocht karing / Nor sparing //
 His body to be rent
 Redemyng // releiving // 195
 Ws quhen we war all schent

ffinis q Sær richart maitland of
 Lethingtoun knyght



The lxxxiii phaslme ¹ of dauid

God for thy grace / thow keip no moir silence
 Ceifß not o god Nor hald thy peāx no moir
 ffor lo thy fois ² with crewall ³ violence
 Considerat ar / and with ane hiddeous roir
 In this thair rage Thaye riballis brag and schoir 5
 And thay that hait the moist maliciously
 Aganis thy micht / thair heidis hes raisd on hie

ffor to oppreß thy pepill thay pretend
 With subteill flicht and move conspiracie .
 ffor sic as on thy secreit help depend 10
 Go to say thay And latt ws vtterlie
 This natioun rute owt frome memorie
 And of the name of Israleitis lat nevir
 forther be maid mentioun for evir

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fol. [14 b

Conspyrit ar with crewall hairtis and fell 15
 thus aganis the togidder in ane band
 The Edomeitis pat in thair tentis to dwell
 And Ismaleitis Ionit with thame to stand
 The Moabeitis / vpoun the vder hand
 With the prowid race of Agareines togidder 20
 Assemblit ar and wicketly consider

Geball / ammon / And amalek all thre
 marche furth ilk ane with his ⁴ garisoun
 The philistenis formest thay think to be
 The Indwellaris of tyre with thame ar boun 25
 aschur / also Is thair companzeoun
 With the childrene of lott to arrayed
 In thair suppoirt his benner is displayed

¹ Sic.² considerat ar *deleted*.³ On margin.⁴ Interlined.

Do thow to thame As thow did to the hoist
 Off madian / Jasin and Sisera 30
 At kyson flude In endor lyvis thay loist
 To dung the land quhair as thair bodyis lay
 Lyk oreb / ʒeb / ʒeba / and salmuʒna
 So mak thow thame Evin thair moist mighty princis
 And all the cheif rewlaris of thair provincis 35

Quhilk said lat ws Inhereit as our awin
 Godis mansionis // ¹ my god mak thame to be
 Lyk rolling quheilis Or as the stibill blawin
 befor the wind / As fyre the wid we se
 Dois burne / and flame devoir on montanis he 40
 the hether crop // So lat thy tempest chace thame
 And thy quhirlewind with terror so deface thame

Thair faces lord with schamefulnes fulfill
 That thay may seik thy Name in mynd to prent
 Confoundid let thame be / and evir still 45
 Vexid with wo / ʒe Mak thame schemd and schent
 And lat thame knaw that thow art permanent
 That Iehova thy Name allone parteineth
 to the / Over all the erth Quhois glory regneth

ffinis ffollowis a Song of him lying in poynt o[f] ²
 deth

O lord my god sen I am brocht	// To grit distreß	
And thrwche my body thair is nocht	// Bot havineß	
Mak haist in tyme to succour me	// O richteousß Iuge	
Sen I haif nane in erth bot the	// ffor my refuge	
My only howp and confidence	// In the is sett	5
Assuring me that my offence	// Salbe forʒett	
And all my tormentis sall tak End	// With suddane speid	
Quhen thow sic confort sall me send	// As I haif neid	fol. 15 a

¹ and *deleted*.² *Cut by inlay.*

Lord strenth me with thy patience	// To suffer ay	
Quhat pleissis best thyne excellence	// On me to lay	10
And lat me nocht declyne at all	// In tyme of greif	
Bot evirmair on the to call	// ffor my releif	
Help me to beir my burding lord	// ffor I am waik	
And latt my strenth and chaarge accord	// ffor thy names saik	
Assist me with thyne haly spreit	// That I may still	15
With steidfast hairt and howp repleit	// Abyid thy will	
At leist sum pairt I the beseik	// To swaige my pane	
As thow art luving kynd and meik	// Thy wreth refrane	
Into thy Iustice and Iugement	// Deill nocht with me	
Bot sen I am so penitent	// Grant me mercie	20
Quhen þat my senssis ar all gone	// And wordis dois fail	
My hairt and mynd on the allone	// Salbe all hail	
Thy sweit promeiß and tendir luv	// Na tyme nor tyde	
Owt of my mynd sall nocht remve ¹	// Nor 3it lat slyd	
And gif thow will that suddanly	// I sall depairt	25
I recommend my sawle to the	// With cheirfull hairt	
Quhair it sall haif ane dwelling place	// with angellis hie	
To rigne in hevinly luv and peace	// Eternallye	
Or ellis gif that thy plesour be	// My lyfe to spair	
Releif me of my meserie	// And present cair	30
Remeid me That am lyik to mang	// And soir opprest	
And I sall sing thy praeyselang	// As I may lest	

ffinis The sawle of man

¹ Sic.

Off all the gude createuris of goddis creating
 Maist peur and pretious Is the sawle of man
 A *perfect* substance / At na tyme abating
 Quhilk with the body The passionis suffer can
 In vertew Ioyus / In vyce Baith wyiſ and wan 5
 Quhilk eftir daith Sall reſſaif the rewarde
 of werkis in lyftyme It did maist regarde

The lyfe in man

Lyfe that cuppillis the sawle and body in ane
 Is fraill and vane / mair ſlippry than the ſlyme
 A heipfull of Cairis bot quyet hes it nane
 Ordanit of god A priſſone for a tyme
 Page 90 To plege and purge the body and sawle frome cryme fol. 15 b
 quhilk quha ſa ſpendis verteouſly and wele 6
 Sall eftir it ay in glory and Ioyis dwele

Conſcience

In quhat ordor ſa evir a manis lyfe is heir led
 The conſcience excuſis or accuſis plane /
 Vpirwayis to *perswaid* ſtandis in na ſted .
 It prevailis in witneſſ To Ioy or to pane .
 ffeir god Trust in him And *wickitneſſ* refraine . 5
 Keip ſaif the conſcience frome feir and trymbling
 That trew faith and *peāx* may be at *thy* Ending .

Prayar and repentance

Prayar is the maist haly devyne *ser*vice
 That man heir on erth ¹ vnto god may present
 ffaith with repentance Is the dew and *perfect* device
 That withstandis the diuill and his cursit Entent
 Pray to god Trust in him Bot first be penitent 5
 ffor as a seuir schip savis thame That be thairin
 Sa prayar be repentance savis ws frome drownyng in
 syn

ffaiith

ffaiith is a steidfastnes and trewth of thingis
 Spokin and covenantit off god or of man
 A richt faith in god with it all wayis bringis
 Invisibill powar / That michtelly can
 Withstand the assaltis of the crewall satan . 5
 ffor he þat is faithfull and trew in all thingis
 Hes michtyar *serv*andis Than lordis or kingis

ffeir of god

Withowt the feir of god na man can be Iust
 nor ȝit richtly rewill his corrupt nature
 ffeir strangly mortifyis all filthy lust
 ffeir fyndis entrance in to a lyfe moist peure
 Quhilk feir vpoun luvē dependis maist seure 5
 Or ellis feir withowt luvē Incessis hatred
 And quhame men do feir Thay wiß war perischeid

Aristotle

Bettir it is to dye / The sawlis lyfe to save
 Than to loiß the sawle / The bodyis lyfe to have

¹ *Interlined.*

Seneca

It is better to haif the sawle garnissid w^t vertew
Than the body deckid w^t purple / gold / or blew

ffinis

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The first salme beatus vir

fol. 16 a

Happie is hie / hes hald him fre /
ffrome folkis of defame
Always to fle / Iniquite /
And sait of syn and schame

Bot hes his will / conforme vntill 5
The lordis *command* and law
Thame to fulfill / w^t purpoiß still /
Boith day and nicht to knaw

He sall haif brute / as tre on rute /
Endlang the rever plantit 10
To burge and schute / and sall gif frutt
In tyme as god hes grantit .

Quhois leif and blaid / Sall nevir faid /
Bot fragrant ay be ¹ flureist
Quhois workis on braid / Sall evir spraid 15
And richtously be nvreist .

Sall non be so / off nochtis no /
Quhilk bene of cursit bind ²
Bot thay sall go / lyk dust and stro
Bene vaneist w^t the wind 20

¹ be repeated and deleted.

² Sic.

Evill men lykwyis / Sall no^t arryis /
 to Iugement As the trust ¹
 Nor thame that lyis / in syne of syis ¹
 To counsale w^t the Iust

ffor air and lait / the lord weill wait / 25
 the wayis of vertewus men
 And every gait / off wicket stait
 Sall perreis owt of ken

Gloria Patri

To fader gloir / be Evirmoir / 30
 To sone and haly spreit
 As wes afoir / Now is in stoir /
 And ay salbe So be it



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The fyifty ¹ pshalme

fol. 16 b

Lord god deliuer me allace
 ffor thy grit mercy rewth and grace
 Soir mornyng gruffing on my face
 Rew on my miserie
 Als for the mvltitud and space 5
 Off thy heich clemens heir my cace
 And my trespaß Expell and chace
 Lord god deliuer me

Wesche me and mak my sawle serene
 frome all iniquite that bene 10
 Clenge me of cryme and mak me clene
 All vycis for to fle

¹ Sic.

ffor my transgressioun haif I sene
 Quhilk tormentis me with tray and tene
 And ay my syn forgane myne Ene 15
 Lord god deliuer me

Only to the I did offend
 May non my miß bot thow amend
 As by thy sermondis thow art kend
 Ourcum all contrarie 20
 In filth lo I begyn and End
 by syn maternall I am send
 With vyce I vaneiß and mon wend
 Lord god deliuer me

Thow had to veritie sic zeill 25
 That of thy wisdome did reweill
 incertane hid thingis for my weill
 And laid befor myne E
 ffor quhen thy fowth of grace I feill
 I salbe clengit clene as steill 30
 And quhyttar than the snaw gret deill
 Lord god deliuer me

Thow sall gif glaidnes vnto heir
 Me in to Ioy and mirthfull cheir
 Quhen all my febill bonis Efeir 35
 Sall gif the lovingis hie

Page 93 Heirfoir avart thy visage cleir fol. 17 a
 So that my synnis cum not the neir /
 Off my misdeidis quhilk dois me deir
 Lor¹ god deliuer me 40

Creat wthin me and infound
 Ane hart Immaculat and mound
 Ane steidfast hairt renew and ground

¹ *Sic.*

Within my breist to be
 fieme me nocht fra thy face fecound 45
 Bot lat thy haly spreit abound
 Lord god deliuer me

Restoir me to the exultatioun
 I had in the of my saluatioun
 And w^t thy spreit of cheif probatioun 50
 Ainx sovirlie

I sall to synnaris mak narratioun /
 And wicket men in deviatioun
 I sall thame ken to consolatioun
 Lord god deliuer me 55

Lord god deliuer me and gyd
 ffrome schedding blude and homicyd
 My tung sall preiß the Iust but pryd
 And petefull all thre
 Lowse thow my lippis that tyme and tyd 60
 I may gif to the lovingis wyd
 Till all pat fermely list confyd
 Lord god deliuer me

Knew I thow covet sacrificiis
 Or offerand holocast wald pryis 65
 I sowld thame gif bot thow deñnyis
 Sic to ressaif in gre

ffor thy oblatioun lord it lyis
 in humill hairt contreit alwyis
 Pennens of spreit thow nolt dispyis 70
 Lord God deliuer me

Sweit lord to syon be suave
 And strenth the wallis of thy conclave fol. 17 b
 Jerusalem thy haly grave
 Quhilk makis ws ransone fre 75

This sacrifice than thow salt have
 Off thy Iust pepill and ressave
 Thair laill trew hairtis w^t all the lave
 Lord god deliuer me

Gloir to the fader he aboif 80
 Gloir to the sone for our behoif
 Gloir to the haly spreit of loif
 In trenefeld vnitie
 As wes / Is / Salbe ay but roif
 Ane thre And thre in ane to proif 85
 Thy godheid nevir may remoif
 Lord god deliuer me

ffinis q Scott

To The O mercifull salviour Iesus
 My king My lord and my redemar sweat
 Befoir thy bludy figor dolorus
 I repent my synnys w^t humill hart contreit
 That evir I did vnto this hour compleit 5
 Baith in werk in word and eik intent
 ffalling on face full law befoir thy feit
 I cry the mercy and lasar to repent

To the my sweet saluio^r I me schirryve
 committing me in thy mercy¹ excelleng 10
 Off the wrang spending of my wittis fyve
 In hering / seing / Gusting / Twiching / and smelling
 Ganestanding / Greving / moving / and rebelling
 Aganis the my god² and lord² Omnipotent
 With teiris of sorrow frome my ene distilling 15
 I cry the mercy and lasar to repent

¹ Originally excellenting, changed to excelleng, and excelleng repeated on margin in same hand.

²⁻² On margin.

- I wretchit synner vyle and full of vyce
 Off the sevin deidly synnys dois me schirryve
 Page 95 Off pryde / off yre / Invy / and covetyce fol. 18a
 Off lichery / gluttony / with slewth ay to ourdryve 20
 Exercing vycis evir in all my lyve
 ffor quhilk allace I servit to be schent
 Rew on me Iesu for thy woundis fyve
 I cry the mercy and lasar to repent
- I confes me lord that I abusit haif 25
 The sevin deidis of *mercy* corporall
 To hungre meit / Nor drynk to thristy gaif
 Nor veseit the seik / Nor did redeme the thrall
 Harbreit the wolsome / Nor naikit cled attall
 Nor 3it the deid to bury / tuke I tent 30
 Thow that put *mercy* aboif thy workis all
 I cry the *mercy* and lasar to repent
- In the sevin deidis of marcy spirituall
 To ignorantis nocht gaif I my teiching
 Synnaris correctioun / Nor destitut counsall 35
 Na ¹ vnto wofull wretchis conforting
 Nor to my ny^tbouris support of my praying
 Nor was to ask forgifnes penitent
 Nor to forgif my ny^tbouris offending
 I cry the *mercy* and lasar to repent 40
- Lord I haif done full littill reverence
 To thy sacramentis excellent of renoun
 Thy haly supper ffor my syn recompence
 And of my gilt the holy satisfioun
 And bapteme als quhilk all my syn wesche doun 45
 Heirof als far as I was negligent
 With hairt contreit and teiris falling doun
 I cry the *mercy* and lasar to repent

¹ veseit the *deleted*.

Commandis

	The ten <i>commandis</i> Ane god for till honour	
	Nocht tane in vane his name no sleyar to be	50
	ffader and moder to wirschep at all hour	
	To be no theif the haly day to vphie	
	Nyctbouris to lufe ffals witneß for to fle	
	To leif adultre To covet no manis rent	
Page 96	Aganis thir preceptis culpable knaw I me	fol. 18b
	I cry the <i>mercy</i> and lasar to repent	56

[A]¹ rtiliculis creid

	The articulis of trewth In god to trow	
	The fader that all thingis wrocht and comprehendit	
	And in his haly blissit sone Iesu	
	Of mary borne / On croce deit To hell discendit	60
	The thrid day rysing To the fader ascendit	
	Off quick and deid To cum and hald Iugement	
	In to thir poynttis O lord quhair I offendit	
	I cry the <i>mercy</i> and lasar to repent	
	I trow in to the blissit haly spreit	65
	And in the kirk to do as it <i>commandis</i>	
	And to thy dome That we sall ryß compleit	
	And tak our flesche agane baith feit and handis	
	All to be saiff in stait of grace that standis	
	Plane I rewoik in thir quhair I miswent	70
	Befoir the Iuge and lord of see and landis	
	I cry the <i>mercy</i> and lasar to repent	
	I synnyt lord that nocht being strong as wall	
	In howp / in faith / In fervent cheretie	
	Nocht with the foure vertewis cardenall	75
	Aganis vycis seure Enarming me	
	With fortitude / prowidence / Temperance thir thre	
	With Iustice / evir work word or intent	
	To the chryst Iesu casting vp myne E	
	I cry <i>etc.</i>	80

¹ Cut by inlay.

Off syn als aganis the haly spreit
 Of vertew postponyng And syn aganis nateur
 Off contritioun confessour indiscreit
 Of ressait sinffull of the my saluio^r
 Of non repentance and satisfaction seur 85
 Of the sevin giftis the haly gaist me sent
 Of Sex petitionis in pater noster peur
 I cry the *mercy etc.*

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Nocht thanking the of gratitud nor grace
 That thow me wrocht and bocht w^t thy blude fol. 19a
 Of this schort lyfe remmbering nocht the space 91
 The hevinis bliß The hellis hiddouß feid
 But moir trespafß my synnis to remeid
 Concluding nevir all thrwch in myne Entent
 Thow quhois blude on rude ran for my deid 95
 I cry the *mercy* and lasar to repent

I know me vicious lord and richt culpable
 In aithis sweiring / leising / and blaspheming
 Off frustrat speiking in court in kirk and table
 In wordis vyle In vaneteis Expreming 100
 Preysing my self And evill my nichbo^{is} deming
 And so in ydilnes my dayis haif spent
 Thow that was rent on rude for my redeming
 I cry the *mercy* and lasar to repent

I synnit in consaving thochtis Iolie 105
 Vp to the hevin extolling myne ententioun
 In he exaltit arrogance and folye
 Prowdnes / derisioun scorne / and vilipentioun
 Presumptioun / inobedience / and contemptioun
 In fals vane gloir and deid^{is} negligent 110
 O Thow that deit on rud for my redemptioun
 I cry *etc.*

I synnit als in reif and in oppressioun
 In wranguß gudis Taking and posseding
 Contrar gud ressoun / conscience and discretioun 115
 Of prodigall spending but rewth of peure folkis neiding
 In fowll disceptionis in fals inventionis breiding
 To conqueiße honor Tresor land and rent
 In fleschly lust aboif mesur exceding
 I cry *etc.* 120

Off mynd dissymvlat lord I me confesse
 Of feid vndir freindly countenance
 Of *parciall* Iugeing / and perveße wilfulneße
 In flattering wordis for syning of substance
 Of fals solisting ffor wrang deliuerance 125
 At counsale sessioun and at *parliament*
 Of every gilt and wicket govirnance
 I cry *etc.*

Page 98 I schryve me of all cursit cumpany fol. 19^b
 All tymes both witting and vnwitting me 130
 Off criminall cauße off deid of felony
 Of tyranny and vengeable crewaltie
 In hurt or slaw^eter culpable gif I be
 be ony maner deid counsale or consent
 O deir Iesu that for me deit on tre 135
 I cry the *mercy* and lasar to repent

Thocht I haif nocht thy pretious feit to kiße
 As had the magdalene quhen scho did *mercy* craif
 I sall as scho weip teiris for my miße
 And every morrow seik the at thy graif 140
 Thairfoir forgif me as thow hir forgaif
 That seis my hart as hiris penitent
 Thy pretious body in breist or I ressaif
 I cry *etc.*

To mak me Iesu on the to remmember 145
 I ask thy passioun me so to habound
 Quhill nocht vnmenzeit be in me ane membir
 Bot fall in wo with thè of every wound
 And every straik mak throw my hart a stound
 That evir did stenzie thy fair flesche Innocent 150
 So þat no pairt of my body be sound
 Bot crying the *mercy* and lasar to repent

Off all thir synnis that I did heir Expreme
 and als forzet (to the lord) I me schryif
 Appeling fra thy Iustice court extreme 155
 Vnto thy thy¹ court of *mercy* exvlyif
 Thow mak my schip in blissit port to arryif
 That sailis heir in stormis violent
 And saif me Iesu for thy woundis fyve
 That cryis the *mercy* and lasar to repent 160

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Page 99 O most heich and eternall king fol. 20 a
 Thow helpis the lame and blind to sicht
 ffrome the dois every vertew spring
 Geving the sone and mone thair licht
 Help now to gyd my mynd arricht 5
 This lattir sentence till apply
 Quhilk come to me this vpir nicht
 He that wold leif most lerne to dy
 2
 My cluddy sicht O lord mak cleir
 Tak of the mist that hurtis soir 10
 And latt the licht of grace appeir
 Thow cumis to saif that wes forloir

¹ *Sic.*

² *Stanza omitted here, which is in the Draft MS.*

The blind to sight Thow dois restoir
 Sic is thy gentill courtasie
 To the be lawid and prayiſſ thairfoir 15
 He that wold leif most lerne to dy

Oppin my Eis my *mercifull* lord
 The licht of faith cleirly to sie
 And to beleif thy secreit word
 The quhilk dois say cum vnto me 20
 All 3e that labor refrescit to be
 This proclamatioun chryist did cry
 To tak frome ws Iniquitie
 1

Chryst come nocht the richtouſſ to call
 Bot synnaris to repentance 25
 Off him we haif the confort all
 Quhairfoir his holy name avance
 he makis for ws *perurveance* ²
 Gif we in tyme frome vyce dois flee
 Wt him we sall haif heretance 30
 He that wold leif most lern to dy

Agane god sayis gif 3e me lue
 Than 3e most keip my *commandment*
 This text all godly men dois move
 To be to him obedient 35
 It is for ws expedient
 His godly will to magnifie
 Page 100 And of our sinfull lyvis repent fol. 20 b
 He that wold leife most lerne to dy

Dy frome all syn and wicketnes 40
 frome pryde and abhominatioun
 Dy frome slewth and covetousnes
 Preiſſ to gud occupatioun

¹ A line omitted here, which is in the Draft MS.

² Sic.

Now is tyme mak preparatioun
 Our synfull lyvis to mortify
 for help To god mak meditatioun
 He þat *etc.* 45

gif thou desyre for to leif long
 in rest and peice and see gud dayis
 ffrome speiking lyis refrane thy tong
 The four and thretty salme thus sayis / 50
 To call ws vnto godly wayis
 And wickit tounGIS to pacifie
remmembir this mak no delayis
 He þat wold leif most lerne to dy 55

Tak chrystis croce vpon 30^r bak
 And follow him in leving peur
 Wirk weill in tyme and be nocht slak
 for heir we can not long Endeur
 Tyme gois Away 3e may be seur 60
 our flowris fedis away trewly
 Thairfoir to god for grace procure
 He þat *etc.*

The psalme doith say call vpoun me
 In tyme of tribulatioun 65
 And than I will deliuer the
 the lord hes sic compassioun
 To him mak supplicatioun
 And call vpoun him fathfully
 quhen 3e haif visitatioun 70
 He þat *etc.*

O lord of lordis celestiall
 thy mighty arme doith ws defend
 Be the we ryis quhen we do fall
 Thy *mercy* non can comprehend 75

Page 101 Lord pardone ws quhair we offend
 Heir in this vail of miserie
 Thus I conclud and makis ane End
 He that will leif most lerne to dy

fol. 21 a

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Christe qui lux es et dies
 O Iesu chryst the verry licht
 And daye that vndois all dirknes
 Vncovering mirknes of the nicht
 Tho licht of licht beleve it richt 5
 Thow grant ws all but disperance
 Of thy visage to haif a sicht
 Lumen beatum predicans

Precamur sancte domine
 Our haly lord to the we pray 10
 Defend ws in this nicht that we
 In the mot rest w'owt effray
 And grant ws grace þat we may say
 this ympne so plesandly to the
 To bed quhen that we boun ws Ay 15
 Noctem quietem tribue

Ne grauis sompnus Irruat
 thow tak ws lord in thy keiping
 fra our ennemy and all his wreth
 Defend ws lord attour all thing 20
 fra dully dremis in our sleping
 fra baliall & his belfull bake¹
 Lat nevir our flesche in consenting
 Nos tibi reos statuath²

¹ bathe *deleted and altered by another hand to* bake.² *Sic.*

	Oculi sompnum capiant	25
	our ene tak sleping on this wyse	
	That our hart walk and be constant	
	In hevinly tho ^t and thy serwyis	
	fra we tak rest quhill that we ryis	
	Sen we may nowdir mvt nor munt	30
Page 102	Thy haly hand keip ws that lyis	fol. 21 b
	famulos qui te diligunt	
	Defensor noster aspice	
	Our only god and defendour	
	Behald our Ennemy & se	35
	Ay wating ws fra hour till hour	
	God send ws grace fra hevynis tour	
	To brek thair power and thair p ^{re} s	
	And save ws fra thair sawis sour	
	quos sanguine mercatus Es	40
	Memento nostri domine	
	Haif ws in mynd and grant ws meid	
	Till in this frivoll flesche ar we	
	Haif <i>mercy</i> lord of our misdeid	
	Thow art þe ¹ defensor at neid	45
	Of our sawlis in necessitie	
	On domisday quhen all sall dreid	
	Adesto nobis domine	
	Deo Patri sit gloria	
	To glorius god the fader fre	50
	And to his onlie sone als wa	
	And to the holy gaist all thre	
	Evirlesting gloir but ending be	
	Thow grant ws grace quhen we hyne ga	
	That we thyne Endles Ioy may se	55
	In sempiterna secula	

ffinis



¹ our deleted and þe interlined.

O hicht of hicht and licht of licht most cleir
 Prince w^towt peir / Crhyst Iesu king of micht
 Sone schynyng bricht / aboif saturnus spheir
 Quhois vesage heir / ffor ws wox dym of sicht
 The way to beir / ws to eternall licht 5

Thy bittir passioun thy pane and thy torment
 In ws now prent / with pane and sic pvnitoun
 That exersitioun / Off deidis penitent
 In ws be lent / w^t teiris of contritioun
 Page 103 Quhill thow consent / thow gif ws thy remissioun fol. 22 a

ffor weill war me the mirreit of thy woundis 11
 That passis the boundis / of our Iniquitie
 With mercy / This warld in syn that dround is
 fro hellis houndis / conserve our sawlis fre
 Quhen that thow soundis thy awfull horne on hie 15

Redemptor gud ressaif in paradise
 Thy merchandyce / that thow bocht on the rude
 Latt not the wude / infernall cokatrice
 fra the ws tyse / Sweit Iesu myld of mude
 ffor the grit pryce / And vertew of thy blude 20

Obedient sone thow wes to the deid
 And all in reid / for ws wes revin and rent
 Schamit and schent / with thorny croun on heid
 rute of remeid / Gife ws fra hyne we went
 Thy blissit steid / Aboif the firmament 25

Spair me gud lord and mak me clene
 ffor my lyfedayis thay be richt nocht
 Quhat is a man tho^t he be kene
 Bot waistis away as dois a thocht
 Think lord of erd thow hes ws wrocht 5
 And in to clay that turne mon we
 Quhen ony baill Is for ws brocht
 Than *parce michi domine*

A man is of a woman born
 His lyf is bot a littill thraw 10
 his wretchitnes is him beforne
 quhill he hs weill he stand's no aw
 In his maist welth he can not knaw
 Nowdir him self nor 3it god hie
 Quhen we ar deid and lyis full law 15
 Than *parce michi domine*

Page 104 My sawll is irkit of my lyfe fol. 22 b
 Thruh wretschitnes quhilk's me within
 ffor labor sorrow sturt and stryif
 Dreid of deid and dalie syn 20
 The feind he wetis his pray to win
 Ws till abandoun evir wald hie
 quhen deid his devoir sal begyn
 Than *parce mihi domine*

Sall paipis bischopis and clerkis sterf 25
 Sall thay haif hell for synnis saik
 3e thay sall haif as thay deserf
 for thay a full hard compt sall mak
 Because the kirkis gudis thay tak
 Syne dois *pairfoir* nocht thair dewtie 30
 Except sic synnis thay sair forsaik
 Than *parce michi domine*

Sall lordis and ladeis die & rot
 Or sall thay stynk that smellis now sweit
 Sall wormis thame brese abowt the throt 35
 Quhair goldin colleris hingis so meit
 Quhen thay ar prickit in a scheit
 Than lost is all thair ryaltie
 Bot nicht thay leif thay wold so zeit
 Nunc *parce* mihi domine 40

I mene richt weill quhat evir I say
 Wald god to that we cowld tak heid
 And graith our sawlis the reddy way
 Aganis the feirfull day of deid
 Lord for thy woundis that soir cowth bleid 45
 quhen thow for ws deit on tre
 Tak no vengeance for our misdeid
 Bot *parce* michi domine

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Page 105 Cum haly spreit moist superne
 Vesey thy pepill and inspyre fol. 23 a
 Illumene ws with licht eterne
 In flame ws with the fervent fyre
 Of luvē of the with sic desyre 5
 That nothing erdly sover ws
 Nor *pairt* ws fra thy hie Empyre
 Veni creator spiritus

Quhen ony werkis we begin
 Thow be w^t ws O haly gaist 10
 Latt no evill spreit ws wthin
 Mak soiorne quhair thow sowld be plaist

Cum sone and tak the houß in haist
 Cum capitane gude and gratius
 At morrow or our claythis be laist 15
 Veni creator spiritus

And tho^t the Ennemy wald intend
 To sett a sege the houß abowt
 Be thow wⁱⁿ for to deffend
 We force nocht quha assaill þairowt 20
 Cum lord and in our lugeing lowt
 Cum our protector glorius
 Quhome we sall than^k and lawd but dowt
 Veni creator spiritus



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þe sonis of men be mirry and glaid
 and leif in consolatioun
 Tak in þour hairtis no clothis said
 Dule / dreid / nor disperatioun
 Haif howp of þo^t salvatioun 5
 Think on the Ioy that is to cum
 Be meik in tribulatioun
 Lawdate servi dominum

Be glaid þe princis moist potent
 Quhome god hes gevin of his fre grace 10
 grit ryell renoun riches and rent

Page 106 And lusty lordschypis to Imbrace fol. 23 b
 Benyngly fall vpoun þour face
 and love the lord of all and sum
 That of this lyf he lent þow heß 15
 Lawdate servi dominum

And 3e quhome god na possessouris
 In to this warld hes maid heirdoun
 Of beneficis boundis nor tressouris
 3e thank als richelie his renoun 20
 As 3e all cuntreis tour and toun
 Ioyisit of Iordane to pe flume
 thy compt is leß at conclusioun
 Lawdate *serui dominum*

Quhairfoir I reid boith riche and peur 25
 that of 3our *pairt* 3e¹ be content
 for wardly substance is not seur
 Nor is possessioun *permanent*
 Think that this lyfe is nocht the lent
 for skafing heir of scruf and skum 30
 bot to serve god w^t clene entent
 Lawdate *etc.*

Sen that fra god 3our grace cummis all
 fra 3o^r regrait 3e gif him girth
 Thocht he 3o^r gud tak grit and small 35
 fader and moder barne and birth
 Blaspheme him not be feild nor firth
 Nor drowp 3e not as 3e war dum
 bot boith in mowth and mynd w^t mirth
 Lawdate *servi dominum* 40

Gif god list tak vnto his gloir
 3our freind *pairfoir*² say not allace
 Bot humly gif him thankis *pairfoir*
 That tuik him to sa Ioyfull place
 quhair 3e w^t blifß sall *vpis* brace 45
 super occursois syderum
 3o^r *saluio^r* seing in the face
 Lawdate *servi dominum*

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¹ *Interlined.*

² *3e deleted.*

Page 107	<p> 3e that contreit bene and confest a sprituall glaidnes to 3ow tak for 3e ressaif a glorious gaist The lord that all the hevynnis did mak Awalk in spreit and be not waik Think evir thair watis 3ow ane fo With humill hairt him not foirsaik Letamini Iusti in domino 3e sowld be glaid for ressonis seir for now it is the tyme of grace The tyme of penitence and prayeir The tyme of conqueiß and of purchase Of the triumphand hevynly place That evill angellis wer baneist fro for 3e sall see his blissit face Letamini Iusti in domino Now is the tyme of battell stowt that every ane of ws sowld be Inarmit baith w⁴in and owt With howp / faith / and cheritie Aganis thir crewall fayis thre The divill the warld the flesche also With the croce in 3o^r standart ¹ hie Letamini Iusti in domino 3e that ar richtous of Intent and groundit vpon suthfastnes And list not to no wrang consent To lye Dessaif nor to oppreß Lat Ioy in to 3o^r hairtis increß ffor he pat brocht ws owt of wo Sall weill reward 3ow moir and leß Letamini Iusti in domino </p>	<p>fol. 24 a</p> <p>5</p> <p>10</p> <p>15</p> <p>20</p> <p>25</p> <p>30</p>
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¹ r interlined.

Ane prayer for the pest

	O eterne god of power infynyt	
	To quhois hie knowlege na thing is ¹ obscure	
Page 108	That is / or was / or evir salbe perfynt	fol. 24 b
	in to thy sicht quhill that this world indure	
	Haif <i>mercy</i> of ws Indigent and peure	5
	Thow dois na wrang to pvneiß our offens	
	O lord that is to mankynd haill succure	
	Preserve ws fra this perrelus pestilens	
	We the beseik O lord of lordis all	
	thy Eiris inclyne and heir our grit regrait	10
	We ask remeid of the in generall	
	That is of help and confort desolait	
	bot thow with rewth our hairtis recreat	
	We ar bot deid but only thy clemens	
	We the exhort on kneis law prostrait	15
	Preserf ws fra this <i>perrellus</i> pestilens	
	We ar richt glaid thow pvneiß our trespass	
	be ony kynd of v ^p ir tribulatioun	
	Wer it thy will o lord of hevin allaiß	
	that we sowld thus be haistely put down	20
	And dye as beistis w ^t out confessioun	
	That nane dar mak w ^t v ^p ir residence	
	O blissit Iesu that woir the thorny croun	
	Preserve ws frome this perrellus pestilens	
	Vse dert h o lord Or seiknes and hungir soir	25
	and slaik thy plaig that is so penetryve	
	Thy pepill ar perreist quha ma remeid <i>pairfoir</i>	
	bot thow O lord That for thame lost thy lyve	
	Suppoiß our syn be to the pungityve	
	Oure deid ma nathing our synnys recompens	30
	Haif <i>mercy</i> lord we ma not with the stryve	
	Preserve ws <i>etc.</i>	

¹ of *deleted.*

Haif *mercy* lord haif *mercy* hevynis king
 Haif *mercy* of thy pepill penitent
 Haif *mercy* of our petouß punissing 35
 reitret the sentence of thy Iust Iugement
 Aganis ws synnaris that servis to be schent
 Page 109 W^towt *mercy* we ma mak no defens fol. 25 a
 Thow that but rewth vpoun the rude was rent
 Preserve ws frome this *perrellus* pestilens 40

Remmember lord how deir thow hes ws bocht
 That for ws synnaris sched thy pretius blude
 Now to redeme that thow hes maid of nocht
 That is of vertew barrane and denude
 Haif rewth lord of thyne awin symlitude 45
 Puneiß with pety and nocht w^t violens
 We know it is for our Ingratitude
 that we ar pvneist w^t this pestilens

Thow grant ws grace for till amend our miß
 And till evaid this crewall suddane deid 50
 We know our syn is all the cause of thiß
 for oppin syn thair is set no remeid
 The Iustice of god mon pvneiß than bot dreid
 for by the law he will w^t non dispens
 quhair Iustice laikis thair is Eternall feid 55
 Of god that sowld preserf fra pestilens

Bot wald the heiddismen that sowld keip the law
 Pvneiß the peple for thair transgressioun
 Thair wald na deid the peple than owrthrow 60
 bot thay ar gevin so planely till oppressioun
 That god will no^t heir thair intercessioun
 bot all ar pvneist for thair Innobediens
 be sword or deid w^towttin remissioun
 And hes Iust cause to send ws pestilens

- Superne / lucerne / guberne / this pestilens 65
 Preserve / and serve / that we not sterve thairin
 Declyne / that pyne / be thy devyne prudens
 O trewth / haif rewth / lat not our slewth ws twin
 Our syt / full tyt / wer we contryt / wald blin
 Dissiver / did never / quha evir the besocht 70
 Page 110 Send grace / w^tspace / and ws Imbrace / fra syn fol. 25^b
 Latt nocht be tynt that thow so deir hes bocht

 O prince preclair / this cair / cotidiane
 We the exhort / distort / it in exyle
 Bot thow remeid / This deid / is bot ane trane 75
 for to dissaif / the laif / and thame begyle
 Bot thow sa vyiß / devyiß to mend this byle
 Of this mischeif / quha ma releif / ws ocht
 for wrangus win / bot thow our syn ourfyll ¹
 Latt no^t be tynt *etc.* 80

 Sen for our vyce / that Iustyce / mon correct
 O king most hie / now pacifie / thy feid
 Our syn is huge / Refuge / we not suspect
 As thow art Iuge / deluge ws of this dreid
 In tyme assent Or We be schent with deid 85
 We ws repent / and tyme mispent forthocht
 Thairfoir / Evirmoir / be gloir / To thy godheid
 Lat nocht be tynt that thow sa deir hes bocht

ffinis ²q henrysone ²

The song of the virgin mary

magnificat With lawd and prayiß my saule hes magnifeid
as *ima* *mea* The eternall god both ane two and thre
dominum That all hes Maid and every thing dois gyid
 Quhilk of his micht and bonteuß petie

¹ *Sic.*

² *Written in a later hand.*

Off his gudnes and eik benignitie 5
 Only of his *mercy* list to haif plesance
 ffor to considder and graciouslie to sie
 To my Meiknes and humill attendance

My spreit also w^t tho^t and hairt Efeir
 Reiosit hes with fully haboundance 10
 In god that is my souerane haill Enteir
 And all my Ioy and all my sufficance
 My haill desyre and my full sustenance
 Wthin my tho^t he is so deip ingrave
 that bot in him wthowt variance 15
 In all this world I can no glaidnes haive

Page 111 ffor he frome hevin gudly hes behold fol. 26 a
 Quia re- Of his hand maid the humilitie
 spexit hu- Quhairfoir in sic only for he wold
 militatem All kinrikkis saue Blissit call thay me 20
 ancille sue Of quhilk o lord the thank be vnto the
 W^t prayis and honor of hevery hairt and tounge
 for this allone be to thy name ay sounng

quia fecit ffor he to me hes done thingis grit
 mihi Of he renoun and passing excellence 25
 magna His grace so fully to me dois fleit
 for hie is mighty off maist magnificence
 His Name is holy and maist of reverence
 Than for to leif it sall I nevir astart
 To trust in him w^t my hoill mynd and hairt 30

Et misericordia eius etc.

And his marcy moist passing famouß
 frome kin to kin and so down to kinreid
 Sall throw his grace be so plenteouß
 Perpetually that it sall ay proceid

And specialy to thame thame ¹ that lue & dreid 35
 My gratius lord w^t hairt will & mynd
 To suche his pitie sall spring & spreid
 Of dew richt and nevir be behind

fecit potentia in brachio suo

And als his arme he forcit & maid strang
 His dreidfull micht that men may sie & know 40
 And prowde men þat thay ringin not to lang
 He severit hes and maid thame so full law
 W^t all his hairt doun fra the quheill thame thraw
 ffor to abait thair surquedry and pryd
 full soddanly And laid thair boist on syd 45

Deposuit potentes de sede

The mighty potent frome thair Ryell sie
 Evin as he wold he hes thame brocht law doun
 Page 112 And humill and meik for thair humilitie fol. 26 b
 He hes avancit to full hie renoun
 ffor he can mak ane transsmutatioun 50
 fro law to hie as it is sene full oft
 And quhen he list the dominatioun
 Of warldlie pomp to fallin full vnsoft

esurientes impleuit

He hes fulfillit and fosterit in thair neid
 With gudis and plenteus lerges 55
 Thame that hungyrie Indigent and in dreid
 And thame relevit of all thair wretchitnes
 And he the riche hes Rawcht frome thair riches
 full wyld and waist To walk vpoun the plane
 And suddanlie thame plungit in distreß 60
 And solitar to lat thame leif in pane

Suscepit israelle puerum suum

¹ *Sic.*

And he his chosin chyld of ysraell
 Benynglie hes taik in to his grace
 And of his *mercy* hes remembrit weill
 To woyid all vengeance frome his face 65
 And humill pepill sall occupy his place
 And pēax salbe seisit in his stall
 And rewth sall his richt so Imbrace
 To sett his *mercy* aboif his warkis all

Sicut locutus est

As he hes spokin and suthfastly behecht 70
 To our faderis that we haif ¹ had befoir
 To abrahame And to his syid arricht
 That his mercy sall lest for evirmoir
 ffor withowt it this warld had bene forloir
 To the quhilk to mak men to attene ² 75
 He hes maid mercy mankynd to restoir
 Off all his werkis to be soverene

ffinis

ffollowis ballatis of the nativitie of chryste

Page 113 Now glaidith euery liffis creature fol. 27 a
 W^t blifs and comfortable glaidneß
 The hevynnis king is cled in our nature
 Ws fro þe deth w^t ransoun for to redreß
 The lamp of ioy þat chasis all dirkneß 5
 Ascendit to be þe þe ³ warldis licht
 ffro euery baill our boundis for to bleß
 borne of þe gloriu8 virgyn mary bricht

¹ *Interlined.*

² *Originally* obtene.

³ *Sic.*

Abone þe radius hevin etheriall
 The court of sterris þe courß of sone and mone 10
 The potent Prince of Ioy Imperiall
 The he surmonting empiour abone
 Is cummyn fra his mychtie faderis trone
 In erd w^t ane Inestimable licht
 And is of angellis with a sueit intone 15
 Borne of þe most chest virgin mary bricht
 Quhoeuir in erd hard so blyth a story
 or tithing of sa grit felicite
 As how þe garthe of all grace and glory
 ffor lue and *mercy* hes tane humanite 20
 Makar of angellis man erd hevin and se
 And to ourcum our fo and put to flicht
 Is cumin a bab full of benignite
 Borne of *etc.*
 The souerane senjour of all celsitude 25
 That sittis abone þe ordour cherubin ¹
 quhilk all thing creat and all thing dois includ
 That neuir sall end na neuir moir did begin
 But quhome is no^t ffra quhome no tyme dois rin
 With quhome all gud is w^t quhome is euery wicht 30
 Is with his woundis cum for to wesche our ² syn
 Borne *etc.*
 Quhairfoir sing all w^t confort and glaidnes
 And cast away all caïr and cuvatic
 Devoyd all wo and leif in merines 35
 Exerce vertew and banyß euery vice
 Dispyß fortoun richt rynnys on synk and sise
 And in þe honour of his blisful mycht
 All welcum we þe prince of paradice
 Borne of þe most chest virgyn mary bricht 40

finis

¹ a *deleted and u interlined.*

² *Originally on.*

Rorate celi desuper
 Hevins distill 3our balmy schouris
 for now is rissin þe bricht day ster
 ffro þe roß mary flour of flouris
 The cleir sone quhome no clud devouris 5
 Surminting phebus in þe est
 Is cumin of his hevinly touris
 Et nobis power ¹ natus est

Page 114 Archangellis angellis and dompnationis fol. 27 b
 Tronis potestatis and marteiris seir 10
 and all 3e hevinly operationis
 Ster planeit firmament and speir
 fyre erd / air / and watter cleir
 To him gife loving most and lest
 That come in to so meik maneir 15
 Et nobis puer natus est

Synnaris be glaid and pennance do
 and thank 3our makar hairtfully
 ffor he þat 3e mycht no^t cum to
 To 3ow is cumin full humly 20
 3our saulis w^t his blud to by
 and louß 3ow of þe feindis arrest
 And only of his awin mercy
 Pro nobis *etc.*

All clergy do to him inclyne 25
 and bow vnto þat barne benyng
 And do 3our obseruance devyne
 To him þat is of kingis king
 Ensence his altar reid and sing
 in haly kirk w^t mynd degest 30
 him honouring attour all thing
 Qui nobis *etc.*

¹ *Sic.*

Celestiall ¹ fowlis in þe Are
 Sing w^t 3our nottis vpoun hicht
 In firthis and in forrestis fair 35
 Be myr^tfull now at all 3our mycht
 ffor passit is 3our dully nycht
 Aurora hes þe cluddis perst
 The son is rissin w^t glaidsum lycht
 Et nobis *etc.* 40

Now spring vp flouris fra þe rute
 reuert 3ow vpwart naturaly
 In honour of þe blissit frute
 That raiß vp fro þe rosemary
 lay out 3o^r levis lustely ² 45
 fro deid tak lyfe now at þe lest ²
 In wirschip of þat prince wirthy
 Qui nobis puer natus est

Syng hevin Imperiall most of hicht
 regions of air mak armony 50
 All fishe ³ in flud and foull of flicht
 be myrthfull and mak melody
 All gloria in excelsis cry
 Hevin Erd Se man bird and best
 He þat is crownit abone þe sky 55
 Pro nobis puer natus est

ffinis q dumbar

Ierusalem reioß for Ioy
 Iesus þe sterne of most bewte
 Page 115 In þe is rissin as ry^touß roy fol. 28 a
 ffro dirknes to Illumyne the

¹ flour deleted.

² ll. 45, 46 on margin.

³ Originally fiche.

W^t glorius sound of angell gle 5
 Thy prince is borne in baithlem
 Quhilk sall þe mak of thraldome fre
 Illuminare Ierusalem

With angellis licht in legionis
 Thow art Illumynit all about 10
 Thre kingis of strenge regionis
 To þe ar cumin w^t lusty rout
 All drest with dyamantis but dout
 reverst w^t gold in every hem
 Sounding attonis with a schout 15
 Illuminare Ierusalem

The regeand tarrant þat in þe rang
 Herod / Is exilit and his ofspring
 The land of Iuda þat josit wrang
 And rissin is now þi richtoufs king 20
 So he so mychtie is and ¹ ding
 quhen men his gloriuſ name dois nem
 Hevin erd and hell mak^ts inclynyng
 Illumynare *etc.*

His cummyng knew all element 25
 The air be sterne did him *persaife*
 The watter quhen dry he on it went
 The erd þat trymlit all and raife
 The sone quhen he no lichtis gaif
 The croce quhen it wes done contem 30
 The stanis quhen thay in pecis claif
 Illu *etc.*

The deid him knew þat raifſ vpricht
 quhilk lang tyme had þe erd lyne vndir
 Crukit and blynd declarit his micht 35
 That helit of thame so mony hundir

¹ so deleted.

Nature him knew and had grit wundir
 quhen he of wirgyn wes borne but wem
 Hell quhen þair ʒettis wer broken a sundir
 Illumynare Ierusalem 40

ffinis
 ffinis

Hail goddis sone of mychtis maist
 That with þe gloriu fader began
 Euir rynging w^t þe haly gaist
 All seing present now and than
 Quhome comprehend no hevynis can 5
 Nec genus temporum mensurabit
 ffor ws thow tuk þe forme of man
 Beatus venter qui te portauit

ffirst be þe prophetis it wes schawin
 To ws lord of thy cuming heir 10
 Be angellis syne in erd maid knawin
 and be appostill^{is} preschit cleir
 Page 116 Writtin be euangelistis but weir fol. 28 b
 quos quatuor testes permisisti
 That with þi deid thow bocht ws deir 15
 Beata vbera que suxisti

Hale Iesu virgyn, Immaculat
 hale virgynis fruct farest and best
 Out of þe lilly Illuminat
 Thow sprang but spot roß ryellest 20
 quhen fro þe nobilest nest
 Thow rais a semine regis dauid
 To ransone ws and bring to rest
 Beatus venter qui te portauit

Thow king most gloriuſſ and grete 25
 quhat meiknes wes thy mynd wthin
 Out of þi he supernall sete
 Law to discend and wesche our sin
 Making a maid of our pure kin
 for to be callit mater christi 30
 Our saulis fra þe feind to win
 Beata vbera que suxisti

Haill crownit king of angellis cleir
 haill lord of all þe angellis he
 haill prince of *parradice* but peir 35
 haill emprio^r of erd and se
 That fro þe faderis maiestie
 Qui omnia secula creauit
 Come down for ws a man to be
 Beatus venter qui te portauit 40

Quhen we wer banyſt fro þi blifſ
 And in þe lymb fra lichtnes lent
 Mercy bad the forgif our miſſ
 And mekle mekit thyn entent
 Bot richt said euer in Iugement 45
 quod *summa veritas fuisti*
 And mycht no^t to þat wrang consent
 Beata vbera que suxisti

Thus euer quhen *mercy* spak for man
 rycht said he seruit for to de 50
 Sa vpoun þis a stryfe began
 In hevynnis consistory he
 Thow sone of god þame to agre
 Lis quorum celis non cessauit
 To de for man thow take on the 55
 Beatus venter qui te portauit

- Than w^t sueit sound and melody
 Sang all þe angell ordouris cleir
 And all þe hevinly cumpany
 Page 117 Reiosit w^t a blisfull cheir fol. 29^a
 peax̄ kist Iustice hir sistir deir 61
 quia nos redemere voluisti
 Than rycht and mercy Imbracit neir
 beata vbera que suxisti
- Be mercy first thow wald on rude 65
 De for ws synnaris þat þow wrocht
 And syn be richt þe hell denude
 off ws quhome w^t þi blud thow bocht
 quhen þis wes to conclusioun brocht
 Virginem gabriell salutauit 70
 With ane gratia mekle of tho^t
 Beatus venter qui te portauit
- This virgya sueit þat neur offendit
 Wes sone obedient to þi will
 And thow as dow in hir descendit 75
 The haly scriptur to fulfill
 Ws to deliuer frome exill ¹
 Tunc in hunc mundum peruenisti
 quhairfor euir loving be þe till
 Beata vbera que suxisti 80
- The ny^t of þi natiuite
 The erd wes full of plesand licht
 The hevin wes full of angell gle
 The hellis power wes put to flicht
 A sterne raifß w^t bemis bricht 85
 Et omnem terram Illuminavit
 In signe þat thow wes borne þat ny^t
 Beatus venter qui te portauit

¹ Originally exile.

Thre kingis w^t grit reuerence
 gold / sence / & myr did to þe bryng 90
 In signe of thy magnificence
 and þat thow wes þe gretest king
 but end eternaly to ring
 Tu regnum¹ munera recipisti
 The angellis did about þe sing 95
 Beata vbera que suxisti

Into þis erd w^t pane and greif
 our saulis fra þe feind thow wan
 grit hungir / thrist cauld and mischeif
 Thow sufferit for þe saik of man 100
 Sevin tymes for ws thy blud outran
 qui nos ab omne crimine lauit
 Syn deit for ws with visage wan
 Beatus venter qui te portauit

ffinis

We þat ar bocht w^t chrystis blude
 Lat ws w^t loving till him lout
 Page 118 That ransont ws vpoun þe rude fol. 29 b
 fra ruffy ragmen and his route
 quhairfoir suld we þir deullis doute 5
 habentes talem redemptorem
 Write we in till our standert stoute
 Virgo peperit saluatorem
 Chest virgyn mary in hevin now hicht
 Thow moder of þe king of gloir 10
 The blyth birth of of¹ þi bosum bricht
 hes done ws to þe joy restoir

¹ Sic.

We sall sing euir in erd þairfoir
 Ad tui nominis honorem
 how þat but macull lefs or moir 15
 Virgo peperit saluatorem

The he lord fro þe hevin abone
 As dew descendit in þe dovne
 and ws his seruandis succurit sone
 out of þe herbry of mahoun 20
 our ransoner of grete renoun
 curauit seculi langorem
 Wt his most glorius passioun
 Virgo *etc.*

Thy bosum blist be þat bare 25
 our saluatour farest of face
 War no^t þi fruct þat flurist fair
 Our lynnage all had said allace
 Thow glorius grane and plant ¹ of grace
 que germinauit celestem florem 30
 Infernall dragonis for to chace
 Virgo *etc.*

Thow lusty ledy ² lamp of lycht
 Loud louit wt celestiall sang
 Off þe is borne our dawing brycht 35
 That doun our dreery dirknes dang
 Our brycht appollo fra þe sprang
 Dans mundi tenebras splendorem
 That fra þe dragon reft þe stang
 Virgo *etc.* 40

The hevynnys lord culd law discend
 In þe all sinfull man to saue
 him þat no^t hevin culd comprehend
 Thy wamb wes wirthy to ressaue

¹ Originally planeit.

² g changed to d.

Thow closit in þi cleir conclaue 45
 Celi et terre conditorem
 quhilk derfly doun þe dragon draif
 Virgo peperit saluatorem

We haif put ws and god ¹ betuene
 Page 119 Our saluator Iesu on þe rude fol. 30 a
 his croun of thorne his windis kene 51
 his passioun and his pretious blude
 his muder mary myld of mude
 Lacrimas eius et dolorem
 That our hir face ran doun as flud 55
 Virgo *etc.*

Betuix ws and thy fellone fede
 ane wall ar chrystis woundis fyve
 his body bathit in blud all rede
 The scurgis þat his flesch did ryfe 60
 The speir þat longeus did indryfe
 in latus eius *per* vigorem
 Schaip the no moir with ws to stryve
 Virgo peperit saluatorem

Betuix ws varlo and thy weris 65
 all chrystis passioun we put compleit
 no^t ² sanct Ionis heid and þe madalanis teiris
 The pappis of þe virgyn sueit
 The blud and wattir þat scho did grete
 propter filiolem ³ amorem 70
 quhen þat scho fell doun at his feit
 Virgo *etc.*


He mycht be callit a *mercifull* king
 himself þat offerit to be slane
 To keip his peple fro perrissing 75
 That prince he tuk on him þe pane

¹ the *deleted*, and god *interlined*.² *On margin*.³ *Sic*.

he lost his blud in every vane
 Et mortuus est propter amorem
 ry^t / wald we suld lufe him agane
 Virgo *etc.* 80

The saikles lamb þat neuir offendit
 full mekle to þe deid him gave
 Syne w^t his croce to hell descendit
 And rudly doun þe ʒettis rave
 Dragonis w^t dule on vpir drave 85
 Vultus Iesu propter terrorem
 he gart thame vndirstanding haue
 Virgo p *etc.*

The terrible pit quhen he had temyt
 of saulis vnnumerable to nevin 90
 he went w^t þame þat he redemyt
 And enterit in þe blifß of hevin
 ad patrem omnium creatorem
 quhair angellis singis w^t Ioyfull stevin
 Virgo 95

O lord sen we haif no refuge
 bot þe þat hes sa deir ws bocht
 Page 120 Latt *mercy* wey our synnys huge fol. 30^b
 Or þi Iustice punyce ocht
 We creaturis þat thow hes wrocht 100
 Parce domine et fac fauorem
 Latt nevir thy blud be sched for nocht
 Virgo peperit saluatorem 

Omnipotent fader sone and haly gaist
 Egall in glory puer and maieste
 Thre evin of mycht and on of mychtis maist
 Ay rignand in eterne diuinite
 Off a will / substance / and equalite 5
¹ In quhome is now¹pir first last moir nor lest
 To be laud in tryne and vnite
 Pro nobis christus homo factus est

 Sentence of grace is now diffinityfe
 concludit in þe hevinly concistory 10
 Our deth anon returnit is to lyfe
 In erd is borne þe blisfull king of glory
 To manis heir quhilk is a myrthfull story
 Sing christin peple w^t solace joy and fest
 Be glaid and blyth and be no langar sory 15
 Pro nobis *etc.*

 Our dirk orisoun and sable emysphery
 Is lychnyt now w^t licht of euery licht
 descendit is þe prince of he empery
 W^t schynyng face to chace away our ny^t 20
 And mak vpspring our purpour dawing bry^t
 Our blisfull day is clerit in þe est
 The sterne of joy hes lent of him a sicht
 Pro nobis *etc.*

 Go we and meit him w^t deuot orisoun 25
 and welcum him our saluour most sueit
 That for ws sufferit grit vexatioun
 and hurt of body bair of heid & feit
 In travell Torment Thrist hungir cauld & ²heit
 and syne for ws a martir heir did sist 30
 Off quhois cummyng tak confort euery spreit
 Pro nobis christus homo factus est

ffinis

¹ Opposite lines 6 and 7 the *is* is written on left-hand margin.² sueit deleted.

- The sterne is rissin of our redemptioun
 In baithlem w^t bemes blyth and bricht
 The sone of god in erd he schewin him boun
 Amang his angellis with a gloriuſ licht
 As hevynnys lord of maieste and mycht 5
 Cum mortall kingis and fall on kneis down
 Befoir þe king of lestand lyfe and lycht fol. 31 a
 The sterne is rissin of our redemptioun
- All empriouris kingis princis and preleittis
 heir nakit borne and nvreist vp w^t noy 10
 Leif all þour wofull truble and debaittis
 cum luke on the eternall king of joy
 Ly all on grufe befoir þat hich grand roy
 That only king of euery regioun
 Off perce of ynd of egipt grece and troy 15
 The sterne is rissin *etc.*
- Inclyne befoir þe cristin conquerour
 of euery kith and kinryk vnder sky
 The he makar of þe mychte saluatour
 The meik redimar most to magnify 20
 With reuerend feir down on þour facis ly
 And on þis day in his laudatioun
 Aue redemptor Iesu all þe cry
 The sterne is rissin of our redemptioun
- We may not in þis vale of bale abyd 25
 ourdirkit w^t þe sable clud nocturn
 The sterne of glory is rissyn ws to gyd
 Abone þe speir of mars and of saturn
 Abone phebus The radius Lamp diurn
 To þe superne eternall regioun 30
 Quhair noxiall skyis may mak no sogeorn
 The Stern *etc.*

All follow we þe sterne of most brichtnes
 W^t þe thre blisfull orientall kingis
 The sterne of day voyder of dirknnes 35
 abone all sterris planeitis speiris & singis
 Beseiking him fra quhome all *mercy* springis
 Ws to ressaue with mirth of angell soun
 In to þe hevin q^r þe Imperiall ringis
 The stern is rissin of our redemptioun 40

ffinis natiuitatis dei Sequuntur de eius passione
 quedem cantilenee

My wofull hairt me stoundis throw þe vanis
 quhen I behald my makar on þe tre
 Wondit forbled all plungit in till panis
 W^t rewthfull voce syn cryand vpoun ¹ me
 O mortall man behald w^t hert and E 5
 how for thy saik me panis dois ² oppresß
 Tho^t for thy syn my tender spous I de
 Benedicta sit sancta trinitas

My fader said go to þi deid my deir
 W^t all bly^tnes I wes obedient 10
 Page 122 W^t my discipilis toward þe 3erd culd steir fol. 31^b
 Syne sone allone till oratioun I went
 Suet my blud Prayit w^t mynd fervent
 betrasit and tane w^t men of grit trespassß
 All þe breþir fled of my convent 15
 benedicta sit sancta trinitas

Behind my bak thay band my handis fast
 Till annas houß me led incontinent
 Malcus me struk Till caiphas I past
 fals witnes aganis me wer present 20

¹ he *deleted*.

² hef *deleted*, and dois *interlined*.

As blasphemar of god omnipotent
 but ony law *pair* I condampnit wafß
 Amang *pair* feit defouлит and forschent
Benedicta etc.

Befoir fals jugeis I wes falsly accusit 25
 Sustenit straikis and blasphematioun
 myne ene syld My face gritly confusit
 malice but mesur ranit on my *persoun*
 To pylet presentit w^t grit derisioun
 Syn to herod rycht sone thay gart me pass 30
 Thus I sustenit scorne and grit elusioun
 Be *etc.*

I wes refusit and þe theif wes fred
 Off all vestment dispoylit and maid bair
 bund till a pillar Scurget quhill I bled 35
 Brissit my body ryvin bayth hyd and hair
 Till eik my pane and gar my schame be mair
 W^t purpo^r cleth Thay cled my mortall maß
 Baith fell and flesch It sowit and maid sair
Benedicta etc. 40

Vpoun my heid thay thrang a croun of thorn
 put in my hand a reid ffor derisioun
 Vpoun *pair* kneis audornand me in scorn
 The thorne pykis thay to my tay dang doun
 Bot fame and name thay think to confound 45
 Thair vyle spitting my panis gart all craß
 ffra heid to fute þat neuir a *pairte*¹ wes sound
 Bene *etc.*

Vpoun my bak thay put ane hevy tre
 Led me to deid w^t tormentis me slew 50
 Off all vestmentis thay barit my bode
 On lenth and breid my plagit *persone* drew

¹ sou changed to *pairte*, then deleted, and *pairte* interlined.

Throw feite & hand's rud nalis thay threw
 My spirit þan preuit all pane and bittirnes
 Wes non this pane bot only god þat knew
 Bene *etc.* 55

ffra xij to ¹ iiii vpoun þe croce I hang
 Page 123 Plungit in panis and perplexite fol. 32 a
 Longius a lance in to my body thrang
 I wes tane doun and woundit richelie 60
 My muderis splene pairsit calamide
 My blissit body quhilk passit all rihas ²
 W^tin a crag wes closit quietle
 Be *etc.*

To Lymbus patrum I passit but mair pane 65
 fired all my knychtis fra captiuite
 To my appostillis I apperit syne agane
 all my discipillis ³ lete myne ascensioun se
 in glob of grund full of felicite
 W^t science seir exertand all solafß 70
 quha seruis me sall sing *pair finale*
 Benedicta *etc.*

Hail god eternall hail grace in all glore
 In substance on In *personage* hale thre
 hale prince superne hail hevinly empriore 75
 hale in þe trone of thy devinite
 hale of honor puer and dignite
 science piete vertew and gudlinaß
 Immensurable be all tyme stait & gre
 Benedicta sit sancta trinitas 80

finis ⁴ q Clerk ⁴

¹ x deleted.

² Sic.

³ Originally discepillis.

⁴⁻⁴ In a later hand, almost faded.

O wondit spreit and saule in till exile
 Schaddow of deth and myrroure of myrknes
 Spendand thy sicht Thy gyd is full of gile
 Vndir þe hevin thow findis bot fikilnes
 Dignite is dowble / in euery stait distres 5
 Deid is certane O blind lust I inquyre
 In vicius vanite wilt thow ȝit *persewyr*

O faith deformit and gife it be faltles
 Quhy in thy deidis is sic diuersite
 As witles worme vanerand in wrechitnes 10
 Pure of vertew Riche in Iniquite
 refusand verite Chesand vanite
 Sen chryst and sanctis sa deir þe hevin hes bocht
 Trest weill o man thow *cumis* not pair for nocht

Off euery wa The verry deliuerance 15
 The grund of grace off syn remissioun
 Victorius trivmphe of vertewis haboundance
 The grund and hicht of verry *perfection*
 All thir ar fundin in chrystis passioun
 O hevinly tresur in falt of serching hid 20
 Imprent thy grace off my mynd in þe mid fol. 32 b

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Wt mynd deuot and hairtly compacience
 behald þe sone of god in orisoun
 In bludy sueit he prayit for our offence
 In pacience eik The kiß tuk of tressoun 25
 The appostils fled wt desolatioun
 As presoner *commend* the in his cure
 The to redeme sic dolour cuth Indure

Freindles amang his fais in febill plite
 As Impotent and wirthy of dampnatioun 30
 Thay fylit his face w^t spitting and dispite
 Sylit his ene as fule in dirisioun
 his patience passit Imaginatioun
 Peter than fell Quhairfoir o synnare
 repent with petir And leif no^t in dispare 35
 Quhen mary saw hir blissit sone Ihesu
 Led throw þe cite w^t diuerß panis smerte
 hir dule ¹ exceidand his dolour cowth renew
 Vnthankfulnes of man thirlit his hairte
 The end of auirice of wrechis now aduert 40
 Iudas throw cuvatic The girm of sathanas
 hingit him self as man despair of grace
 Christ ² wes accusit in presens of pilate
 The Iowis cryit him for ³ to ³ crucefie
 Barrabas wes fred O chance infortunate 45
 The sone of god wes scurgit crewalie
 O hevinly flour of our humanitie
 Thy fairnes fedit Thy virgin face vox pale
 Now man behald þi makar Immortale
 Vpoun his heid thay thrang a croun of thorn 50
 ffor diadem a croce to beir of tre
 Ane king of Iowis thay salust him in scorn
 Betuix twa thevis þai deput him to de
 Thus throw his lufe and o^r ⁴ Iniquite
 he sufferit // Thow synnit O man maist frevolus 55
 Tho^t thow be wrechit Thy price is ry^t pretius
 Thay drew him on þe croce w^t violence
 his vanis brak his banis wes Innwmerable
 Cavillit his clething The theif confessit offence
 W^t all his my^t to grace he maid him able 60

¹ cowth *deleted*.² Originally Crhist.³ *Interlined*.⁴ his *deleted* and o^r *interlined*.

cryst prayit *pair* for his fais but fable
 his meik mudir abone all virgins blist
 hairtly *commendit* to Iohine the euangelist

- Page 125 O Blissit ¹ virgin sege of our saluour fol. 33 *a*
 quhat tho^t thow of thy *commendatioun* 65
 Sic dule mycht neuir *jit* martiris indure
 Thair panis wes mixt w^t consolatioun
 Bot in *pe* laik of lamentatioun
 thow sowpit wes seand thy son torment
 Complemand thus to god omnipotent 70
- O God abufe *pat* regnis eternally
 Excerce thy servand plungit in strang distres
 Seand my sone & makar Immortall
 Thus hoverand in *pe* hicht of hevines
 The sowrd of sorrow at my hairt cowth increas 75
 W^t pvnist spereit in sic *perplexite*
 Dippit in dolour dre fur^t *pi* prophece
- O man behald *pe* wofull disseuerance
 behald mary behald hir sone Iesu
 gife rewth Hes rowme in thy remembrance 80
 W^t peteous hairt his passioun thow *persew*
 Throw quhilk thow may thy Innocence renew
 O hevinly saule know thy felicite
 Slay no^t thy self w^t fals Iniquite
- Att ² hour of none he cryit haly 85
 The sone wes closit in till clud obscure
 Myr mixt w^t gall he taistit *pair* trewly
 The stanis raif Deid raif^s abufe nature
 The magdalenis but distance culd indure
 Off all his panis quaha mycht expreme *pe* lest 90
 quhen *pat* he cryit *consumatum est*

¹ Blissit written over an undecipherable word.

² Originally Attour, our deleted.

His spreit commendit in to his faderis cure
 The vale trymblit throw diuisioun
 bayth hevin and erd and lyfeles criature
 Vnto þi makar schew compassioun 95
 resume thy spereit man full of confusioun
 ffor lufe of Iesus devoyd þe of þi vice
 quhilk for the offerit him self in sacrifice

Doun fra þe croce Ioseph than Iesu bur
 and spycit his body w^t pretius vnþement 100
 syn grathit him in to his sepulture
 Mary his muder w^t him wes ay present
 Immortal god makar omnipotent
 Gife me þi grace ffor giff me my offence
 conforme my will to thy benevolence 105

Punyfs not thy peple lord god in thy grevance
 Think quhy thy sone cryst sufferit sic passioun
 The croun of thorne The croce eik Longius lance
 Page 126 ffor manis syn makis intercessioun fol. 33^b
 Haif rewth of manis lamentatioun 110
 To quhome as redemar thow culd w^t all commend
 ffor lufe of him ws fra our fa defend

ffinis

Compacience perffs Rewth and mercy stoundis
 In myddis my hairt and thirlis throw þe vanis
 Thye ¹ deid of ² Iesu Thy precius crewell woundis
 Thy grym passioun grit torment and crewell panis
 Ingranit sadly in to my spreit remanis 5
 Sen me of not thow bocht w^t thy blude
 My Ene for dolour wofull teiris ranis
 quhen þat I se þe nalit on þe rude

¹ Sic.

² christ *deleted*.

In liper symonis houß of bathany
 Thy feit annoyntit mary magdalene 10
 With precius balme and verdus spicardy
 Scho passit fra thyn hir synnys wes forgeuen
 Thy flesch and blud In breid & wyne but wene
 Gif thy disciplis and lawlie wische pair feit
 Thy manheid dred thy passioun to sustene 15
 quhen þat thow prayit in þe mont oliveit

 To gyd þe Iowis come Iudas skareoth
 and lust þe kist all þi discipillis fled
 As ane wrechit man to caiphas and pilate
 bundin as a theif so thow harlid & led 20
 Till arrot arrot had þe in purpo^r habeit cled
 ffor hethin þe ¹ halsit blasphemyn^g w^t mony blaw
 bundin at a pillar blaiknit and foirbled
 In lithosates q^r þat thay held pair law

 Cuttis for þi coit thay kest wes neur sewit 25
 Out throw þi harnis pykis of thornis ² applyit
 Defowling thy Ene in to þi visage spewit
 And for derisioun King of Iowis pai cryit
 That wy^t sanct petir thy name thriß denyit
 Drowpand in dule myrk wes þi ³ mynd ⁴ mare 30
 Thy voce than all throw Ierusalem hyit
 To se þi sone þat thow fosterit dee

 Ruschit on þe croce thir wirdis did thow repeat
 Scitio ry^t suyth Thay seruit þe w^t gall
 Scherp wes þe speir strang nalis lang & greit 35
 Thy ribbis routit þi face ourspittit all
 To golgatha god ⁵ sone selestiall
 Thy corß throw forß thow bur w^t ⁶ cur & heit
 Thy tendir hyd Thy flesch virginall
 Wery for wro^t in watter blud & sueit 40

¹ *Interlined.*² *compellit deleted.*³ *Originally þe.*⁴ *of deleted.*⁵ *syn deleted, and god interlined.*⁶ *sur deleted.*

Throw mareis saule þe suerd of sorrow thrist
 Quhen þat thow said lo þair þi sone woman
 commandit hir to Iohine þe evangelist
 Page 127 Scherp bludy teiris hir cristall ene ouran fol. 34^a
 Sowand wer thy sydis sair scurgis bla & wan 45
 Nakit and pail deid on þe croce thow hang
 Thy vanis bursin thy sennonis schorn than
 crownit w^t thorne for scorn twa thevis amang

My wofull hairt is bayth roiosit and sad
 Thy corß lord Iesus chryst quhen I behald 50
 off my redemptioun I am merry and glaid
 Seand thy panis sair wep I wald
 Cryand haly þe gaistly spereit thow 3ald
 To longeus hand þe blud ran in a rest
 Thy pretius blud for o^r redemptioun thow sald 55
 quhen thow inclinit w^t consummatum est

Dirk wes þe sone fra þe sext hour to nyne
 Montanis trymblit hillis erd schuk & claif
 Senturio said thow art godis sone devyne
 Iosephe decurio spisit þe in þe graif 60
 W^t mir mwst most pretius and swaif
 The thay gart de and forgaif barrabas
 My saule w^t sanctis sueit saluator ressaif
 Sen That þi passioun purgis my trespas

ffinis *etc.* de passione et sequitur de resurrectione

Thow þat hes bene obedient
 to god be prayeris and abstinence
 ffor thy trespas als penitent
 but spot & clene of all offence

Ryſ w^t þe lamb of Innocence 5
 To den þat did þe dragoun draife
 This day w^t he magnificence
 The lord hes rissin fro dede to lyffe

9 The sing triumphale of þe croce
 Schew to confound þe feindis feid 10
 and quhair he fechtis w^t maist force
 W^t confessioun hald down his heid
 ryse w^t þi ransoner fro deid
 And þe of all thy synnys schryfe
 Thow rew vpoun his woundis reid 15
 That for þe deid & rais on lyfe

9 And thow þat art In hairt so dour
 þat no^t for his grit passioun growis
 behald þi meik sueit saluiour
 The to inbrace how þat he bowis 20
 se how he *marterit* wes w^t Iowis
 and how he stud for the in stryff
 haif he þi lufe all he allowis
 That for þe de *etc.*

9 And thow þat ar w^t errour dirkit 25
 follow þe lord the way is plane
 and of his fute stappis be no^t irkit
 That tuk thy gydschip w^t sic pane
 quhen thow gois wrang return agane
 and with þi ransoner revyfe 30
 Lang to sin to ly no^t slane
 bot ris w^t him from deid to lyif

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fol. 34^b

O man þat wes in syn disparit
 Tak now gud howp & haif fruitioun
 ffor þow þat rebell wes declarit 35
 hes of þi realme restitutioun

Now blindit is þi Imbitioun
 W^t blud of christis wound^{is} fyif
 and selit agane is þi remissioun
 To ryse w^t him fro deid to lyfe 40

ffinis

Surrexit *dominus* de sepulchro
 The lord is rissin fra deid to lyfe agane
 qui pro nobis pependit *in* ligno
 quhilk for our synnys on þe croce wes slane
 quhame to annoynt went mary magdalene 5
 ibat maria salame *cum* ea
 quhen god^{is} angell thus did ansuer plane
 Surrexit sicut dixit allalua

This angellis weid wes snawith in cullour
 his face as fyrflacht flawmyt ferly brycht 10
 The knychtis keparis of christis sepultour
 ffell down as deid // offerit of his licht
 Quhome to behald thay had no grace nor mycht
 Et terre motus est factus in Iudea
 The wird of Iesew is fulfillit rycht 15
 Surrexit sicut dixit ¹ allalua

Behaldin þe brichtnes of þis angell
 The magdalene and mare salamee
 abasit wer in sprit as sayis þe ewangell
 and stud abak // be no^t afferd said he 20
 The lord is rissin quhome 3e come to se
 Ipse ² preceedit vos in gallelela ³
 To his appostillis ga tell þe verite
 Surrexit *etc.*

¹ Originally dicut.

² Originally Ippse.

³ Sic.

- All honour we this lord with Ioy and glory 25
 Thanking þat mychty campoun Invincible
 That wan on tre trevmphe of he victory
 Syne brak þe hellis dungeoun most terrible
 and chest þe dragonis hidous and horrible
per crucis validissima trophea 30
 and brocht þe sawlis to joy euir *permansible*
 Surrexit sicut dixit allalua
- Page 129 Pleiſs we this lord þat did in battell byd fol. 35^a
 for ws quhilk had non vþir bute nor beild
 Quhill bludy wes his bak body and syd 35
 He wes our mychte paviſs and our ſcheild
 Or phebus dirknes him goddis sone reveild
¹ Sanguinea erant eius cannepea
 He deit triumphand he raiſs and wan þe feild
 Surrexit sicut dixit allelua 40

finis

- Done is a battell on þe dragon blak
 our campoun chryst confountet hes his force
 The ʒettis of hell ar brokin with a crak
 The signe trivmphall rasit is of þe croce
 The diuillis trymmillis w^t hiddouſs voce 5
 ¶ ʒoulis The saulis ar borrowit and to þe bliſs can go
 Chryst w^t his blud our ransonis dois indoce
 Surrexit *dominus* de sepulchro

Dungin is þe deidly dragon lucifer
 The crewall serpent w^t þe mortall stang 10
 The auld kene tegir w^t ² his teith on char
 Quhilk in a wait hes lyne for ws so lang

¹ Surr *deleted*.

² þe *deleted*.

Thinking to grip ws in his clowß strang
 The mercifull lord wald no^t þat it wer so
 He maid him for to felþe of þat fang 15
 Surrexit *etc.*

He for our saik þat sufferit to be slane
 And lyk a lamb in sacrifice wes dicht
 Is lyk a lyone rissin vp agane
 and as gyane raxit him on hicht 20
 Sprungin is aurora radius and bricht
 On loft is gone þe glorius appollo
 The blisfull day *depairtit* fro þe nycht
 Surrexit

The grit victour agane is rissin on hicht 25
 That for our querrell to þe deth wes woundit
 The sone þat vox all pail now schynis bricht
 And dirknes clerit our fayth is now refoundit
 The knell of mercy fra þe hevin Is soundit
 The cristin are deliuerit of þair wo 30
 The Iowis and þair erro^r ar confoundit
 S *etc.*

The fo is chasit The battell is done ceiß
 The presone brokin The Ievellouris fleit and flemit
 The weir is gon confermit is þe peiß 35
 The fetteris lowsit and þe dungeoun temit
 The ransoun maid The presoneris redemit
 The feild is win ourcumin is þe fo
 Dispulit of þe tresur þat he þemit
 Surrexit *Dominus de sepulchro etc.* 40

ffollowis exortationis of chryst to all synnaris
To repent thame of the same

- Page 130 O man remember and prent in to thy tho^t fol. 35 b
 quhat I haif done to bring thy saule to rest
 The gloir of hevin I left and sett at no^t
 And tuk mankynd thy dolour to degest
 In all my lyfe rycht panefully opprest 5
 Syne for invy þe Iowis culd me sla
 rycht crewaly w^t malice manifest
 Amend thy myfß this plaig sall paß þe fra
- Wald thow behald *per*fytyly my passioun
 W^t hairt contreit and rew on my torment 10
 haif thow no dout it suld be thy saluatioun
 Wald thow remembir w^t schame as I wes schent
 ffra I wes borne quhill þat my spereit wes sprent
 That neuir had rest bot pyne ny^t and day
 Quhill I but rew^t vpoun þe rud wes rent 15
 Amend thy myfß this plaig sall paß þe fra
- Remembir man vpoun mont oleueit
 quhen I satt þair at my deuotioun
 That for the bayth blud and wattir suet
 Our all my body in grit effusioun 20
 ffor feir of deid wes lyk to suelt in swoun
 Na tung can tell þe torment tene and tra
 That I haif tholit for thy redemptioun
 Amend *etc.*
- Quhen Iudas me kist The Iowis but baid me band 25
 W^t raipis rud quhill þat þe blud brest out
 hurlit as ane theif þat durst þame no^t ganestand
 To annas houß w^t þat fowll rounsy rout

Calland me fule w^t mony ane cry and schout
 Blerand þair ene Cryand O bubo ba 30
 as blind feld best thay beft me all about
 Amend *etc.*

To pylet than thay presentit me in haist
 Be his decreit þat I suld sone be deid
 Than he fur^tw^t to herod sone me chaist 35
 becaus he had þe galianis to leid
 In habeit quhyt ffor hething he me cled
 In foull derisioun to him þat I come fra
 Be my *presens* endit wes þair feid
 Amend *etc.* 40

Than he anone dispolzeit me all bair
 and I wes bund and bett both bak & syd
 Thay sonzeit no^t to mak my sydis sair
 W^t all þair wit thay wro^t me woundis wyd 45
 ffra nek to heill vnhurt Thay left no hyd
 fforbled and blaknit quhill I wes blak & bla
 Be my manheid in wit I mycht no^t byd
 Amend thy miß

Page 131 In purpour habit thay cled me as ane king fol. 36 a
 W^t reid in hand w^t grit dispyt and scorn 50
 hail King of Iowis wes than þair salusing
 blerand þair ene thay knelit me before
 Syn thristit on ane crewall croun of thorne
 Vpoun my heid and pairsit my harnis swa
 That windir wes nor my lyffe wes forlorne 55
 amend thy miß this plaig sall paß þe fra

Ane heuy croce þat wes bay^t grit and squair
 Thay gart me beir to caluary on my bak

W^t littill help thay sonzeit no^t my sair
 To furdir my ¹ deid my fais wes ry^t frak 60
 Dispytfull wurd^{is} betuene to me thay spak
 Wes nane to help my freind^{is} wes fled away
 my face ourspittit bludy wan and blak
 Amend *etc.*

Syne sett me doun quhill I wes cald agane 65
 and ay *pai* dred *pat* I suld gett reskew
 W^t all *pair* wit *pai* sett to get me slane
 quhill I wes deid *pair* mycht no mirth *pame* glew
 Thairfoir my deid *pai* scharply ² did *persew*
 quhen all wes dry bayth bak and syd couth fla 70
 and raif of all my panis to renew
 Amend, *etc.*

Be this wes done w^t nalis lang and grit
 Baith feit and handis thay nalit to *pe* croce
 On lenth and breid as thay wer out of wit 75
 Thay drew me lang and maid me meit of force
 quhen *pat* wes don thay leit me fall deorf^s
 renewand agane my pane fra top to ta
 That all my vanis and *sennonis* wer devorf^s
 Amend *etc.* 80

ffor grit dispyt vpone mont caluary
 To wondir on as I had bene ane theif
 I ³ hang on croce *pat* all *pe* warld my^t se
 betuene twa theifis as I had done mischeif
 Thow did *pe* deid thow my^t mak no releif 85
 grit schame I sufferit *pe* mend^{is} for to ma
 Blasphemit I wes w^t sorrow and repreif
 Amend *etc.*

¹ *fais* deleted.² *r* interlined.³ *wald* deleted.

ffor grit dispyt vpoun mont caluary
 Als lang als lyfe wes left my corfs wⁱⁿ 90
 Thay tyrit no^t to do me tene & tray
 W^t ane scherp speir thay tho^t it wes no sin
 To perfs my harte q^{ll} all ran on þe grene
 Syne gaif me to drink bittir gall betuene
 Syne gafe þe gaist my baner can displa 95
 oursett þe diuill and all his werkis but vene
 Amend *etc.*

Page 132 O man unmercifull quhat is wⁱⁿ þi mynd fol. 36 b
 Seand quhat pane I sufferit for his saik
 That is to me vnthankfull and vnkynd 100
 quhilk is þi makar and maid the as thy maik
 To se þe schent my sorrow may no^t slaik
 Thow suffers no^t my torment and my wa
 Agane my will thy weill gois all to wraik
 Amend *etc.* 105

Thow hes grit caus to murne and no^t to sing
 ffor thy misdeid þat cairis for no syn
 Thow lykis in lust & ryalte to ring
 having no dreid how lang to ly þairin
 3it thow presomes eternall blifs to win 110
 Thow art begyld & thow trow it be sa
 Confess in tyme and of þi malice blin
 Amend *etc.*

Do thow no^t this presome no^t to haif lyif
 Iustice man punyfs the syn quhair euir it be 115
 Into þis warld wes neuir syn moir ryif
 And nane to pvnyfs þe grit Iniquite
 That now aboundis in he & law degre
 Iustice will no^t That sin vnpvnist ga
 Suppois þat I of synnaris haif pete 120
 Amend *etc.*

Thow Irkis no^t to serue thy Innemy
 That ill reuardis his seruand at þe end
 My law w^t the is lychleit and laid by
 Thow takis no^t keip þi makar to offend 125
 off all þi malice þat may þe weill amend
 Bo^t tho^t and deid thow pleisis weill thy fa
 And in my ¹ seruice ² listis no^t thy tyme expend
 Amend thy lyfe This plaig sall paß þe fra

Wolupteouß lyif quhy thinkis thow ³ so weill 130
 The quhilk sall end w^t sorrow and w^t pane
 That þe begylis and may no^t help a deill
 To thy tinsall it schawis bot a trane
 Throw sensuall lust thy saule may sone be slane
 resist in tyme to syn be euir thra 135
 Schort is þe Ioy þe pane will ay remane
 Amend *etc.*

Quhy haitis thow me þat luvis þe o^r all thing
 That I þe lufe The deid now may be schawin
 Off all my workis thow hes þe gouerning 140
 And be thy deid thy lufrent may be knawin
 I lyk it no^t þat thow suld be ourthrawin
 And sched my blud thy ransone for to pa

Page 133 And maid the fre off det that thow wes awin fol. 37 a

⁴ Amend thy miß ⁴ This plaig sall paß the fra 145

Quhat sall I say thow vnkynd but weir
 Vntrew vnthankfull vnto thy Creatore
 That the hes bocht w^t my hairt bluid so deir
 quhair haif I feilit or done to the Iniure
 To win thy luve I haif done all my cure 150
 Leive thy evill lyfe and leif vpoun my lay
 And thow sall neid non vþir procureur
 Amend thy miß this plaig sall paß the fray

¹ thy deleted, and my interlined.

² thow deleted.

³ Interlined.

^{4,4} On margin.

Haif *mercy* lord our error we deploir
 We grant our gilt submittand ws to grace 155
 Latt no^t this deid but pietie ws devoir
 Quhair we haif failit to the o lord allace
 We sall *ammend* and thow will grant ws pece
 Haif *mercy* lord Haif *mercy* we the pray
 Thow fruct vnfyld Thow farest floure of face 160
 Beseik Oure god this plaig to put ws fray

ffinis q Stewart

To the hie potent blisfull trinitie
 That in ane godheid egall regnis abone
 Be gloir and lawid in coeternitie
 ffra hevin to erd w^t song & sweit entone
 The sone is cum fra the hie fader in trone 5
 And tane oure kynd At this trivmphall fest
 Vpone the dragone a battell for to done
 A Sumo celo egressio eius est

The virgynis wamb be glorifeit and blist
 That bure our mighty saluio^r missias 10
 Oure campioun chryst that to þe feild him drest
 Moir strong than hector / sampson or goliath
 That lucifer cheist and all his alias
 And all the feyndis affreyt most and lest
 Surrexit Gigas ad currendum vias 15
 A Summo celo egressio eius est

Page 134 In sole posuit tabernaculum suum fol. 37 b
 And as a spous of chalmer did proceid
 This campioun kene in oure reskorfs did cum
 Swiftar nor dyane ¹ throw all the hevynis on breid 20

¹ fr *deleted*.

Moir velzeant nor marß vpoun his steid
 Moir fresche nor phebus rysand in the est
 Mor terrible eik nor saturne for to dreid
 A *Summo celo egressio eius est*

This wicht invinsible and victorius king 25
 Quhois bricht plaitis attoure all Iuda schone
 But vanegard / reirgard / scaill / or ony wing
 His velzeand body to battell gaif allone
 Aganis all mortall and Immortall fone
 Having no dreid of dethis scherp arreist 30
 ffor caufs of ws he gart the dragone grone
 A *Summo celo egressio eius est*

Glaidith 3e sterris and hevinly spheiris
 Signis / and ple~~n~~neitis that wer in his passage
 ffor he the michtie lord that 3ow all steiris 35
 Throw 3our bricht regionis Maid his blist veyage
 Glaid 3e o man maid eftir his Image
 ffor quhois saik he willingly but request
 stervit on rude w^t deidly pale visage
 A *Summo celo egressio eius est* 40

ffinis *etc.*

O man vnthankfull to thy creator
 Behald the gift of nature and of grace
 Sa weill for the as god hes done his cure
 To win thy luve in mony sindry cace
 That blissit prince Is blyith the to Imbrace 5
 W^t all his hait / wald thow w^t him accord
 That leivis the nocht quhill syn he fra the chace
 Quhy art thow man vnthankfull to thy lord

- Behald of awld quhat kyndnes he hes wrocht
 That the deliuert of Egiptis seruitude 10
 Page 135 Quhair thow was neir to thy confusioun fol. 38^a
 brocht
 thair but his help thow had bene destitute
 of all thy bliß he is baith crope and rute
 Misknaw thow him thow sall pay trewly ford
 Keip thow command thow salbe blist but bute 15
 Quhy art thow man vnthankfull to thy lord
- Behald how riche arrayit is the erd
 To thy vphald in habeit plenteus
 3eildand the fruct as anseris to þe querd
 Cawsit be god be wirking marvellus 20
 Suppois thow be to him contrarius
 He schawis gud will thy conscience to remord
 Sa potent to puneiß sa littill rigorus
 Quhy art thow man vnthankfull to thy lord
- All that he maid wes subiect man to the 25
 Baith hevin and erd he formit for thy cauß
 And ordanit all at thy command to be
 And thow to be obeysand to his lawis
 Bot now allace sa far fra faith thow fawis
 Be deidly syn to castin grit discord 30
 The maist / the leist / Throw wicketnes ourthrawis
 Quhy art *etc.*
- 3it nevir the leß mankynd he hes him tane
 Sufferring grit schame / and panefully opprest
 W^t Iowis / being scrugit bay^t bak and bane 35
 Crownit w^t thornis for skorne w^towttin rest
 Hurlit lyk a theif to calvary in hest
 Vpoun ane croce he the to grace restoid
 Nalit þairon Blasphemit as ane beist
 Quhy *etc.* 40

Repent thy sinfull lyfe And the ammend
ffra thynfurth se thow cuvat no manis geir
And now in tyme I mak it to the kend
thair is no cryme bot thow mone it forbeir
And thow be saif fra furius feindis seir 45
Or vpirwayis in smoke thow salbe smord
In hellis pane in wofull wa & weir
Be thow aganis thy gratius thankfull lord

ffinis

- Page 136 Chryist crownit king and conquerour ¹ fol. 38 b
Makar of all martir and remeid
Salwe of all sair and sweit succour
Howp of all haille and help at all neid
Saif ws synnaris of adames seid 5
Defend and fre ws frome oure fo
Thow lord to all that leivis on leid
Iesu nostra redemptio
- Thow wit / thow well of all mercy
Grantar and gevar of all grace 10
In the our trest is most trewly
That we may speid Spend on ws space
To get of our gilt forgifneß
and our misdeidts boith all and sum
Thow virgins fruct fairest of face 15
Amor et desiderium
- Iesu our luv and our delyt
Our lust our lyking till allow
This warld may not thy wirschep wryt
To quhois bidding all thing mon bow 20

¹ In the MS. *Table of Contents* Emprior.

that wes Or salbe Or is now
 The firmament the feild and flum
 Quhy sowld thay no^t gif bliß to 3ow
 Deus Creator Omnium

Thow michtie makar of all thing 25
 But vder as confermis the creid
 Incomperable baith knycht and king
 Most royall roy that we of reid
 To do ws fra the dulfull deid
 Thow borne was of ane birdis bosum 30
 Quhen we sowld spill thow gart ws speid
 Homo in fine temporum

Neir warldis End thow was mane maid
 Consaut but mans seid or syn
 Thocht thow be lichtit in so law a bed 35
 Thy maiesty was nocht to myn
 Thow wald be comptit of our kin fol. 39^a
 To win ws all ¹ to weill fra wa
 To tell thair can no tung begin
 que te vicit Clementia 40


Quhat petie was that the compellit
 To tak mankynd and mak ws fre
 Ane theolog me trewly tellit
 Sayand the cheif was cheretie
 Gart the discend for ws to die 45
 And for our saik thy will was sa
 to tak the sic humilitie
 Vt ferres nostra crimina

To beir our syn thow thocht it sweit
 and sufferit for our salvatioun 50

¹ fra deleted.

War it vndone thow wald doid zeit
 Sic was thy awin affectioun
 Quhat mycht be moir affectioun
 Than thoill sic angir for our offens
 Thow in thy peirles passioun 55
 Crudelem mortem patiens

Thow dampnit was to crewall^rdeid
 To lowis fra lucifer that was lorne
 Our all thy body ran strems reid
 On thy heid thristit ane ane ¹croun of thorne 60
 Thow was skurgit w^t skrech and scorne
 Sic panis thow previt to procur ws pefß
 W^t ane scharp speir thy syd was schorne
 Vt nos a morte tolleres

Evir Endles deid fra ws to do 65
 Thow was beft bludy bair as beist
 Lord len ws lasar lyf and space
 Owt of this world Or þat we wend
 and grant ws graciously thy grace
 That we our misdeidis may amend 70
 And frome þe diuill our sawlis diffend
 quha wachis evir the same to sla
 Conducting ws to Ioy but End
 In sempiterna secula 

ffinis

Page 138 Eternal king that sittis in hevin so hie fol. 39 b
 And clymmith vp the cluddis schynyng licht
 As þepherus w^t bemis in the skie

¹ Sic.

The Leaird of wairidstoun John Findlay Janny


Quhilk Illumynis the ruddy sterris bricht
 O vnigeneit sone to god of nicht 5
 All thing creat having in libertie
 Ws grant that we may sing w^t hairt vprycht
 This ympne Eterne rex altissime

Excelland michtie and Immensurable
 O gracious god most souerane lord & ¹ king 10
 Quhilk in thy lusty palyce most delectable
 Abone Saturnus thow sittis eternaling
 Distill the balme of thy mercy ding
 As thow art one w^t two in vnitie
 Sa þat we ma amang thy Ioyis ring 15
 W^t the eterne rex altissime

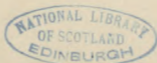
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O Increat O godis sone of nicht
 And eik carnat all of a virgin schene
 As throw the glaß dois phebus schyne so bricht
 Scho bure hir birth remaning virgyn clene 20
² And eik the cristall hevinis all bedene
 Ascending vp the trone standing so hie
 W^t mercy on ws wretchit synnaris mene
 O thow *etc.*

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O thow eterne rex altissime 25
 On quhome this warld alhail now dois depend
 Doun frome thy self vt primum mobile
 Cowth prevelie w^tin the comprehend
 That in thy souerane Ioy ⁴ w^towttin end
 Thow grant thy gracious visage we may sie 30
 And all trespass perfytyly to amend
 To the eterne rex altissime 

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¹ g deleted.² Scho deleted.³ A stanza omitted here which is in the Draft MS.⁴ thow comprehend deleted.

	Quhen be devyne deliberatioun Off personis thre in a godheid yfeir	
Page 139	The grit message and hie legatioun Wes send vnto the blissit lady deir Be gabriell scho being in hir prayeir Asking of god as profetis dois expreme To send the sone that sowld the warld redeme	fol. 40 a Nurs 5 nu
	The angell to the virgin is removit And to Marie he said on this maneir Hail full of grace derrest and best belovit God is with the To him thou art most deir Most pretious and principall but peir Thow sweit fructtre and well of sanetie god will of the tak his humanitie	findlay 10 John
	The virgin wynderit of that hie message And was abaisit in hir humill spreit On to the Angell having this langage With sobir mynd and wordis verry sweit As scho þat was of grace full repleit how may this be I sowld consave a chyld I knaw no man My madinheid is vnfyld	15 20
	Be nocht <i>perturbat</i> in þour aduertance þour benyng Eir vnto my voice Inclyne The faderis power / The sonis sapience The vertew of the holie gaist devyne Within thy wame sall obvmbir and schyne Thow sall consaif Baith clene in deid and thoct Him that the maid and all this warld of nocht	25

All creatouris on kneis fall 3e down
 Consent virgin vnto this hie message 30
 Quhairby followis the redemptioun
 Of abrahame and all his hailly lynnage
 Thow word may now infernall folk dischairge
 Page 140 The faderis Eik that dirknes dois inhanfs fol. 40 b
 With wofull adame weiping in pennanfs 35

This glorius lady and virgin celestiall
 As god sa wald his prophecie fulfill
 Remmembring eik the weilfair of ws all
 Lo heir scho said godis humill ancill
 Be it to me eftir thy word and will 40
 And be scho had hir wordis thus expremit
 Consaut was hie that all the world redemit

Thow moyses busk remanyng vncombust
 Quhilk was fair signe of thy virginitie 45
 Refrene ws fra all warldlie fleschlie lust
 No thing to Ioy bot in thy sone and the
 And gif ws grace that hour quhen we sowld dee
 Be thy fair fruct That place in hevin to win
 That Ordanit was for Adame and all his kin

ffinis

~~Letteris of gold writtin I fand
 In till a buik wes fair to reid
 The sentence plane till vnderstand
 Thairfoir till it I tuik gud heid
 With havy haitt and meckle dreid ¹ 5~~

¹ These five lines have been stroked through. They appear in their proper place on fol. 50 b, p. 127.

O Lord my god on quhome I do depend
 Thow pat hes evir bene my help and gyd
 And daylie dois frome denger me defend
 Grant me in the fermlie for to confyd
 Suffer me nocht Throwt slew^tfulnes to slyd 5
 Bot grant me grace both Now and evirmoir
 To randir the most humill thankis thairfoir

A parfyt luvē gud lord grant vnto me
 With humill hairt to gif the praysis still
 feiring for till offend thy maiestie 10
 Bot daylie to Obey thyne holy will
 Be my defens frome that thing that is ill
 And for thy onlie trewth and promeis saik
 gif Eir and heir the prayar that I maik

Grant me thy grace to gyd me vprichtlie 15
 Mak me thyne holy preceptis for to know
 Lett thy *commandimentis* so governe me
 To do to every ane the thing I aw
 Instruct me lord in thy most blissit law
 Maik me nocht our desyrus for to haif 20
 Bot ay to rander as I wold ressafe

ffor of ane maß thow hes ws formit all
 And of the clay thow creat every wicht
 And to the erth schortly returne we sall
 Nocht knowing quhen nor quhair be day or nicht 25
 Sen all pat leivis ar synnaris in thy sicht
 Oure confort / Ioy / and our felicitie
 Consistis only in thy grit marcye

Body and sawill I humly recommend
 Into the handis of the my god allone 30
 Page 142 As thow hes evir done in tymes bygone fol. 41 b
 Harkin vnto my petoufs plaint and mone
 And gif me patiens to abyd thy will
 With perfyt hairt to gif the prayissis still
 ffinis

O creaturis creat of me 3our creator
 To my liknes wrocht be my providence
 Quhy felzie faith Quhy fall 3e in error
 Evir quhair 3e syn throw follyth ¹ negligence
 Sen I proffer ay to be 3o^r deffence 5
 3e mankynd quhy tak 3e not now na heid
 My will war Thocht thow did offence
 Thow sowld me not mistrest for thy misdeid
 Thow sleipis in syn fra 3eir to 3eir
 fro day to day thow will not ryiſ 10
 Bot quhen thow feilis the deth is neir
 Than begynnis thow for till aggryiſ
 Than sayis thow *mercy* will not suffyiſ
 Thocht I it ask it will nocht speid
 Thow wreche quhy will the me dispryiſ 15
 Mistrest me nevir for thy misdeid

Gif thow fallis throw thy brukilnes
 Cast vp thy heid behald the hevin
 Think on the pane & grit distrefſ
 I sufferit for the in myld stevin 20
 Call vpoun me baith Morne & evin
 And thow sall find me reddy at neid
 Haif cheretie And lue thy ny^tbouris evin
 And nocht mistrest for thy misdeid

¹ Ignorance deleted.

- Do this and trest thy synnis be forgeif 25
 ffor trest sall cauß redemptioun
 Dispair thow not how evir thow leif
 Marcy is in my faderis possessioun
 Cleme it for heretage þat is ressoun
 And thow sall haif it to thy neid 30
 Aganis the devillis strang temptatioun
 Mistrest me nevir *etc.*
- Page 143 I bid the ask for grant I wald fol. 42^a
 I bid the serche among the laif
 I bid the trest to mak the bald 35
 Ask of thy brupir and thow sall haif
 Vnkynd thow art me to dissaif
 Denny I will not the albeid
 that thow a fute war neir the graif
 3it nocht mistrest for thy misdeid 40
- I am thy brupir and sittis in trone
 Thow leidis thy lyfe vndir my feit
 Wappit in misdeidis mony one
 I mycht smot of quhair I the treit
 Bot I thold sic panis greit 45
 to saif thy sawll / wald thow tvik heid
 Behold my woundis of rewth repleit
 And nevir Mistrest *etc.*
- I wald no^t force to die agane
 And ane drop *mercy* war fundin dry 50
 It is full sweit to suffer pane
 'To saive ane sawill eternaly
 And I haif nicht will and maistry
 Ane kingis word sall stand in steid
 Quhy fleis thow than for thy folly 55
 Mistrest *etc.*

It grevit me moir that Caen mistrest
 the keling of abell þat was so gude
 And moir displeisd me þat Iudas / lest
 No *mercy* craif / me selling to þe rude 60
 To pylat & herod þat war so wude
 my *mercy* wald I nevir forbeid
 than withstand not As thay withstude
 Man mistrest nevir *etc.*

Cum to my croce and sie ane theif 65
 for onis his asking gat him grace
 Page 144 Se pawle þat did me mekle grief fol. 42^b
 how wirthy appostill he eftir waß
 Se mary Magdalene for hir trespass
 And petir forsuk me thryifß for dreid 70
 Now be thay worthy in hevnis place
 Than mistrest no^t *etc.*

My moder knelit vnto me
 and mvrnit for me þat was in cair
 And to my fader I knelit for the 75
 And schew my body and woundis bair
 Than quho may stop my *mercy* thair
 gif deth war neidfull 3it sowld thow speid
 In weill or wo quhair evir thow fair
 mistrest me not for thy misdeid 80

Quhat neid the now for to despair
 And hes sic freindis for the to speik
 My fader is thyne Thow art his Air
 I am thy broder quho can it breik
 My modir Is thyne that is so meik 85
 I will the help quhen thow hes neid
 Thy luv fra me quhy wald thow steik
 Mistrest *etc.*

Quhat lykis the now quhat will thow moir
 gif thow hes neid heir Is succour 90
 Gife thow be neidles tell me befoir
 I see thy governance in every hour
 Thow dwellis in presone heir is thy boure
 Cum hame againe Tak thair thy meid
 Celestiall blifs of hie honour 95
 And mistrest not for thy misdeid

ffinis q ledgait monk of bery

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fol. 43 a

Heir endis the first
 pairt of this buke

Contenand ballatis of theologie

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fol. 43 b

followis the Secound Pairt of this
 buk conteneand verry singular ballatis
 full of wisdom and moralitie *etc.*

Tu viuendo bonos / scribendo sequare peritos

Wit

The grittest tresour w^owt comparison
 for mans felicitie heir in this lyfe
 Aboif gold and siluer Is wit and discretion
 To tempir the Ioyfull And confort the pensyfe
 Or v^pir wayis to instruct man in peice or stryif 5
 Wit als is Incessit be wyis workis reiding
 And lyk the fructles tre Is wit but gud doing
etc.

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Et citera

fol. 44 a

furth throw ane forrest as I fure
 Attour ane rever cow^t I ryd
 All kynd of bird^{ts} þat body bure
 Vpoun tha brenchis could abyd
 Than spak ane bird hard me besyd 5
 for ony thing þat evir may be
 Thir wurd^{ts} in ¹ hairt se þat thow hyd
 In alkyn mater mesure the

first luvē thy god attour all thing
 That maid the lyk to his ² Image 10
 and syne the ordand in hevin to ring
 but end to haif þat heretage
 Till adame throw his grit outrage
 Maid ws to licht this is no le
 Law in to hell in grit thirlelege 15
 In alkyn mater mesur the

Sen god hes ransonit all at richt
 out of þe feind^{ts} handis of hell
 chryst wes born of þe virgyn bricht
 So said sanct Iohine in his wangell 20
 Syne deid and raif^s and herreit hell
 And fred mankynd and ³ maid him fre
 Sen it is trew þat I the tell
 In alkyn *etc.*

3it sall he cum on ⁴ domisday 25
 and deme our deid^{ts} dout 3e no^t
 Sum to pane and sum to pley
 Eftir þe werk^{ts} þat we haif wrocht

¹ thy *deleted.* ² visage *deleted.* ³ he *deleted.* ⁴ day *deleted.*

fra baill to blifs sen he hes bocht
 and denzeit him self for ws to de 30
 We lufe him baith in deid and tho^t
 In *etc.*

Mesure is ane instrument
 decernis thingis þat is in weir
 quha þat to mesure takkis tent 35
 To tell his tretisþ wer full teir
 Leit at my lair gif thow will leir
 The gait quhair glaidnes is and gle
 Sen he may help baith thair & heir
 In *etc.* 40

Be no^t ourskerfs nor ȝit our lerge
 gif thow will leir sone at my lair
 for thow hes a full havy charge
 Bot gif thow wysly spend and spair
 Page 148 Tak mesur w^t the evir mair fol. 44 b
 Se thow na wreche nor waistour be 46
 Sen heir is no^t bot ¹ fenzeit fair
 In alkyn materis mesur the

Be no^t our mad attour mesure
 nor ȝit our meik in thy moving 50
 Be no^t our rad for no dreddure
 Nor ȝit our derf in thy doing
 As cato sayis in his teiching
 In al ² thingis knaw þe quantetie
 as all tyme askis of every thing 55
 In *etc.*

Do for thy freind as it effeiris
 chaistyn thy serwand w^t mesure

¹ ar *deleted.*

² kyn *deleted.*


Reward thow as þe cauþ requyris
 Thy maister wirschep and honour 60
 To pure and seik gif thow succour
 Thy Ny^tbour lufe in cheritie
 Thy weddit wyf lufe *paramour*
 In *etc.*

W^t mesure suld we walk and sleip 65
 W^t mesure suld we spend and spair
 W^t mesur suld we gaddir and keip
 W^t mesur suld thow leif evirmair
 W^t mesur suld we lufe and fair
 W^t mesur suld we serch and fle 70
 Sen mesur is most singulair
 In *etc.*

Tho^t a man be keip in presone
 Be no^t our *perte* him to suppryþ
 oft tymis Thow may se be ressonne 75
 A man may fall and rycht vpryþ
 Thow art no^t sicker on na kin waifþ
 The siclyk caiþþ thy awin may be
 That sample may be sene oft syifþ
 In *etc.* 80

Mesure stanchis sturtis and stryvis
 It is a rewill of grit wysneþþ
 It garris ressoun ring and ryþþ
 And exylis wrang¹ and wicket distreþþ
 quhair men dreidis it is doutleþþ 85
 The suthfastneþþ it garris thame se
 Sen it is grund till all glaidneþþ
 In *etc.*

¹ wrangus *originally, us deleted.*

	Mesure is a ticht castell	
	Ane haisty cauß of repentance	90
	Be war for war ffor wit 3e weill	
	Off evill tungis cumis ignorance	
	be no ^t our dum for no distance	
	Nor our mirthfull for maiestie	
	Cast bail and bliff in a ballance	95
	In <i>etc.</i>	
Page 149	ffra pryd and cuvaticke the keip	fol. 45 a
	fra wicket yre and fra Invy	
	In deidly syn se thow nocht sleip	
	In lichery Nor glottony	100
	Nor in sweirnes for wat thow quhy	
	Thir ar the sevin grathis the to die	
	And slayis thy sawll Eternaly	
	In alkin mater mesur the	
	Aganis pryd Tak thow lawlines	105
	And cheretie Aganis invy	
	Aganis yre also tak meikneß	
	And chestetie for lichory	
	for sweirnes and for gluttony	
	Tak abstinens and And ¹ vertewis be	110
	for covetyce gife liberally	
	In alkin materis mesur the	
	I prayit that bird of patience	
	quhat that scho was Or of quhat kynd	
	Scho said to me dame conscience	115
	That oft remmemberis manis mynd	
	Sen chryst the coft be to him kynd	
	That maid this warld verralie	
	Thow clenge the clene Or thow hyne wend	
	In alkin materis mesur the 	120
	ffinis <i>etc.</i>	

¹ *Sic.*

The prolog of the nynt buk of virgell
In commendatioun of vertew

Thir lusty versis of he nobilite
Agilite / did wryt of lusty clerkis
And *patron* markis / wisdom / vtilitie
Na vilite / No sic vnworthy werkis
Scurrilite / Is bot for doggis *pat* barkis 5
Quhay thairto harkis fallis in fragilite

Page 150 Honestie is the way to wirthines 5 fol. 45^b
Vertew dowlis / the *perfy*t gait to blif 10
Thow do no mis / And eschew ydilnes
Persew proves / hold no thing that is his
Be not rakles / To say sone I wif
And of this / The contrair wirk expref 10

Do to ilk wicht As done to thow wold be
Be nevir sle / and dowble nor 3it our licht
Vse not thy micht / aboif thyne awin degre 15
Clym not our hie / Nor 3it our law to licht
Wirk no mawgre / Thocht thow be nevir so licht
hold w^t *pe* richt and
preif the nevir to lie *ffinis q* gawyn dowglaß

Quhylome in grece that nobill regioun
Thair dwelt awcht clerkis of grit science *Sapientium*
Philosophouris of nobill discretioun *octavus quis*
At thame was askit to preif thair prowence
Aucht questionis of mirk Intelligence 5
The quhilk they ansærit Eftir thair Intent
In siclyk wayis As heir is subsequent

The first questioun was Quhat erdly thing
 Is best to god And maist commendable
 The first clerk answerit w'towttin tareing 10
 A manis sawill evir firme and stabill
 In richt ffra trewith nathing vareable
 Bot now allace sair may we weip
 ffor cuvatrice hes brocht trewth on sleip

The secound was quhat is maist odious 15
 A dowble man said the philosophour
 With virgin face and tail vennemous
 W^t ane fair wow And Ane fals persour
 Page 151 Ane stinkand carioun in ane goldin coffour fol. 46 a
 It is ane monstour in Natoris lenage 20
 A man to haif ane dowbill visage

The thrid thing was quhilk is the best doar
 That may be till a wyfe appropriat
 A clene lyfe was the clerkis anser
 Vnreprovit chest and Immaculat 25
 W'towt signe Takin Or speiche Inordinat
 Or evill countenance quhilk is to dispysse
 No fyre mak And so smuke will ryse

The ferd questioun Is quhat madin may
 be callit clene and full of chestitie 30
 The clerk answerit and said Off hir alway
 All creaturis reportis grit honestie
 Quhairof all folk eschamit is to lie
 And thairfoir madynis keip 3our gud name furth
 And remmember 3our gud name is gold wurth 35

The fyft questioun Quha is riche but frawd
 the man quho can of his gud him suffiyis

Quhat evir he haif He gevis god the lawd
 He covettis nothing in vngodlie wyis
 His hairt devoyid is of all covetyis 40
 His body heir his spreit is all abuve
 This man Is riche ffor god dois him lwe

The sext ¹ Quha is ane peur man evir in wo
 A covettouß man withowt discretioun
 That in his hairt nevir can haif ho 45
 The moir gude The leß distributioun
 The richer Ay The warß of conditioun
 Men ² commonly callis him ane nigart
 Sir gy brybour Is his cheif stewart

Quhilk Is ane wyisman Is the sevint questioun 50
 Page 152 ³ He þat will nocht and may do mekle noyance fol. 46 b
 Quha that may pvneiß and levis punitioun
 A mensurable man And withowt vengeance
 Ane wyisman Put this in remembrance
 Sayand Had I vengit all my harme 55
 My cloik had nocht me furrit ⁴ half so warme

Quhilk is ane fule That is the last demand
 He þat wald hurt and hes no power
 Had he grit micht he wold mekle command
 In malice grit His micht not worth a peir 60
 He thristis fast bot littill may he deir
 He thinkis not how wysmen said beforne
 God sendis a thrawart cow a schort horne

ffinis q chawseir

¹ is deleted.

² cal deleted.

³ On the left margin fin is written twice, and the inlay cuts the letter f several times.

⁴ al deleted.

- Alone as I went vp and doun
 in ane abbay was fair to se
 Thinkand quhat consolatioun
 Was best in to adwersitie
 On caifs I kest on syd myne E 5
 And saw this writtin vpoun a wall
 off quhat estait man that thow be
 Obey and thank thy god of all
- Thy kindome and thy grit empyre
 Thy ryaltie nor riche array 10
 Sall nocht endeur at thy desyre
 Bot as the wind will wend away
 Thy gold and all thy gudis gay
 quhen fortoun list will fra the fall
 Sen thow sic sampillis seis ilk day 15
 Obey and thank thy god of all
- Page 153 Job wes maist riche in writ we find fol. 47 a
 Thobe maist full of cheritie
 Job woux pure and thobe blynd
 Bath tempit w^t aduersitie 20
 Sen blindnes wes infirmitie
 And pouerty wes naturall
 Thairfoir rycht patiently bath he and he
 Obeyid ¹ and thankit god of all
- Tho^t thow be blind or haif ane halt 25
 Or in thy face deformit ill
 Sa it cum no^t throw thy defalt
 Na man suld the repreif by skill
 Blame no^t thy lord sa is his will
 Spurn no^t thy fute aganis þe wall 30
 Bot w^t meik hairt and prayer still
 Obey *etc.*

¹ Originally Obeyit.

God of his iustice mon correct
 and of his *mercy* petie haif
 he is ane Iuge to nane suspect 35
 To puneis synfull man and saif
 Tho^t thow be lord attour the laif
 and eftirwart maid bound and thrall
 Ane pure begger w^t skrip and staif
 Obey *etc.* 40

This changeing and grit variance
 Off erdly staitis vp and doun
 Is no^t bot causalitie and chance
 As sum men sayis w^tout ressoun
 Bot be þe grit prouisioun 45
 of god aboif þat rewill the sall
 Thairfoir evir thow mak the boun
 To obey *etc.*

In welth be meik heich no^t thy self
 be glaid in wilfull pouertie 50
 Thy power and thy worldis pelf
 Is no^t bot verry vanitie
 Remember him þat deit on tre
 ffor thy saik taistit þe bittir gall
 quha heis law hairtis and lawis he 55
 Obey and thank thy god of all

ffinis q̄ Mr ro^t Henrysone

Memento homo quod cinis Es
 Think man thow art bot erd and as
 Lang heir to dwell na thing thow preß
 for as thow come sa sall thow paß

	Lyk as ane schaddow in ane glafs	5
Page 154	Hyne glydis all thy tyme þat heir is	fol. 47 ^b
	Think thocht thy bodye ware of brafs	
	Quod tu in cinerem reuerteris	
	Worthye Hector and Hercules	
	fforcye achill and strong sampson	10
	Alexander of grit nobilnes	
	Meik dauid / and fair absolone	
	Hes playit þair pairtis / and all are gone	
	At will of god that all thing steiris	
	Think man exceptioun þair is none	15
	Sed tu in cinerem reuerteris	
	Thocht now thou be maist glaid of cheir	
	ffairest and plesandest of port	
	þit may thou be within ane þeir	
	Ane vgsun vglye tramort	20
	And sen þow knawis thy tyme is schort	
	And in all houre thy lyfe in weir is	
	Think man amang all vthir sport	
	Quod Tu in cinerem reuerteris	
	Thy lustye bewte and thy youth	25
	Sall feid as dois the somer flouris	
	Syne sall þe swallow with his mouth	
	The dragone death ¹ that all devouris ¹	
	No castell sall þe keip nor touris	
	Bot he sall seik þe with thy feiris	30
	Thairfore remembir at all houris	
	Quod tu in cinerem reuerteris	
	Thocht all þis warld thou did posseid	
	Nocht eftir death / thou sall possefs	

¹⁻¹ *In a different and later hand.*

Nor with þe tak / Bot thy guid deid 35
 Quhen thow dois fro þis warld þe drefß
 So speid the man and þe confefß
 With humill hart and sobir teiris
 And sadlye in thy hart inpresß
 Quod tu in cinerem reuerteris 40

Thocht þow be taklit nevir so sure
 Thow sall in deathis port arryve
 Quhair nocht for tempest may indure
 Bot ferslye all to speiris ¹
 Thy ransonner with woundis fyve 45
 Mak thy plycht anker / and thy steiris
 To hald thy saule with him on Lyve
 Cum tu in cinerem reuerteris

ffinis q dumbar

Page 155 O mortall man remembir nycht and day fol. 48 a
 How schort the tyme is þ^t thow hes heir to spend
 remember eik thy pompeouß he array
 how suddanly it sall tak ane fynall end
 Cast the thairfoir mispendit tyme to mend 5
 quhill thow hes space thow of thy foly cefß
 Leif thy trespaß thy god dreid till offend
 Memento homo q Cinis Eß

Remembir man how noble thow art wrocht
 Vnto the similitud of godis Image 10
 remembir als how deir he hes the bocht
 W^t his hairt blude & w^t non vder wage
 remembir als the strang & he vaslage
 he did for the to bring thy saule to peiß
 For schame þairfoir stynt of thy foly rege 15
 Memento etc.

¹ [*dryve*] in *Hunterian Club edition*.

Gife thow w^t syn hes done thy saule forfair
 behald thy consciens w^t thy sprituall E
 and gif thow fynd^s it hurt and woundit sair
 Cast for remeid or dowtleß it will de 20
 Thairfoir in tyme Ceiß sensualite
 Call on thy lord most peirleß of proveß
 off nicht & power mercy and pece
 Memento *etc.*

Thy licherows lyf bo^t and thy wantounesß 25
 bot gif tho mend quhill thow hes tyme & space
 Sall turne in eternall bittirnesß
 fra deid cum to and lay on the his mace
 eftir that rest thair is no rest allace
 Tak heid in tyme this ressoun is no leß 30
 Thairfoir but latt I pray the purchesß grace
 Memento *etc.*

Gife thow mispendit hes thy tyme bipast
 Throw þewthis rege w^t fruster vane plesans
 return agane haif houp be no^t agast 35
 quhen every man of chrystis allegance
 forthink^s thair syn and tak^s thame to pennans
 To be of mair perfectioun suld thay presß
 repent þairfoir w^t hail deliuerans
 Memento *etc.* 40

Confesß thy synnis w^t hairt and mynd contreit
 Compleit thy pennans gevin by the prechour
 Than dowl thow no^t the diuill^s dynt a myte
 Thow art the sone than of our saluour
 Quhilk sched his precius blud for the in stour 45
 Thus may thow no^t bot gif thow wilt þerreiß
 he is sa gracios evir aboif mesour
 Memento homo q cinis Eß

q Lichtoun monicus

- Page 156 Off lentren in the first mornyng fol. 48 b
 Airly as did þe day vp spring
 Thus sang ane bird w^t voce vpplane
 All erdly Ioy returnis in pane
- O man haif mynd þat thow mon paß 5
 remembir þ^t thow art bot aß
 And sall in aß return agane
 All erdly *etc.*
- Haif mynd þat eild ay followis 3ow^t
 Deth followis lyfe w^t gaipand mowth 10
 Devoring fruct and flowring grane
 All erdly joy returnis in pane
- Welth wardly gloir and riche array
 ar all bot thornis laid In thy way
 ourcowerd w^t flouris laid in ane trane 15
 All *etc.*
- Come nevir 3it may so fresche and grene
 Bot Ianuar come als wod and kene
 Wes nevir sic drowth bot Anis come rane 20
 All *etc.*
- Evirmair vnto this worldis Ioy
 As nerrest air succeidis noy
 þairfoir quhen joy ma no^t remane
 his verry air succeidis pane
- heir helth returnis in seikneß 25
 & mirth returnis in havineß
 Toun in desert forrest in plane
 All *etc.*

ffredome returnis in wrechitneß
 & trew^t returnis in dowbilneß 30
 W^t fenzeit wird^{is} to mak menⁿ fane
 All *etc.*

Vertew returnis in to vyce
¹and hono^r in to avaryce¹
 W^t curvatyce is consciens slane 35
 All *etc.*

Sen erdly Ioy abyd^{is} nevir
 Wirk for þe Ioy þat lestis evir
 ffor vder Ioy is all bot vane
 All erdly Ioy returnis in pane 40

q dumbar

Doun by ane rever as I red
 outthrow a forrest that wes fair
 Thynkand how þat this warld wes maid
 Sa suddanly away we fair
 That kingis and lord^{is} sall haif no mair 5
 fra tyme þat he be bund on beir
 Thus spak a fowll I 3ow declair
 Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

Page 157 I marvellit quhat that bird sowld be fol. 49
 that wes so fair w^t fedderis gent 10
 scho bowind hir nocht to fle fra me
 Bot satt and tald me hir Intent
 Off thy misdeid^{is} thow the repent
 And of thy synnys confesß the cleir
 ffor deid he hes his bow ay bent 15
 Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

¹⁻¹ On margin.

ffra he begyn to schute his schot
 Thow wat nocht quhen that it will licht
 He spairis the nocht in schip nor bot
 In coive Nor craig Na castell wicht 20
 Bot as the sone that schynis bricht
 Owtthrw^t the glaß That is so cleir
 To lenth thy lyfe thow hes no Micht
 Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

Give ony man his lyfe nicht lenth 25
 I wat it had bene salamone
 Of all wisdome he had the strenth
 He knew the vertew of Erb and stone
 He cowlde nocht for him self dispone
 Attoure his dait to leif a 3eir 30
 Ane wysar wicht was never none
 Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

Quhairto sowld I thir sampillis say
 Thow hes sene mo than I can tell
 Off lordis in to this land *per*fay 35
 Sum wyse sum wicht sum forß sum fell
 Thay dowttit now^pir hevin nor hell
 Thay wer so wicht w^towttin weir
 Now w^t thair sawle we will nocht mell
 Do for *etc.* 40

And gif thow beis ane marchand man
 and wynnis thy living be the see
 Page 158 Spend pairt of the gude thow wan fol. 49 *b*
 and keip the ay w^t honestie
 ffra thow be gane I tak on me 45
 Thy wyfe will haif ane v^pir feir
 Thy dalie sample thow may se
 Do for thy self quhill thow art heir

Or gif thow hes a benefice
 preiſs nevir to hurde the kirkis gude 50
 Do almouſs deidis to peure always
 In to this world To win the rude
 Thow mon be bwreit in thy hude
 Thy windene ſcheit is nocht in weir
 Thy airis ar off eild to dwid 55
 Do for thy ſelf quhill thow art heir

I ſay this be a preiſt of pryd
 That wes full wanton of his will
 Gold and ſiluer lay him beſyd
 The fremmit pairof Thair baggis can fill 60
 All þat thay prayit for him wes ill
 ffor now thay drink and makis gud cheir
 Wyiſmen said he did nane ſkill
 Do for thy ſelf quhill thow art heir

And of this preiſt I will ſpeik mair 65
 that had ſa mekle of warldis wrack
 Off all his freindis leſs and mair
 he wald nocht mend thame worth ane plack
 Quhill deid he hint him be the back
 That he nicht nowdir ſtand nor ſteir 70
 And lute him nocht his teſtment mack
 Do for thy ſelf quhill thow art heir

Sen for no wiſdome nor no ſtrenth
 Nor for no richeſs in this erd
 That ony man his lyf may lenth 75
 Napir for freyndſchip agane wanewerd

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I tak on hand fra thow be berd fol. 50a
 thy ſectouris ſpendis thy gudis cleir
 Thow may ſay that a fowle the lerd
 Do for thy ſelf Quhill thow art heir 80

ffinis

Consider man all is bot vanitie
 that we heir haif in to this warld within
 ffor fra the tyme of our natiuitie
 ffast vnto deid a restles rink we rin
 Thairfoir is best that we ammend our syn 5
 And god beseik of *mercy* or we dee
 To leir this lessone latt ws now begyn
 Consider man all is bot vanitie

Will we nocht prent in to oure mynd and pens
 That it is bot richt schort tyme we haif heir 10
 As we may weill se be Experience
 The quhilk sowld put ws all quyit owt of weir
 ffor thay that war baith wardly wyis and deir
 Ar went away and vaneist as we see
 And sa mon we quhat tyme þat deid will speir 15
 Consider man all is bot vanitie

The synfull flesche that heir was cumly cled
 Sall soddanly be closit in to clay
 And w^t the samyne the wormis salbe fed
 The quhilk befoir in syn was nureist ay 20
 The silly sawill sall pass a wilsome way
 Trymland for dreid As dois the leif on trie
 Quhat sall oure wantoneß awaill that day
 Consider man all is bot vanitie

All cumnyng / craft / knowlege or 3it kin 25
 May nocht ane houre prolong the terme of deid
 Nor gold nor gud that in the warld we win
 Aganis this sentence thair is no remeid
 land nor 3it rent sall stand ws in no steid
 Bot ill we / will we / dowlles we mone die 30
 Aganis this sentence thair is na remeid
 Consider *etc.*

Page 160	Thus deid is sicker but exceptioun ffra quhilk we can ws nocht defend Be no maner of protectioun Bot of this warld we mon wend The tyme and place to ws vnkend We know no ^t quhen nor quhair to die Thus sen vncertane is oure End Consider <i>etc.</i>	fol. 50 b 35 40
	3it neurtheleß the tyme þat we haif tynt May be redemit be help of god's grace Sa we repent befor the suddane dynt Off the vncertane deid quhill we haif space Eftir the q ^{lk} thair is na help allace bot gif that we get <i>mercy</i> or we die We are bot tynt this is ane havy cace Consider <i>etc.</i>	45
	Lo we may sie the lyf that we ar in Is grantit to ws to win the eternal blif And gif <i>perchance</i> we fall in deidly syn 3it we may ryiß agane & mend our miß Thairfoir in schort my counsall it is thiß That we sett ws all vycis for to fle And tho ^t we fail our mendis acceptit Is Consider <i>etc.</i>	50 55
	Bot it is grit <i>perrell</i> for to delay Our demereittis and misdeid's to mend Differand thame vnto the latter day The q ^{lk} vnsicker is and als vnkend Thairfoir is best provyd afoir the End cheisand the sicker lattand the vnseur be And grace / at god ask ay / as we offend ffor in this warld is nocht bot vanitie	60

	Lettres of gold writtin I fand	
	Intill a buike was fair to reid	
	The sentence plane till vndirstand	
	Thairfoir till it I tuik gude heid	
	With havy hairt and mekle dreid	5
Page 161	I red the scriptour verement	fol. 51 ^a
	The quhilk said thus trew as the creid	
	Ryis deid folk and cum to Iugement	
	 Ryis deid folk ryis forsuth it said	
	Cum on belyve 3e mon compeir	10
	That law down on the erth ar laid	
	Get vp gud speid and be nocht sweir	
	Mak compt how 3e haif levit heir	
	In to this wretschit warld present	
	3our conscience tellis 3o ^r deidis cleir	15
	Befoir the Iuge In Iugement	
	 ffra hevin to hell Throw erd and air	
	That hiddouß trump sa lowid sall sound	
	That throw the blast I 3ow declair	
	The stanis sall cleive ¹ erd sall redound	20
	Sall no man respect get þat stound	
	ffor gold for riches or for rent	
	ffor all mon cum ouir see and sound	
	And present thame to Iugement	
	 In flesche and bane as 3e war heir	25
	tho ^t 3e wer brint in powder all	
	befoir the Iuge 3e mon compeir	
	To mak 3o ^r compt baith grit & small	
	Nane adwocat for ocht sall fall	
	bot 3o ^r awin conscience Innocent	30
	sall speik for 3ow quhen 3e ar call	
	befoir the Iuge in Iugement	

¹ the *deleted*.

- May nocht be hid I 3ow declair
 that evir 3e did in deid or tho^t
 sall nocht be cullerit / all beis bair 35
 How prevelly þat evir 3e wrocht
 The twynking of 30^r Ene beis socht
 quhen synnaris schamefully ar schent
 Thairfoir be war or 3e be brocht
 Our soddanly to Iugement 40
- Page 162 Paip or prelattis precissit of wit fol. 51 b
 In to this warld that clymmis so hie
 To win the fowll vane gloir of it
 Be war / 3e sall accusit be
 The folk 3e tuke ¹ to keip lat se 45
 The faith to teiche as 3e wer sent
 Hirdis to be and tuke 30^r fee
 Cum anser now in Jugement
- 3e kingis he of stait and nicht
 That worldly conqueiß and vanegloir 50
 Desyrit ay baith day and nicht
 And all 30^r lawbor set þairfoir
 quhat helpis than 30^r nicht 30^r stoir
 Quhen warldis welth away Is went
 May nane 3ow hyd in hoill nor boir 55
 ffor all mon ryß to Iugement
- Gif 3e haif keipit Iust and richt
 The law ellyk to riche and peure
 With blyth hairt in the Iugeis sicht
 3e may appeir I 3ow assure 60
 Haif 3e misgorvernit ocht 3our cure
 Sair may 3e dreid the hard torment
 Off hellis fyre that sall Indure
 þerpetuall eftir Iugement

¹ the *deleted*.

	O crewall knychtis and ¹ men of pryde	65
	That evir in armes and chevelrye	
	Hes socht oure all this warld so wyd	
	3ow till avance w ^t victory	
	Ay blud to sched sa crewaly	
	Gud tyme wer heir for to repent	70
	Or 3e be schot down soddanly	
	And brocht on forß to Iugement	
	ffor that day is no grace to gett	
	Nor þat day sall na <i>mercy</i> be	
	ffra that the Iuge in sait be sett	75
	Haif thow done weill / ffull weill is the	
Page 163	That awfull Iuge quhen thow sall se	fol. 52 a
	Sa full of yre in face fervent	
	To synneris for Iniquitie	
	That mon vpryifß to Iugement	80
	3e men of kirk that cure hes tane	
	of sawlis for to wetsche and keip	
	3e will be tynt and 3e tyne ane	
	In 3our defalt of goddis scheip	
	Be walkand ay that 3e not sleip	85
	Luke that 3our bow be reddy bent	
	The wolf aboutw 30 ^r flok will creip	
	3e mon mak compt at Iugement	
	Be gude of lyfe and bissie ay	
	gud examplis for to schaw	90
	stark in the faith and luke allwey	
	That na man cryme vnto 3ow knaw	
	Lat ay 30 ^r deid follow 30 ^r saw	
	And to this tail 3e tak gud tent	
	Sayweill but doweill / Is nocht worth a straw	95
	ffor 3ow to schaw in Iugement	

¹ *Interlined.*

- And warldly wemen be 3e war
 3our wit is waik leir to be wyfs
 Grit cawfs of syn forsoth 3e ar
 Throw 3o^r fowll pryd and claithis of pryifs 100
 Ay prowde in busking and garmond nyifs
 Inflammand lychman ¹ of Intent
 To lichery thame for to tyifs
 3e mon mak compt in Iugement
- 3e merchantis that the gold sa reid 105
 vpbrace in to 3o^r boxis bad
 quhat may it help quhen 3e ar deid
 The gadderit riches pat 3e had
 be all weill win 3e may be glad
 befor the prince maist prepotent 110
 be it no^t so 3e may be sad
 Quhen pat 3e cum to Iugement
- Page 164 Leill labouraris pat nicht and day fol. 52 b
 Dois pat thay may for to vphald
 This wretschit lyfe / full blyth may thay 115
 Cum to ² thair compt quhen thay ar cald
 Weill may thay byd w^t hairtis bald
 To no man did thay detriment
 Bot pure lyfe led heir as god wald
 3it thay sall cum to Iugement 120
- Thairfoir me think for to conclude
 grit rent nor riches proffetis nocht
 ffor grit aboundance heir of gude
 Dois ³ men grit truble in thair tho^t
 Weill sall thay worth That sa hes wrocht 125
 Off sufficence can be content
 Thair can no sickerer way be wrocht
 To help thame at Iugement

¹ *Sic.*² *Interlined.*³ *d deleted.*

All is bot vane and vanitie
 Into this warld that we haif heir 130
 Grit riches and prosperitie
 Vpfosteris vyce That is na weir
 Makis men to fall in synnis seir
 Misknaw thair god syne consequent
 To godis seruice makis thame maist sweir 135
 Ryis deid folk Cum to Iugement

ffinis q Wā broun

At matyne houre in midis of the nicht
 Walknit of sleip I saw besyd me sone
 Ane aigit man semit sextie 3eiris of sicht
 This sentence sett and song it in gud tone
 Omnipotent and eterne god in trone 5
 To be content and lufe the I haif cauß
 That my licht 3owtheid is opprest & done
 Honor w^t age to every vertew drawis

Grene 3owth / to aige thow mon obey and bow
 thy foly lustis lestis skant ane may 10
 That than wes witt / Is naturall foly now
 As wardly witt honor richeß or fresche array
 Deffy the devill Dreid god and domisday
 ffor all salbe accusit as thow knawis fol. 53 a
 blissit be god my 3utheid is away 15
 Honor with aige to every vertew drawis

O bittir 3owith that semis delitious
 O haly aige that sumtyme semit soure
 O restles 3owth hie / hait / and ¹ vicious
 O honest aige fulfillit with honoure 20

¹ furious *deleted*.

O frawart 3owth frutles and fedand flour
 Contrair to conscience baith to god and lawis
 Off all vanegloir the lamp and the mirroure
 Honor with aige till every vertew Drawis

This world is sett for to dissaive ws evin 25
 pryd is the nett and covece is the trane
 ffor na reward except the Ioy of hevin
 Wald I be 3ung in to this world agane
 The schip of faith / tempestous wind and rane
 dryvis in þe see of lollerdry þat blawis 30
 My ¹ 3owth is gane and I am glaid & fane
 Honor *etc.*

Law / luvē and lawtie gravin law thay ly
 Dissimvlance hes borrowit conscience clayis
 Aithis / writ / walx / nor seilis ar not set by 35
 flattery is fosterit baith with freindis and fayis
 The sone to bruike it þat his fader hais
 Wald se him deid Sathanas sic seid sawis
 3owtheid adew ane of my mortall fais
 Honor w^t aige w^t every vertew drawis 40

ffinis q kennedy

Walking allone amang thir levis grene
 Into ane semely forrest fair and fre
 Quhair I was cled with bewis bricht & schene
 I did me lene vntill ane athorne tre

Page 166 Quhair birdis sang with curage / wounder hie fol. 53 b
 Rehersand ay this verß in to my Eir 6
 Man mend thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir

¹ g *deleted.*

I *marvellit* gritly quhat this song sowld mene
 and it imprentit sadly in my thocht
 Than sang ane bird with curage fra the splene 10
 O man revolve and think how thow art bocht
 Quhairwith Quhomefra Quhairto and quha the coft
 fra the fowill feyind and all his felloun feir
 Man mend thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir

I studeit than of this birdis indyte 15
 And did revolve rycht oft in myne entent
 gif I sic sentence had hard in to wryte
 This bird than sang agane incontinent
 O fuliche man dreid thow thy Iugement
 Or throw thy hert the deth do dryve his speir 20
 Man mend thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir

Proceiding furth so in hir sermond seir
 With cowrious not and word's scherp and kene
 Hir girslly text did pers myne hert weill neir
 As throw the quhilk away I wald haif bene 25
 ffor quhy I nicht not hairtly do sustene
 So scherp ane sermone blawing in myne Eir
 Man mend thy lyfe *etc.*

My stormy face schew weill than myne Entent
 Vnto this bird And scho sang suddanly 30
 quhat man availis all this warldis rent
 Thy self in hell thair to dwell fynaly
 Thairfoir in tyme I reid the ask *mercy*
 And for thy syn daly mvrne mony a teir
 Man *etc.* 35

Thocht thow in dignitie be constitute
 Or 3it of landis thow haif grit heretage
 On thy subiect gif thow makis wrang *persute*
 Dowtles thy sawill sall stand for that in plege

- Page 167 On dumisday quhen thow sowld tak curage fol. 54 a
 The to defend befor the Iuge austeir 41
 Man mend thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir
- Thocht thow be zung in to thy zeiris grene
 Beleving that thy lyfe sall long Endeure
 My counsale is thy foly thow refrene 45
 Or dowt the theif cum brek thy sawlis dure
 quhen thow wait not in to the mirk obscure
 Than is no tyme I tell the now but weir
 Man mend thy lyfe & restoir wrangus geir
- I answerit than this bird in crabitnes 50
 I wait I am in to my flowris grene
 And als my corps Is haill without seiknes
 Thairfoir I wait I may richt weill sustene
 Thir mony zeiris my curage is so clene
 Quhairfoir sowld I sa sone this lessone leir 55
 To mend *etc.*
- God sayis his selfe in sacreit wangell
 Till him quha cumis in the thrid vigill
 Sall nevir haif *pairte* of no kin pane of hell
 So he will than amend his vycis Ill ¹ 60
 ffor thy / Quhairfoir sowld I my zowtheid spill
 Pynnand my self doand away pleseir
 To mend *etc.*
- Thairfoir in to my zeiris grene and zing
 I will to craif and tak that I may gett 65
 ffor wysemen sayis quha dois in zowith Inbring
 In aige he sall grit stormes do oureset
 Quhairfoir grene zowth I will not do forzett
 for no sic song that bird may sing on breir
 To mend *etc.* 70

¹ Originally all.

- Weill quod the bird thy curage is richt hie
 Havand hie knowlege of thy mortall stait
 Thinkand *perchance* ay in this lyfe to be
 Page 168 Na Na in faith with deth thow mon debait fol. 54 *b*
 quhair as I trow thow than sall haif chekmait 75
 quhen thow wald beg ane houre owt of a 3eir
 To mend thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir
- Hir crewall dyte than maid me moir agast
 And als hir song richt soir effrayit me
 lukiug quhen deth his speir sowld at me cast 80
 My curage fell befoir was wounder hie
 Not 3it for þat My sensuality
 Vnto my ressonne wold aggreit neir
 To mend my lyfe *etc.*
- Incontinent this bird *persavit* weill 85
 How at hir sermond bait my conscience
 scho sayd twa contrar wayis I feill
 The ane is gud the vþir Is offence
 Thairfoir the rewill with ressonne and prudence
 Than fra contraryis thow art purgeit cleir 90
 Man *etc.*
- I said *annone* Quhat kynd of bird art thow
 that ¹ tareis me all day with tyrsum tail
 Scho answerit sone and said I tell the now
 Synderisis my name is but ony fail 95
 Quhilk the sall dryve to þe fyre Infernaill
 Bot gif thow wirk as I do the requeir
 To mend *etc.*
- Now to conclude and end this breif sermond
 Quhairevir thow fair entrest thow sickerly 100

¹ *tha deleted.*

Myne endyting in to þin Eiris sall sound
 And perce thy conscience continwaly
 Quhairfoir gif thow willis leif eternaly
þersew vertew and vycis do forbeir
 Man mend *etc.* 105

Scho braidit furth with that and twik the flicht
 and I vprais and hamewart schup to fair
 Page 169 Be than fair phebus with his bemis bricht fol. 55 a
 Had purgit clene and pvrefeit the air
 My ressonne sone vnto me did repair 110
 and counsallit me this lessone for to leir
 Man mend thy lyfe and restoir wrangus geir

Richt weill I knew than in this schort lessone
 the verry wey vnto saluatioun
 be grace devyne than opnit my ressonne 115
 Till vndirstand this proclamatioun
 The quilk w^t grit mvltiplicatioun
 This bird so sweetly song on breir
 Man *etc.*

Thus I come hame wthin my covertour 120
 Reiosit gritly of this visioun
 q^{lk} I had sene in this grit vardour
 And on my kneis I said this orisioun
 O eternall god trenefeld in vnioun
 Grant ws *mercy* and grace quhill we ar heir 125
 To mend our lyfe & restoir wrangus geir

ffinis

The ressoning betuix aige and 3owth

3owth

Quhen fair flora the godes of the flowris
 Baith firth and feildis freschely had ourfret
 And perly droppis of the balmy schowris
 Thir widdis grene had with thair water wet
 Movand allone In mornyng myld I met 5
 A mirry man that all of mirth cowth mene
 Singand the sang that richt sweetly was sett
 O 3owth be glaid in to thy flowris grene

Aige

I lukit furth a litill me befoir
 And saw a cative on ane club cumand 10
 With cheikis clene and lyart lokis hoir
 Page 170 His ene was how / His voce was heß hostand fol. 55^b
 Wallowit richt wan and waik as ony wand
 Ane bill he beure vpoun his breist abone
 In letteris leill but lysis with this legand 15
 O 3owth thy flowris fedis fellone sone

3owth

This 3ungman lap vpoun the land full licht
 And marvellit mekle of his makdome maid
 Waddin I am q he and woundir wicht
 With bran as bair and breist burly and braid 20
 Na growme on ground my gairdone may degraid
¹ Nor of my pith May pair of wirth a prene
 My face is fair my fegour will not faid
 O 3owth be glaid in to thy flowris grene

¹ Nor deleted.

Aige

This senjeour sang bot with a sobir stevin 25
 schakand his berd he said my bairne lat be
 I was w^tin thir sextie 3eiris and sevin
 Ane freik on fold als forß and als fre
 Als glaid als gay als 3ing als 3aip as 3ie
 Bot now tha dayis ourdrevin ar & done 30
 Luke thow my laikly lukiug gif I lie
 O 3owth thy flowris fadis fellone sone

3owth

Ane vpir verß 3it this 3ungman cowth sing
 At luvis law a quhyle I think to leit
 In court to cramp clenely in my clething 35
 And luke amangis thir lusty ladeis sweet
 Of mariage to mell with mowthis meit
 In secreit place quhair we may not be sene
 And so with birdis blythly my bailis beit
 O 3owth *etc.* 40

Aige

This awstrene greif *anserit* angrily
 for thy Cramping thow salt baith cruke & cowre
 Page 171 Thy fleschely lust thow salt also defy fol. 56 a
 and pane the sall put fra paramour
 Than will no bird be blyth of the in bouir 45
 quhen thy manheid sall wendin as the mone
 Thow sall assay gif that my song be soure ¹
 O 3owth thy flowris fedis fellone sone

3owith

This mirry Man of mirth 3it ² movit moir
 My corps is clene w^towt corruptioun 50

¹ Originally *sone*.² *Interlined*.

My self is sound but seiknes Or but soir
 My wittis fyve in dew proportioun
 My Curage is of clene complexioun
 My hairt is hail my levar & my splene
 Thairfoir to reid this roll I haif no ressoun 55
 O 3owth *etc.*

Aige

The bevar hoir said to this berly berne
 This breif thow sall obey sone be thow bald
 Thy stait thy strenth Thocht it be stark and sterne
 The feveris fell & Eild sall gar the fald 60
 Thy corps sall clyng thy curage sall wax cald
 Thy helth sall hynk and tak a hurt but hone
 Thy wittis fyve sall vaneis Tho^t thow not wald
 O 3owth thy flowris *etc.*

This gowand / grathit with sic ¹ grit greif 65
 he on his wayis wrethly went but wene
 This lene awld man luche Not bot tuk his leif
 And I abaid vnder the levis grene
 Of the sedullis the suthe quhen I had sene
 Of trewth me thocht thay trivmphit in thair tone 70
 O 3owth be glaid in to thy flowris grene
 O 3owth thy flowris faidis fellone sone

ffinis q Mr Robert hendersonE

The ressoning betuix Deth and man

Deth

O mortall man behold tak tent to me
 Page 172 Quhilk sowld thy mirroure be baith day & nicht fol. 56 *b*
 All erdly thing that evir tuik lyfe mon die
 Paip / Empriour / king barroun & knycht

¹ *Interlined.*

Thocht thay be in thair roall stait and hicht 5
 may not ganestand quhen I pleiß schute the derte
 Waltownis Castellis and towris nevir so wicht
 May nocht risist quhill it be at his herte

the man

Now quhat art thou That biddis me thus tak tent
 And mak ane mirro^r day & nicht of the 10
 Or with thy Dert I sowld richt soir repent
 I trest trewly off that thou sall sone lie
 Quhat freik on fold sa bald dar maniß me
 Or with me fecht owþir on fute or horsß
 Is non so wicht or stark in this cuntre 15
 Bot I sall gar him bow to me on forß

Deth

My name forswth sen þat thou speiris
 Thay call me deid Suthly I the declair
 Calland all man and woman to thair beiris
 Quhen evir I pleiß ¹ quhat tyme ¹ quhat place or quhair
 Is nane sa stowt Sa fresche Nor ʒit sa fair 21
 Sa ʒung Sa ald Sa riche Nor ʒit sa peur
 Quhair evir I paß Owþir lait or air
 mon put thame hail on forß vndir my cure

Man

Sen it is so That nature can so wirk 25
 That ʒung and awld with riche & peure mon die
 In my ʒowtheid allace I wes full Irk
 Cowld not tak tent To gyd and governe me
 Ay gude to do ffra evill deidis to fle
 Trestand ay ʒowtheid wold with me abyde 30
 fulfilland evir my sensualitie
 In deidly syn and specialy in pryde

¹ On margin.

Deth

	Thairfoir repent and remord thy conscience	
Page 173	Think on thir wordis I now vpoun the cry	fol. 57 a
	O wrechit man O full of Ignorance	35
	All thy plesance thow sall richt deir aby	
	Dispone thy self and cum with me in hy	
	Edderis askis and wormis meit for to be	
	Cum quhen I call thow ma me not denny	
	Thocht thow war paip Emprior and king all thre	40

Man

	Sen it is swa fra the I may not chaip	
	This wrechit warld for me heir I defy	
	And to the deid To lurk vnder thy Caip	
	I offer me with hairt richt humly	
	Beseiking god The diuill myne Ennemy	45
	No power haif my sawill till assay	
	Iesus on the with peteous voce I cry	
	Mercy on me to haif on domisday	

ffinis q hendersonne

	Within ane garth vndir a reid roseir	
	Ane awld man and decripit hard I sing	
	gay wasß the not sweit was þe voce & cleir	
	It was grit Ioy To heir of sic a thing	
	And as me thocht he said in his dyting	5
	for to be zung I wald not for my wiß	
	of all this warld to mak me lord & king	
	The moir of aige The nerrer hevynis blifß	
	ffals is this warld and full of variance	
	Besocht with syn and vþir slichtis mo	10

Trewth is all tynt Gyle hes the govirnance
 Wrechitnes hes wrocht all weill to wo
 fredome is tynt & flemit þe lordis fro
 and covettyce Is all the cauß of thiß
 I am content þat 3owtheid Is ago 15
 The moir *etc.*

Page 174 The stait of 3ewth I repute for no gude
 for in þat stait sic parrell now I see fol. 57 b
 but special grace The regeing of his blude
 Can none ganestand quhill þat he aigit be 20
 Syne of the thing befor þat Ioyit he
 Nothing remanis now¹ to be callit his
 for quhy it was bot verry vanitie
 The moir of aige the nerer hevinis bliß

Sowld no man trust this wretchit world for quhy 25
 Of erdly Ioy ay sorrow is the end
 The stait of it can no man certify
 this day a king To morne haif not to spend
 Quhat haif we heir bot grace ws to defend
 The quhilk god grant ws till amend our miß 30
 That to his gloir he ma our sawlis send
 The moir of aige the nerrer hevins bliß

ffinis q Hendersone

ffollowis the thre deid pollis

O sinfull man in to this mortall se
 quhilk is the vaill of mvrnyng and of Cair
 With gaistly sicht Behold oure heidis thre
 Oure holkit Ene oure peilit pollis bair

¹ *Interlined.*

As ȝe ar now In to this warld we wair 5
 Als fresche Als fair Als lusty to behald
 Quhan thow lukis on this swth Examplair
 Off thy self man thow may be richt vnbald

ffor suth it is þat every man mortall
 Mon suffer deid And de þat lyfe hes tane 10
 Na erdly stait aganis deid ma prevaill
 The hour of deth and place Is vncertane
 Quhilk Is referrit to the hie god allane
 Heirfoir haif mynd of deth that thow mon dy
 Page 175 Heirfoir haif mynd of deth þat thow mon dy¹ fol. 58 a
 This fair exampill to se quotidiane 16
 Sowld cauß all men fra wicket vycis fle

O wantone ȝowth als fresche as lusty may
 farest of flowris renewit quhyt & reid
 Behald our heidis O lusty gallandis gay 20
 full laichly thus sall ly thy lusty heid
 Holkit and how and wallowit as the weid
 Thy crampan hair & eik thy cristall ene
 full cairfully conclud sall dulefull deid
 Thy example heir be ws it may be sene 25

O ladeis quhyt in claithis corruscant
 poleist with perle and mony pretius stane
 With palpis quhyt and hals elegant
 Sirculit wt gold & sapheris mony ane
 ȝour finȝearis small quhyt as quhailis bane 30
 arrayit wt ringis and mony rubeis reid
 as we ly thus so sall ȝe ly ilk ane
 With peilit pollis and holkit thus ȝo^r heid

O wofull pryd the rute of all distres
 Wt humill hairt vpoun our pollis pensß 35

¹ The line has been repeated from the preceding page.

man for thy miß ask <i>mercy</i> with meikneß	
Aganis deid na man may mak defenß	
the emprio ^r for all his excellenß	
King & quene & eik all erdly stait	
peure & riche salbe but ¹ differenß	40
Turnit in aß and thus in erd ² translait	
This questioun quha can obsolue lat see	
quhat phisnamour or <i>perfyt</i> palmester	
quha was farest or fowlest of ws thre	
Or quhilk of ws of kin was gentillar	45
Or maist excellent in science or in lare	
in art mvsik or in astronomye	
heir sowld be 30 ^r study and repair	
Page 178 ³ And think as thus all 3our heidis mon be	fol. 58 ^b
O febill aige drawand neir the dait	50
of dully deid and hes thy dayis compleit	
Behald our heidis with mvrning & regrait	
fall on thy kneis ask grace at god greit	
W ^t oritionis and haly salmes sweit	
Beseikand him on the to haif <i>mercy</i>	55
Now of our sawlis bydand the decreit	
of his godheid quhen he sall call & cry	
Als we exhort þat every man mortall	
for his saik þat maid ⁴ of nocht ⁴ all thing	
for our sawlis to pray in generall	60
To Iesus chryst of hevin and erd the king	
that throwch his blude we may ay leif & ring	
W ^t the hie fader be eternitie	
The sone alswa The haly gaist conding	
Thre knit in ane be <i>perfyt</i> vnitie	65
ffinis q patr ^{ik} Iohinstoun	

¹ ony defenß^{re} deleted.

² s deleted.

³ The pencilled numbering of the pages omits 176 and 177.

^{4,4} On margin.

Sen throw vertew inccressis dignitie
 and vertew is floure & rute of nobill ray
 Off ony vertewis stait ¹ that evir thow be
 His stoppis persew and dreid the non effray
 Exyle all vyce and follow trewith alway 5
 Luve most thy god That first thy luve began
 And for ilk inche he will the quyrt a span

Be not our prowde of thy prosperitie
 ffor as it cumis so will it pass away
 The tyme to compt is schort thow ma weill se 10
 ffor of grene greß sone cumis wallowit hay
 Labor in trewth q^bill licht is of the day
 Trust most in god for he best help the can
 And for ilk inche he will the quyrt a span

Page 179 Sen wordis ar thrall And tho^t is only fre fol. 59 a
 Thow dant thy tung that power hes and may 16
 Thow steik thyne Ene fra warldis vanitie
 Refrene thy lust harkin quhat I say
 Graip or thow slyd and Creip furth on the way
 And keip thy faith thow aw to god and man 20
 And for ilk inche he will the quyrt a span

ffinis

ffollowis certane ballattis aganie ² the
 vyce in sessioun Court and all estaitis

Ane mvrlandis man of vplandis mak
 at hame thus to his ny^tbour spak
 Quhat tydingis gossep peax or weir
 The ³ toper rownit in heir

¹ Originally estait, e deleted.

² Sic.

³ the deleted.

	I tell 3ow this vndir confessioun	5
	Bot laitly lichtit of my meir	
	I come of Edinburch fra the sessioun	
	Quhat tythingis hard 3e thair I pray 3ow	
	the tother answerit I sall say 3ow	
	keip this all secreit gentill brother	10
	Is na man thair that trestis ane vther	
	Ane <i>commoun</i> doar of <i>transgressioun</i>	
	of Innocent folkis prevenis a futher	
	Sic tydingis hard I at the sessioun	
	Sum with his fallow rownis him to pleið	15
	That wald for invy byt of his neið	
	His fa sum by the oxstar leidis	
	Sum patteris with his mowth on beidis	
	that hes his mynd all on oppressioun	
	Sum beckis full law And schawis bair heidis	20
	Wald luke full heich war not the sessioun	
	Sum bydand the law layis land in wed	
	Sum <i>super</i> expendit gois to his bed	
Page 180	Sum speidis for he in court hes menis	fol. 59 b
	Sum of parcialitie complenis	25
	How feid and favour flemis discretioun	
	Sum speiks full fair and fasly fenis	
	Sic tythingis hard I at the sessioun	
	Sum casts <i>summondis</i> and sum <i>exceptis</i>	
	Sum standis besyd and skaild law keppis	30
	Sum Is <i>continwit</i> Sum <i>wynnis</i> sum <i>tynis</i>	
	Sum makis him mirry at the wynis	
	Sum is put owt of his possessioun	
	Sum herreit and on creddens dynis	
	Sic tydingis <i>etc.</i>	35

Sum sweiris and forsaikis god
 Sum in ane lambskin Is ane tod
 Sum in his toung his kyndes tursis
 Sum cuttis throttis and sum pykis pursis
 Sum gois to gallouß with processioune 40
 Sum sanis the sait and sum thame cursis
 Sic tydingis hard I at þe sessioun

Religious men of diuerß placis
 Cumis thair to wow and se fair facis
 Baith carmeleitis and cordilleris 45
 Cumis thair to genner & get ma freiris
 And ar vnmyndfull of thair professioun
 The þungar at the eldar leiris
 Sic tydingis *etc.*

Thair cumis þung monkis of he complexioun 50
 Of devoit mynd lue & affectioun
 And in the courte thair hait flesche dantis
 full faderlyk with pechis and pantis
 Thay ar so humill of Intercessioun
 All mercyfull wemen thair eirandis grantis 55
 Sic tydingis hard I at the sessioun

ffinis q Dumbar

Page 181 Devorit with dreme / devysing in my slummer fol. 60 a
 How þat this realme / with nobillis owt of nummer
 gydit / provydit / sa mony þeiris hes bene
 And now sic hunger / Sic cowartis and sic cummer
 Within this land was nevir hard nor sene 5

Sic pryde with prellattis / So few till preiche & pray
 Sic hant of harlettis / with thame bayth nicht & day
 That sowld haif ay / Thair god afoir thair Ene
 So nyce array / So strange to thair abbay
 W^tin this land was nevir hard nor sene 10

So mony preistis cled vp in secular weid
 With blasing breistis / Casting thair clathis on breid
 It is no neid / to tell of quhome I mene
 So quhene / the psalme and testament to reid
 W^tin this land was nevir hard nor sene 15

So mony maisteris / So mony guckit clerkis
 So mony westaris / to god and all his warkis
 So fyry sparkis / of dispyt fro the splene
 Sic losin sarkis / So mony glengoir markis
 W^tin this land was nevir hard nor sene 20

Sa mony lordis / So mony naturall fulis
 That better accordis / To play thame at the trulis
 Nor seif the dulis / that *commonis* dois sustene
 New tane fra sculis / Sa mony Anis and mvlis
 W^tin *etc.* 25

Sa mekle tressone / Sa mony partiall sawis
 Sa littill ressonne / To help the *commoun* cawis
 That all the lawis / Ar not sett by ane bene
 Sic fenzeit flawis / Sa mony waistit wawis
 W^tin this warld *etc.* 30

Sa mony theivis / and mvrderis ¹ weill kend
 Sa grit relevis / off lordis thame to defend
 Becawis the ¹ spend / the pelf thame betwene
 Page 182 So few till wend / this mischief till amend fol. 60 b
 W^tin this land was nevir hard nor sene 35

¹ *Sic.*

This to correct / thay schoir w^t mony crakkis
 bot littill effect / of speir or battar ¹ ax
 quhen curage lakkis / The corf þat sowld mak kene
 Sa mony Iakkis / and brattis on beggaris bakkis
 W^tin this land was nevir hard nor sene 40

Sic vant of wostouris ² / with hairtis in sinfull staturis
 Sic brallar^s and bosteris degerat ¹ frat ¹ thair naturis
 And sic regratouris / The peure men to prevene
 Sa mony tratouris / Sa mony rubeatouris
 W^tin this land *etc.* 45

Sa mony Iugeis / and lordis now maid of lait
 Sa small refugeis / The peur man to debait
 Sa mony estait / ffor commoun weill sa quhene
 Ouir all the gait / Sa mony thevis sa tait
 W^tin this land *etc.* 50

Sa mony ane sentence / retreitit for to win /
 geir and acquentance / or kyndnes of thair kin
 Thay think no sin / quhair proffeit cumis betwene
 Sa mony ane gin / To haist thame to þe pin
 W^tin this land *etc.* 55

Sic knavis & crakkaris / To play at cartis & dyce
 Sic heland ¹ schekkaris / quhilk at cowkelbyis gryce ³
 Ar haldin of pryce / quhen lymmaris dois convene
 Sic stoir of vyce / Sa mony wittis vnwyce
 W^tin *etc.* 60

Sa mony merchandis / Sa mony ar mensworne
 Sa peur tennandis / Sic cursing evin & morne
 Quhilk slayis þe corne / and fruct þat growis grene
 Sic skaith and scorne / Sa mony paitlattis worne
 W^tin *etc.* 65

¹ *Sic.*² *Originally wostouris, ow deleted and o interlined.*³ *Originally gryve.*

Sa mony rakkettis / Sa mony ketchepillaris
 Sic ballis sic nackettis / and sic tutivillaris
 And sic evill willaris / To speik of king & quene
 Page 183 Sic pudding¹ fillaris / descending down frome fol. 61 a
 millaris
 W^hin this land was nevir hard nor sene 70

Sic fartingailis / On flaggis als fatt as quhailis
 facit lyk fulis / w^t hattis þat littill availlis
 And sic fowill tailis / To sweip the calsay clene
 the dust vpskaillis / mony fillok with fuck sailis
 W^hin this land *etc.* 75

Sa mony ane kittie / drest vp w^t goldin chenȝe²
 So few witty / That weill can³ fabillis fenȝe²
 With apill renȝe² / ay schawand hir goldin chene
 Off sathanis senȝie Syne sic ane vnsall menȝie
 Within this land was nevir hard nor sene 80

ffinis q dumber

Off every asking followis nocht
 Rewaird bot gif sum caus war wrocht
 And quhair caufȝ is men weill ma sie
 And quhair nane is It wilbe thocht
 In asking sowld discretioun be 5

Ane fule thocht he haif caufȝ or nane
 Cryis ay gif me in to a drene
 And he þat dronis ay as ane bee
 Sowld haif ane heirar dull as stane
 In asking sowld discretioun be 10

¹ *i deleted.*

² *Originally chenȝeis, fenȝeis, renȝeis; is deleted.*

³ *Interlined.*

Sum askis mair than he deservis
 Sum askis far les than he servis
 Sum schames to ask as braid's of me
 And all w'towt reward he stervis
 In asking *etc.*

15

To ask but *seruice* hurtis gud fame
 To ask for *seruice* is not to blame
 To serve and leif in beggartie
 To man and maistir Is baith schame
 In asking sowld discretion be

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fol. 61 b

20

He pat dois all his best *servyis*
 may spill it all with crakkis & cryis
 be fowll Inoportunitie
 few wordis may serve the wyis
 In asking sowld discretioun be

25

Nocht neidfull Is men sowld be dum
 Na thing Is gottin but wordis sum
 Nocht sped but diligence we se
 ffor nathing it allane will cum
 In asking *etc.*

30

Asking wald haif *convenient* place
convenient tyme lasar and space
 But haist or prei's of grit men'zie
 but hairt abasit But toung rekles
 In asking *etc.*

35

Sum nicht haif / 3e / with littill cure
 That hes oft nay w't grit labour
 All / for pat tyme not byd can he
 He tynis baith Eirand and honour
 In asking sowld discretion be

40

Suppois the s̄ervand be lang vnquit
 The lord sumtyme rewaird will it
 Gife he dois not quhat remedy
 To fecht with fortoun Is no wit
 In asking sowld descretioun be 45

ffinis of asking ffollowis discretioun
 of geving

To speik of gift or almouß deidis
 Sum gevis for mereit and for meidis
 Sum worldly honour to vphie
 gevis to thame þat nothing neidis
 Page, 185 In geving sowld discretioun be fol. 62 a

Sum gevis for pryd and glory vane 6
 Sum gevis with grugeing and w^t pane
 Sum gevis in practik for supple
 Sum gevis for twyiß als gud agane
 In geving sowld discretioun be 10

Sum gevis for thanck Sum chereit ¹
 Sum gevis money and sum gevis meit
 Sum gevis wordis fair and sle
 Giftis fra sum ma na man treit
 In giving *etc.* 15

Sum is for gift sa lang requyrd
 quhill þat the crevar be so tyrd
 That or the gift deliuerit be
 The thanck is frustrat and expyrd
 In geving *etc.* 20

¹ Originally chereitie, ie deleted and i inserted before t.

Sum gevis to littill full wretchitly
 That his giftis ar not set by
 And for a huidpyk haldin Is hie
 That all the warld cryis on him fy
 In geving sowld discretioun be 25

Sum in his geving Is so large
 That all ourlaidin is his berge
 Than vyce and prodigalite
 Thairof his honour dois dischairge
 In geving sowld *etc.* 30

Sum to the riche gevis geir
 that nicht his giftis weill forbeir
 And thocht the peur for falt sowld de
 Is cry nocht enteris in his Eir
 In geving *etc.* 35

Page 186 Sum givis to strangeris w^t face new
 That 3isterday fra flanderis flew fol. 62 b
 And to awld serwandis list not se
 War thay nevir of sa grit vertew
 In geving sowld discretioun be 40

Sum gevis to thame can ask and plenzie
 Sum gevis to thame can flattir and fenzie
 Sum gevis to men of honestie
 And haldis all Ianglaris at disdenzie
 In geving *etc.* 45

Sum gettis giftis and riche arrayis
 To sweir all pat his maister sayis
 Thocht all the contrair weill knawis hie
 Ar mony sic now in thir dayis
 In geving *etc.* 50

Sum gevis gudmen for thair gud kewis
 Sum gevis to trumpouris and to schrewis
 Sum gevis to knaw his awtoritie
 Bot in þair office Gude fundin few Is
 In geving *etc.* 55

Sum givis *parrochynnis* full wyd
 kirkis of sanct barnard and sanct bryd
 To teiche To rewill and to ourisie
 that he na wit hes thame to gyd
 In geving sowld discretioun be 60

ffinis of discretioun of geving

ffollowis discretioun in taking

Eftir geving I speik of taking
 Bot littill of ony gud forsaking
 Sum takkis our littill awtoritie
 And sum our mekle And þat is glaiking
 In taking sowld discretioun be 5

The clerkis takis beneficis w^t brawlis
 Sum of sanct petir and sum of sanct pawlis
 Tak he the rentis No cair hes he
 Page 187 Suppois the diuill tak all thair sawlis fol. 63 a
 In taking sowld discretioun 10

Barronis takis fra the tennentis peure
 all fruct þat growis on þe feure
 In mailis and gersomes rasis ourhie
 and garris thame beg fra dur to dure
 In taking sowld discretioun be 15

Sum takis vþir mens takkis
 and on the peure oppressioun makkis
 and nevir remembris þat he mon die
 Quhilk ¹ þat þe gallowis gar him rax
 In taking *etc.* 20

Sum takis be sie and be land
 And nevir fra taking can hald thair hand
 quhill he be tit vp to Ane tre
 And syne thay gar him vndirstand
 In taking *etc.* 25

Sum wald tak all his nychbouris geir
 Had he of man als littill feir
 As he hes dreid þat god him see
 To tak than sowld he nevir forbeir
 In taking *etc.* 30

Sum wald tak all this world's breid
 And þit not satisfeit of thair neid
 Throw hairt vnsatiabie and gredie
 Sum wald tak littill and can not speid
 In taking sowld discretioun be 35

grit men for taking and oppressioun
 at ¹ sett full famous at þe sessioun
 and peur takaris ar hangit hie
 Schamit for evir and þair successioun
 In taking sowld discretioun be 40

ffinis q dumbar

¹ *Sic.*

Page 188	<p>Musing allone this hinder nicht of mirry day quhen gone was licht Wthin ane garth vndir a tre I hard ane voce þat said on hicht May na man now vndemit be</p>	fol. 63 b 5
	<p>ffor tho^t I be ane crownit king þit sall I not eschew deming Sum callis me guid Sum sayis I lie Sum cravis of god to end my ring So sall I not vndemit be</p>	10
John fin	<p>Be I ane lord and not lord lyk than every pelour and purspyk Sayis land war bettir warit on me thocht he dow not to leid a tyk þit can he not lat deming be</p>	15
	<p>Be I ane lady fresche and fair W^t gentillmen makand repair Than will thay say baith scho & hie That I am Iaipit lait & air Thus sall I not vndemit be</p>	20
	<p>Be ane courtman or ane knycht Honestly cled þat cumis me richt Ane prydfull man than call thay me Bot god send theme a widdy wicht That can not lat sic demyng be</p>	25
	<p>Be I bot littill of stature thay call me catyve createure And be I grit of quantetie Thay call me monstrowis of nature Thus can <i>etc.</i></p>	30

And be I Ornat in my speiche
 than towse sayis I am sa screiche
 I speik not lyk thair houß menzie
 Suppois hir mowth misteris a leiche
 3it can *etc.*

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Bot wist thir folkis þat vþir demiß
 how þat thair sawis to vþir semiß
 Thair vicious wordis and vanitie
 Thair tratling tungis þat all furth temiß
 Sum wald lat thair demyng be

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Gude Iames the ferd our nobill king
 Quhen þat he was of þeiris þing
 In sentens said full subtillie
 Do weill and sett not by demyng
 for no man sall vndemit be

45

And so I sall with goddis grace
 Keip his command in to þat cace
 Beseiking ay the trinitie
 In hevin þat I may haif ane place
 for thair Sall no man demit be

50

ffinis q dumber

Sons hes bene ay exilit owt of sicht
 Sen every knaif wes cled in silkin ¹ weid
 Weilfair and welth ar went withowt gudnicht
 and in thair rowmis remanis derth and neid
 Pryd is amangis ws enterit but god speid
 And lerd our lordis to go leß & mair
 With silkin gownis and sellaris tome and bair

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¹ gown *deleted*.

Now ane small barronis riche abelzement
 In silkin furreingis / chenzeis and vpir geir
 Micht furneis fourty in to Iak & splent 10
 Weill bodin at his bak with bow & speir
 It war full meit gif it happinis be weir
 that all this pryd of silk war quyt laid down
 and chengit in Iak knapska & abirgoun

Wald all the lordis lay vp thair riche arrayis 15
 and gar vnfulzeit keip thame clene and fair
 And weir thame bot on hie trivmphand dayis
 and quhen strangeris dois in this realme repair fol. 64 b
 Thay neidit not for to by silkis mair
 Thir twenty zeir for thame and thair successioun 20
 gif sinfull pryd nocht blindit thair discretioun

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Thair men also mon be but smyt or smoit
 fra his caprousy be with ribbanis left
 With welwet bordour abowt his threidbair coit
 On womanwayis weill toyit abowt his west 25
 His hat on syd set vp for ony hest
 for hichtines the Culroun dois misken
 his awin maister als weill as vpir men

Quha synnis in pryd dois first to god grevance
 Quhilk owt of hevin to hell gaif it ane fall 30
 Syne of him self he westis his substance
 Sa lerge þat it ourpassis his rentall
 His peur tenne^{nt}is he dois oppreß with all
 His coistly gown with taill so wyd owtspreð
 his naikit fermouris garris hungry go to bed 35

ffinis

ffredome honour and nobilnes
 Meid manheid mirth and gentilnes
 Ar now in cowrt reput as vyce
 And all for cauß of cuvetice

All weilfair welth and wantones 5
 Ar chengit in to wretchitnes
 and play is sett at littill price
 And all for cauß of covetyce

Halking hunting and swift horß rynnng
 Ar chengit all in wrangus wynnyng 10
 Thair is no play bot cartis and dyce
 And all *etc.*

Honorable houshaldis ar all laid down
 Ane laird hes with him bot a loun
 That leidis him eftir his devyce 15
 And all *etc.*

Page 191 In burghis to landwart and to sie fol. 65 a
 quhair was plesour and grit plentie
 Vennessoun wyld fowill wyne & spyce
 ar now decayid thruch covetyce 20

Husbandis that grangis had full grete
 Cattell and corne to sell and ete
 hes now no beist bot cattis and myce
 And all thru^t caus of covettyce

Honest zemen in every toun 25
 War wont to weir baith reid and broun
 Ar now arrayit in raggis w^t lyce
 And all *etc.*

And lairdis in silk harlis to þe eill
 for q^{lk} thair tennents sald somer meill 30
 And leivis on rutis vndir þe ryce
 And all *etc.*

Quha þat dois deidis of petie
 and leivis in pece and cheretie
 Is haldin a fule and þat full nyce 35
 And all *etc.*

And quha can reive vþir menis rowmis
 And vpoun peur men gadderis sowmis
 Is now ane active man and wyce
 And all *etc.* 40

Man pleiſþ thy makar and be mirry
 And sett not by this warld a chirry
 Wirk for þe place of paradyce
 for thairin ringis Na covettyce

ffinis

My mynd quhen I compas and cast
 Me think this warld chengis fast
 quhen god thinkis tyme he may it mend
 Lawty will leif ws at the last
 Ar few for falsett may now fend 5

Page 192 Thift and tressoun now is chereist
 Law and lawtie is disherreist fol. 65 b
 and quyt owt of this regioun send
 Thift and tressoun now is cherreist
 Ar few for falsett now may fend 10

War all this realme in two devyddit
 lat lawty syne and falset gyddit
 quhome on will moniest depend
 quha wysest is can not dissyddit
 Ar few for falset now may fend 15

No man Is countit worth a peir
 bot he þat hes gud horß and geir
 And gold in to his purß to spend
 The peur for this is spulzeit neir
 Ar few *etc.* 20

Haif ane peur woman ane cow or twa
 glaidly scho wald gif ane of tha
 To haif the tother at þe 3eiris end
 scho may thank god and scho chaip sa
 Ar few *etc.* 25

Peur husband men leivis on thair plwch
 Thay think þat thay ar riche annewch
 Away with it the theivis dois wend
 And leivis thame ¹ bair As ony bewch
 Ar *etc.* 30

The rankest theif of this regioun
 Dar pertly compeir in sessioun
 And to þe tolbutth sone ascend
 syne with the lordis to raik & roun
 Ar *etc.* 35

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 The regentis þat this realme sowld gyd
 for schame 3e may 30^r facis hyd
 To quhat effect sowld 3e pretend
 So slewthfully to latt ouirslyd
 Sic falsett now as ws offend 40

ffinis

¹ nowþir *deleted.*

² *Stanza omitted here, which is in the Draft MS.*

- How sowld I rewill me Or quhat wyis
 Page]193 I wald sum wyisman wald dewyis fol. 66 a
 I can not leif in no degre
 Bot sum will my maneris dispyis
 Lord god how sall I governe me 5
- Gif I be galland lusty and blyth
 Than will thay say on me full swyth
 that owt of mynd zone man Is hie
 Or sum hes done him confort kyth
 Lord god how sall I governe me 10
- Gife I be sorrowfull and sad
 than will thay say that I am mad
 I do bot drowp As I wold die
 thus will thay say baith man & lad
 Lord god how sall I governe me 15
- Gife I be lusty in array
 than lue I *parramo^{is}* thay say
 Or in my hairt is proude & hie
 Or ellis I haif it sum wrang way
 Lord *etc.* 20
- Gif I be nocht weil als ¹ besene
 Than twa and twa sayis thame betwene
 That evill he gydis zone man trewlie
 Lo be his claithis it may be sene
 Lord god *etc.* 25
- Gif I be sene in court ouirlang
 Than will thay mvrmour thame *ammang*
 My freyndis ar not worth a fle
 That I sa lang but reward gang
 Lord god *etc.* 30

¹ *Interlined.*

In court rewaird than purches I
 than haif thay malyce & Invy
 And secretly thay on me lie
 And dois me hinder prevely
 Lord god how sall I governe me 35

Page 194 I wald my gyding war dewysit
 gif I spend littill I am dispysit fol. 66 b
 gif I be nobill gentill and fre
 A prodigall man I am so prysit
 Lord god how sall I governe me 40

Now Iuge thay me baith guid and ill
 and I may no mans tung hald still
 To do þe best my mynd salbe
 Latt every man say quhat he will
 the gracious god mot governe me 45

ffinis q Dumbar

ffoure mener of men ar evill to ken
 Ane Is þat riches hes and eis
 gold siluer corne Cattell and ky
 and wald haif *þairt* fra *vpiris* by

Ane *vpir* Is of land and rent 5
 so grit a lord and so potent
 That he may not it rewill nor gy
 And 3it wald haif fra *vpiris* by

The thrid dois eik so dourly drink
 and aill and wyne w'in him sink 10
 quhill in his wame no rowm be dry
 And 3it *etc.*

John

The last that hes of nobill blude
 ane lusty lady fair and gude
 boith vertewis wyifß and womanly
 bot 3it wald haif ane vpir by 15

In erd no wicht I can *persaif*
 of gude so grit abundance haif
 Nor in this warld so welthfull wy
 bot 3it he wald haif vpir by 20

Bot 3it of all this gold & gud
 or vpir conzie to conclude
 quha evir it haif it is not I
 It gois fra me to vpiris by

ffinis

Page 195 Sum tyme this warld so steidfast¹ was & stabill fol. 67 a
 That manis word was obligatioun
 and now it is sa fals and dissavable
 That word and deid discordis in conclusioun
 Ar no thing lyk bot turnit vp and down 5
 Is all this warld for greid and wilfulnes
 That all is loist for laik of steidfastnes

Trewith is put down Ressoun is haldin fabill
 Vertew hes nane at hir devotioun
 Petie exylit And na man meretabill 10
 Throw cuvettyce Blind is discretioun
 The warld hes maid ane *permvtatioun*
 fra richt to wrang ffra ressonne to wilfulnes
 That all Is loist for lak of steidfastnes

¹ as *deleted*.

Quhat makis this warld to be so variable 15
 bot lust quhilk folk hes but discretioun
 among ws now ane man Is haldin vnhable
 Bot gif he can be sum collusioun
 Doing his nythbour wrang or oppressioun
 Quhat makis this bot wofull wretchitnes 20
 That all is loist *etc.*

ffalsheid that sowld bene abhominable
 Now is regeing but reformatioun
 Quha now gifis lergly ar maist dissavable
 for vycis ar þe grund of sustentatioun 25
 All wit is turnit to cavillatioun
 lawtie Expellit and all gentilnes
 That all is loist *etc.*

O prince desyre for to be honorable
 chereifß thy folk and hait extortioun 30
 Suffer nothing þat bene reprovabie
 schaw furth thy swerd of castigatioun
 That vertew may rigne wthin thy regioun
 Dreid god / do law / luvie trewith and richtousnes
 And bring thy folk agane to steidfastnes 35

ffinis

Page 196 ffals titlaris now growis vp full rank fol. 67 b
 Nocht ympit in the stok of cheretie
 howping at thair lord to gett grit thank
 Thay haif no dreid on thair nybouris to lie
 Than sowld ane lord awyse him weill I se 5
 Quhen ony taill Is brocht to his presence
 Gif it be groundit in to veretie
 Or he þairto gif haistely credence

Ane worthy lord sowld wey ane taill wyslie
 the tailltellar and quhome of it is tald 10
 gif it be said for luvè Or for Invy
 And gif the tailisman abyd at It he wald
 Than eftirwart the *pairteis* sowld be cald
 for thair excuse To mak lawfull defence
 Than sowld ane lord the ballance evinly hald 15
 And gif not at the first haistie credence

It is no wirschep for ane nobill lord
 for the fals taillis To put ane trew man down
 And gevand credence to þe first recoird
 he will not heir his excusatioun 20
 The tittillaris so in his heir can roun
 The Innocent may get no awdiencè
 Ryme as it may thair is no ressoun
 To gif till taillis hestely credence

Thir teltellaris oft tymes dois grit skaith 25
 And raissis mortall feid and discrepance
 and makis lordis with thair *serwandis* wreith
 And baneist be w^towt cryme *perchance*
 It is þe grund of stryfe and all distance
 Moir *perrellus* than ony pestillence 30
 Ane lord in flatterris to haif plesance
 Or to gif lyaris hestely credence

O thow wyse lord quhen cumis a flatterrer
 Page 197 The for to pleiſs and hurt the Innocent fol. 68^a
 Will tell ane taill of thy familiar 35
 Thow sowld the *pairteis* call Incontinent
 And sitt down sadly in to Iugement
 And serche the causſ weill or thow gif sentence
 Or ellis heireftir in cais thow may repent
 That thow to taillis gaif so grit credence 40

O wicket tung sawand dissentioun
of fals taillis to tell That will not tyre
Moir *perrellus* Than ony fell pusoun
The pane of hell thow sall haif to þi hyre
Richt swa thay sall that hes Ioy or desyre 45
To gife his Eir To heird with patience
for of discord It kendillis mony fyre
Throwt geving talis hestely credence

Bakbyttaris to heir it is no bowrd
ffor thay ar excommvnicat in all place 50
Thre *personis* severall he slayis wt ane wowrd
him self The heirar / And the man saiklace
Within ane hude he hes ane dowbill face
Ane bludy tung vndir a fair pretence
I say no moir bot god grant lordis grace 55
To gife to taillis nocht hestely credence

ffinis q̄ m̄r Robert Hendersone

To dwell in court my freind gife þat thow list
for gift of fortoun / Invy thow no degre
Behold and heir and lat thy tung tak rest
In mekle speice Is *pairt* of vanitie
And for no malyce preifß the nevir to lie 5
als trubill nevir thy self sone be no tyd
Vpiris to reiwll / That will not rewlit be
He rewlis weill That weill him self can gyd

Page 198 Bewar quhome to thy counsale thow discure fol. 68 b
ffor trewth dwellis nocht ay for þat trewth appeiris 10
Put not thyne honour Into aventure
Ane freind may be thy fo As fortoun steiris

In cumpany cheiſſ honorable feiris
 And fra vyle ¹ folkis draw the far on syd
 The psalme sayis cum sancto sanctus eiris 15
 He rewlis weill That weill him self can gyd

Haif pacience Thocht thow no lordschip posseid
 ffor hie vertew may stand in law estait
 be thow content of mair thow hes no neid
 And be thow nocht Desyre sall mak debait 20
 Evirmoir / till deth say to the than chakmait
 Thocht all war thyne this warld w'in so wyd
 Quha can resist the serpent of dispyt
 he rewlis weill That weill him self can gyd

fle frome the fallowschip of sic as ar defamit 25
 And fra all fals tungis fulfild w^t flattry
 Als fra all schrewis or ellis thow art eschamit
 Sic art thow callit As is thy cumpany
 fle *perrellus* taillis foundit of Invy
 With wilfull men Son argown thow no tyd 30
 quhome no ressonne may seiſſ nor pacify
 he rewlis weill That weill him self can gyd

And be thow not ane roundar in the nwke
 for gif thow be men will hald the suspect
 Be nocht in countenance ane skornar nor by luke 35
 Bot dowl siclyk sall stryk the in the neck
 be war also to counsall or coreck
 him þat extold hes far him self in pryde
 quhair parrell is but proffeit or effect
 he Rewlis weill That weill him self can gyd 40

Page 199 And sen thow seyis mony thingis variand fol. 69 a
 With all thy hart treit bissines and cure

¹ Originally vylde.

Hald god thy freind Evir stabill be him stand
 He will the confort in all misaventure
 And be no wayis dispytfull to þe peure 45
 Nor to no man to wrang at ony tyd
 Quho so dois this Sicker I 3ow assure
 he rewlis weill That sa weill him can gyd

ffinis q Dumbar

In to this world we se sic variance
 So suddanly dame fortoun turnis hir quheill
 In it no man may haif *perfyte* plesance
 bot now in wo in *perrellis* now wounder weill
 Thairfoir quhen fortoun 3our freind 3e feill 5
 Beir welth wysly in grit prosperetie
 for dreid þat 3e fall in adwersitie

Bettir 3e knaw na thing Nor 3e mon de
 bot quhen or quhair It is richt Incertane
 Thairfoir quhen 3e ar in felicitie 10
 help misterfull haif petie on thair pane
 With 3our pissance 3our strenth & all 3o^r mane
 beir welth wysly in grit prosperitie
 for feir 3e fall sone in adwersitie

Sweirnes and pryd se alwyis þat 3e fle 15
 On covettyce sett 3e nowayis 3our ceure
 Luk avarice fra 3ow far baneist be
 quhat avalis plenty and grit tresseure
 Till him þat will in poverty Indeure
 Beir welth wysly in grit prosperitie 20
 foir feir 3e fall sone in adwersitie

- Ire and invy I counsale 3ow reffuse
 Page 200 for with thame thair remanis no vertew fol. 69 b
 and gluttony alwy for till Abvse
 With lichery preiß nane to *persew* 25
 The brainchis of all thir see 3e eschew
 Beir welth wysly in grit prosperitie
 ffor dreid 3e fall sone in adwersitie
- Be actyve / wyse / Trew / constant / glaid / and fre /
 Tak no suppryiß þat may 3our honour pair 30
 Keip 3ow fra thift See þat 3e nevir lee
 Oure haistelly Se 3e speik not *ammang* repair
 for to diffend 3our manheid see 3e not spair
 Beir welth wysly in grit prosperitie
 for dreid 3e fall *etc.* 35
- The deiddis of *mercy* preiß ay to fulfill
 And daylie 3our trespas for till amend
 Ay be content Quhat evir god sendis 3ow till
 And 3e do this trest weill god will 3ow send
 riches Ennwche And hevin als to 3o^r End 40
 Beir welth wyslie in grit prosperitie
 ffor dreid 3e fall sone in aduersitie

ffinis

Man of maist fragilitie
 ffull of wo and miserie
 Sen but dowt thow mon die
 ffor deth the addreß
 Suche exampill thow ma sie 5
 Off every stait and degre
 This world dissaitfull & sle
 Hes no sickernes

	To erdly stait or thow haif Ee	
	To serve thy makar luke thow see	10
	And or thow wend to vanitie	
	In Thy mynd him Inpreß	
Page 201	Gife thow will leif in cheretie	fol. 70a
	Ay frawart cumpany flee	
	With fulis and thow fellow the	15
	Thy fame sall decreß	
	Be not pert in prevetie	
	To vyce or Iniquitie	
	ffor he þat thy Iuge salbe	
	Seis thy deidis Expreß	20
	ffra wrangus guid absent the	
	Be not lefull to lie	
	ffor at the last verretie	
	Is knawin moir and leß	
	In heill or Infirmitie	25
	Gife thow in deidly syn be	
	and wat not how sone thow sall die	
	Mend the in this caiß	
	Quhen thow hes nicessitie	
	Call of chryst mercie	30
	for to deliuer the	
	Off every distreß	
	Be patient in povertie	
	and in thy maist prosperitie	
	Haif ay god befor thyne Ee	35
	And no man oppreß	
	And thow haif awtoritie	
	To nane do thow crewaltie	
	The grit god that sittis hie	
	Will it anis redreß	40

Rememeber ¹ in thy memorie
 that the deth thow mon de
 and waits not quhen verrelie
 Or how it sall increß
 Nor quhair but fedder for to fle 45
 In ane strange far cuntre
 but fude cleth or congie
 Kin or richeß

ffinis

Page 202	<p>In bittirnes of sawill call vnto mynd fol. 70 b Thy 3eiris all and how thow hes thame spend Thow knawis to chryist thow hes bene richt vnkynd And wilfully thow hes his grace offend With all thy hart Enforce the to ² amend 5 Mistrust him not bot w^t howp to him call for his <i>mercy</i> Exceidis his workis all</p> <p>Thy sinfull lyf with lang continwance he knawis it weill Thow neidis it not report mistrust him nocht Put in him Effiance 10 Vnto his passioun latt evir thy mynd resort His awin promeiß salbe our cheif confort he biddis ws ask and haif of him we sall ffor his <i>mercy</i> Exceiddis his workis all</p> <p>Quhen adame be Suggestioun of his wyfe 15 Dissaut be the diuillis subtilitie Had Eit the apill of the tre of lyfe and ws secludit frome the prosperitie of paradyce our fre felicitie 3it godis awin sone Come to restoir þe ³ fall 20 Quhairthrow <i>mercy</i> exceiddis his workis all</p>
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¹ *Sic.*

² *offend deleted.*

³ *ws deleted, and þe interlined.*

Dauid did mans slaw^ter and adltre
 nowmerit the pepill / salamone his sone
 als for ane wenchis saik did ydolatrie /
 Pawle *persewid* chryist / And magdalene was wantone
 They askit grace And thay gat it annone 26
 And ar wit god in favour speciall
 Sa thus his *mercy* Exceidis his workis all

Gif that thy *synnis* war ane thowsand tymis moir
 As gerfs on grund or sternis in the sky 30

Page 203 So grit so horribill and long *continwit* befoir fol. 71 a

That nowpir tong nor pen cowld specific
 haif ay gud howp Ask / and haif thow mercy
 for all gettis *mercy* That for *mercy* sall call
 Sen his *mercy* Exceiddis his workis all 35

ffinis

Moving in mynd of mony diuerfs thing
 Occurrit to my dull remembrance
 The alteratioun and ferlefull changeing
 Off manis estait quhilk sum folk callis *chance*
 Quhilk is not ellis bot godis awin *ordinance* 5
 Meting all tyme to our lyfe lefs & mair
 Quhairfoir mak this our daly *govirnance*
 To fle all vyce & follow vertew fair

Sevin vertewis ar Aganis vycis sevin
 Aganis he pryde / profound humilitie 10
 Pryde did ¹deiect fair lucifer fra hevin

Meiknes exaltit our blissit ladie hie
 Aganis fleschely lust Is chestetie
 aganis avarice Is to be liberall
 Quhilk causis ws with god & man to be 15
 louvit / The tother had in dispyt w^t all

¹ derict *deleted*.

Aganis invy Is fervent cheretie
 Aganis gluttony Is to keip abstinence
 Aganis sweirnes Ay bissy for to be
 Aganis yre To keip patience 20
 Thus sall we do to grit god none offence
 Nor to our ny^tbour keipand thir vertewis sevin
 Syne sall ressaif in our End recompence
 Eternall lyfe The endles Ioy of hevin

ffinis

Page 204 Certane preceptis of ¹ gud counsale

fol. 71 b

Tak heid and harkin to my taill
 3e gentill men so is my counsale
 ffirst in the mornyng get vp with gud Intent
 To do 3our god s^ervice be 3e diligent
 To go to preiching 3e do 3o^r bissy ceure 5
 Syne to 3our sport 3e paß with aventure
 Bot 3it it semis 3e weill provydit be
 Eftir the force of 3our facultie
 Haif in 3our mynd the vaill of 3o^r expensß
 Trest not in all To leill men gif creddens 10
 Proceid in tyme for tyme schort terme conclusid
 In fynall rent conforme 3ow to 3o^r guidis
 Exclud surfatt and spend with discretioun
 And luv^e 3our s^er^vand of gud conditioun
 Lak not 3our kin suppois thair wit be rude 15
 Bot help 3our freind in to his quarrell guid
 And to 3o^r freind in every neid be kynd
 Bot schaw not all the secret of 3our mynd
 In luv^e & aw 3e chirreisß weill 3our wyfe
 quhen scho is trew luv^e 3e hir as 3our lyfe 20

¹ meddecyne *deleted*.

	Teiche weill 3our sone & gif him 3our counsale	
	Bot hald 3o ^r dochtir ay in stret bensale	
	Pay the serwand his fee for his labour	
	And mak ane leill man 3our executeur	
	haif gud comfort in grit aduersitie	25
	keip patience and byd till bettir be	
	for god remeid may in a litill space	
	Thairfoir exampill tak of ser ewstace	
	3e lusty lady that lykis to be leill	
	keip weill 3our band and luke w ^t quhome 3e deill	30
	Extoll 3ow not in to 3our febill wit	
	Nor be nocht tystit with ane licht promit	
	Nor be not ydill Bot a3ir wirk or pra	
	And haif in Mynd ane leill theosica	
	Evir to serve 3our lord in luve & dreid	35
Page 205	Aboif all thing keip weill 3our womanheid	fol. 72 a
	grit honour it is to be weill nemmit	
	3e ar forfarne And anis 3e be defamit	
	And to 3our lord 3our luveis till allow	
	quhome to allone At buird and bed 3e bow	40

ffinis

ffollow preceptis of medecyne

	Quha wald thair bodyis hald in heill	
	Sowld with thir thingis thre thame deill	
	Aboif all thing first to be blyith	
	And lat no dolour in 3ow kyith	
	Vse mesurable rest with sobir Eiting	5
	Vse bissines but sair sweiting	
	Be nevir crabbit for nokin thing	
	ffor that will flesche and blwid boith myng	
	for yre is harme to manis heill	

	Baith sawill & lyfe It settis in <i>perreill</i>	10
	All exceß Is fa to manis sale	
	Woundis heill and schortis dayis withall	
	Als eftir meit to stand thow leir	
	And dowit drink alwey forbeir	
	hald not thy scaling our Appetyte	15
	Nor preiß not to degest our tyte	
	Syne to forbeir thow tak gud keip	
	on eftirnonis for to sleip	
	for heidwark feveris or frawartnes	
	of nownis sleip <i>cumis</i> grit sweirnes	20
	Be war for ony thing ma be	
	Vpoun thy bak for to lay the	
	It gadderis seiknes in hairt & heid	
	And haistis the till ane suddane deid	
Page 206	fflowr thingis ar generit ¹ of the wind	fol. 72 b
	In man body haldin w ^t ind	26
	The cramp / <i>Hydropica</i> and the <i>colica</i>	
	The magrame it is ane of tha	
	quha wald tak rest vpoun the nicht	
	The supper sowld be schort & licht	30
	The stommok hes ane full grit pane	
	quhen at the supper mekle is tane	
	quhairfoir gif thow wald hald thy heill	
	With sobirnes luk þat thow deill	
	Nor eit not till thow wit but weir	35
	That thy stommok be claingit cleir	
	Vnto þe tyme þat all befoir	
	be weil degest Thow tak no moir	
	for surfett puttis fer ma to deid	
	nor swerd or knyf w ^t owt remeid	40
	In 3owtheid vse the to temprance	
	And sa begin the with vsance	
	ffor conswetude hes full grit strenth	
	and haldis the lyf full on lenth	

¹ ar *deleted*.

	and chaingeing of meittis but discretioun	45
	raisis seiknes in to all sessoun	
	and suddane changis misteris grit ceur	
	As vse is haldin ane vpir nateur	
	thair it mon be coursably ¹	
	and drawin with list richt sobirly	50
	Syne bissines w ^t manis hele	
	Is best with meseur for to dele	
	for þat haldis all kyndly hete	
	& seindill misteris till haif beit	
	diuerſs meitis togidder brocht	55
	To ws att anis accordis nocht	
	for ane man hes bot ane nature	
	& sindry meitis ar not seure	
	Bulzeit meit fosteris weill	
	and fryit meit every deill	60
	rostit meit dryis þe blude	
	salt meit ² warst of ony fude	
	fat meit is flewmous & flowand	
	soure meitis ar not nvrissand	
	It nvreissis best That gustis best	65
Page 207	and naturall sleip makis gud degest	fol. 73 a
	Raw fruct thay ar verry noyus	
	bot hervist fruct is most dengerus	
	In ver and somer ʒe littill eit	
	and wintir wald haif lergir meit	70
	In ver & somer best is to lat blud	
	on thy ry ^t arme dois most gud	
	At morrowing vse to came thy heid	
	Bot at evin I the forbaid	
	and oppin thy crop at morrowing	75
	Cast out flowme mak vomating	
	Thy puncis wirking schawis but Weir	
	In quhat kin stait Thow art heir	

¹ e changed to y.² was deleted.

Preiß oure all thing that thow may
 ffra all exceßs to keip the ay 80
 Sua may thow weill thyn awin lech be
 and neur gar vpir be socht to the
 quhair thyn awin gouernance may hald thyn hele
 Preiß neur w^t medicinaris for to dele

ffinis

for helth of body couer weill thy heid
 Eit no^t raw meit thow tak gud tent *pairto*
 Drink helsum wyne feid the w^t licht breid
 W^t appetyt ryse fra pi meit also
 W^t aigit wemen fleschlie haif no^t ado 5
 Vpoun thy sleip thow drink no^t of thy cowp
 Ga glaid to thy bed & morrow bo^t two
 and vse thow neur our lait for to soup

And so befall þat lechis done þe fail
 Thow tak gud tent till vse thir thingis thre 10
 moderall dyet and temperat travail
 be no^t malitius for non aduersite
 meik in truble glaid in pouerte
 riche w^t littill / content w^t sufficance
 Be ay neur lyk to thyne awin degre 15
 gife phesick laikis mak this thy gouernance

To euery taille gife thow no^t sone credence
 Be no^t to haiste nor 3it vengeble
 To poure folk se þat thow do no violence
 courtaß of langage in feding mesorable 20
 off sindre meitis no^t gredy at þe table
 gentill of langage in prudent dalayance
 To say þe best sett all way thy plesance

Page 208	Haif into hait mouthis that bene double Thoill at thy table no detractioun Eschew as thow may for to be in truble Haif fals rownaris at Elatioun Suffer in to thy houß no diuisioun quhilk in thy houß may caus gret decrees off all weilfair prosperite & fusioun Wt thy ny ^t bour to leif in rest and peax	fol. 73 b 26 30
	Be clenely cled according for thyn Estait paß no ^t thy boundis keip thy promiseß belyve Wt thre folkis / be neur in debait first w ^t thy bettir bewar þat thow no ^t stryfe Aganis thy phallow no querrell to contryfe Wt thy subiect to stryfe it wer grit schame quhairfor I counsale the in all thy lyfe To leif in peax and win þe ane gud name	35
	Haif fyre at morrow and cowrd bed at eve aganis mistis blak and air of pestilence Be tyme at prayeris thow sall þe bettir scheve at thy first rying do thy god reuerence Wesy þe pure w ^t inteir deligence off all misterfull haif grit compassioun and god sall send the ¹ grace & influence The till increas and thy possessioun	40 45
	Eftir meit mak no ^t lang ane sleip heid fute stomok <i>per</i> serue ay fra cald Be no ^t penywe off tho ^t thow tak no ^t keip Eftir thy rent mantene thy houshold Suffer in wrang & in thy ry ^t be bald Sueir no aithis no man for to begyle In youth be lusty and sad quhen thow art auld ffor warldly joy lestis bot ane quhyle	50 55

¹ Originally þe.

Dyne no^t at morrow befoir thyn appetyte
 Cleir air and walking makis gud degestioun
 betuix meitis drink no^t for fervent delyte
 Bot thrist or travell gif the occasioun
 Our salt meit dois grit oppressioun 60
 To feble stomokis þat can no^t refrane
 ffor thingis contrair to thyne complexioun
 Off greddy throttis the stomokis hes grit pane

Suffir no surfattis in thy houß be ny^t
 Be war of resupparis and gret exceß 65
 off nodding heidis and of candill licht
 To sleip at morrow in slumming ydilneß
 Quhilk of all vicis is the cheif portares
 Woyd all drinking w^t lymmaris & lechouris
 Page 209 And this I say in terminablis I geß fol. 74 a
 off dyceplayeris and commoun hasardouris 71

Thus in two thingis standis all þe welth
 of saule and body quho þat it list to Insew
 moderat fud quhilk to þi saule is helth
 and all foirsaid dois for him renew 75
 and cherete in to þi saule is dew
 Thair is no raseth cumis of pottingary
 off maistir antone nor of m̄r hew
 Till all neidrent richest detray the

ffinis

By Lydgate ¹

Documenta

In grit tribulatioun / and mekle vexatioun /
 haif sobir inclinatioun / and þat sall the ² mend ³
 Be pacient in *persone* // w^t humill deuotioun /
 Thow think on þe passioun / quhat kyndnes wes kend

¹ In pencilled writing.² Interlined.³ Originally amend, a deleted.

Be meik but derisioun / w^t faythfull effectioun ¹ / 5
 Thow rewill the wt ressoun / W^t mesure thow spend
 fra cankerit corruptioun / and wicket temptatioun
 Thy brukle affectioun / thow dayly defend

Thow mak thy confessioun / ²to chryst ²w^t ³deuotioun
 To be þi protectioun / and succour the send . 10
 Syne mak satisfacioun / w^t verrie discretioun
 To be þi remissioun quhen thow sall hyne wend

Thow chryst for thy passioun / grant vs redemptioun /
 quhilk may be our saluatioun / at our last end
 Thow mak supplicatioun / ⁴to win þe he *pardoun* 15
 and this my conclusioun I bring to ane end

finis

Serue thy god meikly / and þe warld ⁵besely
 Eit thy meit *merely* / and so thow may leif
 Gif he send *is* the pouerty / Thank thow him richly /
 ffor he may mend the suddanly / and no man to greif

ffinis

Grund the in patience / blind no^t thy conscience /
 Do thy god reuerence / Thankand him ay
 Drefß the w^t diligence / To put away negligence
 ceiß the w^t sufficence / This warld will away

ffinis

¹ Originally *exfectioun*.

²⁻² On margin.

³ *hairtly deleted*.

⁴ at our last end *deleted*.

⁵ *merely deleted*.

Meiknes and mesure lawte & lawbur / bringis the to
 hono^r / hald the *pairin*
 gif tho thinkis to indur / lufe best þi creatur / and as
 thy self þi ny^tbur & ceifis of thy syn

The stait and þe ordour of haly kirk haif in cure
 preifis no^t till injure for ony vrang win
 Considerin thy self sur bay^t the riche & the pure 5
 ar all of ane natur off adamis kin

Page 210 Think deid ay at thy dure / Thy dayis ar dreid and
 dolour fol. 74 b
 Thy pryd and thy portratour / proffittis no^t a pin
 quhen faid sall thy fegur / and clay salbe thy closure
 ane narrow vyle sepulture / full of armyn 10

ffinis

In warld / is no^t / be natur wro^t / that ay mon lest
 Bot as the mone / all chengis sone / this god hes drest
 Sen nobilnes / nor grit riches / may no^t tak rest
 Small thing w^t eifis / ay god to pleifis / methink it best

ffinis

Remembir man on endles hellis vexatioun /
 fle fra temptatioun / thow brukle flesche as glaß /
 Thow art bot aß / for all thy dominatioun /
 Leif fornicatioun / and mend thy vyle trespass
 Think thow mon paß / to thy lang habitatioun 5
 Wirk for saluatioun / sen borne þairto thow waß

ffinis

Remembir man that thow hes no thing heir
 bot for a tyme quhilk suddanly ourslydis
 Dreid god / be blyth / w^t mesur mak gud cheir
 ffull mony chance in to þis warld betydis
 This warld is fals and euir wilbe so 5
 Trest no^t þairin thow mon de^{pairte} þairfro

finis

Thy begynnyng is bair and bittirnes
 W^t wrechitnes wofull away thow wendis
 The deid certane the hour vnsickirnes
 The tyme ¹sa schort approcheing euir þe end^{is}
 quho hiest clymmis most suddanly discendis 5
 quhat ²is heirof bot ³cast on chryst thy cure
 And ⁴stand content of euery aventur

finis

This warld^{is} joy is only bot fantasy
 off quhilk non erdly wicht can be content
 quho most hes witt leist suld in it effy
 quho moist it taistis most sall him repent
 quhat vailis all this riches and this rent 5
 Sen no man watt quho sall his tresour haue
 presome no^t gevin / That god hes done bot lent
 W^tin schort tyme the quhilk he thinkis to craue

finis

¹ sa tyme *deleted*.

² hies *deleted*.

³ chr *deleted*.

⁴ and *deleted and rewritten on margin*.

Dissait dissauis and salbe dissait
 quha with dissait is dissauable
 Tho^t his dissait be no^t all out *persaut*
 To þe dissatour dissait is ay returnable
 ffrawd quyt w^t frawd is guerdoun *conueniable* 5
 and quha w^t fraud Is frawdfully ay fund
 To þe defraudour defraud sall ay redound

finis

Page 211 Quho wald do weill / he mon begin at weill / fol. 75 a
 for to do weill / and no^t at wantour will
 W^touttin weill / thow may no^t cum to weill
 ffor wit thow weill / all warldly weill gois will
 Dreid god / do weill / thow may weill and thow will 5
 Seik weill at weill and vyifþ þe voundir weill
 conclud w^t weill and thow sall fair full Weill

finis

Quho will be gud / he may be gud / and gud / is gud / to
 hald
 quha hes no^t gud / he can no gud / Ane gud man thus
 me tald
 It is no^t gud / for ony gud / off gud to be our bald
 Bot richtous gud / quhair grund is gud / That gud
 will neur fald
 Throw gud / *cumis* mekle gud / vngud & gud sall fair 5
 Bot richteous gud / quhair grund is gud / lestis for
 euir mair

ffinis

Befoir þe tyme is wisdome to prowyd
 and luk in tyme be no^t to seik nor borrow
 Quha takis no^t tyme bot lattis ay ouirslyd
 Tyme sall cum / to turn his joy in sorrow
 Tyme tint þis day cumis no^t agane þe morrow 5
 spend weill thy tyme quhill thow arte levand heir
 All tyme is tint fra thow be brocht on beir

Tyme is ry^t schorte and lestis Bot a space
 most lyk þe tyme þat spreidis into may
 wirk weill in tyme to get þe tyme of grace 10
 To mak thy tyme fructfull vnto thy pay
 Tyne thow thy tyme / thow sall haif tene & tray
 Tyme sall þe tyne and kast the in to cair
 w^t tyme endles / in sorrow lait and air

finis

Remembir riches remembir pouirte
 remember deid remembir prosperite
 Remember sin and eik þe panis inferne
 remembir patience in maist aduersite
 remembir thy makar deuotly on thy kne 5
 remembir his sone our gratius sterne
 Remembir thingis dois maist our saull conserne
 Remembir þis worldis fals fragilite
 remembir þe joy þat lestis ay eterne

finis

Leif luvē my Luvē no langar it lyk
 alter our amouris in to obseruance

Eschew þe suerd of vengence or ¹ it stryk
 our lust and plesance turne we in pennance
 off mysdeid mend of kissing mak conscience 5
 Repent ws clene and sathanas ouerset
 pvnyß weill þe flesch for þe awin offence
 Haif E to god and brek þe diuillis nett

finis

Page 212 Voluptouß lyfe quhy thinkis thow so suet fol 75 b
 Knawing the deid that no man may ewaid
 Syne *perseueris* in fleschly lust and heit
 no sawis may the fro thy synnys *persuaid*
 Contempning god of no^t that the hes maid 5
 Tresting in to þis brukle lyfe & vane
 Repent in tyme devoyd the of this laid
 And know in hell thair is eternall pane

ffinis

Quhat is this lyfe / Ane draucht way to þe deid
 quhilk hes tyme to pas / and nane to dwell
 Ane slyding quheill / ws lent to win remeid
 Ane fre choiß gevin / to *parradice* or hell
 Ane pray to deid quhome vane is to repell 5
 Ane schort torment for infinit glaidnes
 als schort ane Ioy for lestand hevines

ffinis

Ry^t as pouerte cauffß sobirnes
 and febilnes *anseris* countenance

¹ I *deleted*.

Ewin so prosperite and riches
 The muder is of vyce and negligence
 And power also cauffß insolence 5
 and hono^r oft syis changeis hewis
 Thair is no moir *perrellus* pestilence
 Nor he estait gevin vnto schrewis

ffinis

Now quhen ane wreche is sett to he estait
 or ane begger brocht to dignite
 Thair is non so prouwd pompouß and elait
 Non so vengeble and full of crewelte
 Woyd of discretioun *mercy* and pete 5
 ffor churliche blud seindill dois recure
 To be gentill be way of nature

ffinis

Bettir it is ¹ to suffer fortoun and abyd
 Than haistely to clym and suddanly to slyd
 Ay the hier þat thow art / The lawer beir thy hart
 In welth or 3it prosperite / Think ay on deid I *consall*
 the
 and of þe pure thow haif pete / and leif in lue &
 cherite / 5
 he þat in welth will tak no heid / he sall haif falt in
 tyme of neid
 a souerane bewty our all the laif / a weill brydillit
 tung to haif

ffinis

¹ for *deleted*.

Dreid no^t / þat is not compell no^t / þat wald no^t / ffor
 & thow vþer do
 Sum thing wilbe of no^t / bettir no^t / wer no^t / nor to
 mak þe toun a do

finis

Knyt^{tis} full of hardines Clerkis full of science
 Relegius men full of patience suld be of gud þeill
 Ane kny^t to say I dar no^t do it Ane clerk to say I can
 no^t do it
 Ane kirman to say I will no^t do it soundis no^t ¹ half so
 weill

ffinis

Page 213	Call no ^t þe man fals and vnkynd nor hald him no ^t for thy vnfynd That will no ^t gife the all thy will Bot gife it ressoun be and skill Bot hald him ane of thy felloun fayis That flatteris ² and sueris all þat thow sayis he dois þat / bot for his awin þeill To gar the trow he luvis the weill ane grittar fa thair can non be Nor he þat flatteris ay w ^t the he is thy freind þat sayis the skill and is thy fay þat seruis thy will	fol. 76 a 5 10
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ffinis

¹ haf *deleted*.

² the *deleted*.

He þat thy freind hes bene rycht lang
 Suppois̄ sum tyme he do the wrang
 condamp̄t him no^t bot always̄ mene
 ffor kyndnes that befor̄ hes bene

ffinis

Be kynd to þame þat luvand is to the
 be bone and bousum quhair þat thow may gett bute
 Sett no^t thy hairt bot quhair thy self ma be
 Bend no^t thy bow bot quhair that thow may schute
 Deill no^t w^t dice w^t drinking nor w^t diet 5
 preis̄ no^t to pryde for þat will perisch all
 Be knawin clene ¹ ay quhen þe lord will call

finis

Me think thair suld no taill be trowit
 Except þe tellar wald awowit
 ffor ane tratlar I vndirstand
 ffor he of ane man gett a band
 That he sall no^t discoverit be 5
 Than̄ hes he lyking for to le
 Deme best / þairfoir in euery dowe
 Quhill þat þe trewth be tryit out

ffinis

Bruther be wyse in to þour gouernance
 gif þe till hono^r will haif þe reddy way

¹ *Interlined.*

ffail not to honour be wilfull ignorance
 bot luffe w^t dreid and serue him ny^t and day
 Be *perfyte* fayth houp and cherite 5
 or ʒe sall murn quhen no *mendis* mak may ʒe
 He is bot deid but fay^t I dar weill say
 Quha failis fay^t w^touttin end sall de

finis

Iustice wald haif ane godly presedent
 ane auditor of the complaintis of the pure
 quhilk daylie suld minister Iugement
 To pure folk cryand at the dure
 Spendand moir than thair geir is of valour 5
 and put abak quhill grit caufß be decydit
 Syne levand all for pouerty may not bydit

ffinis

Page 214 Grit fule is he þat puttis in denger fol. 76 b
 his lyfe his honour for ane thing of nocht
 Grit fule is he þat will not glaidlie heir
 counsale in tyme quhill it availis ocht
 Grit fule is he þat no thing hes in tho^t 5
 Bot tyme *present* nor eftir quhat may fall
 Nor of þe deid hes no memoriall

ffinis

Sen that reuolt ryⁿnis vpoun rege
 latt rege be rewlit w^t gud rewl and rycht

Latt ry^t and ressonne rancour sa assuage
 assuege w^t science all dissait & slycht
 Lat slycht ourslip fleme falsett to the flicht 5
 Latt fle first faltis place nobilnes betuene
 That nobilnes may w^t hono^r he on hicht
 hono^r the roß & royell thrissill kene

ffinis

Quha wilbe riche haif E to hono^r ay
 ffor riches followis honour evir mair
 To honour wisdom is the nerrest way
 and wisdom to vertew is the verry air
 and vertew cumis of science and of lair 5
 and science cumis only of god & grace
 Conquest throw gud lyfe travell and businece

ffinis

O wrechit man full of iniquite
 of prowdenche voyd ¹ to vycis naturall
 To ry^t nor resson thow hes bot littill E
 nor eftir thy lyfe quhen wend thow sall
 Bot thow be war suthly thow will fall 5
 as lucifer be errogance of pryd
 quha out of hevin to hell law cow^t glyd

Be war w^t pryd Be war w^t lichery
 Be war w^t Ire Be war w^t cuvatyce
 Be war w^t sueirnes Be war als w^t invy 10
 Be war w^t thir O man gife thow be wyse
 Be war alsua that thow no gluttony vse

¹ and *deleted*.

Keip the fra synis that may thy saule offend
 prent in thy hairt quhiddir thow sall wend

O man behald þat na tyme thow sall lest 15

Thy dayis ar schort Thy lyfe rycht sone is gone
 Thairfoir as now me think it to þe best
 To haif in mynd thy ending euir in one

Page 215 Quhen thow sall wend and quhair þat thow sall
 won fol. 77 a

and quhat thow art and quhair of thow art maid 20

Sua onto hevin thow hald þe hiest tred

Thy pelf thy prow thy gold thy riche array

Thy gud thy geir thy claithis nor thy fee

Spreidis no^t of the in appryll nor in may

Bot ¹ of þi god hiest in all degre 25

Quhill thow art heir puttis thame in thy powste

Spend thow thame weill thow sall haif hevin to meid

Bot do thow no^t thow sall haif pane but dreid

Gud is bot lent ane quhyle quhill thow art heir

It gois away as calf dois w^t þe wind 30

This day ane lord The morne ane pure begeir

haittit and hairtles and bair as leife on lind

Iob wes most riche in haly writ we find

ʒit or he deit of riches he had small

Bot neurþeles he thankit god of all 35

O wrechit man think on now how deid

Strenþeis mankynd and garris him law doun bow

In warld is none bot he mon thoill his feid

aganis his dynt thow may no^t stand ane pow

Quhen euir he list suthle he will þe schow 40

Vnto þe grund / Thow watt nocht quhen nor quhair

To mak debait thow sall haif no power

¹ bof deleted, and Bot on margin.

Tho^t thow this day be prosperus hail and feir
 perchance þe morne deid sall þe feche away
 Sen thow mon turne in erd on this maneir 45
 na mervell tho^t thow grit murnyng may
 Quhen thow mon lig in gravell erd & clay
 all joy In erd thow sall no^t compt ane peiſſ
 Quhen þat þe ruiftre lyis vpoun thy neiſſ

O wrechit man of deid quhen thow hes mynd 50
 That thow art blyth grit marvell haif I me
 and thow wait no^t quhat way¹ away to wend
 Quhen nor quhair nor paß to quhat cuntre
 Sen þat thow knawis fro deid thow may no^t fle
 Thow chryst beseik / þat maid both sone and mone
 That thow may cum and sit in hevins trone 56

Thow Ioyis no thing of this warldis vane gloir
 quhilk lestis no^t / It is bot fenzeit thing
 Quha trestis in it / sall rew rycht wondir soir
 Ane vþir day and sair his handis wring 60
 It is bruklar than glaß or 3it mesling
 It weschis away as snaw dois w^t the rane
 The for to help It cumis neuer agane

Trow thow moir in *lettres* drawin w^t the yse
 Page 216 That thay sall lest and euir moir be new fol. 77 b
 Than this fals warld full of dissaitis nyce 66
 felzeand away quhilk neuir wes fundin trew
 fra thow be deid in erd all myrthis adew
 Tho^t thow wer wyiſſ as euir wes salomon
 Thair is no moir of the fra thow be gone 70

Tho^t thow be wicht as was sampson þe force
 Battell to sailze ather *in* pece or weir
 Or fair as absolon *in* visage or *in* corſſ
 quhilk *in* this warld had nowther maik nor peir

¹ Originally away, initial a deleted.

Or wyifß as aristotill in sindrye sciences sere 75
 Or alex^r ane nobill clerk of on
 Thair is no moir of þe fra thow be gone

Nowþer king nor quene it spairis no^t in deid
 bischop nor emprio^r nor man þat lyfe hes tane
 The joy of erd beiris nowþer fruct nor seid 80
 It weschis away all schaddow it allane
 It cumis and gangis and makis fulis fane
 Quilk trestis weill þat it sall leif for eur
 Bot or thay wit deid garris þame disseuir

ffra thow be gane quhat arte thow thane latt se 85
 Bot wirmes meit To lig w^t thame amang
 ffra thow be doun and gane of þis cuntre
 Quhat sall awaill vane messis and evin sang
 To help thy saule out of thir panis strang
 Be godly and Iust þairfoir quhill thow art heir 90
 Gif ¹ to þe pure to win þair daylie prayeir

ffor thow ry^t no^t sall haif away w^t the
 gold nor siluer nor thing þat heir is wro^t
 Bot ane thin scheitt þat day þat thow salt de
 ffor thow no thing in to þis warld hes brocht 95
 Thow cumis pure / w^t the away hes no^t
 Bot as thow heir dois nowthir leß nor mair
 and almouß deid to keip thy saule fro cair

Do thow gud deid / thow findis it the befoir
 In almous / prayer / fasting / or ocht ellis 100
 Do thow no^t heir / Thow gettis rycht no^t thair
 gif it be trew chryst in þe ewangell tellis
 Thy merreitis all thow mon win in þir fellis
 Both leß and mair afe this warld or þow gone
 ffro thow be deid gudis deidis may thow do none 105

¹ of thy geir *deleted*.

Sen it is swa / Ilk day quhill thow art heir
 god thow beseik þat deit on þe tre
 The to forgife of all thy synnys seir
 off his grit grace to haif *mercy* on the
 Page 217 W^t humfill hairt thow bow to him on kne fol. 78 a
 procuring of him to be thy scheid and speir III
 Thy saule to keip þat sathan no^t it deir

ffinis

Me *mervellis* of this grit confusioun
 I wald sum *cunnand* clerk of clergy wald declard
 Quhat garris this warld be turnit ¹ vpsyd down
 Thair is no^t faithfulnes fundin in to this erd
 Now is no^t thre / may trestly trow in þe ferd 5
 Welth is away wit is now wrochtin to wrinkis
 No seill is sover now this is a wofull werd
 The want of wysemen garris fulis sit on binkis

As bakis beiris witnes quhen leuit king saturnus
 ffor gudly *gouernance* the warld was galdin cald 10
 Non ellis we wat forsuth quhithir it turnis
 The quhilk octauiane the man riche culd hald
 our all wes *peax* als weill sett as *menis* hairtis wald
 Thair ringnit gud rewl and reasone held þair rinkis
 Non lykis ² *nobilite* / *Prudens* now is thrald 15
 And want of wysmen garis fulis sit on binkis

Aristotill for all his grit moralite
 augustyne or ambroß for all thair devyne scripture
 quaha can placebo and no^t to haif derige
 W^t pectik for to pyk and peill full bair the pure 20
 he sall cum in sone quhen þat thay stand at the dure
 ffor warldly wonyng sic walkis quhen wysar winkis

¹ vs *deleted*.

² now *deleted*.

Wit takis na wirschip sa is now the aventure
That want of wysemen garris fulis sit on binkis

Lord quhiddir ar exylit all noble curagis 25
Lawty luve w^t kyndnes and liberalitie
No thing is fundin now stable in no stagis
Na degest counsale availis w^t moralite
Pēax is away flemit is all proplexite
prudens and wisdomē ar baneist our all brinkis 30
The warld^s war may ¹seyme weill callit to be
Sen want of wyse men mak^s fulis sit on bink^s

Weir but defenß / ry^t l^yis all desolat
ry^t and ressonē vndir no ²rufe haß ony rest
3owth is but reddour and ege is obstinat 35
My^t but *mercy* the pure folkis ar all ourprest
Lernit men suld teche the peple of the best
Tho^t lair be littill 3it ferles in thame sinkis
It may no^t be this warld sall euir thus lest
That want of *etc.* 40

Quhair is the balme of Iustice / evin equite
no mirreit is *present* nor pvneist is trespass
all leidis now levis lawles at liberte
non ²rewlis by ressonē no moir nor one affß ³
gud fay^t is flemit wirthin frewollar than glaß 45
Trew luve is lost and lawty haldis no linkis
our gouernante no^t keipis gud rewill nor compaß
ffor want of wysmen *etc.*

Page 218 ⁴Now wrang hes warrane ⁴ and law is bot wilfulneß fol. 78 b
quha hes the war Is worthin on him all the wyte 50
ffor trewth / is tressoun / and faith / is fals fekilneß
gylle is now gyd and vane lust is also delyte

¹ weill *deleted.* ² Originally no^t. ³ *Sic.* ⁴-4 Half covered by inlay.

Kirk is contemptit thay compt not cursing a myte
 grit god is grevit That me ry^t soir forthinkis
 The cauß of this ony man may sone wit 55
 That want of wysmenⁿ garis fulis sit on binkis

Luk¹ hes tane leif and wirschip hes no vdir wane
 W^t passing pouerty pryd is Importable
 Vyce is bot vertew wit is w^t will soir ourgane
 as lairdis so laddis daly chengeable 60
 but ryme or ressonne all Is bot heble hable
 Sic sturtfull stering in to godis neiß it stinkis
 Bot he haif rew all Is vnremedable
 ffor want of *etc.* •

O Lord of lordis grit gyd and also gouirnour 65
 Makar and movar bay^t of mair and also leß
 quhais power / wisdome / gudnes / and he honour
 Is infinit now salbe and evir weß
 as thy evangell planely dois exprefs
 all thir said faltis reforme as thow best thinkis 70
 as it is deformit for pure pety to redrefs
 That w^tout fulis / may wysemenⁿ sit on binkis

ffinis

We lordis hes chosin a chiftane mervellus
 That left hes ws in grit perplexite
 and him absentis w^t wylis cautelus
 3eiris and dayis mo than two or thre
 and not intendis the land nor peple se 5
 ffaltis to correct nor vicis for to chace
 our lord gouernour this sedull send we the
 In lak of iustice this realme is schent allace

¹ The last letter is indistinct.

Is nane of ws ane vddir settis by
 bot laubo^r's ay for v^peris distructioun 10
 q^{lk} is grit pleser to our auld Innamy
 and daly cauffß grit dissentioun
 amang ws now and als diuisioun
 quhilk to heir / is ane drery cace
 To the o^r lord & gyd vnder the croun 15
 In lak of iustice *etc.*

Thy prudent wit we think thow hes abusit
 absentand the for ony warldly geir
 We 3arne thy presens bot oft thow hes refusit
 Till cum ws till or 3it till merk ws neir 20
 q^{lk} is the caus of theft slaw^tir and weir
 approach in tyme our freindschip to purchase
 Thy leiges leill thy byding byis full deir
 In lak of iustice this realme is schent allace

Couatyce ringis in to ¹ the spirituall state 25
 3arnand banifice the quhilk ar now vacand
 Page 219 That but thy *presens* will cauffß ry^t grit debait fol. 79 a
 and contrauersy to ryß in to this land
 and thy bidding we trest thay sall ganestand
 W^tout thow cum and present thame thy face 30
 adress the sone fulfill thy will and band
 In lak of iustice *etc.*

Grit wer and wandrecht hes bene ws amang
 Sen thy *depairting* and 3it approachis mair
 Thy tardatioun cauffß ws to think lang 35
 ffor of *pi cuming* we haif ry^t grit dispair
 Off gyd and gournance we ar all solitair
 Dependand ay vpoun thy stait and grace

¹ *his deleted.*

Speid the thairfoir In dreid we all forfair
In lak of iustice this realme is schent allace 40

ffinis

Thingis in kynd desyris thingis lyke
Bot discontrair haitis Every thing
Saif only mankynd can nevir weill lyke
bot gif he haif a licentious leving
ffleschly desyre and gestly nvrissing 5
In till a *persone* all semyne ¹ to be ¹ wrocht
Watter and fyre togidder in kendling
It may weill ryme bot it accordis no^t

A man at anis for to serue lordis tuane
The quhilk be baith contrair in opinioun 10
To pleifß thame bath and purches no^t disdane
Talk w^t the ane and w^t the v^pir roun
Be trew to both w^tout tuich of tressoun
Tell him of him the thing þat neuer wes wro^t
To bring all this to gud conclusioun 15
It may weill ryme bot it accordis no^t

To haif a gall clippit a gentill dow
To be my freind and gevis me fals counsale
To brek my heid & syne put on myn how
To be religiouß and formest in to battell 20
To ly in bed and sege ane strang castell
To be ane *merchand* q^r na gud may be bocht
To haif a trew wyfe w^t a wantoun taill
It may weill ryme bot it accordis no^t

To be of na cunnyng and knaw the herbis 25
To karp langage þat nane may vndirstand

¹ *Interlined.*

A fule to haif every wyse proverbis
 A fair borne bairne of hir þat is barrand
 Vnpossible thingis to tak vpoun hand
 To big a castell or the grund be wrocht 30
 Page 220 To gife a dome be law þat may no^t stand fol. 79 b
 It may weill ryme bot it accordis no^t

A wrech to weir a noble skarlet gown
 A bag lyne furring purfillit weill w^t sable
 A gud hussy wyfe trubland ay the toun 35
 A chyld to thryfe quhilk is vnchestable
 To be content and lichtly chengeable
 To haif in drynk thing þat neur docht
 A rome raker w^tout lesing¹ or fable
 It may *etc.* 40

A mighty king in to a pure regioun
 ane haisty wit and he thingis to devyse
 Meikle almoufdeid and fals detractioun
 Kny^tlie manheid and schamefull cowardyse
 ane hevinly hell ane panefull paradyse 45
 ane haly docto^r w^t ane lecherouf^s tho^t
 To wirk on heid Syne eftir tak avyse
 It may weill *etc.*

A gilty toung cullorit w^t eloquens
 a fals intent w^tin and dissavable 50
 a blyth wisage w^t freindly apperens
 a crewale hairt invyous^s and vengeable
 a gentill hors^s w^tin a nakit stable
 a mirry sang w^t sorrow socht
 To jone thir all and mak thame agreable 55
 It may *etc.*

²
 ffrely to spend and full of cuvatyse
 To seik burgeonis out of ane auld dry stok

¹ of *deleted.*

² To seik burgeonis out of ane auld dry stok *deleted.*

ane gay temple w^tout devyne s^eruyse
 a birdlies cage ane key w^tout a lok 60
 a tome schip ay rydand on a rok
 a mychty bischop in ane realme of no^t
 a wantoun hird and a weill rewlit flok
 It may weill ryme bot it accordis no^t

ffinis

All rychtous thing the quhilk dois now proceid
 Is crownit lyk vnto an empereß
 Law hes defytit guerdoun and his meid
 Settis hir trew^t on hicht as goddeß 5
 Gud faith hes flyttin w^t fraud & dowbilneß
 and prvdence seis all thingis pat cumis before
 following the trace of *perfyte* stabilneß
 als evin be lyne ry^t as a ¹rammis horne
²

princis of custome mantenis ry^t in deid
 and prelettis levis in clyne *perfytness* 10
 Page 221 Kny^{tis} luvis god wat bot littill falsheid fol. 80 a
 and preistis hes reffusit all riches
 all religioun levis in holineß
 Thay bene in vertew and full fair vpborne
 Invy in ³court can no man se increß 15
 als leill by lyne ry^t as a ramis horne

Marchandis of louker takis bot littill hede
 Thair vsury is fetterit w^t distreß
 and for to speik also of womanhede
 Baneist frome pame is all new fangilnes 20
 Thay haif left pryde and takin meiknes
 quhois pacience is bot newly watt & schorne
 Thair tongis hes no tuiching of scherpnes
 als leill by lyne ry^t as a rammis horne

¹ ry *deleted.*

² Marchandis of lukir *deleted.*

³ clos *deleted.*

Pure men complenis now bot for no Neid 25
 The riche gevis ay seik almouß as I geß
 Wt plenty ay the hungry thay do feid
 Clethis the nakit in thair wrechitnes
 and cherite is now a cheif maistres
 Sklandir fra hir toung hes pullit out the thorne 30
 Discretioun dois all hir lawis expreß
 als leill by lyne ry^t as a rammis horne

Out of this land or ellis god forbede
 Baneist is fraud falsheid and fekilneß
 flattery is fled and þat for verry drede 35
 Both riche and pure hes takin thame to sadneß
 Lauboraris wirkis w^t all thair bessineß
 day nor ny^t Nor hour can be forborne
 Bot swynk and sueit to voyd all ydilneß
 Als leill by lyne ry^t as a rammis horne 40

Princis ¹rememberis and proudly takis hede
 how vertew is of vyce a he goddeß
 our faith no^t haltis we leif evin as our crede
 In wird & dede as wark beiris witneß
 all Ipocritis hes left thair frawardneß 45
 Thus weidit is the poppill fra the corne
 and every stait is gouernit as I geß
 Als leill by lyne ry^t as a rammis horne

ffinis

Oft tymes is bettir hald nor len
 and this is my skill and resson quhy
 ffull evill to knaw ar mony men
 and to be cravit settis littill by

¹ chis *deleted*.

Thay hald the for his Innemy 5
 To craif the thing þat thow hes Lent
 Thairfoir I rid the verrely
 quhome to thow lennis tak ry^t gud tent

To mony men it dois grit hurt
 Page 222 And oft of freindis it makis fais fol. 80 b
 and baith the pairteis haldis in sturt II
 quhen þat the ane the v^{per} crauis
 So wrechitnes a man dissaus
 W^t him self he thinkis a pane
 Off thing þat he possessioun havis 15
 ffor to restore or gif agane

Thairfoir is bettir hald nor draw
 gar nocht thy awin geir stryve w^t the
 The *persone* bot thow ry^t weill know
 That he ry^t trest and sicker be 20
 ffor thow may oft tymes heir and se
 That mony menis awin thing lennis
 quhairthrow he wynnis grit mawgre
 off thankles men þat it miskennis

Thairfoir me think is bettir than 25
 to hald in thy possessioun
 Nor crave it fra ane v^{per} man
 That is of evill conditioun
 quha keipis no promissioun
 quhat dois thow than bot flyttis and fechtis 30
 or thow may gett restitutioun
 off him þat keipis no^t his hechtis

It war moir trest in to þi purf
 na puttit in to rakles handis

To gar the wary ban and curfs 35
 Seikand thy dettouris in sindry landis
 Be war and keip the fra sic bandis
 my counsale is gud freind and bruder
 This fals warld now sa it standis
 That ry^t few ar Trestis in a nvdder 40
 Gife ony man hes the at feid //
¹ ffor thy awin gud I *counsale* the ¹
 ay w^t full hand se þat thow pleid
 Sua gife it may no bettir be
 Thy geir to want and win maugre 45
 To the it is bot dowble skath
 man ffor the mair securite
 off ane be sicker and tyne no^t bath

ffinis

This warld is all bot fenzeit fair
 and als vnstable as the wind
 Gud faith is flemit I wat no^t quhair
 Trest fallowschip is evill to find
 gud conscience is all maid blind 5
 and cheritie is nane to gett
 Leill loif and lawte lysis behind
 and auld kyndnes is quyt forzett

Page 223 Quhill I had ony thing to spend
 and stuffit weill w^t warldis wrak fol. 81 a
 amang my freind^s I wes weill kend II
 quhen I wes prowde and had a pak
 Thay wald me be the oxstar Tak
 and at the he burd I wes set
 Bot now thay latt me stand abak 15
 Sen auld kyndnes is quyt forzet

^{1,1} On margin after l. 41.

Now I find bot freindis few
 Sen I wes prysit to be pure
 Thay hald me now bot for a schrew
 To me thay tak bot littill cure 20
 All þat I do is bot Iniure
 Tho^t I am bair I am no^t bett
 Thay latt me stand bot on the flure
 Sen auld kyndnes is quyt forʒet

Suppoifß I mene I am no^t mendit 25
 Sen I held pairt w^t pouerte
 away sen þat my pak wes spendit
 adew all liberalite
 The prowerb now is trew I se
 quha may no^t gife / will littill gett 30
 Thairfoir to say the varite
 now auld kyndnes is quyt forʒet

Thay wald me hals w^t hude and hatt
 quhill I wes riche and had anewch
 About me freindis anew I gatt 35
 ry^t bly^tlie on me thay lewch
 Bot now thay mak it wondir tewch
 and lattis me stand befoir þe ʒett
 Thairfoir this warld is verry frewch
 and auld kyndnes is quyt forʒett 40

Als lang as my cop stud evin
 I ʒeid bot seindill myn allane
 I squyrit was w^t sex or seven
 ay quhill I gaif thame twa for ane
 Bot suddanly ffra that wes gane 45
 Thay passit by w^t handis plett
 W^t purtye fra I wes ourtane
 Than auld kyndnes wes quyt forʒett

In to this world suld na man trow
 Thow may weill se the ressoun quhy 50
 ffor evir bot gif thy hand be fow
 Thow arte bot littill settin by
 Thow art no^t tane in cumpany
 Bot thair be sum fisch in thy nett
 Thairfoir foir ¹ this fals world I defy 55
 Sen auld kyndnes is quyt forzet

Sen þat na kyndnes kepit is
 in to þis world þat is present
 Gife thow wald cum to hevynnis bliß
 Thy self appeiße w^t sobir rent
 Leife godly and gife w^t gud intent 61
 To every man his *proper* dett
 quhat evir god send hald the content
 Sen auld kyndnes is quyt forzet

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fol. 81^b

61

ffinis

I saw ane rob / riche of hew
 W^t pretius stanis peirles picht
 W^t rubeis reid and saphir^ts blew
 and dyamantis ry^t derly dicht
 The grund was birnist goldin brycht 5
 W^t selidone sett on every syd
 Thairin wes writtin this ressonne richt
 Bad man for þe bettir abyd

ffor the bettir man thow abyd
 and for the bettir thy spech thow spend 10
 To day gife thow wantis in tyd
 To morne chryst may the weill Amend

¹ *Sic.*

quhat evir it be chryst to the send
 Welth or weilfair pourty or pryd
 grunche no^t And neuer thy god offend 15
 Bot ay man for the better abyd

I hard a man sing till ane harp
 ane hesty man wantit nevir wo
¹ he þ^t canno^t suffir scho^r'is scharp¹
 Nor ȝit knaw his freind by his fo 20
 The wysemen sayis sene it is so
 he þat can suffir in hairt & hyd
 sall haif his asking but ² moir uo
 That for the bettir can abyd

A man þat can no^t dout no schame 25
 he is no^t wirthy to cum in a gud place
 lat nevir thy tung dishono^r thy name
 Be trew and steidfast in every cace
 Beseik thow Iesu of his grace
 In all this warld þ^t is so wyd 30
 That all wicket hestines fra the pass
 That thow may for the better abyd

Gif ane evill turne be to the hecht
 Keip it in mynd and hald the still
 ane fulis bolt is sone on flicht 35
 he þ^t speikis mekle sum *pairte* mon spill
 Keip weill thy tung and say non ill
 And in gud cumpany luk thow the gyd
 lat nevir our mony wit thy will
 Bot ay man for the bettir abyd 40

A man þat will his awin counsale discure
 how suld ane vȝir man it keip
 Cast the to trewth / In *peax* Indure
 fra all evill fallowschip I bid the creip

¹⁻¹ On margin after l. 18.

² wo deleted.

- Tho^t thow be sair se no^t tho weip 45
 Tak solace in hairt lat sorrow slyd
 ane hesty man salbe drownit in deip
 quhen he þ^t suffaris sall weill leif & abyd
- Page 225 I wist a man in presone kast fol. 82 a
 and ley pairin sex þeiris or sevin 50
 3it he wone fur^t at the last
 mony man meitis at vnset stevin
 freindis and fais chryst mak þow evin¹
 and he þat sufferit wondis wyd
 To bring ws to the blifß of he hevin 55
 2quhair we mot for now & evir abyd

ffinis

O god þat in tyme all thingis did begin
 In tyme thow maid hevin and erd of nocht
 In tyme thow bocht man and redemit fra sin
 In tyme sall thow vnmak þat thow hes wrocht
 In tyme ar³ saif all⁴ þat thy⁵ blud hes bocht 5
 In tyme goud lord gife ws grace þat we may
 In tyme repent for every deid and tho^t
 and tak tyme in tyme for tyme will away

Our tyme sall away / And þat in schort space
 Tyme beiris witneß my saying is trew 10
 our foirfaderis had tyme heir in lyk cace
 and tyme passit w^t thame as dois w^t ws now
 No tyme tareid thame / ffor thair tyme away drew
 Bot thay tareit tyme as we do every day
 and tyme sall paß fra ws god almichty knawith how 15
 Tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme will away

¹ Originally stevin.² ffor þair is deleted.³ sall chr deleted, and ar interlined.⁴ all interlined.⁵ pretius deleted.

How to tak tyme and how tyme aucht to be spent
 Tyme is no^t to be comptit þat wit dois exercyfs
 In tyme sall god be his rychtousnes gif his Iugement
 Thairfoir spend 30^r tyme in vertew & lerne to be wyfs 20
 Tyme Tareis no man Tyme goith as a gyfs
 Tyme steilith frome ws and will byd at no stey
 Bewar w^t tyme / prolong no^t I tald 30w¹ twyfs
 Tak tyme in tyme for tyme will away

In tyme our grit grandschiris our faderis gatt 25
 ane Tyme thay had² / and sone thair tyme wes past
³ane tyme had⁴ our foirfaderis mark⁵ weill that
³ane tyme sall we haif & depairt at⁶ last
 Thus tyme pertith from tyme and tyme makith⁷ haist
 Tyme will no^t byd⁸ we can no^t tyme delay 30
 Tyme is⁹ incertane quhan deth will ws agast
 Tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme¹⁰ will away

In tyme ask god grace In tyme tak compassione
 In tyme of welth remembir the tyme of wrechit neid
 In tyme gife lawd to god in tyme mak god oblasione 35
 In tyme fast and pray In tyme gife almoß deid
 In tyme offir thy harte for tyme dois still proceed
 gif tyme trest to tyme Tyme sall the betray

Page 226 In tyme luk thow speik That in tyme thow may speid fol. 82 b
 And tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme sall away 40

This tyme is ane tyme That nane can resist
 Tyme is transetorius and also Irrevocable
 Say quhat 3e will tyme passith as him list
 Tyme most be tane in tyme conveniabile
 all thing had tyme my saying is no^t reprovabile 45
 ffor quhen the tyme cummith The tyme we most obey
 Byd tyme quho will The tyme is verry vnstable
 Tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme will away

¹ this deleted. ² heir deleted. ³ and deleted. ⁴ had on margin.

⁵ 3e deleted. ⁶ the deleted. ⁷ euir deleted. ⁸ Originally abyd, a deleted.

⁹ evir deleted. ¹⁰ tyme deleted.

Tak the tyme of glaidnes forsake þe tyme of sorrow
 Latt thyne tyme pas ¹ in gudnes do no^t frome it dissevir
 Vse thy tyme the day as thou suld end ² the morrow 51
 and tak tyme gif thou may as tyme suld lest evir
 I mene in tyme of vertew thou suld thy self endeveir
 As þe ¹ tyme of deth wald cum thy body till effray
 So vse thy self in besines as thou suld de nevir 55
 & Tak tyme *etc.*

Haif thou in all warldly thingis ³ / tyme / in vsage
 ffor ane thing done out of tyme Is no^t to be *commendit*
 quhair tyme is no^t tane thriß *personis* dois vtrage
 Wordis out of tyme makis mony men offendit 60
 W^tout tyme may no thing be *comprehendit*
 quhair tyme is mysvisit the peple dois decay
 Gife tyme be no^t tane quhill tyme be extendit
 Tyme is vntrusty and dois skail frome the away

Tyme to be sad Tyme to plesour and sport 65
 Tyme of study Tyme of gud recreatioun
 Tyme to be hevvy and Tyme to vse confort
 Tyme of displesour and Tyme of consolatioun
 Thus tyme hes his ⁴ tyme of diuers maner fassioun
 Tyme to eit and drink and tyme of pastyme & play
 Tyme to be leberall and tyme of delectatioun 71
 Tak tyme quhill tyme is for tyme will away

Tyme to travell and Tyme to tak þour rest
 Tyme to speik and tyme to hald þour pese
 Tyme wald be vsit quhen þat tyme is best 75
 Thair is na ⁵ tyme to bring and ane tyme for to cese
 Tyme quhen it is meit put thy self in prese
 Tyme to go or tary for tyme we can no^t stay
 The man þat spendis tyme weill god sall him increß
 Tak tyme quhen tyme is for tyme is away 80

¹ *Interlined.* ² *On margin, to take the place of a deleted de or end.*

³ *thinkis deleted, thingis interlined.* ⁴ *th deleted.* ⁵ *Sic.*

The fructis takis thair schape also in the tyme of ver
 In tyme of symmer the flouris be fresch and grene
 In þe tyme of hervist quhen thay thair corne dois
 schere

In the tyme of wintir the north wind waxis kene
 Page 227 So bittir bytting þat tyme flouris be no^t sene fol. 83^a

The callenderis of tyme do tary quhill frostis thame
 slay 86

That tyme forsaiakis na tyme quhen dame flora is
 quene

Tak ten quhill tyme is ¹ for tyme will away

Tyme cauffis natur to increff and multiply
 and tyme dois decrees in the best tyme of all 90

Tyme bringis ane man to grit joy and felicity
 and tyme turnis the warld suddanly as ane ball

Tyme frome 3owth to aige dois ws also call

Tyme dryvis our lyfe to deth of suth I say

Tyme consomis erth ² w^t erth full naturall 95

Tak ³ Tyme quhen tyme is for tyme will away

Now tyme drawis in and tyme gois apace

Trest no^t to tyme lest tyme the assaill

Now is the tyme of *mercy* and of *grace*

The tyme of repentance This tyme thow sall bewaill

This tyme thow sall obtene þat tyme thow sall no^t
 prevaill 101

This is the tyme of mesour This is the tyme of joy

This tyme sall haif ane end that tyme sall nevir faill

Bot lofs lyfe fra tyme / þat tyme cum lifting all away

ffinis

¹ *Interlined.*

² *to deleted.*

³ *On margin.*

Say weill is trewly ane wirthy gud thing
 off say weill grit vertew dois out spring
 Say weill frome do weill defferis in lettir
 Say weill is gud bot do weill is bettir
 Say weill is rutit be man sum deill 5
 Bot do weill only to god dois appeill
 Say weill sayis gudly and dois mony pleiß
 Bot do weill dois godly and dois the warld eiß
 Say weill mony vnto godis word clevis
 Bot for lak of do weill thay it quyckly levis 10
 Bot gif say weill & do weill wer jonit in ane frame
 all þat wer vngottin wer gottin w^t game
 Say weill in denger of deth is cawld
 Do weill is harnasit and winderous bald
 quhen say weill for feir dois trymmill & quaik 15
 Do weill salbe Iocound and merry maik
 Say weill is slippir and makis mony wylis
 do weill is semely w^tout ony gylis
 Quhan say weill at sumtyme salbe bro^t baiß
 do weill dois trivmph in every plaiß 20
 Say weill to sylence sumtyme is bound
 Do weill is fre in every ground
 Say weill hes freindis bot heir & thair
 Bot do weill is welcum ¹ or every quhair
 Say weill in hand mony thing dois tak 25
 Bot do weill ane end of pame ² dois mak
 Page 228 Quhen say weill w^t money quy^t doun is kast fol. 83 b
 do weill is tresty and dois stand fast
 Say weill him self will sumtyme adwance
 Bot do weill dois nowdir jake nor prance 30
 and doweill dois profreit þis warld moir
 Than sayweill dois ane hundre^t scoir
 Say weill in wordis is wonderus trick
 Bot doweill in deid is nymmill and quyck

¹ in *deleted*, or *interlined*.² dois *deleted*.

Lord quyke & trik togiddir knet 35
 and so sall thay pyp ane merry coset
 Say weill mony wille ¹ thay be ² so kynd
 Bot do weill ³ will weill vnto thair freind
 Mo sayweill Than doweill say 3ow in deid
 Bot doweill is moir honest in tyme of neid 40
 Say weill and doweill ar thingis twane
 Thryfs happy is he quhome in thay do remane

ffinis

To gyd thy tung

Imprent thir thre in thy remmenbrance
 ffor lyk as the mone ⁴ chaingis befor the pryme
 Sa farith this warld repleit w^t wariance
 Off dissolut langage cum my^t grit distance 5
 Quhairfoir sais catone to auld and to 3ung
 The first of all vertewis is to keip weill 3o^t tung

3it in aventur gife it so requyre
 þat 3e sall speik as 3e most neid^{is} þerkece
 Wyslie obserue sex thingis followand heir 10
 remembir quhat 3e say / and in quhat place /
 of quhome / and to quhome / and in 3our mynd com-
 pace
 how 3e sall speik / and quhen / Taking in gud heid
 ffor this the wyseman counsals 3ow in deid

ffinis

Sustene Abstene keip weill in 3our mynd
 beir and forbeir haif evir in remembrance
 for 3e sall þairby grit quyetnes fynd

¹ Or wilbe, with be possibly stroked through.

² thay be on margin.

³ i deleted.

⁴ pryme deleted, and mone interlined.

In all thy lyfe quhat soeuer dois chance
 It is the only thing þat may the aduance 5
 and mak þow to be estemit verrely
 among all vdir salbe the most happy

Beir truble and pane / beir sklender and blame
 beir wordis displesand be þai nevir so sour
 fforbeir in ony ways To vþir do þe same 10
 fforbeir to revenge tho^t it be in þo^r powir
 Lat nevir þour angir remane w^t þow on hour
 forbere þour awin plesour Beir þo^r ny^tbouris misery
 and þe of all vdir salbe the most happy

Gife þe be ganesaid fforbeir for ane sessone 15
 forbeir to resist quhen þe think to offend
 Beir vderis ignorance forbeir þo^r awin ressonne
 Till occasioun be gevin thame / þow to amend

Page 229 Than vttir þour wisdome as god sall it send fol. 84 a
 obserue þour tymis and forbeir discretly 20
 and þe sall of all vþeris be þe most happy

Beir chrystis croce quhen it is laid on þo^r bak
 That is to say all maner of aduersate
 quhilk quhen þe in þo^r awin persone dois laik
 help vþer to beir þat ourladin be 25
 Sa sall this warld be warisid accordinle
 and þe of all vþer sall be most happy

fforbeir rasch judgement quhill þe trew^t be tryid
 forbeir all haistines speik wordis of cherite
 fforbeir extreme pvnishment Tho^t thow salbe spyid 30
 To much in all thingis comptit is Iniquite
 Tempir þour actis w^t sustene and abstene
 Beir and forbeir and than sall þe trewlie
 off all leving creaturis ¹ be most happie

etc.

¹ thow sall *deleted*.

Quhome to sall I complene my wo
 and kyth my kairis on or mo
 I knaw no^t amang riche nor pure
 quha is my freynd quha is my fo
 ffor in this world may non assure 5

Lord how sall I my dayis dispone
 ffor lang s^ervice rewarde is none
 and schort my lyfe may heir indure
 and lossit is my tyme bygone
 Into this world ma none assure 10

Oft falsett rydis w^t ane rowt
 Quhen trewth gois on his fute abowt
 and lak of spending dois him spur
 Thus quhat to do I am in dowt
 In to *etc.* 15

Nane heir bot riche menⁿ hes renoun
 and bot pure menⁿ ar pluckit doun
 and nane bot Iust menⁿ tholis Iniure
 Sa wit is blindit and ressoun
 In to *etc.* 20

Vertew the court hes done dispyis
 ane rebald to renoun dois ryis
 and cairlis of nobill^s hes the cure
 and bumbard^s bruk^s the benifyis
 Into *etc.* 25

All gentrice and nobiltie
 ar passit out of he degre
 on fredome is laid foirfaltour
 In princis is thair no pety
 ffor in *etc.* 30

- Is non so armit in to plait
 Page 230 That can fra truble him debait fol. 84 b
 may no man lang in welth indure
 for wo þat evir lyis at þe wait
 Into this world may none assure 35
- Flattry weiris ane furrit gown
 and falsett w^t the lord dois roun
 and trew^t stand^{is} barrit at þe dure
 and exul is of þe toun
 In to *etc.* 40
- Fra everilk mowth fair wurd^{is} proceidis
 In every hairt disceptioun breid^{is}
 Fra everylk E gois luke demure
 Bot fra the hand^{is} gois few gud deid^{is}
 In to 45
- Toungis now ar maid of quhyte quhaill bone
 And hairtis ar maid of hard flynt stone
 And Ene of amiable bly^t asure
 And hand^{is} of adamant laith to dispone
 In to *etc.* 50
- 3it hairt w^t hand and body all
 Mon ans^{er} deth quhen he dois call
 To compt befoir þe iuge future
 Sen all ar deid or than de sall
 Quha suld in to this world assure 55
- No thing bot deth this schortly cravis
 quhair fortoun evir as fo dissavis
 W^t freyndly smyling^{is} of ane hure
 quhais fals behechtis as wind hyne wavis
 In to *etc.* 60

O quha sall weild the wrang possessioun
 or þe gold gatherit w^t oppressioun
 quhen the angell blawis his bugill sture
 quhilk vnrestorit helpis no confessioun
 In to *etc.* 65

Quhat help is thair in lordschippis sevin
 quhen na houß is bot hell and hevin
 Palice of licht or pitt obscure
 Quhair 3oulis ar hard w^t horreble stevin
 In to 70

Vbi ardentis anime
 Semper dicentes ve ve
 Sall cry Allace þat wemen thame bure
 o quante sunt iste tenebre
 In to *etc.* 75

Than quho sall wirk for world's wrak
 quhen flude and fyre sall our it frak
 and frely fruster feild and fure
 W^t tempest kene & hiddouß crak
 In to *etc.* 80

Barbare
 foulesius
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Lord sen in tyme sa sone to cum fol. 85 a
 de terra surrectourus sum
 reward me w^t non erdly cure
 Tu regni ² da Imperium
 In to this world may non assure 85

ffinis q dumbar

¹ *Sic.*

² *Originally regnum.*

Certane wyiſſ sentences drawin
furth of the buik callit Morall filosofie

Off vertew

Vertew in all workis is gritly to be prayſed
As the heid fontane and Iowall Moist precious
By vertew / ffreindschip and lue Is purchaſed
Vertew is a garment moist cumly and curious
To obtene vertew pairfoir be ſtudioſ 5
for he þat luvis vyce and dois vertew detest
may weill be compared to a brutell best

Wisdome

Wisdome Is the moist hiche and devyne estait
the rute of all nobill and lawdable thingis
The grit gift of god most sweit and dilicait 10
The tre of all plesour þat in þe hairt springis
Quhois deir and denty fruct / the tung furth bringis
And thay that to wisdome thame selvis wald apply
Moist diligently hant wyiſſ cumpany

Pacienc

patience Is a vertew baith nobill and necessarie 15
appertenyng to þe Inward and exterior govirnance
patience Is a vincquisar of approved Iniuriie
A seure rolk of defence aganis all disturbance
This vertew pairfoir to obtene / Gife diligent attend-
ance
Be twa thingis thow salt lerne it to þi confort in
distres 20
Ane vpricht conscience / And constant estemyng of
gudnes

Liberalitie

Liberalitie Is a certane mesure
 That springeth of favour freindschip and amitie
 Page 232 In geving or reseving landis or tresure fol. 85 b
 Eftir a manis substance or habilitie 25
 Bot cheifly in conforting the peur nydy
 for that is liberalitie in verry deid
 To help the peur miserable in tyme of neid

Certane sayings of wyis philosophers

Musonius

Gife that in vertew thou tak ony pane
 the pane departith Bot the vertew remane
 Bot gif thou haif plesur to do þat is ill
 The plesour decayis Bot ill tareis still

Plato

It Is the *pairte* of him þat is wyis 5
 Thingis to foirsie with diligent awyis
 Bot quhen as thingis vnluckely dois frame
 It becumis the veljeant to suffer the same

Plato

To fenzie to flatter To glose & to lie
 requyre cullo^{is} and word^{is} fair & slie 10
 Bot vtterance of trewth Is so sympill & plane
 That it needis na ¹ study to forge nor to fane

¹ no deleted, na interlined.

Solon

To stryk ane v̄pir gife þat thow pretend
Think gif he stryk the Thow¹ wald the defend

Socrates

The freind's quhome proffeit or lucre encreß 15
quhen substance failis Thair freindschip ceß
Bot freind's that ar cuplid with hairt & w^t luve
Nowþir feir nor fortoun nor force may remve

Socrates

Almes deliuerit to þe Indigent
Is lyk a medecyne gevin to þe Impotent 20
Bot to þe vnnedy a man to mak his dele
Is lyk the ministring of plaisters to þe hele

plato

that thing in a realme Is wirdy renoun
quhilk rysis vp richt and wrong dingis doun

ff

pitagoras

bettir it is for a man To be mvte 25
than w^t þe ignorant mvche to dispute
and bettir it is to leive solitary
Than to Enhant mekle cumpany

ffinis

¹ fr *deleted.*

- Page 233 Be gracious ground and gate to sapience fol. 86 a
 As sayis sanct dauid in his prophecy
 Off god is dredo^r and intelligence
 ane verrye way to lyfe eternallie
 quhilk all of nocht hes maid ws marvelouslie 5
 To his ymage and hevinlye portrato^r
 Geving ws reasoun fre will and libertie
 To regne abone all carnall creato^r
- All thing in erd to mannis nurising
 ffyre þe watter the tre the bestiall 10
 The fische in flude the foull in air fleing
 Is ordanit be þe Lord celestiall
 Syne finallie his gloir *perpetuall*
 Off quhilk þe man sall haif fruitioun
 Clerelye seand be his eyne spirituell 15
 His god / by fructuall *contemplatioun*
- Sen god maid man / and hes him gevin his grace
 Hes ordanit all to his felicitie
 Quhy suld than man blunderit in wardlynes
 Misken his god throw vaine prosperitie 20
 Blyndit be fortoun fuliche felicitie
 Men trowis þair lyfe salbe *perpetuall*
 Throw wardlye gloir to god þay haif nane E
 Bound in boundage of bailfull baliall
- Sen gracious god is ground of all guidnes 25
 Thow michtie hie excellent prince preclare
 and king of kingis lord of all but les
 and hes þe figurate to his ymage fare
 Peirles in pryce in pulchritude preclare
 Crownit þe king owir all þis realme to ring 30
 The to obey hes ordanit leß and mair
 Thow suld him loue abone all *vper* thing

In god thre thingis scripture dois declare
 Hie power sapience / and hie bonyte
 Quhilk thing to everye king ar necessare 35
 quho luiffis god / iustice and equite
 swerd of hono^r power did signifie
 The scepto^r sapience / crown hie on þi heid
 Abone all v^{per} takynnis bonyte
 In thy realme q^r thow suld iustice leid 40

The royall rob so riche of purple blew
 schawis þe ane king of iustice instrument
 quhilk amang colouris is maist hevinlye hew
 in signe thow suld be godlye in entent
 The lynning quhyte presentis þe innocent 45
 And signefeis of conscience clarite
 He þat þir wantis is insufficient
 And rycht vnworthie royall king to be

The schyre of stait betakynnis in deid
 The trune triumphall of þe trinityte 50
 Thy riall lordis richelye cled in weid
 Off hevin ministeris / dois heir signifie
 Quhilkis suld do iustice respondent to the
 And thow to god sall anser for þame all
 Becaus he is the king of hevin so hie fol. 86 b
 And in þis realme thow king is terrenall 56

Quhat is þe caus sic truble sic debait
 Sic rugrie reif ryngis in þis regioun
 The lordis in youth / to leir folye ar sett
 swa wantis vertew and eruditioun 60
 The pure than tholis grit oppressioun
 The lord for vertew takis volupte
 No difference puttis betuix reif and reasoun
 How sould ane blind man / colouris estemie

Quhat is þe caus of the abhominable state 65
 Off kirkmen and þe bitter abusioun
 The nobilles vertew hes intoxicate
 and vitious fulis puttis to promotioun
 Sum man servis ane blynd effectioun
 Benefices gevis q^r evir þai vacand be 70
 It war far best þat sculis war cryit down
 and vertew rebell exilit þe cuntre

Sen vertew is the pretious propyne
 And hevinlye gift of grite god eternall
 Licht of þe saule be purveyaunce devyne 75
 Cheif capitane in battall spirituall
 Be quhilk men differris fra brute bestiall
 Cauß vertew rewl þi ryall regioun
 Iustice triumphe in pece continuall
 Or thy realme thole desolatioun 80

Walk now in tyme and but delay adress
 Haue sum feir of infernall affliction
 Tak *pairt* of pane trespassor^{is} to repreß
 Lat nocht thy realme to *perdition*
 With vertewous vysement counsall gude reasoun 85
 Cauß profound men of science and prudence
 Iustice put charp to executioun
 Off pure ay haifand reuthfull remembrance

Know thou þe subiect to þe king of glore
 Ane subiect ay suld do *commandement* 90
 Quhilk do þow nocht thou sall respond *pairfore*
 Vpoun þe day of ferefull iust iugement
 quhair everye mannis werkis and intent
 Sall cleirlye kervit be befor his E
 ffor word for werk for deid and als consent 95
 Befoir grit god thou sall accusit be

Dreid god / be iust / beistlye blindnes assuage
 king is bot man / and man is ay mortall
 Constant faythfull bening w^tout outrage
 Brydill broukilnes glaid of guid counsell 100
 Ryn nocht but reasoun / hate wordis criminall
 Rewle thow by rycht / thy regalle maiestie
 Thy realme beis riche / and iustice triumphale
 And eterne god sall evir thy rewar be

ffinis

Be rychtuus regent and wele exerce thy cure
 Be christ committit vnto thy regiment
 Be thy defalt thow lat na vyce indure
 Page 235 Be to thy folk defence ay vigilant fol. 87 a
 Be war for tinsale to keip be diligent 5
 Be rekning rycht thow man gif compt of all
 Be vertewus and vse this document
 Be reddye ay quhen evir the iuge will call

Aganis Pryde

Be nocht gevin to warldlie vane plesance
 Be pryid blyndit thow sall repent it soir 10
 Be verrie sicker It is bot variance
 Begyland man and hes done euir moir
 Be humyll in hart gif thow will grace implore
 Be nevir o^r hie for dreid thow eftir fall
 Be reddye ay quhen evir þe iuge will call 15

Aganis invye

Be Leill to god and to thy freind be kynde
 Be perfyte lyfe / heir is no resting place

Be blyth in hart na haitrent hald in mynde
 Be clene conscience detraction fra the chace
 Be guid exemple als lang as thow hes space 20
 Be mirro^r heir / sen thow art principall
 Be cheretabill / and abill thy self to grace
 Be reddye ay quhen evir þe iuge will call

Aganis Ire

Be pacient / quhen thow art movit to Ire
 Be reasoun wirk þat wit oursett thy will 25
 Be nocht malicious nor crewell of desyre
 Be no occasioun of mannis blude to spill
 Be sufferance thy purpos thow fulfill
 Be wyifß counsall tak ay thy gouernall
 Be red for blame / w^t schame to hald þe still 30
 Be reddye ay quhen evir þe iuge will call

aganis sueirnes

Be war with deid defer nocht to þe end
 Be weill occupyit / leif no guid werk vndone
 Be nocht sleuthfull bot weill þi tyme expend
 Be ay devote to him þat sittis abone 35
 Be reddye ay to win þe hevinlye throne
 Be adam forfalt by syn originall
 Be him offendit / amend it I rede sone
 Be reddye ay quhen evir þe iuge will call

aganis auarice


Be nevir inclynit to wretchit awarice 40
 Be foull desyre / the pepill to oppresß

Be Liberall / ay abhore w^t everye vyce
 Be iust to pure / thy fame sall weill increß
 Be reuthfull ay q^r pow seis grit distres
 Be lytill proud of guid^{is} temporall 45
 Be all guid deid proceid / and no^t decreß
 Be reddye ay quhen evir þe iuge will call

Aganis Licherye

Be nocht inclynd to fleschlie foul¹ delyte
 Be sensuall lust / þi silly saule to sla
 Be temperans refrane thy appetyte 50
 Be chaste of lyfe / o^r sett thy mortall fa
 Bethink the als of dreidfull domisda
 Befoir þe ward quhair suffer schame thay sall
 Be moment syn / to win eternall wa
 Be reddye ay quhen evir þe iuge will call 55

Be mesoure ay thy daylie fude thow tak
 Be honest dyett thy croce to modefyte
 Be countenance thy custum vse to mak
 Be clene fude leif / exerce no gluttonye
 Be rewlit thus / heir is bo^t fantasye 60
 Be ferme to him / and constant as ane wall
 Be thow be deid / but pleid may magnesyte
 Thy saull in blis quhen evir he list to call

ffinis contra septem peccata
 mortalia 

¹ desyre deleted.

- Be gouerno^r baith guid and gracious
 Be leill and luifand to thy liegis all
 Be large of fredome and no thing desyrous
 Be iust to pure for ony thing may fall
 Be ferme of faith and constant as ane wall 5
 Be reddye evir to stanche evill and discord
 Be cheretabill and sickerlye thow sall
 Be bowsum ay to know thy god and lord
- Be nocht to proud of wardlie guidis heir
 Be weill be thocht þai will remane na tyde 10
 Be sicker als þat þow man die but weir
 Be war þairw^t þe tyme will no man byde
 Be vertewus and sett all vyce on syde
 Be patient lawlie and misericord
 Be rewlit so q^r evir þow go or byde 15
 Be bowsum ay to know thy god and lord
- Be weill awysit of quhome þow counsale tais
 Be sever of þame þat þai be leill and trew
 Be think þe als quhidder þai be freind^s or fais
 Be to thy saull þair sawis or þow persew 20
 Be nevir o^r haistye to wirk and syne to rew
 Be nocht þair freind / þat makis the fals record
 Be reddye evir all guid workis to renew
 Be bowsum ay to know thy god and Lord
- Be traist and conqese thy awin heretage 25
 Be ennyemes of auld now occupyit
 Be strenth and force þow sobir þai man swage
 Be law of god / þair may no man denyid
 Be nocht as Lanterⁿ in mirknes vnspyt
 Be thow in rycht þi Landis suld be restord 30
 Be wirschop so thy name beis magnefeit
 Be bowsum ay to know thy god and Lord

Be to rebellis strong as lyoun eik
 Be ferce to follow þame q^r evir thai found
 Be to thy Liege men bayth soft and meik 35
 Be þair succo^r and help þame haill and sound
 Be know thy cure and caus quhy thow was cround
 Be besye evir / that iustice be nocht smord
 Be blyith in hart þir wordis oft expound
 Be bowsum ay to know thy god and Lord 40

ffinis q henrye stewart

This hindir ny^t neir by the hour of nyne
 To bed I went As is my consuetud
 I sanyt me and sone I slepit syne
 Page 237 and as I tho^t ane lady be my ¹stud fol. 88 a
 plesand but peir of port and pulcritud 5
 W^t cristall corpis translucent as a glaß
 of alkin clething nakit and denud
 Bair vnabulzeit as scho borne waß

Hir body bair wes bricht as beriall
 and thru^t þe samyn as semit to my sicht 10
 I mycht weill ressones on the wall
 als weill as mony lampis had bene licht
 I saw scho wes so wondirfull a wicht
 I askit of hir name for cherite
 debonerly scho ansærit me þat bricht 15
 And said thay call me lady varite

Quhilk fra thir bowndis lang hes ² beneist bene
 Nor heir my^t haif no rest nor residence
 quhairthrow my freindis ar confundit clene
 off the fell ³ falsheid throw thy offence 20

¹ syd *deleted*.

² hes *deleted*, hes *interlined*.

³ fas *deleted*.

Thy self is ane þat oft in myne absence
 hes tholit pane / becaus thow tuk my pairte
 Bot I sall mak the ry^toufs recompence
 quhen fals folk sall forthink it at þair hairte

And quhen þat I *persauit* in to plane 25
 Dame verite my presens appeir
 I salust hir as lady souerane
 and hir besocht in maist hummill maneir
 This caus ¹ obscure to mak vnto me cleir
 quhen sall the kyth þe cuntre of scotland 30
 In *peax* and rest and plenty *perseueir*
 W^t sic ordour as vsis in vþir land

Then said this bird of beuty maist benigne
 Sone thow sall haif solution sufficient
 quhen thir bairnis ar baneist fra þour king 35
 fro counsale sessioun and *parliament*
 off quhome þe names schortly subsequent
 I sall declair dewly w^t diligence
 Or I *depairte* fur^t of this place present
 and thow þairto gife thy audience 40

ffirst wilfull wrang in ane widdy mon waif
 and hid hatreit be hangeit by the heid
 and þung counsale þat dois þow all dissaif
 and singular proffeit stolling of the steid 45
 dissimvlance þat dois þour lawis leid
 fflattery and falsheid þat þour fame hes fylit
 and ignorance be put to beg thair breid
 and all thair kin fur^t of the court exylit

Than tressone mon be tronit to ane tre
 and murtho^r *merkit* for his grit mischeif 50
 and the foull feid that þe call symone
 mon planely be depyvit w^tout reпреif

¹ *os deleted.*

- quhill this be done 3e sall haif no releif
 Page 238 Bot schamefull slawtir derth and indigens fol. 88 b
 and tak this for thy anser in to breif 55
 quhilk I the pray present vnto thy prence

 ffor all this sort w^t schame mon be exylit
 or than demanit As I haif deuysit
 and vpir *personis* in to pair placis stylit
 The quhilk sen flowdoun feild hes bene dispysit 60
 in this cuntre And in all vpiris prysit
 quhois names I sall caufß the for to know
 That thow may sleip *pairw^t* and be awysit
 Syne bayth the sortis to thy souerane schaw

 ffirst iustice / prudens / forß / and temperans 65
 W^t *commounweill* and auld experience
 concord / correctioun / cunnyng and constans
 Lufe / lawty / science / and / obedience
 Gud conscience / trewth / and intelligence
mercy / mesour / fay^t / houpe / and cherite 70
 Thir in his court mon mak residence
 or 3e gett plenty and prosperite

 This being said this lady lumynofs
 ffra my presens hir persoun did depairt
 and I awaikit and suddanly vproiße 75
 Syne tuk my pen and put all in report
 As 3e haif ¹hard *pairfoir* I 3ow exhort
 My souerane lord vnto this taile attend
 and 3ow to serue seik suddanly this sort
 Sen verite this counsale to 3ow send 80

 And lat thir falty folk pat scho refusit
 be flemit fra thair Infilicite
 ffor 3e w^t thame to lang hes bene abusit
 and 3our peple put to penurite

¹ hard *deleted*.

Schaip sum remeid for godis deite
 and lat no moir the weid ourga the corne
 Do ȝe no^t sa ȝe sall accusit be
 Afoir the king þat wore the croun of thorne

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ffinis

Precellend prince havand prerogatyue
 as rowy royall in this regioun to ring
 I the beseik aganis thy lust to stryue
 and loufe thy god aboif all maner of thing
 And him imploir now in thy ȝeiris ȝing
 To grant the grace thy folk to defend
 quhilk he hes gevin the in gouerning
 In pēax and honour to thy lyvis end

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And sen tho standis in so tendir aige
 That natur to the ȝit wosdome denyis
 Thairfoir submit the to thy counsale seige
 and in all wayfs wirk as thay devyifis
 Bot ovir all thing keip the fra cuvatyifis
 To princely honour gife thow wald pretend
 be liberall Than sall thy fame vpryifis
 and wyn the honour to thy lyvis end

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fol. 89 a

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It þat thow gevis deliuer quhen thow hechtis
 and suffir no^t thy hand Thy hecht delay
 ffor than thy hecht and thy deliuerance fechtis
 ffar bettir war thy hecht had biddin away
 he aw me no^t That sayis me schortly nay
 Bot he þat hechtis and cauffis me attend
 Syne gevis me no^t I may him repute ay
 Ane vntrew detto^r to my lyvis end

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Bettir is gut in feit nor cramp in handis 25
 The falt of feit w^t horſs thow may support
 Bot quhen thyn handis ar bundin in w^t bandis
 Na surrigiane may cure þame nor confort
 Bot thow thame oppin payntit as a port
 And frely gife sic gudis as god þe send 30
 Than may thay mend wⁱⁿ ane sessone schort
 and win the honour to þi lyvis end

Gif every man eftir his faculty
 and w^t discretioun thow dispone thy geir
 Gife no^t to fulis / and cumnyng men ourse 35
 Tho^t fulis roun and flatter in thyne eir
 Gife no^t to thame þat dois thy sawis sueir
 Gife to þame þat ar trew and constant kend
 Than our all quhair thay sall thy fame fur^t beir
 And win the hono^r to thy lyvis end 40

Sen thow art heid Thy leges memberis all
 gevin be god to thy governance
 Luke þat thow rewill the rute originall
 Thatt in thy falt no member mak v^{peris} grevance
 ffor quha can no^t him self gyd nor awance 45
 quhy suld ane provynce do on him depend
 To gyd him self þat hes na purveance
 W^t p^{ea}x and hono^r to thy lyvis end

Dreid god do counsale / off thy leigeis leill
 reward gud deid / Puneifis all wrang and vice 50
 The ¹ that thy saw be sicker as thy seill
 fflame frawd and be defender of Iustyce
 honour all tyme thy noble genetryce
 obey the kirk / gif thow dois mis^s amend
 Sa sall thow win ane place in paradyce 55
 And mak In erd ane honourable end

ffinis q w² stewart

¹ Sic.

² Interlined.

	Suppois I war in court most he	
	Tresting my stait wer evir sure	
	Tresting my felicite	
	mycht wex and wrang all creature	
Page 240	Tresting in my nobilite	fol. 89 b
	Tresting my will suld evir indure	6
	Syne lukis no ^t to equite	
	Bot thame defend þat dois Iniure	
	Than war my wit blind and obscure	
	To haif sa prydfull ane consate	10
	altho ^t I had the realme in cure	
	I my ^t haif truble in myne estate	
	In witnessing of lordis befoir	
	Than quhen in court thair fortoun rang	
	Thame self to landis thay wald restoir	15
	offices takkis and castellis strang	
	Ilk man obeyand thair vane gloir	
	Be stark manrent w ^t thame to gang	
	Tresting to stand for evirmoir	
	Thay dreid no ^t god for to do wrang	20
	Sum burn sum heid sum hang	
	Sum to deid put w ^t fals dissait	
	and all this 3it induris no ^t lang	
	Bot þai wer wext in thair estait	
	God grant 3our myndis to be set	25
	3e lordis þat hes þe king in steir	
	That pure and riche may iustice get	
	and quha ar vext That 3e thame heir	
	Bot and w ^t wrang 3e intromet	
	Chryst is of mycht als mekle this 3eir	30
	as he ¹ befoir pryd to ourset	
	ffor he is lord haif 3e no weir	

¹ *wes deleted.*

Thairfoir do ry^t and *perseueir*
ffor vpir hes bene als fortunate
as 3e And stud w^t kingis als neir
3it ¹ tint thair landis for falsate 35

ffinis etc.

Quhen doctouris prechit to win the joy eternal
Vnto the hevin eftir o^r lordis assense
They causit iustice but bud or fauour carnall
They causit be pvnist fleschly vyle offense
Consciens gaif banyfice to clerkis of conscience 5
and sa the feind had sic invy thairon
Gart skraip away of conscience the con
And sa behind wes levit bot science

Sciens Than wer all clerkis for science promotit
and thay þat wald to study maist apply 10
Bot 3it the feind at science wes commovit
Ens gart skraip away of science the sci
and sa levit Ens be his fals sle invy
Quhilk suld be for gold or geir exponit
quhairby benifice ar now of dayis disponit 15
But science or conscience for to sell & by

Page 241 O souerane lord and most excellant king fol. 90 a
gar put the con / and / sci / agane till ens
and rell thy realme w^t iustice in thy ring
gife benifice to clerkis of consciens 20
off wisdome and hono^r to stand at thy defens
Se in thy court þat conscience ay be clene

¹ hes *deleted*, 3it on margin.

ffor corruptioun befoir thy deysis hes bene
 Aganis Iustice w^t v^pir grit offens

ffinis

ane new 3eir gift to the quene mary
 Quhen scho come first hame
 1562

Welcum illustrat Ladye / and oure quene
 Welcum oure Lyone with þe floure delyce
 Welcum oure thrissill w^t þe Lorane grene
 Welcum oure rubent roiß vpoun þe ryce
 Welcum oure Iem and Ioyfull genetryce 5
 Welcum oure beill of albion to beir
 Welcum oure plesand princes maist of pryce
 God gif þe grace aganis þis guid new 3eir

This guid new 3eir we hoip w^t grace of god
 Salbe of peax tranquillitie and rest 10
 This 3eir sall rycht and ressonne rewle þe rod
 Quhilk sa lang seasoun hes bene soir supprest
 This 3eir ferme fay^t sall frelie be confest
 And all erronius questionis put areir
 To lauboure þat þis lyfe amang ws lest 15
 God gif þe grace aganis þis guid new 3eir

Heirfore addres the dewlie to decoir
 and rewle thy regne w^t hie magnificence
 Begin at god to gar sett furth his gloir
 And of his goppell gett experience 20
 Caus his trew kirk be had in reuerence
 So sall thy name and fame spred far and neir
 Now this thy dett to do w^t diligence
 God gif þe grace aganis þis guid new 3eir

ffound on þe first four vertewus cardinall 25
 On wisdome / iustice / force and temperans
 Applaud to prudent men / and principall
 Off virtewus lyfe / thy wirschep till avance
 Waye iustice equale w^tout discrepance
 Strenth thy estait w^t steidfastnes to steir 30
 To temper tyme w^t trew continuance
 God gife þe grace aganis þis guid new 3eir

Cast thy consate be counsale of þe sage
 and cleif to christ / hes kepit þe in cure
 Attingent now / to twentye 3eir of aige 35
 Preservand þe fra all misaventure
 Wald thou be servit / and thy cuntre sure
 Still on þe commoun weill haif E and eir
 Preið ay to be protectrix of þe pure
 So god sall gyde thy grace this gude new 3eir 40

Gar stanche all stryiff / and stabill thy estaitis
 In constance . concord . cherite . and Lufe
 Be bissie now to banisch all debatis
 Betuix kirkmen / and temporall men dois mufe fol. 90 b
 The pulling doun of policie reprufe 45
 And lat perversit prelettis leif perqueir
 To do þe best besekand god above
 To gife the grace aganis þis guid new 3eir

Att croce gar cry be oppin proclamatioun
 Vndir grit panis þat nothir he nor scho 50
 Off halye writ haif ony disputatioun
 Bot letterit men or lernit clerkis þairto
 ffor Lymmer lawdis and litle lassis lo
 Will argunn bay^t w^t bischop preist and freir
 To dantoun þis thou hes aneuch to do 55
 God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new 3eir

Bot wyte the wickit pastouris wald no^t mend
 Thair vitious leving all þe warld prescryvis
 Thai tuke na tent þair traik sould turne till end
 Thai wer sa proud in þair prerogatyvis 60
 ffor wantonnes thay wald no^t wed na wyvis
 Nor 3it leif chaste / bot chop and change þair cheir
 Now to reforme þair fylthy licherous lyvis
 God gife þe grace / aganis þis guid new 3eir

Thai brocht þair bastardis / w^t þe skrufe thai skraip
 To blande þair blude w^t barrownis be ambitioum 66
 Thai purchest pithles pardonis fra þe paip
 To caus fond folis confyde he hes fruitioun
 As god / to gif for synnis full remissioun
 And saulis to saif frome suffering sorowis seir 70
 To sett asyde sic sortis of superstitioun
 God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new 3eir

Thai lost baith benefice and pen^tioun þat mareit
 And quha eit flesch / on frydayis was fyrefangit
 It maid na miß quhat madⁱnnis þai miscareit 75
 On fasting dayis þai wer no^t brint nor hangit
 Licence for luchrie fra þair lord belangit
 To gif indulgence as þe devill did leir
 To mend þat e men3e hes samonye mangit
 God gif þe grace aganis þis guide new 3eir 80

Thai lute thy liegis / pray to stokkis and stanes
 And paintit paiparis / wattis nocht / quhat þai meine
 Thai bad þame bek and bynge at deid menⁿis banes
 Offer on kneis to kiß / syne saif þair kin
 Pilgrimes and palmaris past with þame betuene 85
 Sanct blais / sanct boit / blait bodeis ein to bleir
 Now to forbid þis grit abuse hes bene
 God gife þe grace aganis þis guid new 3eir

- Thai tyrit god with tryfillis tvme trentalis
 and daisit him w^t daylie dargeis 90
 With owklike abitis to augment þair rentalis
 Mantand mort mvmlingis / mixt w^t monye leis
 Sic sanctitude was sathanis sorcereis
 Christis sillie scheip and sobir flok to smeir
 To ceifþ all sindrye sectis of hereseis 95
 God gif þe grace aganis þis guid new 3eir
- Page 243 With mefþ nor matynes no wayis will I mell fol. 91 a
 To iuge þame iustlie passis my ingyne
 Thai gyde nocht Ill þat governis weill þame sell
 and lelalie on lawtie layis þair lyne 100
 Downtis to discus / for doctouris ar devyne
 Cunnyng in clergie to declair þame cleir
 To ordor this / The office now is thyne
 God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new 3eir
- As beis takkis walx and honye of þe floure 105
 So dois þe fay^tfull of goddis ¹ word tak frute
 As waspis ressaus of þe same bot soure
 So reprobatis christis buke dois rebute
 Wordis w^tout werkis avail3eis not a cute
 To seifþ thy ² subiectis so in lufe and feir 110
 That rycht and reasoun in thy realme may rute
 God gife þe grace aganis þis gude new 3eir
- The epistollis and evangelis now ar prechit
 But sophistrie or ceremoneis vaine
 Thy pepill / maist þairt trewlie now ar techit 115
 To put away Idolatrie prophaine
 Bot in sum hartis / is gravit new agane
 ane Image callit cuvatyce of geir
 Now to expell þat Idoll standis vp plane
 God gif þe grace / aganis þis gude new 3eir 120

¹ g deleted.² þair deleted, and thy interlined.

ffor sum ar sene at sermonis / seme sa halye
 Singand sanct dauidis psalter on *pair* bukis
 and ar bot biblistis fairsing full *pair* bellie
 Bakbytand ny^t*bo^ris* noyand *þame*¹ in nwikis
 Ruging and raifand vp kirk *rentis* lyke ruikis 125
 as werrie waspis / aganis goddis word makis weir
 Sic christianis to kis w^t chauceris kuikis
 God gife *þe* grace aganis *þis* gude new *þeir*

Dewtie and dettis ar drevin be dowbilnes
 Auld folkis ar flemit fra *zung* fay^t *professoris* 130
 The grittest ay / The grediar I gefß
 To plant quhair preistis and *personis* wer *possessoris*
 Teindis ar vptane be *testament* *transgressoris*
 Credence is past / Off *promiseis* tho^t thai sweir
 To punisch papistis / and reproche oppressouris 135
 God gif *þe* grace aganis *þis* gude new *þeir*

Pure folk ar famist / w^t *þir* fassionis new
 Thai fail for falt *þat* had befoir at fouth
 Leill labouraris *Lamentis* / and *tennentis* trew
 That *þai* ar hurt and hareit north and south 140
 The heidismen hes cor *mundum in* *þair* mouth
 Bot nevir w^t mynd to gif *þe man* his meir
 To quenche *þir* *quent* calamiteis so cowth
 God gife *þe* grace aganis *þis* gude new *þeir*

Protestandis takis *þe* freiris auld antetewme 145
 Reddie ressauris / bot to rander nocht
 So lairdis vpliftis *menis* leising our thy rewme
 And ar rycht crabit quhen *þai* crave *þame* ocht
 Page 244 Be thai vnpayit / thy pursevandis ar socht fol. 91 b
 To pund pure *communis* corne and cattell keir 150
 To wisy all *þir* *wrangus* workis ar wrocht
 God gife *þe* grace aganis *þis* gude new *þeir*

¹ *þame* deleted.

Paull biddis nocht deill w^t thingis Idolatheit
 Nor q^r hypocrasie hes bene committit
 Bot kirk mennis cursit substance semis sweit 155
¹ Till laud men w^t pat leud burd lyme ar byttit
 Giff thow *persave* sum senzeour it hes smittit
 Solist þame softlie no^t to perseveir
 Hurt no^t þair hono^r tho^t thy hienes wittit
 Bot graciouslie forgife thame þis gude zeir 160

 ffoirgifanis grant with glaidnes and gude will
 Gratis till all ² into 30^r parliament ³
 Syne stabill statutis / steidfast to stand still
 That barrone clerk and burges be content
 Thy nobillis / erlis / and Lordis consequent 165
 Treit tendir / to obtene þair hartis inteir
 That þai may serve and be obedient
 Vnto thy grace / Aganis þis gude new zeir

 Sen so thow sittis in saitt superlatywe
 Caus everye stait to þair vocatioun go 170
 Scolastik men / þe scriptouris to descrywe
 And maiestratis to vse þe swerd also
 Merchandis to trafique / and travell to and fro
 Mechanik's wirk husbandis to saw and scheir
 So salbe welth / and weilfaire w^tout wo 175
 Be grace of god aganis þis guid new zeir

 Latt all thy realme be now in reddines
 With coistlie clething to decoir thy corß
 3ung gentilmen for dansing þame adress
 With courtlie Ladyes cuplit in consorß 180
 ffrak ferce gallandis for feild gemmis enforß
 Enarmit knychtis at listis w^t scheild & speir
 To fecht in barrowis bay^t on fute and horß
 Agane thy grace gett ane guid man þis zeir

¹ Gif thow *persave* deleted.² in parliament deleted.^{2,3} In different coloured ink, but in same hand.

This 3eir salbe Imbassattis heir belyffe 185

ffor mariage frome princes dukis and kingis

This 3eir wⁱⁿ thy regioun sall aryse

Rowtis of þe rankest þat in Europ ringis

This 3eir bay^t blythnes / and abundance bringis

Naveis of schippis outthro^t þe sea to sneir 190

With riches raymentis / and all royall thingis

Agane thy grace get ane gude man þis 3eir

Giffe sawis be suth to schaw thy celsitude

quhat berne sould bruke all bretane be þe see

The prophecie expreslie dois / conclude 195

The frensch wyfe of þe brucis blude suld be

Thow art be lyne / fra him þe nynte degree

And wes king frances pairty / maik and peir

So be discence / þe same sould spring of þe

By grace of god agane þis gude new 3eir 200

Schortlie to conclud on christ cast thy confort

And chereis þame / þat thow hes vnder charge

Page 245 Suppone maist sure he sall þe send support fol. 92 a

and Len þe Lustie liberos at large

Beleif þat lord may harbary so thy bairge 205

To mak braid britane / blyth as bird on breir

And þe extoll w^t his triumphand targe

Wictoriuslie agane þis guid new 3eir

Lenvoy

Prudent . maist gent / tak tent / and prent þe wordis

Intill / this bill / with will . thame still to face 210

Quhilkis ar / no^t skar . to bar on far fra bawrdis

Bot leale / but feale / may haell / avaelle thy grace

Sen Lo . thow scho . þis to . now do . hes place

Resaif swaif and haif . ingraif it heir

This now for prow . þat þow . sweit dow may brace
Lang space . w^t grace . solace and peace þis 3eir 216

Lectori

ffresch fulgent . flurist . fragrant flour formois
Lanterfñ . to lufe . of Ladeis Lamp and lot
Cherie . maist chaist . cheif charbucle and chois
Smaill sweit smaragde / smelling but smit of smot
Noblest nato^r nurice to nurtour not 221
This dull indyte dulce dowble dasy deir
Send be thy sempill servand sanderris scott Alex^r Scot¹
Greting grit god to grant thy grace gude 3eir

ffinis

The rich ² fontane of hailfull sapience
Wyse salamone in his prowerbis previs
ane potent prince of superne excellence
off iustice homege is quhair euir he beis
In þe quhilk homoge ilk man his man's seis 5
conformyng þame vnto his gyding all
Is said in storeis of antiquiteis
The heid The membris followis grit & small

Be he of vertew and eruditioun
full of prudens and magnanimitie 10
Inclynit hail to iustice and ressoun
Ilk man will preis quha can most vertewis be
Be he effeminat gevin to volupte
quhilk is a pestilens rycht contagious
In to a prince of grit nobilite 15
his subiectis all beis wyll and vicus

¹ Another and later hand.² Originally richtouf, touf deleted.

Sen sa it is ry^t potent prince preclair
of this haill realme the weilfair is in the
Thow art so neidfull and so necessair
That it out the can no^t rewlit be 20
arme the w^t vertew proudens & ressonne all thre
Defend thy realme be reddey at all houris
To ryd to rin þat wickit menⁿ puneist be
as befoir did þi noble progenito^ris

Page 246 Luve thy god attour all erdly thing fol. 92 b
quhilk hes the maid a plesand creature 26
abuf all v^peris hes ordanit ¹ the ² to ring
in to þis realme as king of grit honour
Nothing defalkⁱs ³ thow suld haif be natour
pleið thow him no^t quhilk putis the in sait so he 30
as equall juge both to rich and pure
Befoir grit god thow sall accusid be

All morall vertew ar neidfull in to a king
ffortitud but prudens is verry tirror
Prudens but iustice is reput for no thing 35
Iustice but temperance is bot crudelite
Temperans is no^t bot liberalite
Amang all vertew Iustice is lawreat
And prince of Iustice The verry Image suld be
The quhilk but vertew is blind and obsecat 40

Ane ryell prince þat all hes vndir cure
first suld considir quhay iust is and prudent
Quha of ingyne Quha can him do plesure
Quhay of knowlege and quhay is ignorant
Quhay scharp in word and in deid negligent 45
Quha mair to geir nor till his hono^r hes E
Quha can speik fair and hes a fals intent
Quha fenzeit flecho^ris of Iniquite

¹ honorrit *deleted*, and ordanit *interlined*.

² heir *deleted*.

³ s *deleted*.

Quhen thow Ingyne / maner / and conditioun
 off euery man hes tane experiance 50
 Than of law the administratioun
 To prudent men committ in gouernance
 Quilkis ar kend and knawin of conscience
 And w^t budis will no^t corruptit be
 ffor plato sayis ane *perrelus pestilens* 55
 Ane sowkand Iuge off *vper mens* geir grede

Thow seis ane suerd in ane wod mans hand
 quhilk for the tyme wantis vsage and ressoun
 Nowdir gud nor evill spairis but demand 60
 Iust and Iniust putis to confusioun
 So is ane Iuge w^towt intellectioun
 Quhilk in his hand beiris the suerd of Iustice
 quhen he suld strek hes no cognitioun
 Bot as ane blindman wauerand on the yse

Nobillis of vertew and eruditioun 65
 ane ryell prince suld ay maist magnife
 No^t be affectuall cognitioun
 owdir be blud or consanguinite
 Bot quhome he knawis of wisdom & bonte
 ffor ane noble of blud þat hes no vertousnes 70
 drownand in vice & perniciosite
 is evin bot as a schaddow in a glaß

Thy pastyme suld oft be in commonyng
 W^t profound clerkis of science and prudens
 Page 247 ffor cunnyng termes offeris ¹ in a king fol. 93 a
 quhilk suld be polyt and of eloquence 76
 In hering wysmen Men gettis sapience
 W^tout the quhilk is no stabilite
 Thairfoir in tyme thow get intelligence
 Or ellis thy Wisdom sall in seiking be 80

¹ no^t deleted.

¹ Eftir þi meit of instrumentis muiscall
 Thow suld be fed w^t plesand armony
 quhilk is exercitioun most regall
 Lichtis the mynd plesand to heir & se
 attour all thing in musik cunnand be
 quhilk ornat homeir decoir of discepling
 ane kendill of curage off raskour Inneme
 musik callit wirthy for ony king
 85

Dreid god be iust and ferme in cherite
 Vile lust refrene constant but variance
 ffay^tfull but fictioun ffull of benignite
 plane in thy wordis vse no dissimulance
 patient / prudent / vse all magnificence
 gyd thow w^t counsale thy ryall maieste
 off warldly gudis sall thow haif haboundance
 and gratius god sall ay thy gyder be
 90

ffinis q̄ m̄r aleix^r kid

Iesu chryst þat deit on tre
 Send ws thy grace down frome the hevin
 as thow was borne of a virgin fre
 Keip ws fra deidly synnis sevin
 We ar ay wauerand od and evin
 Suddanly slane w^t speir & scheild
 we haif no man the law to nevin
 allace o^r king is no^t of eild
 5

Lord god eternall and fader most deir
 That maid þis warld & ws of no^t
 3e heir þe prayer of þe pure
 That sittis & sichis w^t sorrow socht
 10

¹ Off *deleted.*

The leill men þat for þair levingis wro^t
 ar ransonit rudly euey deill
 Tane & presonit slane & brocht 15
 for saik o^r king is no^t of eild

We haif no man to plenzē to bot 3ow
 ffor it wes thow þat coft ws deir
 Thay leif ws nowdir cow nor 3ow
 stirk nor staig horß nor meir 20
 The lordis will no^t our complaint heir
 Our barnis lysis nakit on the feild
 The commonis makis ane hiddous beir
 Becaus our *etc.*

I call þat counsall no^t worth a prene 25
 That to þair kinryk makis no correctioun
 Tho^t we ws help it is no wene
 Thay will no^t sit to heir o^r actioun
 Saifgaird nor þair grit protectioun
 To ws is nowdir help nor beild 30
 Trew men can gett no satisfactioun
 Becaus o^r king *etc.*

Page 248 Tho^t we haif regentis in this realme fol. 93^b
 ane or ma and sindre diuers
 We wait no^t quhome to we sall complene 35
 quhen thevis and reveris ws disprysis
 The leill men all in sic þerrell lysis
 That thay ar losit & chesit o^r feild
 gart thig thair meit bayth barnis & wyffis
 for saik o^r king is no^t of eild 40

This kinryk wantis bot a man
 þat held ws ay in rest & pese
 That wareit feild we may sair ban
 quhair did o^r wirthy prince decese

The lord's all ar full of cuvatyse 45
 That cauff's ws for to be keild
 Tho^t thay anuch of riches hefs
 allace o^r king *etc.*

The chancellor *and* the chalm~~er~~lane
 The regent & the protectouris 50
 The mekle deill be of þame fane
 That giffis sic licens to delato^r's
 To theif & revir to be ¹ victouris
 W^hin this realme for to ring in beild
 and leill men to be sesit as tratouris 55
 Becaus o^r *etc.*

I byd to mak no langar proceff's
 Bot herkin to þe indirend
 quha coppeis this w^t sindre vociff's
 and mak's this wret for to be kend 60
 Quha tak's bud's thame to defend
 and cauff's falsheid to be heild
 Thay sall murne quhen thay ma no^t mend
 quhen evir god send's our king to eild

ffinis

Now is o^r king in tendir aige
 chryst conserf him in his eild
 To do iustice bath to man & pege
 That garris our land ly lang onteild
 Tho^t we do dowble pay thair wege 5
 pur *commonis* presently now ar peild
 Thay ryd about in sic a rege
 be firth forrest & feild

¹ haif thair *deleted*, and be *interlined*.

W^t bow buklar and brand
 Lo quhair thay ryd in till o^r ry 10
 The diuill mot sane 3one company
 I pray fro many hairt trewly
 Thus said Iok vpalland

He þat wes wont to beir the barrowis
 betuix the baikhoufs & the brewhoufs 15

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on twenty schilling now he tarrowis
 To ryd the he gait by the plewis
 Bot wer I king bvnd haif gud fallowis
 In norroway thay suld heir of newis fol. 94 a
 I suld him tak and all his marrowis 20
 and hing þame heich vpoun 3one hewis
 and þarto plichtis my hand
 Thir lordis & barronis grit
 Vpoun ane gallowis suld I knit
 That this doun treddit hes our quhit 25
 This said Iohine vponland

Wald the lordis þe ¹ lawis ² þat leidis
 To husbandis do gud resson & skill
 To chiftanis þair chiftanis be the heidis
 and hing þame heich vpoun ane hill 30
 Than nicht husbandis lawbor þair steidis
 and preistis my^t pattir & pray thair fill
 ffor husbandis suld no^t haif sic pleidis
 bayth scheip and nolt mycht ly full still
 and stakis still mycht stand 35
 ffor sen thay red amang o^r durris
 Wt splent on spald and rousty spurris
 Thair grew no fruct in till our furris
 Thus said Iohine vp on land

¹ þat deleted, and þe interlined.

² dois deleted.

Tak a pure man a scheip or two 40
 for hungir or for falt of fude
 To fyve or sex bairnis or mo
 Thay will him hing w^t raipis rud
 Bot and he tak a flok or two
 a bow of ky and lat thame blud 45
 full falsly may he ryd or go
 I wait no^t gif thir lawis be gud
 I schrew þame first þame fand
 Iesu for thy holy passioun
 Thow grant him grace þat weiris the croun 50
 To ding thir mony kingis doun
 Thus said Iohine vponland

ffinis

Rolling in my remembrance
 of court the daylie variance
 me think he suld be callit wise
 That first maid this allegence
 Bettir hap to court nor gud seruiß 5

ffor sum man to the court pretendis
 and þat his freindis wan / he spendis
 howping in honour to vpris
 Syne wrechitly but guerdoun wendis
 Bettir hap to court nor gud seruiß 10

And sum dois to the court repair
 Wt empty purß and clethis full bair
 3it he in riches multepliß
 That he levis thowsandis to his air ¹
 Bettir hap to court nor gud seruiß 15

¹ Originally airis, is deleted.

Page 250	<p>Sum seruis weill and haldis him still Putting all in his maisteris will Bot sic vnseruit ar oft syið quhen grokaris gettis þat thay serue ill Throw hap and for no gud seruið</p>	fol. 94 b 20
	<p>Sum takis reward at þair awin handis Off king and quenis <i>proper</i> landis Bot fast for thame the gallouð cryið That our lang soliter it standis But thame þat dois sic seruið</p>	 25
	<p>Sum gettis giftis and guerdoun greit That nevir did for gud seruice suet Sum gettis buddis sum benifyið And sum dois foly conterfeit and wynnis mare nor gud seruið</p>	 30
	<p>Sum gettis at 3ule sum gettis at peß Sum tynis syið and wynnis bot eß Sum to the diuill givis the dyið That he can nevir win na grace nowdir throw hap nor gud seruið</p>	 35
	<p>Rewaird in court is delt so evin Sum gettis þat nicht sufficeið sevin and <i>vper</i> sum in langour lyið makand ane murmo^r to the hevin That they get no^t for gud seruyið</p>	 40
	<p>The ny^t the court sum gydis clene Thairin þe morne dar no^t be sene mair than the deuill in paradyið nor speik ane word w^t king nor quene Tho^t he maid nevir so gud seruyið</p>	 45

Chryst bring our king to *perfy*t ege
 With wit fra *ȝow*this fellow rege
 To help thame þat in him affyis
 And pay ilk man thair conding wege
 According to thair gud seruyis 50

ffinis

Schir *ȝit* remembir as of befoir
 how þat my *ȝow*th I done forloir
 in *ȝour* seruice w^t pane and greif
 gud consciens cryis reward þairfoir
 Exceß of tho^t dois me mischeif 5

ȝour clerkis ar seruit all about
 And I do lyk ane reid halk schout
 To cum to lure þat hes no leif
 quhair my plummys begynis to brek out
 Exceß of tho^t Dois me mischeif 10

Page 251 fforsett is ay þe falconis kynd fol. 95 a
 Bot euir the mittane is hard in mynd
 of quhome the gled dois prectikis preif
 The gentill goishalk gois vnkynd
 Exceß of tho^t dois me mischeif 15

The pyet w^t hir pretty cot
 fenȝeis to sing þe nyctingalis not
 Bot scho can nevir the corchat cleif
 ffor harsknes of hir carlich throt
 Exceß of tho^t dois me mischeif 20

Ay farest faderis hes farrest fowlis
 Suppois thay haif no sang bot ʒoulis
 in siluer caigis þai sit at cheif
 Kynd natyve nest dois clek bot owlis
 Exceß of tho^t *etc.* 25

O gentill egill how may this be
 That of all fowlis dois heest fle
 ʒour legis quhy will ʒe no^t releif
 And chereiß eftir thair degre
 Exceß 30

Quhen seruit is all vdir man
 gentill and semple of euery clan
 Kyne of rauf colʒard and Iohine the reif
 Na thing I get na conquest than
 Exceß of tho^t *etc.* 35

Tho^t I in court be maid refus
 and haif few vertewis for to rus
 ʒit am I cumin of adame & eif
 and fane wald leif as vderis dois
 Exceß *etc.* 40

Or I suld leif in sic mischance
 gife it to god war no grevance
 To be a pykthank I wald preif
 ffor thay in warld wantis no plesans
 Exceß of tho^t dois me mischeif 45

In sum *pairte* on my self I plenze
 quhen vdir folkis dois flattir and fenʒe
 Allace I can bot ballattis breif
 Sic bairneheid biddis¹ my brydill renʒe
 Exceß *etc.* 50

¹ b *deleted.*

I grant my *seruice* is bot licht
 Thairfoir of *mercy* and no^t of richt
 I ask *ʒow ser* no man to greif
 Sum *medecyne* gife þat *ʒe* nicht
 Excefs *etc.*

55

May nane remeid my melady
 Sa weill as *ʒe ser* veraly
 ffor w^t a *benifice* *ʒe* may preif
 and gif I mend no^t hestely
 Excefs

60

I wes in *ʒowth* on nureifis kne
 Page 252 Dandely bischop dandely fol. 95 b
 and quhen þat ege now dois me greif
 Ane simple vicar I can nocht be
 Excefs of tho^t dois me mischeif

65

Iok þat wes wont to keip the stirkis
 Can now draw him ane cleik of kirkis
 With ane fals cairt in to his sleif
 Worth all my ballattis vndir the birkis
 Excefs of tho^t *etc.*

70

Twa curis or thre hes vpolandis michell
 With dispensationis bund in a knitchell
 Tho^t he fra nolt had new tane leif
 He playis w^t totum and I with nichell
 Excefs *etc.*

75

How suld I leif þat is no^t landit
 Nor ʒit w^t *benifice* am I blandit
 I Say no^t *ser* *ʒow* to repreif
 Bot doutles I ga rycht neir hand it
 Excefs *etc.*

80

As saule is heir in purgatory
 Leving in pane and houp of glory
 Seand my self I haif beleif
 In howp ser of 3our adiutory
 Exceß of tho^t dois me mischeif

85

ffinis q dumbar

Lerges / Lerges / lerges ay
 Lerges of this new 3eirday

ffirst lerges the king my cheife
 quhilk come als quiet as a theif
 And in my hand sled¹ schillingis tway
 To put his lergnes to preif
 ffor lerges of this new 3eirday

5

Syne lerges of my lord chancellor
 quhen I to him ane ballat bare
 he sonzeit no^t nor said me nay
 bot gaif me quhill I wad had mair
 ffor lergenes *etc.*

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Off galloway the bischop new
 fur^t of my hand ane ballat drew
 and me deliuerit² w^t delay
 ane fair kaiknay but hyd or hew
 for *etc.*

15

Off croce the abbot 3ing
 I did to him ane ballat bring
 Bot or I past far him fray
 I gat na les nor deill a thing
 ffor *etc.*

20

¹ s]e deleted.

² hestely deleted.

- Page 253 The secretar bayth war and wyse
 hecht me ane kast of his offyse
 and for to reid my bill alsway
 he said for him þat nicht suffyse
 ffor lerges of this new 3eirday 25
- The thesaur and compttrollar
 Thay bad me cum I wait no^t quhair
 and thay suld gar I wait no^t quhay
 gif me I wat no^t quhat ffull fair
 ffor lerges *etc.* 30
- Now lerges of my lordis all
 bayth temporall stait and spirituall
 my self sall euir sing and say
 I haif thame found so liberall
 O lerges *etc.* 35
- ffowll fall this frost þat is so fell
 it hes the wyt the trewth to tell
 Baith handis and purß it bindis sway
 Thay may gife ne thing by thame sell
 ffor lerges *etc.* 40
- Now lerges of my lord bothwell
 The quhilk in fredome dois excell
 he gaif to me ane cursour gray
 Worth all this sort þat I with mell
 ffor *etc.* 45
- grit god releif *margaret* our quene
 for and scho war as scho hes bene
 scho wald be lerges of luf-ray
 Than all the laif þat I of mene
 ffor lerges of this new 3eirday 50

S^r sen of men ar diuerſ sortis
 and diuerſ pastymes and disportis
 According ar for ilk degre
 All thy trew lieges the exortis
 To know thy ryall maiestie 5

And mark in thy memoriall
 Thy predecesso^r'is parentall
 quhais fructouſſ fatis and deidis he
 makis pair fame perpetuall
 Throw potent princely ma^{tie} 10

Sen throw þe erd in lenth and breid
 Thow art þe most illustir leid
 and most preclair of progenie
 Think pairvpoun and cauſſ thy deid
 appreif thy princely m^{tie} / 15

And play no^t bot at honest playis
 as princis vsit afoir thy dayis
 halking hunting and archery
 Iusting And cheiſſ þat none gane sayis
 Vnto þi princely maiestie 20

Page 254 To play w^t dyce nor cairtis accordis fol. 96 b
 to the bot w^t thy noble lordis
 or w^t the quene thy moder fre
 To play w^t pure men disaccordis
 and maris thy ryall ma^{tie} 25

Bot gif thow think quhen tho begynnis
 To gif agane all þat thow wynnis
 To þame abowt þat serwis the
 To hald sic wyunning Schame and syn is
 And far fra princely m^{tie} / 30

Ane prudent prince eik suld be war
 And for no play the tyme diffar
 Quhen he suld god's service se
 And gif he dois weill say I dar
 he hurtis his ryall maiestie 35

To princis eik it is ane vice
 Till vse playing for cuvatyce
 To ryd or rin our rekleslie
 or slyd w^t lad's vpoun þe yce
 Accord's no^t for þair maiestie 40

Think þat thair is ane king of king's
 our heving erd and hell þat ringis
 Quhilk w^t the twynkling of ane E
 ma do and vndo all kyn thingis
 So mervellus is his maiestie 45

Se thow pray to þat samyne King
 Going to bed and vprysing
 Thy gyd and gouernour ay to be
 Quha grant the grace to ryfs and ring
 W^t micht to ryall maiestie 50

ffinis q Stewart to þe king's
 Grace



Heir endis the second *part*e of this buke

Sould I wrestle in dispair, die becausa a Womans fair
 Sall my cheik's Wax paille With cair 'cau's an vther
 rosy ar

Be she fairer þⁿ the day or the flourie Meid's in May
 If she be not so to me q^t cair I how fair she be

Sall my foolish hart be pynd caifs I see a Woman kind 5
 Or meik disposed nature joynd W^h a comelie statüre
 Be she meiker kynder pⁿ turtle dow or pelican
 If she be not so to me q^t cair I how kind she be

Sall a Woman sueit of voyce mak my foolische hart rejoyce
 Or the pleasouris of hir toung be the meinis to do me
 wrong 10
 If she had so sueit a mind aboue the race of Woman kind
 If she be not so to me q^t cair I how sueit she be. †

Heir begynnys the thrid pairt of this buik
 Contenand ballettis mirry¹ and
 Vther solatius *consaittis*² set furth be
 Diuers ancient poyettis 1568

† Sall a Womans goodness move me to perische for hir love
 Or a Womanis merit^s knawin caifs me quyt forgett my
 awin
 Be she w^h that goodness blest as may merite name of best 15
 If she be not so to me q^t cair I how guid she be.

Sall a Woman trewlie wyif^s draw amazment from myne
 eyes
 Wondring p^t from s^uche a creatoir Wisdome thus sould
 come by nature
 And comprehend the best of thingis p^t from the Well of
 Wisdome springis
 If she be not so to me q^t cair I how Wyse she be. 20

This is very modern, being a
 Song of George Withers's put
 into Scottish Idiom³

¹ ballattis *deleted*.

² o *deleted*.

³ *Pencilled note*.

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fol. 97 *b*

Hermes the philosopher

Be mirry and glaid honest and vertewous
ffor that suffisis to anger the Invyous

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fol. 98 *a*

Be mirry man and tak no^t far in mynd
The wawering of this wrechit warld of sorrow
To god he hvmill and to thy freynd be kynd
And w^t thy ny^tbouris glaidly len and borrow
His chance to ny^t it may be thyne to morrow 5
Be blyth in hairt for ony aventure
For oft w^t wysmen it hes bene said a forrow
W^tout glaidnes awailis no tressour

Mak the gud cheir of it þat god the sendis
for warldis wrak but weilfair No^t awailis 10
Na gude is thyne saif only bot thow spendis
remenant all thow brukis bot w^t bailis
Seik to solace quhen sadnes the assailis
In dolour lang thy lyfe ma no^t indure
quhairfoir of confort set vp all thy sailis 15
W^tout glaidnes availis no tresour

Follow on petie fle truble and debait
W^t famows folkis hald thy company
be charitabill and humyll in thyne estait
For warldly hono^r lestis bot a cry 20
For truble in erd tak no mallancoly
Be riche in patience gif thow in gudis be pure
quho levis mirry he levis michtely
W^tout glaidnes availis no tresour

Thow seis thir wrechis sett w^t sorrow and cair 25
To gaddir gudis in all thair lyvis space

And quhen thair baggis ar full thair selfis ar bair
 and of thair riches bot the keping hefs
 quhill vpiris cum to spend it þat hes grace
 quhilk of thy wyning no labour had nor cure 30
 Tak thow example and spend w^t mirrines
 W^tout glaidnes *etc.*

Tho^t all the werk þat evir had levand wicht
 Wer only thyne no moir thy pairt dois fall
 bot meit drynk clais and of the laif a sicht 35
 3it to þe iuge thow sall gif compt of all
 Ane raknyng rycht cumis of ane ragment small
 be Iust and Ioyws and do to non ingure

Page 258 And trew^t sall mak the strang as ony wall fol. 98 b
 W^tout glaidnefs availis no tresure 40

q dumbar

Full oft I mvfs and hes in tho^t
 How this fals warld is ay on flocht
 quhair no thing ferme is nor degest
 And quhen I haif my mynd all socht
 For to be blyth me think it best 5

This warld evir dois flicht and wary
 ffortoun sa fast hir quheill dois cary
 Na tyme bot turne can tak rest
 for quhois fals change suld none be sary
 ffor to be bly^t me thynk it best 10

Wald men considdir in mynd rycht weil
 or fortoun on him turn hir quheill
 That erdly honour may no^t lest
 His fall lefs panefull he suld feill
 ffor to *etc.* 15

Quha¹ w^t this warld dois warsill and stryfe
 and dois his dayis in dolour dryfe
 Tho^t he in lordschip be possess
 he levis bot ane wrechit lyfe
 For to be bly^t *etc.* 20

Off warldis gud and grit riches
 quhat fruct hes man but mirinefs
 Tho^t he this warld had eist and west
 all wer pouertie but glaidnefs
 for to be blyth me think it best 25

Quho suld for tynsall drowp or de
 for thyng that is bot vanitie
 Sen to þe lyfe þat evir dois lest
 Heir is bot twynklyng of ane E
 for to be bly^t me think it best 30

Had I for warldis vnkyndnefs
 In hairt tane ony havinefs
 Or fro my plesans bene opprest
 I had bene deid langsyne dowlfefs
 for to *etc.* 35

How evir this warld do change and vary
 Lat ws in hairt nevir moir be sary
 bot evir be reddy and adress
 To pass out of this frawd²full fary
 For to be bly^t me think it best 40

etc. q dunbar

¹ Originally Quhen.

² d interlined.

- Page 259 Was nevir in scotland hard nor sene fol. 99^a
 Sic dansing nor deray
 Nowthir at falkland on the grene
 Nor peblis at the play
 As wes of wowaris as I wene 5
 At chryst kirk on ane day
 Thair come our kitteis weschin clene
 In thair new kirtillis of gray full gay
 At chrystis kirk of the grene
- To dans thir damysellis thame dicht 10
 Thir laffs licht of laitis
 Thair gluvis wes of þe raffell rycht
 Thair schone wes of þe straitis
 Thair kirtillis wer of lynkome licht
 Weill prest w^t mony plaitis 15
 Thay wer so nyß quhen men thame nicht
 Thay squeilit lyk ony gaitis / so lowd
 At chrystis kirk of þe grene þ^t day
- Off all thir madynis myld as meid
 Wes nane so gympt as gillie 20
 As ony roß hir rude wes reid
 Hir lyre wes lyk the lillie
 fow þellow þellow wes hir heid
 bot scho of lufe wes sillie
 Tho^t all hir kin had sworn hir deid 25
 Scho wald haif bot sweit willie / Allone
 At chrystis kirk *etc.*
- Scho skornit Iok and skraipit at him
 and mvrionit him w^t morkkis
 he wald haif luvit scho wald no^t lat him 30
 for all his þalow loikkis
 he chereist hir scho bad ga chat him

Scho compt him no^t twa clokkis
 So shamefully his schortgoun set him
 His lymmis wes lyk twa rokhis / Scho said 35
 At chrystis kirk *etc.*

Thome lular wes thair menstrall meit
 O lord as he coud lanß
 he playit so schill and sang so sweet
 quhill towsey tuke a tranß 40
 Auld lychtfute *þair* he did¹ forleit
 And counterfutit franß
 he vse him self as man discreit
 And vp tuk moreiß danß full lowd
 At chrystis kirk *etc.* 45

Page 260 Than stevin come stoppand in w^t stendis fol. 99 b
 No rynk mycht him arreist
 Platfute he bobbit vp w^t bendis
 for mald he maid requeist
 He lap quhill he lay on his lendis 50
 Bot rysand he wes preist
 quhill þat he oistit at bath þe endis
 For hono^r of þe feist / that day *etc.*
 At *etc.*

Syne robene roy begow^t to revell 55
 And Dwny till him druggit
 Lat be q Iok and cawd him Iavell
 And be the taill him tuggit
 The kensy cleikit to þe cavell
 Bot lord than gif thay luggit 60
 Thay pairtit hir manly w^t a nevell
 god wait gif hair wes ruggit / betuix thame
 At chrystis kirk *etc.*

¹ *Interlined.*

Ane bent a bow sic sturt coud steir him
 grit skayth wesd to haif skard him 65
 He chesit a flane as did affeir him
 The toder said dirdum dardum
 Throwt baith the cheikis he tho^t to cheir him
 or throw þe erfs haif chard him
 Bot be ane akerbraid it come no^t neir him 70
 I can no^t tell quhat mard him / Thair
 At etc.

W^t that a freynd of his cryd fy
 and vp ane arrow drew
 He forgit it so fowriously 75
 The bow in flenderis flew
 Sa wes the will of god trow I
 For had the tre bene trew
 men said that kend his archery
 That he had slane anew / That day 80
 At chrystis kirk on þe grene

Ane haisty hensure callit hary
 quha wes ane archer heynd
 Titt vp a taikle w^towttin tary
 That torment so him teynd 85
 I wait no^t quhiddir his hand coud wary
 Or the man wes his freynd
 ffor he eschaipit throw nichtis of mary
 as man þat no ill meynd / bot gud
 At etc. 90

Than lowry as ane lyon lap
 And sone a flane coud fedder
 He hecht to perfs him at the pap
 Thair on to wed a weddir

He hit him on the wame a wap 95
 It buft lyk ony bledder
 bot swa his fortoun wes and hap
 his dowblet wes maid of ledder / and saift him
 At *etc.*

A 3aip 3ung man that stude him neist 100
 Lowsd of a schot w^t yre
 he ettlit the bern in at the breist
 The bolt flew our the byre
 Ane cryit fy he had slane a preist
 a myll bezond ane myre 105
 Than bow and bag fra him he keist
 and fled als ferß as fyre / of flynt
 At *etc.*

W^t forkis and flailis thay lait grit flappis
 and flang togiddir lyk friggis 110
 W^t bowgaris of barnis thay beft blew kappis
 quhill thay of bernis maid briggis
 The reird raifß rudly w^t the rappis
 quhen rungis wes layd on riggis
 Thy wyffis come furth w^t cryis and clappis 115
 Lo quhair my lyking liggis / q thay
 At chryst kirk of þe grene

Thay girnit and lait gird w^t granis
 ilk gossep vder grevit
 Sum straik w^t stingis sum gaderit stanis 120
 Sum fled and evill mischevit
 The menstrall wan w^tin twa wanis
 That day full weill he previt
 for he come hame w^t vnbirsd banis
 quhair fechtaris wer mischevit / for evir 125
 At chrystis kirk *etc.*

Heich hucheoun w^t a hissill ryß
 To red can throw thame rummill
 he mudlet thame doun ¹ lyk ony myß
 he wes no barty bummill 130
 Tho^t he wes wicht he wes no^t wyß
 W^t sic Iangleris to Iummill
 ffor fra his his ² thowme thay dang a sklyß
 quhill he cryd barla fummyll / I am slane
 At *etc.* 135

Quhen that he saw his blude so reid
 To fle nicht no man lat him
 Page 262 He wend it bene for auld done feid fol. 100 b
 The far sarar it set him
 he gart his feit defend his heid 140
 he tho^t ane cryd haif at him
 quhill he west past out of all pleid
 he suld bene swift þat gat him / throw speid
 At chryst kirk *etc.*

The toun sowtar in greif wes bowdin 145
 his wyfe hang in his waist
 his body wes w^t blud all browdin
 he granit lyk ony gaist
 hir glitterand hair þat wes full goldin
 So hard in lufe him lest 150
 That for hir saik he wes no^t 3oldin
 Sevin myll quhill he wes chest / and mair
 At *etc.*

The millar wes of manly mak
 To meit him wes na mowis 155
 Thair durst no^t ten cum him to tak
 So nowit he thair nowis

¹ *Interlined.*² *Sic.*

The buschment haill about him brak
 and bikkerit him w^t bowis
 Syne tratourly behind his bak 160
 Thay hewit him on the howiſ / behind
 At *etc.*

Twa þat wes heidmen of the heird
 ran vpoun vderis lyk rammis
 Than followit feymen ry^t on affeird 165
 bet on w^t barrow trammis
 bot quhair thair gobbis wes vngeird
 Thay gat vpoun the gammis
 quhill bludy berkit wes thair beird
 As thay had wirreit lammis / maist lyk 170
 At chrystis kirk of the grene þ^t day

The wyvis kest vp ane hiddouſ þell
 quhen all thir þunkeris þokkit
 Als ferſ as ony fyrflawcht fell
 freikis to þe feild thay flokkit 175
 Tha cairlis w^t clubbis coud vder quell
 quhill blud at breistis out bokkit
 So rudly rang the commoun bell
 quhill all þe stepill rokkit / for rerd
 At chrystis kirk *etc.* 180

Quhen thay had berit lyk baitit bulis
 and branewod brynt in bailis
 Thay wer als meik as ony mvlis
 That mangit wer w^t mailis
 ffor fantneſ tha forfochin fulis
 fell down lyk flaw^tir failis
 and freschmen come in and held þat^r dulis
 and dang thame down in dailis / be dene
 At *etc.*

Quhen all wes done dik w^t ane aix 190
 Come fur^t to fell a fiddler
 Qod he quhair ar ʒone hangit smaix
 ry^t now wald slane my bruder
 his wyfe bad him ga hame gub glaik^{is}
 and sa did meg his muder 195
 he turnd and gaif thame bay^t thair paik^{is}
 For he durst ding nane vdir / for feir
 At chryst kirk of the grene þ^t day

ffinis q king Iames the First

Quha douttis¹ dremis is bot phantasye
 My spreit was reft and had in extasye
 My heid lay laich into þis dreme but dout
 At my foirtop my fyve wittis flew out
 I murnit and I maid ane felloun mane 5
 Me thoct þe king of farye had me tane
 And band me in ane presoun fute and hand
 Withoutin reuth in ane lang raip of sand
 To perß þe presoun wall it wes no^t eith
 ffor it wes mingit and maid w^t mussill teith 10
 And in þe middis of it ane myir of flynt
 I sank þairin quhill I was neir hand tynt
 And quhen I saw thair was none vþer remeid
 I flychterit vp w^t ane feddrem of leid
 ffor þ^t I thoct me ferye of my ʒouth 15
 I tuke my lytill tae into my mouth
 And kest my self rycht w^t ane mychtie bend
 Outthruch þe volt and percit no^t þe pend
 And thus I thoct into my dullie dreme
 I brak my heid vpoun ane know of reme 20

¹ doutis bot *deleted*, and douttis *interlined*.

That I suld hurt my self I had dispyte
 And in all tene I turnit vp¹ full tyte
 Drank of ane well þat wes gane drye,sevin þeir
 Syne lap thre lowpis and I was hail and feir
 Syne efter that I had eschapit þis cace 25
 Me thocht I wes in monye diuerß place
 Page 264 Quhilk wer to lang to have in perfyte mynd fol. 101 b
 In Egipt Ireland Arragone and ynd
 In burgonye burdeaux and in bethleem
 In Iurye land and in Ierusalem 30
 In france in freisland and in cowpland fellis
 Quhair clokkis clekkis crawburdis in² cokkill schellis
 In poill pertik peblis and³ portiafe
 And þair I schippit into ane barge of drafte
 We pullit vp sailis and⁴ culd o^r ankeris wey 35
 And suddanelye out thruch þe throsin sey
 We sailit in storme but steir gyde or glaß
 To paradice þe place quhair Adame was
 Be we approachit into þat port in hye
 We ware weill ware of Enoch and Elye 40
 Sittand on þule evin in ane fresch grene schaw
 rostand straberries at ane fyre of snaw
 I thocht I wald nocht skar þame in þat place
 Quhill þai had drawin þe burd and said þe grace
 Than suddanelie I wolk out throw þe plane 45
 To see mae farleis þat I mycht tell agane
 Me thocht⁵ I happinnit on ane montane sone
 I wanderit vp and was wer of þe mone
 And had no^t bene I lowtit in þe steid
 I had strukkin ane lump out of my heid 50
 Quhen I was weill me tho^t I culd no^t leif
 Bot than I tuke þe sone beme in my neif
 And wald haif clum in bot it was in ane clipß

¹ in tyte *deleted*.² and *deleted*, and in *interlined*.³ *partiafe deleted*.⁴ *pullit deleted*.⁵ *þat deleted*.

	Schortlie I slaid and fell vpoun my hips	
	Doun in ane midow besyde ane busk of mynt	55
	I socht my self and I was sevin 3eir tynt	
	3it in ane mist I fand me on þe morne	
	I hard ane pundler blaw ane elrich horne	
	And syne besyde me in ane ¹ medow grene	
	I saw thre quhyte quhailis semelie to be sene	60
	Thair tedderis wes of grene gerfshopperis hair	
	Off mige schankis baith clene quhyte and fair	
	Thair tedderis wer maid weill grit to graip	
	W ^t silkin schakillis and sowlis of quhyte saip	
	This pundler ran fast faynand ² for to find	65
	Thir quhailis thre vpoun his gerfs to pind	
	He had ane cloik weill maid and wounder meit	
	Off ganand graith of gude gray girdill feit	
Page 265	Ane cleirly coit maid in courtly wyis	fol. 102 a
	of Emmot skynis w ^t mony sketh and plyis	70
	Ane pair of hois maid of ane auld myll hopper	
	Ane pair of courtly schone of gude reid copper	
	Ane heklit hud maid of the wyld wode sege	
	Trest weill this pundlar tho ^t him no manis pege	
	he bure ane club maid mony ane carle coy	75
	maid of ane auld burd of the ark of noy	
	he draif thir thre quhailis vnto ane lie	
	Ane him swelleit and bair him to the sie	
	And thair he leuit on lempettis in hir wame	
	quhill harvist tyme þat hirdis draif thame hame	80
	be this wes done the toder twa returnit	
	To suallow me / grit dule I maid and murnit	
	me tho ^t I fled and thro ^t a park cowd pass	
	and walknit syne quhair trow 3e þat I wass	
	Doun in ane henslaik and gat ane fellow fall	85
	and lay betuix ane picher and the wall	
	As wyffis <i>commandis</i> this dreame I will conclude	

¹ fair *deleted*.² þame *deleted*.

god and the rude mot turn it all to gud
 gar fill the cop for thir auld carlingis clames
 That gentill aill is oft the cauß of dremes 90

Explit q lichtoun monicus

The dregy of dunbar
 maid to king Iames
 þe fyift being in
 striuilling

We that ar heir in hevins glory
 To 3ow þat ar in purgatory
 Commendis ws on our hairtly wyiße
 I mene we folk in parradyiße
 In edinbur^t w^t all mirrineße 5
 To 3ow of striuilling in distreße
 quhair nowdir plesance nor delyt is
 for pety thus ane Apostill wrytis
 O 3e heremeitis and hankersaidilis
 That takis 3our pennance at 3our tablis 10
 and eitis no^t meit restoratiue
 Nor drynkis no wyn comfortatiue
 bot aill and that is thyn and small
 W^t few coursis into 3our hall
 but cumpany of lordis and knychtis 15
 or ony vder gudly wichtis
 solitar walkand 3our allone
 Seing no thing bot stok and stone
 out of 3o^r panefull purgatory
 To bring 3ow to the bliße of glory 20
 Off edinburgh the mirry toun
 We sall begyn ane cairfull soun
 Ane dergy devoit and meik

The lord of blifß doing beseik
 3ow to delyuer out of 3o^r nowy 25
 and bring 3ow sone to edinburgh joy
 For to be mirry amang ws
 And sa the dergy begynis thusß

Lectio Prima

The fader the sone and haly gaist
 The mirthfull mary virgene chaist 30
 Of angellis all the ordouris nyne
 And all the hevinly court devyne
 Sone bring 3ow fra the pyne and wo
 of striuilling every court manis fo
 agane to edinburghis joy and blifß 35
 quhair wirschep welth and weifar Is
 pley plesance / and eik honesty
 Say 3e amen for cheritie

Responsio tu autem *domine*

Tak consolatioun in 3our pane
 In tribulatioun tak consolatioun 40
 Out of vexatioun cum hame agane
 Tak consolatioun in 3our pane

Iube *Domine* benedicite

Oute of distresß of strivilling toun
 to edinbur^t blifß god mak 3ow boun

Lectio secunda

Patriarchis profeitas and appostill^s deir 45
 Confessouris / virgynis and marteris cleir

And all the saitt Celestiall
 Devotely we vpoun thame call
 That sone out of 3our panis fell
 3e may in hevin heir w^t ws dwell 50
 To eit swan / cran / pertrik and plever
 And every fische þat swymis in rever
 To drynk w^t ws the new fresche wyne
 That grew upoun the rever of ryne
 ffresche fragrant clirettis out of france 55
 of angerß and of orliance
 W^t mony ane courß of grit dyntie
 Say 3e amen for cheritie

Responsorium tu autem domine

Page 267	God and sanct Ieill heir 3ow convoy baith sone and weill / god and sanct Ieill To sonce and seill / solace and Ioy god and sanct geill heir 3ow convoy out of ¹ striuilling panis fell In edinbur ^t joy sone mot 3e dwell	fol. 103 a 60
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Lectio tertia

We pray to all þe sanctis of hevin that ar aboif the sterris sevin 3ow to deliuer out of 3our pennance þat 3e may sone play sing and dance heir in to edinbur ^t and mak gud cheir quhair welth and weilfair Is but weir And I þat dois 3our panis discryve thinkis for to vissy 3ow belyve No ^t in desert w ^t 3ow to dwell bot as the angell sanct gabriell	65 70
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¹ edinburghs p *deleted*.

Dois go betwene fra hevinis glory	75
to thame þat ar in purgatory	
and in thair tribulatioun	
To gif thame consolatioun	
and schaw thame quhen thair panis ar past	
they sall till hevin cum at last	80
And how nane servis to haif sweitneß	
That nevir taistit bittirneß	
And þairfoir how suld 3e considdir	
of edinbur ^t blifß quhen 3e cum hiddir	
bot gif 3e taistit had befoir	85
of striuilling toun þe panis soir	
And thairfoir tak in patience	
3our pennance and 3our abstinence	
And 3e sall cum or 3ule begyn	
Into þe blifß þat we ar in	90
quhilk grant the glorius trinitie	
Say 3e amen for cheritie	

Responsorium

Cum hame and dwell / no moir in striuilling	
Frome hiddouß hell / cum hame and dwell	
quhair fische to sell / is non bot spirling	95
Cum hame and dwell no moir in striuilling	

Et ne nos inducas in temptationem de striuilling	
Page 268 Sed libera nos a malo illius	fol. 103 b
Requiam edinburgi dona eijs domine	
Et lux ipsius luceat eijs	100
A porta tristicie de striuilling	
Orna domine animas eorum	
Credo gustare statim vinum edinburgi	
In villa viuientium	
Requiescant edinburgi amen	105

Deus qui iustos et corde humiles
 Ex *omni* eorum tribulatione liberare dignatus es
 Libera famulos tuos apud villam de stirling versantes
 A penis et tristitijs eiusdem
 Et ad edinburgi gaudia eos perducas 110
 Vt requiescat striuilling amen

Heir endis *dumbaris* dergy to the king
 bydand to lang in stirling

In secreit place this hindir nycht
 I hard ane bern say till a bricht
 My hunny my houp my hairt my heill
 I haif bene lang 3our lufar leill
 And can of 3ow gett confort nane 5
 How lang will 3e w^t denger deill
 3e brek my hart my bony ane

His bony berd wes kemd and croppit
 bot all w^t kail it wes bedroppit
 And he wes to mich fulich and gukkit 10
 He clappit fast he kist he chukkit
 As w^t the glaikkis he wer ourgane
 3it be his feiris he wald haif fukkit
 3e brek my hairt my bony ane

God he my hairt sweit as the hunny 15
 Sen þat I born wes of my mynny
 I wowit nevir ane vder bot 3ow
 My wame is of 3our lufe so fow
 That as ane gaist I glour and grane
 I trymill sa 3e will not trow 20
 3e brek my hairt my bony ane

- To hie q scho And gaif ane gawf
 Be still my cowffyne and my cawf
 My new spaind howphyn fra the sowk
 Page 269 And all þe blythnes of my bowk fol. 104 a
 My sweit swanky saif þow allane 26
 Na leid I luvit all this owk
 fow leis me that graceles gane
- Qo^t he my claver my curledoddy
 My hony soppis my sweit possoddy 30
 Be no^t our bustious to 3o^r billie
 Be warme hartit and no^t illwillie
 þour halß quhyt As quhalis bane
 garß ryß on loft my quhillylillie
 þe brek my hairt my bony ane 35
- Qo^t scho my clip my vnspaynd jyane
 W^t mvderis milk jit in þour michane
 My belly huddroun my sweit hurle bawsy
 My honygukkiß my slasy gawsy
 þour mvsing wald perß ane hairt of stane 40
 Sa tak gud confort my gritheidit gawsy
 fow leis me that gracles gane
- Qo^t he my kid my capircalþeane
 My bony bab w^t þe ruch brilþeane
 My tendir girdill my wally gowdy 45
 My tiryly mirly My towdy mowdy
 quhen þat our mowthis dois meit at ane
 My stang dois torkin w^t 3o^r towdy
 þe brek *etc.*
- Qo^t scho Tak me by the hand 50
 Wylcum my golk of maryland
 My chirry and my maikles mynþeoun
 My sucker sweit as ony vnþeoun

My strummill stirk 3it new to spane
 I am Applyid to 3our opin3oun 55
 fflow ¹ etc.

He gaif till hir ane appill ruby
 gramercy q scho my sweit cowhuby
 Syne tha twa till ane play began
 quhilk that thay call þe dirrydan 60
 Quhill bayth thair bewis did meit in ane
 fflow wo q scho quhair will 3e man
 full leis me that graceles gane

ffinis etc. q Clerk ²

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fol. 104 b

Heir followis the cursing of S^t Iohine rowlis
 Vpoun the steilaris of his fowlis

Devyne power of michtis maist
 Of fadir sone and haly ghaist
 Iesu chryst and his appostillis
 Petir paule and his discipillis
 And all þe power vndir god 5
 And now of rome þat beiris the rod
 Vndir þe hevin to lowse & bind
 Paip alexander þat we do fynd
 W^t þat power that petir gaif
 Godis braid malesone mot thay haif 10
 And all þe blude About þair hairt
 Blak be þair hour blak be þair pairt
 For fyve fat gei3 of ser Iohine rowlis
 W^t Caponis henis and vþir fowlis
 Baith þe halderis and conceilaris 15
 Ressettaris and the preve steilaris
 And he þat saulis saifis and dammis

¹ bre deleted.

² In different hand.

	Beceith the devill thair guttis and <i>gammis</i>	
	Thair toung thair teith thair handis thair feith	
	And all thair body haill compleit	20
	That brak his zaird and stall his frutt	
	And raif his erbis vp be þe rute	
	his quheit his aitis his peiſs his beir	
	In stowk or stak to do him deir	
	In barne in houſs in kill or mill	25
	Except it had bene his awin will	
	his wow his lamb his cheis his stirk	
	Or ony teyndis of haly kirk	
	And all þat lattis vnkend or knawin	
	The vicar to dispone his awin	30
	Kirland hay or gerſs to awaill	
	Be thair support Bed or counsall	
	Now cursit and wareit be þair werd	
	Quhill thay be levand on this Erd	
	Hungir sturt and tribulatioun	35
	And nevir to be w ^t out vexatioun	
	of vengance sorrow sturt and ¹ Cair	
	graceleſs Thriftles and threid bair	
	All tymes in þair legasie	
	Fyre sword watter and woddie	40
	Or ane of thir Infirmeteis	
Page 271	Off warldly scherp Aduerseteis	fol. 105 a
	Pouertie Pestilence or poplecy	
	Dum deif or Edroposy	
	Maigram madneſs or missilry	45
	Appostrum or þe <i>perlocy</i>	
	ffluxis hyvis or huttit ill	
	hoist heidwark or fawin ill	
	Kald kanker feistir or feveris	
	Brukis bylis blobbis and bleistiris	50
	Emeroidese or the sair halſs	

¹ *stryf deletad.*

The pokkis the spaving in þe halfs	
The panefull gravell and the gutt	
The gulsoch that thay nevir be but	
seattica and Arrattica	55
The cruke The cramp the Colica	
The worme The wareit wedony η pha	
Rumbursin Rippilis or bellythra	
The choikis that haldis the chaftis fra chowing	
Golkgaliter at þe hairt growing	60
The stane wring Stane and stane blind	
The bernebed and morbehind	
The strangelo r and grit glengoir	
The harchatt in þe lippis befoir	
The mowlis and <i>þair</i> sleip the mair	65
The kanker and the kattair	
¹ Mott fall vpoun þair kankart corfs	
W t all þe evill þat evir had horfs	
fische fowll beist or man	
In erd sen first þe warld began	70
Till thay remember or thay de	
Repentand þair Iniquitie	
And draw þair Inclinatioun	
fra stowth to contemplatioun	
fra feyndis fell subiection	75
To haly kirkis correctioun	
Sua thay mak plane confessioun	
Thair gud will and contritioun	
² Confessand þame to þair curatt	
That in þair hairtis is evill indurat	80
Na vþir preist hes power nor freir	
And thay that daly will <i>þerseveir</i>	
Nocht dreidand god in work nor word	
Nor 3it of haly kirk the suord	
bot in þair cursit and sinfull wayis	85

¹ W t all þe ev *deleted.*² Salbe *deleted.*

	Levand and dryvand our thair dayis	
	Nor ask god <i>mercy</i> nor repent	
	Than this salbe þair sacrament	
Page 272	Fra god our lady and all thair hallowis	fol. 105 b
	To þe feynd þair saulis Thair craig the gallowis	90
	I gif And cerberus thair banis sall know	
	for þair dispyt of þe kirk's law	
	Gog and magog and grym garog	
	The devill of hell the theif harog	
	Sym skynnar and St garnega	95
	Iulius appostata	
	Prince pluto and quene cokatrice	
	Devetinus þe devill þat maidd þe dyce	
	Cokadame and semiamis	
	fyremouth and tutivillus	100
	And browny als þat can play kow	
	Behind þe claith w ^t mony mow	
	All thir about the beir salbe	
	Singand ane dolorus dergie	
	And vþiris devillis thair salbe sene	105
	Als thik as mot in sonis beme	
	Thair sall thay kary in þair clukis	
	Sum libberlais And sum hell cruikis	
	Sum w ^t <i>kamis</i> and sum w ^t <i>kardis</i>	
	Sum w ^t quhippis of leddroun tardis	110
	Sum w ^t clubbis and mellis of leid	
	Sum w ^t brandrathis birnand reid	
	Sum w ^t <i>rumpillis</i> lyk a skait	
	And geiþ and Caponis rostit hait	
	That salbe laschit on þair lippis	115
	Cum thay w ^t in þe devillis grippis	
	W ^t skulþeoun clowttis and dressing knyvis	
	platt for plat on þair gyngyvis	
	Sayis richt thus of rowlis geiþ	
	Thame chaftis þame chowit every peiþ	120

ffor thow art he and thow art scho
 That rowlis blak robene put in bro
 And thow art scho that stall þe hen
 And put hir in þe pot þair ben
 Lo this is he þat w^t his hairt 125
 Wald nevir gif þe vicar his pairt
 Bot ay abowt for to dissaif
 The haly kirk þat it sould haif
 Than ruffy tasker w^t his flail
 Sall beit þame all fra top to tail 130
 And ruffy ragmen w^t his taggis
 Sall ryfe þair sinfull saule in raggis
 And quhen þe devillis hes þame tirvit
 All þair saulis salbe transformit
 Sum in bichis and sum in beiris 135
 Sum in mvlis and sum in meiris
 Aganis the scalo^r þat thay wer in
 For vengence of þair deidly sin
 To ryd and tak possessioun
 Throw all hell vp and down 140
 And w^t grit din and deray
 Page 273 Compeir sall sathan but delay fol. 106 a
 Sayand richt thus w^t sentence he
 Vpoun þe day þat thow sall de
 I devill of deillis I 3ow condame 145
 for geis for 3owis for woll for lame
 Thairfoir hy 3ow to þe pott of hell
 W^t sathan our abirone to dwell
 As feyndis spreitis *perpetualy*
 for to remane in mesary 150
 Deip acheron 3our saulis invaid
 als blak as ruch as ony taid
 swaykis serpentis and edderis
 mott stuff 3o^r bellyis & 3o^r bledderis
 In hellis hoill q^r nevir is licht 155

Nor nevir is day bot evir nicht
 q^r nevir is joy evin & morrow
 Bot endles pane dule & sorrow
 q^r nevir is petie nor *concord*
 Nor amitie bot discord 160
 Malice *rancour* & invy
 W^t magry & malancoly
 Than fra þe sentence be on þame said
 grit baliall sall gif a braid
 And bakwart leip vpoun a beir 165
 Sum on ane mvle Sum on a meir
 Sum on wolffis and sum on wichis
 Sum on brodsowis sum on bichis
 Than is þair no^t bot sadill & brydill
 Thir outtit meiris hes lang gane ydill 170
 Bot sic ane clawing w^t þair clukis
 And sic ane reirding w^t þair rukis
rampand w^t ane hiddowis beir
 Cryand all is o^ris þat is heir
 The memberis of tha wickit men 175
 That staw þe ¹ guse þe ¹ cok the hen
 Thay salbe revin ² be þe throttis
 for cutting of tha fowlis croppis
 Syne led in towis and in laing tedderis
 And daly Etin w^t taidis & edderis 180
 That all þe court of evin may knaw
 thay war þe thevis þat rowlis geifß staw
 ffor quhy grit god o^r hiest Iuge
 he gaif decretit but refuge
 That all pykaris of pultre 185
 Gais no^t to hevin bot thay sall fle
 to hell w^tout redemptioun
 q^r is no remissioun
 The forme of thir vgly devillis

¹ *On margin.*² *cuttit deleted, and revin interlined.*

	Thay hafe lang tailis on þair heilis	190
	and rum ^p illis hingand on þair ¹ tailis	
	Dragoun heidis & warwolf ² nalis	
	W ^t glowrane evne as glitterand glaß	
	W ^t bowgillis & hornis maid of braß	
	And dyverß facis repleit w ^t yre	195
	spowand <i>vemmin</i> & sparkis of fyre	
Page 274	And sum w ^t teith and tegir tungis	fol. 106 b
	attour þair chin w ^t bludy dungis	
	Spottit and sprinklit vp & doun	
	Reid attry lyk a scorpioun	200
	And sum ar smeith & sum ar ruch	
	And sum ar lyk ane serpentis sluch	
	W ^t prik mule eiris sum ar lyk	
	Thair eiris neiß ar lyk ane midding tyk	
	W ^t gaipand mowth richt 3aip to swelly	205
	The mair þe leß devill in his belly	
	Of þair fowle fego ^r is na man can tell	
	Tho ^t thay wer sevin 3eiris in hell	
	To leir to paynt portour or blasoun	
	Thair forme & thay ^r feyndly fassoun	210
	Thair vgsum horribiliteis	
	Nor 3it Na þ ^t schaipis w ^t scheiris	
	Tho ^t infineit he be of 3eiris	
	Maist principaly to schaip þair graith	
	In hell for steiling heir of claith	215
	Can conterfit nor mak it meit	
	Ane gabart for a deill compleit	
	And 3it in hell ar mony ane	
	That said þai war als trew as stane gif þair be ony	
	in þis houß	
	That beiris þe nedill gorrit the lowß	220
	I þame beseik thay be no ^t wraith	
	Suppois they clyit haif <i>pairte</i> of claith	

¹ nalis *deleted.*² tailis *deleted.*

Bot seik þe cauß and leif þe deid
 & blame þe scheiris þat raif þe skreid
 And quha þat steillis & on stowth levis 225
 Cursit mot thay be amang thir thevis
 Now to ¹ þe effect ² ga will I
 And speik of feyndis phantesy
 In court no^t w^t þe quene of fary
 But heltaris heidtailis sonk^{is} or sadill^{is} 230
 But butis or spurris cruk^{is} cruk^{is} ³ or ladill^{is}
 W^t full berd^{is} blasand in þe wind
 And hett speitis in þair taill behind
 Than inflar tasy w^t his Iaggis
 And belly bassy w^t his baggis 235
 At hellis zett^{is} sall mak sic reirding
 On thir steilaris of geiß sall ding
 That it beis hard in middilerd
 Tha grit flappis w^t sic faird
 Thunder blastis & fyre sall blaw 240
 That na devill may ane vþir know
 ffor reik stynk & bryntstane birnand
 Devillis zelpand gaipand and girnand
 Than sall bla baliall gif ane brattill
 Page 275 And all the thevis in hell sall startill ⁴ fol. 107 a
 Lyk to ane gaid of yrne ⁵ or steill 246
 That doun war sinkand in ane weell
 Sa sall thay ga to endles pane
 And nevir to cum hame agane
 Now Iesu for thy passioun 250
 That deit for o^r redemptioun
 Of mankynd haif mercy sone
 Latt nevir this sentence fall þame vpone
 Bot grant þame grace ay till forbeir
 Ressett or stowth of vþir menis geir 255

¹ *Interlined.*² *po deleted.*³ *Sic.*⁴ *Originally stattill, with r written over t.*⁵ *Above yrne yron is written in lighter hand.*

And als agane þe geir restoir
 Till rowle as I hafe said befoir
 And to repent thay may in tyme
 Pray we to god thus endis þe ryme
 This tragedy Is callit but dreid 260
 Rowlis cursing quha will it reid

ffinis q Rowll

Quhy sowld no^t allane honorit be

Quhen he wes ʒung and cled in grene
 Haifand his air abowt his Ene
 Baith men and wemen did him mene
 quhen he grew on ʒon hillis he
 quhy sowld no^t allane honorit be 5

His fostir faider fure of þe toun
 To vissy Allane he maid him boun
 he saw him lyane allace in swoun
 For falt of help and lyk to de
 Quhy sowld no^t allane honorit be 10

Thay saw his heid begin to ryfe ¹
 Syne for ane nvreiß thay send belyfe
 quha brocht w^t hir fyfty and fyve
 Of men of war full prevely
 Quhy sowld no^t allane honorit be 15

Thay ruschit fur^t lyk hellis rukis
 And every ane of þame had hukis
 Thay caw^t him schortly in þe clukis

Page 276 Syne band him in ane creddill of tre fol. 107 b
 Quhy sowld no^t allane honorit be 20

¹ Originally ryf.

Thay brot him invart in þe land
 Syne every freynd maid him his band
 quhill thay nicht owdir gang or stand
 nevir ane fute fra him to fle
 Quhy *etc.* 25

The grittest cowart in this land
 ffra he w^t allane entir in band
 Tho^t he may nowdir gang nor stand
 3it fowrty sall no^t gar him fle
 Quhy sowld no^t allane honorit be 30

S^r allanis hewmond is ane cop
 W^t ane sege feddir in his top
 ffra hand till hand so dois he hop
 Quhill sum may nowdir speik nor se
 Quhy sold no^t allane honorit be 35

In 3ule quhen ilk man singis his carrell
 gud allane lyis in to ane barrell
 quhen he is thair he dowtis no parrell
 To cum on him be land or se
 Quhy *etc.* 40

3it wes þair nevir sa gay a gallane
 Fra he meit w^t our maistir s^r allane
 Bot gif he hald him by þe hallane
 bak wart on þe flure fallis he
 Quhy *etc.* 45

My maistir allane grew so stark
 quhill he maid mony cunning clerk
 Vpoun þair faif he settis his mark
 A blud reid noiþ besyd þair E
 Quhy *etc.* 50

My maistir allane I may sair curfs
 He levis no mony in my purfs
 At his command I mon deburfs
 moir nor þe twa *pairt* of my fe
 Quhy *etc.*

55

And last of allane to conclude
 he is bening courtafs and gude
 And servis ws of our daly fyvde
 And p^t w^t liberalitie
 Q *etc.*

60

ffinis q allane matsonis suddartis

folio 108 is missing

- Page 277 I þat ¹ in heill wes ² & ³ glaidnefs
 am trublit now w^t grit seiknefs
 and feblit w^t infirmitie
 Tymor mortis conturbat me
 fol. 109a
- Our plesans heir is all vane glory
 This fals world is bot transitory
 The flesche is brukle The feyind is sle
 Tymor mortis conturbat me
 5
- The stait of man dois chainge and vary
 Now sound now seik now blyth now sary
 Now dansand mirry now lyk to die
 Tymor mortis conturbat me
 10

¹ is deleted.

² ws deleted, and wes interlined.

³ Altered from w^t.

No stait in erd heir standis sicker
 As w^t þe wind wavis the wicker
 So wannis þis warld's vanitie
 Tymor *etc.* 15

Vnto þe deth gois all estaitis
 princis prelattis and potestaitis
 bayth riche and pure of all degre
 Tymor mortis *etc.* 20

He taikis þe knychtis in to þe feild
 Enarmit vndir helme and scheid
 Victor he is at all mellie
 Tymor *etc.*

That strang vnvynsable tirrand
 Takis on the muderis breist sowkand
 The bab full of benignitie
 Tymor *etc.* 25

He taikis the campioun in the stour
 The captane closit in þe tour
 The lady in bour full of bewtie
 Tymor *etc.* 30

He spairis no lord for his piscens
 Nor clerk for his intelligens
 his awfull straik may no man fle
 Tymor *etc.* 35

Art magicianis and astrologis
 rethoris logicianis and theologis
 Thame helps no conclusionis sle
 Tymor *etc.* 40

In madecyne the most practitianis
 Leichis surrigianis and phesicianis
 Thame self fra deth ma no^t supple
 Tymor *etc.*

I se the makkaris amangis the laif 45
 playis heir thair padzanis syne gois to graif
 Page 278 Sparit is no^t thair facultie fol. 109 b
 Tymor *etc.*

He hes done petouslie devoir
 The noble chawser of makaris flour 50
 The munk of berry and gowyir all thre
 Tymor mortis conturbat me

The gud ser hew of eglingtoun
 Ettrik heriot and wintoun
 he hes tane out of this cuntre 55
 Tymor *etc.*

That skorpioun fell / hes done infek
 Maister Iohine clerk and Iames afflek
 Fra ballat makking and tragedy
 Tymor *etc.* 60

Holland and barbo^r he hes berevit
 allace that he no^t w^t ws levit
 Sr mungo lokkart of þe lie
 Tymor *etc.*

Clerk of tranent eik he hes tane 65
 that maid the awnteris of ser gawane
 Sr gilbert gray Endit hes hie
 Tymor *etc.*

He hes blind hary and sandy traill
 Slane w^t his schot of mortall haill 70
 quhilk patrik Iohinstoun mycht no^t fle
 Tymor *etc.*

he hes reft mersar his indyte
 That did in luvē so lyfly wryte
 So schort so quick of sentens hie 75
 Tymor *etc.*

he hes tane rowll of abirdene
 and gentill rowll of corstorphyne
 Two bettir fallowis did no man sie
 Tymor mortis *etc.* 80

¹ In dumfarmeling he hes taie ² broun
 W^t gud $\overline{\text{mr}}$ robert henrysoun
 S^r Iohine the roß Imbraist hes hie
 Tymor *etc.*

And he hes now tane last of aw 85
 gud gentill stobo and quintene schaw
 of quhome all wichtis hes pitie
 Tymor *etc.*

And $\overline{\text{mr}}$ walter kennedy
 In poyntt of deth lyis verely 90
 grit rew^t it wer pat so suld be
 Tymor *etc.*

Sen he hes all my breper tane
 he will no^t lat me leif allane
 Page 279 On forß I mon his nixt pray be fol. 110 a
 Tymor mortis conturbat me 96

¹ and *deleted.*

² *Sic.* taie [probably for tane] broun is in different ink and may have been added later. It might also be read as laid broun.

Sen for the deth remeid is non
 best is þat we for deth dispone
 Eftir our deth that leif may we
 Tymor mortis conturbat me 100

q dumber

Off februar the fyiftene nycht
 Full lang befoir the dayis lycht
 I lay in till a trance
 and than I saw baith hevin and hell The dance
 me tho^t amangis the feyndis fell 5
 Mahoun gart cry ane dance
 Off schrewis þat wer nevir schrevin
 Aganiß the feist of fasternis evin
 To mak thair observance
 He bad gallandis ga graith a gyiß 10
 and kast vp gamountis in the skyiß
 That last came out of france

Lat se q he now quha begynnis
 W^t that the fowll sevin deidly synnis
 begowth to leip at anis 15
 Pryd And first of all in dance wes pryde
 W^t bair wyld bak and bonet on syd
 Lyk to mak vaistie wanis
 And round abowt him as a quheill
 hang all in rumpillis to the heill 20
 his kethat for the nanis
 Mony proude trumpour w^t him trippit
 Throw skaldand fyre ay as thay skippit
 Thay gyrnd w^t hiddouß granis
 Heilie harlottis on hawtane wyiß 25
 Come in w^t mony sindrie gyiß

- bot ȝit luche nevir mahoun
 quhill preistis come in w^t bair schevin nekkis
 Than all the feyndis lewche and maid gekkis
 Blak belly and bawsy brown 30
- yre Than yre come in w^t sturt and stryfe
 his hand wes ay vpoun his knyfe
 he brandeist lyk a beir
 Bostaris braggaris and barganeris
 eftir him passit¹ in to² pairis 35
 all bodin in feir of weir
 In Iakkis and scryppis and bonettis of steill
 Thair leggis wer chenȝeit to ȝe heill
 Page 280 ffrawart wes thair affeir fol. 110 b
 Sum vpoun vdir w^t brandis beft 40
 Sum Iaggit vȝiris to ȝe heft
 W^t knyvis ȝat scherp cowd scheir
- Invy Nixt in the dance followit Invy
 fild full of feid and fellony
 hid malyce and dispyte 45
 ffor pryvie hatrent that tratour trymlit
 him followit mony freik dissymlit
 W^t fenȝeit wirdis quhyte
 And flattereris in to menis facis
 and bakbyttaris of sindry racis 50
 To ley that had delyte
 and rownaris of fals lesingis
 allace that courtis of noble kingis
 of thame can nevir be quyte
- Auaryce Nixt him in dans come cuvatyce 55
 rute of all evill and grund of vyce
 That nevir cowd be content
 Catyvis wrechis and ockeraris

¹ all deleted.² interlinea.

- hud pykis hurdaris and gadderaris
 all with that warlo went 60
 Out of thair throttis thay schot on vdder
 hett moltin gold me tho^t a fudder
 as fyreflawcht maist fervent
 Ay as thay tomit thame of schot
 ffeyndis fild thame new vp to the thrott 65
 W^t gold of allkin prent
- Sueirnes Syne sweirnes at the secound bidding
 Come lyk a sow out of a midding
 Full slepy wes his grunzie
 Mony sweir bumbard belly huddroun 70
 Mony slute daw and slepy duddroun
 him serwit ay w^t sounzie
 he drew thame furth in till a chenzie
 and belliall w^t a brydill renzie
 evir lascht thame on the lunzie 75
 In dance thay war so slaw of feit
 Thay gaif thame in the fyre a heit
 And maid thame quicker of counzie
- Lichery Than lichery that lathly corfs
 berand lyk a bagit horfs 80
 And ydilneß did him leid
 Thair wes w^t him ane vgly sort
 And mony stynkand fowll tramort
 That had in syn bene deid
- Page 281 Quhen thay wer entrit in the dance fol. 111 a
 Thay wer full strenge of countenance 86
 lyk turkaß birnand reid
 all led thay vþir by the tersis
 suppoiß thay fycket w^t thair Ersis
 It miycht be na remeid 90

Gluttony Than the fowll monstir glutteny
 Off wame vnsasiable and gredy
 To dance he did him drefß
 him followit mony fowll drunckart ¹
 W^t can and collep cop and quart 95
 In surffet and exceß
 ffull mony a waistleß wallydrag
 W^t wamiß vnweildable did furth wag
 In ² creische þat did increß
 Drynk ay thay cryit w^t mony a gaip 100
 The feynd^s gaif thame hait leid to laip
 Thair lovery wes na leß

Na menstrall^s playit to thame but dowl
 ffor glemen thair wer haldin owt
 be day and eik by nycht 105
 Except a menstrall þat slew a man
 Swa till his heretage he wan
 And entirt be breif of richt

Than cryd mahoun for a heleand padzane
 Syne ran a feynd to feche makfadzane 110
 ffar north wart in a nuke
 Be he þe correnoch had done schout
 Erschemen so gadderit him abowt
 In hell grit rowme thay tuke
 Thae tarmegantis w^t tag and tatter 115
 full lowd in ersche begow^t to clatter
 And rowp lyk revin and ruke
 The devill sa devit wes w^t thair zell
 That in the depest pot of hell
 he smorit thame w^t smvke 120

¹ Originally drunckard.² creif deleted.

The turnament

	Nixt that a turnament wes tryid That lang befoir in hell wes cryid In presens of mahoun Betuix a telȝour and ane sowtar a prickloufȝ and ane hobbell clowttar	5
	The barreſȝ wes maid boun The tailȝour baith w ^t speir and scheild convoyit wes vnto þe feild W ^t mony lymmar loun	
Page 282	Off seme byttaris and beist knapparȝ Off stomok steillarȝ and ¹ clayth takkarȝ A graceleſȝ garisoun	fol. III b II
	His baner born wes him befoir quhairȝ wes clowttis ane hundre ^t scoir Ilk ane of diuerſȝ hew	15
	And all stowin out of sindry webbȝ For quhill the greik sie flowis and ebbis Telȝouris will nevir be trew The tailȝour on the barrowis blent allaiſȝ he tynt all hardyment	20
	ffor feir he chaingit hew Mahoun come fur ^t and maid him knycht Na ferly tho ^t his hart wes licht That to sic honor grew	
	The tailȝeo ^r hecht hely befoir mahoun That he suld ding the sowtar doun Tho ^t he wer strang as mast bot quhen he on the barrowis blenkit The telȝo ^r 's hairt a littill schrenkit his hairt did all ourcast	25 30

¹ beif *deleted*.

quhen to þe sowtar he did cum
 Off all sic wurd^s he wes full dum
 So soir he wes agast
 In harte he tuke ȝit sic ane scummer¹
 ane rak of fartis lyk ony thunner
 Went fra him blast for blast 35

The sowtar to the feild him drest
 he wes convoyid out of the west
 as ane defender stout
 Suppois he had na lusty varlot 40
 he had full mony lowsy harlott
 round rynnand him aboute
 his baner wes of barkit hyd
 quhairin sanct girnega did glyd
 befoir that rebald rowt 45
 ffull sowttarlyk he wes of laitis
 For ay betuix the harnes plaitis
 The vly birstit out

Quhen on the telȝor he did luke
 his hairt a littill dwamyng tuke 50
 he mycht no^t rycht vpsitt

In to his stommok wes sic ane steir
 Page 283 Off all his deⁿnar quhilk he coft deir fol. 112 a
 his breist held deill a bitt

To comfort him or he raid forder 55
 The devill off knycheid gaif him order
 for² sair syne he did spitt
 And he about þe devill^s nek
 Did spew agane ane quart of blek
 Thus knychtly he him quitt 60

Than fourty tymis the feynd cryd fy
 The sowtar rycht effeiritley

¹ sic.² for sawour *deleted*.

Vnto the feild he socht
 Quhen thay wer s̄erwit of thair speiris
 ffolk had ane feill be thair effeiris 65
 Thair hairtis wer baith on flocht
 Thay spurrit thair horß on adir syd
 Syne thay attour the grund coud glyd
 than thame togidder brocht
 The tailjeour þat wes no^t weil sittin 70
 he left his sadill all beschittin
 and to þe grund he socht

His harnaß brak and maid ane brattill
 The sowtaris horß start w^t the rattill
 And round about coud reill 75
 The beist that frayit wes rycht evill
 ran w^t the sowtar to þe devill
 And he rewardit him weil
 Sum thing frome him the feynd eschewit
 he went agane to ¹ bene bespewit 80
 So stern he wes in steill
 he tho^t he wald agane debait him
 he turnd his ersß and all bedret him
 Evin quyte from nek till heill

He lowsit it of w^t sic a reird 85
 baith horß and man he straik till eird
 he fartit w^t sic ane feir
 Now haif I quitt the q mahoun
 Thir new maid knychtis lay bayth in swoun
 and did all armes mensweir 90
 The devill gart thame to dungeoun dryve
 and thame of knychtheid cold depryve
 dischairgeing þame of weir
 And maid thame harlottis bayth for evir

¹ hae *deleted*.

	quhilk still to keip thay had ferlevir Nor ony armes beir	95
Page 284	I had mair ¹ of thair werkis writtin had no ^t the sowtar bene beschittin W ^t belliallis erß vnblis bot that sa gud ane bourd me tho ^t Sic solace to my hairt it rocht for lawchtir neir I brist Quhairthrow I walknit of my trance To ² put this in remembrance Mycht no man me resist ffor this said Iusting it befell befoir mahoun the air of hell Now trow thiß gif 3e list	fol. 112 b 100 105

Heir endis the ³ sowtar & tail3o^ris war
maid be þe nobill poyet \overline{mr} w^a dumbar

ffollowis þe amendis maid be him
to þe tel3o^ris & sowtaris for the turnament
maid on thame

Betuix twell houris and ellevin
I dremed ane angell came fra hevin
W^t plesand stevin sayand on hie
Tel3o^ris and sowtaris blist be 3e

In hevin hie ordand is 3our place
aboif all sanctis in grit solace
Nixt god grittest in dignitie
Tail3o^ris and sowtaris blist be 3e

¹ writtin *deleted*.² *Altered from and*.³ iusting & the war *deleted*.

The cauſs to 3ow is no^t vnkend
 That god mismakk^{is} 3e do amend 10
 be craft and grit agilitie
 Tail30^r^{is} etc.

Sowtaris w^t schone weill maid and meit
 3e mend the faltis of illmaid feit
 quhairfoir to hevin 3our saulis will fle 15
 Tel30^r^{is} etc.

Is no^t in all this fair a flyrok
 That hes vpoun his feit a wyrok
 knowll tais nor mowlis in no degrie
¹ bot 3e can hyd thame blist be 3e 20

And 3e tail30^r^{is} w^t weillmaid clais
 Can mend the werst maid man that gais
 and mak him semely for to se
 Tel30^r^{is} etc.

Tho^t god mak ane misfassonit man 25
 3e can him all schaip new agane
 and fassoun him bettir be sic thre
 Tel30^r^{is} etc.

Page 285 Tho^t a man haif a brokin bak fol. 113 a
 haif he a gude crafty tel30^r quhattrak 30
 That can it cuver w^t craftis slie
 Tel30^r^{is} etc.

Off god grit kyndnefs may 3e clame
 That helpis his peple fra cruke and lame
 Supportand faltis w^t 3our supple 35
 Tail30^r^{is} etc.

¹ Tel3 deleted.

In erd ʒe kyth sic mirakill^{is} heir
 In hevin ʒe salbe sanctis full cleir
 Tho^t ʒe be knavis in this cuntre
 Telʒou^r^{is} and sowtaris blist be ʒie 40

q dumbar

I mak it kend / he þat will spend
 and luvē god lait and air
 god will him mend / and grace him send
 quhen catyvis sall haif cair
 Thairfoir pretend / weill for to spend 5
 off geir and no^t till spair
 I knaw the end / that all mon wend
 A way nakit and bair
 W^t ane o & ane I / ane wreche sall haif no mair
 bot ane schort scheit / at heid and feit 10
 ffor all his wreke and wair

ffor all the wrak / a wreche can pak
 and in his baggis Imbrace
 ʒit deid sall tak / him be the bak
 and gar him cry allace 15
 Than sall he frak / away w^t lak
 and wait no^t to quhait place
 Than will thay mak / at him a knak
 That maist of his gud haifʒ
 W^t ane o / & ane I / quhill we haif tyme & space 20
 Mak we gud cheir quhill we art heir

¹ And thank god of his grace

Wer thair ane king / to rax and ring
 amang gude fallowis cround

¹ Than deleted.

wrechis wald wring / & mak mvrnyng 25

ffor dule thay suld be dround

quha findis ane dring owdir auld or ȝing

gar hoy him owt and hound

Now lat ws sing / wt chrystis blissing

be glaid and mak gude sound 30

Page 286 Wt ane o / and ane I now or we forder found fol. 113 b

Drink thow to me / and I to the

and lat the cop go round

Quha vndirstude / suld haif his gude

or he wer closd in clay 35

Sum in thair mude / thay wald go wid

and de lang or thair Day

Not wirth ane hude / or ane auld snvd

Thow sall beir hyne away

Wreche be the rude / for to conclude 40

ffull few will for the pray

Wt ane o / & ane I gud fallowis quhill we may

be mirry & fre syne blyth we be

and sing on twa and tway

q Iohine blyth

Sanct saluatour send siluer sorrow

It grevis me both evin and morrow

chasing fra me all cheritie

It makis me all blythnes to borrow

My panefull purfs so priclifs me 5

Quhen I wald blythlie ballattis breif

Langour þairto givis me no leif

War not gud howp my hart vphie

My verry corpis for cair wald cleif

My panefull purfs so prikills me 10

Quhen I sett me to sing or dance
 Or go to plesand pastance
 Than pansing of penuritie
 Revis that fra my remembrance
 My *etc.* 15

Quhen men þat hes purffs in tone
 paffs to drynk or to disione
 Than mon I keip ane grauetie
 And say þat I will fast quhill none
 My panefull purffs so priclifs me 20

My purff is maid of sic ane skyn
 Thair will na corfs byd it w^tin
 Fra it as fra the feynd thay fle
 quha evir tyne quha evir win
 My *etc.* 25

Had I ane man of ony natioun
 Culd mak on it ane coniuertioun
 To gar siluer ay in it be
 Page 287 The devill suld haif no dominioun fol. 114 a
 W^t pyne to gar it prickill me 30

I haif inquiryt in mony a place
 ffor help and confort in this cace
 and all men sayis my lord þat ȝe
 Can best remeid for this malice
 That w^t sic panis prickill^s me 35

q dumbar to þe king

Listis lordis I sall 3ow tell
 off ane verry grit *marvell*
 off lord fergus gaist
 how mekle S^r andro it chest
 Vnto beittokis bour 5
 The silly sawle to succour
 And he hes writtin vnto me
 Auld storeis for to se
 gif it appinis him to meit
 how he sall *coniure* the spreit 10
 And I haif red mony quarf
 Bath þe donet and *dominus que parf*
 ryme maid and als reiddin
 Baith inglis and latene
 And ane story haif I to reid 15
 pass bonitatem in the creid
 To *coniure* the littill gaist 3e mon haif
 Off tod tailis ten thraif
 and kast the grit haly watter
 W^t pater noster patter patter 20
 and 3e man sitt in ane compas
 and cry harbert tuthles
 Drug thow and þis draw
 and sitt thair quhill cok craw
 The compas mon hallowit be 25
 W^t aspergis me *domine*
 The haly writt schawis als
 thair man be hung abowt 3our hals
 pricket in ane woll poik
 Off neis powder ane grit loik 30
 Thir thingis mon 3e beir
 Brynt in ane doggis eir
 Ane pluche ane paiddill & ane palme corf
 Thre tuskis of ane awld deid horf

	And of ane ȝallow wob the warp	35
Page 288	The boddome of ane awld herp	fol. 114 b
	The heid of ane cuttit reill	
	The band of ane awld quheill	
	The taill of ane ȝeild sow	
	And ane bait of blew wow	40
	Ane botene and ane brechame	
	And ane quhorle maid of lame	
	To luke owt at þe littill boir	
	And cry chrystis croß ȝow befoir	
	And quhen ȝe se the littill gaist	45
	Cumand to ȝow in all haist	
	Cry lowd chryste eleisone	
	And speir quhat law it levis on	
	And gif it sayis on god's ley	
	Than to þe littill gaist ȝe say	50
	W ^t brede benedicitie	
	Littill gaist I coniuere the	
	W ^t lirie & lirie	
	bayth fra god & sanct marie	
	first w ^t ane fischis mowth	55
	And syne w ^t ane fowlis towth	
	W ^t ten <i>partane</i> tais ¹	
	and nyne <i>knokis</i> of windil strais	
	W ^t thre heidis of curle doddy	
	and bid the gaist turn in a boddy	60
	Than eftir this coniuertioun	
	The littill gaist will fall in soun	
	and <i>paireftir</i> doun ly	
	cryand <i>mercy</i> petously	
	Than w ^t ȝour left heill it sane	65
	and it will nevir cum agane	
	Als mekle as ane mige amaist	

¹ and *deleted*.

	he had ane littill rod leg and it wes cant as ony cleg It wes wynd in ane wyndinscheit baythe the handis and the feit Suppois this gaist wes littill 3it it stall godis quhittill It stall fra peteouß abrahane ¹ ane quhorle and ane quhum quhame It stall fra þe carle of þe mune ane pair of auld yrn schone It ran to pencaitlane and wirreit ane auld chaplane This littill gaste did na mair ill Bot klok lyk a corne myll	70 75
Page 289	And it wald play and hop abowt the heid ane stre strop And it wald sing and it wald dance Oure fute and orliance quha comiurit the littill gaste sa 3e Nane bot the littill spenzie fle That w ^t hir wit and Ingyne gart the gaist leif agane And syne mareid the gaist the fle And cround him kyng of kandelie And thay gat thame betwene Orpheus king and elpha quene To reid quha will this gentill geist 3e hard it no ^t at cokilbys feist	fol. 115 a 85 90 95

Explicit

¹ *Sic.*

ffollowis how dumbar wes desyrd
to be ane freir

This nycht befor the dawing cleir
Me tho^t sanct francis did to me appeir
W^t ane religiouſ abbeir in his hand
And said in thiſ go cleith the my ſerwand
reffuſ þe warld for thow mon be a freir 5

W^t him and w^t his abbeir bayth I skarrit
Lyk to ane man þat w^t a ¹ gaist wes marrit
Me tho^t on bed he layid it me abone
Bot on the fiure delyuerly and sone
I lap thairfra and nevir wald cum nar it 10

Qo^t he quhy skarris thow w^t this holy weid
Cleith the thairin for weir it thow most neid
Thow þat hes lang done venus lawis teiche
Sall now be freir and in this abbeir preiche
Delay it no^t it mon be done but dreid 15

Qo^d I sanct francis loving be the till
And thankit mot thow be of thy gude will
To me þat of thy clayis ar so kynd
bot thame to weir it nevir come in my mynd
Sweit confessour thow tak it no^t in ill 20

In haly legendis haif I hard alleuin
Ma sanctis of bischoppis Nor freiris be sic sevin
Off full few freiris þat hes bene sanctis I reid
Page 290 Quhairfoir ga bring to me ane bischopis weid fol. 115 b
gife evir thow wald my sawle gaid vnto hevin 25

¹ gas deleted.

My brethir oft hes maid the supplicationis
 be epistillis sermonis and relationis
 To tak the abyte bot thow did postpone
 but ony proceß cum on þairfoir amnone
 all sircumstance put by and excusationis 30

Gif evir my fortoun wes to be a freir
 The dait thairof is past full mony a 3eir
 For into every lusty toun and place
 off all yngland frome berwick to kalice
 I haif in to thy habeit maid gud cheir 35

In freiris weid full fairly haif I fleichit
 In it haif I in pulpet gon and preichit
 In derntoun kirk and eik in canterberry
 In it I past at dover our the ferry
 Throw piccardy and thair þe peple teichit 40

Als lang as I did beir the freiris style
 In me god wait wes mony wrink and wyle
 In me wes falset w^t every wicht to flatter
 quhilk mycht be flemit w^t na haly watter
 I wes ay reddy all men to begyle 45

This freir þat did sanct francis thair appeir
 Ane fieind he wes in liknes of ane freir
 he vaneist away w^t stynk and fyrie smowk
 W^t him me tho^t all the houshend he towk
 and I Awoik as wy þat wes in weir 50

ffull oft I muse And hes in tho^t
 how this fals warld is ay on flocht
 quhair na thing ferme is nor degest
 and quhen I haif my mynd all socht
 ffor to be blyth me think it best

This warld dois evir fleit and vary
 ffortoun sa fast hir quheill dois kary
 Na tyme bot turne can tak rest
 ffor quhais fals change ¹

- He that hes gold and grit riches
 And may be into mirryneß
 and dois glaidneß fra him expell
 Page 291 And levis in to wrechitneß fol. 116 a
 he wirkis sorrow to him sell 5
- He þat may be but sturt or stryfe
 and leif ane lusty plesand lyfe
 and syne w^t mariege dois him mell
 and bindis him w^t ane wicket wyfe
 he wirkis sorrow to him sell 10
- He þat hes for his awin genzie
 Ane plesand prop but mank or menzie
 and schuttis syne at ane vncow schell
 And is forfairn w^t the fleis of spenzie
 he wirkis etc. 15
- And he þat w^t gud lyfe and trew^t
 but varians or vder slewth
 Dois evir mair w^t ane maister dwell
 That nevir of him will haif no rewth
 he etc. 20

¹ The nine lines scored out have already appeared on fol. 98b.

Now all this tyme lat ws be mirry
 and sett no^t by this warld a chirry
 now quhill thair is gude wyne to sell
 he þat dois on dry breid virry
 I gif him to the devill of hell 25

q dumbar

follows þe wowing of the king
 quhen he wes in dumfermeling

This hindirny^t in dumfermeling
 To me wes tawld ane windir thing
 That lait ane tod wes w^t ane lame
 And w^t hir playit and maid gud game
 Syne till his breist did hir Imbrace 5
 And wald haif riddin hir lyk ane rame
 And that me tho^t ane ferly cace

He braisit hir bony body sweat
 And halsit hir w^t fordir feit
 Syne schuk his taill w^t quhinge and ʒelp 10
 and todlit w^t hir lyk ane quhelp
 syne lowrit on growfe and askit grace
 And ay the lame cryd lady help
 And that me tho^t ane ferly cace

The tod wes nowder lene nor skowry 15
 he wes ane lusty reid haird lowry
 ane lang taidl beist and grit w^t all
 The silly lame wes all to small
 To sic ane tribbill to hald ane bace
 Scho fled him no^t ffair mot hir fall 20
 And that me tho^t ane ferly cace

- Page 292 The tod wes reid the lame wes quhyte fol. 116 b
 Scho wes ane morsall of delyte
 He lovit na 3owis auld twch and sklender
 Becaus this lame wes 3ung and tender 25
 He ran vpoun hir w^t a race
 And scho schup nevir for till defend hir
 And this *etc.*
- He grippit hir abowt the west
 and handlit hir as he had hest 30
 This Innocent that nevir trespass
 Tuke hert that scho wes handlit fast
 And lute him kifs hir lusty face
 His girnand gamis hir no^t agast
 And pat *etc.* 35
- He held him till hir be the hals
 And spak full fair tho^t he wes fals
 Syne said and swoir to hir be god
 That he suld no^t twich hir prenecod
 The silly thing trowd him allace 40
 The lame gaif creddence to the tod
 And pat *etc.*
- I will no lesingis put in verß
 Lyk as thir Iangleris dois reherß
 Bot be quhat maner thay war mard 45
 Quhen licht wes owt and durris wes bard
 I wait no^t gif he gaif hir grace
 Bot all the hollis wes stoppit hard
 And pat *etc.*
- Quhen men dois fleit in Ioy maist far 50
 Sone cumis wo or thay be war
 quhen carpand wer thir two most crowß
 The wolf he ombesett the houß

Vpoun the tod to mak ane chace
 The lamb than cheipit lyk a mowß
 And þat *etc.* 55

Throw hiddowis 3owling of the wowf
 This wylie tod plat down on growf
 And in the silly lambis skin
 he crap als far as he micht win 60
 and hid him thair ane weill lang space
 The 3owis besyd thay maid na din
 And *etc.*

Quhen of the tod wes hard no peip
 The wowf went ¹ all had bene on sleip 65
 And quhill the tod had strikkin ten
 The wowf hes drest him to his den
 protestand for þe secound place
 And this report I w^t my pen
 How at Dumfermling ² fell the cace 70

q dumbar

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fol. 117 a

Ane ballat of the fenzeit freir of tungland
 how he fell in the myre fleand to turkiland

As 3ung awrora w^t cristall haile
 In orient schew hir visage paile
 A swenyng swyth did me assaile
 Off sonis of sathanis seid
 Me tho^t A turk of tartary 5
 Come throw the boundis of barbary
 And lay forloppin in lumbardy
 ffull lang in waithmanⁿ weid

¹ all *deleted.*

² thair *deleted.*

- ffra baptasing for to eschew
 Thair a religious man he slew 10
 and cled him in his abeit new
 ffor he cowth wryte & reid
 Quhen kend was his dissimvlance
 and all his cursit govirnance
 ffor feir he fled and come in france 15
 W^t littill of lumbard leid
- To be a leiche he fenyt him thair
 Quhilk mony a man nicht rew evirmair
 for he left nowpir seik nor sair
 Vnslane or he hyne 3eid 20
 Vane organis he full clenely carvit
 quhen of his straik so mony starvit
 Dreid he had gottin þat he desarvit
 He fled away gud speid
- In scotland than the narrest way 25
 he come his cumnyng till assay
 To sum man thair it was no play
 The preving of his sciens
 In pottingry he wrocht grit pyne
 he murdreist mony ¹ in ² medecyne 30
 The Iow was of a grit engyne
 And generit was of gyans
- In leichecraft he was homecyd
 he wald haif for a nicht to byd
 A haiknay and the hurtmanis hyd 35
 So meikle he was of myance
- Page 294 His yrnis was rude as ony rawchtir fol. 117 b
 quhair he leit blude It was no lawchtir
 Full mony Instrument for slaw^ttir
 Was In his gardevyance 40

¹ *On margin.*² *to deleted.*

- He cowth gif cure for laxatyve
 To gar a wicht horß want his lyve
 Quha evir assay wald man or wyve
 Thair hippis 3eid hiddy giddy
 His practikis nevir war put to preif 45
 Bot suddane deid or grit mischeif
 he had purgatioun to mak a theif
 To dee w^towt a widdy
- Vnto no meß pressit this prelat
 for sound of sacring bell nor skellat 50
 As blaksmyth bruikit was his pallatt
 ffor battering at the study
 Tho^t he come hame a new maid chañnoun
 he had dispensit w^t matyñnis chañnoun
 On him come now^{per} stole nor fañnoun 55
 ffor smowking ¹ of the smydy
- Me tho^t seir fassonis he assailzeit
 To mak the quintessance and failzeit
 And quhen he saw þat nocht availzeit
 A fedrem on he tuke 60
 And schupe in turky for to fle
 and quhen þat he did mont on he
 All fowill ferleit quhat he sowld be
 That evir did on him luke
- Sum held he had bene dedalus 65
 sum the menatair marvelous
 Sum ² martis smyth wlcanus
 And sum saturnus kuke
 And evir the cuschettis at him tuggit
 The rukis him rent the ravyñis him druggit 70
 The hudit crawis his hair furth ruggit
 The hevin he nicht not bruke

¹ k *interlined*.² the *deleted*.

	The myttane and sanct <i>martynis</i> fowle	
	Wend he had bene the hornit howle	
Page 295	Thay set avpone him w ^t a 3owle	fol. 118 a
	And gaif him dynt for dynt	76
	The golk the gormaw And the gled	
	Beft him w ^t buffettis quhill he bled	
	The sparhalk to the spring him sped	
	Als fers as fyre of flynt	80
	The tarsall gaif him tug for tug	
	A stanchell hang in ilka lug	
	The pyot furth his <i>pennis</i> did rug	
	The stork straik ay but stynt	
	The bissart bissy but rebuik	85
	Scho was so cleverus of hir clvik	
	his bawis he nicht not langer bruik	
	Scho held thame at ane hint	
	Thik was the clud of kayis and crawis	
	Of marlezonis Mittanis and of mawis	90
	That bikkrit at his berd w ^t blawis	
	In battell him abowt	
	Thay nybbillit him w ^t noyis and cry	
	The rerd of thame raiß to þe sky	
	And evir he cryit on fortoun fy	95
	His lyfe was in to dowt	
	The Ia him skrippit w ^t a skryke	
	and skornit him as it was lyk	
	The egill strong at him did stryke	
	And rawcht him mony a rowt	100
	ffor feir vncu n nandly he cawkit	
	Quhill all his <i>pennis</i> war drownd & drawkit	
	he Maid a hundreth nolt all hawkit	
	Beneth him ¹ w ^t a spowt	

¹ quha *deleted*.

He schewre his feddreme þat was schene 105
 and slippit owt of it full clene
 and in a Myre vp to the Ene

Amang the glar did glyd
 The fowlis all at þe fedrem dang
 As at a monster thame amang 110
 Quhill all the pennis of it owsprang
 In till the air full wyde

And he lay at the plunge evirmair
 Sa lang as any ravin did rair
 The crawis him socht w^t cryis of cair 115
 In every schaw besyde

Page 296 Had he reveild bene to the rwikis fol. 118 b
 Thay had him revin all w^t thair clwikis
 Thre dayis in dub amang the dukis
 He did w^t dirt him hyde 120

The air was dirkit w^t the fowlis
 That come w^t þawmeris and w^t þowlis
 W^t skryking skrymming and w^t scowlis
 To tak him in the tyde
 I walknit w^t the noyis and schowte 125
 So hiddowis beir was me abowte
 Sensyne I curß that cankerit rowte
 Quhair evir I go or ryde

ffinis q dumbar

Ane littill Interlud¹ of þe droichis² *pairt* of þ[e play]³

Hiry hary hubbilschow
 Se þe not quha Is cum now
 Bot þit wait I⁴ nevir how
 W^t þe quhirle wind

¹ Originally Interudlud, but ud deleted.

² fule deleted, and droichis interlined.

³ Cut by inlay.

⁴ Interlined.

A sargeand out of sowedoun land 5
 A gyane strang for to stand
 That w^t þe strenth of my hand
 Beiris may bind

Bot 3it I trow þat I vary
 I am bot ane blynd hary 10
 that lang hes bene w^t þe fary
 ffarlyis to fynd
 And 3it gif þis be not I
 I wait it is þe spreit of gy
 Or ellis fle be þe sky 15
 And lycht as þe lynd

Quha is cum heir bot I
 A bawld busteous bellomy
 Amang 3ow all to cry a cry 20
 W^t ane mighty soun
 That generit am of gyanis kynd
 ffra þe strong hercules be strynd
 Off all þe occident and ynd
 My Elderis woir þe croun

Page 297 My foir grands^{er} hecht fyn mackcowll fol. 119 a
 That dang þe devill and gart him 3owll 26
 The skyis rained quhen he wald 3owll
 he trublit all þe Air

He gatt my gud^{er} Gog magog
 he quhen he dansit þe warld wald schog 30
 Ten thowsand ellis 3eid in his frog
 Off heland plaidis And Mair

And 3it he wes of tendir 3owth
 bot eftir he grew mekle at fowth
 Ellevin myle wyd Mett was his mowth 35
 his teith wes ten myle squair

He wald vpoun his tais vp stand
 And tak þe starnis doun w^t his hand
 And sett thame in a gold garland
 Aboif his wyvis hair 40

He had a wyf was mekle of clift
 hir heid wan heichar nor þe lift
 The Hevin reirdit quhen scho wald rift
 The laß was na thing sklendir
 Scho spatt lochlomound w^t hir lippis 45
 Thundir and fyreflawcht flaw fra hir hippis
 Quhen scho was crabbit The sone thold clippis
 The feynd durst nocht offend hir

ffor cawld scho tuke þe fevir cartane
 for all þe claith in france & bartane 50
 Wald not be to hir leg a gartane
 Thocht scho was 3oung and tendir
 Vpoun a nicht heir in þe north
 scho tuke þe gravall and staild craig gorth
 And pischit þe grit watter of forth 55
 Sic tyd ran eftir hend hir

3it ane thing writtin of hir I fynd
 In yrland quhen scho blew behind
 At norway coist Scho raisit þe wynd
 And grit schippis drownit thair 60
 Scho fischit all þe spanzie seyis
 W^t hir sark lap betuix hir theyis
 Thre dayis saling betuix hir kneysis
 It was estemid and mair

Page 298 The hingand brayis on adir syde fol. 119 b
 Scho powtterit w^t hir lymmis wyde 66
 Lassis nicht leir at hir to stryde
 Wald ga to luvaris lair

- Scho markit to þe land w^t mirth
 Scho pischit fyve quhailis in þe firth 70
 That croppin war in hir geig for girth
 Walterand amang þe wair
- My fader mekle gow m^emorne
 Owt of his moderis wame was schorne
 ffor littilnes scho was forlorne 75
 Siche ane kemp to beir
 Or he of Aige was 3eiris thre
 he wald step over þe occiane sie
 The mone sprang nevir abone his kne
 The hevins had of him feir 80
- Ane thowsand 3eir Is past fra mynd
 Sen I was generid of his kynd
 far furth in þe desertis of ynd
 Amang lyoun and beir
 Worthie king arthour and gawane 85
 And mony a bawld berne of bartane
 Ar deid and in þe weiris ar slane
 Sen I cowlde weild a speir
- Sophie and þe sowdoun strang
 With weiris þat hes lestit lang 90
 Owt of thair boundis hes maid me gang
 And turne to turky tyte
 The king of francis grit army
 hes brocht in derth in lumbardy
 That in þe cuntre he & I 95
 Can nocht dwell baith *perfyte*
- Swadrik denmark and norraway
 Nor in þe steiddis I dar nocht ga
 Thair Is nocht *pair* bot ¹ and slae
 Cutthroppillis & mak quyte 100

¹ A word seems to be omitted here: in the Asloan MS. tak.

yrland for Evir I haif reffusit
 All wyismen will hald me excusit
 ffor nevir in land quhair Eriche was vsit
 To dwell had I dellyte

Page 299	I haif bene formest Evir in feild And now sa lang I haif borne scheid That I am crynit in for eild This littill as 3e may sie I haif bene baneist vndir þe lynd This lang tyme þat nane cowld me fynd Quhill now w ^t this last eistin wynd I am cum heir <i>pardie</i>	fol. 120 a 106 110
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My name Is welth þairfoir be blyth I am cum confort 3ow to kyth Suppois wrechis will wail & wryth All dath I sall gar die ffor certanelie the trewth to tell I ¹ cum amang 3ow for to dwell ffar fra þe sound of curphour bell To dwell think ^{is} nevir me	115 120
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Now sen I am suche quantetie Off gyanis cum as 3e may sie Quhair wilbe gottin a wyfe to me Off siclyk breid & ² hicht 3	125
In all þis boure Is nocht a bryde ane houre I wait dar me abyde 3it trow 3e ony heir besyde Micht suffir me all nicht	

¹ am deleted.² lenth deleted.³ 3it quha wat gif ony heir besyde deleted.

Adow fair weill for now I go
 bot I will nocht lang byd þow fro 130
 Chryst þow conserve fra Every wo
 Baith madin wyf & man
 God bliß thame and the haly rude
 givis me a drink Sa it be gude
 And quha trowis best þat I do lude 135
 skynk first to me þe can

 ffinis off þe droichis *pairt* of þe play

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The wyf of auchtirmwchty

fol. 120 b

In awchtirmwchty thair dwelt ane man
 ane husband As I hard it tawld
 quha weill cowl'd tippill owt a can
 And napir luvit hungir nor cawld
 Quhill anis it fell vpoun a day 5
 He þokkit his plwch vpoun the plane
 Gif it be trew as I hard say
 the day was fowll for wind and rane

 He lowsit the pluche at the landis end
 And draif his oxin hame at Evin 10
 quhen he come in he lukit bend
 and saw the wyf baith dry and clene
 and sittand at ane fyre ¹ beikand bawld
 W^t ane fat sowp as I hard say
 the man being verry weit and cauld 15
 betwene thay twa It was na play

 Quho^t he quhair is my horssis corne
 My ox hes napir hay nor stray
 Dame þe mon to þe pluch to morne
 I salbe hussy gif I may 20

¹ *Interlined and repeated on margin.*

husband q scho content am I
 To tak þe pluche my day about
 sa 3e will rowll baith kavis & ky
 And all the houß baith in and owt

Bot sen ¹ that 3e will husye skep ² ken 25
 first 3e sall sift & syne sall kned
 and ay as 3e gang but & ben
 Luk that the bairnis dryt not the bed
 3eis lay ane soft wisp to þe kill
 We haif ane deir ferme on o^r heid 30
 And ay as 3e gang furth & in
 Keip weill the gaslingis fra the gled

The wyf was vp richt lait at evin
 I pray god gif hir evill to fair
 scho kyrnd the kyrne & skwmd it clene 35
 and left the gudman bot the bledoch bair
 Than in the mornyng vp scho gatt
 and on hir hairt laid hir disiwne
 scho put alsmeke in hir lap
 As micht haif serd thame baith at nwne 40

Sayis Iok will thow be maistir of wark
 and thow sall had and I sall kall
 Page 301 Ifß promeiß the ane gud new sark fol. 121 a
 Apir of round claith or of small
 scho ³ lowsit oxin aucht or Nyne 45
 And hynt ane gadstaff in hir hand
 And the gudman raiß eftir syne
 And saw the wyf had done command

And cavd the gaislingis fwrth to feid
 thair was bot sevinsum of thame all 50

¹ gif deleted, and sen *interlined*.

² *Interlined, and husy skep ken repeated on margin.*

³ *Originally schow.*

and by thair *cumis* the gredy gled
 and likkit vp fyve left him bot twa
 than owt he ran in all his mane
 how sone he hard the gaislingis cry
 bot than or he come in agane 55
 the calfis brak lowß and sowkit the ky

The calvis and ky being met in the lone
 the man ran w^t ane rung to red
 than by thair *cumis* ane ill willy cow
 and brodit his buttock quhill þat it bled 60
 Than hame he ran to ane rok of tow
 And he satt down to say the *spynning*
 I trow he lowtit our neir the low
 q he this wark hes ill *begynning*

Than to þe kyrn þat he did stoure 65
 and Iwmlit at it quhill he swatt
 quhen he had Iwmlit a full lang houre
 the sorow crap of butter he gatt
 Albeit na butter he cowld gett
 3it he wes *cummerit* wth the kyrne 70
 And syne he het the milk o^r hett
 and sorrow spark of it wald 3yrne

Than ben thair come ane gredy sow
 I trow he cund hir littill thank
 and in scho schot hir mekle mow 75
 and ay scho winkit and ¹ scho drank
 He cleikit vp ane crukit club
 and thocht to hitt the sow ane rowt
 the twa gaislingis the gled had left
 that straik / dang baith thair harnis owt 80

¹ ay deleted.

	Than he beur kendling to the kill bot scho start all vp in ane low quhat evir he hard quhat evir he saw that day he had na will to mow	
Page 302	Than he 3eid to tak vp the bairnis Thocht to haif fund thame fair & clene The first þat he gat in his armis Was all bedirtin to the Ene	fol. 121 b 86
	The first that he gat in his armis It was all dirt vp to the Ene the diuill cutt of thair handis q he that fild þow all sa fow this strene he trailit the fowl scheitis doun the gait Tho ^t to haif wechst thame on ane stane the burne wes rissin grit of spait away fra him the scheitis hes tane	90 95
	Than vp he gat on ane know heid On hir to cray on hir to schowt scho hard him and scho hard him not bot stowtly steird the stottis abowt scho draif the day vnto þe nicht scho lowisit the plwch and syne come hame scho fand all wrang that sowld bene richt I trow the man tho ^t richt grit schame	100
	q he my office I forsaik for all the dayis of my lyf ffor I wald put ane howß to wraik had I bene twenty dayis gudwyf q scho weill mot 3e bruke 3e ¹ place for trewlie I will nevir excep it q he feind fall the lyaris face bot 3it 3e may be blyth to get it	105 110

¹ *Sic.*

Than vp scho gat ane mekle rung
 And the gudman maid to the dur
 q he deme I sall hald my tung 115
 for and we fecht I ill gett the woir
 q he quhen I forsuk my plwche
 I trow I bot forsuk my seill
 And I will to my plwch agane
 ffor I and this howfs will nevir do weil 120

 ffinis q Mofat ¹

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fol. 122 a

A jungman chiftane witles / ane peureman spen [dar
 getles] ²
 Ane auldman tricho^r trewthles / a woman lowper land
 [lefs] ²
 Apperandlie be sanct Ieill Sall nevir ane of thir d[o
 weil] ²
 Tak tyme in tyme And no tyme diffar quhen tyme is
 past 3e ³ war
 All mighty god grant to o^r king Sic grace þat he in
 vertew rig ⁴ / 5
 Sa þat this realme ay gydit be w^t Iustice pece & equitie
 Bettir Is to suffer and fortoun abyd
 Than haistely to clym and suddenlie to slyd
 q quho to quhome
 Quha in welth takis no heid / he sall hafe falt in tyme
 of neid 10
 Quhen I len I am ane freind and quhen I craif I am
 vnkynd
 Thuß of my freind I mak my fo ⁵
 I schrew me and I moir do so
 etc.

¹ In a much later hand.² MS. is imperfect. Words in brackets are taken from fol. 147a, where there is a differently arranged copy.³ Blank in MS. ; ma do *ibid.*⁴ Sic.⁵ Originally for.

The slicht remeid of luvē

Luvaris lat be the frennessy of luvē
 And mvse nor mvrne No moir in till 30^r mynd
 Bot sollace seik And sorrow ay remove
 Cast 3ow to conqueiſs luvē ane v̄pir kynd
 ffor knew 3e wemenis natur course & strynd 5
 3e wald nocht be so trew to thair vntrewth
 Quhilkis hes no petie Tho^t 30^r hairtis be pynd
 Nor of 3our restleſs womēting No rewth

Bot wald 3e rewill 3ow keip this regiment
 Be subteill / secreit / Sobir in thair sicht 10
 ffacound of wordis Bot feckill of intent
 And nevir lat 3our mowth and mynd go richt
 Swey as thay swey / Be blyth quhen thay ar licht
 And preiſs 3ow ay in presenſs to repair
 fforvey no tyme / Be reddy day and nicht 15
 Vpoun 3our kneis to serve thame soletare

Be prevy / *pert* / in presenſs play w^t synis
 Be sicht or smyle Lat non knaw 30^r intentis
 Be verry war Or that thay wit 30^r myndis
 Page 304 Be clenely cled in 3our abilzementis fol. 122 b
 Reuse no^t 30^r self / latt v̄piris preiſs 30^r rentis 21
 Bot offir thame 3our daly observance
 be tung / Tho^t napir Hairt nor mynd consentis
 Body and gudis to haif in govirnance

Abuse bot brief Howbeid 3e be said Nay 25
 And reckles nocht 30^r Eirand for the rane
 Bot cast 3ow for to cum ane v̄per day
 And petously complene 30^r woles pane

Saying 3e ar both secreit trew and plane
 W^t this / *pairt* wreth and fremmit to but faid 30
 ffor cum the freindschip of thair syd agane
 I mak 3ow seur 3e sall no^t miß remeid

Hald thame in Hand Quhilkis may 3ow Help at neid
 And hecht thame giftis Howbeid 3e gif thame nocht
 ffor thair gud word sall rathest cause 3ow speid 35
 And thrwch thair credence to 3o^r purpoiß brocht
 Speik fair Till 3e Haif gottin that 3e socht
 Be wyiß and war and watt thame ay w^t wylis
 ffor be the wy that all the warld wrocht
 Maist witt hes hie That moniest owrsylis 40

Meikly solist to meit in secreit place
 Syne mak 3o^r mane quhen it may maist avel3ie
 be richt demvre & graif quhen 3e ask grace
 bot be 3e rank quhen thay begin to rel3ie
 fleiche w^t fyiftene ffor feir sum*pairt* 3e fel3ie 45
 And swa but pane 3e may lufe *parramowris*
 be soft of speiche Bot spair no^t till assel3ie
 Wyn anis the Entrefß & the houß is 3owris

Bot 3it 3e may Mishaif 3ow in sum caice
 And 3e defend no^t damissellis defame 50
 ffor practik is to play Syne hald 3o^r peice
 And counsale keip ffor hurting of thair Name
 Richswa forbeir a manis wyfe for blame
 and ¹ hald 3ow koy in quiet quhill 3e get hir
 as for a weddow wirk weill on hir wame 55
 I know no craft sall cause hir lufe 3ow bettir

ffinis q alex^r scott

¹ Originally ane.

Page 305 ffollowis the ballat maid vpoun fol. 123^a
 Margret fleming callit the flemyng bark
 In Edinbur^t

I haif a littill fleming berge
 Off clenkett work bot scho is wicht
 Quhat pylett takis my schip in chairge
 Mon hald hir Clynlie trym & ticht
 Se that hir hatchis be handlit richt 5
 W^t steirburd baburd luf & lie
 scho will sale all the wintir nicht
 And nevir tak a telzevie

With evin keill befoir the wind
 Scho is richt fairdy w^t a sail 10
 Bot at ane lufe scho lysis behind
 Gar heif hir quhill hir howband's skail
 Draw weill the takill to hir tail
 Scho will no^t misß to lay 30^r mast
 To pomp als oft as 3e may Haill 15
 3eill nevir hald hir watterfast

To calfet hir oft can do non ill
 And talloun quhair the flud mark flowis
 Bot gif scho lekkis gett men of sklil
 To stop hir hoilis laich in þe howiße 20
 ffor falt of hemp Tak hary towis
 W^t stane ballest w^towttin vder
 In moneleß nichtis It is na mowis
 Except ane stowt man steir hir ruder

A fair vesschell abone þe watter 25
 And is bot laity reikit to
 Quhairto till deif 3ow w^t tome clatter
 Ar nane sic in the floit as scho

Page 306	<p>Plvm weill the grund quhat evir 3e doo Haillon the sukscheit and the blind Scho will tak in at cap and koo W^towt scho ballast be behind</p> <p>Na pedder^{is} pak scho will ressaif Althocht hir travell scho sowld tyne Na coukcald karle nor carllingis ¹ pet that dois thair corne and caitell cryne Bot quhair scho find^{is} a fallow fyne He wilbe frawcht fre for a soufß Scho kareis nocht ² bot men & wyne And bul3oun to þe coun3e houfß</p> <p>ffor merchandmen I may haif mony Bot nane sic as I wald desyre And I am layth to mell w^t ony To leif my mater in the myre That man that wirki^s best for his hyre Syne he salbe my mariner Bot nycht & day mon he nocht tyre That sailis my bony ballinger</p> <p>ffor ankerhald nane can be fund I pray 3ow cast the leidlyne owt And gif 3e can nocht get the grund Steir be the compas and keip hir rowt Syne treveiß still and lay a bowt And gar hir top twiche wind and waw Quhair anker dryvis thair is na dowt Thir tripan^d tyddis may tyne ws aw</p> <p>Now is my pretty pynnege reddy Abydand on sum merchand blok</p>	<p>fol. 123 b 30</p> <p>35</p> <p>40</p> <p>45</p> <p>50</p> <p>55</p>
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³ to Iohⁿ
carmichael

¹ r interlined.

² hing deleted.

³ In later hand.

Bot be scho Emptie be our leddy
 Scho will be kittill of hir dok 60
 Page 307 scho will ressaif na landwart Iok fol. 124 a
 Thocht he wald frawcht hir for a croun
 Thus fair 3e weill sayis gud Iohine cok
 Ane nobill teljeour in this toun

ffinis q Sempill

Heir followis the defence of crissell sandelandis
 ffor vsing hirself contrair the ten commandis
 Being in ward for playing of the loun
 W^t Every ane list geif hir half a croun
etc.

Pernitious peple *parciall* In despyte
 Susanis Iudges saweris of seditioun
 3our cankert counsale Is the caufs & wyt
 Bowstert w^t pryd and blindit w^t ambitioun
 ffyndand na cryme Nor havand na ¹ *commissioun* 5
 To hurt dame venus virgenis as 3e do
 Gif 3e sa raschlie rin vpoun suspitioun
 3e may put v^piris on the pannell to

To sandelandis 3e wer our sair to schame hir
 Sen 3e w^t counsale My^t quyetlie *command* hir 10
 Grit foulis 3e wer w^t fallowis to defeme hir
 Havand na caufs bot *commoun* voce and sklander
 Syne findand no man in the houß neir hand hir
 Except ane clerk of godly conversatioun
 : the
 minister
 betoun : ² Quhat gif besyd Iohine dureis self 3e fand hir 15
 Dar 3e suspect the holy congregatioun

¹ suspitioun *deleted*.

² *In later hand, same as on preceding page.*

3our fleslie conscience Garris 3ow¹ tak this feir
 Beleif 3e virgynis wilbe win so sone
 Na god forbid Bot men may bourd als neir
 And wemen nocht the wor Quhen that is done 20
 Had scho bene vndir & he hobland abone
 that war a *perrellous* play for to suspect thame
 Bot laddis and lasss will meit eftirnone
 Quhair dick and dvrie dow nocht bayth correct thame

Page 308 Sen drunkardis . gluttonis and contentious men fol. 124 b
 schedderis of blude . And subiectis gevin to greid v3covetye
 May No^t possess the hevinly gloir 3e ken 27
 As in the bybill dalie do we reid
 Lat thir be wyit allyk till every leid
 Syne fornicatioun plasit amangis the laif 30
 Exemp 3our self throw all the toun in deid
 Than luke how mony 3e onmerkkit haif

Gif 3e beleif nocht (betoun) be his word
 In hir defenß It can nocht be reffusit
 Latt him þat followis fecht it w^t þe sword 35
 Ane ancient law quhen ladeis ar accusit
 Is ministeris sic men to be abusit
 that knawis the scripture and the ten commandis
 Albeit he and scho wor in ane houß Inclusit
 He sew na seid in to hir sandelandis 40

As for þe rest I knaw nocht thair vocatioun
 Thair lyfe thair Maneris Bot I heir mony mene
 thame

Catholik virgenis of the holy congregatioun
 Syn wer to tyne thame gif 3e cowld obtene thame
 Quhat can 3e say Except þat 3e had sene thame 45
 W^t rem in ra / all nakkit but adherance

¹ hir *deleted*, and 3ow *interlined*.

Than tak a bowstring and draw it doun betwene
thame

And gif it stickis It hes ane evill apperance

Catitois clerkis quhois college 3e frequentit
quhen 3e wor wanfleris of hir wantoun band 50

Now 3e ar lamit fra labour I lamentit

3our pistolis twmit and baksprent lyk a wand

snapwark adew fra dagmen dow ¹ no^t stand

And worß than that 3e want 30^r morsing powder

Than cumis conscience w^t crukit staf in hand 55

Greitand for byganis bowand bak and schowder

Remembir first 3our former qualitie

And wrak na virgenis w^t 30^r wilfull weir

Gif 3e will no^t Than o^r regalitie

hes power planely To replege thame heir 60

Page 309 Mycht thay win to the girth I tak no feir fol. 125 a

Doun by the cannocroce I pray 3ow send thame

quhair patrik bannatyne hes promiseit to compeir

W^t lawfull ressonis / reddy to defend thame

On cauß thair is thay can no^t be convict 65

3e had na power fra the sone wes sett

The provest gaif na power to gilbert dick

The speciall thing that sowld no^t bene forzett

Thay war nocht theivis Nor 3it condempt in dett

Nor ridhand tane quhilk was na cauß 3e knaw 70

Bot 3e latt rukis and ravynis rin throw the nett

And saikles dowis makis subiect to þe law

3our parcial Iuge we may declyne him to

bot sett me doun the *persone* pennycuke

Or sanderis guthrie lat see quhat he can do 75

he kennis the caice and keipis 3our awin court buke

¹ may deleted, and dow interlined.

ffor men of law I wat nocht quhome to luke
 Awld Iames bannatyne wes anis a man of skill
 And gif he cumis no^t thair I wald we tuke
 To keip oure dyet Maister Daid makgill 80

Quhat cummer castis the formest stane lat see
 At the peure winschis 3e wranguslie suspect
 ffor sklenting bowttis Now better war lat bee
 Nor to begin to gett 3our selffis ane geck
 The grittest falt I find in this effect 85
 3e baith Tuke money and put thame selffis to schame
 Bot quhen the court cumis to 3e toun quhat reck
 We sall restoir thame to 3air stok agane

In 3our tolbutth sic presonneris to plant
 Wilbe ressaut weill 3e may consider 90
 Gud captane adamsone will nocht lat thame want
 Bedding howbeit thay sowld lig all togidder
 As for his wyf I wald 3e sowld forbid hir
 hir Eyndling toyis I trow thair be no denger
 becau3 his lome Is larbour grown and lidder 95
 but vnderstanding Now to treit ane strenger

Page 310 The grittest greif I find 3e haif defamett ¹ fol. 125 b
 Thir leill trew luvaris and done thair freindis bot lack
 Becau3 thair bandis wer reddy to be proclamit
 The pairteis mett And maid a fair contrack 100
 Bot now allace the men Ar loppin aback
 ffor oppin sklander callit ane speikand devill
 In grit effairis 3e had no^t bene sa frack
 Concernyng the rewling of 3o^r commoun weill
 To pvneiß *pairt* Is parcialitie 105
 To pvneiß all Is hard to do in deid
 Bot send thame heir to oure regalitie
 And we sall see gif we can serve thair neid

¹ thame *deleted*.

This rurall ryme quha sa lyk for to reid
 To dict and dury Is directit plane 110
 Quhair I offend thame in ¹ my landwart leid
 I salbe reddy to reforme agane

ffinis q simple



ffollowis the ballat maid be robert semple of
 Ionet Reid ane violet and ane quhyt
 Being slicht wemen of lyf & conversatioun
 and tavernaris

Off cullouris cleir // quha lykis to weir
 Ar sindry sortis in to this toun
 Grene 3ellow blew // and mony hew //
 Bayth pareif3 blak and Inglis broun
 Lundoun sky // quha lykis to by // 5
 Bot cullour derroy Is clene laid down
 Dundy gray // This mony a day /
 Is lychleit bayth w^t laid and loun

Stanche my fyking // and stryd my lyking //
 Ar semely hewis for sommier play ² 10
 Dundippit in 3ello // ffor mony gud fallo fol. 126 a
 As will of quhithawch bad me say
 I will no^t dennyit / Till nane pat will by it
 for silver nane salbe said nay
 3ee no^t to plenzie / my clayth will no^t stenzie 15
 Suppois 3e weit it nycht and day

Quhyt And I haif quhyt // off grit delyt
 Violet And violett quha lykis to weir
 Reid Weill werand reid // quhill 3e be deid
 quhilk sall nocht failzie tak 3e no feir 20

¹ thir *deleted*.

² *Originally* playis.

The quhyt is gude // and richt weill lwid
 Bot 3it the reid is twyfiß als deir
 The violet syne // bayth fresche & fyne
 Sall serve 3ow hosing for a 3eir

The quhyt is twiche and fresche Ennewche 25
 Soft as the silk as all men seis
 The Reid Is bony // And socht of mony
 Thay hyve about the houß lyk beis
 W^t violet to // gif 3e haif ado //
 It meitis lyk stemmyne to 30^r theis 30
 Seure be my witting // not brunt in the bitting
 suppois baith laidis and lymmeris leis

Off all thir thre hewis // I haif left clewis
 To be oure courtmen ¹ wintter weid
 Twynit and small // The best of thame all 35
 May weir the claith ffor woll and threid
 Bot in the walkmill // The widder is ill
 Thir ar nocht drying dayis in deid
 And gif it be watt // I hecht for that
 It tuggis in hoilis and gais abbreid 40

3it it is weill walkit // cairdit and calkit
 Als warme a weid as weir the deule

Page 312 Weill wrocht in the lwmis // with wobster gwmis // fol. 126 b
 bayth thik and nymmill gais the spwle
 Cottond and schorne // the mair it be worne // 45
 3e find 3our self the grittar fule
 Bot bony forsuth // Cum byit in my bwth //
 To mak 3ow garmentis Agane 3ule

Bot mixt thir togidder // 3our self may consider
 Quhat fyner Cullour can be fund 50

¹ weid *deleted*.

And Namely of breikis // gif ony man seikis
 Sall haif the pair ay for a pund
 Howbeid it be skant // Na wowaris sall want
 That to my bidding wilbe bund
 Weill may thay brukit // Thay neid no^t to lukit 55
 Bot Graip it marklynis be the grund

3our courtmen heir // Hes maid my claith deir
 And raisd it twell pennis of the ¹ Ell
 3it is my claith seuver // for sadillis to ceuver
 Suppois the sessioun raid thame sell 60
 The violet certane // wes maid Dumbartane
 The reid wes walkit in Dumkell
 The quhyt hes bene dicht in mony mirk nicht
 Bot tyme and place I can not tell

Now gif 3e wirk wyislie // and schaip it precyslie 65
 The Elwand wald be grit & lang
 Gif the byeß be wyd // gar lay it on syd
 And sa 3e can nocht weill ga wrang
 And for the lang lest // It wald be schewid fast
 And Cair no^t by how deip 3e gang 70
 Bot want 3e quhyt threid // 3e can no^t cum speid
 Blak walloway mon be 3o^t sang

Bot tho^t it be awld // and twenty tymis sawld
 3it will the freprie mak 3ow fane
 Page 313 W^t vlis to remnew it // and mak it weill hewit ^{fol. 127 a}
 And gar it glans lyk dummy grane 76
 Syne w^t the sleik stanis that servis for the Nanis
 Thay raiß the pyle I mak 3ow plane
 With mony grit aith Thay sell this same claith
 To gar the byeris cum agane 80

¹ pund *deleted*.

Now is my wob wrocht // And arlit to be bocht
 Cum lay the payment in my hand
 And gif my claith felzie // 3e pay nocht a melzie
 The wobb salbe at 3our command
 The merkit is thrang // and will no^t lest lang 85
 Thay by fast in the bordour land
 Albeid I haif tynsell // 3et mon I tak hansell
 To pay my buthmail and my stand

My claith wald be lwd // w^t grit men of gwd
 gif lawdis and lownis wald latt me be 90
 3it mon I Excuf3 thame // how can I reffuf3 thame
 Sen all menis penny makis him free
 the best and the gay of it // Myself tuk asay of it
 A wylie coit I will nocht lee
 quhilk did me no harme Bot held my cost werme 95
 A symple merchant 3e may see

This far to releif me That na man reпреif me
 In Iedburgh at the Iustice Air
 This sang of thre lafs3 was maid abone glafs3
 That tyme that thay were tapstaris thair 100
 The first wes ane quhyt // a lafs3 of delyt
 The violett / bayth gud and fair
 Keip the reid fra skaith scho is worth thame baith /
 Sa to be schort I say no mair

ffinis q R Semple

ffollowis of a wenche w^t ¹
 chyld

Be chance bot evin this v^{per} day
 As I did walk allone
 I hard a maid in grit effray

Page 314 Makand a rew^tfull mon

fol. 127 b

¹ chy *deleted.*

- Quhat greif on hir did linger 5
 Off greif and pane // scho did complane
 ffor scho certane // Cryid and maid mane
 O lord my littill finger
- Heiring this maid so lowd to cry
 In this hir wofull plicht 10
 I drew me neir for till espy
 Quhat hurt hir body nicht
 Scho had met w^t sum stinger
 It nicht so be // I say to the //
 ffor I nicht se // how swllin wes sche // 15
 W^tin hir littill finger
- The angweifs of hir body ran
 In to all *pairtis* allyk
 ffor all hir body swellid than
 Als big as ony pyk 20
 Me tho^t it wes sum Engir
 ffor so I gefß // how till exprefß //
 scho cryid dowlteß // in hir distrefß
 O lord my littill finger
- I askid as scho mone did mak 25
 Quhat wes cause of hir wo
 And scho than cursit the mandrak
 Quhilk had hir bittin so
 The mandrak wes a stringer
 Allaik the maid // wes soir arraid // 30
 still in hir braid // scho cryid & said //
 O lord my littill finger
- The mandrak had hir bittin so soir
 In this his *vernemouß* rege
 Scho swellit daylie moir & moir 35
 That nothing cowld hir swege

- This serpent so did thing her
 Allake the maid // wes soir affraid //
 ffor still scho cryid // Allace & sayid //
 The pane w^tin my finger 40
- Page 315 ffor medecynis scho had furth socht fol. 128 a
 As thay *par*by me tawld
 Thocht thay never so deir war bocht
 Haif thame (thay say) scho wawld
 Quhat than brocht thay *pat* wringer 45
 Sic as thay gat // I knaw nocht quhat //
 Sum this sum that // Bot to be flat //
 Scho cryd still o my finger
- Sum bad hir tak erb pilliall
 And sum stalk stand allone 50
 Sum bad hir tak blaid ryfs and fall
 And sum conservis of stone
 Sum bad baldary bring her
 Long pepper chyce // w^t nettill nyce //
 3it ruttit ryce // wes hir cheif spyce // 55
 To metegat hir finger
- The moir still that hir west did swell
 The lenar wox hir cheikis
 W^t quhiche disseifs scho so did dwell
 The space of fourtie weikis 60
 Quhill scho cowl'd beirit no lenger
 A littill boy // come furth w^t toy //
 Quhilk till hir Ioy // did henfs convoy
 The angweifs of hir finger
- Than wes it knawin to awld and 3ung 65
 Quhen this come owt to paß
 Quhair of the deidly angweifs sprong
 W^tin hir finger waß

Scho than become ane singer
 And so trewly // left hir awld cry // 70
 And w^t nottis hye seng lula ly
 Weill eisit is my finger

3e maidis that w^t the ferß man^drak
 Dois chance bittin to be
 3o^r littill finger thus to aik 75
 It will cauß long 3e se
 Trest no^t the knippill ringer
 Let thois be war // Trew maidis ¹pat ar //
 And w^t dew fair // firome man^draikis snair //
 Keip weill thair littill finger 80

ffinis q ane Inglisman

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Ane ballat maid to þe derisioun
 And scorne of wantoun wemen

fol. 128 b

3e lusty ladyis luke
 The rakles lyfe 3e leid
 Hant nocht in hoile or nuke
 To hurt 3our womanheid
 I reid for best remeid 5
 forbeir all place prophane
 Gife this be caus of feid
 I sall not said Agane

Quhat is sic luve bot lust
 A lytill for delyte 10
 To hant that game robust
 And beistly appetyte

¹ be war *deleted*.

- I nowdir fleische nor flyte
 To tell the trewith certane
 Taik 3e this In despyte 15
 I sall not said Agane
- The wysest scho May sone
 Sedusit be and schent
 Syne fra the deid be done
 perchance sall soir repent 20
 Ouirlait Is till lament
 ffra belly dow not lane
 To cry in tyme take tent
 I sall not said agane
- Lycht wynchis luvē will fawin 25
 Evin lyk ane span3eollis lawchter
 To lat hir wamb be clawin
 be thame list geir betawcht hir
 ffor con3ie 3e may chawcht hir
 To sched hir schankis in twane 30
 And nevir speir quhais awcht hir
 I sall not said agane
- Thocht bruckill wemen hantis
 Page 317 In lust to leid thair lyvis fol. 129 a
 And wedow men þat wantis 35
 To steill a ¹ pair of swyvis
 Bot quhair that mareit wyvis
 Gois by thair husbandis bane
 That houshald nevir thryvis
 I sall not said Agane 40
- It settis not madynis als
 To latt men lowis thair laice
 No clym about menis halfs
 To clap To kiß nor braice

¹ sp *deleted*.

Nor round in secreit place 45
 Sic treitment Is a trane
 To cleive thair quaver caice
 I sall not said Agane

ffairweill with chestetie
 ffra wenchis fall to chucking 50
 Thair followis thingis thre
 To gar thame ga in gucking
 Brasing Graping and plucking
 Thir foure the suth to sane
 Enforsis thame to fucking 55
 I sall not said Agane

Sum luvis new cum to toun
 With Ieigis to mak thame Ioly
 Sum luvis dance vp and down
 To meisß thair malancoly 60
 Sum luvis lang trollie lolly
 And sum of frigging fane
 Lyk fillokkis full of folly
 I sall not said agane

Sum monebrunt madyⁿis myld 65
 At nonetyd of the nicht
 Ar chappit vp with chyld
 but coile or candill licht

Page 318 Sua sum said maidis hes slicht fol. 129 b
 To play and tak no pane 70
 Syne chift thair seid fra sicht
 I sall not said agane

Sum thinkis na schame to clap
 and kifß in opin wyiß
 Sum can nocht keip hir gap 75
 fra lansing as scho lyiß

Sum gois so gymp in gyiff
 Or scho war kissit plane
 Scho leir be Iapit thryiff
 I sall no *etc.* 80

Moir gentrice Is to Iott
 Vndir ane silkin gown
 Nor ane quhyt pittecott
 And reddyar ay boun /
 The denkest / sounest doun / 85
 The farest / But refrane
 The gayest / Grittest loun
 I sall not said Agane

The moir degest and grave
 The grydiar to grip it / 90
 The nycest to ressave
 Vpoun the nynniss will nip it
 The quhytest ¹ will quhip it
 And nocht hir hurdeis hane
 The leiff The lergir hippit 95
 I sall not said agane

Loe ladeis gif this bie
 Ane gud counsale I geif 3ow
 To saive 3our honestie
 fra sklender To releif 3ow 100
 Bot ballattis ma to breif 3ow
 I will nocht brek my brane
 Suppois 3e sowld mischeif 3ow
 I sall not said Agane



ffinis q Scott

¹ Originally quhytliest.

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fol. 130 a

ffollowis the iusting and debait vp at the drum
Betuix W^{am} adamsone and johine sym

The grit debait and turnament
Off trewth no tounge can tell
Wes for a lusty lady gent
betuix twa freikis fell
ffor Mars the god armipotent 5
Wes no^t sa ferß him sell
Nor hercules that Aikkis vprent
And dang the devill of hell / w^t hornis
Vp at the drum that Day

Doutles wes no^t so dughty deidis 10
amangis the dowsy peiris
Nor 3it no clerk in story reidis
off sa tryvmphand weiris
To se so stowtly on thair steidis
Tha stalwart knychtis steiris 15
Quhill bellyis bair for brodding bleidis
With spurris als scherp as breiris / and kene
Vp at the drum that day

Vp at the Drum the day wes sett
and fixt wes þe feild 20
quhair baith thir noble chiftanis mett
Enarmit vndir scheid
Thay wer sa haisty and sa hett
That nane of thame wald 3eild
Bot to debait or be doun bett 25
And in the quarrell keild / Or slane
Vp at the drum þat day

Thair wes ane bettir and ane worfs
 I wald þat it wer wittin
 ffor william wichttar wes of corfs 30
 Nor sym and bettir knittin
 Sym said he sett no^t by his forfs
 Bot hecht he sowld be hittin
 And he nicht counter will on horfs
 ffor sym wes bettir sittin / nor will 35
 Vp at the drum that day

To se the stryfe come zunkeirs stowt
 and mony galzart man
 all denteis deir wes thair but dowt
 The wyne on broich it ran 40
 Trumpettis and schalmis w^t a schowt
 playid or the rink began
 And eikwall Juges satt abowt
 To se quha tynt or wan / the feild
 Vp at the Drum þat day 45

Page 320 W^t twa blunt trincer speiris squair fol. 130 b
 It wes thair interpryis
 To fecht / w^t baith thair facis bair
 For lufe as is the gyis
 Ane freynd of thairis throw hap come thair 50
 And hard the rumor ryis
 quha stall away thair styngis bath clair
 And hid in secreit wayis / ffor skaith /
 Vp at etc.

Strangmen of armes and of nicht 55
 Wer sett thame for to sidder
 The harraldis cryd god schaw the rycht
 Syne bad thame go togidder

Quhair is my speir sayis sym the knycht
 Sum man go bring it hidder / 60
 Bot wald thay tary thair all nycht
 Thair lancifß come to lidder / & slaw
 Vp at *etc.*

Syme flew als fery as a fowne
 Doun fra the horß he slaid 65
 Sayis he sall rew my stalß hes stowin
 for I salbe his deid
 William his vow plicht to the powin
 ffor favour or for feid
 Als gude the tre had nevir growin 70
 quhair of my speir wes maid / To Iust
 Vp at *etc.*

Thir vowis maid to syn and mone
 Thay raikit baith to rest
 Thame to refreß w^t thair disione 75
 And of thair armour kest
 No^t knawing of the deid wes done
 quhen thay suld haif fairin best
 The fyre wes pischt out lang or none
 Thair dennaris suld haif drest / And dicht 80
 Vp at *etc.*

Than wer thay movit owt of mynd
 ffar mair than of beforne
 Thay wist no^t how to get him pynd
 That thame had drevin to skorne 85
 Thair wes no¹ deth mycht be devynd
 bot Ethis haif thay sworne
 he suld deir by be thay had dynd
 And ban þat he wes borne / Or bred /
 Vp at þe drum² þat day 90

¹ deth *deleted.*

² up at dalkeith *deleted.*

Page 321	<p>Than to dalkeith thai maid thame boun Reidwod of this reproche Thair wes baith wyne and vennisoun and barrellis ran on broche Thay band vp kyndnes in that toun Nane fra his feir to foche ffor thair wes nowdir lad nor loun Mycht eit ane baikin loche / ffor fownes Vp at dalkeith þat day</p>	fol. 131 a 95
	<p>Syne eftir denner raifs the din and all the toun on steir William wes wyifs and held him In For he wes in a feir Sym to haif bargan cowld no^t blin Bot bukkit will on weir Sayis gife thow wald this lady win Cum furth and brek a speir / w^t me Vp at Dalkey^t þat day</p>	100 105
	<p>This still for bargan sym abyddis and schowttit will to schame Will saw his fais on bath the syddis ffull sair he dred for blame Will ¹schortly to his horfs he slydis and sayis to Sym ²be name bettir we bath wer byand hyddis and weddir skynniss at hame / Nor heir Vp at <i>etc.</i></p>	110 115
	<p>Now is the growme that wes so grym Rycht glaid to leif in lie ffy theif for schame sayis littill sym Will thow no^t fecht w^t me Thow art moir lerge of lyth and lym</p>	120

¹ Syme deleted, Will on margin.² Will deleted, and Sym interlined

Nor I am be sic thre
 and all the feild cryd fy on him
 Sa cowartly tuk the fle / for feir /
 Vp at *etc.* 125

Than every man gaif will a mok
 and said he wes our meik
 Sayis sym send for thy broder Iok
 I sall no^t be to seik 130
 ffor wer 3e foursum in a flok
 I compt 3ow no^t a leik
 Tho^t I had rycht no^t bot a rok

Page 322 To gar 3our rumpill reik / behynd fol. 131 b
 Vp at dalkeith þat day 135

Thair wes rycht no^t bot haif and ga
 W^t law^ter lowd thay lewche
 Quhen thay saw sym sic curage ta
 and will mak it sa twche
 Sym lap on horsbak lyk a ra 140
 And ran him till a huche
 Sayis william cum ryd doun this bra
 Tho^t 3e suld brek ane bwche / ffo lufe
 Vp at *etc.*

Sone doun the bra Sym braid lyk thunder 145
 And bad will fallow fast
 To grund for fersneß he did sunder
 be he midhill had past
 William saw sym in sic a blunder
 To ga he wes agast 150
 for he affeird it wes na winder
 his cursour suld him cast / and hurt him
 Vp at *etc.*

Than all the jungkeiris bad will 3eild
 Or doun the glen to gang 155
 Sum cryd the koward suld be keild
 Sum doun the hewche he thrang
 Sum ruscht Sum rummyld sum reild
 Sum be the bewche he hang
 Thair avairis fyld vp all the feild 160
 Thay wer so fow and pang / w^t drafe
 Vp *etc.*

Than gelly johine come in a Iak
 To feild quhair he wes feidit
 Abone his brand ane bucklar blak 165
 Baill fell the bern thad bedit
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