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The date of composition and printing may range between 1510 and 1520, but nothing is known nor can inferences be drawn with any degree of certainty. The author is unknown.

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JOHN S. FARMER.
A new interlude and a mercy of the nature of the t.i.t. elements declaring many proper points of philosophy natural and of dyuers strange landsys and of dyuers strange effects, as causes wherein the interlude of the hole matter be played wyl conteyn e the space of an hour and a halfe, but if ye lust ye may leue out muche of the said matter as the messengers pre and some of naturys partes and some of experyens pte and yet the matter wyl de pend conveniently and than it wyl not be past the quarters of an hour of length.

There folow the names of the pleyers.

The messengers: Nature naturate / Humilihyte / Studious desire / Sensuall appetyte / The tauer ner / Experience / pyramidante / Also if ye lust ye may bynge in a dysgylngte.

There folow dyuers matters whiche be in this interlude conteyned.

Of the sytuacion of the t.i.t. elements that is to ley the yether the water the aire and yere of ther qualtyte and propertye and of the generacyon corrupted of thynge made of y conyction of them.
Of certeyn elusions puyng that the see lyeth rounde upon the perch.

Of certeyne poynts of cosmography / as howe or where the see couerceth the perch / of dyuers strange regiones and landys and whiche wey they lye / and of the new founde landys and maner of people.

Of the generacon and cause of stone and metal and of plantis and herbys.

Of the generacon and cause of well sypynge / and of the cause of hote fumys that come oure of the of the perch / and of cause of the bathys of water in the perch whiche be perpetually hote.

Of the cause of the ebbe and floyde of the see.

Of the cause of rayne snowe and happle.

Of the cause of the wyndys and thonder.

Of the cause of the lyghtnyinge of blaying ster-crys and flamyngs sleynge in the aye.
The messenger.

Of absolute grace of the power devynne which doth illumyne the world inuyton prevent this nyudere and cause them to inclyne to charpyte this is my petycyon for by your paciens and supplationlyt alyet an interlude late made and prepared before your presence here shall be declarely which of a few conclusyons is conteynd and point of philosophie natural.

But though the matter be not so well declarely as a great clerke coude do nos so substanceall yet the auctour hereof requirith you all though he be yngnozant and can lytlyll skyll to regarde his only intent and good wyll which in his mynde hath oftynes pondered what nombre of bok in our tongue inaternal of toyes and trepsylyes be made and impynityd and few of them of matter substanceall for though many make bok yet unmete ye shall in our englyshe tongue synpe any bark of connynge that is regarded by clerke.

The grek the romanis with many other mo in their moore tongue ynot Bark excellent than ye clerke in this realme weide take payn to.
Conceybing that our tongue is now suffycyent
To expoun any hard sentence euydeuer
They myght yf they wolde in out englyshe tonge
Wyte woorkys of grauyme conyyme amonget
For dyuers pengers wyte he in this lande
As well of noble men as of meane estaye
Whiche nothynghe but englyshe can understande
Than yf conwyng late bokys were translate
In to englyshe/wel correct and approbate
All subtel sciens in englyshe myght be lernyd
As well as other people in their owne tonge dyd
But now so it is that in our englyshe tonge
Many one there is that can but rede a wyte
For his pleasure wyll oft presume amonge
New bokys to compile and balake to indyte
Some of love or other matter no worth a wyte
Some to opteyn fauour wyll slatter and glose
Some wyte cyvous terms nothing to purpose
Thus every man after his fantele
Wyll wyte his conceyte be it neuer so rude
Be it vertuous wyceous wyledome of foly
Wherefor to my purpose thus I conclude
Why shold not than the auctour of this interlude
After his owne fantele and conceyte also
As well as dyuers other now a dayes do
For wyledome and foly is as it is takyn
For all call ye wyse some another call ye wyse solely
yet among moste folkes that man is holie
moste wyse/whiche to be rychete studyeth only
But he that for a company welth by lyly
Studieythe and laboroeth and lyyth by goddes lawe
Except he war rychete man count hym but a daw.
So he that is rychete is euer honouryd
Al though he haue got it neuer so sallely
The poze buynge neuer so wyse is reprouyd
This is the oppynyons moste company
Tho:owe out the worlde and yet no reason why
Therefore in my mynde when that all suche daues
Have babelyd what they can no force of /is strawis
C For euer man in reason thus ought to do
To labour for his owne necessary lyuyng
And than for the welth of his nevyghour also
But what bylythly mynde haue they which muste
And laboureng all their lyff? do no nother thyng
But bylyge ryches to thei owne possesyon
No thing regardige their nevyghours distrauccis
Yet all the ryches in the worlde that is
Lyyth of the grounde by goddes lendynge
And by the labour of poze menys handys
And though thou rychete maue therof kepynge
Yet is not this ryches of thy gettyng
No; oughtyst not in reason to be kepynge moze.
For by other men's labour it is got before
A great wytte man may some be encryp't
That laboureth and studyeth for ryches only
But how shall his coseyens than be discharged
For all clerks asserie that that man preselyly
Which studyeth for his owne welth principally
Of god shall descerne but lytell rewarde
Except he the cōynyn welth somewhat regarde
So they say that that man occupied is
For a cōynyn welth which is ever labouyng
To rescure poyze people with temporal goodys
And that it is a cōynyn good act to brynge
People from byce and to bse good lyuyng
Lyke wyse for a cōynyn welth occupied is he
That byngyng them to knowledge yngnozat be
But man to knowe god is a dyfsculte
Except by a meane he hym selfe inure
Which is to knowe goddes creatures that be
As furst theyn that be of the grossyst nature
And than to know them that be more pure
And so by lyttell and lyttell ascendyng
To know goddes creatures & mericious werkige
And this wyse man at the last shall come to
The knowlege of god and his hye mageste
And so to lerne to do his dewte and also
To descerne of his goodnes partence to be
Whereof in this work declaryed shall ye see
First of the elements is the creation
And of their effects the cause and generation
And though some me thinke this matter to be
And not meet for an audience well-learned
We thinke for man nothyng more necessary
Than this to know though it be not vid
to a matter more lowe can not be argu'd
For though the elementis goddy's creatures be
yet they be most grosse and lowly in degree
How dare men presume to be called clark
By putting of hye creatures celestial
As thing's invisible and goddy's hyc warkys
And know not these bylyble thing's intervale
So they wolde know hye thing's & know nothing
Of the yerth here whereon they dalyly be
(at all
Not all the nature some no quantite
Wherefore it semeth nothyng consonant
A man to study and his tyme to be slowe
First for the knowlege of hye thing's excellent
And of lyght matters beneth nothyng to know
As of these. . . . elements here below
whose effects dalyly appere here at eye
Such thing to know first / were most mete study
Which matter before your prescense shouly
In this interlude here shall be declar'd
without great eloquence if wyne rudey
Because the compiler is but small learned
This worke with rethorpyk is not adourynyn
d for perhaps in this matter muche eloquence
Should make it tedpous or hurte the sentence
But because some folke be lypyllly desiposed
To sadnes/but more to myyth and sport
This phyllophonyall worke is myppyd
With myry conseytis to gyue men cocoft
And ocasaun to cause them to resote
To here this matter/wherto ye they take hede
Some lenrynge to them thereof may prede
But they that shall nowe this matter declare
Openly here vnto this audynce
Be holde I prey you see where they are
The pleyers begyn to appere in presynce
I se well it is tyme for me to go bens
And so I will do therfore now shortly
To god I comyn all this hole company

Chie intrat natura naturata huma-
nyte & Studypous desire post as sigura
Chatura Natura

The hye myghtyl most excellent of all
The soulyyn of goodnes vertu eu & conyng
Whyshe is eternly of power most potencyal
The psceyon and fyrst cause of ciche thyngyn
I meane that only hye nature naturynge
Lo he by his goodness hath ordnyd and create
Ye here his mystery callyd nature naturate.
Wherefore I am the beere naturate nature
The immediate mystery for the preseruacyon
Of every thing in his kynde to endure
And cause of generacyon and corrupcyon
Of that thing that is brought to distruacyon
Another thing styll I brynge forth a gayne
Thus wonderliy I worke and never in bayne
The great world be holde to deuypyd woderly
In to two regyonys whereof on I call
The ethyrall regyon with the heypns lyke
Conteynyng the planetys sterres & spers all
The lower regyon callyd the elementall
Conteynyng these.uis. elementys be loo
The fyre the ayre the water and yerth also
But yet the elementys and other bodyes all
Beneth take theyz effectys and operacyons
Of the bodyes in the regyon ethyrall
By theyz influencing and constellacyons
They cause here corrupcyons and generacyons
Fo: yf the mowynge a bouse shulde on ryce cease
Beneth shulde be neither increse nor decrese
If these elementys of them seisme so lyngle be
Unto dyuers somys can not be deuypyd
yet they compe to gyder dauplye yee se
whereof byues kynde of thyngs be ingendered
whiche thyngs ellesongs when they be coruypred
yethe element I reduce to his first estate
so that nothynges can be biterly admychelate
for though the soyte and facyon of any thyng
That is a corpozall body be destroyed
yet every matter remayneth in his bynge
whereof it was first made and found by
for corrupecyon of a body somewhat
ys but the resolution by tymne and space
Of every element to his owne place
for, who that wyll take any body corpozall
And do what he can it to destroy
To wyche it or grynde it into powder small
To washe to browne to bren it or to dry
yet the aype and fyce thereof naturally
To their owne pper places wyll ascende
The water to the water the yerth to yperth tende
for yf there be any styrke of any thyngs certayne
By fyce or be water be consumed
yet yperth of allthes on yperth wyll remayne
So the elements can never be destroyed
For euen asly the is nowat this tyde
As in the same aye water yperth as was
Ever before this tymne nether more no les
I wheresoef thou than now I spake to the
Remember that thou art compound and create
Of these elements as other creatures be
Yet they have not all thy noble estate
For plants and herbs growe and be incensate
But beasts have memory and their works tyue
But thou hast all those and soul's intellect yue
So by reason of thine understandyng
Thou hast dominyon of other beasts all
And naturally thou holdest desire conyng
To knowe strange effects and causeth natural
For he that studyeth for the lyfe best yall
As voluptuous pleasure and bodey rest
I account hym neuer better than a best

Chumanyte.

Excellent prince and great bode nature
I am thyne owne chylde and soynd instrument.
I beseech thy grace take me to thy cure
And teche me teche ye pipe thou thinkst expedite

Nature.

Than lyest thou art so humble and benevolent
That thynges that is more for thy capasyte
And good for thy knowlege I Shall Instruct thee
Fiste of all thou must consider and see
These elements which do yche other penetrated
And by contrary all alteracyon they be
Of them selfe dayly corrupted and generate
The yerth as a point or center is sytuate
In the midde of the woorld with h water Joyned
With the ayr & syre rounde & hole inuyrayd
{T}he yerth of it selfe is ponderous and heavy
Colde and dry of his owne nature per
Some parte yeart drye contynually
And parte therof coueryd over with water
Some with the salt see some with freche ryuer
Whiche yerth and the water to gyder with all
So Joynyd make a rounde sygure spere call
LSo the water which is colde & mopyt is soode
In and bypon the yerth syllynge the holones
In ayrers partia lyynge with yerth rounde
Yet the hyllys and mountayns of yerth exellse
Take nothynge of hit a way the roundnes
In comparyson bycause they be so small
No more than the spyrks do that be on a gall
T{}he ayr whiche is hote and mopyt also
And the syre whiche is ever hote and dry
About the yerth and water Joyned they go
And compasse them euer where spurcularly
As the whyte a boute the yolk of an egg doth lye
But the ayr in the lower parte moyste remayneth
The syre naturally to the yerth rendyth
{T}he ether all region whiche conteyneth
The ayres and planeteys and euer spere
About the elements daily mouyeth
And coueryth them rounde about euery where
Every yerre and spere in straunghe maner
Uppon his owne poles mouyeth ypuerly
Whiche now to declare were to long to cary
C The yere and the yere of their naturys be lyght
Therefore they moue by naturall pouyence
The water because it is ponderous in weyght
Mouyeth not naturally but by ypoience
Of the sterris and planetts by whose influence
The see is compellyd to ebbe and flowe dayly
And freshe waters to spynge continually
(And though the water be grose and heuy
yet nothynge so grose as the yerth) I wys
Therefore hyete it is vapozyd by lyghtly
And in the yere maketh cloudys and myst
But as soon as ever that it grossely is
Sederyd to gyde / it descendyth a gayne
And caulyth uppyn the yerth halfe snow that rayne
(For the yerth because of his ponderosyte
A vapoys equallly the mouynge) great
Of all extremytes and sperys that be
And rendyth to the place that is most quiet
So in the mydysys of all the sperys to let
For naft abiect from all maner mouynge
There naturally he resteth hym mouyth nothynge
Marke well now how I have the chyve told
Of every element the very situacyon
And qualyte, wherefore this figure beholde
For a mote manysex demonstracyon
And by cause thou holdest not put to obly upon
By doctrine this man callyd studyous desirce
With the shall haue concoynall habityacyon
The styll to exhost mote seyens to adquyre
For mote thou desyest to know any thynge
Therin thou sempest the mote a man to be
For that man that desireth no maner conyng
All that typle no beter than a best is he
why ben the eyes made but only to see
The leggys to bере the body of a creature
So every thynge is made to do his nature
So lyke wylste reason wyt and understandyng
ps gyuen to the man for that thou holdest i bene
Knowe thy maker a cause of thynce owne byngc
And what lyke wise is o whereof thou doest prede
wherefore it be houyth the of veryn nede
The cause of thynge sest fo to lerne
And than to knowe s laude the lyke god eterne
Chuanyte.
O glorioys lorde and prynces moste pleynke
Greatly am I now holdyn but to the
So to illustryne my myndi that was yngnoyste
with such noble doctrine as thou hast here shewed
wherefore I promise upon my mighty 
my diligence to do to kepe in memory
And the so to honour still perpetually

Studyous desire
And synth it hath pleased thy grace to adopt
We upon this man to gyue attendance
with thy doctrine here shewed I shall speak his
And daily put him in remembrance
His courage and delyce I shall also inhaunce.
So that his secrete shall be most of all
To study and to serche for causys naturall

Nature
I well than so a season I will departe
Leaving you to gyder here both twayne
what I have seene man pynst well in thyne herc
And marke well this sygure here shall twayne
whereby thou mayst percepye many thynges moze
Concernynge thy matter I spake of befofe. (playn
And wone that I shall refoze here a garne
Of hye points of conyngse I shall shew hye moze

Studyous desire.
Now humane call to your memory
The conyngse points that nature hath declarde
And though he have shewed thygers poists & many
Of the clementis so wonderly formed
yet many other caulyes there are wolde be lernyd
As to knowe the generacion of thynges all
Here in the yerth how they be ingredyed
As herps plantys well spynge stone and meall
Chumanyte.

Those thyngs to knowe for me be full expedient
But yet i those points whiche nature late by wyd
By mynde in thyn as yet is not content 
(me For I can no maner wyse parcepye no? sec
No? porye by reason why the yerth sholde be
In the myddes of the fyrmament hungyng so small
And the yerth with the water to be roide with all

Stydyous desyre.

Ie thynkyth my selfe as to some of those point
I coude gyve a suffeyent soluyon
For first of all thou must nedys graunt this
That the yerth is to depe and botom hath non
Or els there is some grosse thyng hit fodyth upon
Or els that it hangyth thou must nedys consent
Eynyn in the myddes of the fyrmament

Chumanyte.

What than go forth with thyne argument
Stydyous desyre.

Thea macke well in day o? in a wintres nyght
The lome and tione and sterris celestyal
In the el-fyrd they do spre to thy kyght
A master in the west they do downe fall
Aayne in the moze we next of all
With an, xxxiij, hours they be come, Just
to rest poise again where thou sawst them, sung
Than ye the crhe Shulde be of endles deones,
O, Shulde stonde upon any other grosse thynge,
If Shulde be an impediment dowles,
To the same mone and sterris in they mouyynge,
They Shulde not so in the est aayne spynge.
Therefor in reason it seemeth moste convenient,
The yerty to hange in, wypp dc of the spynamet, humayne.

Thyne argument in y point doth me essoide,
That thou hast made but yet it purchthe not ryght,
That the yerty by reason Shulde be rounde,
For though y spynamet with his sterris byght,
Compass aboute the yertye the day and nyght,
Yet the yerty may be playne pyduentre.
Quadraunt triangle of some other figure,

Studyouse despze.

That it cannot be playne I shall well puc the,
Be cause the sterris that a ryse in the optent,
Appere more soone to them that there be,
Than to the other dweleynge in the occident.

B.1.
The eclyspe is thoro of a playne expermente
Of the cone or more which whene it dothe sy
Is never one tyyme of the day in placey all
Tyr the eclips generally is alwaye
In the hole world as one tyyme bynynge
But then we that dwell here see it in my yday
They in the west part is see it in the monyng
And they in the est beholde it in the euyng
And why that holde so be no cause can be found
But onely by reason that the yerthe is rownde

Chumanype.
That reason poureth the yerth at the left
Rowndes to be rownde I cannot gayne say
Als to to accompt from the est to the west
But yet not with condnynge all that it may
Leke hys rowndenesse by some other wyse

CStudyous delye.
Na no bowte yt is rownde every where
which I could povte thou thoudest not say nay
yt I had three any tyyme and lesse
But I knowe a man callyd experyens
Of dyuers instrumentys is never without
Covnde povte all these porntys & yet by his epyes
Can tell how many myle the yerthe is a bowte
And many other strange conclusions no doubt.

When the instruments were done, the certain

certain instrument held them playing and

Human, etc.

Now will it be no man now here

For the contemtation of my mynde.

C Studyous desyze.

Cyf ye wyll I shall fo2hyn enquerye

And bynge hym beder ye I can hym lynde

Human, etc.

Then wyght I lay ye were to myryght lynde

C Studyous desyze.

I shall assay by god that me dere bought

For cunning is the byngge ye wolde be sought

C Sensuall apetye.

Well hpyt quod hykman when ye he snot

Hys wyffe on the buttocks with a dere pott

Ab now god eury sole god eury

It is euyn the knave that I wene

Hast thou done thy babelyng

C Studyous desyze.

Cy pe dreadventure what than

C Sensmall apetye.

Tha hold downeth thy head lyke a petry manse tak
Benedicite, I grant to thee, this photon.
And give the absolution.
For thou hast sinned by Jack damn,
I the third, thy fathers done.
They come with us, and let be merry.
With buffet and song at the barge.
And let the wind be worn.
Sing on, holy, holy, holy,
For, if it be holy, it is holy.
For to have a lad unyde.
For, rather than I wold be lude, holy.
To pray to study, or be pope holy;
I had as I be red.
By gog's body, I tell you, try.
I lease as I chynge now els, I be by.
Em[ind], next fellows bed.
Waste humanity, be your lewe.
I were right, to hot you to grewe.
Though I do hym dyspyse.
For ye knew we hym as well as I.
Ye wold not be his company.
No, love hym in no wyse.

For the lokestlyke an honest man,
Therefore I mercuell that ye can.
Sen.  Though he take never so well
    I promise you he hath a threwe smele.

Sir.  Why so I pray you tell

Sen.  For he swereeth lyke a knaue.

St.  Houlde your pease ly, ye myst take me
    what I trowe that ye wolde make me
    lyke to one of your kyns.

Sen.  That he is here ye not how boldly
    he calleth me knaue againe by polycy
    The devyl pull of his skin
    I wolde he were hanged by the throne
    For by the iustesse I loove hym hot
    we two can never a gre.

Sir.  I am contente ly with you to tary
    And I am so: you so necessary
    ye can not lyue without me.

St.  why ly, I Lar what man be ye

Sen.  I am calllyd sentually a percy
    All crouyts be me before
    I comforthe the wytes syre.
    The talyng finellyg a herbyce
    I refrete the right and selinge
    To all crouyts a lyue.
For when the body were with hongry
For lacke of fode of eys thursty
Than with drynkes pleasaund
I restore hym out of payne
And ofte refreth the nature agayne
With delicate yond
With pleasaunde sound of armonye
The herpuge alwaye I satysfy
I hate this well reporthe.
The smellynge with weeto odde?
And the lyght with pleasaunte by gode?
And colours I comfoyte.
The feluyng that is so pleasaunte
Of every member fote or hande
What pleasure therin can be.
By the towchynge of softe harde
Of fote or colde nought in regarde.
Except it come by me.

Bu. Than I cannot see the contrary
But ye are for me full necessary
And ryght convienent.

Stu. Ye be ware yet what ye do
For ye toake my company so
Lo:de nature wyll not be contente.
Of hym ye shal necuer lethe good thyng
No other vertu no; no other concyng
This dace I well say

Sen. Mary aunnt knaue I the detye
Dyde natyure so; dyde hym my coryng
What sayst thou therce speke openly

Hu. As for that I know well say

Sen. No by gud I am ryght sure
Fro; he knoweth wel no creature
Without me can lyue one day

Hu. Sy? I pray you be contente
It is not utterly myne intente,
Your company to eryle
But onely to hate conynypaynt
And a pastyme of recreaypton
With this man for a whyle

Stu. Well for your pleasure I wyll departe

Sen. Now go knaue go I bethe wyth harte
The devyl fende the so; wytte

Sen. Now by my trouth I mereult greetly
That eyer ye wolde vs the company
So mycche of suche a knaue
Fro; ye ye do no nother thyng
But eyer study and to be inatyng.
As he wolde haue you it wyll you blynge
At the last vnto your graue
Cye (shulde cue) study blynge pally
Foz to comfort your lyfe naturall
With metes and dypnes delicate
And other pastynes & pleasures amonge
Baulynge laughenge d3 plesaunt longe
This is mecte for your estat.

Hu. Becaues ye leyd to I you pynsle
That I haue mulyd & studyed such wyse
We thynketh my wytes werp
By nature decyreh some refresseynge
And also I haue ben so longe fastynge
That I am somewhat hongry

Sen. Cwell than wyll ye go with me
To a tauerne where ye shalle se
Good pastaunce & at your lybertye
Have what to euer ye wyll

Hu. CI am content so fote to do
Ye that ye wyll not fzo me go
But kepe me company fyll

Sen. CCompy my a ye I shalle poyn ye deuyse
And also do you good and trewe seuyce
And thereto I plyght my trouthe
And if that I ever so take you
- I pray God the devil take you

Hu.  Mary I thank you so, that othe
Sen.  I will chyse on it my tongue too,
y'll tryp somyng what to eu'e I do
But ye wot what I intene well

Hu.  Ce no force let this matter passe
But seyesteu inow thou knewyst where
A good tauerne to make solas (was
where is that I prey the tell

Sen.  Mary at the doz euyn here by
- ye call any thyng on hye
The tauerne wyll an wret

Hu.  Ce prey the than call for thyng nowe

Sen.  Mary wyll / How tauerne why 
dosse thou not appeare

Tauer  Who is that calleth so balely ney.

Hu.  I thyn thynne hert speke softly

Sen.  Than I be thynne page of thyne age
Come hyther knaue for thyne auantage
why makyst thou hit so to w

Ca.  If for thyne auantage mary the I come
Deware hyz how let me haue come

Lo here I am what leyst thou
Sen. Mary thus here is a gentleman I say
That neither eat no; drink this day
Therefore tell me I the praye
If thou haue any good wyne

Ta. Ye shall have paynes the wyne & galoyn
Rote colour wyth claret rampion
The cappex and malmseyne
Sak raspyce alyceante rumney
Gyke ipoczase new made clary
Suche as ye never had
For ye drinke a draught or too
Ye wyll make you of ye thenes go
By gogge body starkke madde

Sen. I wot thou art not without good wyne
But here is a gentleman hath lyte to dyne
Cant thou get him any good mete

Ta. What mete mayster wolde ye haue

Hu. I care not for god me laue
So that it be hollyme to eate
I wolde we had a good newe rapan

Sen. As for capons ye can gette none
The kyngys take toke by eche one
I wot well there is none to get
Ca. Though all capons be gone what than
yet I can get you a stewed hen
That is redy dyght.
Hu. If the be fat yt wyll do well
Ca. Fat or lene I cannot tell
But as for this I wot well
She lay at the stewes all nyght.
Hu. Thou art a mad gest be this lyght.
Sen. Ye sy; it is a felow that neuer faplys
But catt get my masters a dyche of qua-
Sual bydes (walowes or wagryle)
They be lyght of dyggestpon.
Ca. Lyght of dyggestpon for what reason
Sen. For physlyk purtyth this reason therto,
Bycause thoes bydes fele to fto
And be contynuall mouynge.
Ca. Then know I a lyghter meate than y
Hu. I pray the tell me what
Ca. If ye wyll nedys know at shorte longe
It is euyn a womens tounge
For that is euyn steppyge
Hu. Sy; I pray the let suche fanteles be
And come heber nere & harke to me
And do after my byddynge.
God puruey vs a dyuer euyyn of the most
Of alle maure dylyshes both sod and rote
That thou canst get spare for no coste
If thou make the course

Tai. If thay ye yet nor her gole nor slawe
But a dylysh of dregys a dylysh of braxe
A dylysh of drafte and I trowe than
ye can not get the worste.

Hu. What hossen boldyst thou puruey
By drafte a hylkyngge dreggs I ley
I bode the maed I trowe

Tai. Coughes paly on layd ye not thus
That I should puruege you the course
And ther be course Inowe (dylyshes)

Hu. C The course dylyshes go a
what maed tole thou hyvs taken me cleere
I le well thou wotest not what I wert
And understandyst a inys
I inere this wyse I wolde have the
To puruey merte to great plente
That thou sholdyst of necessitye
Shreue them at the courseys
C That is to understand at one lysnde
Thay shulde bryngge them unto thydye
At these severall times,

Ca. 

C: What than I se well ye wyll make a sekhe.

Dv. 

C: By the plotte cuphe, with the grete.

Sen. 

C: My trouth than do ye bethe.

Dv. 

C: But ye must haue more company.

Dv. 

C: That is trewe and so wolde I glade.

If I knewe any to fynde.

Sen. 

C: Why wyll ye folowe my counselle.

Dv. 

C: The.

Sen. 

C: Than we wyll haue lytell tell.

Appr wench she daunsith well.

And Jane with the blacke lace.

We wyll haue bounspinge belle alfo.

And twoo, the proper wenchis mo.

Right ley and slipper of face.

Dv. 

C: Howe be it to thou art Lance here.

Ta. 

C: Thy I perceyue ye wyll make gode there.

Dv. 

C: Why, what bylde leta do.

Ta. 

C: If ye thinke so bethe than, wyll I.

Go before and make all change redye.

Againe ye come therto.

Dv. 

C: Warie, I gethe the do so.

Ta. 

C: Than farewell lytles for I am gone.
Chu. And we shall follow the and without any tarryng.
Sen. Then it is best ye make hast for ye shall spende here but time I wait and do no nether thyng.
Hu. If ye will let us goo by and by.
Sen. I pay you be it for I am redy no man better wylyng.
C Now colyn experpenes as I may say ye are ryght welcom to this contrey without any saynyng.
Expiés Sy? I thanke you therof hertely and I am as glad of your company as any man saynyng.
Stu. Sy? I understand that ye have be in many a strange contrey and haue had grete synple cyte.
Strange causes to seke and synde.
Er. Ryght farre sy? I haue rydden & gone and seen strange thynges many one in a focy/europe and ynde both eft & west I haue ben far
North also and seen the soth thyng.
Bothe by see and lande
And ben in sondry nacyons
With peple of dyuers condycyons
Stu. Marvelous to understonde.
Syz of a man hace suche courage
Or devocyon in pygrynage
Jeruzalem unto
For, to accompte the nerte way
How many myle is it I you pray
Ex. From hens theder to god
Syz as for all suche queysons
Of townces to knowe the sytuation
How they be a sunder
And other pouyntes of cosmogy
Ye shall never lerne then more surely
Then by that sygure yonder
For, who that sygure dyd syt deyple
It lerneth well he was wyse
And percyte in this leyens
For, bothe the se and lande also
Lye treu and just as they sholde do
I know by experyens.
Stu. who thynke you brought here this sygure
Ex. CI wot not
Certes la de nature
Hym selfe not longe a gone
Whiche was here personally
Declarynge hys philosophy
And lathe this figure purposely
For humaytes instructeven

Dowtles ryght nobly done
Sey, this realmpe ye know, is calld Eglade.
Someyme bietnapne I understande
Therefore I preye you poit with your hede
In what place it shulde lye.

Cspy; this sponglande lyenge here.
And this is chostlade: Joyneth hym here.
Compasly dys boutte every where
With the ocean see rownde.
And next from them westwardly.
Here by hym selfe alone douly.
Irlande, that hollome grounde
Here than is the narowe sey.
To Calpyce and Boleyn, the next wy.
And staynders in this pte.
Here lyeth France, next hym ionynge
And Spain southwarde fro thes stadynge
And poystyngale in this quart
This countrey is callyd Italye
Beholde where Rome in y nyddis doth ly
And Naples here be yonde
And this lytell See that here is
Is callyd the Gulfe of Venys
And here venys doth stande
C As for almane lyet this way
Here lyeth denmarke and noyway
And northwarde on this syde
There lyet Icelonde where men do sythe
But be yonde that so colde it is
No man may there abyde
C This See is called the great Ocean
So great it is that never man
Coude tell it with the worlde began
Tyll nowe within this, yeere
Westwarde be foundenewlandes
That we never harde tell of before this
By wyppyngge noz other meanys
yet many nowe have ben there
C And that countrey is so large of Rome
Muche longer than all cristendome
Without fable or gyde
For dyuers maypyners have it tryed
And sapyed streyght by the coste syde
Above, y, thoulund myle
Ct.
But what comedyes be within
No man can tell now well imagin
But yet not longe a go
Some men of this coutrye went
By the kynges noble consent
It 30 to serche to that entent
And coude not be byought therto
But they that were they venteres
Have caule to curse their maryners
Fals of promys and dissimblers
That falsely them be trayed
Which would take no paine to saile farther
Than their owne lyk and pleasure
Wherefore that byage and dyuers other
Suche kaptynnes have distroyed
God what a thynge had be than
Of that they that be englythe men
Byght have ben the surfe of all
That there shulde have take possesyon
And made surfe buyldeyne & habytacion
A memory perpetuall
And also what an honorable thynge
Both to the realme and to the kyng
To have had his domynyon extyndyne
There into to farre a grounde
Which the noble kyng of late memor
The moste wyse pyrnee the. b.i. Heyr
Caused furt to be founde
And what a great merito pyrnee dede
It were to haue the people instructed
To lyue more vertuously
And to lerne to knowe of men the maner
And alose to knowe god they maker
whiche as yet lyue all bestly
For they ther knowe god ne the deuell
No never harde tel of heuyn no hell
Wyptynge no other scripture
But yet in the stede of god allmypht
The honour the lone for his great lygge
For that both then great pleasure
Colydnyng no house they have no at
But wodes/cotys and causys small (all
No mercyele though it be so
For they be no maner of yron
Other in tole no other wepon
That shulde helpe them there to
Copper they have whiche is founde
Indyueres places abowe the grounde
yet they dyg not therforse
For as I layd they haue non pyrn
Wherby they shulde in the ytter mynne
To serche for any wose

C.ii.
Great haboundaunce of woody ther be
Some parte by; and pyne aple tre
Great ryche myght come therby
Both pyche and tarre and slope aslyps
As they make in the east landes
By bynyng the rof only
If ye they have so great plente
That in hauyns take and layne they be
With staups withouten saple
Nowe frenchemen & other haue fode the
That verely of ye the there they lade (trade
A bove an. C. aple
[But in the south parte of that contrey
The people ther go nakyd alway
The lande is of so great herte
And in the north parte all the clothes
That they were/is but best clynyes
They haue no other fete
But howe the people first began
In that contrey or when they cam
For clerkes it is a question
Other thynge in I haue in store
That I coude tel therof but now no more.
Cyll another season
Stu. (That at your pleasure shew some other
yt lyketh me so wel your companye (thige
ye cannot talke a mys

Ex. That wyll I come a gayne to my matter
Of Cosmography where I was erst
Beholde take heede to this
Loe easterne beyonde the great ocean
Here entereth the see calleld mediterran
Of .y. myle of lengthe
The Soudans contrelyseth here by
The great Turke on the north syde doth ly
A man of mercueryous strengthe
This syde north pte is calleld europa
And this south pte calleld africa
This easterne pte is calleld ynde
But this newe lande founde lately
Ben calleld america by cause only
Americus syd surft them synde
Loo I hesin lyseth in this contre
And this be ponde is the red see
That nopes makest of moncyon
This quarter is Indiamino;
And this quarter Indiamato;
The lande of prestor Johst
But northeasterne this way as ye se
Many other strange regions ther be
And people that we not knowe
But easterne on the see syde

C.iii.
Appercie there is that rulyth wyde
Lallyd the Lance of catowe
(And this is called the great eel see
Which goth all a longe this wey
Towards the newe landis agayne
But whether that see goth ther directely
Or if any wyldernes bytwene them do ly
No man knoweth for certeyne
But these newe landes by all cosmografye
Frome the cane of catous lande ca not lye
Lytell paste a thousande myle
But from those newe landes me mayple
Estwarde 2 ch to englade agaie (layne
Where we began ere whyle
[Lo all this parte of the yerth wthche I
Bauch here discryped openly
The north parte we do se call
But the south parte on the other lyde
ys as large as this full and as wyde
Which we knowe nothyng at all
[No; whether my nost parte lande 0; see
No; whether the people that there be
Be bestirall 0; cynyng
[No; whether they knowe god 0; no
[No; howe they beloue 0; what they do
Of this we knowe nothyng.
Lo is not this a thyng woodefull
How that
Et subito study use desyre dicat.

Stu. Cpeelcy ye no more of this matter
Beholde where huumynte cometh here

Sen. Chowley you maister huumynte
I prey you haue ye not be mere
And had good recreacon

Yu. Yes I thanke the therof evry del
Foz we haue faryd meruously well
And had good comunycacon

Ta. What how maister where be ye now
Sen. What I hew the what haft haft thou
That thou spekyst to hpe

Ta. So hpe qd a I trow ye be mad by layne
Foz dyd ye not ere whyle
Make poynctment openly
To come agayn all to supper
There as ye were to day at dymce
And yet ye poyncted not playne
What oste that ye wyll haue dresk
Noz what delycats ye lour best
We thynke you sarrce oure layne

Hul. Cso for wyne owne pte I care not
Dresse what oste thou louest sparc not
What so ever thou doest best thynke
Ta: Now if ye put it to my lyberte
Of all metz in the worder that be
By this lyght I love best dyynke
Sen: It semyth by thy face so to do
But my maister wyll haue mete also
what so ever it cost
Ta: COf god yf, than ye must tell what
Hu: At thy discersetyon I soze nat
whether it be soden or rost
Ta: Cwell fy2 than care not let me alone
ye shaull se that all thynge shaull be done
And dyyned well and syne
Hu: CSo I require the hercely
And in any wyse specially
Let vs haue a cuppe of newe wyne
Cn. Cpe shaull haue wyne as newe as can be
fo z I may tell you in ppyyte
Hit was byued but yeester nyght
Hu. CBut that is nothing fo z my deyte
Ta: CBut than I haue fo z your deyte
A cup of wyne of olde clarret
there is no better by this lyght
Hu. Cwell I trust the well I nowe
Ta. CBut on thynge if it please you nowe
ye se well I take muche payne fo z you
I trust ye wyll se to me
Hu. Cye l pempe th fett the hens
And in this maner do thy dylygence
And I shall well rewarte the
Sen. By cause thou lokyst for a rewarde
One thyng for the I haue appared
That here I shall the gyffe
Thou shalte haue a knauys skyn
For to put thy body theri1
For terme of thy lyfe
Ta. CNow gramercy my gentyll brother
And therfore thou shalt haue nother
For bodyng of tryse
Sen. CNowe farewell gentyll John
Ta. Than farewell sole for I am gone
Sen. TA byde toone ones a gayne barke what
yet there is a nother thyng (le
wolde do well at our maisters wallynge
Hu. I what thyng is that I the pery
Sen. CHary thus canst thou tell us yet
where is any cose water to get
Ta. yc that I can well purney
As good as cuer you put to your nose
For there is a leyse wenche callyd rose
Dyssyled a quartc every day
Sen. By god I wolde a pyn of that
were p. wyd cuyn upon thy pate
Before all this presence

Ta. Yet I had seuer the and I
where both to gyther secretly
In some corner in the spence
For by god it is a pretie gyple
It is a worlde to se her whyple
Daunsyenge in a rounde
Dlo:de god how she wyll tryp
She wyll bounce it the wyll whypp
ye clene abowe the grounde

Hu. Twel let all suche matters passe I sey
And get the hens and goo thy way
Aboute this other matter

Ta. That I goostreight to fare ye well

Sen. But toke yet thou remembre euerydell
That I spake of full ere

Ta. Cves I warrant you do not sere
CGret Tauerne.

Hu. CGoddes lo:de seist not who is here now
what studyo9 desize what newis with you

Stu. Yc shall knowe sy: I go

Sen. Cwhat art thou here I se well I
The yso knaus the worse company

Stu. CThy lewde condeymeus thou dowe styll
So thou art wont to do (occupy

Hu. CBut I sey who is this here in presence
Stu. | C Sy; this is the man call'd expcriens
     | That I spake of before
Hu.  | C Experyens why is this he
     | Sy the are right welcome into me
     | And shall be ever more
Expe. | C Sy; I thank you therof heartly
       | But I assure you seithfully
       | I have small courage here to tary
       | As long as this man is here
Sen. | C Why ho; son what expyst at me
Ex.  | C Fore thou hast ever to leube a sive
     | Science to disspye and yet thou art he
     | That nought canst no; nought wylt lere
Sen. | C Mary hast knaue I make god auowe
     | I thynke my selfe as sonyng as thou
     | And that shall I prove shortly
     | I shall put the a questy on now come nere
     | Let me see how well thou canst answere
     | How spellest this word; toIN Couper
     | In trewe artograsye
Ex.  | C Tom couper que a a wyse questy pe herdly
Sen. | Cpe I tel $agayne yet; toIN coug hou spel
     | Lohe hath forgoyen ye may se (lyt le
     | The furste wordes of his a b c
     | Barke sole hakte I wyll teche the
     | P, a, p, a, c, c, ter. do to gyther toIN couper
ys not this a soxe matter
Loue here ye may schyn pye a sole
He had moxe nede to go to scole
Then to come byther to clatter
Stu. Certeyn this is a solucyon
Here for suche a boxys questyon
Hu. Sensuall apetyce I pye the
Let passe all suche tryfles and banye
F0z a wylyt shall not longe be
And departe I the requyre
F0z I wolde takke a woode o2 two
With this man here o2 he hentys go
F0z to catysfy my dese
Sen. Why gogges soule wyl ye so shortly
Breke poyntment with yonnder compayne
Where ye shulde com to supper
I truft ye wyl not breke pynps so
Hu. I kyar not greatly ye I do
yt is but a tauryne matter
Sen. Than wyl I go shew them what ye sey
Hu. Spare not if thou wylt go thy wyse
F0z I wyltheare tary
Sen. Tha a dew for a whyle I tel you playne
But I pympse you wha I come a gayne
I shall make yonder knaups twayne
To repente and be sozy
Ex.  
Chowe I am full glad that he is gone

Stu.  
CSo am I for good will he do none
To no manlyuyng
But this is the man with whome ye shall
I trust be well content with all
And glad of his conyngge
Chfoz he hath expownyd connyngly
Dyuers poynites of Cosmogrry
In sewe wordes and shoete claule

Hu.  
CSo I understand he hath gode science
And that he hath by playne expiencce
Lernyd many a straungge cauile

Stu.  
Cyly? and I say so? my pte
Ye is the conyngest man in that arte
That ever I coude fynde
For ask what questyon ye wyll do
Howe the yerth is rounde o? other wyse
He wyll catysfye your mynde

Ex.  
Ch why what doue haue ye therin founde
Chynke ye the yerth shulde not be rounde
Or elles howe suppose ye

Hu.  
COne way it is rounde I must content
For this man prouyd it cuypdent
To warde the eest and occyndent
Iemust nedis rounde be

Ex.  
Chondlykewyle from the south to noyth
If thys ye knowe as well as I 
Ye se the noth starre in the skye 
Marke well ye shall vnsethe it sye
That tuer it doth remoue 
But this I assure you if you go
Northwarde an hundreth myle or two, 
ye shal thynke it syleth
And how that it is nere appoched
The poynct ouer the top of your hed 
Which is callyd your zenyth
Yet ye go the other wey
Southwarde oz xii. daies Jowey 
ye shall then thynke anon
It descended and come more nye
The seale pynge the yerth and skye 
As ye loke freyght with your eye
Which is callyd your ozylon 
But ye my go southwarde so farre
That at the laft that same starre 
Wyll seene so farre downe ryght
Cleere under yeth your ozylon
That syght therof can you have non
The yerth wyll stop your syght
This puyth of necesyts
That the perch must nedis rounde be
This concluslyon doth it trye

Hu. & Nowe that is the ppertus conclusuon
That euery I herde for by reasow

But sir if that a man play le furre
Upon the lee wyl than that furre
Do thre as on the grounde

Ep. & Eye doutles play le northward ryse it wyl
And play le southward it sall eth sky
And that prouteth the lee rounde

Stu. & So dooth it in myn oppynyon
But knowe you any other conclusuon
To proue it rounde caue that alone

Ep. & Eye that I knowe ryght well
As thus marke well whan the lee is clere
That no terme no wawe therō doth pere
This maryners caueth

1 Than if a fysse be made on nyght
Upon the stoste that gyueth great lyght
And a shipp in the lee farre
They in the toppe the fysse se shal
And they on hache nothynge at all
Yet they on haches be nere
8 Also on the lee where men be saylyng
Farre frome lande they se nothynge
But the water and the skye
yet when they dya we the lande more nere
Than the hyll toppes begin to apere
Still the nere moze hye and hye
As though they were hyll growynge faste
But of the see yll at laste
when they came the shore to
They se the hyll toppes sorte and all
which theynge so coude not be fall
But the see lay rounde also

Hu. Me thynker thy argumet so what hard
Ex. Than ye shall have it moze playnly
If ye have great delyne (declared
For here loo by myne instrumentis
I can shew the playne eringment?
Hu. Thereto I you request
Ex. With all my herte it shall be done
But for the fust conclusion
That I spake of the skye
Be this the skye that is so rounde
And this the skye upon the grounde
And this the skye that is here
ye knowe well that a mannes syght
Can neuer be but in a hynde syght

Hu. If you say that is else
Ex. Tharke well than may not thy mans eye
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But the water and the sky
yet when they drawe the landemoge there
[with argyng here they]s fotynge
That is not worth to, strawes
I loue not this bore on losophers
No; this great conyng clementers
That tell how far it is to the sterres
I hate all manner conyng
I wolde ye knew it I am Ignorance
I tode I am of gretter pulans
Than the kyng of england or fynsance
ye the grettest lord lyupng

C I have servaunte at my retynew
That longe to me I assure you
Here with in englande
That with me ynqnoance dwell styll
And terne of lyfe caynew styll
I hole v C.thowe land

Sen. Goggs naylys I have payed so of the I
pyng. whyn man what eplyth so to blyow (tro
Sen. ior; I was at a shewed fray
pyng. hast thou any of them slayn than
Sen. ye I have slayn them everyday
Save them that ran away
pyng. who is any of them slayned gone
Sen. ye by goggs body everyone
All that ever were there.  E. s.
Brune. "Why that they be not all slayne
Seyne. No but I haue put som to payne
For one holde on on there was my to nec again
And srygh I cut of his ere
Brune. Thon thou hasted made a cut hyn purs
Seyne. Ye but yet I scryped another wors
I smat off his legge by the hard ars
As soone as I met hym there
Brune. By my trouthe that was a mad dede
Thou holdest haue snyt of his hed
Tha he holdes noother haue troublid his mort
Seyne. Tusthe that I had ben but mad
For there was a nother man that had
Snyt of his hed before
Brune. Tha thou hast quyt his lyke a tal knyght
Seyne. Ye that I haue by this lyght
But I seye can you tell me lyght
Where becaim my masse
Brune. What he that you call humaunyte
Seyne. Ewe
Brune. I wot nother except he be
Hyd here in some corner
Seyne. Goggyys body and trew ye sey
For yonder lo beholde ye may
Se where the mad sole doth ly
Choy, how on my seith and treuth at.
Hit were cypn great alms
To Smyte his hed from his body

Sen. Ray god to:bed ye sholde do sa
F0: he is but an innocent to
In maner of a sole
For as lone as I speke to hym agayne
I shall to:ne his mynde clene
And make hym folowe my skole

Sen. CT: I byd hym ryple let vs here hym speke
Chow ryple by maister buddy peke
Your tayle to tyth out be hynde
Fere not man stande by by and by
I warrant you ryple by boldly
Here is non but is your frynde

Hu. CT cry you mercy maister dere

Sen. Why what is cause thou hydest the here
Cfo: I was almoiste f0: fere
Eyn clene out of my mynde

Sen. Chay it is the study that ye have had
In this solpe the yolpecy hath made you
And no other thyngs (mad

Sen. That is as trewe as the gosple
Therfore I haue great meruell
That ever thou byt folowe, the counsell
Of yonder two knaurs

E.ii.
Oly; ye know ryght well this
That when a man is
In other men's company
He must ned's follow the appyte
Of such thyngs as they deynte
Som tyme amonge pery

But such knaes wold alway haue 
To put all thynynge felicite
In this solyly conjynge to study
Which if thou do wyll make thy mad
And alway to be pente 
Thou shalt never be mery

Mery quod a no I make god auow
But I pray 
And aume were this thyng
whether thought you it better there
At the tauerne where we were ere
Or ell's to clatter with these knaes her
Of they' solyly cunningge

Nay I can not say the contrary
But I had mych mypper company
At the tauerne than in this place

Than pf ye haue any wyte o'hayn
Let us go to the tauerne agay
And make som mercy solace

pf he wyll do to thà doth he wysely
By my troth I care not gretely
For I am indyssenter to all company
Whether it be here or there

Sen. Then I shall tell you what we wyll do
Mayster yngnozans you & he also
Shall cary both hyll here
And I wyll go set hyther a cōpany
That ye shall here the syng as swetly
As they were angels clere

[And yet I shall hyng hydy; a nother
Of lusty blудe to make dysport (sort
That shall both daunce & syng
And come clene abowe the ground
With fryscas & with gambawde round
That all the hall shall syng

[And I done with in an houze oz twyn
I shall at the towne agayne
Prepare for you a bæcket
Of meats that be most delycate
And most pleasaunt dyuks & wynes ther
That is possible to get
Which shall be in a chamber seye
Replete with fote & fragrāt eype
Preparyd poynet boyle
With damaske water made so wel
That all þ houſe therof shall smell

E.11.1.
As it were pardele
And after that ye wyll touche
A cyre wynde nakeyd in a couche
Of a softe bed of downe
Foy to satisfye your want of lust
I shall apoynt you a trull of trull
Not a cyrer in this towne
And whau ye haue taken your deyte
And thus satisfied the appetye
Of your wyttis lyue
ye may ley than I am a servaunt
Foy you to necessary and pleasaunt
I trowe non suche a lyue

Hus. Chowe by the wy by that god dyd walke
It cote for the myne herte to here the talke
Thy mache was never ceye

Pue. C Than go thy wy by and by
And bynge in this company
And he and I wyll here tary
Tyll thou come agayne

Hus. CAnd I prey the hertely also

Sen. CAt your request so shall I do
Lo I am gone nowe fare well
I shall bynge them in to this hall
And come my selfe so mast of all
And of these reueellis be chefe minorshall
And order all thynge well
Cyngnocyance.

Thow we set the hert on a mery pone
Agayns these lusty bludes come in.
And dryue scantelys a wep

Bu. And so I wyll by hevpyn cnyng
If they other dancy ot syng
Have a monge them by this day
Cyngn ocyauce.

Thow than thou take st good b wyse wyes
And so shalt thou best please
All this hole company
For the solyshe argyngys thou hast had
With that knaue expiricy hath made
All these folke thereof wepy

For all they that be nowe in this hall
They be the most of my servauntys all
And loute pysncpally
Dispoyst as daunyshe syngyng
Toys trytsius launghyng gestyng
For connyghe they set not by

Bu. I se well suche company ever moe
As senfulle appetyte is gone for
Wyll please well this aundyens

Yng. Cye that I suppote they wyll
But peacle harke I prey the be syl

E. iiij.
I wene they be not far hens
Then the daunlers with out the hall syng this wyile and they with in answer or elles they may say it loz nede.

The daunlers & Sensuall.
Pease syz pease now pease syz all
| Humanyte & yngnozans.
why who is that so bye both call
| The daunlers.
Sylene I say be you among
| For we be disposed to syng a song
| Humanyte & yngnozans.
Come in then boldely among this presens
| For here ye shall have good audycens.
Tyme to pas with goodly spott our spyt to

Tyme to pas at by goodly spott our spyt to

Tyme to pas at godd spott our spyt to
with pleasure delays following sexual appetite.

to pipe &c.
I can you thank's is done well
It is yet ye had not a mynstrell
For to augment your solas

Seu. As soz mynstrell it makez no force
ye shall see me daunce a cours
without a mynstrell be it better 02 wos
Folow all I will lede a trace

Hu. Now have a monge you by this lyght

png. That is well sayd be god almyght
Make come by's a ynt them place

CThan be kyngyth this song a dauntyth with all
And evermore makez countenaunce accordyng
To the mater all other answyter lyke wylye

CDaunce we daunce we, pzaunce we pzaunce we
So merly let vs daunce ey/ so merly ey
And I can daunce it gyngerly & I x e
And I can softe it by & by & I x e
And I can pranke it pperly
And I can countenaunce coinely
And I can broke it curtelly
And I can lepe it lustly
And I can toyne it trymply
And I can slyke it soethly
And I can lakke it lozly

png. I can the thanke sensuall apetite
That is s best daunce with out a pyve
That I saw this seuen yerre

Hu. This daunce wold do mych better yet
   ye we had a kynt 02 tabert
   But alas ther is none here

Sen. Then let us go to 02 tauerne agayne
   There shall we be sure of one 02 twayn
   Of mynstrells he can well play

Eng. Then go I pray ye by ye by
   And procure some mynstrell redy
   And he & I wyll folow shortly
   As fast as ever we may

Hu. Ther with I am ryght well content

Sen. Then wyll I go in contynente
     And prepare every thyng
     That is metely to be done
     And for lacke of mynstrells he meanstheast
     Now wyll we begin to syng

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Now we wyll here begin to syng
For daunce can we nome
For mynstrells here be all lackyng
To 02 tauerne we wyll therforshe
Estesst cantando est.

Hu. Now ye that servall appetlyce ca synp
Any good mynstrell after hyou inynd
Dowt not we shall haue good spoyt

yn. And soshall we haue so; a suyte
But what shall we do now tell me
The mean whyte fo; our cõfot

Hu. Then let vs some lusty balete, yng
yn. Nay sy; by s heupynkyng
For me thynkyth it scrypith fo; no thyn
All suche peupsh prykyrd song

Hu. Pes man pryksong may not be dyspsy
For ther with god is well pleyd
Honowyd prylyd s scryp
In the churche off tymes among

yn. As god well pleyd troyst thou therby
Nay nay fo; there is no reasen why
For is it not as good to say playnly
Gif me a spad
As gyf me a spade be va be va be vade
But ye thou wyllt haue a song y is good
I have one of robyn hode
The best that euer was made

Hu. Then a seleshyp let vs here it
yn. But there is a bordon thou must bere it
D'ellys it wyll not be
Bu.  Than begyn and care no to do. 
    Downe downe downe ke.

png.  Colyn hode in barkingdale stode
    And lent hym pla mappell spystill
Tha can our lady s swete saynt and boke
Sleepst thou wakyst thou geffrey coke
  A. L. wynter the water was depe
I can not tell you how hode
He toke a gose nek in his hand e
And over the water he went
  One start by to a thystell top
And cut hym downe a holyn clobe
He stroke sy wen between the hopys
That fyssel pange out of the pygg's taple
  Cla boye is thy bowe I broke
O hathany ma done sy wyguldy wijage
He plukkyd muskypys out of a wyllowe
And put them in to his ochell
Cyylkyn was an archer goode
And well coude handle a spaide
He toke his bend bowe in his hand
And set hym downe by the fyre
He toke with hym ly bowes and ten
   A pece of bea a nother of baken
Of all the byrdes in merry england
So merly pypps the merry botell
Nature.

well Humanye now I see playnly
That thou hast vs'd muche soly
The vhole I have ben ablent

Hu. CSy: I trueth I have done nothyng
That shold be contrary to your plesyng
Nor never was myne intent
CFor I have folowd the counsell clere
As ye me bad of studyouse desire
And for necessity amonge
Sometyme sensuall appetye counsell
For without hym ye knowe right well
My lyfe cannot endure longe

Nature.

Though it be for the full necessary
For thy cyssoet sometyne to satysfy
Thy sensuall appetye
yet it is not convenent for the
To put therin thy selcyte
And all thy hole delyte
CFor if thou bylyte leare no sciens
Other by study nos experiens
I shall the insuer avaunce
But in the two I doe thou shalt dure then
Dyspyled of evry wyse man
Lyke this rude best ygo:saunce
The conclusion of this interlude is lost.
Nature,
Cwell Humanyte now I see playnly
That thou hast vsyd muche folly.