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FOREWORDS.

The One-Text Print of each of Chaucer's Poems ought to be that of the best MS. of it, for an Editor or Student to work at as his basis-Text. And when I started printing Mr. Bacon Frank's Campsall MS. of the Troilus, I thought it held its own so well with the Harleian 2280, edited by Dr. Richard Morris in his Aldine Poetical Works of Chaucer, that I yielded to the temptation of ordering the handsomer of the two MSS. to be cast as the One-Text Print of the Troilus; and I mark it with signs showing how much of Chaucer's work was due, in whole or in part, to Boccaccio's Filostrato¹: this from Mr. W. M. Rossetti's quarto Comparison of the two Poems for our Society.

The Campsall MS. must, too, have been handled by Shakspeare's hero, him of Agincourt, Henry V, when Prince of Wales, and no doubt when King as well. It was copied for him, as his arms at the foot of its first leaf show.²

Moreover, it avoids some of the provincial forms of the Harleian 2280, like slu, II. 66/459, p. 56; III. 186/1301, p. 149; whilœ, IV. 160/1199, p. 209; for which it reads sle and while. It has fewer instances of ıch for I; and in other spellings and readings has some preferable forms and words.

But as I workt on at both MSS., and found the Campsall (among other things) spoiling the description of Criseyde under Troilus's hands, III. 179/1247, 1251, p. 147, then reading afterward for estward in III. 203/1419, p. 153, &c. &c.—besides prior mistakes—I began to regret

¹ Of these side-marks, ‡ means 'englisht from Boccaccio's Filostrato, tho' not word for word'; † means 'having a general likeness to the Filostrato'; †† means 'having a slight likeness to it.'

² See these Arms on the opposite page.
that I had not followed my friend Dr. Morris in taking the Harleian 2280 as the basis-text. And my recollection of the final impression on me when the Parallel-Text was completed is, that the Harleian is the better MS.

Still, there was the Campsall MS. side-markt and cast. It had to be issued. So here it is in print. It is a good MS., if not the best, and 'will serve.' Save the three in our Parallel-Text, I have not come across any good MS. of the Troilus. And yet the poem must have been popular in Chaucer’s days, and those after his death. The incomplete Additional MS. 12,044, I had copied, but then refrained from printing, as I thought it not good enough for type. Still, it can be produced if men of authority call for it.

The careful study which Prof. Child’s friend is making of the Troilus MSS., will tell our Members all about them, and excuse me from further work at them now, for which indeed I have no time. This Essay from the States is nearly finisht, and is promist for next year.

Shakspere’s debasing of the Cressid story, after Chaucer’s sympathetic treatment of it, was not due, in my belief—at any rate not solely due—to the feeling which made Ascham denounce the Arthur Romances as ‘bold bawdry.’ Shakspere’s 86th Sonnet shows that he was jealous of the ‘countenance’ which Herbert gave to ‘the proud full sail’ of Chapman’s ‘great verse’ in his translation of Homer. And I cannot doubt that this made Shakspere deliberately strip the Greek and Trojan heroes of their halo of romance, and vulgarise the Cressid associated with them by medieval poets. That he did some service to mankind by his realistic treatment, I do not dispute; but the lover of Chaucer owes him a grudge for it.

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Chaucer's Troilus.

[The Campsall MS., vellum, before 1413 (done for Hen. V. when Prince of Wales, as shown by his arms on leaf 2), leaf 2.]

[The final i, g, k, and t have very small tags, not given here.]

(1) (Proem)

The double sorwe of Troilus to tallen.
That was pe kyng Priamus sone of Troye.
In louynge how hiss Auentures fallen.
Fro wo to wele and after out of Ioye.
My purpos is er pat I parte froye.
Thesiphone pou helpe me for tendite.
This woful vers! pat wepen as I write.

(2) (Invocation)

To pe clepe I pou godesse of torment.
Thow cruel furie sorwyng euere yn payne.
Help me that am the sorwful Instrument.
That helpeth louers as I kan to pleyne.
For wel sit it the sothe for to seyne.
A woful wight to han a drey feere.
And to a sorwful tale / a sory cheere.

(3)

For I pat god of loues seruaunt; serue.
No dar to loue for myn vnliklynesse.
Preyen for speed al sholde .I. perfor sterne.
So fer am [I] fro his help in derknesse.
But natheles if his may don gladnesse.
Vn to ony louere and his cause ausyle.
* Hauhe he my pank / and myn be his traualy.

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4.
- But ye loueres þat baþen in gladnesse.
- If ony drope of pite in yow be.
  Remembre yow on passed heuynesse.
  That ye han felt. and on þe aduersite.
  Of other fok. and þenketh how þat ye.
  Han felt þat loue dorst yow displese.
  Or ye han wonne hym with to gret an ese.

5.
And preyeth for hem þat ben yn the cas.
Of Troylus. as ye may after here.
That loue hym brynge yn heuene to solas.
And ek for me preyeth to god so dere.
That I haue myght to shewe in som manere.
Swych peyne and wo. as loues. folk endure.
In Troylus vnsely auenture.

6.
And byddeth ek for hem þat ben desespeyred. [leaf 2, back]
In loue / þat neuere nyl recovered be.
And ek for hem þat falsëly ben aveyred.
Thorough wykked tonges be it he or she.
Thus biddeth god for his benignite.
So graunte hem soone out of þis world to pace.
That ben desespeyred out of loues grace.

7.
And biddeth ek for hem that ben at ese.
That god hem graunte ay goode perseuerance.
And sende hem myght hire loues for to plese,
That it to loue / be worship and plesaunce.
For so hope I my soule best auaunce.
To preye for hem þat loues servauntþ be.
And write hire wo / and lyue in charite.
And for to haue of hem compassiou\n. As though I were here owene bro\jer deere.
. Now herkeneth with a goode entencioun.
. For now wol I gon streyght to my matere.
. In whiche ye may the double sorwes here. °
. Of Troylus in louyng of Criseyde.
. And how that she forsok him er she deyde.

(9) (Story)

YT is wel wist how þat the Grekes stronge.
. In armes with a þousand shippes went.
. To Troyewardes / and þe Cite longe.
. Assegeden neigh ten yer er þei stente.
. And in diuere wyse and oon entente.
. The rauehyng to wreken of Eleyne.
. By Parys don þei wroughten al hire peyne.

(10)

Now fil it so þat in þe toun þer was.
. Dwellying a lord of gret auctorite.
. A gret Deuyn þat cleped was Calkas.
. That in science so expert was þat he.
. Knew wel þat Troye sholde destroyed be.
. By answere of his god þat high þus.
. Daun Phæbus or Apollo Delphæbus.

(11)

So whanne this Calkas knew by Calkulyng. [leaf]
. And ek by answere of this Appollo.
. That Grekes sholden swych a peple bryngge.
. Thorough which þat Troye moste ben for-do.
. He caste anoon out of þe town to go.
. For wel wyst he by sort þat Troye sholde.
. Destroyed ben ye wolde who-so nolde.

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(12)
• For which for to departen softly.
• Took purposer pis forknowyng wyse.
• And to þe Grekes oste ful pryely.
• He stol a noon / and þey in curtseys wyse.
• Hym deden bothen worship and seruyse.
• In trust þat he hath konnyng hem to rede.
• In every peril which þat is to rede.

(13)
• The noyse vp ros whanne it was first aspied.
• Thorough al þe town / and generally was spoken.
• That Calkas traytor fals fled was and allyed.
• With hem of Grece / and casten to ben wroken.
• On hym þat falsly hadde his feith so broken.
• And seyden he and al his kyn at onys.
• Þen worthi for to brennen fel and bones.

(14)
• Now hadde Calkas left in þis meschaunce.
• Al vnwist of þis fals and wikked dede.
• His douhter which þat was in gret penaunce.
  For of hire lyf sche was ful sore in rede.
  As she þat nyst what was best to rede.
• For bothe a wydowe was she and allone.
  Of ony frend to whom she dorst make hire mone.

(15)
• Criseyde was þis lady name al right.
• As to my dome in al Troyes cyte.
  Nas noon so faire for passyng every wyght.
• So angelyk was here natyf beaute.
• That lyk a pingen inmortal semed she.
  As doth an heuenysli parfit creature.
  That down were sent in scornyng of nature.
(16)
• This lady which had alday herde at ere. [Leaf 8, back] 106
• Hire fadres shame / his falsnesse / and tresoun.
• wel nygh out of here wit for sorwe and fere.
• In widewes habit large of samyt broun. 109
• On knees she fil byform Ector a doun.
• with pitous voys and tendrely wepynge.
• His mercy bad / here selue excusynga. 112

(17)
• Now was pis Ector pitous of nature. 113
• And saw fat she was sorwfully bigon.
• And fat she was so fair a creature.
• Of his goodnesse he gladed her anoon. 116
• And seyde lat youre fadres treson gon.
• Forth with mischaunce / and ye youre self in Ioye.
• Dwelleth with vs whil yow good lyst in Troye. 119

(18)
• And al thonour fat men may don yow haue. 120
• As ferforth as youre fader dwelled here.
• Ye shul han and youre body shal men saue.
  As fer as I may ought enquire or here. 123
• And she hym ponked with ful humble chere.
• And ofter wolde and it hadde ben his wylle.
• and toke hire leue home / and held hire stille. 126

(19)
• And in hire hous she abod with swych meyne. 127
• As to hire honour nede was to holde.
• And whil she dwelled yu fat Cite.
• Kept here esuat. and bothe of yong and olde. 130
• Ful wel beloued / and wel men of here tolde.
  But wheter fat sche hadde children or noon.
  I rede it nought / perfere I late it goon. 133

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(20)

- The pinges fallen as þei don of werre.
- Bitwixen hem of Troye and Grekes ofte.
- For som day boughten they of Troye it derre.
- And ofte þe Grekes founden no thing softe.  
  The folk of Troye and þus fortune on lofte.
  And wonder ofte gan hem to weylen bothe.
  After hire cours / ay whil þei were wroþe.

(21)

**But how þis toun com to destruction.**  
Ne falith nought to purposé me to telle.
For it were a long disgression.
Fro my matere and yow to longe to dwelle.
But the Troiane gestes as þei folle.
In Omer of yn Dares or in Dite.
who-so þat kan may rede hem as þei write.

(22)

- But pough þat Grekes hem of Troye shetten.
- And hire Cite besieged at a boute.
- Hire old vsage wolde þei not letten.
- As for to honoure hire goddes ful deoute.
- But aldermost yn honour out of doute.
- Thei hadde a relyk hight Palladion.
- That was hire tryst a bouen euereichon.

(23)

- And so bifeþ whan come was þe tyme.
- Of Aperil whan cloþed is þe mede.
- with newe grene of lusti ver þe pryme.
- And swoot smellen flourres white and rede.
- In sondry wyse shewed as I rede.
- The folk of Troye hire obseruaunces olde.
- Palladions feste for to holde.
(24)

- And to þe temple yn al here goodly best wyse.  
- In general þere went many a wight.  
- To herkenen of Palladion þe seruyse.  
- And namely so many a lusti knyght.  
- So many a lady fresch and mayden bright.  
  Ful wel arayed bothe meene meste and leste.  
  Ye bope for the seson and for þe feste.  

(25)

- Among þese opere folk was Criseyda.  
- In widewes habite blak but napéles.  
  Right as oure first lettre is now an .a.  
- In beaute first so stode she makeles.  
- Hire goodly lokyng gladede al þe prees.  
  Nas neuere yet þing seyn to ben presed derre.  
  Nor vnder cloud blak / so bright a sterre.  

(26)

As was Criseyde as folk; seyde euerichone.  [leaf 4, back]  
That here bihelden yn here blake wede.  
- And yet she stood ful lowe and stille allone.  
  Byhynden opere folk/ in litel brede.  
- And neigh þe dore / ay vnder shames drede.  
- Symple of a-tyr / and debonaire of chere.  
- with ful assuryd lokyng and manere.  

(27)

- This Troilus as he was wont to gyde.  
- His yonge knyghtes ladde hem vp and doun.  
- In þilke large temple on every syde.  
- Byholdyng ay þe ladyes of þe toun.  
- Now here now þere for no deuocioun.  
- Hadde he to noon to reuen hym his reste.  
- But gan to preyse and lakken whom hym leste.  

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(28)
- And yn his walk ful fast he gan to wayten. 190
- If knyght or squyer of his companie.
- Gan for to sike or lete his eien beyten.
- On ony woman þat he koude aspye. 193
- He wolde smyle and holden it folye.
  And say hym þus god wot she slepeth softe.
  For louve of þe whan þou tornest ofte. 196

(29)
I haue herd told pardieux of youre lyuynge. 197
Ye louers / and youre observaunces.
And swych labour as folk han yn wynnynge.
Of louve / and yn þe kepyng which doutaunces. 200
And whan youre preye is lost woo and penaunces.
O. verrey loues nice and blynde be ye.
Ther nys not oon kan war by oþer be. 203

(30)
And with þat word he gan cast vp þe browe. 204
Ascaunces lo is þis nought wysly spoken.
- At which þe god of loue gan to loken rowe.
  Right for despit. and shop for to ben wroken. 207
  And kyd a-noon his bowe nas not broken.
- Ful sodeynly he hit hym at þe fulle.
  And yet as proud a pekok can he pulle. 210

(31)
- O blynd world .o. blynd entencion. [leaf 8] 211
- How ofte falleth al þeffect contraire.
- Of Suriquidrie and foul presumpcion.
  For caught is proud and caught is debonaire. 214
  This Troylus is clomben on þe staire.
  And litel weneth þat he moste descendenc.
But alday falleth þyng þat foles ne wenden. 217

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(32)
As proude bayard gynneth for to skyppe.
Out of þe wey / so priketh hym his corn.
Til he a lashe haue of þe long whippe.
Than þenketh þe þough I praunce al by-form.
First yn þe trays ful fat and newe shorn.
Yet am I but an hors and horses lawe.
I moot endure and with my felawes draue.

(33)
So ferd it by þis fers and proud knyght.
Though he a worthi kynges sone were.
And wende no þing hadde had swych myght.
A-yens his wil þat sholde his herte dere
yet with a lok his hert wax a fere.
That he þat now was most in pride a-boue.
wax sodeynly most subget vn to loue.

(34)
For þi ensample taketh of þis man.
Ye wyse proude and worthi folkes alle.
To scornen loue which þat so soone kan.
The fredom of youre hertes to hym þralle.
For euere it was / and euere it shal bifalle.
That loue is he þat alle þing may bynde.
For may no man for-do þe lawe of kynde.

(35)
That this be soth hath preued1 and doth yet. [i P MS. 4] 239
For this trowe I ye knowen alle or some.
Men reden not þat folk han gretter wit.
Than þei þat han be most with loue y-nome.
And strengest folk ben þerwith overcome.
The worthiest and grettest yn degre.
This was and is / and yet men shal it se.

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(36)

And trewelych it sit wele to be so.  
For alderwisest han þer with ben plesed.  
And þei þat þan ben addermost in wo.  
with loue han ben conforted most and esed.  
And ofte it hath þe cruel herte apesed.  
And worthi folk maad worthier of name.  
And causen most to dresen vice and shame.  

(37)

Now sith it may not goodly be withstonde.  
And is a thyng so vertuous yn kynde.  
Refuseth not to loue for to be bonde.  
Syn as hym seluen lyst he may yow bynde.  
The yerde is bet þat bowen woile and wynde.  
Than þat / þat brest / and þefor .I. yow rede.  
To folwen hym þat so wel kan yow lede.  

(38)

But for to tellen forth yn special.  
Of þis kynes sone of which I tolde.  
And letten oþer þing collateral.  
Of hym þenk I my tale for to holde.  
Boþe of his Ioyes and of his cares colde.  
And al his werk as touchyng þis materie.  
For I it gan I wil þer-to refere.  

(39)

* With-Inne þe temple he went hym forth pleynge.  
* This Troylus and euery wyght aboute.  
* On þis lady and now on þat lokynge.  
  where so she were of towne or of with oute.  
* And vp on cas bifel þat þorugh a route.  
* His eye procede / and so depe it wente.  
* Til on Crisyde it smot and þere it stente.  

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(40)

And sodeynly he wax þer-with astoned. 274
And [gan] hire bet biholde yn thrifty wyse.
O mercy god þoughte he wher' hastow woned.
That art so fair and goodly to deuyse. 277
And þer-with his hert gan to sprede and ryse.
And softe sighed lest men myghte hym here.
And caughte a-yen his firste pleynge chere. 280

(41)

· She nas not with the lest of here stature. 281
· But alle here lymes so wel answerynge.
    weren to womanhode þat creature.
   | was neuer lasse manныs böl in semynge. 284
   | And ek þe pure wyse of here meunynge.
     Shewed wel þat men myght yn here gesse.
| Honour estat and wommanly noblesse. 287

(42)

· To Troylus right wonder wel with alle. 288
· Gan for to lyke here menyng and here chere.
· which somdel deynous was for she leet falle.
· Here look a lite a-side in swych manere. 291
· Ascaunces what may I not stonden here.
· And after þat here lokynyg gan she lyghte.
· That neuere þought hym seen so fair a sighte. 294

(43)

And of here look yn hym þer gan to quyken. 295
So gret desir' and such affeccioum.
That in his hertes botme gan to stiken.
Of here / his fixe and depe impressioum. 298
And þough he erst hadde pourvd vp and doun.
He was þo glad his hornes yn to shrynke.
Vnnenes wyst he how to loke or wynke. 301

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(44)

- Lo he þat lect hym seluen so konnynge.
- And scorned hem þat loues peynes dryen.
- was ful vnwar þat loue hadde his dwellynge.
- with-Inne þe subtile strenes of here eyen.
  That sodeynly hym poughte þat he sholde dyen.
  Right with hire look þe spirit yn herte.
  Blyseyd be loue þat kan þus folk' conuerte.

(45)

- She þis in blak lykynge to Troylus.
- Ouer al þyng he stood to byholde.
- Ne his desir ne whefor he stod þus.
- He neþer chere ne made ne word tolde.
- But from a fer his maner for to holde.
  On ðeþer þing his look som tyme he caste.
- And eft on here while þat þe seruise laste.

(46)

- And after this not fullyche al a-whaped.
- Out of þe temple al esilyche he wente.
- Repentynge hym þat he hadde euere y-Isaped.
- Of loues folk. lest fully þe descente.
- Of scorn fille on hym self. but what he mente.
- Lyst it were wyst on ony maner side.
- His wo he gan dissimulen and hide.

(47)

| Whan he was fro þe temple þus departed. |
- He streyght anoon / von to his paleys turneth. |
- Right with here look' þurgh shoten & þurgh darted. |
- Al feyneth he yn lust þat he soiorneth. |
  And al his speche and cher also he borneth. |
- And ay of loues seruant; everly while. |
- Hym-self to wre at hem her gan to smyle. |
(48)
And seyde lord so ye lyue al yn lyst.
Ye loueres / for þe konnyngest of yow.
That serueh most ententiflych and best.
Hym tyt as often harme þer-of as prow.
Your hire is quyht a-yeyn ye god wot how.
Nought wel for wel. but scorn for good seruice.
In feith your ordre is ruled in good wyse.

(49)
I noun certeyn ben alle youre observaunce.
But it a sely fewe poynetes be.
Ne no ping asketh so grete attendaunce.
As doth youre lay and þat knowe alle ye.
But þat is not þe worste as mot I. the.
But tolde I yow þe worste poynþ I leue.
Al seyde I soth ye wolden at me greue.

(50)
But tak þis þat ye loueres ofte eschuwe.
Or elles don of good entencioun.
Ful ofte þi lady wole it mys construe.
And dome it harm yn hire opinyoune.
And yet yf she for other enhesoun.
Be wroth þan shall þow han a groyn a-noon.
Lord wel is hym þat may be of yow oon.

(51)
But for al þis whanne he say his tyme.
He held his pes noon ðer bote hym gayned.
For loute bygan his fetheres so to lyme.
• That wel vnneþe vn-to his folk he feyned.
• That ðer þe besye nedes hym destrayned.
For wo was hym þat what to done he nyste.
• But bad his folk to gon wher þat hym lyste.
(52)

- And whan þat he yn chaumbre was allone.
- He down vp on his beddes feet hym sette.
- And first he gan to syke and to grone.
- And þoughte ay on here so with-ouen ony lette.
- That as he sat and wok his spirit mette.
- That he here saw a temple and al þe wyse.
- Right of hire loke / and gan it newe auyse.

(53)

Thus gan he make a myrroure of his mynde.
- In which he saugh alle holly hire figure.
- And that he wel koude yn his herte fynde.
- It was to him a right good auenture.
- To loue swych on and yf he dede his cure.
- To seruen here yet myght he falle in grace.
- Or elles for on of hire servauntþ pace.

(54)

- Ymagynynge þat trauaylle nor grame.
- Ne myghte for so gooldly on be lorn.
- As she, ne hym for his desir no shame.
- Al were it wist but yn prys and vp born.
- Of alle louers wel more þan byforn.
- Thus argumented he yn his gymnyng.
- Ful vnauysed of his wo comynge.

(55)

- Thus toke he purpos loues craft to suwe.
- And þoughte he wolde werken pruíely.
- First to hide his desir yn muwe.
- From euery wyght y-born al outrely.
- But he myghte ought recouered be þerby.
- Remembryng hym þat loue to wyde y-blowe.
- Yelt bittre fruyyt þough swete be sowe.
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(56)

- And ouer aH pis yet mueche more he poughte. [ff.7,8v] 386
- For what to spoken and what to holden Inne.
- And what to arten hire hire to loue he soughte.
- And on a song a-noon right to bygynne. 389
- And gan loude on his sorwe for to wynne.
- For wiþ good hope he gan fully assente.
- Criseyde for to loue and nought repente. 392

(57)

And of his song nought only þe sentence. 393
As writ my Auctor called Lollyus,
But pleynly saue oure tongue defeunce.
I dar wel sayn yn al þat Troylus.
Seyde yn his song / lo euer word right þus.
As .I. shal seyn. and who lyst it to hire.
Lo nexeþ þis vers he may it fynden here. 399

(58) (Troilus’s Song, from Petrarch’s 88th Sonnet.)

- Yf loue is o god what fele .I. so.. 400
- And if loue is. what þyng and what is he.
- yf loue be good from whens cometh my wo.
- If it be wykke a wonder þenketh me. 403
- whenne euer torment and aduersite.
- That cometh of hym may me so goodly þynke.
  For ay þurst I þe more þat I it drynke. 406

(59) (From Petrarch.)

- And yf þat at myn owene lust I brenne. 407
- Fro whennes cometh my walyng and my pleynte.
- If harme agree me wher-to pleyne I þanne.
- I not. ne whi vnweri þat I feyne.
- O quyke deth o swete harme so queynete.
- How may of [þe] yn me swiche quantite.
- But if þat I consente þat it so be. 413

CAMPSALL
(60) (From Petrarch.)

- And if pat I consente .I. wrongfully.
- Compleyne .I.-wys þus possed to and fro.
- Al sterles with-Inne a bot am .I.
- A-myd þe see by-twen wyndes two.
- That yn contrarye stonden euere mo.
- Allas what is þis wonder maladye.
- For hete of cold for cold of hete I deye.  
  (End of Troilus's Song from Petrarch's 88th Sonnet.)

(61)

- And to the god of loue þus seyde he.  [leaf 8]
- with pitous voyes .o. lord now youres is.
- Mi spirit which þat aught youre be.
- Yow þank I lord þat han me brought to þis.
- But wheþer goddesse or womman .I.-wys.
- She be / I not which þat ye do me serue.
  But as here man .I. wole ay leue and sterue.

(62)

- þe stonden yn hire eyen myghtily.
- As yn a place vn-to your vertu digne.
- wherfore my lord if my seruyse or .I.
- May lyke yow so beth to me benygne.
  For myn estal royal here I resigne.
  In-to hire fond and with ful humble chere.
  By-come here man as to my lady dere.

(63)

- In hym ne deynede sparen blood royal.
- The fyr of loue þe wherfro god me blysse.
- Ne hym forbar in no degre for al.
- His vertu or his excellent prowesse.
- But hold hym as his þral lowe yn distresse.
- And brend hym so in sondry wyse ay newe.
  That sixty tyme a day he loste his hewe.
(64)

- So muche day by day his owene pought. 442
  For lust to here gan quyken and encresse.
  That every oper charge he sett at nought.
- For þi ful ofte his hote fyr to cesse. 445
- To seen here goodly look he gan to prese.
- For þerby to ben esed wel he wende.
- And ay þe ner he was þe more he brende. 448

(65)

For ay þe ner þe fyrþe hotter is. 449
This trowe I knoweth al þis companye.
| But were he fer or neer I dar seye this.
- By nyght or day for wysdom or folye 452
| His hert which þat is his brestes eye.
- Was ay on hire þat fairest was to seye.
- Than euere was Eleyne or Polixene. 455

(66)

- Ek of þe day ther passed nought an houre. [leaf 8, back] 456
- That to hymself a þousand tymes he seyde.
| Good goodly to whom serue I and laboure.
- As I best kan. now wolde god Criseyde. 459
- Ye wolden on me rewe er þat I deyede.
- My dere herte allas / myn hele and hewe.
- And lyf is lost / but ye wole on me rew. 462

(67)

- Alle oþere dredres weren from hym fled. 463
- Bothe of þe assege and his saluacioun.
| Ne þy hym desir doon oþere fownes bredde.
  But argument þo þis conclusion.
| That she on hym wolde han compassioun.
  And he to be here man whil he may dure.
| Lo here his lyf and from þe deth his cure. 469

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(68)

. The shoures sharpe fille of armes preue.
. That Ector and his opere breperen diden.
. Ne made hym oonly þer-fore ones meue.
. And yet was he wher-so men wente or riden.
. Founde oon þe best and lengest tyme a-biden.
. Ther peril was / and dide eke suchi trauayl.
. In armes þat to þenke it was meruayle.

(69)

. But for none hate he to þe Grekes hadde.
. Ne also for þe rescous of þe town.
. Ne made hym þus yn armes for to madde.
. But oonly lo for pis conclusioun.
. To lyken hire þe bet for his renoun.
. Fro day to day yn armes so he spedde.
. That þe Grekes as þe deth hym dredde.

(70)

. And fro þis forth þo refte hym loue his sleep.
. And made his mete his foo / and ek' his sorwe.
. Gan multeplie / þat ho-so took keep.
. It shewed in his hewe bothe euen and morwe.
Thefor a title he gan hym for to borwe.
Of oþer syknesse / lest of hym men wende.
That þe hote fyr of loue hym brende.

(71)

And seyde he hadde a feuer and ferd amys. [Leaf v] 491
. But how it was certayn kan I not seye.
. If þat his lady vnderstod not þis.
. Or feyned here she nyste oon of þe tweye.
. But wel I rede þat by no maner weye.
. Ne semed it þat she of hym roughte.
. Nor of his peyne. or what so euere he poughte.

Campsall
(72)

• But þanne felt þis Troylus such wo. 498
• That he was wel neih wood for ay his drede.
• was this. þat she som wyght hadde loued so.
• That neuere of hym she wolde haue taken hede.
  For such hym þought he felt his herte blede.
• Ne of his wo ne dorst he not bygynne.
• To tellyt it. for al þis world to wynne. 504

(73)

• But whanne he hadde a space fro his care. 505
• Thus to hym self ful ofte he gan to pleyne.
• He sayde o fool now art þow yn þe snare.
• That whilom Iapedest at loues peyne.
• Now artow hent now gnaw þin owene cheyne.
• Thow were ay wont eche louere reprehende.
• Of þing fro which þow kanst þe nought defende. 511

(74)

• What wolde now euery louer seyn of þe. 512
• If þis be wist but euere yn thyn absence.
• Laughen yn skorn and seyn lo þere gooth he.
• That is þe man of so gret sapience.
• That held vs loueres lest yn reuerence.
• Now thonked be god he may goon in þe daunce.
• Of hem þat loue lyst febely for to auunce. 518

(75)

• But .o. þow woful Troylus god wolde. 519
• Syn þow most leue þurgh þy destene.
• That þow beset were on swych oon þat sholde.
• Knowe al þi wo al lakkede here pite.
• But al so cold yn loue towards þe.
• Thi lady is / as frost yn wynter mone.
• And þow fordon as snow yn fyr is soone. 525
(76)
• God wolde I were a-ryued In þe port.  
• Of deth to whicht my sorwe wil me lede.  
• A lord to me it were gret comfort.  
• Then were I quyft of langwysshynge þyn drede.  
• For by myn hed / sorwe I-blowe on brede.  
• I shal by-taped ben a þousand tyme.  
• More þan þat fol of whos folye men ryme.  

(77)
• Þut now help god and ye swete for whom.  
• I pleyne .I. caught yet neuere wyght so faste.  
• O mercy dere hert and help me from.  
• The deth. for I whil þat my lyf wolde laste.  
• More þan my-self wole loue yow to my laste.  
• And with som frendly look gladeth me swete.  
• Þough neuere more þyng ye me by-hete.  

(78)
• This wordes and ful manye an oþer to.  
• He spak’ and called euere yn his compleynente.  
• Hire name. for to tellen hire his woo.  
  Tyl neig þat he in salte teres dreynyte.  
• Al was for nought she herd nought his pleynte.  
• And whan þat he bǐought on þat folye.  
• A þousand fold his wo gàn multeplie.  

(79)
• By-waylyng yn his chambre þus allone.  
• A frend of his þat called was Pandare.  
• Com onys yn vnwar and herd hym grone.  
• And sey his frend yn swych distresse and care.  
• Allas quod he who causeth al þis fare.  
| O mercy god what vnhap may þis meene.  
| Han now þus soone Grekes maad yow lene.  

Campsall
(80)
Or hastow remors of conscience.
And art now fallen yn som deuocioun.
And waylest for þi synne and þyn oﬀence.
And hast for ferd caught attricioun.
God saue hem þat by-seged han oure toun.
And so kan leye oure Iolyte on presse.
And bryng oure lusty folk' to holynesse.

(81)
These wordes seyde he for þe nones alle. [leaf 10]
That with swych þing he myghte hym angry maken.
And with an swych don his wo falle.
As for þe tyme and his corage awaken.
But wel he wiste as fer as tonges spaken.
Ther nas a man of grettere hardinesse.
Than he ne more desirede worthinesse.

(82)
. What cas quod Troylus or what aventure.
. Hath gided þe to se my langwysshynge.
That am refus of every creature.
. But for þe loue of god at my preyinge.
. Go hens a-way for certes my deyinge.
. wol the dishese / and I mot nedes deye.
. Ther-for go wey þer is no more to seye.

(83)
. But if þou wene I be þus sike for drede.
. It is not so and þer-for scorne nought.
. Ther is a noþer þing .I. take of hede.
. wel more than ought þe Grekes han wrought.
. which cause is of my deth for sorwe and þought.
. But þough þat I now telle þe it ne lest.
. Ne be þow nought wroth I hide it for þe beste.
(84)

This Pandare þat neigh malt for sorwe and routhe. 582
Ful ofteyn sayde alas what my þis be.
• Now frend quod he yf euere loue or trouðe.
• Hath ben or is by-twryxen þe and me. 585
• Ne do þou neuerne such a cruelte.
• To hide fro þi frend so gret a care.
  wostow nought wel þat it am I Pandare. 588

(85)

• I wolte parten with þe al þyn peyne. 589
• If it be so I do þe no comfort.
• As it is frendes right soth for to seyne.
• To entreparten wo as glad desport. 592
• I haue and shal for trewe or fals report.
• In wrong and right I loued þe al my lyue
  Hyd not þi wo fro me but telle it blyue. 595

(86)

• Than gan þis Troylus sówffuly to syke. 596  [leaf 10, back]
  And seyde him þus god leue it be my beste.
• To telle it þe for sith it may þe lyke.
• Yet wole I telle it þowh myn herte breste. 599
• And wel wot I þow mayst don me no reste.
• But lest þow deme I trust not to þe.
  Now herke frende for þus it stant with me. 602

(87)

• Loue a-yens þe which who-so defendeth. 603
• Hym-seluen most hym alder-lest anayleth.
  with dessepir so sówffully me offendeth.
• That streyght vn to þe deth myn herte fflayleth. 606
• Ther-to desir so brenynly me assayleth.
• That to ben slayn it were a grettere Ioye.
  To me þan Kyng of Grece ben and Troye. 609

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(88)

- Suffiseth þis my fulle frend Pandare.  
- That I haue seyd for now wostow my wo.  
- And for þe loue of god my cold care.  
- So hyd it wel. I. telle it neuere to mo.  
- For harmes myghte folwen mo þan two.  
- If it were wyst but be þou in gladnesse.  
- An l lat me sterue vnknowe of my distresse.  

(89)

- How hastow þus vnkyndely and longe.  
- Hide þis fro me. þow fool quod Pandarus.  
- Paraunter þow myght after swych on longe.  
- That myn auys a-noon may helpen vs.  
- This were a wonder þyng quod Troylus.  
- Thow koudest neuere yn loue þyn seluen wyss.  
- How denel maystow bryngen me to blysse.  

(90)

- Ye Troilus now herke quod Pandare.  
| Though I. be nyce it happeth ofte so.  
| That on þat excesse doth ful yuele fare.  
- By good counseyl kan kepe his frend þer-fro.  
- I haue my-self ek seyn a blynd man go.  
- Ther as he fel þat coude loke wyde.  
| A fool may ek ofte a wys man gide.  

(91)

A wheston is no keruyng Instrument.  
And yet it maketh sharpe keruyng tolys.  
And þere pow wost þat I haue out myswent.  
Eschewe þou þat. for swych þyng to þe scole is.  
Thus ofte wyse men ben war by folys.  
If þou do so þi wit is wel by-wared.  
By eche contrarie is euery þing declared.  

Campsall
For how myght euere swetnesse haue be knowe. 638
To hym þat neuere tasted bitternesse.
Ne no man may be inly glad I trowe.
That neuer was yn sorwe or som dißtresse. 641
Ek whit by blak by shame ek worthinesse.
Eche set by oþer more for other semeth.
As men may se and so þe wyse it demeth. 644

Sith þus of two contraries is a lore. 645
I þat haue yn loue so ofte assayed.
Greuaunces ought konne and wel þe more.
Counsayllen þe of þat þow art amayed. 648
Ek þe ne oughte not ben yuel apayd.
Thow I desir with þe for to here.
Thyn heuy charge / it shal þe lasse dere. 651

I wot wel [þat] it fareth þus by me. 652
As to þi broþer Parys an hierd esse.
which þat I-clepèd was Oenone.
wrot yn a compleynt of hire heuynesse. 655
Ye say þe lettre þat she wrot y gesse.
Nay neuer yet ywis quod Troylus.
No quod Pandare / herkene it was þus. 658

(95)  (Oenone’s Letter to Paris. 1 st.)
Phèbus þat first fonnd art of medecyne. 659
Quod she. and koude yn euery wyghtes care.
Remede and red by erbess she knewe fyne.
Yet to hym self his konnyuge was ful bare. 662
For loue hadde hym so bounde yn a snare.
Al for þe doughter of þe kynge Amete.
That al his craft / ne koude al his sorwe bete. 665
(96)
- Ryght so fare I. vnappily for me.  [leaf 11, back] 666
- I loue oone best and pat me smerteth sore.
  And yet paraunter kan I rede the.
  And not my self repreune me no more.  669
  I haue no cause I wot wel for to soore.
  As doth an hauk pat lysteth for to pleye.
  But to peny help yet somwhat kan I seye.  672

(97)
- And of o peny right sikere maystow be.  673
  That certayn for to deye yn pen peyne.
  That I shal neuere more discoueren pe.
  Ne by my troupe I kepe not restreyne.
  The fro pi loue peny pat it were Eleyne.
  That is pi broperes wyf if ich it wyste.
  Be what she be / and loue hire as pe liste.  679

(98)
- Therfore as a frend fullych yn me assure.  680
  And telle me plat what is peny enchesoun.
  And finally cause of wo pat ye endure.
- For doute ther no peny myn entencioun.  683
  Nys nought to yow of reprehension.
  To speke as now for no wygh may bireue.
  A man to loue til pat hym lyst to leue.  686

(99)
- And wcteth wel pat bothe two ben vices.  687
  Mystrusten alle or elles alle leue.
  But wel wot I the meene of it no vice is.
  For to trusten sum wight is a preue.  690
  Of troupe, and for-pi wolde I sayri remeue.
  Thy wrong conceyte. and do pe som wyght tryste.
  Thi wo to telle. and telle me yf pow lyste.  693

Campsall
(100)
Thise wyse seyth wo hym þat is allone.
For and he falle he hath noon helpe to ryse.
And sith þou hast a felawe tel thi moone.
For þis nys not yn certeyn þe next wyse.
To wynnen loue as techen vs þe wyse.
To walwe and wepe as Niobe þe queene.
whos terys yet yn marbol ben y-seene.

(101)
• Lat be thi wepyng and thi drerynesse.  [Leaf 12]
• And lat vs lyssen wo with ðoper speche.
• So may þis woful tyme seme lesse.
Delite not in wo þi wo for to seche.
As doon þese folys þat hire sorwes ech;
with sorwe when þey han mysaurenture.
And lysten nought to sechen ðoper cure.

(102)
• Men seyn to wrecche is consolacioun.
• To haue an other felawe yn his peyne.
That ought wel ben our e opynyoun.
For boþe þow and I of loue we pleyne.
So ful of sorwe am I soth for to seyne.
That certaynly nomore harde grace.
May sitte on me. for-whi þer is no space.

(103)
If god wole þou art not agast of me.
Lest I wold of þi lady þe bygyle.
Thow wost þi-self/ whom þat I loue parde.
As I best kan. gon sithen longe while.
And sithe þow wost I do it for no wyle.
And sijen I am he yn whom þou tristest most.
Tel me sumwhat syn al my wo þow wost.
(104)

- Yet Troylus for al þis no word seyde.
But longe he lay [as] style as he ded were.
And after þis with sikynge he a-breyde.
And to Pandarus voys he lente his eere.
And vp his eyen caste he / pot in feere.
was Pandarus. lest þat in frenesy.
He sholde falle or elles soone dye.

(105)

And cride a-wake ful wonderly and sharpe.
what slombrestow as yn a lytargie.
Or artow lyk an asse to þe harpe.
That hereth soum whan men þe strenge plye.
But yn his mynde of þat no melodye.
May synk yn hym to glade / for þat he.
So dul is of his bestialite.

(106)

And wiþ that Pandare of his wordes stente. [leaf 12, back]
But Troylus yet hym no word answerede.
For-why to telle nat not his entente.
To neuere man for whom þat he so ferde.
For it is seyd man maketh ofte a yerde.
with which þe makere is hym self beten.
In sondry maneres as þis wyse tretén.

(107)

And namely yn his counseyl tellyng.
That toucheþ loue þat oughþ be secre.
For of hym self it wolde not oughþ sprynge.
But-yf þat it the bet gouerned be.
Ek som tymé it is a craft to seme fle.
Fro þyng which yn effect men hunte faste.
Al þis gan Troylus yn his herte caste.
(108)
But napeles whan he had herd hym crye.
A-wake! he gan to syke wonder sore.
And scyde frend rough pat I stille lye.
I am not def / now pes and cry no more.
For I haue herd thi wordes and thi lore.
But suffre me my myschief to by-wayle.
For thi proverbes may me nought auayle.

(109)
Nor oper cure cansow noon for me.
Eke I nyl not be cured I wol deye.
what knowe I of pe queene Niobe.
Lat be pyne olde ensaumples I pe preye.
No quod po Pandarus perfore I seye.
Such is delit of foles to by-wpe.
Here wo. but seken bote pei ne kepe.

(110)
Now knowe I pat reson yn pe fayleth.
But telle me yf I wyst what she were.
For whom pat pe al pis mysauter ayleth.
Dorstestow pat I telle in hire eere.
Thi wo. sith pow darst not thi-self for feere.
And hire by-sought on pe to han som roupe.
why nay quod he by god and bi my troupe.

(111)
What not as bisily quod Pandarus.
As rough myn owen lyf lay on pis nede.
No certes / broper quod pis Troylus.
And why / for pat pow sholdest neuere sped.
wostow pat wel / ye pat is out of drede.
Quod Troylus / for al pat euere ye konne.
She nyl not to no swych wrecche be wonne.
Quod Pandarus ala what may ſis be.
That paws deſespered art ſus causeles.
what lyeueth not ſi lady benedicite.
How wostow so ſat paws art graceles.
Such yuel is not alwey boteles.
why put not Impeſsible ſus ſi cure.
Syn ſyng to come is ofte yn auenture.

I graunte wel ſat paws endurest wo.
As ſharp as doth ſe Ticius yn helle.
whos stomak foughles tireν euere mo.
That highe volturis as bokes telle.
But I may not endure ſat paws dwelle.
In so vnskilful an opynyoyn.
That of ſi wo is no curacioun.

But ones nyltow for ſi coward herte.
And for ſyn ire and foelssh wilfulness.
For wantrust tellen of ſi sorwes smerte.
Ne to ſyn owen help do bysynesse.
As meche as spoke a resoun more or lasse.
But lyk as he ſat left of no ſyng recche.
what womman wolde loue such a wrecche.

What may she deme ofer of ſi deth.
If paws ſus deye / and she not whi it is.
But ſat for fere is yolden vp ſi breth.
For Grekes han byseged vs y-wys.
Lord which a ſonk ſen shaltlow han of ſis.
Thus wol she seyn and al ſe θoun at oncs.
The wrecche is ded the deuel haue his bones.
(116)

Thow mayst allone here wepe and cre and knele. [116, 806] 806
But loue a woman that she wot it nought.
And she wole quyte that you shalt not fele.
Vnknowe vnkyst and lost that is vn-sought.
what many a man hath loue ful dere ybought.
Twenty wnyter that his lady wyste.
That neuer yet his lady mouth yet kyste.

(117)

What shulde he perfore fallen yn despeyr.
Or be recreamte of his owene tene.
Or slen hym self al be his lady feyr.
Nay. nay. but euere yn oon be fressh and grene.
To seruen and loue hys dere hertes queene.
And penk it is a guerdoun hire to serue.
A powsand folde more pan he kan deserue.

(118)

Of that word toke hede Troylus.
And pought a-noon what folye he was Inne.
And how that hym soth seyde Pandarus.
That for to slen hym self myght he not wynne.
But bope doon vnmanhod and synne.
And of his deth his lady nought to wyte.
For of his wo god knoweth ful lyte.

(119)

And with that pought he gan ful sore syke.
And seyde alas what is me best to do.
To whom Pandare answered yf ye lyke.
The best is that pow telle me al pi wo.
And haue my trowpe but pow it fynde so.
I be pi bote or that it be ful longe.
To pieces do me drawe and siteth honge.
(120)
3e so þow seyst quod Troylus þo alas.
But god wot it is not þe raper so.
Ful hard were it to helpen yn þis cas.
For wele fynde I þat fortune is my fo.
Ne alle þe men þat ryden konne or go.
May of here cruel whiel þe harm wiþstonde.
For as here lyst she pleyeth wiþ free and bonde.

(121)
Quod Pandarus than blamestow Fortune.  [leaf 14]
For þow art wroth now at erst I se.
wostow nat wel þat fortune ys commune.
To eueri maner wight yn som degree.
And yet þow hast þis comfort lo parde.
That as here Ioyes moten ouer gone.
So mote hire sorwes passen everychone.

(122)
For yf here whiel stynte any þyng to torne.
Thanne cessed she fortune anoon to be.
Now sith here whiel by no wey may soiorne.
what wostow of here mutabilite.
Ryght as þi seluen lyst wol don by þe.
Or þat she be not fer fro þyn he[1]pynge.
Puraunter þow hast cause for to synge.

(123)
And þerfore wostow whan I þe beseche.
Lat be þi wo and turnyng to þe grounde.
For who-so lyst haue helpyng of his leche.
To hym byhoueth first vnwer his wounde.
To Cerberus yn helle ay be I bounde.
• were it for my suster al þi sorwe.
• By my wil she sholde al be þyn to morwe.

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(124)

- Loke vp I seye and telle me what she is. 862
- A-noon þat I may goon aboute þin nede.
  Knowe Ich here ought for my loun telle me þis.
  Thenne wolde I hopen þe raþere for to spede.
  Tho gan þe veyne of Troylus to blede.
  Foþr he was hit and wax al red for shame.
  A ha quod Pandare here bygynneth game. 868

(125)

And with þat word he gan hym for to shake. 869
And seyde þef þow shalt here name telle.
But þo bigan sely Troylus for to quake.
As þough men sholde han lad hym in to helle. 872
- And seyde allas of al my wo þe welle.
- Than is my swete fo called Criseyde.
- And wel neygh wip þe word for fere he deyde. 875

(126)

- And whan þat Pandare herde here name neuene. [leaf 14, b[ack]
- Lord he was glad and seyde freund so dere.
- Now fare a right for Ioues name yn heune.
- Loun hath beset þe wel be of good chere. 879
- For of good name and wysdom and manere.
- She hath y-nough and ek of gentilesse.
- If she be fayr þow wost þi-self I gesse. 882

(127)

| Ne neuere saw a more bounteous. 883 |
| Of here estat. ne a gladder. ne of speche. |
| A frendliour' na more gracious. |
| For to do wel ne lasse hadde nede to seche. 886 |
| what for to doon and al þis bet to eche. |
| In honour' to as fer as she may streche. |
| A kynge herte semeth by hires a wrecche. 889 |

[Harl. 3943 has another stanza here; see p. 33, Troylus and Fiolustrato.]
(128)
And also ðenk and þer-with glade the.
That sith þy lady vertuous is al.
So folweth it þat þere is som pite.
Amonges alle þese opere in general.
And for þy se þat þow yn special.
Requere not þat is a-yn hire name.
For vertue streccheþ not hym self to shame.

(129)
But wel is me þat euere I was born.
That þow biset art yn so good a place.
For by my troupe yn loue I dorst haue sworn.
The sholde neuere a tyd so fayr a grace.
And wostow whi for þow were woned to chace.
At loue yn scorn. and for despit hym calle.
Seynt Idyot / lord / of þese fole alle.

(130)
How ofte hastow mad þi nyce Iapes.
And seyd þat loues seruantz euerychone.
Of nycete ben verray goddes Apes.
And some wole mucche here mete allone.
Lyggynge a bedde and hem for to grone.
And som þow seydest hadde a blauche feuere.
And preyedest god he sholde neuere keuere.

(131)
And som of hem toke on hem for þe colde. [leaf 15]
More þan y-nough so seydestow ful ofte.
And some han feyned ofte tyme and tolde.
How þat they wake whan þei slepen softe.
And þus þei wolden han brought hem self a lofte.
And næþes were vnder at þe laste.
Thus seidestow and Iapedest ful faste.
(132)
Ye seydestow for þe more part.
These loueres wolde speke in general.
And þought it was a sikar art.
For faylyng for to asayn ouer al.
Now may I iape of þe if þat I shal.
But napeles þough þat I sholde deye.
That þow art none of þo þat dorst I seye.

(133)
Now beest þi brest and seye to god of loue.
Thi grace lord for now I me repente.
If I mys spak / for now my-self I loue.
Thus sey with al thyn hert yn good entente.
Quod Troilus a lord I me consente.
And pray to þe my Iapes þow for-yeue.
And I shal neuere more whil I leue.

(134)
Thow seyst wel quod Pandarus and now I hope.
That þow þe goddes wrappe hast al apesed.
And siþen þat þow hast wopen many a drope.
And seyd swych þyng wher-with þi god is plesed.
Now wolde neuere god but þow were esed.
And þynk wel she of whom rist al þi wo.
Here after may þi comfort be al so.

(135)
For þike ground þat bereth þe wedys wykke.
Bereth eke þese holome herbes al ful ofte.
Next þe foule netle rough and þikke.
The rose waxeþ swote and smoth and softe.
And nexst þe valey is þe hil a-lofte.
And nexst þe derk nyght þe glade morwe.
And also Ioye is nexst after sorwe.
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(136)

Now loke þat a-tempre be þy brydel. 946
And for þe beste ay suffre to þe tyde.
Or elles alle oure labour is on ydel.
He hastep wel þat wysly kan a-byde. 949
Be diligent and trewe and ay wel hide.
Be lusty fre persuere yn þyn scruyse.
And al is wel if þow werk yn þis wyse.

(137)

But he þat departed is yn euery place. 953
Is no wher hool as writen clerkes wyse.
what wonder is that such on haue no grace.
Ek wostow how it fareþ on som service.
As plaunte a tre or herbe yn sondry wyse.
And on þe morwe pulle it vp as blyue.
No wonder is þow it mowe neuere þriue.

(138)

* And sith þat god of loue hath þe bystowed. 960
* In place digne vn [to] þi worþynesse.
* Stond fast for to good port hastow rowed.
* And of thy self for any heuyynesse.
* Hope alwey wel / for but if drerynesse.
* Or ouer-haste oure boþe laboure shende.
* I hope of þis to make a good ende. 966

(139)

And wostow whi I am þe lasse a-fered. 967
Of þis matere with my Nece trete.
* For þis haue I herd sayd of wyse y-lered.
* was neuere man ne woman yet bygete.
* That was vnapt to suffren loues hete.
Celestial. or elles loue of kynde.
For-þi som grace I hope yn here fynde.

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(140)

And for to speke of here yn special.
Hire beaute to by-ȝynteke and hire youþe.
It sit hire nought to be Celestial.
And yet þough þat hire lyste boþe and kouþe.
But trewly it sat here wel right nowþe.
A worthy knyght to loue and cherice.
And but she do I holde it for a vice.

(141)

Wherfore I am and wole be ay redy. [leaf 16]
To payne me to do yow þis seruyse.
For boþe yow to plese þus hope I.
Her-afterward for ye beth boþe wyse.
And konne it counselyl kepe yn such a wyse.
That no man schal of it þe wiser be.
And so we may be gladed alle þre.

(142)

For be my trowþe I haue right now of þe.
A good conceyt yn my wit as I gesse.
And what þat is I wol now þat þow se.
I þenke. sith þat loue of his goodnesse.
Hath þe converteid out of wikkednesse.
That þow shalte be þe best post I leue.
Of al his lay / and most hisse foos to greue.

(143)

Ensamle whi. se ye þese wyse clerkes.
That eren aldermost a-yen þe lawe.
And ben converteid from hire wykkede werkes.
Thorugh grace of god þat lyst hem to hym drawe.
Than arn þei folk þat han most god yn awe.
And strenest feybed ben I vnderstonde.
And konne an errour alder best wipstonde.
(144)
- Whanne Troylus had herd Pandare assentyd. 1002
  | To ben his hetp yn louyng of Crisyde.
- wex of his wo as who seyth vntormentid. 1005
- But hotter weex his loue and þus he seyde. 1008
  with sobre chere al-þough his herte pleyde. 
  Now blysful Venus help er þat I sterue. 
  Of þe Pandare I may som þank deserue.  

(145)
- But dere fren land shal myn wo ben lesse. 1009
  Til þis be don and good eke telle me þisse.  
- How wyltow seyn of me and my destresse.  
- Lest she be wroth þis drede I most I-wysse. 1012 
- Or nyl not heren or trowen how it ysse.  
  Al þis drede I and ek for þe manere.  
- Of þe here Em she nyl no swych þyng here. 1015

(146)
Quod Pandarus þou hast a ful grete care.  [le. of 16, back] 1016
Lest þat þe Cherl wolde falle out of þe mone. 
  whi lord I hate of þe þi nyce fare.  
  whi entremete of þat þow hast to done.  
  For goddes loue I bydde þe a bone. 1019
- So lat me alone. and it shal be þi beste.  
  whi frend quod he / now do riþt as þe leste. 1022

(147)
- But herke Pandare o word for I nolde. 1023
- That þow in me wendez so gret folye.  
- That to my lady I desiren sholde.  
- That toucheþ harm or ony vilenye. 1026 
  For dredles me were leuere dye.  
  Than she of me ought elles vnderstode.  
  But þat / þat myght sownen yn to gode.  1029
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(148)

- Tho lough þis Pandare & a-noon answered.
  And I þi borw / fy / no wyght doth but so.
  I rought nought þough þat she stode and herde.
  How þat þow seyst, but farewell I wole go.
  A dieu / be glad / god spede vs boþe two.
- yeue me þis labour and þis besynesse.
- And of my sped be þyn al þat swetnesse.

(149)

- But Troylus gan doun on his knees to falle.
- And Pandare yn his armes hent faste.
- And seyde now fy on þe Grekes alle.
  yet parde god shal helpe vs at þe laste.
  And dredles yf þat my lyf may laste.
  And god to-forn / lo som of hem shal smerte.
  And yet me of þynketh þat þis auauñt me a-sterte.

(150)

- Now Pandare I kan no more seye.
- But þow wys / þow wost / þow mayst / þow art al.
  My lyf / my deth / hool yn thyn hond I leyse.
  Help now quod he / yis by my trouþe I shal.
  God yelde þe frend and þis yn special.
  Quod Troylus / þat þou me recomaunte.
  To here þat to þe deth me may comaunde.

(151)

- This Pandarus tho desirous to serue.  [leaf 17]
- His fulle frend þenne seyde yn þis manere.
  Farwel and þank I wole þi þank deserue.
  Hauue here my trouthe and þat þou shalt wel here.
- And went his wey þenkyng on þis matere.
  And how he myght here besche of grace.
  And fynde a tyme þer to and a place.
For every wyght that hath an hows to founde.  1058
Ne renneth nought þe werk for to bygynne.
with rakes hond / but he wolde byde a stounde.
And send his hertes lyne out fro with Inne.  1061
Alderfirst his purpos for to wynne.
Al þis Pandare yn his herte þoughte.
And caste his werk ful wysly or he wroughte.  1064

But Troilus lay þo no lengere down.  1065
But vp a-noon vp on his stede bay.
And yn þe feld he pleyde þo lyoun.
who was þat Grek þat wip hym mette þat day.  1068
And yn þe towne his manere þo forþ sy.
So goodly was / and gat hym so yn grace.
That eche hym louede þat loked on his face.  1071

For he by-come þe frendlyeste wyght.  1072
The gentileste and ek þe most fre.
The þriftieste and oon þe beste knyght.
That yn his tyme was or myghte be.  1075
Dede were his Iapes and his cruelte.
His heigh port and his manere estrange.
And ech of þo gan for a vertu chaunge.  1078

Now late vs stynte of Troilus a stounde.  1079
That fareth lyk a man þat hurt is sore.
And is somdel of akynge of his wounde.
Ilyssed wel / but heled no del more.  1082
And as an esy pacient þe lore.
Abit of hym þat goþ aboute his cure.
And þus he drieth forth his auenture.  1085

Explicit liber primus.
Hic Incipit Liber Secundus.

(1) (Proem)

O wynd o wynd þe weder gynneth clere.
For yn þis see þe bot hath swych trauylle.
Of my comynge that vnnepe I it stere.
This see clepe I þe tempestous materre.
Of deeper þat Troylus was Inne.
But now of hope þe kalendes bygynne.

(2) (Invocation)

O lady myn þat called art Cleo.
Thow be my sped fro þis forth and my muse.
To ryme wel þis book til I haue do.
Me nedeth here noon art to vse.
For-whi to euerly louere I me excuese.
That of no sentement I þis endite.
But out of latyn in my tunge it write.

(3)

Wherfore .I. nel haue neyþer þank ne blame.
Of al þis werk but pray yow mekely.
Disblameth me yf ony word be lame.
For as myn auctor seyde so sey .I.
Ek þough I speke of loue vnfelyngly.
No wonder is / for it no þyng of newe is.
A blynd man ne kan Iuggen wel yn hewys.
(4)
Ye knowe ek þat in forme of speche is chaunge.
with-Inne a thousand yer / and wordes tho.
That hadden prys, now wonder nyse and straunge.
Vs thenkeþ hem / and yet þey spak hem so.
And sped as wel yn lone as men now do.
Ek for to wynne loue yn sondry ages.
In sondry londes: sondry ben vsages.

(5)
And for-thi yf it happë yn ony wyse. [leaf 19]
That here be ony louere yn þis place.
That herkeneth as þe story wolde deuyse,
How Troylus com to his lady grace.
And þenketh so nold I not lone purchasing.
Or wondreth on his speche and his doyng.
I not but it is me no wonderynge.

(6)
For every wyght whiche that to rome went.
Halt nat al o path or alwey o manere.
Ek yn some lond were al þe game shent.
If þei ferd yn loue as men don here.
As þus in opyn doyng or yn chere.
In wysitynge in forme or seyde hire sawes.
For-þi men seyth eche contre hath his lawes.

(7)
Ek skarsly ben þere yn þis place þre.
That han yn loue seyd lyk and don yn al.
For to þi purpos þis may lyken þe.
And þe right nought yet al is seyd or shal.
Ek som men graue in tre some in ston wal.
As it bittit. but syn I haue begonne.
Myn Auctor shal I folwe if I konne.

Explicit prohemium secundi libri.

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Incipit liber. Secundus.

(8)
In may Þat moder is of monethes glade.
That ³fresshe flourës blew and white and rede.
Ben quyke a-gayñ Þat wynter dede made. [I 8 alterd to h] And ful of bawme is fletynge every mede.
when Þheus doth his bryghte bemes sprede.
Right yn þe white bole so it bytydde.
As I shal synge on mayes day þe þridde.

(9)
That Pandarus for al his wyse speche.
Felt ek his Part of lounes shotes kene.
That koude he neuere so wel preche.
It made his hewe a day ful ofte grene.
So shop it Þat hym felt Þat day a tene.
In louve for which yn wo to bedde he wente.
And made er it was day ful many a went.

(10)
The swalwe proigne with a sorwful lay.
when morwe com. gan make here weymentynge.
whi she forshapen was / and euere lay.
Pandare a bedde half yn a slomerynge.
Til she hym so neigh made here cheteryng.
How Tíreux gan forth hire suster take.
That with þe noyse of here he gan a-wake.

(11)
And gan to calle and dresse hym vp to ryse.
Remembrynge hym his erand was to done.
From Troylius and ek þe gret emprise.
And cast and knew yn good plyt was þe mone.
To don viage and tok weye soone.
Vn to his neces Paleys þer by syde.
Now Ianus god of entre thow hym gyde.
(12)

Whan he was come vn to his Neces place.
wher is my Lady vn to hire folk seyde he.
And þey hym tolde, and he vn forth gan pace.
And fond two ðere ladyes sette and she.
wiþ-Inne a paued parlour / and þei þre.
Herden a mayden reden hem þe gest.
Of þe sege of þebes while hem leste.

(13)

Quod Pandarus ma dame god yow see.
with al yowre faire bok & al þe companye.
Ey vnclc myn welcome y-wys / quod she.
And vp she ros / and by þe hond yn hye.
She tok hym fast / and seyde þis nyght þrie.
To good mot it turne of yow I mette.
And with þat word she doun on bench hym sette.

(14)

þe nece ye shal fare wel the bet.  [leaf 19]
If god wole al þis yer quod Pandarus.
But I am sory I haue yow let.
To herken of youre book ye preysen þus.
For goddes loue what seith it telle it vs.
Is it of loue som good ye me lere.
Vnclc quod she youre maystresse is not here.

(15)

With þat þei gonnen laughe and she seyde.
This romaunce is of Thebes þat we rede.
And we han herd how þat the kynge Layus deyde.
Thurgh Eddyppus his sone and al þat dede.
And here we stenton at þese lettres rede.
How þe bishop as þe bok' kan telle.
Amphiorax fyl þurgh þe ground to helle.

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(16)
Quod Pandarus al pis knowe I my selue.  
And al þe assege of Thebes and al þe care.  
For herof ben þere maked bokes twelue,  
But lat be þis and telle me how ye fare.  
Do wey youre barbe and shewe youre face bare.  
Do wey youre book rys vp and late vs daunce.  
And lat vs don to may som observance.

(17)
A god forbede quod she be ye mad.  
Is þat a wydewes lyf so god you saue.  
By god ye make me right sore a-drad.  
Ye ben so wylde it semeth þat ye raue.  
It sat me wel bet ay in caue.  
To bydde and rede on holy seyntes lyues.  
Lat maydens gon to daunce and yonge wyues.

(18)
As euere I þriue quod Pandarus.  
Yet kowde I telle a þyng to don yow pleye.  
Now vncle dere / quod she tel it vs.  
For goddes loue is þanne þe assege a-weye.  
I am of Grekes so ferd þat I deye.  
Nay nay quod he as euere mot I þryue.  
It is a þyng: is worth such fyue.

(19)
Ye holy god quod she what þyng is that.  
what bet þan swych fyue .I. nay I-wys.  
For al þis world ne kan I redeen what.  
It sholde ben / som Iape I trowe is þis.  
And but youre seluen telle what it is.  
My wit is for to rede it al to lene.  
As help me god I not not what ye mene.
(20)
And I youre bourghe ne neuer shal for me.
This þing be tolde to yow as mote I þrye.
And why so vnclcle mën why so quod she.
By God quod he / that wolde I telle as blyue.
For prouder womman were þere noon on lyue.
And ye it wiste yn al þe toun of troye.
I iape nought as euere haue I Ioye.

(21)
Tho gan sche Iape more þan byform.
A þouand fold, and doun hire eyen caste.
For neuer sith þe tyme þat she was born.
To knowe þyngë desired she so faste.
And with a syk' she seyde hym at þe laste.
Now vnclcle mën I nyl yow nowght displesë.
Nor axen more þat may do yow diseë.

(22)
So after þis with many wordes glade.
And frendly tales and with mery chere.
Of þis and þat þey playede and gunnen wade.
In many an vnkouþe glad and deþe matere.
As frendes don whanne þei ben met y-fere.
Til she gan axen hym how Ector ferde.
That was þe townes wal and grekes yerde.

(23)
Ful wel I þakke god quod Pandarus.
Saue yn his arm he hath a litel wounde.
And ek his fresshë broþer Troylus.
The wyse worþi Ector þe secunde.
In whom þat al vertu lyst abounde.
As alle trowþe and al gentillesse.
wysdom / honoure / fredom / and warþinesse.

CAMPSEAL
(24)
In good feyth Em quod she þat lyketh me. [Leaf 30] 162
They faren wel / god saue hem bothe two.
For trewly I hold it gret deyte.
A kynes sone yn armes wel to do.
And ben of good condicions þer to.
For gret power and moral vertu here.
Is seelde y-seye yn o persone y-fero. 168

(25)
In good feyth þat is soth quod Pandarus. 169
But be my troupe þe kyngh hath sones tweye.
That is to mene Ector and Troilus.
That certaynly þough þat I sholde deye.
They ben as voyde of vices dar I seye.
As ony men þat lyeuth vnder þe sonne.
Hire myght is wyde y-knowe and what þey konne. 175

(26)
Of Ector nedeth it no more for to telle. 176
In al þis world ner nys a bettre knyght.
Than he þat is of worthinesse welle.
And he wel more vertu hath þat myght.
This knoweth many a wys and worthi wyght.
The same prys of Troilus I seye.
God help me so I knowe not swyche tweye. 179

(27)
Be god quod she of Ector þat is soth. 183
Of Troilus þe same þing trowe I.
For drelles men tellen þat he doth.
In armes day by day so worshiply.
And bereth hym here at hom so gentilly.
To euery wight þat alle prys hath he.
Of hem þat me were lenuest preyed be. 186

Campsall
(28)
Ye sey right soth y-wys quod Pandarus.
For yesterday who-so hadde with hym ben.
He myght haue wondred vp on Troylus.
For neuere yet so þikke a swarm of ben.
Ne fleygh as Grekes gonne fro hym flen.
And þorugh þe field in euerie wightes ere.
Ther nas no cry but Troylus is þere.

(29)
Now here now þere he hunteþe hem so faste. [leaf 38, bb]
Ther nas but Grekes blood and Troylus.
Now hem he hurte and hem alle down he caste.
Ay where he wente it was arayed þus.
He was here deth and lyf and sheld for vs.
That al þat day þere dorste noon with-stonde.
whil þat he held his blody swerd yn honde.

(30)
Therto he is þe frendlyest man.
Of gret estat þat euere I saw my lyue.
And wher þat hym lyst best felawship kan.
To suche as hym þenketh able for to thryue.
And with þat word þo Pandarus as blyue.
He tok his leue and seyde I wol go henne.
Nay blame haue I myn vnclle quod she þenne.

(31)
What eyleth yow to be þus wery soone.
And namelych of womman wol ye so.
Nay sitteth down by god I haue to done.
with yow to speke of wisdom er ye go.
And euerie wight þat was a-boute hem two.
That herd þat gan fer a-vey to stonde.
whil þat þey hadde al þat hem liste yn honde.
(32)

Whan þat here tale al brought was to an ende.
Of here estat and of here gouernaunce.
Quod Pandarus now is tyme I wende.
But yet I seye aryseth and lat vs daunce.
And cast youre wydwes habit to myschaunce.
what lyst yow þus yow self to disfigure.
Sith yow it tyd þus faire an aventure.

(33)

A wel bipought for loue of god quod ahe.
- Shal I not wete what ye mene of þia.
No þyng axeth layser quod he.
And eke me wolde mucche greue I-wys.
If .I. it tolde and ye it toke amys.
yet were it bet my tonge for to stille.
Than sey a soth þat were a-yens youre wylle.

(34)

For Nece by þe goddesse Mynerue. [leaf 81]
And Iuppiter þat maketh þe þonder rynge.
And by þe blysful Venus þat I serue.
Ye be th[e] womman in þis world lyuynge.
with-oute paramours to my wytynge.
That I best loue and lopest am to greue.
And þat ye wete wel yow self I leue.

(35)

Ywys vnclæ quod she grant mercy.
Youre frendship haue I founden euere yet.
I am to no man holden trewely.
So muche as yow and haue so litel quyht.
And with þe grace of god emforth my wit.
As yn my gilt I shal you neuere offende.
And yf I haue er þis I wol amende.
(36)

But for þe loue of god I yow beseche.
As ye ben he þat I most loue and truste.
Lat be youre frendly manere speche.
And sey to me youre Nece what yow lyste.
And with þat word here vnclen a noon here he keste.
And seyde gladly leue Nece dere.
Tak it for goud þat I shal seye yow here.

(37)

With þat she gan hire eyen down to caste.
And Pandarus to koghe gan a lyte.
And seyde Nece lo alwey to þe laste.
How-so it be þat som men hem delite.
with subtil art hire tales for to endite.
Yet for al þat in here entencioun.
Hire tales is al for som conclusioun.

(38)

And sith þe ende is of euery tales strengþe.
And þis materie is so by-houely.
what sholde I poynte or drawen it on lenghþe.
To yow þat ben my frend so feithfully.
And with þat word he gan right Inwardly.
Byholden here and loke on hire face.
And seyde on suche a mirour' good grace.

(39)

Thanne poughte he þus yf I my tale endite. [leaf 81, back] 267
Ought hard or make a proces ony while.
She shal no sauaur han þer-yn but litel.
And trowe I wold hire yn my wyþ bygile.
For tendre wittes wenen al be wyle
There as pey kan not pleyly vnderstonde.
For þi here wit to scuen wol I fonde.
(40)

And loked on here yn a besy wyse 274

- And she was war þat he byheld here so.
- Sey ye me neuer e now what sey ye no.
- Yes yes quod he and bet wolde yr I go.
  But be my trow þe I pought now yf ye.
  Be fortunat. for now men shal it se. 280

(41)

For to every wight som goodly aventure. 281
Som tyme is shape if he it kan receyuen.
And yf þat he wolde take of it no cure.
  whan þan it cometh but wyfully it weylen.
  Lo neyþer cas nor fortune hym deseuyen.
But right his verray slouþe and wrecchednesse.
  And swych wyght is for to blame I gesse. 287

(42)

Good aventure o bele Nece haue ye. 288
Ful lightly founden if ye konne it take.
And for þe loue of god and ek of me.
Cache it a-noon lest aventure slake.
  what sholde I lengere proces of it make.
Yif me youre hond for yn þis world is noon.
If þat you lyst a wyght so wel begon. 294

(43)

And sith I speke of good entencioun. 295
As I. to yow haue told wel here toform.
And loue as wel youre honour and renoun.
As creature yn al þis world y-born. 298
By alle þe oþes þat I haue to yow sworne
And ye be wroth þerfore and wene I lye.
Ne shal I neuer e seen yow eft with eye. 301
(44)
Beth nought a-gast ne quaketh not wher to.  [leaf 32] 302
Ne quaketh not for fere so youre hewe.
For hardely þe werste of þis is do
And þough my tale as now be to yow newe.
Yet trist alwey ye shal me fynde trewe.
And were it þyng þat me þoughte vsitýnge.
To yow nold I no suche tales brynge.  308

(45)
Now good Em for goddes loue I prey.  309
Quod she / com of / and telle me what it is.
For boþe I am agast what ye wolde seye.
And ek me longeth it to wyte y-wys.
For wheþer it be wel or be amys.
Sey on lat me not yn þis fere dwelle.
So wol I don / now herkeneth I shal yow telle.  315

(46)
Now nece myn þe kynges dere sone.  316
The good / wyse / worthi / fressh / and fre.
which alwey for to do wel is his wone.
The noble Troilus so loueth þe.
That bot ye helpe it wol his bane be.
Lo here is al what sholde I more seye.
Doth what yow lyst to make hym lyue or deye.  322

(47)
But yf þow late hym deye I wolde sterue.  323
Haue here my trouþe Nece I nel not lye.
Al sholde I with þis knyf myn owene throte kerue.
with þat þe teres brast out of his eyen.
And seyde yf þat ye doon vs boþe dyen.
Thus gittles þan haue ye fysshed faire.
what mende ye though þat we boþe aþyre.  329

CAMPSALL
(48)

**Allas he whiche þat is my lord so dere.**
That trewe man þat noble gentil knyght.
That nought desireth but youre frendly chere.
I se hym deye þere he goth vp right.
And hasteþ hym with al his fulle myght.
For to be slayn yf fortune wolde assente.
**Allas þat god yow swich a beaute sente.**

(49)

**If it be so that ye so cruel be.**
That of his deth yow lyst nought to recche.
That is so trewe and worþi as ye se.
No more þan of a Iapere or a wrecche.
If ye be swych youre beaute may not streche.
To make amendes of so cruel a dede.
**Ayusement is good by-fore þe nede.**

(50)

**Wro worth þe faire gemme vertules.**
wo worth þat herbe also þat doth no bote.
wo worth þat beaute þat is rouþelees.
wo worth þat wight þat tret echec mnderfote.
And ye þat ben of beaute crop and rote.
And þerwith-al in you þere be no rouþ.
**Than is it harm þat ye lyuen by my trouþe.**

(51)

**And also þenk wel þat þis is no gaude.**
For me were leuere þow and I and he.
were hanged þan I sholde be his baude.
As heyghe as men myghte on vs alle y-se.
I am þyn Em þe shame were to me.
**As wel as þe yf þat I sholde assente.**
Thorough myn abet þat he þyn honour shente.

CUMPSALL
(52)

Now vnderstonde for I yow nought requere.
To bynde yow to hym þorugh no behest.
But oonly þat ye make hym bettre chere.
Than ye han don er þis and more feste.
So þat his lyf be saued at þe lest þe.
This al and som and playnlyoure entente.
God helpe me so I neuere opormente.

(53)

Lo þis request is not but skyle y-wys.
Ne doute of reson parde is þere noon.
I sette þe worste þat ye dredden þis.
Men wolden wondren to se hym come or gon.
Ther a-yanis answere I þus a-noon.
That euer wyght but he be fel of kynde.
wol deme it loun of frenship yn his mynde.

(54)

Who wolde deme þough he se a man.  [leaf 55]
To temple go þat he þe ymages eteth.
Thenk ek how wysly þat he kan.
Gouerne hym self þat he no þynge foryeteth.
That wher he cometh he prys and þank hym geteth.
And ek þe-to he shal come here so selde.
what fors were it þough al þe town behelde.

(55)

Swych loue of frenesh regneth al þis town.
And wre yow yn þat mantel euere mo.
And god so wys be my saluacioun.
As I haue seyd youre beste is to do so.
But alwey good nece to stynte his wo.
So lat youre daunger sucred ben a lyte.
That of his deth ye be nought to wyte.

Campsall
(56)

Criseyde which þat herd hym yn þis wyse.
Thought I shal fele what he meneþ y-wys.
Now Em quod she what wolde ye deuyse.
what is youre red I shal don of þis.
That is wel seyd quod he certayn best is.
þat ye hym loue a-yen for his louynge.
þat loue for loue is skylful guerdonynge.

(57)

• Thenk ek how elde wastep every howre.
• In ech of yow a partie of beaunte.
   And þerfore er age þe devoure.
| Go loue. for olde / þer wil no wight of þo.
| Lat þis prouerbe a lore vn-to yow be.
| To late y-war quod beaute whan it past.
| And elde daunteth daunger at þe last.

(58)

The kynges fool is woned to cryen lowde.
whan that hym þenketh a woman bereth here heighe.
So longe mot ye lyue and alle prowde.
Til crowes feet ben growen vnder youre eye.
And sende yow þanne a myrrour yn to pryce.
In which ye may se youre face a morwe.
Nece I bidde wishe yow no more sorwe.

(59)

With þis he stonté and caste a-down þe heil.  [Leave 23, back]  407

| And she bygan to brest a wep a-noon.
| And seyde allas for wo why nere I ded.
| For of þis world þe feyth is al agon.
| Allas what shulde straunge to me don.
| when he þat for my best frend y wolde.
| Bet me to loue and shold it me defende.
(60)

Alas! I wold han trusted douteles.
That yf þat I þurgh myn disaunentre.
Had loued oþer hym or Achilles.
Ector or ony mannes creature.
Ye nold han had no mercy ne mesure.
On me, but alwey had me in repreue.
This false world alas who may it leue.

(61)

What is þat al þe Ioye and al þe feste.
Is þis youre red is þys my blysful cas.
Is þis þe verray mede of youre behest.
Is al þis peynted proces seyd alas.
Right for þis fyn O lady myn pallas.
Thow yn þis dredful cas for me purweye.
For so astonyed am I þat I deye.

(62)

With þat she gan ful sorwfully to syke.
Ay may it be no bet quod Pandarus.
By god I shal nomore com here þis wyke.
And god to-forn þat am mystrusted þus.
I se ful wel þat ye sette lite of vs.
Or of oure deth. alas I woful wrecche.
Might he yet lyue of me is nought to recche.

(63)

O cruel god. o. dispitous Marte.
O furyes þre of helle on yow I crye.
So lat me neure out of þis hous departe.
If þat I mente harm or ony vylonye.
But sith I se my lord mot nedes dye.
And, I. with hym here I me shryye and seye.
That wikedly ye don vs bope deye.

CAMPSELL
(64)

But sith it lyketh yow þat I be ded. [Sent 84]
By Neptunus þat god is of þe se.
Fro þis forth shal I neuere eten bred.
Til I myn owen herte blod may se.
For certaynly I wole deye as sone as he.
And vp he sterte and on his weye he raughte.
Til she hym a-gayn by þe lappe caughte.

(65)

Criseyde which þat wel neigh starf for fere.
So as she was þe ferfulste wyght.
That myght be and herde ek with here ere.
And saw þe sorwful ernest of þe knyght.
And in his preyere eke saw noon vnright.
And for þe harm þat myghte ek fallen more.
She gan to rewe / and dradde hire wonder sore.

(66)

And þoughte þus vnhappes falles þikke.
Alday for loue and in such manere cas.
As men ben cruel yn hem self and wykke.
And yf þis man sle here hym self allas.
In my presence / it wyl be no solas.
what men of hit wold deme I kan not seye.
It nedeth me ful selyly for to pleye.

(67)

And with a sorwful syk she seyde þrie.
A lord what me is tyd a sory chaunce.
For myn estat now lyth in Iupartie.
And ek myn Emes lyf lyth yn balaunce.
But naþeles with goddes gouernaunce.
I shal don so myn honour shal I kepe.
And ek his lyf and stynte for to wepe.

CAMPSALL
(68)
Of harms two pe lesse is for to chese.
Yet haue I leuere maken hym good chere.
In honour / þan myn Æmes lyf to lese.
Ye seyn. ye no þyng elles me requere.
No y-wys quod he myn owene Nece dere.
Now wel quod she and I wol don myn peyne.
I shal myn herte a-yens my lust constreyne.

(69)
But that .I. nyl not holden hym yn honde. [=Conf 24, book] 477
Ne loye a man ne kan I not ne may.
A-yens my wil but elles wol I fonde.
Myn honour sauf plesen hym fro day to day.
Ther-to nold I nought onys haue seyd nay.
But þat I drede as yn my fantasye.
But cessip cause ay cesseth maladye.

(70)
And here I make a protestacioun.
That yn þis proces yf ye deppere go.
That certaynly for no saluacioun.
Of yow. þough þat ye sterue boþe two.
Thóðu al þe world on o day be my foo.
Ne shal I neuere on hym han other rouþe.
I graunte wel quod Pandarus by my trouþe.

(71)
But may I trust wel þer-to quod he.
That of þis þyng þat ye han hight me here.
Ye wol it holden trewly vn-to me.
Ye doutles quod she myn vnclere dere.
Ne þat I shal han cause in þis matere.
Quod he to pleyne. or ofter yow to preche.
why no par de / what nedeth more speche.

CAMPSELL
(72)
Tho fillen þei yn othere tales glade.
Til at þe laste o good ðe quod she þo.
For his loue which þat ve boþe made.
• Tel me how first ye wysten of his wo.
wot noon of hit but ye he seyde no.
kan he wel speke of loue quod she I preye.
Tel me / for I þe bet me shal purueye.

(73)
• Tho Pandarus bygan for to smyle.
• And seyde by my trouþe I shal yow telle.
• This oþer day nought go ful longþ while.
; In with þe paleys gardyn by a wele.
; Gan he and I wel half a day to dwelle.
Right for to spoken of an ordenaunce.
How we þe Grekes myghte disauaunce.

(74)
Soone after that bygonne we to lepe.  [leaf 25]  512
And casten with oure darte to and fro.
Til at þe laste he seyde he wolde slepe.
And on þe gres a-down he leyde hym þo.
And I þer after gan rome to and fro.
Til þat I herd as þat I welkþ allone.
How he bygan ful wofully to grone.

(75)
| Tho gan I stalke softly hym by-hynde.
And sikery þe soþe for to seyne.
As I kan clepe ayn now to my mynde.
• Right þus to loue he gan hym for to pleyne.
| He seyde lord haue rouþe on my peyne.
Al haue I ben rebel yn myn entente.
Now. mea culpa. lord I me repente.
(76)

O god þat at þi disposicioun.
Ledest þe fyn by Iuste purveyaunce.
Of eueri wyght my lowe confessioun.
Accep e in gre / and sende me swych penaunce.
As liketh þe but from desesperaunce.
That may my gost departe a-vey fro þe.
Thow be my sheld for þy benignite.

(77)

For certes lord so sore hath she me wounded.
That stod in blak wyth lokyng of here eyen.
That to myn hertes it is I-sounded.
Thorugh which I wot þat I mot nedes deyen.
This is þe worste I dar me not by-wryen.
And wel þe hotterre ben þe gledes rede.
That men hym wrien with asshe pale and dede.

(78)

Wip þat he smot a-down his hed a-noon.
And gan to motre I not what trewly.
And I a-vey wip þat stille gan to gon.
And let þer-of as no thynge wyst hadde I.
And come a-yen a-noon and stod hym by.
And seyde a-wake ye slepen al to longe.
It semeth not þat loue doth yow longe.

(79)

That slepen so that no man may yow wake. [leaf 25, back] 547
who sey euere or þis so dul a man.
Ye frend quod he ye do yowre hedes ake.
For loue / and lat me lyuen as I kan.
But þough þat he for wo was pale and wan.
yet made he þo as fressh a contenaunce.
As þough he shulde haue led þe newe daunce.

Campsall
(80)

This passed forth til now his oþer day.

It fel þat I come romynge al alone.

Into a chaumbre and fond how þat he lay.

Vp on his bed but man so sore grone.

Ne herd I neuere and what þat was his mone.

Ne wyst I nought for as I was comynge.

Al sodeynly he lefte his compleynenge.

(81)

Of which I toke somwhat suspacion.

And ner I come and fond he wepte sore.

And god so wys be my saluacioun.

As neuere of þyng ne hadde I roupe more.

For neþer with engyn ne with no lore.

Vnepes myght I fro þe deth hym kepe.

That yet fele I myn hert for hym wepe.

(82)

And god wot neuere sith þat I was born.

was I so bysy no man for to preche.

Ne neuere to wyght so depe was I-sworn.

Or he me tolde who myght ben his leche.

But now to yow rehersen al his speche.

Or alle his woful wordes for to sowne.

Ne byd me not but ye wol do me swone.

(83)

But for to saue his lyf and elles nought.

And to noon harm of yow þus am I dreuen.

And for þe loue of god þat hath vs wrought.

Swynch chere hym doth that he and I may lyuen.

Now haue I plat to yow myn herte schryuen.

And syn ye wot þat myn entent is cleene.

Tak hede þer-ow for I noon yuel mene.
(84) And right good thryft I pray to god haue ye. That han swych on y-caught with-oute net.
. And be ye wys as ye ben faire to se.
. wel yn þe ryng/ þan is þe ruby set.
. There were neuere two so wel I-met.
. whanne ye ben his al hool as he is youre.
    Ther myghty god yet graunte vs se þat oure.

(85)

; Nay þerof spak I not quod she.
; As helpe me god ye shenden evrey del.
    O mercy dere nece a-noon quod he.
    what so I spak I mente nought but wele.
    By mars þe god þat helmed is of stel.
    Now beth nought wroth my blod my nece dere.
; Now wole I quod she / foryeuen be it here.

(86)

. With þis he tok his leue and home he wente.
    And lord he was glad and wel bygon.
. Crisyde a-ros no lengere she ne stente.
. But straught in to hire closet went a-noon.
    And sette here down as stille as ony ston.
. And euerie word gan vp and downe to wynde.
. That he hadde seyd as it come here to mynde.

(87)

And was somdel astonyed yn here pought.
| Right for the newe cas / but whanne þat she.
    was ful avised tho fond she right nought.
    Of peril why she ought a-ferd be.
    For man may loue of possibilite.
    A womman so his herte may to-breste.
    And she nought loue a-yen but yf here lestel.

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(88)

But as she sat allone and poughte pus.
Ascry aros at skarmyssh al with oute.
And men cryede in pe strete se Troylus.
Hath right now put to flyght pe Grekes route.
with that gan al here meyne for to shoute.
A go we se, cast vp pe yates wyde.
For purgh pat strete he mot to palays ryde.

(89)

For oyer weye is per to the yate noon. [leaf 86, back]
Of Gardanus per vp on is pe cheyne.
with pat come he and al his folk a-noon.
An eey pas rydynge yn routes tweyne.
Right as his happy day was soth to seyne.
For which men say may nought disturbed be.
That shal by-tyden of necessite.

(90)

Thus Troylus sat on his bay stede.
Al armed saue his hed ful richely.
And wounded was his hors and gan to blede.
On whiche he rod a pas ful softely.
But swych a knyghtly sight trevely.
As was on hym was nought wip-outen faile.
To loke on mars pat god is of batayle.

(91)

So lyk a man of armes and a knyght.
He was to sen fulfild of heigh prowesse.
For bope he hadde a body and a myght.
To don pat pyng as wel as hardynesse.
And eke to sen hym yn his gere hym dresse.
So fressh / so yong / so weldy semed he.
It was an heuene vp-on hym for to se.
(92)

His helm to-hewe was yn twenty places.
That by a tissew heng his bak byhynde.
His sheld to-dashshed was with swerdes and maces.
In which men myghte many an arwe fynde.
That prilled hadde born and nerf and rynde.
And ay þe peple cryede here comþ our e Ioye.
And nexst his brother. holdere vp of Troye.

(93)

For which he wex a litel red for shame.
when he þe peple vp-on hym herde cryen.
That to biholde it was a noble game.
How sobrelyche he caste doun his eyen.
Cryseyde gan al his chere aspien.
And let it so softe yn hire herte synke.
That to hire seluen she seyde who yaf me drynke.

(94)

For of here owene þought she wex al red. [leaf 97]
Remembrynge here right þus lo þis is he.
which þat myn vnclle swereth he mot be ded.
But I on hym haue mercy and pite.
And wþ þat þought for pure a shamed she.
Gan yn here hed to pulle and þat as faste.
whil he and al þe peple forth by paste.

(95)

And gan to casten and rollen vp and down.
with-Inne here þought his excellent prowesse.
And his estat and also his renoun.
His wit [his] shap and ek his gentillesse.
But most hire faunour was for his distresse.
was al for here / and þought it was a rouþe.
To slen swych on yf þat he mente trouþe.
(96)
Now myghte som enuyous Jangle þus.
This was a sodeyn loue how myght it be.
That she so lyghtly louede Troylus.
Right for þe firste aȝght ye parle.
Now who so seyth so mot he neuere þe.
For euer þyng a gynnyng hath it nede.
Er al be wrought with-outen ony drede.

(97)
For I sey nought þat she so sodeynly.
Yaf hym here loue / but þat she gan encline.
To lyke hym first and I haue told yow whi.
And after þat his manhod and his pyne.
Made loue with-Inne hire for to myne.
For which by proces and by good service.
He gat here loue and in no sodeyn wyse.

(98)
And also blisful Venus wel arayed.
Sat in here seuenethe hows of heuene þo.
Disposed wel and wip aspectes payed.
To helpen selly Troylus of his wo.
And soth to seyn she nas not al a fo.
To Troylus in his natuyte.
God wot that wel þe sonner spedde he.

(99)
Now lat vs stynte of Troylus a þrove.
That rideth forth and late vs tourne faste.
Vn-to Crisyde þat heng here hed ful lowe.
Ther as she sat allone. and gan to caste.
wher on she wolde a-poynt hire at þe laste.
If it so were hire Em ne wolde cesse.
For Troylus vp-on here for to presse.

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(100)

And lord so she yn pought gan to argue.
In pis materie, of which I haue yow told.
And what to done best were & what eschue.
That plitede she ful ofte in many folde.
Now was hire herte warm now was it colde.
And what she poughte somewhat shal I write.
As to myn Auctor lysteth for to endite.

(101)

She pought wel pat Troylus persone
She knew by sight and ek by gentillesse
And thus she seyde al were it nought to done.
To graunte hym loue / yet for his worpynesse.
It were honour with pley and with gladnesse.
In honeste / with swych a lord to dele.
For myn estat / and also for his hele.

(102)

Ek wel wot I my kynges sone is he.
And sith he hath to se me swych delit.
If I wolde vttirly his sight fle.
Paraunter he myght haue me yn dispit.
Thurgh which I mygh stonde in worse plyt.
Now were I wys me hate to purchase.
with-outen nede þere I may stonde in grace.

(103)

In euerý þyng I wot þere lith mesure.
For þought a man forbede dronkenesse.
He nought for-bet þat euerý creature.
Be drynkles / for alwey as I gosse.
Ek for me sith I wot is al his distresse.
I ne ought not for þat þyng hym despise.
Sith it is so he meneth in good wyse.
(104)
Eke. I. knowe of long tyme a-gon.  [leaf 25]  722
Hise þewes goode and þat she is not nyse.
Ne auunter certeyn seyth men is he non.
To wys is he to do so gret a nyse.  725
Ne als I nel hym neuere so cherishe.
That he may make avaunt by Iuste cause.
He shal me neuere bynde yn swich a clause.  728

(105)
Now set a cas þe hardest is wys.  729
Men myghten deme þat he loueþ me.
what dishonour were it vn-to me þis.
May I hym lette of þat why nay parde.  732
I knowe also and alday here and se.
Men louen a woman al bysyde hire leue.
And whanne hem leste nomore lat hem byleue.  735

(106)
I þenk ek how he able is to haue.  736
Of al þis ilke noble town þe þryftiest.
To ben his loue so she here honour saue.
For out and out he is þe worpiest.  739
Saue only Ector which þat is þe best.
And yet his lyf al lyth now in my cure.
But swych is loue and ek myn auenture.  742

(107)
Ne me to loue a wonder is it nought.  743
For wel wot I my self so god me spede
Al wolde I þat noon wyste of þis þought.
I am one þe fairest out of drede.  746
And goodlyest who-so taketh hede.
And so men seyn yn al þe town of Troye.  [1  Ioye is written in a later hand.]  749
what wonder is it þough he of me haue Ioye.¹

CAMPSELL
(108)
I am myn owene woman wel at ese.
I þank it god / as after myn estat.
Right yong and stond vntyd in lusty lese.
with-out Ialousye or swych debat.
Shal non hosbonde seyn to me chekmat.
For eiper þey ben ful of Ialousye.
Or maisterful or louen nouellerye.

(109)
What shal .I. don to what fyn lyue thus. [leaf 28, back]
Shal I nat louen in cas yf þat me lyst.
What par dieux I am not religious.
And þough þat I myn herte sette at reste.
Upon þis knyght þat is þe worpieste.
And kep alwey myn honour and my name.
By al right it may do me no shame.

(110)
But ryght as whanne þe sonne shyneth bright.
In Marche þat chaungeth ofte tyme his face.
And þat a cloud is put with wynd to flyght.
which ouer-sprat þe sonne as for a space.
A cloudy þought gan þorough hire soule pace.
That ouer-spradde here brighte þoughtes alle.
So þat for fere almost she gan to falle.

(111)
That þought was þis allas syn I am fre.
Sholde I now loue and put yn Iapartie.
My sikernesse and þralen liberte.
Al las how dorste I þenken þat folye.
May I nought wel in oþer folk aspie.
Hire dredfull Ioye here constreynt and here peyne.
There loueth noon þat she nath weye to pleyne.
(112)

• For loue is yet þe meste stormy lyf.
  Right of hym self þat euere was by-gonne.
  For euere som mystrust or nyce stryft.
  Ther is in loue som cloud is ouer þat sonne.
  Ther-to we wrecched wommen, no þyng konne.
  whan vs is wo but wepe and sitte and þynke.
  Oure wreche is þis oure owene wo to drynke.

(113)

Also þese wikkede tongues ben so prest.
  To speke vs harm / ek men be so vntrewæ.
  That right a-noon as sesed is here lest.
  So cesseþ loue and forth to loue an newe.
  But harm I-don / is don who-so it rewe.
  For þough þese men for loue hem ferst to-rende.
  Ful sharp bygynnynge: breketh ofte at þe ende.

(114)

How ofte tyme hath it knowe be. [leaf 29]
  The treson þat to womman hath be do.
  To what fyn is swych loue I kan not se.
  Or wher bycomp it whenne it is go.
  Ther is no wyght þat wol I trowe so.
  wher it bycometh lo no wyght on it sporneth.
  That erst was no þyng in-to nought it torneþ.

(115)

How bysy if I loue ek most I be.
  To plesen hem þat Iangle of loue and dremen.
  And coyse hem þey sey noon harm of me.
  For þough þere be no cause yet hem semen.
  Al be for harm þat folk here frendes quemen.
  And who may stoppe euery wykked tungæ.
  Or sown of belles whanne þat þei be rungen.
And after þat here pought bygan to clere.
And seyde he which þat no þyng vnder-taketh.
No þyng ne acheueth be hym loth or dere.
And with an oþer pought hire herte quaketh.
Than slepeþ hope and after dred a-waketh.
Now hot now cold / but þus by-twixen tweye.
She rist here vp / and went here for to pleye.

Adoun þe steyre a-noon right þo she wente.
In to þe gardeyn with here neces þre.
And vp and doun þere made many a wente.
Flexippe she Tharbe and Antigone.
To pleyen þat it Ioye was to se.
And oþere of here wommen a gret rowte.
Here folowed yn þe gardeyn al a-bowte.

This gardeyn was large and rayled aH þe aleyes.
And shadwede with bowes bloomy and grene.
And benched newe and sonded alle þe weyes.
In which she walketh arm yn arm by-twene.
Til at þe laste Antigone þe shene.
Gan on a Troian song to synge clere.
That it an heuene was hire voys to here.

(119) (Antigone’s Song of Love. St. 1.)
She seyde .O. loute to whom I haue and shal. [I r S , wK] 827
Ben humble subgit trewe yn myn entente.
As I best kan to yow lord yeue ych al.
For euere more myn herte lust to-rente.
For neuere yet þi grace no wyght sente.
So blysful cause, as me my lyf to lede.
In al Ioye and surete out of drede.
(120) (Antigone's Song of Love. St. 2.)

Pe blissful god han me so wel best.
In lune y-wys pat al pat bereth lyf.
ymagynen ne kowde how to ben bet.
For lord with-outen Ialounye or stryf.
I loute oon which is most ententyf.
To seruen wel vnewry or vnfeyned.
That euere was and lest with harm distreynd.

(121)
As he pat is pe welle of worpinesse.
Of troupe ground myroure of goodlyhed.
with Appollo ston of Secrenesse.
Of vertu rote / of luf fyndere and hed.
Thurghe which is al sorwe fro me ded.
I-wys I loute hym best so doth he me.
Now good pryft haue he wher pat he be.

(122)
Whom sholde I thanke but yow god of loue.
Of al pis blyss ym which to bape I gynne.
And thanked be ye lord for pat I loue.
This is pe rigte lyf pat I am Inne.
To flemen alle manere vice and synne.
This doth me so to vertu for to entende.
That day by day I yn my wil amende.

(123)
And who-so sayth pat for to loue is vice.
Or praldom pouthe fele yn it distresse.
He ouer is enuyous or right nyce.
Or is vnnyghty for his shrewednesse.
To louen. for swych maner folk I gesse.
Defamen loue. as no cyng of it knowe.
They spoken but pey bente neureh his bowe.
(124) (Antigone's Song of Love. St. 6.)

What is the sonne wers of kynde right.  862
Though þat a man for feblesse of his eyen.
May nought endure on it to se for bryght.
Or loue þe wers þough wrecches on it crien.
No wele is worth þat may no sorwe dryen.
And for-þi he þat hath an hed of verre.
Fro cast of stones war hym yn þe werre.

(125)

But I with al myn hert and al my myght.  869
As I haue seyd wol loue vn-to my laste.
My dere herte and al myn owene knyght.
In which myn herte is growen so faste.
And his in me, þat it shal euere laste.
Al drede I first to loue hym to bygynne.
Now wote I wel þere is no peril Inne.

[End of Antigone's Song of Love.]

(126)

And of hire song right with þat word she stynyte.  876
And þerwith-al now nece quod Criseyde,
who made þis song with so good entente.
Antigone answerde a-noon and seyde.
Ma dame I-wys þegoodlyeste mayde.
Of gret estat in al þe town of Troye.
And led here lyf in most honour and Ioye.

(127)

Forsathe so it semeth by hire song.  883
Quod þo Criseyde and gan þer-with to syke.
And seyde lord is þere such blysse among.
These louers as þey konne faire endite.
Ye wys quod fresshþ Antigone þe white.
For alle þe folk þat han or ben on lyue.
Ne konne wel þe blysse of loue dyscriue.

CAMPSELL
(128)
But wene ye þat euer wrecche wot.
The þarfit blysse of loun why nay y-wys.
They wenen al be loun yf oon be hoot.
Do wey do wey þey wot no þyng of þis.
Men moste axe of seyntes if it is.
Aught faire yn heuene whi for þey konne telle.
And axen of fendes / is it ful yn helle.

(129)
Criseyde vn-to þat purpos nought answerede.  [leaf 30, back] 897
But seyde y-wys it wole be nyght as faste.
But euer word which þat she of here herde.
She gan to prenten yn here herte faste.
And ay gan loun hire lasse for to agaste.
Than it dide erst and synken yn hire herte.
That she was somwhat able to counerte.

(130)
The dayes honour and þe heuenes heighe.
The nyghtes so al þis clepe I þe sonne.
Gan westren faste and downward for to wrye.
As he þat hadde his dayes cours y-ronne.
And white þynges wexen dymme and donne.
For lak of lyght and sterres for to appere.
That she and here folk in went y-fere.

(131)
So whan it liked hire to gon to reste.
And voyded were þey þat voyden oughte.
She seyde þat to slepe wel hire leste.
Hire wommen soone til hire bed here broughte.
whan al was hust þanne lay she stille and þoughte.
Of alle þis þyng þe manere and þe wyse.
Reherce it nedeth nought for ye ben wyse.

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(132)

A nyghtyngale vpon a cedre grene.
Vpon þe chambre wal þere as she lay.
Ful loude sang a-yan þe mone shene.
Paraunter yn his bryddes wyse a lay.
Of loue þat made hire herte fressh and gay.
That herkened she so longe yn good entente.
That at þe laste þe dede slep hire hente.

(133)

And as she slep a-noon right þo here mette.
How þat an Egle feþered whit as bon.
Vnder hire brest his longe clawes sette.
And out hire herte he rente and þat a-noon.
And dide his hert in to hire brest to goon.
Of which she nought a-gros ne no þing smerte.
And forth he fleygh with herte left for herte.

(134)

Now late here slepe and we oure tales holde. [leaf 81]
Of Troylus þat is to palays ryden.
Fro þe skarmuch of þe whiche I tolde.
And yn his chambre sit and hath a-byden.
Til two or þre of his messages yeden.
For Pandarus and sought hym ful faste.
Til þey hym founde and brought hym at þe last.

(135)

This Pandarus come lepyng in at ones.
And seide þus who hath ben wel y-bete.
To day with swerdes, and with slyng stones.
But Troylus þat hath caught hym now an hete.
And gan to Iape and seyde lord so ye swete.
But rys and late vs soupe and go to reste.
And he answered hym do we as þe leste.
(136)

With al þe haste goodly þat þey myghte. 946
They spedde hem fro souer vn-to bedde.
And every wyght out at þe dore hym dyghte. 949
And wher hym lyst vpon his wey he spedde.
But Troilus þoughte his herte bledde.
For wo til þat he herde som tydynge.
He seyde frend shal I now wepe or synge. 952

(137)

Quod Pandarus ly stille and late vs slepe. 953
And don þyn hod thi nedes sped be.
Chese if þow wolt synge or daunce or lepe.
At short wordes þow shalt trowe me. 956
Sire my Nece wolde do wel by þe.
And loue þe best by god and by my troupe.
But lat of pursuyte make it in sloupe. 959

(138)

For thus ferforth I haue þi worke bygonne. 960
Fro day to day til þis day by þe morwe.
Here loue of frendship haue I to þe wonne.
And also hath she leyd hire feyth to borwe. 963
Algat a fot is hameled of þi sorwe.
what sholde I lengere sermon of it holde.
As ye han herd byfore al he hym tolde. 966

(139)

But right as floures thorugh þe colde of þe nyght. [leaf[81, back]
Yclosed stoupen on hire stalk lowe.
Redressen hem a-yen þe sonne bryght.
And spreden on hire kynde cours by rowe. 970
Right so gan tho his eyghen vp to prowre.
This Troylus / and seyde o Venus dere.
Thi might þi grace y-hered be it here. 973
(140)

| And to Pandarus he held vp bope his hondes. 974
| And seyde lord al þyn be þat I haue. 977
| For I am hol al brosten ben my bonden. 980
| A þousand Troians who so þat me yane. 981
| Eche after oþer god so wys me saue. 984
| Ne myght me so gladen. lo myn herte. 987
| It spreedeþ so for Ioye it wolde to-sterte. 991

(141)

| But lord how shal I don how shal I lyuen. 988
| whanne shal I nexeþ my dere herte se. 991
| How shal þis longe tyme a-wey ben y-dreuuen. 994
| Til þat þow be ayen at here fro me. 1001
| Thow mayst answere a-byd a-byd but he. 1001
| That hangeth by þe nekke soth to seyne. 1001
| In grete dishese a-bydeþ for þe peyne. 1001

(142)

| Al esily now for þe loue of mart. 995
| Quod Pandarus for euery þyng hath tyme. 998
| So longe a-byd til þat þe nyght departe. 1001
| For al so syker as þow lyst here by me. 1001
| And god toforn I wolde be þere at pryme. 1001
| And for þi werk somwhat as I shal seye. 1001
| Or on som other wyght þis charge leye. 1001

(143)

| For parde god wot I haue euere yet. 984
| Ben redy þe to serue and to þis nyght. 991
| Haue I nought fayned but emforth my wit. 994
| Don al þi lust and shal wiþ al my nyght. 1001
| Do now as I shal seye and do a ryght. 1001
| And if yow nylyt / wyte al þi self þy care 1001
| On me ys nought y-long þin yuel fare. 1001
(144)

I wot þat thow wysere art þan I. 1002
A þousand fold but if I were a[s] pow.
• God helpe me so as I wolde outrely.
• Of myn owene hond write here right now.
• A lettre in which I wolde here telle how.
• I ferd a-mys and here beseche of roupe.
Now help þi self and leue it not for sloupe.

(145)
• And I myn self wil þer-with to here gon. 1009
And whanne þow wost þat I am with here þere.
worth vp on a courser right a non.
Ye hardyly yn þi beste gere.
And ryd forth by þe place as nought ne were.
And þow shalt fynde vs yf I may sittynge.
At som wyndowe yn to þe strete lokynge.

(146)
And yf þe lyke þan maystow vs saluwe. 1016
And vp-on me make þi contenaunce.
But by þi lyf be war and faste eschuwe.
To taryen ought god shilde vs fro myschaunce.
Ride forth þi wey and hold þy gouernaunce.
And we shal spake of þe som what I trowe.
Than þow art goon to do þyne eeres glowe.

(147)
Towchyng þi lettre þat þow art wys ynowh. 1023
I wot þow nylt it digneliche endite.
As make it with þise argumentus towñi.
Ne scryuenyssh or craftily þow it wryte.
Be-bлотte it with þi teeris eke a lyte.
And yf þow write a goodly word al softe.
Though it be good reheerce it not to ofte.

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(148)

For þough þe best harpoure vpon lyue. 1030
welde on þe best sounded Ioly harpe.
That euere was with al his fyngres fyue.
Touche ay o streng or ay o werbul harpe.
were hisnyles poyned neuere so sharpe.
It shulde make every wyght to dulle.
To here his gle and of hisse strokes fulle.

(149)
Ne Iompre ek no discordaunt þing y-fere. [leaf 32, back] 1037
As þus to vseen termes of Phisyk.
In loues / termes / hold vp þy matere.
The forme alwey / and do þat it be lyk.
For yf a peyntour wolde peynte a pyk.
with assees feet and hede it as an ape.
It cordeth nought / so were it but a Iape.

(150)

- This couseyl liked wel vn-to Troylus. 1044
- But as a dredful louere he seyde þis.
- Allas, my dere Broþer Pandarus.
| I am a-shamed for to write y-wys.
| Lest of myn Innocence I seyde a mys.
- Or that she nolde for despit receuye.
- Thanne were I ded þere myght it no thing weyue.

(151)

- To þat Pandare answered yf þe lyst. 1051
- Do þat I seye and lat me þerwith gon.
| For by hym that formede Est and west.
- I hope of it to brynge answere anoon.
- Of here hond and yf þat þow nylt non.
; Lat be, and sory mot he ben his lyue.
; A-yens þi lust þat helpeþ þe to þryue.
(152)

- Quod Troylus deperdieux I assente. 1058
- Syn þat þe lyst I wil a-ryse and wryte.
  Yf And blysful god I pray with good entente.
- The viage an þe lettre I shal endite. 1061
- So spede it. and þow Mynerua þe white.
  Yef þow me wit my lettre to deuyse.
- And set hym down and wrot ryght yn þis wyse. 1064

(153) (Troilus's Letter.) 1065

  Fyrst he gan his right lady calle.
  His hertes lyf / his lust his sorwes lece.
  His blysse. and ek þis opere termes alle.
  That yn such cas alle þese louveres seche.
  And yn ful humble wyse as in his speche.
  He gan hym recomaunde vn-to here grace.
  To telle al how it axeth mucho space.

(154) 1071

  And after ful louely he here prayede. [leaf 52]
  To be nought wroth þough he of his folye.
  So hardy was to hire to write and seyde.
- That louse it made or elles moste he dye. 1075
  And pitously gan mercy for to crye.
  And after þat he seyde and ley ful loude.
- Hyme self was lytel worth and lesse he koude. 1078

(155) 1079

  And þat she wold han his konnyng excused.
  That litel was and ek he dredde hire so.
  And his vnworþynesse he ay acused.
  And after þat þan gan he telle his wo. 1082
  But þat was endeles with-outen ho.
  And seyde he wolde yn troupe alwey hym holde.
  And radde it ouer and gan þe lettre folde. 1085

(End of Troilus's Letter.)

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(156)

| And with his salties gan he bathe. 1086
| The ruby yn his signet and it sette. 1089
| Vpon þe wex deluyerlyche and ræpe. 1089
| Ther with a þousand tymes er he lette. 1089
| • He cussed þo þe lettre þat he shette. 1092
| • And seyde / lettre / a blysful destene. 1092
| The shapen is my lady shal þe se. 1092

(157)

• This Pandarus tok þe lettre and þat by tyme. 1093
• A morwe and to his Neces paleys sterte.
  And faste he swor þat is was passed pryme. 1096
  And gan to Iape and seyde y-wys myn herte.
  So fressh it is al-pough it so smerte.
  I may not slepe neuere a Mayes morwe.
  I haue a Ioly wo / a lusty sorwe. 1099

(158)

• Criseyde whan þat she here vnclie herde. 1100
  with dreful herte and desirous to here.
  The cause of his comyng þus answerede.
| Now by youre feyth myn vnclie quod she dere. 1103
| what maner wyndes gydeth yow now here.
  Tel vs youre Ioly wo and youre penaunce.
  How ferforth be ye put yn loues daunce. 1106

(159)

By god quod he I hope alwey by-hynde. [leaf 33, back] 1107
And she to laughe it pought here herte brest.
Quod Pandarus lok alwey ye fynde.
Game in myn hod but herkeneth yf yow leste. 1110
Ther is right now y-come in to towne a geste.
A gryek espie and telleth newe þynges.
For which I am come to telle yow newe tidiynges. 1113
(160)
In to þe gardyn go we and ye shal here.
Al preuely of þis a long sermon.
with þat þey wente arm in arm y fere.
In to þe gardeyn from þe chaumber doun.
And whan þat he so fer was þat þe soun.
Of þat þey spoke, no man here myghte.
He seyd here þus and out þe lettre plighte.

(161)
Lo he þat is al holly youre fre.
Hym recomaundeth lowly to youre grace.
And sent you þis lettre here by me.
Auiseth you on it whan ye han space.
And of som goodly answere yow purchase.
Or helpe me god so pleynly for to seyne.
He may not longe lyuen for his peyne.

(162)
• Ful dredfully þo gan she stonde stille.
• And tok it nought but al here humble chere.
• Gan for to chaung and seye scryt ne bille.
  For loun of god þat toucheþ þis mater.
• Ne bryngþ me noon, and also vncle dere.
• To myn estat haue more reward I preye.
• Than to his lust what sholde I more seye.

(163)
• And loketh now yf þis be resonable.
  And letteth nought for fauour ne for slouthe.
• To sey a soth now were it couenable.
• To myn estat by god and by youre troupe.
• To taken it or to han of hym routhe.
• In harmyng of my-self or yn repreeue.
• Ber it a-yeyn for hym þat ye on leue.
(164)
This Pandarus gan on here for to stare.  
And sayde now is pis þe grettest wonder.  
That euere I sey lat be þis nyce fare.  
To deth mot I be smet with þonder.  
If for þe Cite whiche þat stondeth yonder.  
wold I a lettre vn-to yow brynge or take.  
To harm of yow what lyst yow þus to make.

(165)
But þus ye faren wel nyh al and some.  
That þat most desireth yow to serue.  
Of hym ye recche lest wher he bycome.  
And wheper þat he lyue or elles sterue.  
But for al þat / þat euere I may deserue.  
• Refuse it nought quod he and hent here faste.  
• And yn here bosome þe lettre down he þraste.

(166)
And sayde here now cast it a-way or noon.  
That folk may sen and gaueren on vs tweye.  
Quod she I kan a-byde til þey be gon.  
• And gan to smyle and sayde Em I preyc.  
Swych answere as yow lyst yow self purueye.  
For trewely I wole no lettre write.  
No þanne wole I quod he so ye endite.

(167)
Therwith she lough and sayde go we dyne.  
And he gan at hym-self to Iape faste.  
And sayde Nece I haue so gret a pyne.  
For loue þat euery oþer day I faste.  
And gan hise beste Iapes forth to caste.  
And made here so to laughe at his folye.  
That she for laughter wende for to dye.
(168)

And whanne pat she was comen in to halle.
Now Em quod she we wole go dyne a-noon.
And gan som of hire women to hire calle.

And streygh[t] in to here chaumbre gan she gon.
But of hire bysynesse pis was on.
A-monges opere bynges out of drede.

| Ful preuyly pis lettre for to rede. 1176

(169)

| Auyseyd word by word yn euery lyn. [leaf 54, back] 1177
| And fond no lak she poughte he koude good.
And vp it putte and went hire yn to dyne.
And Pandarus pat yn a study stood.
Er he was war she took by pe hood.
And seyde ye were caught er ye wyste.
I vouche sauf quod he do what yow lyste.

(170)

Tho wesshen pey and sette hem doun & etc.
And after noone ful slely Pandarus.
Gan drawe hym to pe wyndowe neyst pe strete.
And seyde Nece who hath arayed pus.
The yonder hous pat stant a-forn yeyn vs.
which hous quod she. and gan for to byholde.
And knew it wel / and whos it was hym tolde.

(171)

And fillen forth yn speche of bynges smale.
And seten yn pe wyndowe bope tweye.
whan Pandarus sawe tyme to his tale.
And saw wel pat here folk weren a-weye.

| Now Nece myn tel on quod he I seye.
| How liketh yow pe lettre pat ye wot.
Kan he per-on for by my troube I not.
(172)

- Therwith al rosy howed wax she.
  And gan to humme and seyde so I trowe.
  A- quyte hym wel for goddes loue quod he.
  My-self to medes wole pe lettre sowe.
  And helde honde vp and sat on knowe.
  Now goode Nece be it newere so lyte.
  Yif me pe labour it to sowe and plyte.

(173)

Ye for I kan so write quod she pø.
And ek I not what I shold to hym seye.
Nay Nece quod Pandare sey not so.
Yet at the lest þanketh hym I preye.
Of his good wil and doth hym not to deye.
Now for pe loue of me my Nece dere.
Refuseth not at þis tyme my preyere.

(174)

- Deºar dieux quod she god leue al be wel.  [Leaf 55]  1212
  God helpe me so þis is þe firste lettre.
  That euere I wrote ye al or ony del.
  And in to a closet for to auyse here bëttrre.
  She wene allone and gan hirc hertc ynfetrre.
  Out of disdays prisyn but a lyte.
  And sette here down and gan a lettre write.

(175)

Of which to telle in short is myn entente.
Theffect as fer as I kan ynderstonde.
She þonked hym of al þat he wel mente.
Towardes hire / but holde him in honde.
She wolde nought ne make hire-self bonde.
In loue. but as his suster hym to plese.
She wolde feyne to don his herte an ese.

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(176)

She shette it and to Pandarus gan gon.
There as he sat and loked in to a strete.
And doun she sette here by hym on a ston.
Of Iaspre, vp-on a quysshon gold y-bete.
And seyde as wysly helpe me god pe grete.
I neuere dide a þing with more peyne.
Than write this to whiche ye me constreyne.

(177)

And tok it hym he þonked here and seyde.
God wot of þing ful ofte loth bygonne.
Cometh ende good / and Nece myn Criseyde.
That ye to hym of hard now be y-wonne.
Oughte he be glad by god and yonder sonne.
; For whi men seyth impressions lyghte.
; Ful lyghtly ben ay redy to þe flyghte.

(178)

But ye han pleyed tyrant neith to longe.
And hard was it youre herte for to graue.
Now stynte þat ye no longere on it honge.
Al wolde ye þe forme of daunger sawe.
But hastþ yow to don hym Ioye haue.
For trusteth wel to longe don hardnesse.
Causeth despit ful often for distresse.

(179)

And right as he declamed this matere.  [leaf 35, back]
Lo Troylus right at þe stretes ende.
Com rydyng with his tenþe some yfere.
Al softly / and pederwardes gan bende.
Ther as þey sete as was his wyey to wende.
To paylayward, and Pandarus hym aspyde.
And seyde Nece y-se who cometh here ryde.
(180)

O fie not yn / he seyth vs I suppose.
Lest he may pynke þat ye hym eschuwe.
Nay nay quod she / and waxe as red as þe rose.
with þat he gan hire humbly to saluwe.
with drefful chere and ofte his hewes muwe.
And vp his look debonairly he caste.
And bekked on Pandare and forth paste.

(181)

God wot yf he sat on his hors a right.
Or goodly was beseyn þat ilke day.
God wot whe[r] he was lyk a manly knyght.
what sholde I. drecke or telle of his aray.
Crisyde which þat aH these þynges say.
To telle yn short hire lyked al yfere.
His persone his aray his look his chere.

(182)

His goodly manere and his gentillesse.
So wel þat neuere sith þat she was born.
Ne hadde she swych a roupe of his distresse.
And how so she hath hard ben here byforn.
To god hope I she hath nowe caught a þorn.
She shal not pulle it out þis nexst wyke.
God sende mo swich þornes on to pyke.

(183)

Pandare which þat stod hire faste by.
Felt Iren hot and he by-gan to smyte.
And seyde Nece I pray yow hertely.
Telle me þat I shal axen yow a lyte.
A womman þat were of his deth to wyte.
with-outen his gilt but for hire lakked routhe.
were it wel don / quod she nay by my trouthe.

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God helpe me so quod he ye sey me soth. [leaf 50] 1282
Ye selten wel youre self pat I not lya.
Lo yend he ritt / quod she so he doth.
wel quod Pandare as I haue told yow pry.
Lat be youre Nice shame and youre folye.
And spek with hym in esyn of his herte.
Lat Nicete not do yow boipe smerte. 1288

But þer-on was to heuen and to done. 1289
Considered alt þyng it may not be.
And whi for shame / and it were ek to soone.
To graunten hym so gret a liberta.
For playnly hire entent as seyde she.
was for to loue hym vnwist if she myghte.
And guerdone hym with no þyng but with sight.

But Pandarus poughte it shal not be so. 1296
Yf þat I may this nyce opinioun.
Schal not be holde fully yerstwo.
what sholde I make of þis a long sermoun.
He moste asente on þat conclusiou.
As for þe tyme and whanne þat it was Eue.
And al was wel / he ros and toke his leue. 1302

And on his wey ful faste homward he spedde. 1303
And right for Ioys he felte his herte daunce.
And Troylus he fond a-lone a-bedde.
That lay as doth þese loueres yn a traunce.
By-twixen hope and derk desesperaunce.
But Pandarus right at his in-comynge.
He song as who seyth sumwhat I brynge. 1309

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(188)

And seyde who is in his bed so soone.
Y-buryed þus / it am I frend quod he
who Troylus / nay helpe me so þe mone
Quo[d] Pandarus þow shalt ryse and se.
A charme þat was sent right now to þe.
The which kan helen þe of þyn accessse.
yf þow do forth with al þi besynesse.

(189)

Ye thourgh þe myght of god quod Troylus. [leaf 96, back] 1317
- And Pandarus gan hym þe lettre take.
  And seyde Par de god hath holpen vs.
  Haue here a lyght and loke on al þis blake.
- But ofte gan þe herte glade and quake.
- Of Troylus whil þat he gan it rede.
- So as þe wordes yaf hym hope or drede.

(190)

- But fynally he tok al for þe beste.
- That she hym wrot for sumwhat he byheld.
  | On which hym þoughte he myghte his herte reste.
  | Al couered she þe wordes vnder sheld.
  | Thus to þe more worþi part he held.
- That what for hope and Pandarus byhæst
- His grete wo foryede he at þe leste.

(191)

But as we may alday oure seluen se.
Thorough more wode and col þe more fyrr.
Right so encrees of hope of what it be.
Therwith ful ofte encresseth ek desir.
Or as an ok cometh of a litel spir.
So þorugh þis lettre which þat she hym senta.
Encressen gan desir of which he brente.
(192)
Wherefore I seye alwey þat day and nyght.
This Troilus gan to desieren more.
Than he dede erst þurgh hope and dide his myght.
To pressen on as by Pandarus lore.
And writen to hire of his sorwes sore.
Fro day to day he lect it not refreyde.
That by Pandare he wrot somewhat or seyde.

(193)
And dide also hise opere obsenuaunces.
That to a louere longeth yn þis cas.
And after þat þese dees turnede on chaunces.
So was he uther glad or seyde allas.
And held after his gistes ay his þas.
And aftir swych answeres as he hadde.
So were hise dayes sory uther glade.

(194)
But to Pandarus alwey was his recours.
And pytously gan ay til hym to pleyne.
And hym bysoughte of red and som socours.
And Pandarus þat sey his wod peyne.
wex wel neigh ded for rûpe soth to seyne.
And bysily with al his herte caste.
Som of his wo to slen and þat as faste.

(195)
And seyde lord and frend and broþer dere.
God wot þat þi dishese doth me wo.
But woltow stynten al þis woful chere.
And by my trouþe or it be dayes two.
And god to-forn yet shal I shape it so.
That þou shalt come in to a certayn place.
There as þow mayst þi self hire preye of grace.

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(196)
And certynly I not yf pow it wost. 1366
But þo þat ben expert yn loue it seye.
It is oon of þe þynges þat furþereth most.
A man to haue a leyser for to preye. 1369
And syker place his wo for to bywreye.
For yn good herte it mot som rouþe impressa.
To here and se þe gil[ t]eis in distresse. 1372

(197)
Parunter þenkestow þough it be so. 1373
That kynde wolde don here to bygynne.
To han a manere rouþe vp-on my wo.
Seyþ daunger nay þow shalt me nuere wynne. 1376
So reuleþ here hire hirtes gost with-Inne.
That þough she bende yet she stant on rode.
That in effect is þis vn-to my bote. 1379

(198)
Thenk here a-yens whan þat þe sturdy ok. 1380
On which men hakketh ofte for þe nones.
Receyued hath þe happy fallyng strok.
The grete sweig doth it to come al at onys. 1383
As doth þeþe rokkeþ or þeþe myl-stones.
For swyfter cours cometh þyng þat is of wighte.
whan it descendeth þan don þynges lyghte. 1386

(199)
And ried þat boweth doun for euer blast. [leaf 87, back] 1387
Ful lightly cesse wynde it wold a-ryse.
But so nyl not an ok whan it is cast.
It nedeth me nought þe longe to forbyse. 1390
Men shal reiioysen of a grete emprise.
Acheued wel and stant with-outen doute.
Al han men ben þe lengere þer aboute. 1393

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(200)

But Troylus yet telle me yf þe lyste.
A þing now which þat I shal axen þa.
which is þi broþer þat þow louest best.
As yn þi verray hertes preuyte.
I-wys my broþer deyphesus quod ha.
Now quod Pandare er owres twyes twelue.
He shal þe ese vnwyst of it hym selue.

1394
1397
1400

(201)

Now lat me allone and werken as I may.
Quod he. and to Deiphebus wente he þo.
which hadde his lord and gret frened ben ay.
Sane Troylus no man he loued so.
To telle in short with-outen wordes mo.
Quod Pandarus I pray yow þat ye be.
Frend to a cause whiche þat toucheþ me.

1401
1404
1407

(202)

Yis parde quod Deiphebus wel þow wost.
In al þat euere I may and god to-forn.
Al nere it but for man I loue most.
My broþer Troylus but sey wherfore.
It is / for sith þat day þat I was bore.
I na / ne neuere mo to ben I þenke.
A-yeyns a þyng þat myght þe for-thynke.

1408
1411
1414

(203)

Pandare gan hym þonke and to hym seyde.
Lo sire I haue a lady yn þis town.
That is my nece and called is Crisyde.
which som men wolden do oppressioun.
And wrongfully haue hire possessioun.
wherfor I of youre lordship yow byseche.
To ben oure frened with-oute more speche.

1415
1418
1421

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Deiphebus hym answerde o is not pis. [leaf 85] 1422
That pou spokest of to me so straungely.
Criseyda my frend / he seyde yis.
Thanne nedeth quod Deiphebus hardely. 1425
Nomore to speke for truste wel pat I.
wol be hire champioun with spore and yerde.
I rought nought pough alle here foos it herde. 1428

(205)
But telle me pou pat wost alle pis materere. 1429
How I myght best suaylen now lat se.
Quod Pandarus yf ye my lord so dere.
wolden as now don pis honour to me. 1432
To prayen here to morwe, lo pat she.
Com vn-to yow here pleynete to deuyse.
Hire aduersaries wolde of hit agryse. 1435

(206)
And yf I more dorse prey yow as now. 1436
And chargen yow to haue so gret trauayle.
To han som of youre breferen here with yow.
That myghten to here cause bet auayle. 1439
Than wot I wel she myght neure fayle.
For to be holpen what at youre Instaunce.
what with here ofere frendes gouernaunce. 1442

(207)
Deiphebus wh[?]ch pat comen was of kynde. 1443
To al honour and bounte to consente.
Answered it shal be don / and I kan fynde.
Yet grettere help to pis yn myn entente. 1446
what wolt pou seyn yf I for Eleyne sente.
To speke of pis I trowe it be þe beste.
For she may ledyn Paris as here leste. 1449
Of Ector which þat is my lord my broþer. 1450
It nedeth nought to prey hym frend to be.
For I haue herd hym o tyme ek and oþer.
Spekes of Criseyde swich honour þat he. 1453
May seyn no bet swych hap to hym haþ she.
It nedeth nought his helpes for to craue.
He shal be swych right as we wole hym haue. 1456

Spek þow þi-self also to Troylus. [leaf 38, back] 1457
On myn byhalue and pray hym with vs dyne.
Sire al þis shal be don quod Pandarus.
And toke his leue, and neuere wolde he fyne. 1460
But to his Neces hous as streyt as lyne.
He com. and fond here fro þe mete a-ryse.
And sette hym down. and spak right in þis wyse. 1463

He seyde o veray god. so haue I ronne. 1464
Lo Nece se ye nought how I swete.
I not wheþer ye me þe more þank' konne.
Be nought war how fals Polyphete. 1467
Is now abowte eft soones for to plette.
And bryng on yow aduocacies newe.
I no quod she and chaunged al here hewe. 1470

What is he more aboute me to drecche. 1471
And don me wrong what shal I do allas.
Yet of hym self no þyng nold I recche.
Nere it for Antenor and Eneas. 1474
That ben his frendys yn swych manere cas.
But for þe loue of god myn vncle dere.
No fors of þat late hym haue al y-fere. 1477
(212)
With-owten pat I haue y-nowh for vs. 1478
Nay quod Pandare it shal no pyng be so.
For I haue ben right now at Deiphebus.
And Ector / and myne opere lordes mo. 1481
And shortly made eche of hem his fo.
That by my thryft he shal it neuere wynne.
For ought he kan when pat so he bygynne. 1484

(213)
And as þey casten what was best to done. 1485
Deiphebus of his owene curtaeye.
Come hire to preye yn his propre persone.
To holde hym on þe morwe companye. 1488
At dyner. which she wolde not denye.
But good gan to his preyere obeye.
He þonked hire and wente vp-on his weye. 1491

(214)
Whanne þis was don þis Pandare vp a-noon. [leaf 89] 1492
To tellen in short and forth gan for to wende.
To Troilus as stille as ony ston.
And al þis þing he told hym word and ende. 1495
And how pat he Deiphebus gan to blende.
And seyde hym now is tymne if þat þow konne.
To bere þe wel to morwe and al is wonne. 1498

(215)
Now spek / now prey / now pitously compleyne. 1499
Lat not for Nice shame or drede or sloupe.
Som tymne a man mot telle his owene peyne.
Bileue it and she shal han on the roûpe. 1502
Thow shalt be saued by þi feyth in troupe.
But wel wot I yow art now yn drede.
And what it is I leye I kan arede. 1505
Thow finkest now how sholde I don al pis.
For be my cheres mosten folk a-spye.
That for hire lour is þat I fare a-mys.
That hadde I leuere vnwyst for sorwe dye.
Now þenk not so for þou dost gret folye.
For right now haue I founden o manere.
Of aleyghte. for to coueren al þi chere.

Thow shalt gon ouer nyght and þat blyue.
Vn-to Deiphbus hous as þe to pleye.
Thi maladye a-vey þe bet to dryue.
For-wyþ þou semest syk soth for to seye.
So after þat down in þi bed þe leye.
And say þow mayst no lengere vp endure.
And lye right þere and byde þyn auenture.

Sey þat þi feuer is wont þe for to take.
The same tyme and lasten til a morwe.
And lat se now how wel þow kanst it make.
For par de syk is he þat is in sorwe.
Go now farewell and Venus here to borwe.
I hope and þow þis purpos holde ferme.
Thi grace she shal þere fully conferme.

Quod Troylus y-wys now nedele.
Counsellest me that syklyche I me feyne.
For I am syk yn ernest douteles.
So þat wel neygh I sterue for þe peyne.
Quod Pandarus þow shalt þe betre pleyne.
And hast lasse neede to countrefete.
For hym men demen hot þat men seen swete.
Lo holde the at þi tryste clos and .I. 1534
Shal wel the der vn-to þi bowe dryue.
Therwith he tok his leue softlye.
And Trolylus to Palays wente blyue. 1537
So glad ne was he neuer e yn al his lyue.
And to Pandarus reed gan æl assente.
And to Deiphus hous at nyght he wente. 1540

What nedeth yow to tellen al þe chere. 1541
That Deiphus vn-to his broper made.
Or his accesse or his syklyche manere.
How men gan hym with cloþes for to lade. 1544
Whanne he was leyd and how men wolde hym glade.
But al for nought he held forth ay þe wyse.
That ye han herd Pandare er þis deuyse. 1547

But certeyn is / er Trolylus hym leyde. 1548
Deiphus had hym prayed ouer nyght.
To ben a frend and helpyng to Crisyde.
God wot þat he it grauntede a-noon right. 1551
To ben here fulle frend with al his myght.
But swych a nede was to prey hym þenne.
As for to bydde a woman for to renne. 1554

The morwen com and neyhen gan þe tyme. 1555
Of meltid. þat þe faire queene Elyne.
Shapt here to ben an owre after þe pryme.
with Deiphus to whom she nold not feyne. 1558
But as his suster homly for to seyne.
She com to dyner yn here playn entente.
But god and Pandare wysst what al þis mente. 1561
(224)

**Come ek Criseyde al Innocent of this.** [leaf 40] 1562
Antigone hire sister Tarbe also.
But fwe we now prolixite best is.
For loue of god and lat vs faste go.
Right to þe effect with-oute tales mo.
whi al þis folk assembled in þis place.
And late vs of here saluynges pace. 1568

(225)

**Gret honour dide hem Deiphubus certeyn.** 1569
And fodde hem wel with al þat myghte like.
But euere more alas was his refreyñ.
My goode broþer Troylus the syke. 1572
Lyth yet. and þerwith-al he gan to syke.
And after þat he peyned hym to glade.
Hem as he myghte and chere good he made. 1575

(226)

**Compleyned ek Eleyne of his sykenesse.** 1576
So feythfully þat pite was to here.
And euery wight gan waxen for accessse.
A leche a-noon and seyde in þis manere. 1579
Men curen folk þis charme I woel yow lere.
But þere sat oon / al lyst here nought to teche.
That þought best cowede I yet ben his leche. 1582

(227)

**After compleynyt hym gonnen þei to preye.** 1583
As folk don yet whan som wyght hath by-gonne.
To preye a man. and with prys hym reye.
A þousand fold yet hyer þan þe sone. 1586
He is / he kan / þat fewe lordes konne.
And Pandarux of þat he wolde afferme.
He not for-gat here preysyng to conferme. 1589

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(228)

Herde al pis þyng Criseyde wel y-nowh. 1590
And eyry word gan to noteype.
For whiche with sobre chere here herte lowh. 1593
For who is þat ne wold here glorifye.
To mowen swych a knyght lyue or dye.
But al passe I lyst ye to longe dwelle.
For for o fyn is al þat euere I telle. 1596

(229)

The tyme come fro dyner for to ryse. 1597
[leaf 46, back]
And as hem oughte aryse everychon.
And gonne a while of þis and þat deuyse.
But Pandarus brak al þis speche a-noon. 1600
And seide to Deiphebus Wolfe ye gone.
If youre wille be as I yow preyde.
To speke here / of þe nedes of Criseyde. 1603

(230)

Eleyne whiche þat by þe hond here held. 1604
To first þe tale and seyde go we blyue.
And goodly on Criseyde she by-held.
And seyde Iounes lat hym neuere þryue. 1607
That doth yow harm and bryng hym soone of lyue.
And yeue me sorwe but he shal it Rowe.
If þat I may / and alle folk be trewe. 1610

(231)

Teht yow þi Neces cas quod Deiphebus. 1611
To pandarus / for pow kanst best it telle.
My lordys and my ladyes it stant þus.
what sholde I lengere quod he do yow dwelle.
He rong hem a proces lyk a belle.
Vp-on here fo þat highte poliphete.
So heynous þat men myghte on it spete. 1617

TROILUS. II CAMPSELL
(232)
Answered of pis ech worse of hem þan oþer.
And Polipheþe þey gonnen þus to waryen.
An-honged be swych on were he my broþer.
And so he shal for he ne may not varyen.
what aholde I lengere yn þis tale taryen.
Pleynly al at ones þey here hyghten.
To ben hire helpe yn al þat euere þey myghten.

(233)
Spak þan Eleyne and seyde Pandarus.
woot ought my lord my broþer þis matere.
I mene Ector or wot it Troylus
He seyde ye but wole ye now here.
Me þenketh þis / sith þat Troylus is here.
It were good. If þat ye wolde assente.
She told here self / hym al þis er she wente.

(234)
For he wole haue þe more here grief at herte. [Leaf 41]
By cause / lo / þat she a lady ys.
And by youre leue I wole but right yn sterte.
And yow wete and þat a-noon y-wys.
If þat he slepe, or wole ought here of þis.
And yn he lepte and seyde hym in his ere.
God haue þi soule I-brought haue I þe bere.

(235)
To smylen of þis gan þo Troylus.
And Pandarus with-out e rekenynge.
Out wente a-noon to Eleyne and Deiphebus.
And seyde hem so þere be no taryinge.
Ne more pres he wole wel þat ye brynge.
Crisyda my lady þat is here.
And as he may endure he wole here.
(236)

But wel ye wot þe chaumbre is but lite.
And fewe folk lightly may make it warm.
Now loke ye for I wole haue no wyte.
To bryng yn pres þat myghte don harm.
Or hym disheden for my bettre arm.
wher it be bet she byde til eft sones.
Now loke ye þat knoweth what to don is.

(237)

I say for me best is as I kan knowe.
That no wight yn ne wente but ye tweye.
But it were I for I kan yn a prow.
Reberce here cas vnlyk þat she kan seye.
And after þis she may hym ones preye.
To ben good lord yn short and take here leue.
This may not mechel of his ese hym reue.

(238)

And ek for she is straunge he wole for-bere.
His ese. which þat he þar nought for yow.
Ek oþer þing þat toucher not to here.
He wolde me telle I wot it wel right now.
That secret is. and for þe townes prow.
And þey þat no þing knewe of þis entent.
with-oute more to Troilus yn þei went.

(239)

Eleyne in al here goode softly wyse.
Gan hym saluwe and womanly to pleye.
And seyde ywys ye moste alweyes a-ryse.
Now fare broþer beth al hool I preye.
And gan here arm right ouer his sholdier leye.
And hym with al here wit to recomforte.
As she best kowde / she gan hym disporte.

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(240)
So after pis / quod she we yow byseche.  
My dere brother Deipherus and I.  
For loue of god and so doth Pandare eke.  
To ben good lord and frende right hertely.  
Vn-to Criseyde which that certeynly.  
Receyueth wrong/ as wot wel here Pandare.  
That kan here cas wel bet fat I declare.  

(241)
This Pandarus gan newe his tunge affyle.  
And al here cas reherece and fat anoon.  
when it was seyd / soone after in a while.  
Quod Troylus as soon as I may gon.  
I wole right sayn with al my myght ben oon.  
Haue god my troupe here cause to susteyne.  
Good pryft haue ye quel Eleyne þe queene.  

(242)
Quod Pandarus and it youre wille be.  
That she may take here leue er fat she go.  
O elles god for-bede quod he.  
If that she vouche saf for to do so.  
And with þat word quel Troilus ye two.  
Deipherus and my suster leef and dere.  
To yow haue I to speke of o matere.  

(243)
To ben awysed by youre red þe bettre.  
And fond as hap was at his beddes hed.  
The copye of a tretes and a lettre.  
That Ector hade hym sent to axen red.  
If swych a man was worþi to ben ded.  
woot I nought who but in a grisly wyse.  
He prayede hem a-noon on it awys.  

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Deiphbus gan this lettre to vnfolde.  
In ernest gret: so dede Eleyne þe queene.  
And romynge outward fast it gan byholde.  
Downward a steyre in to an herber grene.  
This ilke þinge þei redden hem by-twene.  
And largely þe mountaunce of an owre.  
Thei gon on it to rede and to powre.  

Now late hem rede and turne we a-noon.  
To Pandarus þat gan ful faste priye.  
That al was wel and out he gan to gon.  
In to þe grete chambre and þat yn hye.  
And seyde god saue al þis companye.  
Come Nece myn my lady queene Eleyne.¹  
Abydeth yow / and ek my lorde twayne.  

Rys take with yow yowre Nece Antigone.  
Or whom yow lyst or no fors hardly.  
The lasse pres þe bet come forth with me.  
And loke þat ye þonke humbely.  
Hem alle þre and whan ye may goodly.  
Youre tyme y-se taketh of hem youre leue.  
Lest we to longe of his reste hym reue.  

A Incocent of Pandarus entente.  
Quod tho Criseyde go we vnclle dere.  
And arm in arm Inward with hym she wonte.  
Auysed wel here wordes and here chere.  
And Pandarus yn ernestfull manere.  
Seyde alle folk for goddes loue I preye.  
Stynteth right here and softly yow pleye.  

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(248)

Avise yow what folk ben here with-Inne.
And in what plit oon is god hym amende.
And Inward þus ful softly bygynne.
Nece I coniure and heighly yow defende.
On his by-halue which þat vs alle sowle sende.
And in þe vertue of corounes twayne.
Sle nought þis man þat hath for yow þis peyne.

(249)

Fy on the deuel þenk which on he is.  [Leaf 42, back]  1737
And in what plyt he lith com of a-noon.
Thenk þat al swych taried tid but lost it nys.
That wolde ye bothe. seyn whan ye ben on.
Secundelich þer yet deuyneth noon.
Vp-on yow two com of now yf ye konne,
whil folk is blent / lo al þe tyme is wonne.

(250)

In titering and pursuyte and delayes.  1744
The folk deuyn at waggynge of a stre.
And þough ye wolde han after merye dayes.
Than dar ye nought / and why for she and she.
Spak swych a word þus loked he and he.
Las tyme y-lost .I. dar not with yow dele.
Com of þerfore and bryngeth hym to hele.

(251)

But now to yow ye louers þat ben here.  1751
was Troylus nought in a kankedort.
That lay and myghte whysprynge of hem here.
And þought o lord ryght now renneth my sort.
Fully to dye or han a-noon comfort.
And was þe firste tyme he shulde here preye.
Of loue .o. myghti god what shal I seye.

Explicit Secundus liber.
[Campsall MS. leaf 42, back.]

[The tagd f, g, k, t, of the MS. are not printed in this 3rd book.]

(1)

- Blysful light of whiche þe bemes clere.
- Adorneth al þe pridde heuene faire.
- O sonnes lyef .o. Ionues daughter dere.
- Plesaunce of loue .o. goodly debonaire.
- In gentil hertes ay redy to repaire.
- O verray cause of hele and of gladnesse.
  I-heried be þi myght and þin goodnesse.

(2)

- In heuene and helle in erthe and salte se. [leaf 43]
- Is felt þi myght of þat I wolde descerne.
- As / man / bryd / beste / fissh / herbe and grene tre.
- The feld in tymes with vapour eterne.
  | God loueth and to loue wol nough werne.
- And in þis word no lyues creature.
- with-outen loue is worth or may endure.

(3)

- Ye Ionues first to þilke effectes glade.
- Thorugh whiche þat þinges lyuen alle and be.
  | Comuevaen and amoreux hem made.
- On mortal þyng and as yow lyst ay ye.
- Yeue hym in loue ese or aduersite.
- And in a thousand formes doun hem sente.
- For loue in erþe / and whom yow lyste he hente.

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(4)
- Ye sierse Mars apeysen of his Iire.
- And as yow lyste ye maken hertes digne.
- Algates hem þat ye wole sette a fyre.
- Thei dreden shame and vices þei resigne.
- Ye do hem corteyes be fresch and benigne.
  And hye or lowe after a wyght entendeth.
  The Ioyes þat he hath youre myght it sendeth.

(5)
- Ye holden regne and hous in vnite.
- Ye sothfast cause of frendship benalso.
- Ye knowe al þilke couered qualite.
- Of þing which þat folk on wondren so.
- whan þey kan not construe how it may Io.
  She loueth hym or whi he loueth here.
  As whi þis fissh and nought þat cometh to were.

(6)
- Ye folk a lawe han set in vnuiersite.
  And þis knowe I by hem þat loueres be.
  That who-so stryuethe with yow hath þe worse.
  Now lady bryght for þi benignete.
  At receuence of hem þat seruen þe.
  whos clerk I am so techþ me deuyse.
  Som Ioye of þat is felt in þis seruyce.

(7)
Ye in my nakede herte sentement. [leaf 65, back]
Inhelde and do me shewe of thi swettenesse.
Caliophe thi voys be now present.
For now is nede sestow not my destresse.
How I mot telle a-non right þe gladnessse.
Of Troylus to Venus heriynge.
To which who nede hath god hym brynge.

Explicit prohemium. Tercii libri.
Incipit liber. Tercius.

(8)
Ay al þis mene while Troylus. 50
Recordynghe his lesson in þis manere.
Mafey þought he þus wole I sey and þus.
Thus wole I pleyne vn-to my lady dere. 53
That word is good and þis shal be my chere.
This nyl I not foryceten in no wyse.
God leue hym werke as he gan deuyse. 56

(9)
And lord so his herte gan to quappe. 57
Herynge here come and short for to syke.
And Pandarus þat lad here by þe lappe.
Com ner and gan at þe curtyn pyke. 60
And seyde god do bote on alle syke.
Se who is here yow comen to visite.
Lo here is she þat is youre deth to wyte. 63

(10)
Ther-with it semed as he wepte almost. 64
A.ha. quod Troylus so rufully.
wher me be wo .o. myghty god yow wost.
who is al þere I se nought treuely. 67
Sire quod Criseye þis it Pandare and .I.
Ye swete herte allas I may nought ryse.
To knele and do yow honour in som wyse. 70

(11)
And dressede hym vpward and she right tho. 71
Gan boþe here hondes softe vpon hym leye.
O for þe loue of god do ye not so.
To me quod she I what is þis to seye. 74
Sire come am I to yow for causes tweye.
First yow to þonke and of youre mercy eke.
Continuance I wolde yow besseche. 77
(12)
This Troilus pat herde his lady preye.
Of lordship hym wax neyber quyk ne ded.
Ne myght a word for shame to it seye.
Al pough men aholde amyte of his hed.
But lord so he wex sodeynlyche red.
And sire his lesson pat wende konne.
To preyen hire is purgh his wit y-ronne.

(13)
Cryseyde al þis aspiede wel y-nowgh.
For she was wys and louede hym neuere þe lasse.
Al nere he malapert or made it towgh.
Or was to bold to synge a fol a masse.
But whan his shame gan somwhat to passe.
His resones as I may my rymes holde.
I yow Wolfe telle as techen bokes olde.

(14)
An chaunged voys right for his verrey drede.
which voys ek quooke and þer-to his manere.
Goodly abayst / and now his hewes rede.
Now pale vn-to Criseyde his lady dere.
with look doun cast and humble yolden chere.
Lo þe alderfirst word that hym asterte.
was twyes mercy mercy swete herte.

(15)
And stynte a whily and whan ho myghte out brynge.
The nexte word was god wot þat I haue.
As feythfully as [I] haue had konnynge.
Ben yowres also god my sowle saue.
And shal til þat I woful wyght be graue.
And þough I dar ne kan vn-to yow pleyne.
Iwys I suffre nought þe lasse peyne.

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Thus mucho as now .o. wommanlyche wyf.
I may out brynge and yf þis yow displesse.
Thatshal I wreke vpon myn owne lyf.
Right sone I trowe and don youre herte an esse.
If with my deth youre herte may apese.
But syn þat ye han herd me som what seye.
Now recche I neuere how sone þat I deye.

Ther-with his manly sorwe to by-holde.
It myght han mad an herte of ston for to rewec.
And Pandare wex as he to watre wolde.
And poked euere his nece newe and newe.
And seyde wo bygon ben hertes trewe.
For loue of god make of þis þyng an ende.
Or sle vs bo þe at ones er þat ye wende.

I what quod she by god and by my trowpe.
I not nought what ye wille þat I shal seye.
I what quod he þat ye han on hym routhe.
For goddes loue and doth hym nought to deye.
Now þanne þus / quod she / I wolde hym preyc.
To telle me þe fyn on his entente.
Yet wyster I neuere wel what þat he ment.

What þat I mene .o. swete herte dere.
Quod Trojulus .o. goodly fresche fre.
That with þe stremes of youre eyen clere.
Ye woldes som tymey frendly on me se.
And þanne agreen þat I may ben he. (1 Yow for to sere / lyke as ye wyl deuyse.—Chastow.)
with-oute brough of yvce yn ony wyse.
In trowþe alwey to don yow my seruyse.
(20)
As to my lady right and chief resort.
With al my wit and al my deligence.
And to han right as yow lust comfort.
Vnder yowre yerde egal to myn offence.
As deth If pat I breke youre defende.
And pat ye dignye me so muche honoure.
Me to comaunden ought yn ony owre.

(21)
And I to ben yowre verray humble trewe.  [leaf 45]
Secret. and yn myn paynes pacient.
And euere mo desire fresshly newe.
To serven and ben ay I-lyke diligent.
And with good herte al holly youre talent.
Receyuen wel how sore pat me smerte.
Lo pis mene I myn owene swete herte.

(22)
Quod Pandarus lo here an hard request.
A resonable lady for to werne.
Now Nece myn by natal Ioues feste.
were I. a god ye shoilde sterue as yerne.
That heren wel pat pis man wole no lyng yerne.
But youre honour / and sen hym almost sterue.
And ben so loth to suffren hym yow serue.

(23)
With pat she gan hire eyen on hym caste.
Ful esyly and ful debonairly.
Auysyng here and hied not to haste.
with neuere a word but seyde hym softly.
Myn honour sauf I wol wel trewely.
But yn swych forme as he can now deuyse.
Receyuen hym fully to my seruyce.

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(24)
By sechyng hym for goddes loue þat he.
wolde in honour of troupe and gentilesse.
As I wel mene eke mene wel to me.
And myn honour with wit and besynesse.
Ay kepe, and yf I may don hym gladnesse.
From hens-forth I-wys I nyl not feyne.
Now beth al hol no lengere ye ne pleyne.

(25)
But naþeles this warne .I. yow quod she.
A kynges sone al-þough ye be I-wys.
Ye shul nomore haue soueraynte.
Of me in loue þan right in þat cas is.
Ne I nyl forbere yf þat ye don a-mys.
To wrathen yow / and whil þat ye me serue.
Cherycen yow right after ye deserue.

(26)
And shortly my dere herte and al my knyght.  [r45, bk]  
Beth glad and draweth yow to lustynesse.
And I shal trewely with al my myght.
Youre bittre tornen al to sweetnesse.
If .I. be she þat may now do gladnesse.
For euerie wo ye shal recouere a blyssse.
And hym in armes toke and gan hym kysse.

(27)
Fil Pandarus on knees and vp his eyen.
To heuene þrew and held his heades hye.
Inmortal god quod he þat mayst nought dyen.
Cupide I mene of þis mayst glorifie.
And Venus þow mayst make melodie.
with-outen hond me semeth þat in þe towne.
For this merueyle I here eche belle sowne.
(28)
But ho no more now of pis matere.
For-whi pis folk wole comen vp anoon.
That han pe lettre red / lo I hem here.
But I coniure pe Crisyde and on.
And two pôw Troylus whan pôw mayst gon.
That at myn hows ye ben at myn warnynge.
For I ful wel shal shape youre comynge.

(29)
And eseth pere youre hertes right y-nough.
And lat se which of yow shal bere pe belle.
To speke of loue a-right / þer-with he lough.
For pere haue ye a layser for to telle.
Quod Troylus how longe shal y dwelle.
Er pis be don. quod he whan pôu mayst ryse.
This þing shal be right as I yow deuyse.

(30)
With þat Eleyne and also Dëphebus.
Tho comen vpward right at þe steyres ende.
And lord so þanne gan grone Troylus.
His broþer and his suster for to blynde.
Quod Pandarus it is tyme þat we wende.
Tak nece myn youre leue at alle þre.
And late hem speke and cometh forth with me.

(31)
She toke here leue at hem ful þryftyly.
As she wel koude and þey here reverence.
Vn-to þe fulle here deden hardly.
And wonder wel spaken in here absence.
Of here in preyseyng of here excellence.
Hire gournaunce hire wit and here manere.
Commendeden it Ioye was to here.
NOW late here wende vn to here owne place. 218
And torne we to Troylus a-yen.
That gan ful lyghtly of the lettre passe.
That Deiphebus hadde yn þe gardeyn seyn. 221
And of Eleyne and hym he wolde fayn
Delyuered ben and seyde þat hym lyste.
To slepe and after tales haue reste. 224

(33)
Eleyne hym kyste and toke here leue blyue. 225
Deiphebus ek. and hom wente euery wyght.
And Pandarus as faste as he may dryue.
To Troylus þo com as lyne right. 228
And on a paillet al þat glade nyght.
By Troylus he lay with mery chere.
To tale / and wel was hem þei were y-fere. 231

(34)
Whan euery wyght was voyded but þey two. 232
And alle þe dores were feste y-shette.
To telle in short with-outen wordes mo.
This Pandarus with-outen ony lette. 235
Vp ros and on his beddes side hym sette.
And gan to speke in a sobre wyse.
To Troylus as I shal yow deuyse. 238

(35)
Myn alderleuest lord and broþer dere. 239
God wot and þow þat it sat me sore.
"when I þe saw so langwysshyng to yere.
"For loue of which þi wo wax alwey more. 242
"That I with al my myght and al my lore.
"Haue euere sethen do my bysynesse.
"To bryng þe to Ioye out of distresse. 245

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(36)
And haue it brought to swich plit as þow wost. [IV.44, 52] 246
So þat thorugh me þow stondest now in weye.
To fare wel. I seye it for no bost.
And wostow whi for shame it is to seye.
For þe haue I a game bygonne to playe.
which þat I neuere don shal eft for óper.
Al-þough he were a þousand fold my broþer. 252

(37)
• That is to seye for þe am I becomen.
  By-twene game and ernest swych a mene.
  As maken wommen vn-to men to comen.
  Al sey I nought þow wost wel what I mene.
• For þe haue I my Nece of vices clene.
  So fully mad þi gentilesse triste.
• That al.shal ben right as þi selue lyste. 259

(38)
• But god þat alle wot take I to wytnesse.
• That neuere I þis for coueytise wroughte.
| But oonly for to a-brygge þat destresse.
  For which wel nygh þow deydest as me þoughte.
• But gode broþer do now as þe oughte.
| For goddes loue, and kep hire out of blame.
• Syn þow art wys and saue alwey here name. 266

(39)
• For wel þow wost the name as yet of here.
• A-mong þe peple. as who seyth alwed is.
| For þat man is vnborne dar I swere.
  That euere wyste she dide amys.
But wo is me þat I þat cause al þis.
May þenken þat she is my Nece deere.
And I here Em / and traytor eke y-fere. 273
And were it wust ðat I prough myn engyn. 274
Hadde in my nece 1-put ðis fantasye.
To do ði lust and holly to be ðyn.
why al ðe world vp-op it wolde crye. 277
And seye ðat I ðe worste trecherye.
Dide yn ðis cas ðat euere was bygone.
And she for-lost / and ðow right nought wonne. 280

(41)
* Wher-fore er I ferther go a pas. 281  [leaf 47]
* Yet oft ðe by-seche and fully seye.
* That preuete go with vs in ðis cas.
* That is to seye ðat ðow vs neuere wreye.
* And be nought wroth ðough ðe ofte prye.
* To holden secre swych an heigh matere.
* For skylful is / ðow wost wel my preyere. 287

(42)
And þenk what wo þer hath by-tyd er ðis. 288
For makynge of auauntes as men rede.
And what myschaunce in ðis world yet is.
Fro day to day right for ðat wykkede dede. 291
For whiche þeþe wise clerkes ðat ben dede.
Han euere yet prouerbed to vs yonge.
That firste vertu is to kepe tonge. 294

(43)
And nere it that .I. wilne as now tabregge. 295
Diffusioun of speche .I. koude almoost.
A þousand olde storyes the alegge.
Of wommen lost. þorough fals and folys bost. 298
Prouerbes kanst þy selue y-nowe and wost.
A-yens þat vice for to ben a labbe.
Al seyde men soth as often as þe[y] gabbe. 301
O tongue alas so often here byforn.  
Hastow made many a lady bright of heewe.
Seyd welawey þe day þat I was born.
And manye a maydes sorwes for to newe.
And for þe more part al is vntrewe.
That men of yelpe and it were brought to preue.
Of kynge non auuautures is to leue.

Auauonture and a lyere al is on.
A[s] þus I pose a womman graunte me.
Here loue and seyth þat opération she non.
And I am sworn to holde it secre.
And after I go telle two or þre.
I-wys I am a-auuautour at þe leste.
And a lyere for I breke myn heste.

Now loke þanne ye yf þey be nought to blame.  [leaf 47, back]
Swych maner folk what shal I clepe hem what.
That hem auauunte of wommen and by name.
That neuere yet byhight hem þis ne þat.
Ne knewe hem no more þan myn olde hat.
No wonder is so god me sende hele.
Though womman drede with vs men to dele.

I sey þis not for no mytrust of yow.
Ne for no wyse men but for foles Nice.
And for þe harm þat in þe world is now.
As wel for folly ofte as for malice.
For wel wot I in wys folk þat vice.
No wommat\textsuperscript{1} drat if she be wel a-vised.  \[\text{[t for n]}\]
For wyse ben by foles [harm] chastised.

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(48)
But now to purpos leue brocher dere.
Haue al pis ping pat I haue seyd in mynde.
And kep pe clos and be now of good chere.

For at pi day pow shalt me trewe fynde.
I shal pi proces sette yn swych a kynde.
And god to-forn pat it shal pe suffice.

For it shal ben right as pow wolt deyse.

(49)
Forwel I wot pow menest [wel] parde.
Therfore I dar pis fully vndertake.
Thow wost eke what pi lady graunted pe.
And day is set pi chartres vp to make.
Haue now good nyght I make no lengere wake.
And byd for me syn pow art now yn blysse.
That god me sende deth or soone lysse.

(50)
* Who myghte telle half pe Ioye and feste.
* whiche pat pe sowle of Troylus po felte.
* Herynge pe feyth of Pandarus byheste.
* His olde wo that made his sorwe swelte.
* Gan tho for Ioye wasten and to-melte.
* And alle pe richesse of his sikes sore.
* At ones fledde he felte of hem no more.

(51)
* But right so [as] these holtes and these hayes.
* That han in wynter ded ben and dreye.
* Reuesten hem in grene when pat may is.
  whan every lusti lyketh best to pleye.
* Right in pat selue wyse soth for to seye.
  wax sodeynlyche his herte ful of Ioye.
That gladder was pere neuere man yn Troye.
And gan his lok on Pandarus vp caste.
Ful sobryly and frendly for to se.
And seyde frend yn April þe laste.
As wel þow wost if it remembrþ þe.
þow neigh the deth for wo þow founde me.
And how þow dedest al þi ðysynesse.
To knowe of me þe cause of my distresses.

Thow wost how longe .I. it for-bar to seye.
To þe þat art þe man þat I to best triste.
And peril was it noon to þe by-wreye.
That wyst I wel. but telle me yf þe yuste.
Sith I so loth was þat þi selfe it wyste.
How dorste I mo tellen of þis matere.
That quake now and no wyght may vs here.

But natheles by þat god I þe swere.
That as hym lyst may al þis world gouuerne.
And yf I lye Achilles with his spere.
Myn herte cleue. al were my lyf eterne.
As I am mortal. yf I late or yerne.
wolde it by-wreye. or dorste. or sholde konne.
For al þe good þat god made vnder sonne.

That raper deye I wolde and determyne.
As þenketh me now stokked yn presoun.
In wrecchednesse in filþe and yn vermine.
Castif to cruel kyng Agamenoun.
And þis yn alle þe temples of þis town.
Vpon þe goddes alle I wole þe swere.
To morwe day. yf þat it lyketh here.
(56)

- And that thow hast so meche don for me. 386
- That I ne may it neuere more deserue. 389
- This knowe I wel al myghte I now for þe. 392
  A thowsand tymes In a morwen sterue. 389
  I. kan no more but þat I þe wole serue. [I kn corrected]
  Right as þi 1knaue whider so þow wende. 392
  For euere more vn to my lyues ende. 392

(57)

- But here with al myn herte I þe byseche. 393
  That neuere in me þow deme swych folye, 396
  As I shal seyn me þowghte by þi speche
  That þis which þow me dost for companye. 396
  I sholde wene it were a baundry. 399
  I am nought al 2yf I lewed be. 399
  It is not so þat wote I wel parde. [3 mod has been written over
  "yf" in a later hand.]

(58)

- But he þat goth for gold or for richesse. 400
- Ón swych message calle hym what þe lyst. 403
  And þis þat þow dost calle it gentilesse.
  Compassioun and felawshipes and tryst.
  Departe it so. for wyde where is wyst.
  How þat þere is dyuersite requered.
  By-twixen þynges lyk as I haue lered. 406

(59)

- And þat þow knowe I þenke nought ne wene. 407
  That þis seruise a shame be or Iape.
- I haue my faire suster Polixene.
  Cassandre Eleyne. or ony of þe frape. 410
- Be she neuere so faire or wel I-shape.
- Tel which þow wyllt of everychone.
- To han for þyne and late me þanne allone. 413

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(60)

- But syn pat thow hast don me pis seruyce.
  My lyf to saue and for noon hope of mede.
- So for the loue of god pis grete emprise.
- Parforme it out. for now is most nede.
  For hygh and low with-outen ony drede.
  I wole alwey pyne hestes alle kepe.
  Haue now good nyght and late vs bope slope.

(61)

- Thus held hym eche with ojer wel apayd.
  That al þe world ne myght it bet a-mende
  And on þe mowre whan þei were arayed.
- Eche to his owene neded gan entende.
  But Troylus þouhte as þe fyr he brende.
  For sharp desir of hope and of plesaunce.
- He not for-pat his gode gouernaunce.

(62)

But in hym self wiþ manhod gan restreyne.
Eche rakel dede and eche vnbredled chere.
That alle þo þat lyuen soth to seyne.
Ne sholde han wyst by word or by manere.
what þat he mente as towchyng þis mater.
From euery wyght as fer as is þe clowde.
He was so wel dissimulen he kowde.

(63)

And al þe while whiche þat I yow deuyse.
This was hys lyf with al his fulle myght.
- By day he was in martes highe seruyse.
  This is to seyn. in armes as a knyght.
- And for þe more part þe longe nyght.
  He lay and þoughte how þat he myght serue.
  His lady best he[re] þank for to deserue.
(64)

Nyl I nought were al-pough he lay softe.
That in his pought he nas sumwhat disheses.
Ne þat he tornde on his pylewes ofte.  
(1 The s has been partly rubbed out)
And wolde of þat hym myssed han ben 1ssed.
But yn'swych cas men is nought alwey ypplesed.
For ought I wot no more þan was he.
That kan I deme of possibilite.

(65)

But certeyn is to purpos for to go.
That in þis while as wretin is in geste.
He say his lady som tyme [and] also.
She with hym spak whan þat she dorste and lest.
And by hire hop e anys as it was þe beste.
Apoynteden ful warly in þis nede.
So as þey dorste how þey wolden procede.

(66)

But it was spoken in so short a wyse.  
[leaf 40, back]
In swych [awayt] alwey and in swych fere.
Lest ony wyght dyuynen or deuyse.
wolde of hem two. or to it leye an eere.
That al þís world. so lef to hem ne were.
As þat Cupido wolde hem grace sende.
To make of here speche a-ryght a[n] ende.

(67)  
[Caxton leaves out St. 67—71. Horl. 1294 
(f. 74, 6r) and 2385 (f. 30, 6r) have em.]

But ðylke lytel þat þey spake or wroughte.
His wyse gost tok ay of al swych hede.
It semed here he wyste what she þoughte.
with-outhen word. so þat it was no nede.
To bidde hym ought to done or ought for-bede.
For which she þoughte þat loue al come it late.
Of alle Ioye hadde opned here þe yate.
And shortly of pis proces for to pace.
So wel his werk and wordes he by-sette.
That he so ful stod in his lady grace.
That twenty thousand tymes or she lette.
She ponked god she euere with hym mette.
So koude he hym gouerne in swych servyce.
That al he world ne myght it bet deuyse.

For whi she fond hym so dyscret in al.
So secret. and of swych obeysaunce.
That wel she felte / he was to hire a wal.
Of stel. and sheld from euery dyspleasauce.
That to ben in his good gouernaunce.
So wys he was, she was no more a-fered.
I mene as fer as oughte ben requered.

And Pandarus to quyke alwey þe fyr.
was euere y-lyk prest and dyligent.
To ese his frend was set al his desir.
He shof ay on, he to and fro was sent.
He lettres bar whan Troylus was absent.
That neuer man as in his frendes nede.
Ne bar hym bet þan he with-outen drede.

But now paraunter som man wene wolde.
That euery word. or sonde. or lok. or chere.
Of Troylus þat I rehersen sholde.
In al þis while / vn-to his lady dere.
I trowe it were a long ping for to here.
Or of what wyght þat stont in swych disiynyte.
Hise wordes alle or euery lok to poynyte.
For sope I haue not herd it don er pis.  
In storye noon ne noman here I wene.  
And pough I wold I koude not I-wys.  
For þere was som Epistle hem by-twene.  
That wolde as seyth myn Auctor wel conteyne.  
Neigh half þis bok of which hym lyst not write.  
How sholde I þanne a lyne of it endite.

But to þe grete effect þan sey I þus.  
That stondynge in concord and in quiete.  
This ilke two Criseide and Troylus.  
As I haue told / and in þis tyme sweete.  
Saue only often myght þei not mete.  
Ne layser haue hire speches to fulfille.  
That it befel right as I shal yow telle.

That Pandarus þat euere dide his myght.  
Right for þe fyn þat I shal speke of here.  
And for to brynge to his hous som nyght.  
His faire Nece / and Troylus y-fere.  
There as at leyser al þis heigh matere.  
Towchyng here loue were at þe fulle vp bounde.  
Hadde out of doute a tyme to it founde.

For he with gret deliberacion.  
Hadde every þing þat here myghte auaylle.  
Forn-cast and put in execution.  
And neiper laft for cost ne for trouayle.  
Come yf hem lest hem sholde no þing fayle.  
And for to ben in ought espied þere.  
That wyyst he wel an impossible were.
(76)

Dredles it clere was in the wynd.  
From every pye and every lette game.  
Now al is wel for al þe world is blynd.  
In þis matere boþe fremed and tame.  
This tymbre is al redy vp to frame.  
Vs lakketh nought but þat we weten wolde.  
A certeyn houre in whiche she comen sholde.

(77)

And Troylus þat al þis puruyaunce.  
Knew at þe fulle and waytede on it ay.  
Hadde here-vp-on ek made gret ordenaunce  
And founde his cause. and þer-to his aray.  
Yf þat he were myssed nyght or day.  
Ther while he was abowte þis seruyse.  
That he was gon to don his sacrifice.

(78)

And most at swych a temple a-lone wake.  
Answered of appollo for to be.  
And first to sen þe holy laurer quake.  
Er þat Apollo spak out of þe tre.  
To telle hym next whan grekes sholden fle.  
And for[thi] lette hym no man god forbede.  
But prey Apollo helpen in þis nede.

(79)

Now is þere but litel more for to done.  
But Pandare vp and shortly for to seyne.  
Right soone vpon þe chaungynge of þe moone.  
whan lyghtles is þe world a nyght or twyne.  
And þat þe walkene shop hym for to reyne.  
He straught a morwe vn-to his nece wente.  
Ye han wel herd þe fyn of his entente.
(80)
Whanne he was come he gan a-noon to pleye.
As he was woned and of hym self to Iape.
And fynally he swor and gan here seye.
By pis and þat she shold hym not escape.
Ne lengere don hym after here to gape.
But certeynly she moste by here leue.
Come soupen in his hous with hym at cue.

(81)
At whiche she lough and gan here faste excuse.
And seyde, it rayneth, lo how shal I gon.
Lat be quod he / stond not þus to muse.
This mot be don ye shal be þere a-noon.
So at þe laste her-of þey felle at oon.
Or elles softe he swor here in here ere.
He nolde neuere come þere she were.

(82)
Soone after þis to hym she gan to rowne.
And asked hym yf Troylus were there.
He swor here nay for he was out of towne.
And seyde Nece I pose þat he were.
Yow dorste haue neuere the more fere.
For raþere þan men myght hem þere aspie.
Me were leuere a þousand fould to dye.

(83)
Nought lyst myn Auctor fully to declare.
what þat she þought whan þat he seyde so.
That Troylus was out of town y-fare.
As yf he seyde þere soth or no.
But þat with-outen a-wayte with hym to go.
She graunted hym sith he hire þat bisoughte.
And as his Nece obeyed as here oughte.
(84)

But natheles yet gan she hym byseche.
Al þough with hym to gon it was no fere.
For to be war of goslyche peple speche.
That dremen þynges whiche þat neuere were.
And wel auyse hym whom he brought there.
And seyde hym Em. syn I most on yow triste.
Loke al be wel and do now as yow lyste.

(85)

He swor yis by stokkes and by stones.
And by þe goddes þat in heuene dwelle.
Or elles were hym leuere soule and bones.
with pluto kyang as depe ben yn helle.
As Tantalus what sholde I more telle.
when al was wel he ros and toke his leue.
And she vn-to þe souper com whan it was eue.

(86)

With a certayn of here owene men. [leaf 51, back]
And with here faire Nece Antigone.
And opere of here wommen nyne or ten.
But who was glad now. who as trowe ys.
But Troylus þat stod / and myght it sc.
Thurgh out a lytel wyndowe in a stuwe.
Ther he by-shet syn mydnyght was [in] mewe.

(87)

Wnwist of evrye wight but of Pandare.
But to þe poynþ. now whanne she was y-come.
with alle Ioye and alle frendes fare.
Here Em a-noon in armes hath here nome.
And after to þe souper alle and some.
whan tyme was ful softe þey hym sette.
God wot þer was no deynte for to fette.
(88)

And after souer gonnen þey to ryse.
At ese wel with hertes freshi and glade.
And wel was hym that koude best auyse.
To like here. or laughen þat here made.
He song. she pleyde. he told tales of wade.
But at þe laste as evry þing hath ende.
She tok here leue. and nedes she wolde wende.

(89)

But .o. Fortune executrice of wyerdes.
O. Influences of þise heuenes hye.
Soth is þat vnder god ye ben oure hierdes.
Though to vs bestes þen the causes wrie.
This mene I for she gan homward hye.
But execut was al byside here leue.
At the goddes wyl. for which she moste bleue.

(90)

The bente mone with hire hornes pale.
Saturne and Ioue in Cancro Ioyned were.
That swych a rayn from heuene gan a-vale.
That evry maner womman þat was þere.
Hadde of þat smoky reyn a verray fere.
At which pandare þo lough and seyde þenne.
Now were a tyme a lady to go henne.

(91)

But goode Nece yf I myght euere plese. [Leaf 88]
Yow any þing þanne prey [I] yow quod he.
To don myn herte as now so gret an ese.
As for to dwelle here al þis nyght with me.
For-whi þis is yovre owene hous parde.
For be my trouthe I sey it for no game.
To wende now it were to me a shame.
Crisye de whiche pat kowde as muche good.
As halfe a world tok\(^1\) hede of his preyere. \([\text{tok corrected}]\)
And syn it ron. and al was on a floode.
She poughte as good chep may I dwelle here.
And graunte gladly with a frendes chere.
And haue a pank as gruche and panne abyde.
For hom to gon it may nought wel be-tyle.

I woe quod she myn vnclle lef and drede.
Syn pat yow lyst it skile is to be so.
I am right glad with yow to dwellen here.
I seyde but a game I wolde go.
I-wys graunt mercy Nece quod he po.
were it a game or no soth for to telle.
Now am I glad syn pat yow lyst to dwelle.

Thus al is wel. but po by-gan a-right.
The newe Ioye and al pe feste a-gayn.
But Pandarus yf goodly hadde he myght.
He wolde han hyed here to bedde fayn.
And seyde lord pis is an huge rayn.
This were a weder for to slepen Inne.
And pat I rede vs soone to by-gynne.

And Nece wot ye where I wol yow leye.
For pat we shul not lyggen fer a-sonder.
And for ye neiper shullen dar I seye.
Heren noyse of reynes nor of pondre.
By god right in my lite closet yonder.
And I wolde in pat oyer hous alone.
Be wardeyn of youre wommen everychone.

Campsall
(96)
And in þis myddel chaumbre þat ye se.
Shul youre wommen slepen wel and softe.
And þere I seyde shal youre selue be.
And yf ye liggen wel to nyght come ofte.
And careth not what weder is on lofta.
The wyn a-non and whan so þat yow leste.
So go we slepe .I. trowe it be þe beste.  

[1 Than is it tyme / for to go to rest. —Caxton, & Harl. 1239.]

(97)
Ther nys no more but here after soone.
The voyde dronke / and trauers drawe anoon.
Gan euery wight þat hadde nought to done.
More in þat place out of þat chaumber gon.
And euere mo so sternelych it ron.
And blew þer-with so wonderfulye loude.
That wel neigh no man heren oþer koude.

(98)
Tho Pandarus here Em right as hym oughte.
with women swych as were hire most a-boute.
Ful glad vn-to hire beddes syde here broughte.
And toke his loue, and gan ful love lowte.
And seyde here in þis closet dore with-oute.
Right ouer-thwart youre wommen lyggen alle.
That whom yow lyste of hem ye may here calle.

(99)
So whanne þat she was yn þe closet leyd.
And alle here wommen forth by ordenaunce.
A bedde weren. þere as I haue seyd.
There was no more to speken nor to trauence.
But boden go to bedde with myschaunce.
If ony wight was sterynge ony where.
And late hem slepe þat abedde were.
(100)

But Pandarus | pat wel koude ech e a del.
The olde daunce, and every poyn | _per-Inne._
whan | _pat he sey pat al _pyng was wel._
He | _ought he wolde on his werk bygynne._
And gan | _pe stewe dore al soft vn-pynne._
And stille as ston with-uten lenger lettre.
By Troylus a-down right he hym sette.

(101)

And shortly to the poyn | _ryght for to gon._
Of alle pis werk he told hym word and ende.
And seyde make | _pe redy ryght a-noon._
Thow shalt in-to heuene blysse wende.
Now blysful Venus | _pow me grace sende._
Quod Troylus, for neuere yet no nede.
Hadde I er now. ne haluendel _pe drede._

(102)

Quod Pandarus ne drede _pe neuere a del._
For it shal ben right as _pow wylt desire._
So thrue I this nyght shal I make it wel.
Or casten al _pe Growel in _pe fyre._
Yit blisful Venus _pis nyght _pow me enspire._
Quod Troylus, _as wys as _I. _pe serue._
And euere bet and bet shal til I sterne.

(103)

An _yf I hadde .o. Venus ful of murpe._
Aspectes badde, of mars or of Saturne.
Or _pow Combest or let were my byrpe._
Thi fader prey al _pilke harme disturne._
Of grace and _pat I glad a-yen may turne._
For loue of hym _pow louedest yn _pe shawe._
I mene Adoon _pat with _pe bor was slawe._

Campsall
(104)
Loue ek for þe loue of faire Europe.
The whiche in forme of bole a-way þow fette.
Now help .o. Mars thow with þi blody cope.
For loue of Cipres þow me nought ne lette.
O phebus þenk whan dane here seluen ahette.
Vnder þe bark / and laurer wax for-drede.
Yet for here loue .o. help now at þis nede.

(105)
Mercurye for þe loue of hierse ek.
For whiche Pallas was with Aglawros wrotch.
Now help and ek diane I þe by-sek.
That þis viage be not to þe loth.
O fatal sustren / which er ony cloþ.
Me shapen was. my destene me sponne.
So help to þis werk þat is by-gonne.

(106)
Quod Pandarus thow wrecched mouses herte.  [leaf 53, back]
Art þow a-garst. so þat she wole þe byte.
whi do on þis furred cloke a-boue þi sherte.
And folewe me for I wol han þe wyte.
But byde and late me go by-fore a lyte.
And with þat word he gan vn-do a trappe.
And Troylus he brought In by þe lappe.

(107)
The sterne wynd so lowde gan to route.
That no wight òper noyse myghte here.
And þey þat lay at þe dore with-oute.
Ful sikerly þei slepten al I-fere.
And Pandarus with a ful sobre chere.
Goth to þe dore anoon wit-owten lette.
There as þey laye. and softly it shette.
(108)
And as he come a-ynward preuely.
His Nece a-wook and asked who gothy pere.
My dero Nece quod he it am .I.
Ne wondreth not / ne haueth of it no fere.
And ner he com and seyde here yn here ere.
No word for loun of god I yow byseche.
Lat no wight rysen and heren of oure speche.

(109)
What which weye be ye come benedicite.
Quod she and how vnwynt of vs alle.
Here at pis secro trappe dore quod he.
Quod þo Criseyde lat me som wyght calle.
I god forbede that it sholde falle.
Quod þo Pandarus þat ye swych foly wroghte.
They myght deme þyng þey neyere þoughte.

(110)
It is nought good a sleypynge hound to wake.
Ne yeue a wyght a cause to deuynye.
Yours wommen slepen alle I vnder-take.
So þat for hem the hous men myghte myyne.
And slepen wolen til þe sonne shyne.
And whanne my tale al brought is to an ende.
Vnwyst right as I cam so wole I wende.

(111)
Now Nece myn ye shul wel vnderstonde. [leaf 54]
Quod he so as ye wommen demen alle.
That for to holde in loun a man in honde.
And hym here lef and dere herte calle.
And maken hym àn howue a-boue a calle.
I mene as loun an oþer in þis mene while.
She doth hire self a shame and hym [a] gyle.
(112)

Now wherby þat I telle yow al þis. 778
Ye wot your self as wel as ony wyght.
How þat youre lone þat fully graunted is.
To Troylus þe worpieste knyght. 781
On of þis world and þer-to troupe plypht.
That but it were on hym a-long ye nolde.
Hym neuere falsen / while ye lyuen sholde. 784

(113)

Now stant it þus þat sith I fro yow wente. 785
This Troylus right platly for to seyn.
Is þurgh a goter by a preuy wente.
In-to my chaumber come in al þis reyn.
Vnwyst of euerie manere wyght certeyn.
Saue of my self as wysly haue I loye.
And by þat feith I shal Pryam of Troye. 791

(114)

And he is come in swich peyne and distresse. 792
That but he be al fully wod by þis.
He sodeynly mot falle in-to wodnesse.
But yf god helpe / and cause whi is þis. 795
He seyth hym told is of a frend of his
How þat ye louen sholde on þat hatte Horaste.
For sorwe of whiche þis nyght shalt ben his laste. 798

(115)

Criseyde which þat alle þese þynges herde. 799
Gan sodeynly aboute her herte colde.
And with a syk ful sorwfully answerede.
Allas I wende who-so tales tolle. 802
My dere herte wolde me not holde.
So lyghtly fals / allas conselyes, wronge.
what harm þey don. for now lyue I to longe. 805
Horaste allas and falsen Troylus. 
I knowe hym not god helpe me so quod she.
Allas what wykked spirit told hym þus.
Now certes Em to more yf I hym se.
I shal þerof as fully excuse me.
As euere dide womman yf he lyke.
And with þat word she gan ful sore ayske.

O quod she so worldly selynesse.
which clerkes callen fals felicite.
y-medled is with many a bitterness.
Ful angwyshous. than is god wot quod she.
Condicion of veyn prosperite.
For ðer Ioyes comen nough y-fere.
Or elles no wight hath hem alwey here.

O brotel wele of mannys Ioye vnstable.
with what wyght so þow be or how þow pleye.
Oþer he wot þat þow Ioye art muable.
Other he wot it not. it mot ben on of twye.
Now yf he wot it not how may he seye.
That he hath verray Ioye and selynesse.
That is of ignoraunce ay in derknesse.

Now yf he wot þat Ioye is transitorie.
As every Ioye of worldly thyng mot fle.
Than every tyme he hath in memorie.
The drede of lesyng maketh hym þat he.
May in no parfit selynesse be.
And yf to lese his Ioye he set a myte.
Than semeth it þat Ioye is worth but lyte.
(120)
Wherfore I wol deffyne in pis manere.
That trewely for ought I kan espie.
Ther is no verray wele in pis world here.
But .o. pow wykked serpent Ialousye.
Thow mysbeleued and enuyous folye.
whi hastow mad Troylus to me vniriste.
That neuere yet agylte hym pat I wyste.

(121)
Quod Pandarus thus fallen is pis cas.  [leaf 50]
whi vnclle myn quod she who told yow pis.
whi doth myn dere herte pis allass.
Ye wote ye nece myn quod he what is.
I hope al shal be wel pat is amys.
For ye may quenche al pis yf pat yow leste.
And doth right so. for I holde it pe beste.

(122)
So shal I do to morwe y-wys quod she.
And god to-forn, so pat it shal suffise.
To morwe allass. pat were a fayre quod he.
Nay nay it may not stonden yn pis wyse.
For Nece myn pis writen clerkes wyse.
That peril is with drecchyng yn I-drawe.
Nay swych a-bodes be nought worth an hawe.

(123)
Nece al ping hath tyme I dar a-vowe.
For whan a chaumber a-fyr is or an halle.
More nede is it sodeynly to rescowe.
Than to dispute and axe a-monges alle.
How pis candele in pe straw is falle.
A benedicite for al among pat fare.
The harm is don. and fare wel feld-fare.
(124)

And Nece myn take it not [a]gref.
If þat ye suffre hym al nyght in þis wo.
God help me so ye hadde hym neuere lef.
That dar I seyn. now þere is but we two.
But wel I wot þat ye wolde not do so.
Ye ben to wys to do so gret folye.
To putte his lyf al nyght in Iupartie.

(125)

Hadde ye hym neuere lef by god I wene.
I hadde neuere þing so lief quod she.
Now by my þryft quod he þat schal be sene.
For syn ye make þis ensample of me.
If I al nyght wolde hym in sorwe se.
For al þe tresour yn þe town of Troye.
I bidde god I neuere mot haue Ioye.

(126)

Now loke þanne yf ye þat ben his loun.  [leaf 55, back]  
Shul putte al nyght his lyf in Iupartie.
For þing of nought now by þat god a-bone.
Nought only þis delay cometh of folye.
But of malis. if þat I shal nought lye.
what platly and ye suffre hym in distresse.
Ye neyþer bounte don ne gentilesse.

(127)

Quod po Criseyde wole ye don o þing.
And ye þerwith schal stynte al his dise. 
Haue here and bereth hym þis blewe rynge.
For þere is no þing myght hym bettre plese.
Saue I my self. ne bettre his herte a-pese.
And sey my dere herte þat his sorwe.
Is causeles þat schal ben sene to morwe.
(128)
A ryng quod he. ye haselwodes shaken.
Ye Nece myne þat ryng moste han a ston.
Þat myhte a dede man a-lyue maken.
And swych a ryng I trowe þat ye haue non.
Discrecioun out of youre hed is gon.
That fele I now quod he and þat is roupe.
O tyme y-lost wel maystow cursen sloupe.

(129)
Wot ye not wel þat noble and heigh corage.
Ne sorweth not ne stenteth ek for lyte.
But yf a fol were in a Ialous rage.
I nold not sette at his sorwe a myte.
But feffe hym with a fewe wordes white.
A-nother day whan þat I myght hym fynde.
But þis þing stont al in a noþer kynde.

(130)
This is so gentil and so tender of herte.
That with his deth he woole his sorwes wore.
For trusteth wel how sore þat hym smerte.
He woole to yow no Ialous wordes speke.
And for þi nece er þat his herte breke.
To speke youre self to him. of þis matere.
For with o word ye may his herte stere.

(131)
Now haue I told what peril he is Inne. [leaf 56]
And his comyng vnwyst is to every wyght.
Ne parde harm may þere be non ne synne.
I wol my self be with yow al þis nyght.
Ye knowe ek how it is youre owne knyght.
And þat by right ye moste vpon hym triste.
And I at prest to fecche hym whan yow lyte.
(132)
This accident so petous was to here.
And ek so lyk a soth at pryme face.
And Troylus hire knyght to hire so dere.
His preue comyng and þe sikre place.
That þough þat she dide hym as þanne a grace.
Considered alle þinges as þey stode.
No wonder is. syn she dide al for gode.

(133)
Cryseyde answered as wyaly god at reste.
My sowle brynge. as me is for hym wo.
And Em y-wys fayn wolde I do þe beste.
Yf þat I hadde grace for to do so.
But wheþer þat ye dwelle or for hym go.
I am til god me bettre mynde sende.
A' dulcarnon right at my wittes ende. [1. 493, 44] 931

(134)
Quod Pandarus ye Nece wol ye here.
Dulcarnon called is flemynge of wrecches.
It semeth hard for wrecches wol not lere.
For verray sloupe and opere wilful tacches.
This seyd by hym þat is not worth two facches.
But ye ben wys and þat we han on honde.
Nis neiþer hard ne skylful to withstonde.

(135)
Thanne Em quod she doth her-of as yow lyst.
But er he come I wil vp first arysse.
And for þe loue of god syn al my trist.
Is on yow two. and ye ben boþe wyse.
So wyrcethi now in so discreet a wyse.
That I honour may haue and he plesaunçe.
For I am here al yn youre gounaunce.
(136)
That is wel sayd quod he my nece dere. [leaf 56, back] 946
That thryft on þat wyse gentil herte.
But liggeth stille, and taketh hym ryght here.
It nedeth not no ferjere for hym sterte.
And ech of yow ese operes sorwes smerte.
For lone of god. and Venus I þe herye.
For soone hope I we shulle ben alle merye.

(137) [Not in Harl. 1329.]
This Troylus ful sone on knes hym sette.
Ful sobryly ryght by here beddes hede.
And yn his beste wyse his lady grette.
But lord so she wax sodeynlych red.
Ne þough men sholden smyten of here hed.
She kowde nought a word a-ryght out brynge.
So sodeynly, for his sodeyn comynge.

(138)
But Pandarus þat so wel koude fele.
In every thing to pleye a-noon by-gan.
And seyde Nece se how this lord kan knele.
Now for youre troupe seth þis gentil man.
And with þat word he for a quysshon ran.
And seyde kneleth now whil þat yow lyste.
There god youre herties brynge soone at reste.

(139)
Kan I not seyn. for she bad hym not ryse.
If sorwe it put out of here remembraunce.
Or elles yf she toke it in þe wyse.
Of duete. as for his obseruance.
But wel fynde I she dide hym þis plesaunce.
That she hym kyste al-þough she siked sore.
And bad hym sytte a-down with-owten more.
(140)

Quod Pandarus now wol ye wel by-gynne.
Now doth hym sitte now gode Nece dere.
Vpon youre beddes side þere with-Inne.
That ech of yow þe bet may oþer here.
And with þat word he drow hym to þe fyre.
And tok a lyght and fond his contenaunce.
As for to loken vp-on an old romaunce.

(141)

Criseyde that was Troylus lady right.  [leaf 87]
And cler stod on a ground of sykernesse.
Al þoughte she here seruaunt and hire knyghte.
Ne sholde of right noon vntroupe in here gesse.
Yet naþele considered his distresse.
And þat loue is in cause of swyche folye.
Thus to hym spak she of his Telousy.

(142)

Lo herte myn as wolde þe excellence.
Of loue. a-yeyne þe which þat no man may.
Ne oughte ek goudly make resistence.
And ek by-cause I felte wel and say.
Youre grete troupe and seruyse every day.
And þat yowre herte al myn was soth to seyne.
This drof me first to rewe vp-on yowre peyne.

(143)

And youre goodnesse haue I founden alwey yet.
Of whiche my dere herte and al my knyght.
I þonke it yow as fer as I haue wit.
Al kan I nought as muche as it were right.
And I emforthe my konnyngge and my myght.
Haue and ay shal how sore þat me smerte.
Ben to yow trewe. and hol with al myn herte.
(144)

And dredles þat shal be founde at preue.
But herte myn what al þis is to seyn.
Shal wel be told so þat ye yow not greue.
Though I to yow right on yow self compleyne.
For þer-with men I fynally þe peyne.
That halt youre herte and myn in heynesse.
Fuly to slen and every wrong redresse.

(145)

My goode loue¹ not I for whi ne how. ¹ louse, corrected
That Ialousye. allas. þat wikkede wyuere.
Thus causeles is crapen in-to yow.
The harm of which I wolde fayn delyuere.
Allas þat he al hool or of hym slyuere.
Shuld haue his refuyt in so digne a place.
Then loue soone oute of youre herte hym race.

(146)

But o. þow loue .o. Auctor of nature. ¹ [leaf 87, back]
Is þis an honour to þi deite.
That folk vngiltyf. suffren here Iniure.
And who þat gyltyf is al quyt goth he.
O were it leful þat I pleyne of þe.
That vndeserved suffrest Ialousie.
And þat I wolde on þe pleyne and crya.

(147)

Ek al my wo is þis þat folk now vsen.
To seyn right þus. ye Ialousye is loue.
And wolde a busshel venym al excusen.
For þat o greyn of loue is on it shoue.
But þat wot heighe god þat sit a-boue.
If it be liker loue / or hate or grame.
And after þat it oughte to bere his name.

Campsall
(148)

But certeyn is som manere Ialousye.
Is excusable more þan som I-wys.
And whanne cause is & somme swych fantasye.
with pite so wel repressed is.
That it vnneþe doth or seyth amys.
But goodly drynketh vp al his distresse.
And þat excuse I for þe gentilesse.

(149)

And some so ful of furye is and despit.
That it sourmounteth his represioun.
But herte myn ye be not in þat pplyt.
That þanke I god for whiche yowr¹ passioun. [þ e later] ¹
I wol not calle it but illusioun.
Of habundaunce of loue and bysy cure.
That doth youre herte þis dishese endure.

(150)

Of which I am right sory but not wroth.
But for my deuoir and youre hertes reste.
wher so yow lyste by ordal or by oth.
By sort or in what wyse so yow lyste.
For lone of god lat prene it for þe beste.
And yf þat I be gyltyf do me deye.
Alias what myght I more do or seye.

(151)

With that a fewe bryghte terys newe. [leaf 88]
Out of here eye men fille and þus she seyde.
Now god þow wost in þought ne dede vntrewc.
To Troylus was neuere yet Criseyde.
With þat here hed in to þe bed down she leyde.
And with the shete it wreyghg and sighed sore.
And held here pes / not o word spak she more.

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(152)

But now help god to quench al þis sorwe. 1058
So hope I þat he shal for he best may.
For I haue seyn of ful mysty morwe.
Folwen ful ofte a merye someres day.
And after wynter folweth grene may.
Men sen alday and reden ek in storyes.
That after sharpe shoures ben victories. 1064

(153)

This Troylus whan he here wordes herde. 1065
Haue ye no care hym lyst not to slepe.
For it þoughte hym no strokes of yerde.
To here or sen Criseyde his lady wepe.
But wel he felte a-boute his herte crepe.
For every tear which þat Criseyde a-sterte.
The crampe of deth to streyne hym by þe herte. 1071

(154)

And in his mynde he gan þe tyme a-curse. 1072
That he cam þere / and þat he was born.
For now is wykke I-turned vn-to worse.
And al þe labour he hath don by-forn.
He wend it lost he þoughte he nas but lorn.
O Pandanus þoughte he allas þi wyle.
Senueth of nought so wel-awy þe while. 1078

(155)

And þer-with-al he heng a-down þe hed. 1079
And fil on knes and sorwfully he sighte.
what myght he seyn he felte he nas but ded.
For wroth was she þat shulde his sorwes lyghte.
But naþeles whanne þat he spoken myghte.
Than seyde he þus god wot þat of þis game.
whan al is wyst / þan am I not to blame. 1085
(156)
Ther-with þe sorwe so his herte shette. [leaf 56, back] 1086
That from his eighen fil þere not a tere.
And euerie spirit his vigour yn knette.
So þey a-stoned & oppressed were. 1089
The felyng of his sorwe or of his fere.
Or of ought elles, ﬂed was out of towne.
And doun he fel al sodeynly a swowne. 1092

(157)
This was no litel sorwe for to se. 1093
For al was hust and Pandare vp as faste.
O Nece pes or we be lost quod he.
Buth nought¹ a-gast. but certeyn at þe laste. [¹ later] 1096
For þis or þat. he hym in-to bedde caste.
And seyde o thef is þis a mannes herte.
And of he rente al / to his bare sherte. 1099

(158)
And seyde Nece but ye helpe vs now. 1100
Allas youre owne Troylus is lorn.
I-wys so wolde I and I wiste how.
Ful seyn quod she allas þat I was born. 1103
Ye Nece wole ye pulle out þe þorn.
That stiketh in his herte quod Pandare.
Sey al for-yeue and stynt is al þis fare. 1106

(159)
Ye þat to me quod she ful leuere were. 1107
Than al þe good þe sonne a-boute goth. [goth, much later]
And ther-with-al she swor hym in his ere.
I-wys my dere herte I am nought wroth.
Haue here my troupe and many a nopere oth.
Now spek to me. for it am I Cryseyde.
But al for nought / yet myght he no a-breyde. 1113
(160)

Therwith his pows and Pawmes of his hondes.
They gan to frote. and wete his temples tweyne.
And for delyueren hym from bittre bondes.
She ofte hym kyste and shortly for to seyne.
Hym to reuoken she dide al hire peyne.
And at þe laste. he gan his breth to drawe.
And of his swough sone after þat a-dawe.

(161)

And bet gan mynde and reson to hym take. [leaf 50]
But wonder sore he was abyyst I-wys.
And with a syk whan he gan bet a-wake.
He seyde o mercy god what þing is þis.
whi do ye with yowre seluen þus a-mys.
Quod þo Criseye. is þis a mannes game.
what Troylus wol ye do þus for shame.

(162)

And þer-with-al here arm ouer hym she leyde.
And al for-yaf / and ofte tyme hym kyste.
He þonked here. and to hyr spak and seyde.
As fil to purpos for his hertes reste.
And she to þat answered hym as hir lyste.
And with hire goodly wordes hym disporte.
She gan and ofte his sorwes to conforte.

(163)

Quod Pandarus for outht1 I kan espyen. [3 later]
This lyght nor I ne seruen here of nought.
Lyght is not gud for syke folkes eyen.
But for þe loue of god syn ye be brought.
In þus good plit / lat now non heuy bough.t
Ben hangyng in þe hertes of yow tweye.
And bar þe candele to þe chimeneý.

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(164)
Soone after pis plough it no nede were.
whan she swhych opes as hire lyste deuyse.
Hadde of hym take / here pought po no fere.
Ne cause ek non. to bidde hym pennes ryse.
Yet lesse pinge pan opes may suffise.
In many a cau. for euyry wyght I geese.
That loueth wel meneth but gentilesse.

(165)
But in effect she wolde wite a-noon.
Of what man / and ek where and also why.
He Ielous was. syn þere was cause non.
And ek þe signe. þat he tok it by.
She bad hym þat to telle here bysily.
Or elles certeyn she bar hym on honde.
That pis was don of malys hir to fonde.

(166)
With-outen more shortly for to seyne.  [leaf 59, back]
He moste obeye vn-to his lady heste.
And for þe lasse harm he moste feyne.
He seyde here whanne she was at swhych a feste.
She myght on hym han loked at þe leste.
Not I not what al dere y-now a rysshe.
As he þat nedes moste a cause fysshe.

(167)
And she answered swete al were it so.
what harm was þat syn I noon yuel mene.
For by þat god þat bought vs boþe two.
In alle þynge is myn entente clene.
Swhych argumentz ne ben not worth a bene.
wol ye the chyldyssh Ialousye contrefete.
Now were worthy þat ye were y-bete.

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(168)
Tho Troylus gan sorwfully to syke.
Lest she be wroth hym poughte his herte deyde.
And seyde alas vpon my sorwes syke.
Haue mercy swete herte myn Cryseyde.
And yf þat in þo wordes þat I seyde.
Be ony wrong I wol no more trespass.
Do what yow lyst I am al in youre grace.

(169)
And she answered of gilt mysericorde.
That is to seyn þat I for-yeue al þis.
And euere more on þis nyght yow recorder.
And beth wel war ye do no more amys.
Nay dere herte myn quod he I-wys.
And now quod she þat I haue do yow smerte.
For-yeue it me myn owene swete herte.

(170)
This Troylus with blyss of þat supprised.
Put al in goddes hond as he þat mente.
No þyng but wel / and sodeynly a-vysed.
He here in armes faste to hym hente.
And Pandarus with a ful good entente.
Leyd hym to slepe. and seyde yf ye ben wyse.
Swowneth not now lest more folk a-ryse.

(171)
What myght or may þe sely larke seye. [leaf 60]
whan þat þe sparhauk hath it in his fote.
I kan no more but of þis ilke tweye.
To whom þis tale / sour be or sot.
Though þat I taye a yer som tyme I mot.
After myn Auctor tellen here gladnesse.
As wel as I haue told here heuynesse.

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(172)

Criseyde which þat felte here þus I-take.  1198
As writen clerkes in here bokes olde.
Right as an Aspes lef she gan to quake.
whan she hym felte here in armes folde.
But Troylus al hool of cares colde.
Gan þanken the blysful goddes seuene.
Thus sondry peynes bryngen folk to heuene.  1204

(173)

This Troylus yn armes gan here streyne.  1205
And seyde o swete as euere mot I gon.
Now be ye kaught. now is þere but we twyne.
Now yeldeth yow for oþer bote is noone.
To þat Criseyde answered þus a-noon.
Ne hadde I er now my swete herte dere.
Ben yolden y-wys I were now not here.  1211

(174)

O soth is seyd that heled for to be.  1212
As of a feuere. or oþere gret syknesse.
Men moste drynke as men may ofte se.
Ful bittre drynk. and for to han gladnesse.
Men drynken often peyne / and gret distresse.
I mene it here as for þis auenture.
That þourgh a peyne is founden al his cure.  1218

(175)

And now sweetnesse semeth þe more swet.  1219
That bittersnesse assayed was by-forn.
For out of wo in blysse now þey flete.
Non swych þey felten sith þat þey were born.
Now is þis bet þan boþe two be lorn.
For lune of god take every womman hede.
To werken þus / yf it come to þe ned.  1225

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(176)
Criseyde al quyt from every drede and tene. [If 60, bk.] 1226
As she þat Iust cause hadde hym to tryste.
Made hym swych feste / it Ioye was to sene.
whan she his trowþe and clene entent wyste. 1229
And as a-bowte a tre with many a twyste.
Bytrent and wryþe the soote wode bynde.
Gan eche of hem in armes oþer wynde. 1232

(177)
And as þe newe a-baysshed Nyghtyngale. 1233
That stynteth first whan she gymneth to syngynge.
whan þat she hereth any herde tale.
Or in þe hegges ony wight sterynge. 1236
And after syker doth here voys out rynge.
Right so Criseyd whan here drede stynte.
Opened here herte and told hym here entente. 1239

(178)
And right as he þat seth his deth is shapen. 1240
And deye mot in out þat he may gyse.
And sodeynly rescous doth hym escapen.
And from his deth is brought yn sykernesse. 1243
For alle þis word yn swych present gladnesse.
was Troylus and hath his lady swete.
with worse hap god lat vs neuere mete. 1246

(179)
Here armes smale he[r] streyght[e] bak and softe. 1247
Her sydes longe. fleysshly smoþe and white.
He gan to stroke and good thryft bad ful ofte.
Here snowyssh þrote. here brestes rounde and lyte. 1250
Thus yn this [heuene] he gan hym delyte.
And þer with al a þowsand tyme here kyste.
That what to done for Ioye vnmeþe he wyste. 1253

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(180)
Thanne seyde he pus o loue o charite.
Thi moder ek Citherea the swete.
After pi self next heried be she.
Venus mene I pe wel willy planete.
And next pe Imeneus I the grete.
For neuere man was to yow goddes holde.
As I which ye han brought fro cares colde.

(181)
Benynge loue thow holy bond of thynges.
who-so wole grace / and lyst pe nought honoure.
Lo his desir wole fle with-outen wynges.
For nodestow of bounte hem socoure.
That seruen best and most alwey labour.
Yet were al lost pat dar I wel-seye certes.
But yf pi grace passed oure desertes.

(182)
And for pow me pat last kowde deserue.
Of hem pat nombred be to pi grace.
Hast holpen pere I lykly was to sterue.
And me bistowed in so heygh a place.
That pilke boundes may no blysse passe.
I kan no more but laude and reuerence.
Be to py bounte and pin excellence.

(183)
And per-with-al Criseye a-noon he kyste.
Of which certeyn she felte no dihese.
And pus seyde he / now wolde god I wyste.
Myn herte swete. how I yow myghte plese.
what man quod he was euere pus at ese.
As I on whiche pe fairste and pe beste.
That euere I say deyneth here herte reste.
(184)
Here may men se Þat mercy passeth ryght.
The experience of Þat is felt in me.
That am vnworthi to so swete a wyght.
But herte myn of youre benyngnite.
So þenk þowgh Þat I vnworthi be.
Yet mot I nede amenden in som wyse.
Right þourgh þe vertu of yowre heyghe seruyce.

(185)
And for þe loue of god my lady dere.
Syn god hath wrought me for Þat I shal yow serue.
As þus I mene Þat ye wolde be my stere.
To do me lyne yf Þat yow lyste or serue.
So techeþ me how Þat I ma[y] deserue.
Youre þank. so þurgh myn ignoraunce.
Ne do no þing þat yow be displesaunce.

(186)
But certes freshe wommanliche wyf. [leaf 61, back]
This dar I seye / Þat trouthe and diligence.
That shal ye fynde in me al my lyfe.
Ne I wolde certeyn breken youre defences.
And yf I do present or in absence.
For loue of god lat sle me wiþ þe deede.
If þat it lyke-to youre womanhede.

(187)
I-wys quod she myn owne hertes lyst.
My ground of ese. and al myn herte dere.
Graunt mercy / for on Þat is al my trist.
But late vs falle a-vey fro þis matere.
For it suffisith þis Þat seyd is here.
And at o word with-outen repentaunce.
wel-come my knyght / my pes / my suffisaunce.
(188)

- Of here delyt. or Ioyes / oon pe lesto. 1310
- were impossible to my wyt to seye.
- But Iuggeth ye þat han ben at þe feste.
| Of swych gladnessse ye þat hem lyste pleye. 1313
| I kan no more / but þus [pese] ilke tweye.
| That nyght be-twexen dred and sikernesse.
| Felten in lone þe grete worthynesse. 1316

(189)

- O blysful nyght of hem so longe y-sought. 1317
- How blippe vn-to hem bope þow were.
  why ne hadde I swyych on with my soule y-bought.
  Ye or þe leeste Ioye þat was þere. 1320
  A-wey þow fowle daunder and þow fere.
  And lat hem in pis heuene blyssyd dwelle.
  That is so heygh þat al ne kan I telle. 1323

(190)

But soth is þough I kan not tell al. 1324
As kan myn Auctor of his excellence.
Yet haue I seyd and god to-forn and shal.
In every þyng al hooly his sentence. 1327
And ye þat I at loues reuerence.
Hauie ony word In eched for þe beste.
Doth þer-with-al right as yow seluen leste. 1330

(191)

For myne wordes here and every part. 1331
[leaf 62]
I speke hem alle vnder correccioun.
Of yow þat felyng han in loues art.
And putte it al yn youre discrecioun. 1334
To encree or maken dyminicioun.
Of my langage and þat I yow by-seche.
But now to purpos of my raper speche. 1337

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(192)

- Thise ilke two þat ben in armes laft.
  So loth to hem a sondry go-ne [it] were.
- That ech e from þer wenden ben by-raft.
  | Or elles lo þis was here most fere.
  | That al þis þyng but nyce dremes nere.
- For which ful ofte ech e of hem seyde o swete.
- Clippe ich yow þus or elles I it mete.

(193)

- A lord so he gan gladly on here se.
- That neuere his lok ne blente from here face.
- And seyde o dere herte may it be.
- That it be soth / þat ye ben in þis place.
- Ye herte myn. god þank I of his grace.
- Quod þo Criseyde and þer-with-al hym kyste.
  That where his spirit was for Ioye he nyste.

(194)

- This Troylus ful ofte here eighen two.
- Gan for to kysse and seyde o eyen cler.
  | It were ye þat wroughte me swych wo.
- Ye humble nettes of my lady dere.
  Though þere be mercy wretyn youre chere.
  God wot þe text ful hard is soth to fynde.
  | How koude ye with-outen bond me bynde.

(195)

  | Therwith he gan here faste in armes take.
- And wel an hundred tymes gan he syke.
- Nought swych sorwful sykes as men make.
- For wo / or elles whanne þat folk ben syke.
- But esy sykes swyche as ben to lyke.
- That shewed his afeccion with-Inne.
- Of swiche sikes koude he nought blynne.
(196)

Sone after pis they speke of sondry thynge.  [w.o.s, w.]  1366
As fil to purpos of pis aventure.
And playinge entrechaungeden here rynge.
Of which I kan nough tellen no scripture.  1369
But wel I wot a broche gold of asure.
In whiche a ruby set was lyk an herte.
Crisayde hym yaf and stak it on his sherte.  1372

(197)

- Lord trowe ye a coueytous or a wrecche.  1373
- That blameth loue and holt of it despit.
- That of pe pens pat he kan moke & kecche.
- was euere yet y-yewe hym swych delyt.  1376
- As ys in loue in oo poynt in som plyt.
  Nay douteles, for also god me saue.
  So parfit Ioye may no nygard haue:  1379

(198)

- They wole sey yis but lord so pat pey lye.  1380.
  Tho bysy wrecches ful of wo and drede.
- They callen loue a woodnesse or folye.
  | But it shal falle hem as I shal yow rede.  1383
- They shul for-go pe white and eke pe rede.
- And leue in wo pere god yeue hem myschaunce.
- And euery louere yn his troupe aunauce.  1386

(199)

As wolde god pat wrecches pat dispise.  1387
Seruyse of loue hadde eerys al so longe.
As hadde Myda ful of Coueytise.
And þer-to drenken hadde as hoot and stronge,
As Crassus dide for his afectis wronge.
To techen hem þat þey ben in þe vice.
And loueres nought / al-þough þey holde hem nyce.  1393

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(200)
- This ilke two of whom þat I yow seye. 1394
- whan þat here hertes wel assured were.
- Tho gonne þei to speke and to pleye.
  | And ek rehearse how and whanne and where. 1397
- They knewe hym first and euery wo and feere.
  That passed was / but al swych heuynesse.
  I þanke it god was tourned to gladnesse. 1400

(201)
- And euere more whan þat hem fille to speke. [leaf 68] 1401
  Of ony þing of swych a tyme a-gon.
- with kyssyng alle þat tale sholde breke.
- And fallen in a newe Ioye a-noon. 1404
  | And dede al here myght syn þey were oon.
  | For to recoueren blyssse and ben at ese.
- And passed woo with Ioye countrepeyse. 1407

(202)
- Reson wil not þat I speke of shep. [for shes] 1408
  For it accordeth nough to my materere.
  God wot þey toke of þat ful lytel kepe.
- But lest þis nyght that was to hem so dere. 1411
- Ne sholde in veyn escape in no manere.
  | It was byset in Ioye and bysynesse.
  | Of al þat sowneth in-to gentilesse. 1414

(203)
- But whanne þe kok comune Astrologer. 1415
  Gan on his brest to bete and after to crowe.
- And lucifer þe dayes messager.
  Gan for to ryse / and out here bemyß þrow. 1418
  And afterward ros to hym þat kowde it know.
- Fortuna maior þat anoon Criseyde.
- with herte sore to Troylus þus sayde. 1421

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(204)

| Myn hertes lyf my tryst and my plesaunce. 1422
| That I was born alas what me is wo. 1425
| That day of vs mot make desseueraunce.
| For tyme it is to ryse and hens to go.
| Or ellys I am lost for eueremo. 1428
| O nyght alas whi nyltow ouer vs houe.
| As longe as whanne Almena lay by Ioue.

(205)

| O blake nght as folk in bokes rede. 1429
| That shappen art by god pis world to hide.
| At cerceyn tyme with pi derke wede.
| That vnder pat men myghte in reste abyde.
| wel oughte bestes pleyne. and folk pe chide.
| That pere as day with labour wolde vs breste.
| That pow pus flest. and deynest vs nought reste.

(206)

| Thow dost alas to shortly thyn office. 1436
| Thow rakel nyght pere god makere of kynde.
| The for pyn hast and pyn vnkynde vice.
| So faste ay to oure hemy-spere bynde.
| That neuere more vnder pe ground pow wynde.
| For now for pow so hyest out of Troye.
| Haue I for-gon pus hastely my Ioye. 1442

(207)

| This Troylus pat with po wordes felta. 1443
| As poughte hym tho. for pitous distresse.
| The blody teeris from his herte melte.
| As he pat neuere yet swych heuynesse.
| Assayed hadde out of so gret gladnesse.
| Gan perwith-al Crisheyde his lady dere.
| In armes streyne and seyde in pis manere.

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(208)

• O cruel day accusour of þe Ioye. 1450
• That nyght and loun e han stole and faste y-wryen.
• A-cursed be þi comyng in-to Troye.
  For every bore hath oon of þi bryght eyen. 1453
  Enuyous day what lyst þe so to spyen.
  what hastow lost why sekestow þis place.
  Ther god þi lyght so quenche for his grace. 1456

(209)

Allas what han þese loueres þe agilt. 1457
Dispitous day thyn be þe pyne of helle.
For many a louere hastow shent and wilt.
Thi pouryng In wol no where late hem dwelle.
what proferestow thi light here for to selle.
Go selle it hem þat smale selys grauen.
we wol þe nought. vs nedeth no day hauen. 1463

(210)

And ek þe sonne Tytan gan he to chyde. 1464
And seyde o fol wel may men þe dispise.
That hast þe Dawyng al nyght by þi syde.
And suffrest here so soone vp fro þe ryse.
For to disesen loueres yn þis wyse.
what hold youre bed þer þow and ek þi morwe.
I bidde god so yeue yow boþe sorwe. 1470

(211)

Ther-with ful sore he sight and þus he seyde. (leaf 64) 1471
• My lady right. and of my wele or wo.
• The welle and rote .o. goodly myn Criseyde.
  And shal I ryse allas and shal I go. 1474
  Now fele I þat myn herte mot a two.
  For how sholde I an hour' my lyf sacu.
  Syn þat with yow is al þe lyf I haue. 1477
(212)

What shal I don / for certes I not how. 1478
Ne whanne allas I shal þe tyme se.
That yu þis plit I may be eft with yow.
þ. And of my lyf god wot how þat shal be. 1481
þ. Syn þat desir ryght now so brenneth me.
þ. That I am ded a-noon but I retorne.
How shold I longe allas fro yow sojourne. 1484

(213)
þ. But napeles myn owene lady bryght. 1485
þ. were it so þat I wist outrely.
þ. That I youre humble seruaunt & youre knyght.
þ. were in youre herte set so fermely. 1488
þ. As ye in myn þe whiche þyng trewely.
þ. Me leuere were þan þese wordes tweyne.
þ. Yet sholde I bet endure al my peyne. 1491

(214)
þ. To þat Cryseyde answered right a-noon. 1492
þ. And with a syk she seyde .o. herte dere.
The game y-wys so ferforth now is gon.
þ. That first shal Phebus falle fro his spere. 1495
And euery Egle ben þe dowues fer,
And euery roche out of his place sterte.
Er Tro[i]les out of Criseydes herte. 1498

(215)
þe be so depe In-with myn herte graue. 1499
That þough I wold it turne out of my þought.
As wysly verray god my soule saue.
To dyen in þe peyne I kowde nowght. 1502
And for þe loue of god þat vs hath wrought.
Lat yu youre brayn noon oþer fantasey.
So crepe / þat it cause me to dye. 1505

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An hat ye me wolde han as faste in mynde.  
As I haue yow, hat wold I yow by-seche.  
And yf I wyste sothly / hat to fynde.  
God myght not a poynct my Ioyes eche.  
But herte myn with-oute more speche.  
Ibeth to me trewe or elles were it routhe.  
For I am pyn by god and by my trouthe.

Beth glad for-pi and lyue in sykernesse.  
Thus seydte I neuere er pis ne shal to mo.  
And yf to yow it were a gret gladnesse.  
To turne a-yen soone afte[r] hat ye go.  
As sayn wolde I as ye it were so.  
As wysly god myn herte brynge at reste.  
And hym in armes toke and ofte keste.

Agayns his wil syn it mot nedes be.  
This Troylus vp ros and faste hym cledde.  
And in his armes tok his lady fre.  
An hundred tyme. and on his wey hym spedde.  
And with swych wordes as his herte bledd.  
He seyde farewel myn herte and dere swete.  
There god vs graunte sound and soone to mete.

To which no word for sorwe she answerede.  
So sore gan his partyng here destreyne.  
And Troylus vn-to his palays ferde.  
As wo-by-gon as she was soth to seyne.  
So hard hym wrong of sharp desir pe peye.  
For to ben oft pere he was in plesaunce.  
That it may neuere out of his remembraunce.
(220)

- Returned to his Real Palais soone. 1534
- He softe in to his bedde gan for to slynke.
- To slepe longe as he was woned to done.
  But al for nought he may wel lygge and wynke. 1537
- But slepe ne may þere in his herte synke.
- Thenkyng how she for whom desir hym brende.
- A þousand fold was worth more þan he wende. 1540

(221)

- And in his þought gan vp and dounto wynde. [leaf 65] 1541
- Hise wordes alle and every contenaunce.
  And fermely impressen yn hire mynde.
  The leste poynct þat to hym was plesaunce. 1544
- And verraylyche of þilke remembraunce.
- Desir al new hym brende, and lust to brede.
- Gan more þan erst. and yet toke he noon ȝede. 1547

(222)

- Criseyde also right in þe same wyse. 1548
- Of Troylus gan in here herte shette.
  His worthinesse. his lust / his dedes wyse.
  His gentilesse. and how she with hym mette. 1551
- Thonkyng loue he so wel here by-sette.
  Desiryng oft to haue here herte dere.
  In swych a plyt she dorste make hym chere. 1554

(223)

- Pandare a morwe which þat comen was. 1555
  Un-to his Nece and gan hire fayre grete.
  Seyde. al þis nyght so reynede it alas.
  That al my drede is þat ye my Nece swete. 1558
  Han litel layser had to shepe and mete.
  [1 for slepe]
  Al nyght quod he hath reyn so do me wake.
  That som of vs I trowe here hedes ake. 1561

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(224)

And ner he come and seyde how stont it now.  
This murye morwe nece how kan ye fare.  
Crisseyde answerede neuere þe bet [for] yow.  
Fox þat ye ben. god yeue youre herte care.  
God helpe me so ye causes al þis fare,  
Trow I quod she. for alle youre wordes whyte.  
who-so seth yow knoweth yow ful lite.  

(225)

With þat she gan here face for to wrye.  
with þe shete and wax for shame al red.  
And Pandarus gan vnder for to prye.  
And seyde Nece yf þat I shal ben ded.  
Here haue a swerd and smyte of myn hede.  
with that his arm al sodeynly he þriste.  
Vnder here nekke and at þe laste here keste.  

(226)

I passe al þat which chargeth nought to seye.  [f. 65, b4]  
what god for-þaf his deth an she al so.  
For-þaf and with here vnclc gan for to plye.  
For oþer cause was þer noon but so.  
But of þis þing right to þe effect to go.  
whan tyme was hom til here hous she wente.  
And Pandarus hath fully his entente.  

(227)

Now torne we a-yen to Troylus.  
That resteles ful longe a bedde lay.  
And preuclly sente after Pandarus.  
To hym to come in al þe haste he may.  
He come a-noon nought onys seyde he nay.  
• And Troylus ful sobrely he grette.  
And doun vpon his beddes syde hym sette.  

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(228)

- This Troylus with al þe affeccioun. 1590
- Of frendes loue þat herte may deuyse.
- To Pandarus on knees fil a-down.
  And er þat he wolde out of þe place a-ryse.
  He gan hym þonken in his beste wyse.
  A hondred sithe / and gan þe tyme blysse.
  That he was born / to brynge hym fro distresse. 1596

(229)

| He seyde .o. frend of frendes the alderbeste. 1597
| That euere was / þe soþe for to telle.
- Thow hast in huene y-brought my soule at reste.
- Fro Flegiton the fery flood of helle. 1600
- That þough I myght a þousand tymes selle.
- Vpon a day my lyf in þy seruise.
- It myght nought a mot in þat suffise. 1603

(230)

- The Sonne whiche þat al þe worlde may se. 1604
- Saw neuere yet my lyf þat dar I leye.
- So Inly feyr / and goodly as is she.
- whos I am al / and shal til þat I dye.
  And þat I þus am heres dar I seye.
- That þanked be the heigh worthynesse.
- Of loue. and ek þy kynde bysynesse. 1610

(231)

- Thus hastow me no lytel thyng y-yeue. 1611  [Leaf 68]
- For which to the oblige þe for ay.
- My lyf / and why / for þorugh þyn help I leue.
- For elles ded hadde I be many a day.
- And with þat word down in his bed he lay.
- And Pandarus ful sobrely hym herde.
- Til al was seyd / and þanne he hym answere. 1617

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(232)
- My dere frend yf I haue don for þe.
- In ony cas god wot it is me lief.
- And am as glad as man may of it be.
- God help me so. but tak it not a grief.
- That I shal seyn be war of of myschief.
- That þere as þow now brought art in to blysse.
- That þow þi self ne cause it nought to mysse.

(233)
For of Fortunes sharp aduersite. [p.1—4, Boethius, and Dante] 1625
The worsste kynde of Infortune is þis.
A man to haue be in prosperite.
And it remembren when it passed is.
Thow art wynowh for þi do nought amys.
Be not to Rakel þough pou sitte warme.
For if þow be certeyn it wol þe harme.

(234)
Thow art at eee and holde þe wel þer-Inne.
For also seur as red is euerie fir.
As gret a craft is kep wel as wynne.
Bridle alwey wel þi speche and þi desir.
For worldly Ioye halt not but by a wir.
That preueth wel it brest alday so ofte.
For þi nede is to werke wip it ofte.

(235)
- Quod Troylus I hope and god to-forn.
- My dere frend / þat I shal so me bere.
| That in my gilt þer shal no þing be lorn.
| Ne I nyl not rakte as for to greuen here.
| It nedeth not þis matere ofte tere.
| For wistow myn herte wel Pandare.
God wot of þis þow woldest lital care.
(236)
  • Tho gan he telle hym of his glade nyght.  [leaf 66, back]  1646
    And where-of first his herte dreed & how.
  • And seyde frend as I am trewe knyght.
    And by þat feyth I shal to god and yow.  1649
  • I hadde it neure half so hote as now.
    And ay þe more þat desir me biteth.
  To loue here best / þe more it me dalyteth.  1652

(237)
  I not my self not wisly what it is.  1653
  • But now I fere a newe qualite.
  • Ye al a noper er I dede er þis.
    Pandare answerede and seyde þus þat he.
    That onys may in heuene blyssse be.
    He feleth oþer weyes dar I leye.
    Than þilke tyme he first herd of it seye.  1659

(238)
  • This is o word for al þis Troylus.  1660
  • was neuere ful to speke of þis matere,
  • And for to preyse vn-to Pandarus.
  • The bounte of his right lady dere.
  • And Pandarus to þanke and maken clere.
    This tale ay was span newe to bygynne.
    Til þat þe nyght departed hem a-twynne.  1666

(239)
  • Soone after þis for þat fortune it wolde.  1667
  • I-comen was þe blysful tyme swete.
  That Troylus was warned þat he shulde.
  Ther he was erst Criseyde his lady mete.
    For which he felt his herte in Ioye flete.
    And feythfully gan alle þe goddes herye.
    And lat se now yf þat he kan be merye.  1673
(240)

And holden was þe forme and al þe wyse.
Of here comynge, and of his also.
- As it was erst whych nedeth nought deuyse.
  But playnly to þe effect right for to go.
- In Ioye and seurte Pandarus hem two.
- A-bedde brought whan þat hem boþe leste.
- And þei ben in quyete and yn reste.

(241)

Nought nedep it to yow syn þey ben met.  [omit 07]  1681
To aske at me yf þat þey blyþe were.
For yf it erst was wel þo was it bet.
A pouand fold þis nedep not enquire.
A-gon was euery sorwe and euery fere.
And boþe y-wys þey hadde and so þey wende.
As muche Ioye as herte may complende.

(242)

This is no litel þyng of for to seye.
This passeth euery wyt for to deuyse.
For eche of hem gan óþeres lust obeye.
Felicite which þat þese clerkes wyse.
Commenden so. ne may not here suffice.
This Ioye may not y-wrete ben with Inke.
This passeth al þat herte may by þenke.

(243)

- But cruel day so wel-aweþ þe stounde.
- Gan for to a-proche as þey by synes knewe.
  For which hem þoughte felen dethes wounde.
  So wo was hem þat changen gan here hewe.
- And day þey gonnen to dispise al newe.
  Callyng it traytous enuyous and worse.
- And bitterly þe dayes light þey curse.
Quod Troylus now am I war.
That Pyros and þo swyfte stedes þre.
which þat drawn forth þe sonnes char.
Han gon som by-path in despit of me.
That makeþ it so soone day to be.
And for þe sonne hym hasteth þus to ryse.
Ne shal I neuere don here sacrifice.

But nedes day departe moste hem soone.
And whanne here speche don was and here chere.
• They twynne a-noon as þey were woned to done.
• And setten tyme of metynge eft y-fere.
And many a nyght þey wrought yn þis manere.
And þus Fortune a tymde laddde In Ioye.
Criseyde and ek þis kynges sone of Troye.

In suffisance In blisse and in syngynges. [leaf 57, back]
This Troylus gan al his lyf to lede.
He spendeth Iusteth maketh festeynynges.
He yeueth frely ofte. and chaungeth wede.
And held hym aboute alwey out of drede.
A world of folk. as kam hym wel of kynde.
The freeshest and þe beste he koude fynde.

Pat swych a voys was of hym and [a] steuene.
Thorough-out þe world of honour and largesse.
That it rong vp in-to þe yate of heuene.
• And as in loue he was yn swych gladnessse.
• That in his herte he demede as I gesse.
• That þere nys louere in þis world at ese.
• So wel as he and þus gan loue hym plese.
(248)

- The goodlihede or beaute which þat kynde.
- In ony oper lady hadde y-set.
  Kan not þe mountaunce of a knot vnbynde.
  A-boute his herte of al Criseydes net.
  He was so narwe y-made and y-knet.
  That it vndon on any manere syde.
  That nyl not ben for ought þat may be-tide.

(249)

- And by þe hond ful ofte he wolde take.
- This Pandarus and in-to gardeyn lede.
- And swych a feste and swych a proces make.
- Hym of Criseye / and of here womanhede.
  And of here beaute / þat with-outen drede.
  It was an heuene his wordes for to here.
- And þanne he wolde synge in þis manere.

(250) (Troilus’s Song of Love, 1; adapted from Boethius.)

Loue þat of erpe and se hath gouernaunce.
Loue þat his heste hath in heuene hye.
Love þat with an holsom alliaunce.
Halt peples lowned as hem lyst hym gye.
Loue þat knetteth lawe of companye.
And couples doth in vertu for to dwelle.
Bynd þis a-cord / þat I haue told and telle.

(251) (Troilus’s Song. 2.)

That þat þe world with feyth which þat is stable. [1750]
Dyuersth so his stoundes concordynghe.
That elementes þat ben so discordable.
Holden a bond perpetuely durynghe.
That Phebus mot his rosy day forth brynge.
And þat þe mone hath lordship ouer þe nyghtes.
Al þis doth loue. ay heryed be his nyghtes.

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(252) (Troilus's Song. 3.)

That pat þe se þat gredy is to flowen.
Constrayne to a certeyn ende so.
His floses þat freshely þey ne growen.
To drenchen erte / and al for euere mo.
And yf þat loue ought late his bridal go.
Al þat now loueth a-sonder sholde lepe.
And al were lost þat loue halt now to hepe.

(253) (Troilus's Song. 4.)

So wolde god þat Auctor is of kynde.
That with his bond / loue of his vertu liste.
To cerchen hertes alle and haste bynde.
That from his bond no wight þe weye out wyste.
And hertes colde hem wolde I þat he it wyste.
To make hem loue. and þat hem lest ay rewe.
On hertes sore / and kep hem þat ben trewe.

(254)

* In alle nedes for þe townes werre.
* He was and ay þe firste in armes dight.
* And certaynly but if þat bokes erre.
| Saue Ector most y-drad of ony wight.
* And þis encres of hardinesse & myght.
* Cam hym of loue. his ladyes ðank to wynne.
* That altered his spirit so with-Inne.

(255)

* In tyme of trewe. on haukyng wolde ryde.
* Or elles hunten. bore. beere. or lyoun.
* The smale bestes lect he gon by syde.
| And whan þat he com rydynge in to townè.
* Ful ofte his lady from hire wyndow down.
* As freschi as fawkon cometh out of muwe.
| Ful redy was hym goodly to saluwe.
(256)

- And most of lone and vertu was his speche. [ff. 68, 69] 1786
- And in despit hadde alle wrecchednesse.
- And douteles no nede was hym byseche.
- To honoure hem þat hadde worthynesse. 1789
  And esen hem þat weren in distresse.
  And glad was he yf any wyght wel ferde.
  That louere was. whan he it wyster or herde.

(257)

- For soth to seyn he lost held every wyght. 1793
- But yf he were in loues heyghe seruyse.
  I. mene folk þat oughte it ben of right.
  And ouer al þis so wel koude he deuyse. 1796
  Of sentement. and in so vnknow wyes.
  Al his aray. þat every louere þoughte.
  That al was wel what-so he seyde or wroughte.

(258)

- And þough þat he be come of blod royal. 1800
  Lyst hym of pride at no wyght for to chase.
- Benygne he was to ech yn general.
- For which he gat hym þank in every place. 1803
- Thus wold lone y-herayed be his grace.
- That Pride / enuye / Ire / and anaryce.
- He gan to fle. and every oþer vice. 1806

(259)

| Thow lady bryght þe doughter to Dyone. 1807 |
| Thy blynde and wynged sone ek daun Cupide. |
| Ye sustren nyne ek þat by Elycone. |
| I. hil parnasal ystyn for to a-byde. 1810 |
| That ye þus fer han deyned me to gyde. |
| I kan no more but syn þat ye wol wende. |
| Ye heryed ben for ay with-outen ende. 1813 |

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Though yow haue I seyd fully in my song.
Theffect and Ioye of Troylus seruyce.
Al be þat þere was som dishese a-mong.
As to myn Auctor listþ to deuyse.
My þridde book now ende Ich in þis wys.
And Troylus in lust and in quiete.
Is with Criseyde his owne herte swete.

[End of Book III.]
[Campbell MS., leaf 69.]

[In this Book, the tags of the f, g, k, v of the MS. are not printed.]

(1) (Proem)

- But al to litel weylawe ye whyle. [leaf 69] 1
- Lasteth swych Ioye ye-ponked be Fortune.
- That semeth trewest whanne she wole bygyle.
  And kane to foles so here song entune. 4
- That she hem hent and blent traytour comune.
- And whan a wyght is from here whiel ye-prowe.
- Than laugheth she and maketh here ye mowe. 7

(2)

- From Troylus she gan here brighte face. 8
- A-wey to wripe. and tok of hym noon hede.
- But caste hym clene oute of his lady grace.
  And on here whiel she sette yp diomede. 11
  For which rypt now myn herte gynneth blede.
  And now my penne alas wip which | write.
  Quakep for drode of that I mot endite. 14

(3)

For how Crisyde Troylus forsook. 15
Or at ye leste how pat she was vnkynde.
Mot hennes forth ben matere of my book.
As writen folk porugh which it is in mynde. 18
Allas pat pey shulde euere cause fynde.
To speke here harm and yf pey on here lye.
Y-wys hem self sholde han ye vilynye. 21

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(4) (Invocation)
O ye herynes nyghtes doughtren thre.
That endeles compleynes euere in pyne.
Megera. Alet. and ek Thesyphe.
Thow cruel Mars ek fader of Quyryne.
This ilke ferpe book me helpeth fyne.
So þat þe losse of lyf and lone yfere.
Of Troylus be fully shewed here.
Explicit liber Tercius.

Incipit Quartus Liber.

(5) (The Story)
Iggynge yn ost as I haue seyd er þis. 29
The Grekys stronge a-boute Troye town.
By-fel þat whanne þat Phebus shynyng is.
Vp on þe brest of hercules lyoun. 32
That Ector with many a bold baroun.
Caste on a day wip Grekes for to fighte.
As he was woned to greue hem what he myghte.

(6)
Not I how longe or short it was by-twene. 36
This purpos and þat day þey fighte mente.
But on a day wel armed bryght and shene.
Ector & many a worþi wight out wente.
wip spere on hond and bygge bowes bente.
And in þe berd with-oute lenge lette.
Here fomen in þe feld a-noon hem mette. 42

(7)
The longe day wip speres faste y-grounde. 43
with arwes dartes swordes maces fele.
They fyghte and bryngen hors and man to grounde.
And with here axes out þe braynes quelle.
But in þe last shour soth for to telle.
The folk of Troye hem seluen so mysledden.
That with þe worse at nyght homward þey fledden.
(8)
- At whiche day was taken Antenor. 50
- Maugre Polydamas or Monesteo.
- Santippe / Sarpedon / Polynestor.
- Polyte or eke þe Troian daun Rupheo.
  And opere lasse folk as Phebuseo.
- So þat for harm þat day þe folk of Troye.
- Dredden to lese a gret part of here Ioye. 56

(9)
- Of Pryamus wás yeue at Grekes requeste. 57
- A tyme of trewe and þo þey gonnen trete.
- Here prisoneres to chaungen most and leste.
- And for the surplus yeue sommes grete.
  This þing a-noon was kouth in euerystrete.
  Bope in þasege / in towne and euerysthere.
  And with þe firste it cam to Calkas ere. 63

(10)
- Whan Calkas knew þis tretys sholde holde.  [Leaf 70] 64
- In Consistorie a-mong þe Grekes soone.
  He gan in thrynge forth with lordes olde.
  And sette hym þere as he was woned to done. 67
- And with a chaunged face hem bad a bone.
  For loue of god to don hym þat reuereunce.
- To stynte noyse / and yeue hym audyence. 70

(11)
- Thanne seyde he þus / lo lordes myne I was. 71
- Troian as it is knowen out of drede.
- And if þat yow remembre I am Calkas.
- That alderfirst yaf comfort to youre nede. 74
- And told[e] wel how þat ye sholden spede.
- For dreedles þorugh yow shal in a stounde.
- Ben Troye y-brend / and bete down to grounde. 77
(12)
- And in what forme or for what manere wyse.  
| This town to shende / and al youre lust to acheue.  
- Ye han er þis wel herd it me deuyse.  
- This knowe ye my lorde as I leue.  
   And for þe Grekes were me so leue.  
- I com my-self in my propre persone.  
- To teche in þís how yow was best to done.  

(13)
: Hauynge vn-to my tresour ne my rente.  
: Right no resport / to respect of youre ese.  
: Thus al my good I loste and to yow wente.  
   wenyng in þís you lorde for to plese.  
- But al þat losse ne doth me no dishese.  
   I vouche saf / as wysly haue I Ioye.  
   For you to lese / al þat I haue in Troye.  

(14)
- Saue of a doughter þat I lafte allas.  
| Slepynge at hom whanne out of Troye I sterte.  
- O sterne and cruwel fader þat I was.  
| How myght I haue yn þat so hard an herte.  
- Allas I ne hadde y-brught here in here sherte.  
   For sorwe of which I wol not lyue to morwe.  
   But yf ye lorde rewe vp-on my sorwe.  

(15)
- For by þat cause I say no tyme er now.  
| Here to delyuere I holden haue my pes.  
| But now or neuere yif þat it lyke yowe.  
- I may here haue right gone douteles.  
- O help and grace a-mong al þís pres.  
- Rewe on þís olde caytyf in destresse.  
| Syn I for yow haue al þís heuynesse.  

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(16)

- Ye haue now kaught & fettered in preson.  
- Troians y-nowe / and yf youre wille be.  
- My chyld with on may haue redempcion.
   Now for þe loue of god and of bounte.  
| On of so fele allass so yeue hym me.  
 what nede were it þis preyere for to werne.  
Syn ye shul bothe han folk and town as yerne.  

(17)

On peril of my lyf I shal not lyue.  
Appollo hath me told it feythfully.  
I haue ek founden by astronomye.  
By sort and by augurye ek treweley.  
I dar wel seye þe tyme is faste by.  
That fir and flambe on al þe toun shal sprede.  
And þus shal Troye turnen in ashen dede.  

(18)

For Certeyn Phebus and Neptainus bope.  
That maden þe walles of þe toun.  
Ben with þe folk of Troye alwey so worpe.  
That þei wole brynge it to confusioun.  
Right in despit of kyng lameadoun.  
By cause he nolde payen hem here hire.  
The town of Troye shal ben set on fire.  

(19)

- Tellyng his tale alwey þis olde Greys.  
- Humble in speche and yn his lokynge eke.  
- The salte terys from his eyen twye.  
- Ful faste ronnen doun by eyther chekte.  
| So longe he gan of socour hem by-seche  
  That for to helen hym of his sorwes sore.  
- They yaf hym Antenor with-out e more.  

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(20)

- But who was glad y-nowh but Calkas ðo. [Leaf 71] 134
- And of þis þing ful sone hise nedes leyde.
- On hem þat sholden for þe tretis go.
- And hem for Antenor ful ofte preyde.
| To bryng hem kyng Toas and Crisyde
| And whan Pryam his saue-gard sente.
| The Ambassiatours to Troye streyght þei wente. 140

(21)

- The cause y-told of here comynge, the olde. 141
- Pryam þe kyng ful soone in general.
- Let here-vpon his Parlement to holde. Of which þe effect reheersen yow I shal.
- Themessadours ben answered for fyinal.
| Theshaunge of Prisoners and al þis nede.
| Hem lykeþ wel. and forth in þey procede. 147

(22)

- This Troylus was present in þe place. 148
- whan axed was for Antenor Crisyde.
- For which ful soone chaungen gan his face.
- As he þat with þo wordes wel neygh deyde.
- But natheles he no. word to it seyde.
| Lest men sholde his atteccioun espye.
| with mannes herte he gan hys sorwes drye. 154

(23)

- And ful of angwyssh and of grysly drede. 155
- A-bod what lordes wolde vn-to it seye.
| And yf þey wolde graunte as god forbede.
| Theschaunge of here. þan þought he þynges tweye.
| First how to saue here honour and what weye.
- He myghte best þescchaunge of here withstonde.
| Ful faste he cast how al þis myghte stonde. 161

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(24)

- Loue hym made al prest to don hire byde.
  And raper dye þan she sholde gon.
- But resoun seyde hym on þat oþer syde.
  | with-oute assent of here do not so.
- Lest for þi werk she wolde be þi fo.
  | And seyn þat þorugh þi medlyng is blowe.
  | Yowre bothere loue þere it was erst vnknowe.

(25)

For which he gan deliberen for þe beste.  [leaf 71, back] 169
That þough þe lordes wolde þat she wente.
He wolde late hem graunte what hem leste.
And telle his lady fyrst what þat þey mente.
And whanne þat she hadde seyd hym here entente.
Ther-after wolde he werken also blyue.
Though al þe world ayen it wolde stryue.

(26)

Ector which þat wel þe Grekis herde.
For Antenor how þey wolde han Criseyde.
Gan it withstonde / and sobrely answerede.
Sires she nys no presoner he seyde.
I not on yow who þis charge leyde.
But on my part ye may eft-sone hym telle.
we vsen here no wommen for to selle.

(27)

The noyse of peple vp stirte þanne at onys.
As breme as blase of straw y-set in fyre.
For infortune it wolde for þe nonys.
They sholde hire confusion desire.
Ector quod þey what gost may yow enspire.
This womman þus to shilde & don vs lese.
Dauun Antenor / a wrong wey now ye chese.
(28)
That is so wys / and ek so bold baroun.
And we han nede to folk as men may se.
He is ek on þe grettest of þis stown.
O. Ector lat þo fantasies be.
O kyng Pryam quod þey þus seggen we.
That al oure voys is to for-gon Criseyde.
And to deleyueren Antenor þey preyde.

(29)
O Iuuenal lord trewe is þi sentence.
That liten weten folk what is to yerne.
That þey ne fynde in here desir offence.
For cloud of errour / lat hem not descerne.
what best is / and lo here an ensample as yerne.
This folk desire now deleyueraunce.
Of Antenor / þat brought hem to myschaunce.

(30)
For after he was Traytoure to the town.       [leaf 72]
Of Troye. allas þey quyrt hym out to rape.
O nyce world / lo þy dyscression.
Criseyde which þat neuere dede hem skaþe.
Shal now no longere in here blyssse baþe.
But Antenor he shal com hom to towne.
And she shal out / þus seyden here and howne.

(31)
For which was delibered by Parlemeent.¹  [l.1 /ater]
For Antenor to yelden vp Criseyde.
And it pronouncede by þe prescident.
Al-þey þat Ector nay ful ofte preyde.
And fynaly what wyght þat it with-seye.
It was for nought it moste ben and sholde.
For substaunce of þe parlement it wolde.

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(32)

Departed out of Parlement echone.
This Troylus with-oute wordes mo.
Vn-to his chaumber spede hym faste allone.
But yf it were aman of his or two.
The whiche he bad out faste for to go.
By cause he wolde slepe as he seyde.
And hastely vp on his bed hym leyde.

(33)

And as yn wyntere leues ben by-raft.
Eche after oþer til þe tre be bare.
So þat þer nys but bark and braunche y-laft.
Lyth Troylus byraft of eche wel-fare.
I-bounden in þe blake bark of care.
Disposed wod out of his wit to breyde.
So sore hym sat þe chaungynge of Criseyde.

(34)

He rist hym vp and eueri dore he shette.
And wyndowe ek and þo þis sorweful man.
Vp-on his beddes side a-doun hym sette.
Ful lyk a ded ymage pale and wan.
And in his brest þe hepede wo hygan.
Out brest / and he to werkyn in þis wyse.
In his woodnesse. as I shal yow deuyse.

(35)

Byght as þe wylde bole by-gynneth sprynge.
Now here now þere I-darted to þe herte.
And of his deth roeth yn compleynynge.
Righ so gan he aboute þe chaumber sterete.
Smytyng his brest ay with his festes smerte.
His hed to þe wal his body to þe grounde.
Ful ofte he swaupte him self to confounde.

TROILUS. N  CAMPSELL
(36)
- Hys eyen two for pite of his herte. 246
- Out stremeden as swyfte welles tweye.
- The heyghe sobbes of his sorwes smerte.
- His speche hym rafte vnnepes myght he seye. 249
- O deth / alas whi nyltow do me deye.
  A-cursed be pe day which pat natura.
  Shope me to ben a lyues creature. 252

(37)
- But after whan pe furye and pe rage. 253
  whiche pat his herte twyste & faste prest.
- By lenghe of tyme somewhat gan asswage.
- Vp on his bed he leyde hym down to reste. 256
- But po by-gonne his terys more out breste.
- That wonder is pe body may suffise.
- To half pis wo / which pat I yow deuyse. 259

(38)
- Thanne seyde he pus Fortuneallas pe while. 260
- what haue .I. don. what haue I pus a-gilt.
  How myghtestow for reuţe me by-gyle.
  Is ſer no grace and shal I pus be spilt. 263
  Shal ſus Criseyde a-way for ſat ſow wylt.
  Allas how maystow ſin herte fynde.
  To ben to me ſus cruel and vnkynde. 266

(39)
- Hauæ I ſe nought honoured al my lyue. 267
- As ſow wel wolst a-boue ſe goddes alle.
  why wiltow me fro Ioye ſus depreyue.
  O. Troylus what may men ſe now calle. 270
- But wreche of wreches out of honour falle.
  In-to myserie ſn which I wol by-wayle.
  Criseyde allas / til ſat ſe breth me fayle. 273

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(40)

- Allas fortune yt yat my lyf yn Ioye.  [Leaf 73]
- Displeased hadde vn-to thy foule enuye.
- why ne haddestow my fader kyng of Troye.
- By-raft pe lyf' on don my breperen deye.
  Or slayn my-self / yat pues compleyne and crye.
  I combre world yat may of no ping serue.
  But euere dye / and neuere fully sterue.

(41)

- Yf yat Criseyde allone were me laft.
- Nought rought I wheder pow woldest me stere.
  And here allas yan hastow me by-raft.
- But euere more lo pis is pi manere.
- To reue a wyght yat most is to hym dere.
  | To reue ym yat pi greful violence.
  | Thus am I lost yere helpeth no defence.

(42)

- O verray lord of loue .o. god allas.
- That knowest best myn herte & al my pought.
- what shal my sorwful lyf don in pis cas.
- Yf .I. for-go yat .I. so dere haue bought.
  : Syn ye Cryseyde and me han fully brought.
  : In-to your grace and bope cure hertes seled.
  : How may ye suffre allas it be repeles.

(43)

: What I may don .I. shal whil I may dure.
: On lyue in torment and yn cruwel payne.
: This infortune. or pis dissauenture.
: Allas as I was born y-wys compleyne.
  Ne neuere wyl I seen it shyne or reyne.
  But ende I wil as Edippe yn derkesse.
  My sorwful lyf / and dyen in dystresse.
(44)
- O verray gost pat errest to and fro.
- why nyltow fle out of pe wofulleste.
- Body. pat euere myght on grounde go.
- O soule lurkynge in pis wo vnneste.
- Fle forth out of myn herte and lat it breste.
- And folwe alwey Criseyde pi lady dere.
  Thi righte place is now no lengere here.

(45)
- O wofulle eyen two syn youre desport. [leaf 73, back]
  was al to seen Criseydes eyen bryght.
- what shal ye don but for my discomfort.
- Stondeth for nought / and wepen out youre sight.
  Syn she is queynt pat wont was yow to lyght.
  In veyn fro pis forth haue I eyen twayne.
- y-formed syn youre vertu is a-wayne.

(46)
- O my Criseyde. o. lady souereyne.
- Of pis woful soule. pat pus crieth.
- who shal now yeuen comfort to pe peyne.
  Allas no wight but when myn herte dyeth.
  My spirit / which pat vn-to yow so hyeth.
  Receyue in gre / for pat shal ay yow serue.
  For-pi no fors is pouf pe body sterue.

(47)
O ye loueres pat heyhe vpon pe whiel.
Ben set. of Fortune yn good auenture.
God leue pat ye fynde ay loue of stel.
And longe mot youre lyf yn Ioye endure.
But whanne ye komen be my sepulture.
Remembreth pat youre felawe resteb þere.
For I louede ek þough I vnworþi were.
(48)

- O olde vnholsom and mysbyleued man.
- Calkas I mene. allas what eyleth she.
- To ben a Grek syn þou art born Troian.
  - O calkas which þat wilt my bane be.
  - In cursed tyme was þow born for me.
  - As wolde blysful Ioue for his Ioye.
- That I þe hadde where as I wolde in Troye.

(49)

- A þousand sykes hottere þan þe glede.
- Out of his brest eche after oper wente.
- Meddles with pleyntes newe his wo to fede.
- For which his woful terys neuere stente.
- And shortly so his peynes hym to-rente.
  - And wex so mat. þat Ioye nor penaunce.
  - He feleth noon but lyth forth in a traunce.

(50)

- Pandare whiche þat in the parlement. [Leaf 74]
- Hadde herd what euery Burgeys & lord seyde.
- And how ful graunted was by on assent.
- For Antenor to yelden so Criseyde.
  - Gan wel neygh wod out of his wit to breyde.
  - So þat for wo he nyste what he mente.
  - But yn a res / to Troylus he wente.

(51)

- A certeyn knyght þat for þe tyme kepte.
  - The chaumber dore vn-dede it hym a-noon.
  - And Pandare þat ful tendreliche wepte.
- In-to þe derke chaumber as stille as ony ston.
  - Toward þe bed gan softly to gon.
- So confus þat he nyst what to seye.
  - For verray wo / his wit was neigh a-weise.
And with his chere and lokyng al to-torn.
For sorwe of þis. and with his armes folden.
He stod þis woful Troylus byiforn.
And on his pitous face he gan byholden.
But Lord so often gan his herte colde.
Seyng his frened in wo / whos heuynesse.
His herte slow as þought hym for distresse.

This woful wight / þis Troylus þat falte.
His frened Pandare y-comen hym to se.
Gan as þe snow a-yen þe sonne melte.
For wyych þis sorwful Pandare of pyte.
Gan for to wepe as tendrlyche as he.
And specheles þus ben þis ilke tweye.
That neyther myghte o word for sorwe seye.

But at þe laste þis woful Troylus.
Ney ded for smert gan bresten out to rore.
And with a sorwful noyse he seyde þus.
Among his sobbes and his sikes sore.
Lo Pandare I am ded with-outen more.
Hastow nought herd at parlement he seyde.
For Antenor how lost is my Criseyde.

This Pandarus ful dede and pale of hewe. [leaf 74, back]
Ful pytously answerede and seyde yis.
As wysly were it fals as it is trewe.
That I haue herd and wot al how it is.
O mercy god who wolde haue trowed þis.
who wolde haue wend þat yn so lytel a þrove.
Fortune oure Ioye wolde han ouer-þrove.
(56)
For yn þis world þere is no creature.
Als to my dom þat euere saw ruyne.
Straunge þan þis þorugh cas or auenture.
But who may al eschewe or al deuyne.
Swych is þis world. for-þi I þus defyne.
Ne trust no wyght to fynden in Fortune.
Ay propreté. his yeftes ben comune.

(57)
| But tel me þis whi ðou art now so mad. 393
• To sorwen þus. why listow in þis wyse.
• Syn þi desir al holly hastow had.
• So that by right it oughte y-now suffise.
• But I þat neuere felte in my seruyse.
• A frendly chere or lokyng of an eye.
• Lat me þus wepe an wayle til I dye.

(58)
• And ouer al þis / as þow wel wost þi-selue. 400
• This town is ful of ladys al aboute.
| And to my dom faireere þan swych twelue.
As euere she was shal I fynde yn som route.
Ye oone or two with-outen any doute.
For-þi be glad myn owen dere broþer.
• If she be lost. we shul reconere anoþer.

(59)
What god for-bede alwey þat eche plesaunce. 407
In o þynge were and noon oþer wynge.
Yf oon kan synge a noþer kan wel daunce.
Yf þis be goodly she is glad and lyght.
And þis is fayr and þat kan good aright.
Ech for his vertu holden is for dere.
Boþe heronere and ñaukon of ryuere.

CAMPSELL
(60)

: And ek as writ sauzis þat was ful wys. [læf 75] 414
- The newe loue out cacheth ofte þe olde.
  And vp-on newe cas lyth newe anys.
| Thenk ek þi self to saue þow art holde. 417
  Swych fyr by proces shal of kynde colde.
  For syn it is but casuel plesaunce.
  Som cas shal putte it out of remembraunce. 420

(61)
For al so seur as day cometh after nyght. 421
The newe loue / labour or oþer wo.
Or ellys selde seynge of a wyght.
Don olde afeccions al ouer go. 424
And for þi part þow shalþ haue one of þo.
To abrigge with þi bittre peynes smerte.
Absence of here shal dryue here out of herte. 427

(62)
This wordes seyde he for þe nones alle. 428
To helpe his frend lest he for sorwe deyde.
For doutule to don his sorwe to falle.
He rought not what vnthryf he seyde. 431
| But Troylus þat neigh for sorwe deyde.
Toker litel hed of al þat euere he mente.
Oon eere it herde. at þe oþer out it wente. 434

(63)
- But at þe laste he answered and seyde a frend. 435
  This lechcraft. or heled þus to be.
  were wel sittyng if þat I were a fende.
  To trassen here þat trewe is vnto me. 438
- I pray to god lat þis consayl neuere þe.
- But do me rathere a-noon sterue right here.
- Er I þus do / as þow me woldest lere. 441

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(64)
She þat I serue ywys what so þow seye.
To whom myn her enhabyt is by right.
- Shal han me holly heres til þat I deye.
For Pandarus syn þat I haue trouþe here hight.
I wol not ben vntrewre for no wyght.
But as here man I wolde ay lyne and stere.
And neuere oþer creature serue.

(65)
And þere þow seyst thow shalt as faire fynde. [v.73,82]
As she. lat be / make no comparson.
To creature y-formed here by kynde.
O leue Pandare in conclusion.
I wol not be of þyn opynyon.
Towchynge al þis / for whiche I þe byseche.
So hold þi pes / þow slyste me wiþ þi speche.

(66)
- Thow biddest me I sholde loue an oþer.
- Al fresshly newe and lat Crisyde go.
- It lith not in my power leue broþer.
- And þough I myght I wil not do so.
But kanstow playen raket to and fro.
Netle In, dokke out. now this / now þat Pandare.
Now fowle falle here þat for þi wo þ hath þ care. [\textsuperscript{1} hath is in corrector's hand.]

(67)
Þow farest ek by me þow Pandarus.
As he þat whan a wyght is wo-by-gon.
He cometh to hym a pas / and seyth right þus.
Thenk not on smert. and þow shalt fele noon.
- Thow most me first transmuwen in a ston.
And reue me my passions alle.
- Er thow so lightly do my wo to falle.
(68)

- The deth may wel out of my brest departe. 470
  The lyf. so longe may pis sorwe myne.
  But fro my sowle shal Crisseyde darte.
- Out neuere mo / but down wiþ prosperpyne. 473
  whan I am ded I wol go won in pyne.
  And þer I wol eternally compleyne.
  My wo / and how þat twynned be we tweyne.

(69)

- Thow hast here mad an argument for fyn. 477
- How þat it sholde a lasse payne be.
- Cresseyde to for-gon for she was myn.
- And leue in ese and yn felicite.
- whi gabbestow þat sayest þus to me.
  That hym is wors þat is fro wele y-prowe.
  Than he hadde erst non of þat wele knowe.

(70)

- But tel me now syn þat þe thenketh so lyght. [tafel 78] 484
- To chaungen so in loue ay to and fro.
- whi hastow not don bysily þi myght.
- To chaungen here þat doth þe al þi wo. 487
  Why neltow lete here fro þyn herte go.
- why nyltow loue an oþer lady swete.
- That may þin herte settin in quyete.

(71)

- If þow hast had in loue ay yet myschaunce. 491
- And kann it not out of þyn herte dryue.
- I þat leuede yn lust and in plesaunce.
- with here as muche as creature on lyue. 494
- How sholde I þat foryete and þat so blyue.
  O where hastow ben hid so longe in nuwe.
  That kann so wel and formely arguwe.

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(72)
Nay god wot nought worth is al þi red.
For which / for what þat euere may by-falle.
with-outen wordes mo I wol be ded.
- O. deth þat endere art of sorwes alle.
- Com now / syn I so ofte after þe calle.
For sely is þat deth soth for to seyne.
That ofte ycleped cometh and endeth peyne.

(73)
Wel wot I whil my lyf was in quyete.
Er þow me slowe .I. wolde haue yeuen here.
- But now þi comynge is to me so swete.
That in þis world I no þing so desire.
- O deth syn with þis sorwe I am a fyre.
- Thou opert do me anoon yn þis teris drenche.
- Or with þi colde strok myn hete quenche.

(74)
- Syn þat þow sleest so fele in sondry wyse.
- A-yens hire wil vnpreyed day and nyght.
- Do me at my reueste þis seruise.
Delyuere now þe world so dostow right.
Of me þat am þe wofullest wyght.
That euere was for tyme is þat I sterue.
Syn in þis world of right nought may .I. serue.

(75)
- This Troilus in teris gan distille. [leaf 76, back]
- As licour of a lambyc ful faste.
- And Pandarus gan holde his tunge stille.
And to þe ground his eyen doun he caste.
But naþales þus þought he at þe laste.
- what parde raper þan my felawe deye.
- Yet shal I som-what more vn-to it seye.
(76)

- And seyd frend syn þow hast swych distresse. 526
- And syn þow list myn argumentʒ blame.
- why nylt þi self helpen don redresse.
  And with þy manhod letten al þis grame. 529
- To rauyshe here, ne kanstow not for shame.
  And õper lat here out of towne fare.
  Or hold here stille, and leue þi nyce fare. 532

(77)

- Artow in Troye and hast noon hardiment. 533
- To take a womman which þat loueth þe.
  And wolde here seluen be of þyn assent.
  Now is not þis a nyce vanyte. 536
- Rys vp anoorn. and lat þis wepyng be.
  And kyth þow art a man for yn þis owre.
  I wil be ded or she shal bleuen oure. 539

(78)

- To this answerede hym Troylus ful softe. 540
  And seyde parde leue broþer dere.
- Al þis haue I my self yet þought ful ofte.
- And more þyng þan þow deuysest here.
  But whi þyng is laſt þow shalt wel here.
  And whan þow me hast yeue an audience.
  Ther-after mayst þow telle aþ þi sentence. 546

(79)

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Fyrst syn þow wost þis town hath al þis werre. 547
For rauysshynge of wommen so my myght.
| It sholde not be suffred me to erro.
  As it stant now / ne don so gret vnright. 550
I sholde han also blame of every wyght.
My fadres graunt yf þat I so withstode.
Syn she is chaunged for þe townes goode. 553
</box>
(80)

- I haue ek pought so it were here assent.
- To aske hire at my fader of his grace.
- Thanne þenk I þis were here accusement.
  - Syn wel I wot I may here not purchace.
  - For syn my fader in so heigh a place.
    As parlement hath here eschaunge enseled.
  - He nyl for me his lettre be repeled.

(81)

- Jet drede I most here herte to pertourbe.
- with violence yf I do swych a game.
  For yf I wolde it openly distourbe.
  It most ben disclaundre to here name.
  And me were leuere ded þan here deſama.
  As nold god but yf I sholde hauue.
  Here honour leuere þan my lyf to saue.

(82)

Thus am I lost for ought þat I kan se.
For cerceyn is syn þat I am here knyght.
I moste here honour leuere han þan me.
In euery cas as louere oughte of right.
Thus am I with desir and reson twyght.
Desir for to distourben here me redeth.
And reson nyl not so myn herte dredeþ.

(83)

- Thus wepynge þat he koude neuere cesse.
  He sayde alas how shal I wrecche fare
  For wel fele I alwey my loue encresse.
  And hope is lasse and lasse alwey Pandare.
- Encresen ek þe causes of my car.
  So wel-a-vey whi nyl myn herte breste.
  For as in loue / þer is but litel reste.

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(84)

- Pandare answerede frend how mayst for me. 582
- Don as þe list / but hadde ich it for hote.
  And þyn estat / she sholde go with me.
  Thogh al þis town criede on þis þyng by note. 585
  I nold sette at al þat noyse a grote.
  For when men han wel cried þan wol þey rowne.
  A wonder last but .ix. nyght neuere yn towne. 588

(85)

| Deuyn not in resyn ay so depe. | [leaf 77, back] 589 |
| Ne curteysly. but help þi self anoon. |
| Bet is þat opere þan þi self wepe. |
| And namly syn ye two ben al oon. 592 |
| Rys vp for by myn hed she shal not gon. |
| And raþere be in blame a litel y-founde. |
| Than sterue here as a gnat with-owte wounde. 595 |

(86)

It is no shame to yow ne no vice. 596
Here to with-holden. þat ye loueth most.
Paraunter she myght holden þe for nyce.
To late here go þus. vn-to þe Grekes ost. 599
* Thenk ek Fortune as wel þi seluen wost.
* Helpeþ hardly man to his emprise.
* And weyueth wrecches / for here cowardise. 602

(87)

- And þough þi lady wolde a litel here greue. 603
- Thow shalt þi pes ful wel here-after make.
- But as for me certayn .I, kan not leue.
- That she wolde it as now for yuel take.

  whi sholde þanue of fered þyn herte quake.
  Thenk ek how Parys hath þat is þi broþer.
  A loue. and whi shaltow not haue a noþer. 609
(88)

And Troilus o. þyng I dar þe swere.
  That if Criseyde whiche þat is þi lef.
  Now loue þe as wel as þow dost here.
  God helpe me so she nyl not take a gref.
  They þow do bote a-noon in þis myschef
  And yf she wilneth fro yow for to passe.
  Thanne is she fals / so loue here wel þe lasse.

(89)

• For-þi tak herte and þenk right as a kynght.
• Thourgh loue is broken alday euerly lawe.
• Kygh now sumwhat þi corage and þi myght.
• Haue mercy on þi self for ony awe.
  Lat not þis wrecched wo þin herte gnaue.
  But manly set þe world on sice and seuene.
  And yf þow deye a martir go to heuene.

(90)

• I wol my self be with þe at þis nede. [leaf 78]
  Theygh ich and al my kyn vp-on a stonde.
  Shulle in a strete as dogges liggen dede.
  Thourgh girt with many a wyd and blody wounde.
  In euerly cas I wol a frend be founde.
  And yf þe lyst here steruen as a wrecche.
  A dieu, þe deuel spede hym þat recche.

(91)

| This Troilus gan with þo wordes to quyken.
• And seyde frende graunt mercy ich assente.
  But certaynly þow mayst not me so pryken.
| Ne peyne noon ne may me so tormente.
| That for no cas it is not myn entente.
| At short wordes þough I dyen sholde.
| To rauysshem hire / but yf here-self it wolde.
(92)

Why so mene I quod Pandarus al þis day.
But tel me þanne / hastow here wel assayed.
That sorwest þus / and he answered nay.
Wher-of artow quod Pandare þan a-mayed.
That nost not þat she wol ben euele apayed.
To raussehen here syn þow hast not ben þere.
But if þat Ioue told it yn þin cære.

(93)

For-thi rys vp as nought ne were a-noon.
- And wassh þi face and to þe kyng þow wende.
 | Or he may wondren whider þow art gon.
Thow most with wysdom hym & othere blende.
Or vp-on cas he may after þe sende.
Er þow be war and shortly broper dere.
Be glad / and lat me werke in þis materre.

(94)

- For I shal shappe it so sikerly
- Thow shalt þis nyght som tyme in som manere.
- Com speke with þi lady preuely.
And by here wordes ek and by here chere.
Thow shalt ful sone a-parceyue and wel here.
Al here entente / and yn þis cas þe beste.
And fare now wel / for in þis poynt I reste.

(95)

- The swyfte fame whiche þat false þynges. [leaf 79, back]
- Egal reporteth lyk þe þynges trewe.
- was þorough-out Troye y-fled with preste wynges.
- Fro man to man and made þis tale of newe.
- How Calkas daughter with here brighte hewe.
 | At parlement with-oute wordes more.
- I-graunted was yn chaunge of Antenore.
(96)
- The whiche tale a-noon right as Criseyde.
- Had herd. she þat of here fader roughte.
  | As in þis cas right nought ne whanne he deyde.
  | Ful bysily to Iuppiter by-soughte.
  | yeue hym myschaunce þat þis tretis broughte.
- But shortly lest þis tales soth were.
- She dorste at no wyght asken it for fere.

(97)
- As she þat hadde here herte and al here mynde.
- On Troylus y-set so wonder faste.
  | That al þe world ne koude here loue vnbynde.
  | Ne Troylus out of here herte caste.
  | She wol ben his whil þat here lyf may laste.
  | And þus she brenneth boþe in loue and drede.
  | That she nyste what was best to rede.

(98)
- But as men sen in towne and al aboute.
- That wommen vsen frendes to visite.
- So to Criseyde of wommen cyme a rowte.
- For pitous loye and wenden here delite.
  | And with here tales dere ynowh a myte.
  | These wommen whiche þat yn þe cite dwelle.
- Thei sette hem down and seyde as I shal telle.

(99)
- Quod first þat oone .I. am glad trewely.
- By-couse of yow þat ye shal youre fader sa.
- A-nophe answered I-wys so am not .I.
  | For al to litel hath she with vs be.
- Quod þe þridde I hope y-wys þat she.
- Shal brynge vs þe pes on eueri side.
  | That whanne she gooth almyghti god here gyde.
(100)

- Tho wo[r]des and po wommanynyssh þynges. 694
- She herd hem ryght as þough she þens were.
  For god it wot here herte on oper þing is.
- Al-þough þe body sat a-mong hem þere. 697
- Here aduertence is alwey allys-where.
- For Troylus ful faste here herte soughte.
  with-outen word alwey on hym she þoughte. 700

(101)

- This wommen þat wenden here to plesa. 701
- A-boute nought gonne alle here tales spende.
  Swych vanite ne kan don hem non ece.
  As she þat al þis mene while brende. 704
- Of oper passion þan þat þey wende.
  So þat she telte almost here herte deye.
  For wo and wery of þat companye. 707

[Stanza 102, l. 708-714, tho left out of the Campsall MS.
and Harl. 2280, is partly in Boccaccio (see p. 196 of
Mr. Rossetti's Filostrato and Troylus), and wholly in
Cambr. Gg., Harl. 3943, ßc.]

(103)

- And thilke fooles sittynghe here a-boute. 715
- wende þat she wepte and syked sore.
- By cause þat [she] sholde out of þat route.
  Departe. and neuere pleye with hem more.
  And þey þat hadde y-knownen here of yore.
  Seygh here so wepe and þoughte it kyndenesse.
  And ech of hem wepte eke for here distresse. 721
(104)

- And bisily þey gonnen here conforten.
- Of þing god wot on which she litel þoughte.
- And with her tales wenden here disporten.
- And to be glad þey often here by-soughte.
- But swich an ese þer-with þey here wroughte.
- Right as a man is esed for to fele.
- For ache of þed to clawen hym on his hele.

(105)

- But after al þis nyce vanyte.
- They tok here leue and hom þey wenten alle.
- Cryseyde ful of sorwful pite.
- In to here chaumbre vp wente out of þe halle.
- And on here bed she gan for ded to falle.
- In purpos neuere þennes for to ryse.
- And þus she wroughte as I shal yow denyse.

[The real Stanza 106, l. 736-742, is misplaced in the Campsall MS. & Hurl. 2280 & 3943, and put after st. 107 (see p. 197, 198 of Mr. Rossetti's Filostrato and Troylus, Chaucer Soc.). But as the change may have been made by Chaucer, and as the changer has altered the text (l. 750, 752, 764) to make the story right, I am obliged to have different stanzas for nos. 106-108, and different lines for nos. 736-756.]

(106)

- Here owned heer þat sonnysah was of hewe. [736
- She rente / and ek here fyngres longe and smale.
- She wrong ful ofte and bad god on here rewre.
- And with þe deth to don bote on here bale.
- Here hewe whilom bright þat þo was pale.
- Bar witnes of here wo and constreynte.
- And þus she spak sobbynge in here compleynete.
(107)

- Allas quod she out of pis regioun.
- I woful wrecche and infortuned wight.
- And born in corsed constellacioun.
- Mot gon and pis departen fro my knyght.
- wo worth allas pat ilke dayes lyght.
- On which I saw hym first with eyen tweyne.
- That causeth me and I hym al pis peyne.

(108)

_Therwith pe terys from here eighen two._
_9oun fille. as shour in aperiH swype._
- Here white brest she bet / and for pe wo.
- After pe deth she cried a pousand sipe.
- Syn he pat wont here wo was for to lype.
- She mot for-gon. for which disaunenture.
  She held here-self a forlost creature.

(109)

- She seyde how shal he do and I also.
- How sholde I lyue / yf I from hym twynne.
- O dere herte ek pat I loue so.
- who shal pat sorwe slee hen pat ye ben Inne.
- O. Calkas fader thyn be al pis synne.
  O. moder myn pat cleped were Argyue.
- wo worth pat day pat pow me bere on lyue.

(110)

- To what fyn sholde I lyue and sorwen pis.
_9ow sholde .I. a fysshi with-oue water' dure._
- what is Criseyde worth from Troylus.
_9ow sholde a plaunte or lyues creature._
_9uy with-oue his kynde noriture._
For which ful oft a by-word here I seye.
That roteles mot grene sene deye.

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(111)
I shal don thus syn neyper swerd ne darte.  [Leaf 89] 
Dar I noon handle for pe cruwelte.
That ilke day pat I from hym departe.
If sorwe of pat nyl not my bane be.
• Than shal no mete or drynk come in me.
• Til I my soule out of my breste vnshepe.
• And þus my-seluen wold I do to dethe.

(112)
• And Troylus my cloþes everychone.
• Shul blake ben yn tokenyng herte swete.
| That I am as out of þis world a-gon.
That wont was yow to setten in quiete.
And of myn ordre ay til deth me mete.
The obseruance euere yn youre absence.
Shal sorwe ben. compleynyte and abstinence.

(113)
Myn herte and ek þe woful gost þer-Inne.
Biquethe I with youre spirit to compleyne.
Eternally for þey shul neuere twynne.
For pough in erthe twynned be we twyne.
Yet in þe feld of pite out of peyne.
That hight Elysos shul we ben y-ferre.
As Orpheus. and Erudice his fere.

(114)
Thus herte myn for Antenor Alas.
I soone shal be chaunged as I wene.
But how shul ye don yn þis sorwful cas.
How shal youre tendre herte þis sustene.
But herte myn / for-yet þis sorwe and tene.
And me also / for sothly for to seye.
So ye wel fare / I recche not to deye.

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(115)

- How myght it euere y-red ben or y-songe. 799
- The pleynote pat she made in here distresse.
- I. not / but as for me my litel tonge.
- If I discreuen wolde here heuynesse. 802
- It sholde make here sorwe seme lesse.
  Than pat it was / and chyldisshly deface.
| Here heyghe compleynete, and þerfore I it pace. 805

(116)

- Pandare which þat sent was from Troylus. [leaf 50, back] 806
  Vn-to Criseyde / as ye han herd deuyse.
  That for þe beste it was accorded þus.
  And he ful glad to don hym þat servuce. 809
- Vn-to Criseyde in a ful seere wyse.
- Ther as she lay in torment and in rage.
  Come here to telle al holly his message. 812

(117)

| And fond þat she here-seluen gan to trete. 813
| Ful pitously / for with here salte terys.
- Here brest here face y-baped was ful wete.
- The myghty tresses of here sonnyssh herys. 816
- Vnbroyden / hangen al aboute here eris.
| which yaf hym verry signal of matere.
| Of deth / which þat here herte gan desire. 819

(118)

- Whan she hym saw she gan for sorwe a-noon. 820
- Here tery face / a-twixe here armes hyde.
  For which pis Pandare is so wo-by-gon.
  That in þe hous he myghte vnneþe a-byde. 823
  As he þat felte pyte on every syde.
  For yf Criseyde hadde erst compleyned sere.
  Tho gan she pleyne a þousand tymes more. 826

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(119)

And in here aspro pleyn / þan she seyde. 827
Pandare first of Toyes mo þan two.
was cause causynge vn-to me Criseyde.
That now transmuwed ben in cruel wo.
wher shal I seye to yow / wel come or no.
That alderferst me brough[1] in-to servise.
Of loue / allas þat endeth in þis wyse. 833

(120)

Endeth þanne loue in wo. ye er men lieth. 834
And alle worldly blyss as þenketh me.
The ende of blisse ay sorwe it occupieth.
And who þat troweth not þat it so be.
Lat hym vpon me woful wrecche y-se.
That my self hate / and ay my birþe accurse.
Felynge alwey fro wo I go to worse. 840

(121)

Who-so me seth. he seth sorwe al at onys. [leaf 81] 841
Peyne / torment / pleyn / wo / and distresse.
Out of my woful body / harm þer non is.
As angwysshe / langour / cruel bitterness.
A-noy / smert / drede / fury / and ek sikenesse.
I trowe I-wys from heuene teris reyne.
For pite of myn aspre and cruwel peyne. 847

(122)

• And þow my suster ful of discomfort. 848
• Quod Pandarus / what þenkestow to do.
whi ne hastow to þi-seluen som resport.
• wh[i] woltow þus þi-selue [allas] for-do. 851
• Lef al þis wek and take now hede to.
• That I shal seyn / and herkene of good entente.
• This / which by me þi Troylus þe sente. 854

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(123)

- Torned here þo Criseyde a wo makynde. 855
- So gret þat it a deth was for to se.
- Allas quod she / what wordes may ye brynge.
- what wold my dere seyn to me. 858
- which þat I drede neuere mo to se.
- wol ye haue pleynyte or terys er I wende.
- I haue y-nowe yf he þer after sende. 861

(124)

- She was right swych to sen in hire visage. 862
- As is þat wight þat men on bere bynde.
- Here face lyk a paradys þe ymage.
- was al I-chaunged in a-noþer kynde. 865
- The pleye / þe laughtre / men was wont to fynde.
- In here / and ek here IOyes everychone.
- Ben fled / and þus lith now Criseyde allone. 868

(125)

- Aboute here eyen two a purpre ryng. 869
- Bytrent / in sothfast tokenyng of here peyne.
  That to by-holde it was a dedly þing.
- For which Pandare myght not restreyne. 872
- The terys from hise eyen for to reyne.
- But naþes as he best myght he seyde.
- From Troylus / þis wordes to Criseyde. 875

(126)

- Lo Nece .I. trowe ye han herd al how.  [leaf 81, back] 876
  The kyng with oþere lorde for þe beste.
  Hath mad eschaunge of Antenor & yow.
  That cause is of þis sorwe and þis vnreste. 879
- But how þis cas doth Troylus molest.
- That may non erþely mannes tongue seye.
  For verray wo his wit is al a-vey. 882

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(127)
- For which we han so sorwed he and I.
- That in-to litel bope it hadde vs slawe.
- But purgh my conseyl pis day fynally.
- He somwhat what is fro wepyng now wip-drawe.
- It semeth me pat he desireth fawwe.
- with yow to ben al nyght for to deuyse.
  Remede in pis / yf per were any wyse.

(128)
- This short and pleyne pefect of my message.
- As ferforth as my wit may comprehende.
- For ye pat ben of torment in swych rage.
- May as to no long prologe as now entendre.
- And her-pon ye may an answere hym sende.
- And for pe loue of god my Nece dere.
  So lef pis wo er Troylus be here.

(129)
- Gret is my wo quod she and sighed sore.
- As she pat felt dedly sharpe distresse.
- But yet to me his sorwe is mucho more.
- That loueth hym bet pan he hym self ,I. geose.
- Allass for me hath he swych heuynesse.
- Kan he for me so pitously compleyne.
- I-wis this sorw doublep al my peyne.

(130)
- Greuous to me god wot is for to twynne.
- Quod she / but yet it hardere is to me.
- To sen pat sorwe whiche pat he is Inne.
- For wel wot I it wole my bane be.
- And deye I wole in certayn po quod she.
- And bidde hym come er deth pat pus me treteth.
  Dryf out pe gost / which in myn herte he beteth.
(131)

- This wordes seyd / she on here armes two. 911
- Fil gruf / and gan to wepe pitously.
- Quod Pandarus alas whi do ye so.
- Syn ye wel wet þe tyme is faste by.
- That he shal come / a-rys vp hastely.
- That he yow nat by-wopen þus ne fynde.
  But ye wol han hym wod out of his mynde. 917

(132)

- For wist he þat ye ferde in þis manere. 918
- He wolde hym sele sle / and ye I wend.
- To han þis fare. he sholde not come here.
  For al þe good þat Pryam may despende.
- For to what fyn he wolde a-noon pretende.
- That know I. wel / and for þi yet I seye.
  | So lef þis sorwe / or platly he wole deye. 924

(133)

- And shappeth yow his sorwe for to a-bregge. 925
- And nought encresse / leue Nece swete.
  Buth raþer to hym of flat þan egge.
  And with som wysdom ye his sorwes bete.
  what helþ þe it to wepen ful a strete.
  Or þough ye boþe in salte teris dренche.
  Bet is a tyme of cure ay þan of pleynte. 931

(134)

I mene þus. when I hym here brynge.
 Syn ye ben wyse and boþe of on assent.
 So shappeþ how distourbe þis goynge.
 Or come a-yen soone after ye be went.
 wommen ben wyse in short ayusement.
 And lat sen now how youre wit shal awayle.
 And what þat I may helpe / it shal not sayle. 938

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(135)

- Go quod Crisye and Vncl trewely.  
- I. shal don al myght / me to restreyne.  
  From wepyng in his sight and bysily.  
  Hym for to glade .I. shal don al my peyne.  
  | And in myn herte seken euery veyne.  
  If to his sor þer may be founden salue.  
  It shal not lakken certain on myn halue.  

(136)

- Goth Pandarus and Troylus he soughte.  
  Til in a temple he fond hym allone.  
  As he þat of his lyf no lenger rowhte.  
  But to þe petous goddes euyrycheone.  
  Fyl tendrely he preyde and made his monye.  
  To don hym sone out of þis world to pace.  
  For wel he þouhte þer was noon of þer grace.  

(137)

And shortly al þe sope for to seye.  
He was so fallen in despeyr þat day.  
That outrely he shop hym for to deye.  
For right þus was his argument alwey.  
He seyde he nas but lorn waylawey.  
For al þat cometh / comth by necessite.  
Thus to be lorn it is my destyne.  

(138)

For certaynly þis wot I wel he seyde.  
That for-sight of dyuyne purveyaunce.  
Hath seyn alwey me to for-gon Crisye.  
Syn god seth euery ping out of doutauunce.  
And hem desponeth þourgh his ordenaunce.  
In here merites soþly for to be.  
As they shul come by predestine.
But napecles allas whom shal I leue.
For þer ben clerkes grete many on.
That destyne þorugh argument þreue.
And som men seyn þat nedly þer is noon.
But þat frechoys is yeuen vs euerychon.
O. welaway so aley arn clerkes olde.
That I not whos opynyoun I may holde.

For so men seyn / yf god seth al byforn.
And god may not deccuyed ben parde.
Than mot it falle þey men hadde it swo.
That purueyaunce hath seighen by-fore to be.
wherfor I seye þat from eterne yf he.
Hath wyst byforn / oure pought ek as oure dede.
we haue no fre choys as þese clerkes rede.

Myght neuere be. but swych as purueyaunce.
which may not ben deccuyed neuere mo.
Hath feled biforn / with-uten ignoraunce.
For yf þere myghte ben a variaunce.
To wrifen out / fro goddes purueyinge.
Ther nere no prescience of þyng comyng.

But it were naþere an opynyoun.
Uncerteyn / and no stedefast forseyng.
And certes þat were an abusion.
That god shuld han no parfit cler witynge.
More þan we men þat han doutous wenynge.
But swych an errour vp-on god to gesse.
were fals & foul & eorsed wykkednesse.
(143)
Ek þis is an opynyon of somme.
That han here top ful heighe and smoþe y-shore.
They seyn right þus þat þyng is not to come.
For þat þe prescience hath seyghen by-fore.
That it shal come / but they seyn þat þerfore.
That it shal come þerfore þe purueyaunce.
wot it byforn with-outen ignorance.

(144)
And in þis manere þis necessite.
Retorneth in his part contrarie a-gayn.
For nedfully by-houeth it not to be.
That þilke þinges fallen in certayn.
That ben purueyed but nedely as þey seyn.
Byhoueth it þat þinges whiche þat falle.
That þey in certayn ben purueyed alle.

(145)
I mene as þough I laboured me in þis.
To enqueren which þyng cause of which þyng be.
As wheyþer þat þe prescience of god is.
The certayn cause of þe necessite.
Of þinges þat to kommen ben parde.
Or yf necessite of þing comynge.
Be cause certeyn of þe purueyinge.

(146)
But now ne enforce .I. me nought in shewynge. [WS, bb] 1016
How þe ordre of causes stant / but wel wot .I.
That it byhoueth þat þe byfallynge.
Of þinges wyst byforn certeynly.
Be necessarie / al seme it not þer-by.
That prescience put fallynge necessarie.
To thing to come al falle it foule or fayre.
(147)
For if þe sit a man yond on a see.
Than by necessite byhoueth it.
That certes þin opynyon soth be.
That wenest or coniestest þat he sit.
And ferþer-ouer now ayenwârd yit.
Lo right so it is of þe part contrarie.
As þus / nowe herkene / for I wol not tarie.

(148)
I seye þat yf the opynion of þe.
Be soth / for þat he sit / þan seye I þis.
That he mot sitten by necessite.
And þus necessite in eyper is.
For yn hym neðe of syttyng is y-wys.
And neðe of soþ / and þus forsothe.
Ter mot necessite ben in yow boþe.

(149)
But þou maist seyn þe man sit not þerfore.
That þyn opynyon of his sittyng soth is.
But raþer for þe man sit þer byfore.
Therfore is þyn opynyon soðh ywys.
And I seye þough þe cause of soþ of þis.
Comth of his syttynyng yet necessite.
Is entrechaunged boþe in hym and þe.

(150)
Thus on þis same wyse out of douteunce.
I may wel make as it semeth me.
My resonyng of goddes pourueyance.
And of þe thinges / þat to comen be.
By which resoun men may wel y-se.
That þilke thinges þat in erþe falle.
That by necessite þey comen alle.

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(151)
For al-though þat for thyng shal come y-wys. Therfore it is purueyd certaynly.
Nough þat it comth for it purueyd is.
Yet naþeles byhoueth it nedfully.
That þing to come be purueyd treweþly.
Or elles þinges þat puruey[c]d be.
That þei by-tiden by necessite.

(152)
And þis suffiseth right y-now certeyn.
For to destoye oure fre choys euer del.
But now is þis abusion to seyn.
That fallynge of þe thinges temporel.
Is cause of godes prescience eternel.
Now treweþly þat is a fals sentence.
That þing to come sholde cause his prescience.

(153)
What myght I wene and ich hadde swych a þought.
But þat god purueyed þyng þat is to come.
For þat it is to come and eullis nought.
So myght I wene þat thinges alle and some.
That whylom ben byfalle and ouer-come.
Ben cause of jilke soueuen purueyauunce.
That for-wot al with-outen ignoraunce.

(154)
And ouer al þis yet sey I more þerto.
Right a whan I wot þer is a þing.
I-wys þat þing mot nedfully be so.
Ek right so whan I wot a þyng comynge.
So mot it come / and þus þe byfallyng.
Of þinges þat ben wyst by-fore þat tyde.
They mowe not ben escheued on no syde.
(155)

Thanne seyde he þus / almyghty Ioue in trone.
That wost of alle þinge þe sothfastnesse,
Rewe on my sorwe or do me deye sone.
Or bryng Criseyde and me fro þis distresse.
And whil he was in al þis heuynesse,
Disputynge with hym self in þis matera.
Com Pandare / and seyde as ye may here.

(156)

| O myghti god quod Pandarus in Trone. [leaf 84, back] |
| I who saygh euere a wysman faren so. |
| whi Troylus what þenkestow to done. |
| Hastow swych lust to ben þyn owen fo. |
| what parde yet is not Criseyde a-go. |
| why lust the so þyn self for-don for drede. |
| That in þyn hed þyn eyghen semen dede. |

(157)

. Hastow not lyued many a yer byfore.
. wip-outen here / and ferd ful wel at ese.
. Artow for here and for noon oþer born.
Hath kynde þe wrought al only here to plese.
Lat be / and þenk right þus in [þi] diseise.
That in þe des right as þere fallen chaunces.
Right so in loue / þere com and gon plesaunce.

(158)

And yet þis is a wonder most of alle.
whi þow þus sorwest / syn þou nost not yet.
Touchyng here goyng how þat it shal falle.
Ne yf she kan here-seluen distorben it.
Thow hast not yet assayed al here wit.
A man may al by tyme his nekke bede.
whan it shal of / and sorwen at þe nede.
(159)
For þi take hede of þat þat I shal seye.

- I haue with here y-spoke and longe y-be.
  So as accorded was by-twexe vs twayne.
  And euere-mo me þenketh þus þat she.
  Hæth som-what in here hertes þrenete.
  Wher-with she kan yf I shal right a-rede.
  Distorbe al þis / of which þow art in drede.

(160)
- For swych my counseyl is whan it is nyght.
- Thowe to here go and make of þis an ende.
  And blisayd Iuno þourgh here grete myghte.
  Shal as I hope here grace vn-to vs sende.
  Myn herte seyth certeyn she shal not wende.
  Þe for þi put þyn herte a whyle in reste.
  Þe hold þi purpos / for it is þe beste.

(161)
- This Troylus anwerede and sight sore. [Leaf 55]  
- Thow seyst right wel / & I wil do right so.
- And what hym lyste he seyde vn-to it more.
- And whan þat it was tyme for to go.
  Ful preuely hym-self with-outen mo.
  Vn-to here com as he was wont to done.
  And how þei wroughte .I. shal yow telle sone.

(162)
  Soth it is whanne þey gonne first to mete.
  So gan þe peynes here hertes for to twyste.
  That neþer of hem oþer myght grete.
  But hem in armes tok and after kyste.
  Thæs wofull of hem boþe nyste.
  Wher þat he was / ne myght .o. word out brynge.
  As I seyde erst / for wo and for sobbynge.
(163)
- Tho woful teris pat pey leten falle.
- As bitte weren out of teris kynde.
- For peyne / as is ligne Aloes or galle.
  So bitte teris weep nought as I fynde.
  The woful myrra bought pe bark and rynnde.
  That in pis world pe nys so hard an herte.
  That nolde han rewed on hire peynes smerte.

(164)
- But whanne here woful wery gostes tweyne.
- Returned ben per as hem oughte dwelle.
  And pat som-what to wayken gan pe peyne.
  By lenthe of pleynte / and ebben gan pe welle.
  Of here teris and pe herte vnsnelle.
- with broken voys al hoors for bright Crisseyde.
- To Troylus pise ilke wordes sayde.

(165)
  O Ioue I deye and mercy I be[se]che.
- Help Troylus / and per-with-al here face.
- Vpon his brest she leyde / and lost speche.
  Here woful spirit from his propre place.
  Right with pe word / alwey vp poynt to pace.
  And pus she lith with Hewes pale and grene.
  That whilom fressh and fairest was to sene.

(166)
- This Troylus pat on here gan byholde.  [leaf 86, heax] 1156
- Clepynge here name / and she lay as for ded.
  with-outen answere / and felte here lymes colde.
- Here eyen browen vpward to here hed.
  This sorwful man kan now noon oper red.
- But ofte tymte here colde mouth he kyste.
  wher hym was wo / god and hym-self it wyste.

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(167)

- He rest hym vp and long streyght he hyre leyde. 1163
- For signe of lyf / for ought he kan or may.
- Kan he noon fynde in no þing on Criseyde.
  For which his song fyl ofte his weylaway.
  But whan he sawgh Þat specheles she lay.
  | with sorwful voyts and herte of blysse al bare.
- He seyde / how she was fro þis world y-fare. 1169

(168)

- So after þat he longe hadde here compleyned. 1170
  His honde wrong / and seyde þat was to seye.
  And with his teris salte here brest byreynd.
- He gan þo teris wypen of ful dreye.
  And pitously gan for þe soule preye.
  And seyde o lord þat set art in þy Trone.
  Bewe ek on me for I shal folwe here sone. 1176

(169)

- She cold was and with-outeEntment. 1177
- For I wot / for breth ne felte he noon.
- And þis was hym a preignant argument.
- That she was forth out of þis world a-gon.
  And whan he seygh þer was non oþer won.
- He gan here lymes dresse in swych manere.
- As men don hem þat shul be leyd on bere. 1183

(170)

- And after þis with sterne and cruwel herte. 1184
- He swerd a-noon out of his shethe he twyghte.
- Hym self to slen / how sore þat hym smerte.
- So þat his sowle here sowe folwen myghte.
  Ther as þe dom of Mynos wolde it dyghte.
- Syn lounue and cruwel Fortune it ne wolde.
- That in þis world he lenger lyuen sholde. 1190

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(171)
• Thanne seyde he þus fulfilled of heigh deslayn. [leaf 86] 1191
• O cruwel Ioue / and þowfortunate aduerse.
• This al and som þat falsly haue slayn.
• Criseyde and syn ye may do me no worse.
  Fy on youre myght and werkes so diuerse.
  Thus cowardly / ye shul me neuere wynne.
  Ther shal no deth me fro my lady twynne. 1197

(172)
• For I þis world syn ye han slayn here þus.
• wol lete / and folowe here spirit lowe or hye.
  Shal neuere louere seyn þat Troylus.
  Dar not for fere with his lady dye.
• For certeyn I wolde bere here companye.
• But syn ye wol not suffren vs y-fere.
• Yet suffreth þat our soules ben yfere. 1204

(173)
• And þow Cite whiche þat I leue in wo.
• And þow Pryam and breþeren al yfere.
  | And þow my moder farewel for now I go.
  And Attropes make redy þow my bere.
• And þow Criseyde / o swete herte dere.
• Receyue now my spirit wold he seye.
• with swerd at herte al redy for to deye. 1211

(174)
• But as god wolde of swough þer-with she abreyde.
• And gan to syke and Troylus she cride.
• And he answerdé lady myn Cryseyde.
  | Lyue ye yet / and let his swerd doun glide.
  Ye herte myn þat þanked be Cupide.
  Quod she / and þer-with-al she sore syghte.
• And he by-gan to glade here as he myghte. 1218
(175)

- Tok here in armes two and kyst here ofte. And here to glade he died at his entente.
- For which here gost / pat fleked ay on loft. 1219
- In-to her woful herte a-yen it wente. 1222
- But at þe laste as þat here eyen glente.
- A-syde / a-noon she gan his sword aspya. As it lay bare / and gan for fere crie. 1225

(176)

- And asked hym whi he hadde it out drawe. [1186, 1187] 1226
- And Troylus anoon þe cause tolde. 1226
| And how hymself þer-with he wolde haue slawe. For which Criseyde vp on hym gan by-holde. 1229
| And gan hym in here armes feste folde. 1229
- And seyde o mercy god lo swych a dede. Allas how neigh we were boþe dede. 1232

(177)

- Thanne yf I ne hadde spoken as grace was. 1233
- Ye wolden han slay youre self a-noon quando she. Ye douteles and she answerede allas.
| For by þat ilke lord þat mad me. 1236
| I molde a forlong wey on lyue han be. 1236
| After youre deth / to han be crowned quene. 1239
| Of al þe londes þe sonne on shyneth shene.

(178)

- But with þis selue swerd whiche þat here is. 1240
- My selue I wolde haue slayn quod she tho. | But ho / for we han right ynow of þis. 1243
- And late vs rise and streght to bedde go. 1243
- And þer lat vs speken of our wo. 1243
- For by þe morter which þat I se bronne. 1246
- Knowe I right wel þat day is not fer henne.
Whanne þey were in here bed in arme folde.
Nought was yt lyk þe nyghtes here by-forn.
For pitously eche gan oþer byholde.
As þei þat hadden al here blisse y-lorn.
By-waylynge ay þe day þat þey were born.
• Til at þe last this sorwful wyght Criseyde.
• To Troyns þese ilke wordes seyde.

Lo herte myn wel wol ye þis quod she.
That yf a wyght alwey his wo compleyne.
And sekeþ nought how holpen for to be.
It is but folys and encres of peyne.
And syn þat here assembled be we tweyne.
• To fynde bote of wo þat we be Inne.
• It were al tyme sone to by-gynne.

I am a womman as ful wel ye wot.
And as I am a-vised sodeynly.
So wole .I. telle yow whil it is hot.
Me þenketh þus þat neyther ye ne .I.
Ought half þis wo to make skilfully.
• For ther is art y-now for to redresse.
• That yet is mys / and alen þis heynynesse.

Soth is þe wo whiche þat we ben Inne.
For ought I wot / for no þyng elles is.
But for þe cause þat we sholden twynne.
Considered al þer is nomore a-mys.
But what is þanne a remedel vn-to this.
But þat we shape vs sone for to mete.
This al and som my dere herte swete.
(183)

Now pat I shal wel bryngen it a-boute.
To come a-yen soone after pat I go.
Ther-of am I no manere thyng in doute.
For dredles with-Inne a wowke or two.
I shal ben here / and pat it may be so.
By alle right and in a wordes fewe.
I shal yow wel an hep of wayes shewe.

(184)

For which I wot not make long sermon.
For tyme y-lost wol not recouered be.
But I wol gon to my conclusyon.
And to pe beste in ought pat I kan se.
And for pe loue of god for-yeus it me.
If I speke ought a-yen youre hertes reste.
For trewely .I. speke it for pe beste.

(185)

Makynge alwey a protestacion.
That now þese wordes whiche pat I shal seye.
Nys but to shewe yow my mocion.
To fynde vn-to oure helpe pe beste weye.
And taketh it non oþer wyse .I. preye.
For yn effect what so ye me commaunde.
That wol I don / for pat is no demaunde.

(186)

Now herkeneth þis for ye han wel vnderstonde. [1296]
My goynge graunted is by parlement.
So ferforth þat it may not be with-stonde.
For al þis world as by my Iuggement.
And syn þer helpeth noon a-visement.
To letten it / lat it passe out of mynde.
And lat vs shape a bettre wey to fynde.
(187)
The sope is pat þe twynnynge of vs tweyne.
wol vs dihose and cruwellyche anoye.
But hym byhoueth som tyme han a payne.
That serueth loue / yf þat he wol haue Ioye.
And syn I shal no ferþere out of troye.
Than I may ryde a-yen on half a morwe.
It ought þe lasse causen vs to sorwe.

(188)
So as .I. shal not so ben hid in muwe.
That day by day myn owene herte dere.
Syn ye wol wot þat it is now a truwe.
Ye shul ful wel al myn estat y-here.
And er þat truwe is don I shal ben here.
And þanne haue ye bope Antenor y-wonne.
And me also / beth glad now yf ye konne.

(189)
And þenk right þus Criseyde is now a-gon.
But what she shal come hastely a-yen.
And whanne / alasse / by god lo righ a-noon.
Er dayes x. pis dar I saufly seyn.
And þanne at erst shal we ben so fayn.
So as we shulle to-gederes euere dwelle.
That al þis world ne myghte oure blysse telle.

(190)
I se þat ofte tyme þer as we ben now.
That for þe beste oure conseyl for to hide.
Ye speke not with me nor I with yow.
In fourtenyght ne se yow go ne ryde.
May ye not ten dayes þanne a-byde.
For myn honour yn swych auenture.
I-wys ye mowen ellys litel endure.
(191)
- Ye knowe ek how þat al my kyn is here.  
- But yf þat onlyche it my fader be.
- And ek myn opere þinges alle y-fere.
  And namelyche my dere herte ye.
  whom þat I wolde leuen for to se.
  For al þis world as wyd as it hath space.
  Or elles se ich neue[r] Jounes face.

(192)
- Whi trowe ye my fader yn þis wyse.
- Conceyteth so to se me but for drede.
- Lest yn þis town þat folkes me dispise.
- By cause of hym / for his vnhappy dede.
  what wot my fader what lyf þat I lede.
  For and he wyste in Troy how wel I fare.
  Vs nedede for my wendynge nought to care.

(193)
- Ye sen þat every day ek more and more.
- Men trete of pees / and it supposed is.
- That men þe queene Eleyne shal restore.
  And Grekes vs restore þat is mys.
  So pough þere were comfort noon but þis.
  That men purpenser pe on everi syde.
  Ye may þe bettre at ese of herte a-bye.

(194)
- For yf þat it be pes myn herte dere.
- The nature of þe pes mot nedes dryue.
  That men mose entrecomunen y-fere.
  And to and fro ek ryde and gon as blyue.
  Alday as þikke as ben flen from an hyue.
  And every wight han liberte to bleue.
  wher as hym lyst þe bet wit-outen leue.

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(195)

- And þough so be þat pes þer may be noon.
  Yet hider þough þere neuer pes ne were.
  I moste come / for wheder sholde I gon.
  Or how myschaunce sholde I dwelle þere.
- A-mong þo men of armes euere in fere.
  For which as wyaly god my soule rede.
  I kan not sen wher-of ye sholden drede.

(196)

Hawe here a noþer wey if it so be.  [leaf 88, back]  1366
That al þis þing ne may yow not suffice.
- My fader as ye knowen wel parde.
- Is old / and elde is ful of coueitise.
  And I right now haue founden al þe gyse.
  with-oute net wher-with I shal hym hente.
  And herkeneth how / if þat ye wolde assente.

(197)

Lo Troylus men seyn þat ful hard it is.  1373
The wolf ful / and þe weþer hol to haue.
This is to seyn þat men ful ofte y-wys.
Mote spenden part / þe remenaunt for to saue.
  For ay with gold men may þe herte graue.
Of hym þat set is ¹ vp-on coueitise.  [² Arct ii]
  And how I mene .I. shal it yow dewyse.

(198)

| The moble which þat I haue yn this town.  1380 |
| Vn-to my fader shal I take and seye. |
| That right for trust / and for sauacion. |
| It sent is from a frend of his or tweye. |
| The wheche frendes ferventlyche hym preye. |
| To sende after more and þat in hye. |
| whil þat þis town stant þus in Iupartie.  1386 |

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(199)

And pat shal ben an huge quantite.
Thus shal I seyn but lest it folk aspie.
This may be sent by no wyght but by me.
I shal ek shewen hym yf pes by-tyde.
what frendes ich haue on every syde.
Toward pe Court to don pe wrappe pace.
Of Priamus / and don hym stonde in grace.

(200)

So pat for ope r o pyng and for ope r swete.
I shal hym so enchaunten wip my sawes.
That right in heuene his sowle-is shal he mete.
For al Appollo and or his Clerkes lawes.
Or calkullynge anayleth nought pe hawes.
Desir of gold shal so his soule blynde.
That as me lyst .I. shal wel make an ende.

(201)

And yf he wolde ought by hys sort it preu.  [left so]
If pat I lye / in certayn I shal fonde.
Distorben hym / and plukke hym by pe sleue.
Makyng his sort / and beren hym on honde.
He hath not wel pe goddes vnderstonde.
For goddes spoken in Amphibologies.
And for a soth pey tellen .xx. lyes.

(202)

Eke drede fond first goddes .I. suppose.
Thus shal I seyn / and pat is cowarde herte.
Made hym a-mys pe goddes text to glose.
whan he for fered out of his Delphos sterte.
And but I make hym soone to converte.
And don my red with-Inne a day or tweye.
I wol to yow oblige me to deye.
(203)
And trewelyche as wretten wel I fynde.
That al pis pyng was seyd of good entent.
And pat here herte trewe was and kynde.
Towardes hym / and spak right as she mente.
And pat she starf for wo neigh whan she wente.
And was in purpos euere to be trewe.
Thus writen pey pat of here werkes knewe.

(204)
- This Troylus with herte and eerys spradda.
- Herde al pis ping deysey to and fro.
- And verraylichen hym semed pat he hadde.
- The same wit / but yet to late he[r] go.
  His herte mysforyaf [hym] euere mo.
  But fynally he gan his herte Wreste.
  To trusten here / and tok it for pe beste.

(205)
- For which pe grete furrye of his penaunce.
- was queynt with hope / and þer-with hem bi-twene.
- By-gan for Ioye pe amorouse daunce.
- And as þe briddes whan þe sonne is she[ne].
- Deliten in here song yn leues grene.
- Right so þe wordes þat þey spake y-fere.
- Deliten hem / and made hire herthes clere.

(206)
- But nathles þe wendying of Criseyde.  [leaf 89, back]
- For al þis world may nought out of his mynde.
  For whiche ful ofte he pitously here preyde.
    That of here heste he might here trewe fynde.
  And seyde here certes yf ye be vnkynde.
- And but ye come at day set in-to Troye.
  Ne shal I neuere haue hele honour ne Ioye.
(207)

For al so soth as sonne vp rist on morwe.
And god so wisly þow me woful wrecche.
To reste bryngo out of þis cruwel sorwe.
I wol my seluen ale yf þat ye drecche.
But of my deth þough litel be to recche.
Yet er þat ye me cause so to smerte.
Dwelle ræpere here myn owene swete herte.

(208)

For trewely myn owene lady dere.
The sleightes yet þat I hau herd yow stere.
Ful shaply ben to fayllen alle y-fere.
For þus men seyn þat oon þenkeþ þe bere.
But al a noper þenketh h[i]s ledere.
Yours sire is wys / and seyd is out of drede.
Men may þe wyse at-renne but not a-rede.

(209)

It is ful hard to halten vn-espied.
By-fore a crepul for he kan on þe craft.
Yours fader is in sleighte as Argus eyed.
For al be þat his moeble is hym by-raft.
His olde sleighte is yet so with hym laft.
Ye shal not blende hym for youre womanhede.
Ne feyne a-right / and þat is alle my drede.

(210)

I not yf pes shal euere mo by-tyde.
But pes / or no / for ernest ne for game.
I. wot syn Calkas on þe Grekes syde.
Hath ones ben / and lost so foule his name.
He dar nomore come here a-yen for shame.
For which þat weye for ought I kan espye.
To trusten to / nys but a fantasye.
(211)

- Ye shal ek sen yowre fader shal yow glose. [leaf 30] 1471
- To ben a wyf / and as he kan wel preche.
- He shal som grek so prese and wel a-lose.
  That raupyssh he shal yow with his speche. 1474
  Or do yow don by force as he shal teche.
  And Troylus of whom he nyl han roufe.
  Shal causeles so steruen in his troupe. 1477

(212)

And ouer al pis youre fader shal despise. [first shal] 1478
Vs alle and seyn pis Cite nys but lorn.
And fat passege neure shal aryse.
For-why pe grekes han it alle sworn.
Til we be slayn and dounoure walles torn.
Al pis he shal you with his wordes fere.
- That ay drede I fat ye wol bleue pere. 1484

(213)

Ye shul ek sen so mani a lusty knyght. 1485
A-mong pe Grokes ful of worpynesse.
And eche of hem with herte wit and myght.
To plesen yow don al his besynesse.
That ye shul dullen of pe rudenesse.
Of vs sely Troians / but ye roupe.
Remorde yow / or vertue of youre troupe. 1491

(214)

- And pis to me so greuous is to þenke. 1492
  That fro my brest it wole my soule renda.
  Ne drelles in me þer may not synke.
; A good opynyoun ye þat ye wende. 1495
  For-why youre faderes sleighte wole vs shende.
- And ye gon as I haue told yow yore.
- So þenk I am but ded with-oute more. 1498

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(215)
For which with humble trewe and pitous herte.  1499
A þousand tymes mercy I yow preye.
So rewe on myn aspre Peynes smerte.
• And doth somewhat / as þat I shal yow seye.  1502
• And lat vs stele a-way by-twext vs twewe.
And þenk þat folye is whan man may chese.
For accident is substaunce ay to lese.  1505

(216)
I mene þis þat syn we mowe er day.  1506  [leaf 90, back]
• wel stele a-way and ben to-gedre so.
what nede were it to putten in assay.
In cas ye sholde to youre fader go.  1509
If that ye myghte come a-yen or no.
• Thus mene I þat it were a gret folye.
• To putte þat sikernesse in Iupartie.  1512

(217)
And vulgar[ly] to speken of substaunce.  1513
Of Tresour may we boþe with vs lede.
• Y-nowh / to lyue in honour and pleasaunce.
• Til in-to tyme þat we shul ben dede.
And þus we may eschewen al þis drede.
• For euerych oþer wey ye kan recorde.
Myn herte y-wys / may not ther-with acorde.  1519

(218)
And hardly ne dredeth no pouerete.  1520
| For I haue kyn / and frendes elles where.
| That þough we comen in oure bare sherte.
| Vs sholde neyþer lakke golde ne gere.  1523
• But ben honoured while we dwelten þere.
| And go we a-moon for as yn myn entente.
| This is þe beste yf þat ye Wolfe assente.  1526

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(219)

- Crisseyde with a syk right in pis wyse.
- Answered y-wys my dere herte trewe.
- we may wel stele a-way as ye deuyse.
- And fynde swych vnthyfyt wyues newe.
  But afterward ful sore it wole vs rewe.
  And helpe me god so at my most nede.
  As causeles ye suffren al pis drede.

(220)

| For pilke day fat I for cherysshynge. | 1534 |
| Or drede of fader or of opur wight. | 1537 |
| Or for estat / delit / or for weddynge. | 1539 |
| Be fals to yow my Troylus my knyght. | 1540 |
| Saturnus daughter Iuno porugh here myght. | 1541 |
| As wod as Athamante do me dwelle. | 1542 |
| Eternaly in Stix pe put of helle. | 1543 |

(221)

And this on eueri god celestial.  
I swere it yow and ek on ech goddesse.  
On eueri Nymphe and deite infernal.  
On satyry and fawny more lesse.  
That hulde goddes ben of wildrenesse.  
And Attropos my prede of lyf pow brete.  
If I be fals / now trowe me yf pow leste.  

(222)

And pow Symoys pat as an arwe clere.  
Thorugh Troyes rennest ay downward to pe sec.  
Bere wittenesse of pis word pat seyd is here.  
That pilke day pat ich vntrew be.  
To Troylus myn owen herte free.  
That pow retorne bakwarde to pi welle.  
And I wip body and soule synke in helle.
(223)

- But þat ye speke alwey þus for to go. 1555
  | And leten alle youre frendes god for-bede.
  | For ony womman þat ye sholden so.
  | And namly syn Troye hath now swych nedè.
  | Of help and ek of o þyng taketh hede.
  | If þis were wist my lif lay in balauncæ.
  | And your honour / god shilde vs fro myschauncæ.

(224)

And yf so be þat pes her-after take. 1562
As alday happè after anger game.
why lord þe sorwe and wo ye wolden make.
That ye ne dorse come a-yen for shame.
And er þat ye Iuparten so youre name.
Beth nought to hasty in þis hote fare.
For hasty man ne wanteth neuere care.

(225)

- What trowe ye þat þe peple ek of al aboute. 1569
- wolde of it seye / it is ful lyght to arede.
- They wolden seye / and swere it out of doute.
- That loue ne drof yow nought to don þis dede. 1572
- But lust voluptuous / and coward drede.
- Thus were al lost y-wys myn herte dere.
- Yowre honour which þat now shyneth so clere.

(226)

- And also þenketh on myn honeste. [leaf 91, back] 1576
- That flourèth yet how foule it sholde it shende.
- And with what filpe it spotted sholde be.
| If in þis forme I sholde with yow wende. 1579
- Ne þough I lyuede vn-to þe worldes ende.
- My name sholde I neuere a-yenward wynne.
Thus were I lost and þat were rouþe & synne. 1582

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(227)
| And for ði ale with reson al ðis hete. 1583
| Men seyn þe suffraunt ouercometh par de.
| Ek who-so wol he han leef he leef mote lete.
| Thus makeþ vertue of necesite. 1586
| • By pacient and þenk þat lord is he.
| • Of fortune ay þat nought wolde of here recche.
| And she ne daunteth no wight but a wrecche. 1559

(228)
| And trustep þis þat ceres herte swete. 1590
| Er Phæbus suster lucyna the shene.
| The leon passe out of þis ariete.
| • I wol ben here with-outen ony wene.
| I mene as helpe me Iuno heunenes queene. 1593
| • The tenthe day / but yf þat deth me assaile.
| • I wol yow sen with-outen ony fayle. 1596

(229)
• And now so þis be soth quod Troylus. 1597
• I shal wel suffre vn-to the tenþe day.
  Syn þat I se þat nede it mot be þus.
• But for þe loue of god yf it be may.
  So lat vs stele pryuely a-way.
• For euere in oon as for to lyue in reste.
  Myn herte seþþ it wolde ben þe beste. 1603

(230)
• O mercy god / what lyf is þis quod she. 1604
• Alas ye sle me þus for verray tene.
• I se wel now þat ye mystrusten me.
| For by youre wordes it is wel I-sone. 1607
| Now for þe loue of Cynthes þe shene.
| Mystrust me not þus causeles for routhe.
| Syn to be trewe I haue yow plught my trouthes. 1610

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- And thenketh wel þat som tyme it is wit.  [Leaf 92]  1611
- To spende a tyme / a tyme for to wynne.
- Ne parde lorn am I nought fro yow yet.
  | Though þat we ben a day or two a twynne.  1614
  | Dryf out þe fantasies yow wiþ-Inne.
  | And trusteth me / and leueth ek youre sorwe.
  | Or her my trouþe I wol not lyue til morwe.  1617

(232)

- For if ye wiste how sore it doth me smerte.  1618
- Ye wolde cesse of þis for god þow wost.
- The pure spirit weþ þe in myn herte.
- To se yow wepen þat I loue most.
  | And þat I mot gon to þe Grekes ost.  1621
  | Ye nere it þat I wist remedie.
  | To com a-yeyn / right here I wolde dye.  1624

(233)

- But certes I am not so nyce a wyght.  1625
- That I ne kan ymagynen a weye.
- To come a-yen þat day þat I haue hight.
  | For who may holde þing þat wole a-way.  1628
  | My fader nought for al his queynte pley.
  | And by my þryst my wendying out of Troye.
  | A-nôþer day shal tolne vs alle to Ioye.  1631

(234)

- For-thy with al myn herte I yow besecha.  1632
- Yf þat yow lyst don ough for my preyere.
- And for þe loue which þat I loue yow eke.
  | That er þat I departe fro yow here.  1635
  | That of þe good of comfort & a chere.
  | I may you sen / þat [ye] may brynge at reste.
  | Myn herte / which þat is o poyn to breste.  1638
(235)

- And ouer al pis I pray yow quod she þo. 1639
  | Myn owen hertes sothfast suffisaunce.
  Syn I am þyn al hool with-outen mo.
- That whil þat I am assent no plesaunce. 1642
- Of ðœœre / do ye me fro youre remembrance.
  For I am euere a-gast / for-ðhi men rede.
  That loue is þing ay ful of bysy dred.

(236)

| For yn pis world / þer lyueth lady noon. [leaf 93, back] 1646
- If þat ye were vntrewæ as god defende.
  | That so bytraysed were or wo bygon.
  | As I þat al troupe in yow entende.
- And douteles yf þat ych ðœœr wende.
- I nere but ded / and er ye cause fynde.
  For goddes loue / so beth me not vnkynnde.

(237)

- To pis awnserede Troylus and seyde. 1653
  Now god to whom þer nys no cause y-wrye.
  Me glad as wes I neuere vn-to Crisyde.
  Syn þilke day I saw here first with øye.
  was fals ne neuere shal til þat I dye.
  At short wordes wel ye may me leue.
  I kan no more / it shal be founde at preue.

(238)

Graunt mercy good myn y-wys quod she. 1660
  And blysful Venus lat me neuere sterve.
Er I may stonde of plesaunce in degre.
  To quyte hym wel þat so wel kan deserue.
  And whil þat my wit wol me conserve.
I shal so don so trewe I haue yow founde.
  That ay honour to meward shal rebounde.

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[Text]

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[Text]
For mannes hed ymagynen ne kan. 1695
Nen-tendement considere / ne tonge telle.
This cruwel peynes of pis sorwful man.
That passen euery torment doun in helle. 1698
For he saugh þat she ne myghte dwelle.
which þat his soule out of his herte rente.
with-outen more out of þe chaumbre he wente. 1701

Explicit liber Quartus.
[Campsall MS, on leaf 93.]

[The MS. tagged f, g, k, v, are not printed in this book.]

Incipit Liber. quintus.

(1) (Proem)

Prochen gan the fatal deystyne. [Teviote IX. 1.] 1
That Ioues hath in disposicion.
And to yow angry Parcas sustren þre.
Comytted to don executioun. 4
For which Criseyde moste out of þe toun.
And Troylus shal dwelle forth yn pyne.
Til Lachesis his þreed no lengere twyne. 7

(2) (The Story) [leaf 93, back]

Ther goldtressed Phebus heighe on loft. [Teviote II. 1.] 8
Thries hadde al with his bemes cler.
• The snowes molte / and Zephyrus as ofte.
  Y-brought a-yen þe tendre leues grene. 11
  Syn þat þe sone of Ecuba the queene.
By-gan to loue here first for whom his sorwe.
was al þat she departe shoeld o morwe. 14

(3)

Ful redy was at Pryme Dyomedes. 15
Criseyde vn-to þe Grekes ost for to lede.
For sorwe of which she felte here herte blede.
As she þat nyts what was best to rede. 18
And trewely as men in bokes rede.
Men wyst neuere womman han þe care.
Ne was so loth out of [a] town to fare. 21

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This Troylus with-outen red or lore.
As man þat hath his Ioyes ek forlore.
was waytynge on his lady eueremore.
As she þat was þe soþfast crop and more.
Of al his lust / or Ioyes here before.
But Troylus farewell now al þi Ioye.
For shallow neuere sen here eft in Troye.

(5)

• Soth is þat whil he bod in þis manere.
• He gan his wo ful manly for to hyde.
• That wel vnce þe it sene was in his chere.
  But at þe yate þere she shoþde oute ryde.
  with certeyn folk / he houede here tabye.
  So wo bygon al wolde he nought hym pleyne.
  That on his hors vnçe þe he sat for peyne.

(6)

For Ire he quok so gan his herte gnaue.
whan Diomede on hors gan hym dresse.
• And seyde vn-to hym-self þis ilke sawe.
  Allas quod he þus foul a wrecchednesse.
  why suffre ich it / whi nyl ich do it redresse.
  were it not bet at onys for to dye.
• Than eueremore in langour þus to drye.

(7)

Whi nyl .I. make at onys ryche and pore.  [leaf 94]
To haue y-nowh to done er þat she go.
• why nyl I brynge al Troye vpon a rore.
• Whi nyl I slen þis Diomede also.
  why nyl I rãbere wiþ a man or two.
• Stele here a-way / whi wolde I þis endure.
  whi nyl I helpen to myn owene cure.

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(8)
- But whi he nolde don so fel a dede
  That shal I seyn and why hym lyst it spare.
- He hadde in herte alwayes a manere drede.
- Lest þat Cryseyde yn rumour of þis fare.
- Sholde han ben slayn / lo this was al his care.
  And elles certeyn as I seyde yore.
He hadde it don with-outen wordes more. 56

(9)
| Crisyeyde whan she redy was to ryde. 57
| Ful sorfully she sight and seyde allass.
But forth she mot for ought þat may bytyde.
And forth she right ful sorfully a pas.
| Ther nys non oper remedye yn þis cas.
what wonder is þat þough here sore smerte.
whan she forgoth here owene swete herte. 63

(10)
- This Troylus yn wyse of curtasie. 64
- with hauk on hond and with an huge route.
- Of knyghtes / rod and dide here compaynye.
| Passyng al þe valey fer with-oute. 67
- And ferþere wold han ryden out of doute.
| Ful fayn / and wo was hym to gon so sone.
  But tore he moste / and it was ek to done. 70

(11)
- And right with þat was Antenor I-come. 71
- Out of þe Grekes ost and every wyght.
- was of it glad / and seyde he was wel-come.
- And Troylus / al nere his herte lyght.
| He peynede hym with al his fulle myght.
Hym to with-holde of wepynge at þe leste.
| And Antenor he kyste and made feste. 77
(12)

- And þer-with-al he moste his leue take.  
  And caste his eye vpon here pitously.  
- And ner he rod his cause for to make.  
- To take here by þe hond al sobrely.  
- And lord so she gan wepen tendrely.  
- And he ful softe and sleyghly gan here seye.  
- Now hold yowre day / and doth me not to dye.  

(13)

- With þat his courser torned he al a-boute.  
  with face pale / and vn-to Diomed.  
- No word he spak ne non of al his route.  
- Of which þe sone of Tydeus toke hede.  
  As he þat koude more þan þe Crede.  
  In swych a craft / and by þe reyne here hente.  
  And Troylus to Troye homwarde he wente.  

(14)

This Diomed þat ladde here by þe bridel.  
when þat he saw þe folk of Troye a-wye.  
Thoughte / al my labour shal not ben on ydel.  
If that I may for somwhat shal I seye.  
For at þe worste it may yet shorte oure weye.  
I haue herd seyd ek tymes twyes twelue.  
He is a fool þat wolde for-yete hym-selue.  

(15)

But napeles þis þoughte he wel ynnowh.  
That certaynly I am a-boute nought.  
If that I spoke of loue or make it tough.  
For douteles yf she haue in here thought.  
Hym þat I gesse / he may not ben y-brough[t].  
So sone awey / but I shal fynde a mene.  
That she shal not as yet wete what I mene.  

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(16)
This Diomede as he þat koude his good.
when þis was don gan fallen forth in speche.
Of þis and þat / and asked whi she stood.
In swych desese / and gan here ek byseeche.
That yf þat he encrese myghte or eche.
with ony þing / here ese þat she sholde.
Camaunde it hym / and seyde he don it wolde.

(17)
For trewely he swor here as a knyght.
That þere nœ þing with whiche he myght here pleso.
That he nolde don his payne and al his myght.
To don it / for to don here herte an ese.
And preyde here / she wolde here sorwe apese.
And seyde y-wys we grekes kon haue Ioye.
To honoureyn yow / as wel as folk of Troye.

(18)
He seyde ek þus / I wot yow þenketh straunge.
No wonder is / for it is to yow newe.
Thatqueyntaunce of þese Troians to chaunge.
For folk of Gree þat ye newere knewe.
But wolde newere god but [if] as trewe.
A Grek / ye shulde a-mong vs alle fynde
As ony Troian is / and ek as kynde.

(19)
An by þe cause I swor yow right lo now.
To ben youre frend and helply to myght.
And for þat more acqueyntaunce ek of yow.
Haue ich had þan a-noþer straunge gere wight.
So fro þis forth I pray yow day and nyght.
Camaundeth me how sore þat me smerte.
To don al þat may like to youre herte.

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(20)
And þat ye me wolde as youre broþer trete.
And take not my frendship in despit.
And þough youre sorwes be for þinges grete.
Not I not whi / but out of more respit.
Myn herte hath for to amenden it gret delit.
And yf I may youre harmes not redresse.
I am right sory for youre heynesesse.

(21)
And þough ye troians wiþ vs Grekes wroþe.
Han many a day be / alwey yet parde.
O. god of loue in soþ we seruen boþe.
And for þe loue of god my lady fre.
whom so ye hate as beth not wroþt wiþ me.
For trewely þer kan no wight you serue.
That half so loth yowre wrapþe wolde deserue.

(22)
And nere it þat we been so neigh þe tente.  [leaf 05, back]
Of Calkas / which þat sen vs boþe may.
I wolde of þis yow telle at myn entente.
But þis enseled til a noþer day.
yeuë me youre hond / I am and shal ben ay.
God help me so whil þat my lyf may dure.
youre owene a-boue euery creature.

(23)
Thus seyde I neuere er now to womman borne.
For god myn herte as wysly glade so.
I louede neuer womman here byforn.
As paramours ne neuere shal no mo.
And for þe loue of god beth not my fo.
Al kan I not to yow my lady dere.
Compleyne a-ryght / for I am yet to lere.

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(24)
And wondre not myn owen lady bryght.
Though þat I speke of loun to you þus blyue.
For I haue herd of þis of many a wyght.
Hath loured þyng he neuere saugh his lyue.
Ek I am not of power for to stryue.
A-yens þe god of loun / but hym obeye.
I wole alwey / and mercy I yow preye.

(25)
Ther ben so worpi knyghtes in þis place.
And ye so feyr þat euerich of hem alle.
wol peynten hym to stonden in youre grace.
But myght[e] me so fair a grace falle.
That ye me for your seruaunt wolde calle.
So lowly ne so trewely you to serue.
Nil noon of hem / as I shal til I sterue.

(26)
Criseide vn-to þat purpos litel answerde.
As she þat was with sorwe oppressed so.
That in effect she nought his tales herde.
But her & þere / now here a word or two.
Hire þought here sorwful hert brast a-two.
For whan she gan here fader fer aspye.
wel neigh doun on here hors she gan to sye.

(27)
But natheles she þonked Diomede.
Of al his trauayle and his goode chere.
And þat hym lyst his frendship here to bede.
And she accepteth it in goode manere.
And wold do fayn þat is hym lef and dere.
And trusten hym she wolde and wel she myghte.
As seye she / and from hire hors she a-lighte.
(28)
Here fader hath here in his armes nome.
And tweynty tyme he kyste his daughter swete.
And seyde .o. dere daughter myn wel come.
She seyde ek she was fayn with hym to mete.
- And stod forth mewet / mylde / and mansuete.
But here I leue here with here fader dwelle.
And forth I wole of Troylus yow telle.

(29)
- To Troye is come þis woful Troylus.
- In sorwe / abouen alle sorwes smerte.
- with felon lok / and dispitous.
- Tho sodeynly doun from his hors he sterete.
  And þorugh his paleys with a swollen herte.
- To chambre he went / of no þing toke he hede.
- Ne noon to hym dar speke a word for drede.

(30)
- And þere his sorwes þat he spared hadde.
- He yaf an yssue large / and deth he cride.
  And in his prowes frenetyk and madde.
  He curssed Ioue / Appollo / and ek Cupide.
  He curssed Ceres / Bacus / and Cipryde.
  His burþe / hym self / his fate / and ek nature.
  And saue his lady / euery creature.

(31)
- To bedde he goth and weyleth þere and torneth.
  In furye / as doth he Ixion in helle.
  And in þis wyse he neigh til day soiourneth.
  But þo by-gan a lytel his herte ynswelie.
  Thorugh teris which þat gonnen vp to welle.
  And pitously he cride vp-on Criseyde.
- And to hym-self right þus he spak and seyde.
(32)
| Where is myn owene lady lief and dere. [leaf 66, back] 218 |
| where is here white brest wher is it where. |
| where ben here armes an here eyen clere. |
| That yesternygft pis tyme wip me were. 221 |
| Now may .I. wepe allone many a tere. |
| And graspe a-boute I may / but in pis place. |
| Saue a pilwe I fynde / nought tenbrace. 224 |

(33)
| How shal I do / whan shal she com a-yen. 225 |
| I not / allas / whi let ich here to go. |
| As wolde god Ich hadde as po be sleyn. |
| O. herte myn Criseyde o swete fo. 228 |
| O. lady myn þat I love and no mo. |
| To whom for eueremo myn herte I dow. |
| Se how I deye ye nyl me not rescowe. 231 |

(34)
| Who seeth yow now my right lode-sterre. 232 |
| who sit right now or stant in yowre presence. |
| who kan conforten now youre hertes werre. |
| Now I am gon / whom yeue ye audience 235 |
| who speketh for me right now in myn absence. |
| Allas no wight / and þat is al my care. |
| For wel wot .I. as yuele as I ye fare. 238 |

(35)
| How shulde I þus .x. dayes ful endure. 239 |
| when I þe firste nyght haue al þis tene. |
| How shal she don ek sorwful creature. |
| For tendresse how shal she þis sustene. 242 |
| Swich wo for me / .o. pitous / pale / & grene. |
| Shal ben youre fresshe wommanlyche face. |
| For langour / er ye torne in-to þis place. 245 |

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(36)

And whan he fift in ony slomerynges. 246
Anoon by-gonne he sholde for to grone.
And dremen of þe dredfulleste pinges.
That myghte ben / as mete as he were allone.
In place horrible / makynge ay his moone.
Or meten þat he was a-monges alle.
His enimys / and in here hondes falle. 252

(37)

þAnd ther-with-al his body sholde sterte. [leaf 97] 253
And wip þe stert al sodeynlych a-wake.
þAnd swich a tremor fele a-boute his herte.
þThat of þe feer his body sholde quake.
þAnd þer-with-al he sholde a noyse make.
þAnd seme as þough he sholde falle depe.
þFrom heighe a lofte / and þan he wolde wepe. 259

(38)

þAnd rewen on hym self so pytously. 260
That wonder was to here his fantasies.
þA-nother tyne he sholde myghtily.
þConforte hym self / and seyne it was folye.
þSo causeles swych drede for to drye.
And eft bygynne his aspre sorwes newe.
That euerie man myghte on his sorwes rewe. 266

(39)

Who koude telle a-right or ful discryue. 267
His wo / his pleynete / his langour & his peyne.
Nought al þe men þat han or ben on lyue.
Thow redere mayst þy self ful wel deuyne.
That swych a wo my wit kan not defyne.
On ydel for to write it sholde .I. swynke.
when þat my wit is wery it to þenke. 273

CAMPSELL
(40)
On heuene yet þe sterres were sene.
Al þough ful pale. y-woxen was þe moone.
And whiten gan the Orisonte shene.
Al Estward / as it wonted is to done.
And Phebus with his rosy carte sone.
Gan after þat to dresse hym vp to fare.
| whan Troylus hath sente after Pandare.

(41)
| This Pandare þat of al þe day bi-forn.
| Ne myght haue comen Troylus to se.
| Al-þough he on his hed it hadde I-sworn.
| For with þe kyng Pryam alday was he.
| So that it lay not in his liberte.
| No wher to gon / but on þe morwe he wente.
| To Troylus / whan þat he for hym sente.

(42)
* For in hys herte he koude wel dyuync. [leaf 97, back] 288
| That Troylus al nyght for sorwe wook.
| And þat he wolde telle hym of his peyne.
| This knew he wel y-nough with-oute book.
| For which to chaumbre streygght þe wey he took.
| And Troylus þo sobrelyche he grette.
| And on þe bed ful soone he gan hym sette.

(43)
* My Pandarus quod Troylus þe sorwe. 295
| which þat I drye I may not longe endure.
| I trowe I shal not lyue til to morwe.
| For whiche I wolde alwey on auenture.
| To þe deyysen of my sepulture.
| The forme / and of my meoble þow dispone.
| Right as þe semeth best is for to done.
(44)
But of þe fyr / and flaumbe funeral. 302
In whiche my body brenne shal to glede.
And of þe feste / and pleyes palestral. 305
[here altered to hede]
At my vigile I pray þe take good hede.¹
þat al be wel / and offre mars my stede.
My swerd / myn helm and leue broþer dere.
My sheild to Pallas yef þat shyneth clere. 308

(45)
The poudre in which myn herte y-brend shal torne. 309
That prey I þe þow take and it consereue.
In a vessel þat men clepeþ an vrne.
Of gold / and to my lady þat I serue. 312
For loue of whom þus pitously I sterue.
So yeue it here and do me þis plesaunce.
To preyen here to kepe it for a remembraunce. 315

(46)
For wel I felle by my maladye. 316
And by my dremes now and yore a-go.
Al certeynly þat I mot nedes dye.
The owle ek which þat hatte Escaphilo. 319
Hath after me shright alle þis nyghtes two.
And god Mercury of me now woful wrecche.
The soule gide / and whan þe lyst it fecche. 322

(47)
Pandare answerd / and seyde Troylus. [leaf 96] 323
My dere frend / as I haue told þe yore.
That it is folye for to sorwen þus.
And causeles for whiche I kan nomore. 326
But who so woile not trouwen rede ne lore.
I kan not seen in hym no remedye.
But late hym worpe with his fantasye. 329

CAMPSTALL
(48)

But Troylus I pray þe telle me nowe. 330
If þat þow trowe or þis þat ony wyght.
Hath loued paramours as wel as þow.
Ye god wot / and fro many a worði knyght. 333
Hath his lady gon a fourtenyght.
And he not yet made haluendel þe fare.
What nede is þe / to maken al þis care. 336

(49)

Syn day by day þow mayst þi-seluæ see. 337
That from his loue / or elles from his wyf.
A man mot twynnen of necessite.
Ye þough he loue here as his owene lif. 340
Yet nyl he with hym self þus maken stryf.
For wel þow wost my leue broþer dere.
That alwey frendes may nought ben y-fere. 343

(50)

How don þis folk þat seen here loues wedded. 344
By frendes myght / as it by-tyt ful ofte.
And sen hem in here spouses bed y-bedded.
God wot þey take it wysly faire and softe. 347
For-why good hope halt vp here herte .o. lofte.
And for þey kan a tyme of sorwe endure.
As tyme hem hurt / a tyme doth hem cure. 350

(51)

So sholdestow endure / and late slyde. 351
The tyme / and fond to ben glad and lyght.
Ten dayes nys so longe not tabyde.
And syn she þe to come hath byhyght. 354
She nyl not here hestes broken for no wight.
For drede þe not þat she nyl fynden weye.
To come a-æn my lyf þat dorst I leye. 357

Campsall
(52)

- Thy sweuenes ek and [al] swich fantasies. [leaf 280, back] 358
- Dryf out and lat hem faren to myschaunce.
- For þei proceden of þi malencolye.
  That doth þe fele in slep al þis penaunce. 361
  A straw for alle sweuenes signiaunce.
- God helpe me so I counte hem not a bene.
  Ther wot no man aright what dremes mene. 364

(53)

For prestes of þe temple tellen þis. 365
That dremes ben þe reuelacions.
Of goddes / and as wel þey telle y-wys.
That þey ben Infernals illusions. 368
And leches seynt / þat of complexions.
Proceden þei / or fast / or glotonye.
who wot in soth þus what þey signifie. 371

(54)

Ek opere seyn þat porugh Impressions. 372
As yf a wight hath faste a þing in mynde.
That þer-of cometh swich auysions.
And opere seyn as þey in bokes fynde. 375
That after tymes of þe yer by kynde.
Men dreme / and þat theffect goth by þe mone.
But lef no drem / for / it is nought to done. 378

(55)

Wel worth of dremes ay þese olde wyues. 379
And treweliche ek augurye of þis foweles.
For fere of which men wenem lese here lyues.
As Rauenes qualm / or shrykyng of þese owlys. 382
To trowen on / it boþe fals and foule is.
Allas / allas so noble a creature.
As is a man shad drede swicli ordure. 385
(56)

| For which wip al myn herte .I. þe beseche. 386 |
| vn-to þi-self þat al þis þow for-yeue.     |
| And rys vp now with-oute more speche.       |
| And lat vs caste how forth may best be dreue. 389 |
| This tyme / and ek how fresshly we may leue. |
| whan þat she cometh the which shal be righ sone. |
| God help me so þe beste is þus to done. 392 |

(57)

| Rys lat vs speke of lusti lyf in Troye. [leaf 95] 393 |
| That we han lad / and forth þe tyme dryue. |
| And ek of tyme comynge vs reioye.           |
| That bryngen shal oure blysse now so blyue. 396 |
| And langour of þese twyes dayes fyue.         |
| we shal þer-with so fo[r]ete oure oppresse.   |
| That vnneþe it don shal vs duresse. 399 |

(58)

| This town is ful of lorde al a-boute. 400 |
| And trewes lasten al þis mene while.    |
| Go we pleye vs in som lusty rowte. |
| To sarpedon / not hens but a myle.   403 |
| And þus þow shalte þe tyme wel bygile. |
| And dryue it forth vn-to þat blisful morwe.  |
| That þow here se þat cause is of þi sorwe. 406 |

(59)

| Now rys my dere broþer Troylus. 407 |
| For certes it noon honour is to the. |
| To wepe / and in þi bed to Iowken þus. |
| For trewely of o þing þow trust to me. 410 |
| If þow þus ligge a day or two or þre. |
| The folk wol wene þat þow for cowardyse. |
| The feynest syk / and þat þow dar not ryse. 413 |
This Troylus answered o brõer dere.
This knowen folk þat han y-suffred pеyne.
That þough he wepe / and make sorwful chere.
That feleth harm and smert yn eуer vеyne.

| No wonder is / and þough I euere pleyne.
Or alwey wepe I am no þing to blame.
Syn I haue lost þe cause of al my game.

But syn of fyn force I mot a-ryse.
I shal a-ryse as soone as euere I may.
And god to whom myn herte I sacrefise.
So sende vs hastely þe tenþe day.
For was þere neuere foule so fayn of may.
As I shal ben whan þat she comeþ in Troye.
That cause is of my torment and my Ioye.

But whider is þi red quod Troylus. [leaf 99, back]
That we may pley vs best in al þis town.
By god my conseyl is quod Pandarus.
To ryde and pley vs with kyng Sarpedeun.
So longe of þis þey spoken vp and doun.
Til Troylus gan at þe laste assente.
To ryse / and forth to Sarpedoun þey wente.

This Sarpedoun as he þat honourable.
was euere his lyue / and ful of heigh prowesse.
with al þat myghte y-serued ben on table.
That deynte was al cost it gret richesse.
He fedde hem day by day þat swich noblesse.
As seyden boþe þe meste and [ek] þe leste.
was neuere er þat day wyst at ony feste.
(64)
Nor in pis world þer is noon Instrument. 442
Delicious / þorugh wynd / or touche / or corde.
As fer as any wyght hath euere y-went.
That tonge telle or herte may recorde. 445
| That as þat feste it nas wel herd accorde.
* Ne of ladys ek so fayr a companye.
On daunce / er þo was euere y-seyn with eye. 448

(65)
* But what anayleth þis to Troilus. 449
| That for his sorwe no þing of it roughte.
| For euere in oon his herte pitous.
* Ful bysily Criseyde his lady soughte. 452
* On here was euere al þat his herte thoughte.
| Now þis now þat so faste ymagynge.
That glad y-wys kan hym no festenyng.

(66)
* These laydyes ek þat at þis feste ben. 456
* Syn þat he saw his lady was a-weise.
* It was his sorwe vpon hem for to sen.
   Or for to here ony Instrumentz so pleye. 459
* For she þat of his herte bereth þe keye.
* was absent / lo þis was his fantaseye.
That no wight sholde make melodye. 462

(67)
* Nor ther nas houre in al þe day or nyght. 463 [leaf 109]
   when he was pere as no wight myght [hym] here.
* That he ne seyde o lufsom lady bryght.
| How haue ye faren syn þat ye were þere.
| wel-come y-wys myn owene lady dere.
But welaway al þis nas but a maze.
Fortune his howue entendeth bet to glaze. 469

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(68)
- The lettres ek þat she of old[e] tyme.
- Had hym y-sent / he wolde allone rede.
- An hundred sithe a-twixen noon and pryme.
  Refigurynge here shap / & here womanhede.
  wip-inne his herto / and euerie word and dede.
  That passed was / and þus he drof to an ende.
| The ferfe day / and seyde he wolde wende.

(69)
- And seyde leue broþer Pandarus.
- Intendestow þat we shul here bleue.
- Til Sarpedoun wol forth congeyen vs.
- Yet were it fairer þat we tok oure leue.
- For godes loue lat vs now sone at eue.
- Oure leue take / and homward lat vs torne.
  For trewely I wol not þus soioure.

(70)
- Pandare answered be we kommen heder.
- To fecchen fyr and rennen hom a-yen.
  God helpe me so I kan not tellen whider.
  we myghten gon / yf I shal sothly seyn.
  Ther ony wyght is of vs more fayn.
- Than Sarpedoun / and yf we hens hye.
- Thus sodeynly / I holde it vilonye.

(71)
Syn þat we seyden / þat we wold bleue.
wiþ hym a wowke / and now þus sodeynly.
The ferthe day to take of hym oure leue.
He wolde wondren on it trewely.
| Lat vs holde forth oure purpos fermely.
| And syn þat ye bigherten hym to byde.
| Hold forward now / and after lat vs ryde.
(72)
Thus Pandarus with al peyne and wo.  [leaf 106, back] 498
Made hym to dwelle / and at þe wykes end.
Of Sarpedoun / þei toke here leue þo.
And on here wey þey spedden hem to wende.  501
Quod Troylus now god me grace sende.
That I may fynde at myn hom comynge.
Crisseyde comen / and þer-wip gan he synge.  504

(73)
Ye hazelwode þoughte þis Pandare.  505
And to hym self ful sobrellich he seyde.
God wot refreiden may þis hote fare.
Er Calkas sende Troylus Crisseyde.
But náþeles he Iaped þus and seyde.
And swor y-wys his herte hym wel byhight.
She wolde come as soone as euere she myghte.  511

(74)
Whan þey vn-to þe paleys were ycomen.  512
Of Troylus / þei down of here hors a-light.
And to þe chambre here wey þan han þei nomen.
And in-to tyme þat gan to nyghte.  515
They spaken of Crisseyde þe brighte.
And after þis whan þat hem boþe leste.
Thei spedde hem fro þe soper vn-to reste.  518

(75)
O morwe as soone as day bygan to clere.  519
This Troylus gan of his slep tabreyde.
And to Pandare his owene broþer dere.
For loue of god ful pitously he seyde.  522
So go we seen þe paleys of Crisseyde.
For syn we yet may haue nomore feste.
So lat vs seen here paleys at þe leste.  525
(76)
- And þer-with-al his meyne for to blende. 526
  A cause he fond in towne for to go.
  And to Criscyde hous þei gonnen wenda.
  But lord þis sely Troylus was wo. 529
- Hym þoughte his sorweful herte brast a-two.
- Foir whan he saugh here dorres sperid alle.
  wel neigh for sorwe a-down he gan to falle. 532

(77)
  Ther'with whan he was ware and gan by-holde. [seafol] 533
- How shet was euery wyndowe of þe place.
  As frost hym þoughte his herte gan to colde.
  For which with chaunged deedlych pale face.
  with-outen word he forth by-gan to pace.
  And as gold wolde he gan so faste ryde.
  That no wight of his contenaunce aspide. 539

(78)
- Than seyde he þus .o. paleys desolat. 540
- O. hous of houesses whilom best y-hight.
- O. paleys empty and disconsolat.
  O. þou lanterne of which queynt is þe light. 543
- O. Paleys whilom day þat now art nyght.
  wel oughtestow to falle and I to dye.
- Syn she is went þat wont was vs to gye. 546

(79)
  O Paleys whilom crowne of houses alle. 547
  Enlumyned wip þe sonne of alle blysse.
  O. ryng fro which þe ruby is out falle.
  O. cause of wo þat cause hast ben of blysse. 550
  Yet syn I may no bet fayn wold I kysse.
  Thi colde dores dorst I for þis route.
  And fare-wel shryne of whom þe seynt is oute. 553

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(80)

Therwith he caste on Pandarus his eye.
with chaunged face. and pitous to byholde.
And when he myght his tyme a-right aspye.

* Ay as he rod to Pandarus he tolde.
* His newe sorwe and ek his Ioyes olde.
  So pitously and with so dede an hewe.
That euer wight myghte on his sorwe rewe.

(81)

* Fro þensforth he rideth vp and down.
* And euer þing cam hym to remembrançe.
* As he rod forth by places of the toun.
  In whiche he whilom hadde al his plesaunce.
* Lo yende saugh I myn owene lady daunce.
* And in þat temple with here eyen clere.
* Me kaught first my right lady dere.

(82)

And yender haue I herd ful lustily. [leaf 101, back]
My dere herte laughe and yender pleye.
Saugh I here ones ek ful blysfully.
; And yender ones to me gan she seye.
; Now goode swete / louse me wel I preye.
  And yond so goodly gan she me byholde.
That to þe deth myn herte is to here holde.

(83)

And at þat corner in þe yonder hous.
Herde I myn alderleuest lady dere.
So wommanly wiþ voys melodiuous.
Syngen so wel / so goodly and so clere.
That in my soule yet me þenketh I here.
The blisful soun / and in þat yonder place.
| My lady first me tok vn-to here grace.

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(84)

- þanne þought he þus / o blisful lord Cupide.
- whanne I þe proces haue in memorie.

How þow me hast waryed on euery syde.
Men myght a book mak of it lyk a storie.
what nede is þe to seke on me victorie.
Syn I am þyn / and holly at þi wille.
what Ioye hastow þyn owene folk to spille.

(85)

- Wel hastow lord y-wroke on me þin Ire.
- Thow myghty god and dredful for to greue.

Now mercy lord / þow wostwel I desire.
Thi grace most of alle lustes leuue.
And leue and deye I wol [in] þi byleeue.
For which I naxe in guerdon but a bone.
- That þow Criseyde a-yen me sende soone.

(86)

- Distreyne here herte as faste to retorne.
- As þow dost myn to longen here to se.
Than wot I wel þat she nyl not soiourne.
Now blisful lorde so cruel þow ne be.
Vn-to þe blod of Troye I preye þe.
As Iuno was vn-to þe blood Thebane.
For which þe folk of Thebes caught here bane.

(87)

- And after þis he to þe yates wente.  [Leaf 102]
- There as Crisyde out rood a ful good paa.
And vp and doun þer made he many a went.
And to hym self ful ofte he seyde allas.
- From hens rood my blisse and my solas.
As wolde blisful god now for his Ioye.
I myghte here seen a-yen come in Troye.

CAMPSTALL
(88)
| And to þe yonder hill I gan here gyde. 610
| Allas / and þere I tok of here my leve. 613
| And yond I saugh here to hire fader ryde. 616
| For sorwe of which myn herte shal to-cleue. 620
| And heder hom I com whan it was euee. 623
| And here I dwelle out-cast from alle Ioye.
| And shal til I may so here eft in Troye.

(89)
| And of hym-self ymagyned he ofte. 617
| To ben defet / and pale / and woxen lesse. 620
| Than he was wont / and þat men seyde softe.
| what may it be / who kan þe soþe gesse.
| whi Troylus hath al þis heuynesse.
| And al þis nas but his malencolye.
| That he hadde of hym-self swich fantasye.

(90)
Anþer tyme ymagynen he wolde. 624
That euery wight þat wente by þe weye.
Had of hym rouþe / and þat þei seyen sholde.
I am right sory Troylus wol deye. 627
And thus he drof a day yet forþ or tweye.
As ye haue herd swych lyf right gan he lede.
As he þat stood by-twixen hope and drede. 630

(91)
| For which hym liked yn hise songes shewe. 631
| Thenceson of his wo as he best myghte. 634
| And make a song of wordes but a fewe.
| Somwhat his woful herte for to lyghte.
| And whan he was from euery mannes sighte.
| with soft voys / he of his lady dere.
| That was absent gan to syngen as ye may here. 637

CAMPSALL
(92) (Troilus's Song for Cressid)

O sterre of which I lost haue al þe light.  [leaf 102, back] 638
with herte sor / wel oughte I to be-wayle.
That euere derk in torment nyght by nyght.
Toward my deth with wynd in sterre I sayle.  641
For which þe tenþe nyght if þat I fayle.
Thi gydyng of þi bemes bright an houre.
My ship and mo Carybdes wol deuoure.  644

(93)

• This song when he þus songen hadde soone.  645
• He fyl a-yen in-to his sikes olde.
  And euery nyght as was his won to done.
• He stod þe bryght mone to beholde.
  And al his sorwe he to þe mone tolde.
• And sayde I-wys whan þow art horned newe.
  I shal be glad yf al þe world be trewe.  651

(94)

• I saugh þin hornes olde ek by þe morwe.  652
• whan hens rod my ryght lady dere.
  That cause is of my torment and my sorwe.
For whiche o bright lathona þe clere.  655
For loue of god ren fast a-boute þi spere.
  For whanne þyn hornes newe gynne sprynge.
  Than shal [s]he come þat may me blisse brynge.  658

(95)

• The dayes more / and lengere euery nyght.  659
• Than þei be wont to be hym þoughte þo.
• And þat þe sonne wente his course vnright.
  By lenger wey / þan it is wont to go.  662
  And sayde I-wys me dredep euere mo.
The sonnes sone Pheton be on lyue.
  And þat his fadres cart a-mys he dryue.  665

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(96)

Upon þe walles faste ek wolde he walke. 666

• And on þe Grekes ost he wolde se.
• And to hym self right þus he wolde talke.

Lo yender is myn owene lady fre. 669
Or elles yonder þere þo tenten be.
And þen[ne]s comth þis Eyr þat is so soote.
That in my soule I fele it doth me bote. 672

(97)

• And hardly this wynd þat more and more. [leaf] 673

• Thus stoundemele encreeth in my face.
• It is of my ladyes depe sikes sore.
I preue it þus for in noon opere place. 676
Of al þis town / saue onlyche in þis space.
Feel I no wynd þat sowneth so lyk peyne.
It seyth allas / why twynned be we twyne. 679

(98)

• This longe tyme he dryueth forth right þus. 680

• Til fully passed was þe nynþe nyght.
• And ay by syde hym was þis Pandarus.
• That bysily dide alle his fulle myght.
• Hym to conforte / and make his herte lyght.
• Yeuynge hym hope alwey þe tenþe morwe.
| That she shal come / and stynte al his sorwe. 686

(99)

• Vp-on þe toþer side ek was Criseyde. 687
• with wommen fewe among þe Grekes stronge.
For whiche ful ofte a day allas she seyde.

• That I was born wel may myn herte longe. 690
• After my deth for now lyue I to longe.
• Allas and I ne may it not amende.
• For now it is wors þan euere yet I wende. 693
(100)

My fader nyl for no þing do me grace.
To goon a-yen for ought I kan hym queme.
And yf so be þat I my terme passe.
My Troylus shal in his herte deme.
That I am fals and so it may wel seme.
Thus shal I haue vnþank on every side.
That I was born so weylawey þe tyde.

(101)

And yf þat I me put in Iupartie.
To stele awaye by nyghte an it by-falle.
That [I] be caught / I shal be hold a spie.
Or elles lo þis drede I most of alle.
yf in þe hondes of som wreche I falle.
I am but lost al be myn herte trewe.
Now myghty god / þow on my sorwe rewe.

(102)

• Ful pale y-woxen was hire brighte face. [leaf 103, back]

• Her lymes lene / as she þat al þe day.
  Stod whan she dorste / and loked on þe place.
  The[r] she was born / and she dwelt hadde ay.

• And al þe nyght wepyng alle she lay.
  And þus desepeird out of alle cure.
  She ladde here lyf / þis woful creature.

(103)

• Ful ofte a day she syked for destresse.
  And in here-self she wente ay portraynge.
  Of Troylus þe gret[e] worþinesse.

• And alle his goodly wordes recordyne.

• Syn first þat day here louse bygan to spryngе.
  And þus she sette here ful herte a-fyre.

• Thorugh remembraunce of þat she gan desire.

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(104)

• In al þis world þer nys so cruwel herte. 722
• That here had herd compleyne in here sorwe
• That wolde han wopen for here peynes smerte.
| So tendrely she wepte boþe eue and morwe. 725
| Here nedede no teris for to borwe.
• And þis was yet þe worste of al here peyne.
• Ther was no wight to whom she dorste hire pleyne. 728

(105)

• Ful rowfully she loked vp-on Troye. 729
• Byheld þe toures heyghe and ek þe halles.
• Allas quod she þe plesaunce and þe Ioye.
| The whiche þat now al torned in to galle ys. 732
• Haue I had ofte with-Inne þo yonder wallys
• Of Troiylus / what dost[ow] now she seyde.
• Lord whe[þe]r yet þou þenke vp-on Crisseyde. 735

(106)

• Allas .I. ne hadde trowed on yowre lore. 736
• And went with yow as ye me radde er þis.
• Thanne had I now not siked half so sore.
• who myght haue seyd þat I had don a-mys. 739
• To stele a-vey with swich on as he is.
  But al to late cometh þe letuariye.
| Whan men þe cors vn-to þe graue carye. 742

(107)

• To late is now to speke of þis matere. 743
  [next 104]
| Prudence allas / oon of þyn eyen two. 746
| Me lakked alwey er þat I cam here.
| On tyme y-passed wel remembred me.
| And present tyme ek koude I wel y-se. 746
| But futur tyme er I was in þe snare.
| Koude I not seen / þat causeþ now my care. 749

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But napeles bytyde what bityde.
I shal to morwe at nyght by Est or west.
Out of pis ost stelen on som manere syde.
And go with Troylus wher as hym lest.
This purpos wol I holde and pis is best.
No fors of wikked tonges fanglerys.
For euere on loune han wrecches had enuye.

For who so wold of euery word take hede.
Or rewelyn hym by euery wightes wit.
Shal he neuere pryue out of drede.
For pat pat somme han blamed euere yit.
Lo oper manere folk commenden it.
And as for me for al swych variance.
Felicite clepe I my suffisaunce.

For which wij-outen ony wordes moo.
To Troye I wole as for my conclusion.
But god it wot er fully monthes two.
She was ful fer fro pat entencion.
For hope Troylus and Troye toun.
Shal knotles thorugh out here herte slyde.
For she wol take a purpos for tabyde.

This Diomede of whom yow telle I gan.
Gooth now with-Inne hym self ay arguynge.
with al pe sleighte and al pat euere he kan.
How he may best with short taryinge.
In-to his net Criseydes herte brynge.
To pis entent he koude neuere fyne.
To fysshyn here / he leyde out hook and lyne.
(112)

But napeles wel in his herte he poughte. [Leaf 104, back] 778
That she nas nat wip-oute a loue in troye.
For neuere sithen he here pen[ne]s broughte.
Ne koude he sen her laughen or make Ioye.
He nyste how best here herte for tacye.
But for to assaye he seyde it nought ne greueth.
For he fat nought nassayeth nought nacheueth. 784

(113)

* Yet seide he to hym self vpon a nyght. 785
* Now am I not a fool fat wot wel how.
* Hire wo / for loue is [of] a noper wight.
| And here-vp-on to gon assaye here nowe. 788
| I may wel wite it nyl not ben my prow.
As wys[e] folk in bokes it expresse.
Men shal not wowe a wight in heuynesse.

(114)

| But who-so myghte wynnen swych a flour. 792
| From hym / for whom she morneth nyght and day.
* He myghte seyn he were a conquerour.
* And right a-noon as he fat bold was ay.
| Thoughte in his herte / happe how happe may.
* Al sholde I deye .I. wole here herte seche.
| I. shal no more lesen but my speche. 798

(115)

* This Diomede as bokes vs declare. 799
* was in his nedes prest and corageus.
With sterne voys and myghty lymes square.
Hardy / testyf / strong and cheualrous. 802
Of dedes lyk his fader Tidens.
* And som men seyn he was of tunge large.
And heyr he was of Calydoyne and Arge. 805
(116)
Criseyde mene was of here stature.  
Therto of shap / of face / and ek of chere.  
Ther myght[e] ben no fayrer creature.  
And oft[e] tyme pis was here manere.  
To gon y-tressed with hire heerys cler.  
Doun by hire color at here bak byhynde.  
which with a ðed of gold she wold[e] bynde.  

(117)
And saue here browes Ioynden y-fere.  
Ther nas no lak in ought I kan espyen.  
But for to speke[n] of hire eyen cler.  
Lo trewely þei writen þat here syen.  
That Paradys stood formede in here eyen.  
And with here riche beaute euere more.  
Strof loue in here / ay which of hem was more.  

(118)
* She sobre was / ek symple and wys with-al.  
* The beste y-norished ek þat myghte be.  
And goodly of here speche in general.  
Charitable / estatlyche / lusty & fre.  
Ne neuere mo ne lakkede here pyte.  
Tendre herted / slydynghe of corage.  
But trewely I kan not telle here age.  

(119)
And Troylus wel woken was in highte.  
And complet formed by proporcion.  
So wel þat kynde it not amenen myghte.  
Yong / fresche / strong / and hardy as lyon.  
Trewe as stel in ech condicion.  
On of þe beste enteched creature.  
That is or shal whil þat þe world may dure.  
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(120)

And certaynly in storye it is founde. 834
That Troylus was neuere vn-to no wight.
As in his tyme in no dege secounde.
In dorryng don þat longeth to a knyght. 837
Al myghte a Gesaunt passen hym of myght.
His herte ay wip þe firste and wip þe beste.
Stod paregal / to dorre don that hym leste. 840

(121)

But for to tollen forþ of Diomed.
| It fil þat after on þe tenþe day. 841
• Syn þat Criseyde out of þe Cite yede.
| This Diomed a as fressã as braunche in may.
Com to þe tente þere a[þ] Calkas lay.
And seyned hym with Calkas han to doon.
But what he mente I shal yow telle soone. 847

(122)

• Criseyde at shorte wordes for to telle. 848
• welcomed hym / and doun hym by here sette.
And he was ethe y-nowh to maken dwelle.
And after þis with-outen more lette. 851
The spices and þe wyn men forth hem fette.
And forth þei speke of þis and þat y-fere.
As frendes don / of which som shal ye here. 854

(123)

• He gan first fallen of þe werre in speche. 855
• By-twixen hem / and þe folk of Tropy toun.
| And of þassege he gan here ek byseche.
• To telle hym what was here opynyoun. 858
• Fro þat demaunde he so descendeth doun.
• To asken here / yf þat here straunge þoughte.
• The Grekes gyse / and werkes þat þey wroughte. 861

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(124)
- And whi here fader tarieth so longe.
- To wedden here vn-to som worthi wight.
- Criseyde þat was in here peyne stronge.
- For lune of Troylus here owene knyght.
  As fer forth as she konnynge hadde or myght.
- Answered hym þo / but as of his entente.
- It seemed not she wist[e] what he mente.

(125)
- But naþels þis ilke Diomede.
  Gan in hym self assure & þus he seyde.
- If ich a-right haue taken of yow hede.
- Me þenketh þus o. lady wyn Criseyde.
  That syn .I. first hond on youre brydel leyde.
- Whan ye out come of Troye by þe morwe.
- Ne koude I neuer sen yow but in sorwe.

(126)
- Kan I not seyn what may þe cause be.
- But if for lune of som Troian it were.
  The which right sore wolde aþynken me.
  That ye for ony wight þat dwelleþ þere.
  Sholde spille a quarter of a tere.
  Or pitously youre-seluen so bygile.
  For dredles it is nought worth þe while.

(127)
- The folk of Troye as who seyth alle and some. [leaf 106]
- In preson ben / as ye youre-seluen see.
  Fro þen[ne]s shal not oon on lyue come.
  For al þe gold by-twixen sonne and se.
  Trusteth wel / and vnderstondeth me.
- Ther shal not on to mercy gon on lyue.
  Al were he lord of worldes twyes fyue.
(128)

Swych wreche on hem for fecchyng of Eleyne. 890
Ther shal be take / er þat we hen[ne]s wende.
That Manes which þat goddes ben of peyne.
Shal ben agast / þat Grekes wol hem ahende. 893
And men shul drede vn-to þe worldes ende.
From hen[ne]s forth þe rauesshynge of a queene.
So cruell shal our wreche on hem ben sene. 896

(129)

• And but yf Calkas lede vs with ambages. 897
That is to seyn with dowble wordes slyye.
Swich as men clepe a word with two visages.
Ye shul wel knownen þat I nought ne lye.
• And al þis þing right sen it with youre ye.
• And þat a-noon ye nyl not trowe how soone.
• Now taketh heed for it is for to done. 903

(130)

• What wene ye youre wyse fader wolde. 904
• Han yeuen Antenor for yow anoon.
  If he ne wiste þat þe Cite sholde.
  Destroyed ben / whi nay so mote I gon. 907
  He knew ful wel þer shal not skapen on.
  That Troian is / and for þe gre[te] fere.
  He dorste not ye dwelte lengere þere.

(131)

• What woole ye more lufsom lady dere. 911
• Lat Troye an Troian fro youre herte pace.
• Dryf out þat bittre hope and make good chere.
• And clepe a-yen þe beaute of youre face. 914
  That ye with salte terys so deface.
• For Troye is brough in swych a Iupartie.
• That it to saue is now no remedye. 917

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(132)

- And lēnketh wel ye shal in Grekes fynde. [leaf 106, back] 918
- A more parft lōue er it be nyght.
- Than ony Troian is & more kynde.
  And bet to seruen yow wol don his myght. 921
- And yf ye vouche sauf my lady bryght.
- I. wol ben he to seruen yow my selue.
- Ye leuere þan þe lord of Greces twelue. 924

(133)

- And with þat word he gan to waxen red. 925
- And in his speche a litel wight he quok.
- And cast a litel wight a-syde his hed.
- And stynte a while / and afterward a-wook. 928
  And sobrelych on here he þrew his look.
- And seyde I am al be it yow no Ioye.
- As gentil man as ony wight in Troye. 931

(134)

- For yf my fader Tideus he seide. 932
- I-lyued hadde / I. hadde ben er þis.
- O. Calydoyne and arge / a kyng Criseyde.
- And so hope I / þat I shal yet y-wys. 935
- But he was slayn / allas þe more harm is.
- Vn-happily at Thebes al to ræpe.
  Polymyte and many a man to skathe. 938

(135)

| But herte myn / syn þat I am youre man. 939
| And ben þe ferste of whom .I. seche grace.
| To seruen you as hertely as I kan.
| And euere I shal whil I to lyuen hauie space. 942
| So er þat I departe out of þis place.
| Ye wol me graunte þat I may to morwe.
| At bettre leysen tel[ten] yow my sorwe. 945

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(136)

What shold I telle his wordes þat he seyde.
He spak y-now for o day at þe meste.
It preueth wel / he spak so þat Criseyde.
Graunted on þe morwe at his requeste.
For to spoke with hym at þe reste.
So þat he nolde speke of swych matere.
And þus she to hym seyde as ye may here.

(137)

• As she þat hadde here herte on Troylus. [leaf 107] 953
| So faste / þat þere may non it arace.
• And straungeþy she spak and seyde þus.
• O. Diomede .I. loue þat ilke place.
• Ther I was born / and loues for his grace.
Deliuere it soone of al þat doth it care.
God for þi might so leue it wel to fare.

(138)

That Grekes wolde here wrappye on Troye wreke.
If þat þei myghte .I. knowe it wel y-wys.
But it shal not bifallen as ye speke.
And god to-forn / and ferþer ouer þis.
I wot my fader wys and redy is.
And þat he me hath bought as ye me tolde.
So dere / I am þe more vn-to hym holde.

(139)

• That Grekes ben of heigh condicion.
• I wot ek wel / but certeyn men shal fynde.
• As worþi folk with-Inne Troye town.
| As konnyng / as parfite / and as kynde.
As ben bi-twixen Orcales an Inde.
And that ye koude wel youre lady serue.
I trowe ek wel here þank for to deserue.

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(140)

- But as to speke of loue y-wys she seyde.
  I hadde a lord to whom I wedded was.
  The whos myn hert al was til þat he deyde.
  And oþer loue as helpe me here Pallas.
- Ther in myn herte nys / ne neuere was.
- And þat ye ben of noble and heigh kynrede.
- I have wel herd it tellen out of drede.

(141)

- And þat doth me to han so gret a wonder.
  That ye wole scornen ony womman so.
  Ek god wot loue and I be fer a-sonder.
- I am disposed bet so mot I go.
  Vn-to my deth to pleyne and maken wo.
  What I shal after done .I. kan not seye.
- But trewe ly as yet me lyst not to pleye.

(142)

- Myn herte is now yn tribulacion. [leaf 107, back]
- And ye in armes ben day by day.
- Here-after whan ye wonden han þe town.
  Paraunter panne so it happen may.
  That whan I se þat I neuere er say.
  Than wole I werke þat I neuere wroghte.
  This word to yow y-nough suffisen oughte.

(143)

- To morwe ek wole .I. speke with yow fayn.
  So þat ye touchen nought of þis matere.
- And whan yow lyst / ye may com here a-yeyn.
  And er ye gon þus muche I seye yow here.
  As helpe me Pallas with heres clere.
- If þat I sholde of any Grek han roupe.
  It shulde be youre-seluen by my troupe.

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(144)

I sey not þerfore þat I wol yow loue.
Ne sey not nay / but in conclusion.
I mene wel by god þat sit a-boue.
And þer-with she cast here ey down.
And gan to syke & seyde .o. Troylus & Troye town.
Yet bidde I god in quiete and in reste.
I may yow sen / or do myn herte breste.

(145)

But in effect and shortly for to seye.
This Diomede as fresshly newe a-yen.
Gan pressen on / and faste here mercy preye.
And after þis þe sope for to seyn.
Here gloue he tok of wich he was ful fayn.
And fynally whan it was woxen eeue.
* And al was wel / he ros and tok his leue.

(146)

The bryghte Venus folowede and ay taughte.
The wey / there brode Phesus doun a-ligte.
And Cynthea here charhors ouer raughte.
To whirle out of þe lyon yf she myghte.
And sygnyfer his candesles shewed bryghte.
when þat Criseyde vn-to here bedde wente.
In-with here fadres faire bryghte tente.

(147)

Retornynge in here soule ay vp and doun. [leaf 106]
The wordes of þis sodeyn Diomede.
His gret estat and peril of þe toun.
And þat she was allone & hadde nede.
Of frendes help / and þes by-gan to brede.
The cause whi þe sope for to telle.
That sche tok fully purpo for to dwelle.
(148)

The morwe come / and gostly for to speke.
This Diomede is come vn-to Crisydye.
And shor[†]ly lest [pat] ye my tales breke.
So wel for hym self he spak and sayde.
That alle here sore sykes a-doun he leyde.
And fynally þe sope for to seyne.
He reste here of þe grete of al here payne.

(149)

And after þis the story telleth vs.
That she hym yaf þe sayre baye stede.
The which he onys wan of Troylus.
And ek a broche and þat was litel nede.
That Troylus was / she yaf þis Diomede.
And ek þe bet from sorwe hym to releue.
She made hym were a pencil of here sleue.

(150)

I fynde ek in storyes ellys where.
whan þorugh þe body hurt was Diomede.
Of Troylus / þo wepte she many a tere.
whan þat she saugh his wyde wowndes blode.
And þat she tok to [kepen] hym good hede.
And for to helen hym of his sorwes smerte.
Men seyn I not þat she yaf hym here herte.

(151)

But trewely þe story telleth vs.
Ther made neuere womman more wo.
Than she / whan þat she falsede Troylus.
She seyde alas / for now is clene a-go.
My name of troupe in loue for euere mo.
For I haue falsede on þe gentilest.
Thas euere was and on þe worfyest.

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(152)

Allas of me vn-to þe worldes ende. [leaf 108, back]  
Shal neyþer ben y-writen nor I-songe.  
No good wood / for these bokes wol me shende.  
O. rolled shal I ben on many a tonge.  
Thorough-ought þe world my belle shal be ronge.  
And wommen most wol hate me of alle.  
Allas þat swych a cas me sholde falle.

(153)

Thei wol seyn in as muche as in me is.  
I haue hem don dishonour weylawey.  
Al be I not þe firste þat dide amys.  
what helpeth þat to do my blame a-wey.  
But syn I se þer is no bettre way.  
And þat to late is now me to rewe.  
To Diomede algate I wol be trewe.

(154)

But Troylus syn I no beter may.  
And syn þat þus departen ye and .I.  
Yet preye I god so yeue yow right good day.  
As for þe gentileste trewely.  
That euere I say to seruen feypfully.  
And best kan ay his lady honour kepe.  
And with þat word she brast a-non to wepe.

(155)

And certes yow to haten shal I neuere.  
And frendes loue þat shal ye han of me.  
And my good word al myghty leuen euere.  
And trewely I wolde sory be.  
For to sen yow in aduersite.  
And giltles I wot wel I yow leue.  
And al shal passe / and þus take I my leue.
(156)

But trewe is how longe it was by-twene.
That she for-sok hym for pis Diomede.
Ther is noon auctor telleth it I wene.
Tak every man now to his bokes hehe.
He shal no terme fynd out of drede.
For though he gan to wowe here soone.
Er he here wan / yet was þere more to done.

(157)

Ne me ne lyst þis sely womman chyde.
Fer þere þan þis story wol deuyse.
Here name alas is punysshed so wyde.
That for here gilte it out I-now suffise.
And yf I myght excuse here ony wyse.
For she sory was for here vntroupe.
L-wys .I. wolde excuse here yet for roupe.

(158)

This Troylus as I by-forn haue tolde.
Thus dryueth forth as wel as he hath myght.
But often was his herte hot and cold.
And namely þat ilke nynþe nyght.
Which on þe morwe she hadde hym byhight.
To come a-yeyn / god wol ful litel reste.
Hadde he þat nyght / no þing to slepe hym lest.

(159)

The laurer crowned / Phebus with his hete.
Gan yn his course ay vpward as he wente.
To warmen of þe Est See þe wawes wete.
And Nisus doughter song with fressh entente.
whan Troylus his pandare after sente.
And on þe walles of þe toun þey pleyde.
To loke if þey kan sen ought [of] Criseyde.
(160)
| Til it was noone þei stoden for to se.  
- who þat þer come / and every maner wight.  
- That kam fro fer / þei seyden it was she.  
- Til þat þei koude knowen hym a-right.  
- Now was here herte dul / now was it light.  
- And thus by-laped stonden for to stare.  
| A-boute nought þis Troylus and Pandare.  

(161)
- To Pandarus þis Troylus þo seyde.  
- For ought .I. wot by-for noon sykerly.  
- In-to þis town ne cometh nought Criseyd.  
| She hath y-now to done hardily.  
- To twynnen from hire fader so treswe .I.  
- Here olde fader Wolfe yet make here dyne.  
| Er that she go / god yeue hys herte pyne.  

(162)
- Pandare answered it may wel be certeyn. [leaf 100, back]  
- And for þi lat vs dyne / .I. þe bysseche.  
- And after noon þanne mayst þou come a-yen.  
- And hom þei go / wip-outte more speche.  
- And comen a-yen but longe may þey seche.  
- Er þat þei fynde þat þei after cape.  
- Fortune hem bope þenketh for to lape.  

(163)
- Quod Troylus I se wel now þat she.  
- Is taried with here olde fader so.  
- That er she come it wol neygh euem be.  
- Come forth .I. wolde vn-to þe yate go.  
| This porteries ben vnnkonnynge euere-mo.  
- And I wol don hem holde vp þe yate.  
- As nought ne were: al·pough she come late.  

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(164)
- The day goth faste / and after þat come euee.
  And yet com nought to Troylus Crisyde.
  He loketh forth by hegge / by tree / by greuo
  And fer his hed ouer þe wal he leyde.
- And at þe laste he torked hym and seyde.
  By god I wot his menyege now Pandare.
  Almost y-wys al newe was my care.
  1142
  1145
  1148

(165)
- Now douteles þis lady kan here good.
- I. wot she meneth ryden pryuely.
- I. somende hire wysdom by myn hood.
- She wol not maken peple nicely.
- Gaure on here whan þat she comth / but softly.
- By nyghte in to þe toun / she þenketh ryde.
- And dere broþer þenk not to longe to abyde.
  1149
  1152
  1155

(166)
- We han not ellys to don y-wys.
- And Pandarus / now woltow trownen me.
- Haue here my trouþe I se here / yond she is.
- Heue vp þyn eyen man / maystow not se.
- Pandare answerede / nay so mot I þe.
- Al wrong by god what seystow man wher arte.
- That I se yond nys but a fare carte.
  1156
  1159
  1162

(167)
- Allas þow seist right soth quod Troylus.  [leaf 110]
  But hardely it is not al for nought.
- That in myn herte I now reioyse þus.
- It is a-yen som good I haue a-pought.
- Not I not how / but syn þat I was wroght.
  Ne felt I swich a confort dar I seye.
- She comth to nyght / my lyf þat dorste I leye.
  1163
  1166
  1169
(168)
- Pandare answered it may be wel y-nowh.  
- And held with hym of al ðat euere he seyde.  
- But in his herte he þoughte and softe lough.  
- And to hym self ful sobrely he seyde.  
  - From haselwode þere Ioly Robyn pleyde.  
  - Shal come al þat þat þow abydest here.  
  - Ye fare-wel al þe snow of fern[e] yere.

(169)
- The wardeyn of þe yates gan to calle.  
- The folk which þat with-oute þe yates were.  
- And bad hym dryuen In here bestes alle.  
- Or al þe nyght þey most b[l]euwen þere.  
- And fer with-Inne þe nyght with many a tere.  
- This Troylus gan homward for to ryde.  
  - For wel he seth it helpeþth nought tabyde.

(170)
- But naþeles he gladed hym yn þys.  
- He þoughte he mysaccounted hadde his day.  
- And seyde .I. vnderstone de haue al a-mysa.  
- For þilke nyght .I. last Cryseyde say.  
- She seyde .I. shal ben here yf þat I may.  
- Er þat þe mone .o. dere herte swete.  
- The Lyon passe / out of þis Ariete.

(171)
- For which she may yet holden al here byheste.  
- And on þe morwe vn-to þe yate he wente:  
  - And vp and down by west & ek by Este.  
  - Vp on þe walles made he many a wente.  
- But al for nought his hope alwey hym blente.  
- For which at nyght yn sorwe and sykes sore.  
  - He wente hym hom with-outen ony moore.
(172)

- This hope al clene out of his herte is fledde. [110, 111] 1198
- He nath wher-on now lengere for to honge.
- But for þe peyne hym þoughte his herte bledde.
- So were hise þrowes sharpe and wonder stronge. 1201
- For when he saugh þat she abood so longe.
- He nyst what he Iuggen of it myght.
- Syn she hath broken þat she hym byhyght. 1204

(173)

- The þridde / ferþe / fyfthse sixte day. 1205
- After þo dayes / ten / which I [of] tolde.
- By-twixen hope and drede his herte lay.
- Yet som-what trustyng on here heastes olde. 1208
- But whan he saugh she nolde he[re] terme holde.
- He kan now sen noon of þer remedye.
- But [for to] shape hym soone for to dye. 1211

(174)

- Ther-with þe wykked spyrit god vs blesse. 1212
- which þat men clepeth þe wode Ialousye.
- Gan yn hym crepe yn al þis heynesenye.
- For whiche by cause he wold soone dye. 1215
- He ne eet ne dronk / for his malencolye.
- And ek from every compaignye he fledde.
- This was þe lyf / þat al þe tyme he ledde. 1218

(175)

- He so defet was þat no maner man. 1219
- Vnneþe myght hym knowe þer he wente.
- So was he lone and þer-to pale and wan.
- And feble þat he walketh by potente.
- And with his Iire he þus hym seluen shente.
- And who so asketh hym wher-of hym smerte.
- He seyde his harm was al a-boute his herte. 1225

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(176)
• Pryam ful ofte and ek his moder dere.  1226
• His breþer en and his sustren gonne hym freyne.  
• why he so sorwful was in al his chere.  
• And what þyng was þe cause of al his Peyne.  1229
• But al for nought / he nolde his cause pleyne.  
• But seyde he felte a greuous maledye.  
| A-boute his herte / and fayn he wolde dye.  1232

(177)
• So on a day he leyde hym doun to slepe.  [leaf 111]  1233
• And so by-fel þat yn his slep hym þoughte.  
| That in a florest faste he welk to wepe.  
; For loue of here þat hym þese peynes wroghte.  1236
; And vp and doun as he þe forest soughte.  
• He mette he saugh a bor with tukes grete.  
| That slepte a-yeyn þe bryghte sonnes hete.  1239

(178)
• And by þis bor faste in his armes folde.  1240
• Lay kyssyng ay his lady bryght Criseyde.  
• For sorwe of which whan he it gan byholde.  
• And for despit out of his slep he breyde.  1243
• And loude he cride on Pandarus & seyde.  
• O. Pandarus now know I crop and roote.  
| I. nam but ded þer nys non oþer bote.  1246

(179)
• My lady bryght Criseyde hath me bytrayed.  1247
• In whom I trusted most of ony wight.  
• She ellis where hath now here herte a-payed.  
• The blysful goddes þorugh here grete myght.  1250
• Han in my drem y-shewed it ful right.  
| Thus yn my drem / Criseyde I haue byholde.  
• And al þis þing to Pandarus he tolde.  1253
(180)

- O my Criseyde allas what subtilyte.  
- what newe lust / what beaute / what science.  
- what wratthe of Iust[o] cause haue ye to me.  
- what gift of me what fel experience.  
- Hath fro me raft / allas þyn aduertence.  
- O. trust .o. feyth .o. depe aseurance.  
- who hath me ret Criseyde al my plessaunce.  

(181)

- Allas whi lest I you from hennes go.  
  For which wel neigh out of my wit I breyde.  
- who shal now trwen on ony opes mo.  
- God wot I wende. o. lady bright Criseyde.  
- That euery word was gospel þat ye seyde.  
- But who may bet bigile yf hym lyste.  
- Than he on whom men weneth best to triste.  

(182)

- What shal .I. don my Pandarus allas. [leaf 111, back]  
  I fele now so sharpe a newe peyne.  
  Syn þat þer is no remedye in þis cas.  
- That bet were it I with myn hondes tweyne.  
- My-seluen slowh / alwey þan þus compleyne.  
  For þorugh my deth my wo shold han an ende.  
  Ther euery day with lyf my self I shende.  

(183)

- Pandare answerede and seyde allas þe while.  
- That .I. was born / haue I not seyd er þis.  
  That dremes many a maner man bygyle.  
- And why for men expounden hem a-mys.  
- How dastow seyn þat fals þi lady is.  
  For ony drem right for þyn owene drede.  
- Lat be þis þought þow kanst no dremes rede.  

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(184)

- Paraunter þere þow dremest of þis bor. 1282
- It may so be þat it may signifie.
- Hire fader which þat old is & ek hor.
- A-yen þe sonne lith o poyn to dye. 1285
- And she for sorwe gynneth wepe and crye.
- And kyseth hym þere he lyth on þe grounde.
- Thus shuldestow þi drem a-righ expounde. 1288

(185)

| How myght I þan do quod Troylus. 1289 |
| To knowe of þis / ye were it neuere so lite. |
| Now seystow wysly quod þis Pandârus. |
| My reed is þis syn þow kan wel endite. 1292 |
| That hastely þow a lettre here write. |
| Thorugh which þow shalt wel brynge it a-boute. |
| To knowe a soth of þat þow art in doute. 1295 |

(186)

- And se now why / for þis I dar wel seyn. 1296
- That if so is þat she vntrew be.
- I kan not trowen þat she wol write a-yen.
- And yf she write / þow shalt ful soone see. 1299
- As wheyþer she hath ony liberte.
- To come a-yen / or ellys yn som clause.
- And yf she be let she wol assigne a cause. 1302

(187)

- Thow hast not wretten here syn þat she wente. [leaf 113] 1303
- Nor she to þe / and þis I dorste leye.
- The may swych cause ben in here entente.
- That hardely þow wolt þi-seluen seye. 1306
- That here a-bod þe beste is for yow tweye.
- Now write here þanne and þow shalt fele soone.
- A sope of al þere is no more to done. 1309
(188)
- Accorded ben to this conclusioun.
  And þat a-noon þese ilke lordes two.
  And hastily sit Troylus a-doun.
  And rolleþ yn his herte to and fro.
  How he may best discryuen here his wo.
- And to Criseyde his owene lady dere.
- He wroght right þus and séyde as ye may here.

(189) (Troylus's Letter to Criseyde)
- Right freshe flour / whos I ben haue and shal.
  with-outen part of ells whère seruise.
- with herto / body / lyf / lust / þought / and al.
  I. woful wight / in euer humble wyse.
  That tongue telle / or herto may deuyse.
  As ofte as matere occupieþ place.
- Me recomande vn-to youre noble grace.

(190)
- Liketh it yow to wite swete herte.
  As ye wel know how longe tyme a-gon.
- That ye me lafte yn aspre peynes smerte.
- whan þat ye went of which yet bote noon.
  Haue I noon had / but euere wers bygon.
  Fro day to day / am I and so mot dwelle.
  while it yow lyst / of wele and wo my welle.

(191)
- For which to yow with dreful herte trewe.
  I wryte as he þat sorwe dryfth to wryte.
  My wo þat eueri houre encreseth newe.
  Compleynynge as I dar / or kan endite.
- And þat defaced is / þat may ye wyte.
- The terys which þat fro myn eyen reyne.
  That wolde speke / yf þat þoy koude and pleyne.
(192) (Troylus's Letter to Crisseyde, continued.)

\[\text{Yow first biseche. I. that your eye ny clere. [leaf 118, back]}\]
\[\text{To look on pis / defouled ye not holde.}\]
\[\text{And ouer al pis pat ye my lady dere.}\]
\[\text{Wol vouche-sauf pis lettre to by-holde.}\]
\[\text{And by pe cause ek of [my] cares colde.}\]
\[\text{That alep my wit / yf ought amys masterte.}\]
\[\text{For-yeue it me / myn owene swete herte.}\]

(193)

\[\text{Yf ony servuaut dorste or oughte of ryght.}\]
\[\text{Vp-on hys lady pytously compleyne.}\]
\[\text{Than wene .I. pat ich ought be pat wyght.}\]
\[\text{Considered pis pat ye jese monepes twyne.}\]
\[\text{Han taried / jere ye seyden soth to seyne.}\]
\[\text{But ten dayes ye nolde in ost soiourne.}\]
\[\text{But yn two monepes yet ye not retorne.}\]

(194)

\[\text{But for as muche as I mot nedes lyke.}\]
\[\text{Al pat yow lyst I dar not pleyne more.}\]
\[\text{But humbely with sorwful sykes syke.}\]
\[\text{Yow wryte ich myne vnresty sorwes sore.}\]
\[\text{Fro day to day desyrYe euere more.}\]
\[\text{To knowen fully yf it youre wil [it] were.}\]
\[\text{How ye han ferd and don whyl ye be jere.}\]

(195)

The whos wel-fare / and hele ek god encresse.
In honour swych pat vpward in degre.
It growe alwey / so pat it neuere cesse.
Right as youre herte ay kan my lady fre.
Deuyse / I prey god so mot it be.
And graunte it pat ye soone on me rewe.
As wysly as yn al I am yow trewe.

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(196) (Troilus's Letter continued)

And ye sow lyketh knowen of pe fare.
Of me whos wo per may no wight discryue.
I kan no more but chyste of euery care.
At writynge of pis lettre I was on lyue.
Al redy out my woful gost to dryue.
which I delaye and holde hym yet in homde.
Vpon pe sight of mater of youre sonde.

(197)
Myn eyen two yn veyn with which .I se.  [leaf 117]
Of sorweful teres salte / arn woxen wellys.
My song yn pleynte of myn aduersite.
My good yn harme / myn ese ek woxen helle ys.
My Ioye yn wo / I kan sey yow nought ellys.
But turned ys / for which my lyf I warye.
Euerych Ioye or ese in his contrarye.

(198)
Which with youre comynge hom a-yen to Troye.
ye may redresse and more a poussand sithe.
Than euer ych hadde enccessen yn me Ioye.
For was þere neuere herte yet so blythe.
To han his lyf / as I shal ben as swythe.
As I yow se / and pough no manere routhe.
Commeue yow / yet þyketh on youre troupe.

(199)
And ye so be my gilt hath deth deserued.
Or ye you lyst no manere vp-on me se.
In guerdon yet of þat I haue you serued.
Bische I yow myn hertes lady fre.
That here-vpon ye wolden wryte me.
For loue of god my righte lode sterre.
There deth may make an ende of al my werre.

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(200) (Troilus's Letter continued)

- If oþer cause aught dothe yow for to dwelle. 1394
- That with youre lettre ye me recomforte.
  For þough to me youre absence is an helle.
  wit pacience I wole my wo comporte.
  And with youre lettre of hope I wol desporte.
- Now writeth swete / and lat me þus not pleyne.
  with hope / er deth delyuere me fro peyne. 1400

(201)

Ywys myn owene dere herte trewe.
I wot þat whan ye next vp-on me se.
So lost haue I myn hele and ek myn hewe.
- Crisseyde shal nought konne knowe me.
  I-wys myn hertes day my lady fre.
  So thursteth ay myn herte to biholde.
  Youre beaute / þat my lyf vnneþe I holde. 1407

(202)

- I sey no more al haue .I. for to seye. [leaf 117, back] 1408
- To you wel more þan I telle may.
  But we-eþer þat ye do me lyue or deye.
  Yet pray I god so yeue yow right good day.
  And fareth wel goodly fayre freshe may.
  As ye þat lyf or deth me may comaunde.
  And to youre trouthe ay I me recomaunde. 1414

(203)

With hele swych but þat ye yeuen me.
The same hele / I shal noon hele haue.
In you lyth whan yow lyst þat it so be.
The day yn which me cloþen shal my grave.
In yow my lyf / in yow myght for to saue.
Me from dyshese of alle peynes smerte.
And fare now wel myn owene swete herte. [Letter end] 1421

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(204)

- This lettre forth was sent vn-to Criseyde. 1422
  Of which here answere yn effect was þis.
  Ful pytously she wrote a-yen and seyde.
  That al so soone as þat she myght y-wys.
  She wolde come / and mende al þat was mys.
  And fynally she wroght and seyde hym þanne.
- She wolde come ye but she nyst whanne. 1428

(205)

But yn here lettre made she swych festes. 1429
That wonder was and swereth she loueth hym best.
Of which he fond but botmeles byhestes.
But Troylus þow mayst now Est or west. 1432
Pype yn an Iuy lef yf þat þe lest.
Thus goth þe world god shylde vs fro myschaunce.
And euery wight þat meneth troupe auaunce. 1435

(206)

- Enresen gan þe wo fro day to nyght. 1436
- Of Troylus / for taryinge of Criseyde.
- And lessen gan his hope and ek his myght.
- For which al doun he yn his bed hym leyde. 1439
  He ne eect / ne dronk / ne slep / ne word seyde.
  Ymagynynge ay þat she was vnkynde.
  For which wel neigh he wax out of his mynde. 1442

(207)

This drem of which .I. told haue ek by-forn.  [leaf 114] 1443
May neuere ek out of his remembrançaunce.
He þought ay wel he hadde his lady lorn.
And þat Ieues of his purveyaunce. 1446
Hym shewed hadde in sleep þe signyfyaunce.
Of hire vntrope and here disauenture.
And þat þe bor was shewed hym yn figure. 1449

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(208)

For which he for Sibille his suster sente.  
That called was cassandre ek al a-boute.  
And al his drem he tolde here er he stente.  
And here bisoughte assoylen hym þe doute.  
Of þe stronge bor with tuskes stoute.  
And fnally with-Inne a lytel stounde.  
Cassandre hym gan right þus hys drem expounde.  

(209)

She gan first smyle / and seyde o broþer dere.  
If pow a soth of þis desyrest knowe.  
Thow most a fewe of olde storieys here.  
To purpos / how þat ffortune ouer-prowe.  
Hath lorde olde / þorugh which with-inne a prow.  
Thow wel þis bor shalt knowe & ek of what kynde.  
He comen is / as men yn bokes fynde.  

(210)

Diane which þat [wroth] was and yn Iire  
For Grekes nolde don here sacrifice.  
Ne encens vp on here Auter sette a fyre.  
She for þat Grekes gonne here so dispise.  
wrak here in a wonder cruwel wyse.  
For with a bor as grete as oxe yn stalle.  
She made vp frete here corn and vynes alle.  

(211)

To sle þis bor was al þe contre reysed.  
A-monges which þer com þis bor to se.  
A mayde / on of þis world beste y-preysed.  
And meleagre lord of þat contre.  
He louede so þis fresshe mayde fre.  
That with his manhod er he wolde stente.  
This boor he slow and here þe hed he sente.
(212)

Of wich as olde bokes tellen vs.  [leaf 114, back] 1478
Ther ros a contek / and a gret enuye.
Of pis lord descendede Tydeus.
By ligne or ellys olde bokes lye.
And how pis Maleagree gan to dye.
Thorugh his moder / wol I yow not telle.
For al to longe were it for to dwelle.  1484

(213)

She told ek how Tydeus er she stente.  1485
Vn-to þe strong Cite of Thebes.
To cleyne kyngdom of þe Cite wente.
For his felawe daun Polymytes.
Of which þe broser daun Ethyoceles.
Ful wrongfully of Thebes hold þe strengþe.
This told she by proces al þe lengþe.  1491

(214)

She told ek / how Hemonydes asterte.  1492
whan Tydeus slowh fyfty knyghtes stoute.
She told ek al þe prophesies by herte.
And how þat senene kynges with here route.  1495
Bysegiden þe Cite al aboute.
And of þe holy serpent / and þe welle.
And of þe furyes al she gan hym telle.  1498

[Argument of the 12 Books of Statius's Thebaia.]

Associat profugum Tideo primus Polimitem.
Tidea legatum doceat insidias-que secundus.
Tercius hemoduden canit & vates latitantes.
Quartus habet Reges inuentes prelia septem.
Mox furie lenne quinto narratur & anguis.
Archimori bustum: sexto ludique leguntur.

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Dat graios Thebes et vatem septimus umbris.
Octavo cecidit Tideo spes vita Pelasgis.
Ypomedon nono moritur cum Parthonopea.
Flumine percussus. Decimo capaneus superatur.
Vndecimo sese perimunt per vulnera fratres.
Argiva fluentes narrat duodenus & ignem.

(215)

Of Archymoris burynge and þe pleyes. [Note] 1499
And how Amphiorax ful þorugh þe grounde.
How Tydeus was slayn lord of Argeys.
And ypomedon y lytel stounde.
was dreynyt and ded Parthonope of wounde.
And also how Cappaneus þe proute.
with þonder dynt was slayn þat cryde loude. 1505

(216)

She gan ek telle hym how þat cyper broþer.
Ethycles and Polymyte also.
At a Scarmych ech of hem slowh oþer.
And of Argyues wepynge and here wo.
And how þe town was brent she told ek þo.
And so descendeth doun from gestes olde.
To Diomede and þus she spak and tolde. 1512

(217)

This ilke bor by-tokneth Diomede. 1513
• Tydeus sone / þat doun descended is.
• Fro Meagre þat made þe bor to blede.
• And þi lady wher þat she be y-wys.
• This Dyomede here berte hath and she is.
  wep if þow wolt or leef for out of doute.
This Diomede is Inne and þow art oute. 1519
(218)

Thow seyst nat soth quod he þou sorceresse.

: with al þi fals gost of prophesie.
Thow wenest ben a grete deuyneresse.
Now seystow not þis fol of fantasiese.
: Peyneth here on ladyes for to lye.
| A-vey quod he þer Ioues yewe the sorwe.
Thow shalt be fals paraunter yet to morwe.

(220)

| Cassandre goth / and he with cruel herte.  \[leaf 115, back\]  1534
For-yat his wo / sfor angle of here speche.
And from his bed al sodeynly he sterte.
As þough al hol hym hadde made a leche.
And day by day he gan enquire & seche.
A soop of þis / with al his fulle cure.
And þus he drieth forth his auenture.

(221)

Fortune whiche þat permutacion.

Of þinges hath / as it is here commytted.
Thorough pursuyaunce / and disposition.
Of heyghe Ioue as regnes shal ben flettet.
Fro folk yn folk / or whan þey shal ben smyttet.
Gan pulle a-vey þe feperes out of Troye.
Fro day to day / til þei ben bare of Ioye.

Campsall
(222)
Among al þis þe fyn of þe parodye.
Of Ector gan approchen wonder blyue.
The fate wold his soule sholde vnbodye.
And shapen hadde a mene it out to dryue.
A-yeyns which fate helpeth not to stryue.
But on a day to fyghten gan he wende.
At which allass he caught his lyues ende.

(223)
For which me þenketh every manere wight.
That haunteth armes oughte to by-waylle.
The deth of hym þat was so noble a kn[y]ght.
For as he drouch a kyng by thauentaylle.
Vn-war of þis Achille þorugh þe mayle.
And þorugh þe body gan hym for to ryue.
And þus þis worþi knyght was brought of lyue.

(224)
| For whom as olde bokes tellen vs.
| was mad swych wo / þat tonge may it not telle.
| And namely þe sorwe of Troylus.
| That next hym was of worþinessse welle.
| And yn þis wo gan Troylus to dwelle.
; | That what for sorwe / and loue and [for] vnreste.
| Ful ofte a day he bad his herte breste.

(225)
| But natheles though he gan hym dispeyre. [Leaf116]
| And dradd þat his lady was vntrewa.
; | yet ay on here his herte gan repeyre.
| And as þese loueres don he soughte ay newe.
| To gete a-yen Criseyde bryght of hewe.
| And in his herte he wente here excusyng.
; | That Calkas causede al here taryinge.

CAMPSALL
(226)

- And ofte tyme he was yn purpos gret. 1576
- Hym self lyk a Pylgrym to degyse. 1577
- To son here but he may not contrefete. 1579
- To ben vnknownen / of folk þat weren wyse. 1579
- Ne fynde excuse a-right þat may suffise. 1582
  | yf he among þe Grekes knowen were.
  | For which he wep ful ofte many a tere.

(227)

- To here he wrot yet ofte tyme al newe. 1583
  Ful pitously he lefte it nought for slouþe.
  Bisechynge here syn þat he was trewe.
  | That she wolde come ayeyn & holde here trowþe.
  | For which Crisyde vp-on a day for rouþe.
  | I take it so / towchynge þis materie.
  | wrot hym a-yeyn and seyde as ye may here.

(228) (Crisydes Letter to Troylus)

Cupides sone / ensample of goodlihede. 1590
O. swerd of knyghthod / sours of gentilesse.
How myght a wyght in torment and in drede.
And heesles / yow sende as yet gladnesse.
I herteles. I. syke I yn distresse.
Syn ye with me nor I with yow may dele.
Yow neyþer sende ich herte may nor hele. 1596

(229)

Youre lettres ful þe papir al y-pleynted. 1597
Conseyued hath myn hertes pite.
I haue ek seyn wiþ terys al depeyned.
youre lettre / and how þat ye requeryen me.
To come a-yen / which yet may not be.
But why / lest þis lettre founden were.
No mencion ne make I now for fere.

CAMPSALL
Greuous to me god wot is youre vnreste. [leaf 116, back] 1604
Youre haste and þat þe goddes ordenaunce.
It semeth not ye take it for þe beste.
Nor opere þyng nys not yn youre remembaunce.
As þenketh me but oonly youre plesaunce.
But beth not wroth / and þat I yow byseche.
For þat I tarye / is al for wykked speche. 1610

For I haue herd wel more þan I wende. 1611
Towchynge vs two / how þynges han y-stonde.
which I shal with dissimulynge amende.
And beth nought wroth I haue eke vnderstonde.
Ye ne don but holden me in honde.
But now no fors I kan not in yow gesse.
But alle troupe and alle gentilesse. 1617

Come I wole but yet in swich disioynt. 1618
I stonde as now þat what yer or what day.
That þis shal be þat kan I not apoynte.
But yn efect I prey yow as I may.
Of youre good word and of yowre frendship ay.
For trewely whil [þat] my lyf may dure.
As for a frend ye may in me assure. 1624

Yet preye I yow an yuyl þat ye ne take. 1625
That it is short which þat I to yow write.
I dar not þere I am wel lettres make.
Ne neuere yet ne koude I wel endite.
Of gret effect men write yn place lité.
Thentent is al / and nought þe lettres space.
And fareþ now wel god haue you in his grace. 1631

TROILUS. u CAMPSCALL [Letter ends]
(234)

This lettre pis Troylus poughte al straunge.
when he it saugh / and sorwefully he sighte.
Hym poughte it lyk a kalendes of chaunge.
But fynally he ful ne trewen myghte.
That she now wolde hym holden þat she highte.
• For wip ful yuel wil lyst hym to leue.
• That loueþ wel yn swich cas þough hym greue.

(235)

But naþles men seyn þat at the laste.  [4af11v]
For ony þing men shal þe soþe se.
And swych a cas by-tidde & þat as faste.
That Troylus wel vnderstod þat shé.
Nas not so trewe / as þat here oughte be.
And fynally he wot now out of doute.
That al is lost þat he hath gon a-boute.

(236)

Stod on a day in his malencolye.
This Troylus and yn suspccion.
Of here for whom he wende for to dye.
And so bifel þat þorugh-out Troye town.
As was þe gyse y-bore was vp and down.
A manere cote arm[ur]e as seyth þe storye.
Byfore Deiphebe yn signe of his victorie.

(237)

The which cote as telleþ lollius.
• Deiphebe it had y-rent from Diomede.
The same day / and whan þis Troylus.
It saugh he gan to taken of it hede.
Auysyn of þe longthe and of þe brede.
And al þe werk / but as he gan byholde.
Ful sodeynly his herte gan to colde.
(238)

As he āt on ē cole fond with-Inne. 1660
• A broch āt he Criseyde yaf āt morwe.
• That she from Troye moste nedes twynne.
  In remembrançce of hym / and of his sorwe. 1663
  And she hym leyde a-yen here feyth to borwe.
• To kepe it ay / but now ful wel he wiste.
  Hys lady nas no lengere on to tryste. 1666

(239)
• He goth hym forth hom / & gan ful soone sende. 1667
• For Pandarus and al ēs newe chaunce.
• And of ēs broche he told hym word and ende.
• Compleynynge of here hertes variaunce. 1670
• His longe loue / his troupe and his pennaunce.
• And after deth with-outen wordes more.
• Ful faste he cride his reste hym to restore. 1673

(240)
• Than ne spak he ēs .o. lady myn Criseyde. [n.117, 14] 1674
• wher is youre feyth and wher is youre byheste.
• wher is youre loue / wher is youre troupe he sayde.
• Of Diomede haue ye now al ēs feste. 1677
  Allas I wolde haue trowed at ē pe lest.
• That syn ye nolde yn troupe to me stonde.
  That ye ēs nolde han holden me in honde. 1680

(241)
• Who shal now trowe on any oþer mo. 1681
• Allas I neuere wolde han wend er ēs.
• That ye Criseyde koude han chaunged so.
  Ne but I hadde a-gylt or don amys. 1684
• So cruwel wende I not / youre herte y-wys.
  To sle me ēs / allas youre name of troupe.
  Is now for-don and ēt is al my roupe. 1687

CAMPSALL
(242)

- *Was þere noon oper broche yow lyste lete.* 1688
- *To feffe with youre newe loue quod he.*
- *But þilke broche þat I with terys wete.* 1691
- *yow yaf / as for a remembrance of me.*
- *Non oper cause alas ne hadde ye.*
- *But for despit / and ek for þat ye mente.*
- *Al outrely to shewe youre entente.* 1694

(243)

- *Through which I se þat clene out of youre mynde.* 1695
- *Ye han me cast / and I ne kan nor may.*
  | For al þis world / with-Inne myn herte fynde.
  | To vnlouen yow a quarter of a day. 1698
- *In Cursed tyme I born was weylaway,*
  | That ye þat do me al this wo endure.
  | Yet loue I best of ony creature. 1701

(244)

  | *Now god quod he me sende yet þe grace.* 1702
  | *That I may meten with þis Diomedæ.*
  | *And trewely yf I haue myght and space.*
  | *Yet shal I make I hope his sides bledæ.* 1705
  | *O god quod he þat oughtest taken hede.*
  | To forperen trouthe / and wronges to punye.
  | *why nyltow don a vengeauce on þis vice.* 1708

(245)

- *O Pandarus that in dremes for to triste.* 1709
- *Me blamed hast / and wont art ofte vp breyde.*
- *Now maystow se þi selue yf þat þow lyst.*
- *How trewe is now þi nece bryght Cryseyde.* 1712
- *In sondry formes god it wot he seyde.*
- *The goddes shewen boþe Ioye and teno.*
  | In spel and by my drem it is now sene. 1715

CAMPSALL
(246)
 And certaynly wiþ-oute more speche.
 From hen[ne]sforth as ferforth as I may.
 Myn owene deth yn armes wol I seche.
 I recche not how soone by þis day.
 But trewely Criseyde swete may.
 whom I haue ay with al my myght I-serued.
 That ye þus don / I haue it nought deserued.

(247)
 This Pandarus þat alle þese þynges herde.
 And wist wel he seyde a soth of þis.
 He nought a word a-yen to hym answerede.
 For sory of his frendes sorwe he is.
 And shamed / for his Nece bath don a-mys.
 And stant a-stoned of þese causes tweye.
 As stille as ston a word ne koude he seye.

(248)
 But at þe last þus he spak and seyde.
 My dere broþer I may þe do nomore.
 what shuld I seyn I hate y-wys Criseyde.
 And god wot I wol hate here eufermore.
 And þat þou me bysoughtest don of yore.
 Hauynge to myn honour ne my reste.
 Right no reward I dede al þat þe lest.

(249)
 If .I. dede ought þat myght lyken þe.
 It is me lef / and of þis treson now.
 God wot þat it a sorwe is vn-to me.
 And dredles for hertes ese of yow.
 Right fayn wolde I amende it wist I how.
 And fro þis world almyghti god I preye.
 Delyuere here soone .I. kan nomore seye.
(250)

- *Gret was the sorwe / and pleynt of Troylus.* [112, 13] 1744
- But forth his cours fortune *ay* gan to holde.
- Criseyde loueth *pe* sone of Tideus.
- And Troylus mot wepe in care colde. 1747
  Swich is *pis* world who-so it kan biholde.
  In eche estat is litel hertes reste.
  God leue vs for to take it for *pe* beste. 1750

(251)

| In many cruwel batayle out of drede. | 1751 |
| Of Troylus / *pis* ilke noble knyght. | 1754 |
| As men may in *these* olde bokes rede. | 1757 |
| was sene his knyghthod and his grete myght. | 1761 |
| And dredles his yre day and nyght. | 1764 |
| Ful cruwel[y] *pe* Grekes ay aboughte. |

(252)

- *And ofte tyme I fynde *pat* *pey* mette. | 1758 |
- with blody strokes and with wordes grete. |
- Assayinge how here speres were whettha. |
  And god it wot with many a cruwel hete. |
  Gan Troylus vpon his helm to bete. |
- But napeles fortune it nought ne wolde. |
- Of o[pe]res hond *pat* eyther deyen sholde. |

(253)

And yf I hadde *y.*taken for to wryten. 1765
The armes of *pis* ilke worthi man.
Than wold I of hisse battayles endite[n]. 1768
But for *pat* I to write first bygan.
Of his loue I haue seyd as I kan.
Hese worpi dedes who-so list hem here.
Red dares / he kan telle hem alle *y.*fere. 1771
Bysechynge euerly lady bryght of hewe.  1772
And euerly gentil womman what she be.
That al be þat Criseyde was vntrewe.
That for þat gyft She be not wroth with me.  1775
Ye may here gylt in opere bokes se.
And gladlyer I wol write yf yow leste.
Penelopee trouthe and goode Alcest.  1778

Ne I sey not this / al only for þese men.  1779
But most for wommen þat by-traysed be.
Though false folk / god yeue hem sorwe amen.
That with here grete wit / and subtitlee.  1782
By-trayse yow / and þis commeueth me.
To speke / and yn effect yow alle I preye.
Beth war of men / and herkeneth what I seye.  1785

Go litel bok / go litel myn Tregedie.  1786
Ther god þi makere yet er þat he dye.
So sende myght to make yn som comedye.
But litel bok no makyng þow nenuye.  1789
But subgit be to alle poesye.
And kys þe steppes þere as þow seest pace.
Virgile. Ouyde. Omer. Lukan. & Stace.  1792

And for þer is so gret dyuersite.  1793
In Englyssh / and yn wrytyng ofoure tonge.
So preye I god þat noon myswryte þe.
Ne þe mysmetre for defaute of tonge.  1796
And red wher so þou be or elles songe.
That þow be vnderstonde god beseche.
But yet to purpos of my raþere speche.  1799
(258)

- The wrappe as I began yow for to seye.
- Of Troylus / þe Grekes boughten dere.
  For þousandys hese hondes maden deye.
  As he þat was with-outen ony pere.
  Sane Ector yn his tyme as I kan here.
  But weylaway sane only goddes wille.
  Dispitously hym slowh þe fiers Achille.

(259)

And whan þat he was slayn yn þis manere.
His lighte gost ful blysfully is went.
Vp to þe holwghnesse of þe seuenþe spere.
In convuers lettynge every element.
And þere he saugh with ful aunysement.
Th erratyk sterres herkenynge Armony.
with sownes ful of heuenyseh melodye.

(260)

And doun from þens faste he gan aunyse.  [leaf 119, back]  
This litel spot of erþe þat with þe se.
Enbraced is / and fully gan despise.
This wrecched world / and held al vanite.
To respect of þe pleyn felicite.
That is yn heuene abone / and at þe laste.
Ther he was slayn / his lokying doun he caste.

(261)

And yn hym self he lough right at þe wo.
Of hem þat wepten for his deth so faste.
And dampned aloure werk þat folweth so.
The blynde lust þe which may not laste.
And shuld aloure herte on heuene caste.
And forth he wente shortly for to telle.
Ther as Mercurye sorted hym to dwelle.

CAMPSELL
(262)

* Swich fyn hath lo þis Troylus for loue.  
Swych fyn hath al his grete worpynesse.  
* Swich fyn hath his estat real aboue.  
  Swich fyn his lust / swich fyn hath his noblesse.  
Swych fyn hath false worldes brotlnesse.
; And þus by-gan his louynge of Crisyde.  
; As I haue told / and yn þis wyse he deye.

(263)

* O yonge fresshe folkes he or she.  
* In which þat loue / vp groweth with youre age.  
* Reperyth hom from worldly vanyte.
  And of youre herte vp casteth þe visage.  
To thilke god þat after his ymage.
; Yow made / and thynketh al nys but a Fayre.
; This world / þat paseath soone as floures Fayre.

(264)

And loueth hym þe which þat right for loue.
Upon a croseoure soules for to beye.
First starf / and ros / and sit yn heuene a-boue.
For he nyly falsen no wight dar I seye.
That wole his herte al holly on hym leyde.
And syn he best to loue is / and most meke.
what nedeth feyned loues for to seke.

(265)

Lo here of Payens corsed olde vyces.  [leaf 120]
Lo here what alle hire goddes may auaylle.
Lo here þese wrecched worldes appetites.
Lo here þe fyn and guerdon for trauayle.
Of Ioue / appollo / of mars / of swych rascayle.
Lo here þe forme of olde clerkes speche.
In poetrie / yf [yn 1] here bokes seche.  [1 hole in MS.]
(266)
O moral Gower this boke I directe. 1856
To ye / and the Philosophical Strode.
To vouchen sauf / per nede is to corecte.
Of your benigneess and zeles garde. 1859
And to that sothfast Crist pat starf on rode.
With al myn herte of mercy euere I preye.
And ye lord right bus I speke and seye. 1862

(267)
Thou / oon / and two / and yre / eterne on lyue. 1863
That regnest ay / yn thre / and two / and oon. (Dante)
Vncircumscrip and al mayst circumscriue.
Vs from visible and Inuysible foon. 1866
Defende / and to ye mercy eurichon.
So make ye Iesus for thi grace digne.
For loute of mayde and moder thyn benigne. Amen.

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The references (to save figures) are given to the stanzas, not to the lines; and the Books are marked I., II., III., IV., V. Thus the ending a, in the rime Crisseyd-a, A, occurs in I. 25, i.e. in Book I., st. 25; where it is easily found. Similarly, the ending abbe occurs in labbe and gabbe, in Book III., st. 43; and so of the rest.

Forms within a parenthesis refer to the pronunciation; thus (aze) after 'ase' means that the s is like z. I use o and e to denote open o and e, and ö and é to denote the close sounds.

The final e is to be sounded in every instance; thus the rimes in abbe, acce, adde, age, etc., are all dissyllabic or feminine rimes. A few trisyllabic rimes occur, viz. in arië, arien, eëër, eë'rë, eë're (perhaps eë're), eëre, (perhaps eë're), eërë, (perhaps eë're), eërië, eërië, eëriës. The word tis forms part of the rime-ending in a few instances; see alles (alle is), ayes (ay is), elles (elle is), ewes (ewe is), inges (ing is), oles (ole is), oules (oul is), ones (oon is), yces (yce is). In such cases, a preceding e is elided; thus alle is becomes allis. For further information, see the footnotes and the remarks subjoined to the Index.
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   180. 205. 207. 230. 239.
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aunge: I. 155. II. 4. V. 18.
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ause: II. 104. V. 186.
ave: I. 18. II. 17. 106. 140.
   178. 208. III. 15. 197. 211.
   215. IV. 81. 197. V. 203.
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   rave, save, yave.)
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   122. 160. IV. 89. 127. 176.
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as (ey): I. 154. II. 10. 69.
   80. 132. 181. 201. III. 77.
   142. 152. 227. 231. IV. 92.
   137. 167. 216. 229. 233. V.
   22. 61. 102. 114. 121. 142.
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\[82. 84. 99. 105. 111. 120. \quad \text{III. 218. V. 172. 174.}
\]
\[123. 130. 137. 138. 140. 144. \quad \text{edd} : \text{V. 50.}
\]
\[145. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. \quad \text{edden} : \text{IV. 7.}
\]
\[159. 177. 180. 184. 191. 196. \quad \text{ erectile} (\text{ëde}) : \text{I. 12. 14. 37. 76.}
\]
\[199. 222. 226. 227. 230. 238. \quad \text{II. 8. 15. 77. 119. 168. 189.}
\]
\[V. 1. 21. 41. 49. 59. 86. 96. \quad 215. \text{ III. 14. 42. 186. 193.}
\]
\[107. 118. 120. 127. 155. 160. \quad 205. \text{ V. 17. 90.}
\]
\[163. 166. 180. 186. 195. 197. \quad 97. \text{ IV. 156. 159. 176. 192.}
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\[199. 201. 203. 211. 229. 235. \quad 195. \text{ V. 208. 209. 217. 225. 235.}
\]
\[242. 249. 254. 255. 257. 260. \quad \text{V. 3. 8. 68. 90. 140. 183.}
\]
\[263. \text{1} \quad \text{228.4}
\]
\[\text{ece} : \text{I. 114. 127. II. 49. 62.} \quad \text{ëde (ëde)} : \text{I. 124. II. 90. III.}
\]
\[211. \text{III. 197. IV. 90. 207.} \quad 65. 67. 221. \text{ IV. 2. 21. 49.}
\]
\[227. \text{V. 46.} \quad 158. 223. \text{ V. 3. 13. 27. 44.}
\]
\[\text{ecches} : \text{III. 134.} \quad 121. 125. 149. 150. 217.
\]
\[\text{èche} : \text{I. 101. 123. 127. II. 9.} \quad \text{244.5}
\]
\[36. 71. 82. 153. 203. 226. \quad \text{ëde (ède, òde) : I. 72. 83. 111.}
\]
\[\text{III. 57. 84. 108. 191. 216.} \quad \text{II. 49. 96. 107. III. 60. 70.}
\]
\[256. \text{IV. 65. 165. 211. V.} \quad 101. 104. \text{ IV. 11. 23. 219.}
\]
\[16. 56. 114. 123. 162. 220. \quad \text{V. 29. 109. 156. 237.6}
\]
\[230. 246. 257. 265.2 \quad \text{ëdië : V. 256.}
\]
\[\text{èd (èd) : II. 59. 64. 94. 121.} \quad \text{ee, eed, eem. see è, ëd, ën.}
\]
\[243. \text{III. 12. 137. 155. 225.} \quad \text{een (èen) : II. 28 (been, be, been,}
\]
\[\text{IV. 72. 166. V. 153.3} \quad \text{been, ëeen, flee); V. 66 (been,}
\]
\[\text{seen).} \quad \text{been, ëeen).}
\]

1 All words ending in è (in Troilus) have the close sound of e, with the sole exception of see, seen (A.S. se). Owing to the paucity of rimes for it, it forms a permissible rime with other words in è. It occurs in II. 64, III. 2, IV. 225, V. 127, 260. In IV. 147, èd means 'seat.'

2 Of words in èche, èche has the open è (A.S. ècean); èche and binèche have close è (A.S. ëcean). Other words are èche, v. (to èks), èche, proche, and proche; (b)èche, ëche are found together more than 20 times.

3 The è is open; from A.S. èa, as in A.S. brest, èad, heafod, rëad; or from A.S. òa, as in ròd. To these add goodithèad (cf. A.S. hòd). No example of close è in this set.

4 In these particular instances, è is open, from A.S. èa or òa. From èa, as in A.S. dëad, tòad, rëad. From òa, as in A.S. bòédin, dëd, dëdàn, bòëdän, mëd, ròdän, ëprëdän, wëde. To these add goodithèad, wømanhèad, kìnreda. (For an explanation of unstable è, see below.)

5 Here è is close, from A.S. èo or è. From èo, as in A.S. bòëdàn, forbòëdàn, èode, nòod. From è, as in A.S. bòédin, bròédin, cròë, fòdän, gëld, hòdàn, spòdän, òëdæ. To these add Dòëdæ, ëodæc, of French origin.

6 Here open è seems to rime with close è. In Troilus, it only occurs (in rimes in ède) when one of the words is the sb. dòde, dòad; or else, in one case only, when the words are Dòëdæc, èode (heèd), bòdëde (breàdh), V. 237; or else, in one case only, when one of the words is dòde (dòed), II. 49. Observe that dòde chiefly occurs in supplemental phrases, such as out of dòde, I. 111, IV. 11, V. 109, 156; or without dòde, II. 96. III. 60. 70; or for dòde, I. 83. III. 107. III. 104. V. 29. For a further explanation of these exceptional rimes, see below.
EEK: I. 70; III. 202.  
EES: see es.  
ĚGE: III. 43. IV. 133.  
ĚKE (ěke): III. 130. 201. V. 138. 148.  
ĚKE (ěkě): V. 264.  
ĚL (ěl): II. 85. 174. III. 100. 102. IV. 47. 152.  
ĚLD: II. 190. 230.  
ĚLE (ělé): II. 54.  
ĚLE (ělé): II. 101. 250. III. 46. V. 228.  
ĚLED: IV. 42. 80 (seled, repeled).  
ĚLLEN: I. 1.  
ĚLLES (elle is): V. 197.  
ĚLTE: III. 50. 207. IV. 53.  
ĚME (ěmé): V. 100 (queme, deme, SEM).  
EMEN (ěmen, Ŏmen): II. 115 (dremen, semen, quemen).  
ĚMETH (ěmeth): I. 92 (semeth, demeth).  
ĚN (ěn): III. 86. V. 255.  
ĚN: see een.  
ĚNCE: I. 57. 74. 80. III. 20. 31. 142. 182. 186. 190. IV. 10. 29. 41. 78. 112. 152. V. 34. 180.  
ĚNCH: IV. 73.  
ĚNDE (ěnd): IV. 63.  
ĚNDE: I. 64. 70. 73. 139. II. 32. 35. 59. 113. 122. 179. 214. 248. III. 17. 30. 56. 61. 66. 88. 101. 110. 133. 220. 241. 259. IV. 93. 101. 123. 128. 132. 160. 200. 214. 226. 236. V. 68. 72. 76. 99. 128. 152. 182. 222. 231. 239.  
ĚNDO: I. 31.  
ĚNETH: I. 38. V. 213.  
ĚNNE: I. 59. II. 30. 222. IV. 178.  
ĚNT: I. 2. 91. II. 6. III. 7. 21. 70. IV. 31. 50. 77.  

7 Here open ě is from A.S. ĕ lengthened, in the words brecce, specke, wrecce: from breccan, sprecan, worccan.  
8 Here belong meke (A.S. *mēc), seke (A.S. sécan); with long close e.  
9 Here we find bıcke, with long close c, from A.S. sécan, riming with cke (cf. A.S. ciss) and cche (A.S. cīsc). See pp. 25*, 26*.  
10 The words are: dél, dél, wel, schel, with the F. adj. dernel, temporal. The ě is close, except in děl (A.S. dēl) and in eternel, temporel, which give admissible rimes.  
11 The words are děl (A.S. děljan), hēl: (A.S. hēlo).  
12 The words are fele (A.S. felan), hele (A.S. hēla), knele (A.S. cněwlan).  
13 Here the open ě is from A.S. ěs or ě, and mod. E. spelling has es, as in beaux, clean, lean, mean.  
14 Here the close ě is from A.S. ě or ǭ, and mod. E. spelling has ee, as in between, green, keen, queen, teen, woan. But in seem, yarne, shewe, the ě is doubtful. In V. 2, read shēne (not clēne), grēne, quēne.
80. 134. 169. 186.  V. 64.  
259. 
epte: I. 9. 39. 46. 56. 106. 134.  
II. 9. 46. 51. 52. 75. 86. 117.  
119. 126. 132. 152. 175. 191.  
207. 220. 223. 223. 247.  
III. 3. 18. 79. 113. 170. 177. 226.  
IV. 6. 13. 20. 25. 49. 50. 62.  
91. 122. 175. 196. 203. 218.  
243.  V. 13. 22. 41. 62. 87.  
124. 146. 159. 171. 175. 187.  
208. 211. 213. 242.  
ented: I. 145.  
șo: IV. 8 (Monestes, Ripheo,  
Phebusse).  
șp = seep: I. 70.  III. 202.  
șpe (șepe): II. 74. 137.  III.  
252.15  
IV. 85.  V. 37. 154.16  
șpe (șepe, șepe): III. 60. 153.  
V. 177.17  
epte: IV. 51.  
er: III. 203 (astrologer, mes-  
sayer).  
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158. 204.  III. 115. 153.219.  
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erdes, or ierdes: III. 89.  
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28. 65. 145. 234.  III.  
66. 75. 81. 82. 84. 90. 99.  
108. 156. 159.164. 189.192.  
200. 241.  IV. 9. 47. 92. 96.  
100. 195. 212. 218.  V. 32.  
126. 130. 150. 169. 194. 228.  
229.18  
șre (șere): I. 93.  III. 238.  III.  
5. 39. 54. 235.  IV. 88.  To  
which add IV. 208.19  
38. 40. 42. 57. 62. 126.146.  
152. II. 1. 6. 22. 24. 36. 48.  
52. 68. 71. 85. 116. 118. 130.  
139. 149. 158. 160. 162. 173.  
179. 181. 195. 205. 211. 216.  
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132. 155. 172. 188. 191. 194.  
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81. 83. 91. 94. 107. 116. 117.  
122. 131. 136. 143. 176. 188.  
259.20  

15 The š is open, from A.S. ša or ș, as in A.S. keap, hileapan; doubtful in șepe. Cf. mod. E. keap, leap.  
16 The š is close, from A.S. š or șo, as in A.S. șepe, șepan, șeap. Cf. mod. E. keap, weep, deep.  
17 The š is close, but words are allowed to rhyme with șepe; cf. A.S. șepan, by-form of șilepan, and mod. E. sleep.  
18 Here belong words with open š from A.S. ša and š: of these, there, șore, where still have the open sound, and șar, șear, șear, șear, ab. (lacrima) are now split with șa. Bere, a bier, is from A.S. béar. In III. 241, șeapere has the open ș, correctly; see Ten Brink, § 68.  
19 Here belong words with open š from A.S. ša and š. Examples are seen in șere (A.S. gēfær, companion), șere (A.S. hēr, here), șere (A.S. hēran,

to hear), dere (A.S. dēere, dear), of which the three last recur with great frequency. Also fere, variant of fare (A.S. fyr, fire). Also the French words appere, chere, clere, manere, maistre, pore (peer), pruyere, refere, vogere, vogere, spere (sphere). It is interesting to note that spere, a spear, with open e, does not rhyme with the same class of words as spere, a sphere, with close e. Hence, e.g., spere in the Complaint of Mars, 137, has a close e, and must mean ‘sphere’; whilst in the Parl. Foules, 185, it has an open e, and must mean ‘spear.’ (The e in here, to hear, and fere, fire, is variable; see note 21.)

21 These are the exceptional cases. In I. 33, fare (fire) is rimed with were (were), stere (stir), with open e, whereas it is elsewhere rimed if with close e. In II. 14, 226, III. 134, IV. 63, V. 23, we find lere (A.S. lēran), which should have open e, riming with here (here), here (hear), and dere (dear). In III. 35, V. 168, yere (year) rimes with dvere (dear), here (here); but A.S. has the form gēr as well as gear. In IV. 169, 173, bere (bier) is treated as if with close e.
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esse = esse (êesse) : I. 64. II. 99. IV. 83. V. 195. See esse.
este : I. 24. 27. 83. 86. 147. II. 12. 52. 61. 87. 106. 109. 113 (!). 131. 135. 159. 190 (twice). 207. III. 22 (!). 32. 45. 50. 56. 96. 121. 133. 138. 150. 162. 166. 183. 188. 190. 205. 217. 229. 240. IV. 9. 25. 37. 44. 83. 94. 126. 160. 184. 204. 221. 229. 234. V. 11. 63. 74. 75. 108. 120. 136. 144. 151. 158. 171. 205 (!). 219. 224. 230. 240. 248. 250. 254.
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et : II. 14. 84. 120. III. 241. 248.
ete (êete, êete) : I. 140 (trête, biyete, pp., hête). 24
etu (êtëte, êëte) : I. 77. II. 192. 223. IV. 133. 25
ten (êtëten) : I. 106 (gëtet, treten).
etêth (ëteth) : II. 54. 26
ëteth (ëtëth) : IV. 130. 27
ëth (ëthë) : I. 115 (deeth, breath).
ethe (ëthe) : IV. 111 (wunethhe, dethhe).
ette : i. 52. II. 13. 133. 156. III. 34. 68. 87. 100. 104. 107.
ettrë : III. 156. 222. 227. IV. 6. 34. V. 42. 122. 252.
etten : II. 22.
ettre : II. 174. 243.
etee (ëève) : I. 98. II. 186. 237. 246. III. 80. 85. 89. IV. 194. V. 69. 71. 145. 155. 164. 28
ëve (ëève) : I. 49. 68. 99. 143. II. 34. 60. 163. III. 44. 144. IV. 12. 87. 139. 201. 237. V. 149. 234. 29
ëve (ëève) : I. 134. (foryêve, êeve, live). See ive.
ete (êève, êève) : II. 105 (in some MSS). V. 85. 86. 30

22 Here belong words with long open e from A.S. êa (A.S. bêtân, grêat), or from A.S. êu (A.S. hêute, bêtân, spêlân, strêht, svêtian, voût). Also êe (A.S. êetan), II. 170. Also the F. words counterete, plete, trete, Potîtete.
23 Here belong words from A.S. ê (A.S. bêtan, grêtan, mêtan, svête) and from A.S. êo (A.S. fêtan); also from Lat. ë (Admita, Arida, manmate, plante, quiête).
24 Here the e in biyete is open, and has been lengthened from A.S. bigêten.
25 The rhymes are: (a) suvëte (A.S. svette), byëte (cf. A.S. bêdêtan); (b) svête (A.S. svette), mète (A.S. mêtan); (c) grëte (A.S. grêtan), svête (A.S. svette), mète (A.S. mêtan), (d) svette (A.S. svette), bote (A.S. bêtan), strête (A.S. strêht). The exceptional or variable words are bihete, mete, strete.
26 The e is open, from A.S. ê : as in eten, forêdân.
27 Open long e, from A.S. êa ; as in prêdêtan, bêtan.
28 Here belong words with open long e from A.S. êa (as rëfêsan, birêfêsan, lêaf, leave), or from A.S. êo (as ëfan, eve, lêfan, to leave) ; also greve, a grove (cf. A.S. grêf). But the e in eve is variable ; see below.
29 Here belong, to believe (A.S. gelêfêsan) ; lewe, dear (from A.S. lêof), slevë, a sleeve ; also the F. words achève, greve, mëve, grove, relève, repëve. But the e in lewe, to b.lieve, is variable.
30 Doubtful cases : II. 105 (leve, sb. leave, b.lieve, v. to believe) ; V. 85,
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141. 156. 161. 173. 178. 183. 204. 216. 223. 235. V. 23. 26. 33. 46. 72. 76. 95. 151. 163. 181. 188. 216. 241. 261.33 ø (ŏ́) : II. 44. IV. 122. 241.33 ø (ŏ́, ṓ) : I. 11. 78. 119. II. 2. 4. 24. 114. 155. IV. 154.34 õd (ŏ́d) : II. 169. III. 92. V. 16. 165 (flood, good, hood, stood).

ŏde (ŏ́de) : I. 148. III. 132. IV. 79. V. 266 (gode, rode, Strode, stode).

od : V. 222 (paridie, unbodie).

ofte : I. 20. 28. 132. 136. II. 147. III. 64. 96. 179. 234. IV. 78. 175. V. 2. 50.
ointie, cyanie : III. 71. V. 232.

ök (ŏ́k) : II. 198. 35 ŏk (ŏ́k) : IV. 3. V. 42. 133.36 oken (ŏ́ken) : I. 13. 30 (broken, spoken, wroken).

old (ŏ́ld) : II. 100. V. 158.38


olden (ŏ́lden) : IV. 52 (colden, folden, beholde).

oles, ole is (ŏ́les, ŏ́līs) : I. 91 (oles, scold is, ő́les).
om : I. 77. (whom, from).

ome (ŏ́men) : III. 37. V. 74.

ön : see con.

onde : I. 37. 120. 144. II. 29. 31. 39. 69. 175. III. 111. 134. 165. IV. 23. 186. 201. V. 196. 231. 240.
onder (ŏ́nder) : II. 164. III. 95. V. 141.40

ondes : II. 140. III. 160 (hondes, bondes).

one (ŏ́ne) : II. 46 (gone, gone).

ốne (ŏ́ne) : I. 14. 26 (f). 52. 79. 100. 131. II. 74. 80. III. 59. 95. 259. IV. 32. 124. 136. V. 36.41

22 All words with long open o from A.S. a; except the F. words jo (III. 5) and Ascephiolo (V. 46).
23 Only to, do, fordo; with close ø (A.S. ø).
24 Exceptional forms. In I. 11. 119. II. 2. 4. 114, do is rimed with open ø, as frequently elsewhere (Ten Brink). In II. 24, we find ōð, òð, ò, which is put for two by the influence of the w; hence mod. E. two (tuo). In II. 165, we find so, woð, òð; where òð should rather be òð (fool. ṭū). In IV. 154, we find hertö, so; where so, for sō, is due to the influence of the w in swo. In I. 78 (540), for to read mo, as in Th. II2.
25 I.e. oke, strook, with open ø (A.S. ø).
27 With open o, originally short.
28 From A.S. ë, Mercian a, lengthened to ë; hence with open long o.

Exceptional : wolde, biholde, III. 17.

29 These words sholde, wolde, wolde (ne wolde) are usually rimed together, as if this were preferred to rimes them with other words. The only exception is in II. 17 (bholde, wolde). sholde rhymes with wolde and wolde only.
30 I.e. asonder, thonder, wonder, yonder. Hence yonder is treated as yonder; cf. M. E. yund, in Stratmann, s.v. yeond.
31 With open long o, from A.S ñ; only allone, one, grone, mone (moan). Also the F. words Dion, Elicone.
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Thi Troilus withoute rede or lorde,
As man that hath his lyues eek forlourre,
Was waiting on his lady evermore,
As she that was the soothfast crop and more
Of all his lust, or lyues heer-biforre.
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43. 82. 182. III. 44. 154.
158. 175. 235. IV. 52. 140.
157. 179. 212. V. 23. 41.
207 (biform, born, corn, torn,
sorn, sworn, thorn, tiforn,
torn).
orn, orneth: see ounre, our-

ori: I. 76. 85. II. 251. III.
20. IV. 45. 122. (All
French.)
or: I. 339. III. 162. V.
200. (French.)
or: IV. 104. (French.)
orwe: I. 70. 123. 136. II. 58.
138. 157. 218. III. 127.
231. V. 2. 43. 58. 94. 98.
104. 125. 135. 218. 238.
(only bowwe, morning, swrewe.)
öse (bôse) : II. 180. IV. 202.
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cloude, proude: with A.S.
ð).
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29. V. 15. 168.
ought: I. 64. 83. 116. II. 83.
IV. 42. 153. V. 15. 167.
oughte: I. 56. 71. 153. II.
131. III. 38. 67. 83. 98.
109. 257. IV. 96. 100. 104.
136. V. 65. 112. 123. 142.
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139. 142. 144. 147. 188. 221.
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oude (uunde): I. 123. 153. 156.

I. e. almost, moost, wost, with long open o from A.S. ð; also host, ost
(host).
I.e. host, moost, wost, wron (A.S. hāt, māt, wāt, wroð). With open ð.
I.e. foot, moost, sot (A.S. fōt, mōt, sōt). With close ð.
I.e. hole (from A.S. hāt); also note, grote. With open ð.
I.e. bote, frote, soote (with A.S. ð). With close ð.
I.e. clooth, gooth, looth, ooth, wrooth (with A.S. ð). With open ð.
I.e. dooth, sooch (A.S. ð); with close ð.
I.e. bothe, wrothe (A.S. ð); with open ð.
The rimes are: for arothe, bothe. Arothe (A.S. sēth) has close ð; bothe
(A.S. swēth) has open ð. The rime is admissible, from the paucity of rimes
in -othe.


60 In I. 30, the words are E. (from A.S. ë), viz. crowe (browe), rowe, adj. (rough). In III. 123, V. 33, we find arowe, (en)rowe, rescrowe (French).
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22. 30. 35. 43. 50. 55. 102. 116. 119. 207. 220. 232. 243. urne, urneth: see ourne, ourneth.

urthe, yrthe: III. 103 (murthe, burthe).


use: II. 2. III. 81 (excuse, muse, use).

used: II. 155 (excused, accused).

usen: III. 147 (use, excuse).

uwe, ewe, uè: I. 50. 55. II. 100. 146. 180. III. 86. 255. IV. 71. 188 (argue, eschue, meve, misconstrue, soluue, use to follow), steue (stew, s.), truce, i.e. true: all French. See ewe.

y, I (ii): I. 12. 55. 60. 62. 142. II. 3. 27. 35. 38. 78. 90. 97. 144. 183. 204. 220. 240. 246. III. 10. 23. 31. 108. 165. 213. IV. 17. 94. 99. 127. 135. 146. 151. 181. V. 12. 38. 71. 82. 154. 161. 165.

ýce, ice (iise with voiceless s): I. 141. II. 104. 123. III.

47. 199. 206. 258. IV. 86. V. 244. 61. Compare yse below.

ýce, ices, ice is: I. 99 (vyses, vyses is).


ýén (ii-en): I. 44. II. 47. 77. 93. 124. III. 27. 163. 208. V. 117.

ýés (ii-es): IV. 201.

ýeth (ii-eth): IV. 46. 120.

ýf (ii): II. 112. 120. III. 16. 186. V. 49.

ýke (iike): I. 86. 119. II. 62.

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a. All French; avaryoe, cherove, matlyoe, nyoe, offyoe, punyoe, wyoe. Note that cherove, punyoe are now cherish, punish.

b. English: drye (to suffer), dye, hye (high), hye (haste), hye (to hie), lye (to lie), ays, eye (to sink), thrye, wrye, ye (eye), y-urye. French: armonye, astronomye, aynye, bauderye, companye, crye, carlanye, denye, enye, fantasque, folye, freneyme, glorifise, gloronye, gyre, langleye, lcloyne, Jupartye, iltoppye, maladye, melancolye, melodye, multiplye, notifye, nocielye, plye, poosy, prophesy, prye, remadye, signifise, synne, s., trecherye, vilanye. Dye (to die) occurs repeatedly as a by-form of drye; see I. 60, 104, 148, &c. The word 'eye' appears as ýe; see I. 65, II. 58, 130, IV. 57, 287, V. 64, 80, 128, &c. Compare note 31.
(rimes with -yte) 127. 182.
V. 194. 64
ýle (iile): I. 47. 103. II. 39.
73. 241. III. 111. 154. IV.
1. 38. V. 58. 126. 183.
ýme (iime): I. 51. 76. II. 142.
157. 223. V. 68.
ýn (inn): III. 40. IV. 69.
(engyn, fyn, myyn, thyn).
56. 68. V. 1. 39. 42. 111.
161.
ýr (iir): II. 191. III. 70. 234
(desyer, fyr, spyr, wyr).
ýre (ire): III. 4. 102. IV. 18.
27. 73. 117. V. 85. 103. 210.
yrthe: see urthe.
ýs (iis): IV. 60 (weis, avys).
ýse, ise (iise, with voiced s): I.
12. 24. 40. 48. 52. 100. 137.
138. 142. II. 5. 11. 40. 56.
97. 103. 151. 152. 199. 205.
209. 221. 229. 239. 243. III.
6. 8. 10. 19. 23. 29. 34. 43.
60. 63. 66. 68. 77. 88. 122.
135. 139. 164. 170. 184. 199.
244. 257. 260. IV. 12. 34.
37. 57. 74. 105. 116. 119.
127. 192. 196. 197. 212. 219.
241. V. 59. 61. 157. 189.
210. 226. 260. 63 Compare yce above.
ýsed (iised): III. 47. 170.
(arysed, chaustyed, surprysed).
ýt (itti): II. 102. III. 149.197.
IV. 240. V. 20.
37. 39. 55. 100. 127. 147.
152. 166. 172. 174. 183. 236.
III. 9.72. 106. 119. 129. 179.
224. IV. 2. 98. V. 185.191.
233. 253. 64
ýtes (iites): V. 265 (rytes, appytes).
ýteth (iiteth): III. 236 (byteth, dalycheth).
ýthe (iithe): IV. 108. V. 198
(blythe, l., cyth, swythe).
220. 230. III. 33. IV. 25.
57. 95. 127. 196. 222. 223.
267. (English: blyve, dr.,
f., h., l., r., str., thr.; French:
Argyve, circumscr., depr.,
disc.)
ýves (iives): II. 17. V. 55.
(llyves, wyves).

A few peculiar stanzas may be noticed. Thus we find the endings -y and -ye in the same stanza in I. 60, IV. 17, V. 38; and in the last two instances they are used alternately. In III. 27, the endings -yén and -ye occur alternately. In IV. 137, and V. 202, we find, alternately, the endings -eye and -ay (-ey). In V. 3, 4, we have very instructive examples. In the former of these stanzas, we find the first and third lines ending with Dioméde, bédle, with close e; whilst the second, fourth, and fifth lines end with lédé, rédé, rèle, with open e. In the

63 English: aerysce, aysce, forbyse, ryse, wyse, sb., and adj. French aysce, coeysce, cowaardysce, devoysce, v., despyse, disgeysse, emprysce, gyse, sacrificysce, sb. servysce, suffysce. Note that we now say cowardice, sacrifice, service, suffice; with voiceless s. In III. 199 we find both despyse, coeysce, and aysce, ryse.
64 In II. 127, if the reading is correct, we fynd syke used as riming with endyse, whyte; which merely gives an assonance. (Read syke, to grieve.)
latter, we have the rimes lère, evenmôre, with long open o, and
fortôre, miôre, tofôre, in which the o was originally short, and
had probably not yet attained its full length. Prof. Lounsbury
(Studies in Chaucer, I. 393) calls attention to these
stanzas as shewing evidence of carelessness on the poet’s part;
whereas they prove precisely the contrary. In connection
with this subject, the student should look for himself at
Anelida, ll. 299—307, where we find a stanza precisely parallel
to that in ll. 238—246 above. The rimes tomanhêde, dêde,
bêde, drêde, sêde, all show the open e (cf. A.S. -hêd, dêd, lêdân,
drêdân, sêdân); whilst the rimes nêde, bêde, mêde, hêde, all
show the close e (cf. A.S. nêod, bêodan, mêd, hêdân). This
looks very much as if Chaucer had anticipated the charge of
carelessness as being like to arise, and had prepared a trap
for his accusers.65

So again, in IV. 208, we have the rimes stêre (stir, A.S.
styrían), bêre (bear), ledêre (leader), as distinct from the rimes
dêre, yfêre. In the former set, the e is open, and originally
short; in the latter pair, it is long and close.

Yet again, in V. 32, we have dêre, clere, with long close e,
and where, wre, tere (tear), with long open e.

When these peculiarities are properly understood, we may
sometimes even gain a clue to the sense intended. Thus, in
the last stanza cited, IV. 208, the word stêre has an open e,
originally short; it therefore means ‘stir,’ i.e. employ, put in
practice, and cannot mean steer, or direct, as in IV. 41, where
it rimes with manêre and dêre. The scribe of the Cambridge
MS. was aware of this, and employs the spelling stire; but the
scribe of MS. Harl. 2280 was not aware of it, and alters the
word to steere, as printed by Dr. Morris in the Aldine edition,
vol. iv. p. 359, where the stanza is misnumbered 204. For a
like reason, as already shewn above, the word hêre, in II. 238,
must mean ‘her,’ not ‘hear’; in III. 39, the same word hêre
rimes with suvêre, whilst the very same stanza ends with dêre,
yfêre.

65 I can only here protest, generally, against the inaccuracy of the
numerous accusations brought against Chaucer in the work to which I
refer. To a large number of the statements there made I take exception
altogether; the linguistic and grammatical “facts” are frequently mis-
stated or misinterpreted. At the same time, let me testify to the literary
value of the work.
EXPLANATION OF APPARENT EXCEPTIONS.

In the above list, I have purposely drawn attention to apparent exceptions. Thus, to take the case of the ending ẽde, we have examples of (ẽde) with long open ẽ, of (ẽde) with long close ẽ, and a third set in which these two classes of words seem to be confused. It remains to be shown how such exceptions arose.

As regards close and open ẽ, the endings (ẽne) and (ẽne) are never confused in Troilus. The chief cases to be considered are those in which the endings are ẽ, ẽche, ẽde, ẽke, ẽle, ẽpe, ẽre, ẽte, ẽve.

Of course, it will be readily understood that, for most of my results, I am indebted to the standard and very remarkable work upon the subject familiarly known as Ten Brink's *Chaucer's Sprache und Verskunst*; though it is due to Dr. Weymouth to remember that he first called attention to the different sounds of ẽ in his paper on "Here and There in Chaucer"; see Essays on Chaucer, p. 311. But it is one of my points, that a few of the results given by Ten Brink are not to be accepted, as they tell against the author's own arguments. Thus, when he states, at p. 20, that the words ẽlene and ẽene sometimes appear with close ẽ, it is obvious that, if such were really the case, we may as well give up all distinctions between open and close ẽ at once. These characteristic words are still spelt with ea (clean, lean) in modern English, and the ẽ in them must always have been open. When we look at the evidence, I find (1) that they always have open ẽ in Troilus, and (2) that they do not occur in the Rime-Index to the Minor Poems at all. Consequently, all the evidence is limited to the fact that, in the Canterbury Tales, each of them once rimes with y-seene. And I shall show below that the ẽ in yeene is variable, and is not to be relied upon as furnishing evidence either way. This is another of my points, viz. that the variable vowel which appears as te and ŭ in A.S., and as ẽ in Mercian, occurs as a variable vowel in Chaucer, and rimes with a long ẽ of either quality.

In order to arrive at the general principles, it will suffice to take a few examples; and I shall further limit the investigation by considering only words of English origin, and disregarding the French ones.

The simple general rule is that the M.E. long open ẽ arises from A.S. ẽa, or ẽ, or from lengthening of short ẽ, or even of y. There are other sources, duly enumerated by Ten Brink, but these will suffice for my purpose. I shall also
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leave out of sight for the present the lengthenings of short e, as Chaucer usually keeps words with original short e and y apart from the rest.

On the other hand the M.E. long close ă usually arises from A.S. ē or ë; and, amongst the values of A.S. ē, we must include the cases in which it is equivalent to A.S. ã or û arising from mutation. This last case, however, presents difficulties, as I shall presently shew.

And the general principle is, that words with open ē and words with close ō are not, in general, allowed to rime with one another.

To take a few examples.

In II. 8, we find rede, red, riming with mede, mead, and sprede, to spread. Here the A.S. forms are rēad, mēd, sprēdān; and by the rule, the ē is open in each case. See further instances in footnote 4, p. 8.*

Again, in II. 90, we find steōda, a steed, riming with bleōe, to bleed. The A.S. forms are stēdā, blēdān; and the ē, in both instances, is close. See further instances in footnote 5.

But further search soon lands us in difficulties. Thus, in I. 72, we find the rimes dreōe, hēdē, blēdē. Here dreēdē is allied to A.S. drēdān, and we should expect the ē (apparently from A.S. ā) to be open; whilst we are quite sure that in blēdē (from A.S. blēdān) it is close. This shews at once that the general rule given above is, here at any rate, in fault.

The matter must be looked into a little more closely; and the difficulty will then be found to resolve itself into this. There are (as duly noted by Ten Brink, p. 19) two values of the A.S. ǣ, which must be carefully distinguished. The first, which I shall call stable ǣ, because it regularly produces an open ē in M.E., answers to Germanic and Goth. ai, and is usually due to mutation. Thus spreōe, to spread, A.S. spreōdān, answers to a Goth. *sprājōan, for, although the Gothic form does not occur, we can infer its vowel-sound from comparison with the G. spreiten. It therefore rimes exactly with rede, red, from A.S. rēad, as in II. 8.

The second kind of ǣ, which I shall call unstable ǣ, because it occurs in forms which are treated both ways in Chaucer, answers to an original Germanic ǣ, Gothic ē, and does not arise from mutation, though it may arise from gradation. Thus the M.E. dēede, deed, A.S. dēdē, answers to Goth. gudēsē, a deed, G. That, and the contrast between the vowel in G. That and that in spreiten, to spread, is very marked. It is from words of this class that all the trouble arises.

If we further enquire, why there should have been any difference of development in such cases, and how the same form should, to all appearances, yield both an open ē and a
close one, I believe the answer is really quite clear. For it is in precisely such cases that we find different forms in A.S. and in Old Mercian. Thus, whilst the A.S. form of 'deed' is *dæd, it is equally clear that the Mercian form was *dæd; see Sweet's O. E. Texts, p. 606. It is perhaps even more to the purpose to note that our mod. E. *deed is Mercian, and not Southern, and that is why it is not spelt with ea in Tudor English. Hence Chaucer had, ready to his use, two forms of this word. One was the Southern *dæd, with open e, from A.S. dæd; and the other was the Midland dæd, with close e; and, as the Midland dialect was rapidly gaining the ascendancy, he could hardly go wrong if he sometimes used the more popular form. This I believe to be the simple solution of the whole mystery. Chaucer knew nothing of etymology, but he knew how words were pronounced by his cotemporaries. In words with e from A.S. ðæ or from stable A.S. æ, the e was always open, and he so treated it. In words from A.S. ðæ or ðæ, the e was always close, and he so treated it. In words from A.S. unstable æ, i.e. a vowel which remained as open ð in Southern English, but became close e in Midland, he had a choice of forms; and we cannot be surprised that he took advantage of the fact.

All that remains to be done is to make a list of such variable words, and to set them aside; we shall then have a certain number left of which the pronunciation was not, to his ear, doubtful; and such words will form most valuable rime-tests, because, as will appear from examination, Lydgate (to mention no one else) paid not the slightest heed to any such nice distinctions. In fact, we shall never appreciate Chaucer's rimes till we realise that, in respect of them, his language is decidedly archaic. So far from being the first of a new school, he was (as regards his rimes, at any rate) the last of the old school; a fact which has been profoundly disregarded and neglected.

To complete these remarks, I must note that yet one difficulty remains; and it is one which Ten Brink has not explained. Cases occur in which a long e that should be close, appears to be open. There is a capital example in the Prologue, l. 592, where lene, lean (A.S. hlæne) with open e, rimes with ysene, visible, A.S. yseynne. The explanation is parallel to the case above. There are really two kinds of long e which we should expect to be close. The one is stable; viz. the e seen in blede, to bleed, A.S. blédan, where the e arises from mutation of ð, as well as the stable vowel in depe, from A.S. ðæ in dæop; and there is the unstable vowel in ysene, visible. For the

66 An apparent exception occurs in chéce, A.S. chéce, Anglian ece, mod. E. check; with unstable e. Its eæ is unusual, and due to the preceding æ.
A.S. forms of this word are various; we find gesiene, gesyne, and gesëne, all three. Of these, gesiene is the earlier form for gesyne, and may here be neglected; but gesyne and gesëne remain. Gesyne is the usual A.S. form, whilst gesene is Midland and Northern; see Sweet, O. E. Texts, p. 608, and the A. S. Dictionary. From the Midland gesene came M. E. yeene, with close e, regularly; and this is the form which Chaucer usually adopts, though not in the passage here considered. The A.S. gesyne would have developed regularly into yeyne, with y = long i, just as the A.S. myse became mys, mod. E. mice. But the y-sound was difficult of treatment, as the old sound of it was lost; and Ten Brink has noted the variation in the development of A.S. short y, which became sometimes short i and sometimes short open e. In the same way, I should suppose that this A.S. long y may sometimes have corresponded to long open e; which would make yeene (with open e) a Southern (probably a Kentish) form. There is a remarkable parallel to this in the development of A.S. fyr, fire. This usually becomes fir in Chaucer, with long i; but in I. 33, we have the remarkable form fer, riming with were, were (A.S. wēron) and stere, to stir (A.S. styrian), both with open e; indeed, stere, to stir, is really another example of the same development, as the e in it is merely lengthened from A.S. y. This long open ē, corresponding to A.S. long y, is, in fact, Kentish; the form fer occurs in Shoreham, and ver in the Avenbite of Inwy.  

If we sum up the results thus obtained, we see that, in considering Chaucer’s forms, we must set aside, as unstable, all words in which long e corresponds either to a Germanic ē (Gothic ē, German ä), or otherwise to A.S. unstable y (Mercian ë). It remains to enumerate the chief of these, as occurring in Troilus. See footnotes on pp. 8*—12*.

Eche. The verb eche, to eke, answers to A.S. ycan. Leche, a leech, is allied to Goth. lekis, a physician. Speche, speech, is from the stem seen in spræc-on, they spoke, with the same vowel as in Goth. brēkun, they broke. All these words have unstable e.

Ede. Dedæ, deed; A.S. dēd, Goth. gadōs. Drede, to dread, A.S. on-drēdan, O. H. G. trōtan. From V. 237, it is difficult to draw any clear inference; brede should have open ē (cf. A.S. brōd, Goth. braids); hede, heed, goes with A.S. hýdan, and its vowel is unstable; and Diomedes, though the e should be close, is a proper name, and needs no exact treatment.

Eke. Besides the correct form ēk (A.S. ēac), Chaucer has a form eke, with unoriginal final e; he probably connected it with the verb eche, to eke, in which the e is unstable, as it arose from mutation.
Chaucer answers to A.S. cēace, Anglian cēce, mod. E. cheek; but here the ēa is not the usual A.S. ēa, being merely due to the initial ē, and the Germanic type is *kākā (New E. Dict.) whence the A.S. original form *cēce; so that the ē is unstable, by the rule above given.

Ese; on. Rimes in ēle and ēne are all regular. See also ēme, ēmeth. The rimes in ēmen are imperfect.

Esp. Slepe has unstable ē; cf. Goth. sēpian.

Ere. Unstable ē occurs in fere, fire, as explained above; also in here, to hear; A.S. kyran, kēran. Also in yere, year, because the ēa in A.S. géar is not the usual diphthong ēa, but due to the preceding g; the Goth. form is fēr, so that the M. E. ē is unstable, by the rule. Bere, a bier, is from the verbal stem bēr-on, corresponding to Goth. bēron; hence the ē is unstable.

But a real difficulty occurs in the riming of lere, to teach, with here, here, and dere, dear. Lere, A.S. lēran, Goth. läsjan, should have the open ē; but it here rimes with words in which the ē is close. This is one of the exceptional words noted by Ten Brink (Chaucer’s Sprache, § 25). No explanation is offered, and I know of none, unless it be that it was confused with lere, cheek, from A.S. hlēor. But we must note the fact.

Ete. The exceptional words are bihete, mete (to dream), strete, street. Bihete is really a false form for bihote (A.S. bihōtan); the ē is due to confusion with the pt. t. bihēt, where hēt is for A.S. hēht, the result of contraction; hence the ē is doubtful and unstable. Mete, to dream, is from A.S. mētan, of unknown origin; hence we may regard the ē as doubtful. Strete, a street, answers to A.S. strēt, Mercian strēt, mod. E. street; hence the ē is unstable, as explained above.

Eve. Ten Brink (Ch. Studien, §§ 25, 23), thinks that leve, sb., leave, was treated as if with close ē by confusion with bileven, to believe, which, he says, has close ē. Whatever be the right explanation, we must set aside leve, leave, as an exceptional word. So also eve, eve, A.S. ēfēn, Mercian ēfēn, has a variable vowel; see Sweet, O. E. Texts, p. 602.

Having now considered the doubtful cases, which may be altogether set aside, it remains to draw up the list of words in which the quality of the long ē, at least in Troilus, admits of no doubt. The result gives us a valuable set of test-rimes, by which the genuineness of a poem attributed to Chaucer may be investigated. Of course, a few divergences may admit of explanation; but the presence of a large number of them should make us extremely suspicious.

The list is as follows.

(A) The following words (in Troilus) have open ē only. (I omit
some doubtful cases, in addition to those discussed above; and only give those which ought certainly to have the open vowel.)

teché, to teach.
dede, dead; lédé, lead (the metal); rédé, rrd. Also lédé, to lead; sprodé, to spread. The other words in édé are doubtful.

breké, to break, speké, to speak, wreké, to wreak, have open e; but it was originally short, and these words are kept apart from others.
bene, bean; clene, clean; lene, lean; mene, to mean.
hepe, heap; lepe, to leap.
there, there; were, were; where, where. Also eré, ear; géré, gear; tere, a tear. (Fere, fear, has unstable é; cf. G. Gefahr.)
béré, to bear, dère, to harm, swere, to swear, tere, to tear, besides béré, a bear, spere, a spear; were, a weir, here, her, stere, to stir, likewise have open é; but the é was originally short, and these words are kept apart.
bete, to beat; gréte, great; hête, heat; spête, to spit, svette, to sweat, threte, to threaten. Also été, to eat, forgéte, to forget; see notes 26, 27. (I omit doubtful cases.)
reve, to reave; gréve, a grove. (But leve, to leave, is doubtful.)
(B) The following (in Troilus) have close long é only.
sché, to seek; bisché, to beseech.
forbédé, to forbid; nédé, need; yédé, went. Also bédé, to offer, blédé, to bleed; brédé, to breed; fédé, to feed; gélé, a glowing coal; spédé, to speed; stédé, a steed.
meke, meek; seke, to seek.
bitwene, between; gréne, green; kene, keen; quene, queen; tene, vexation; wene, to ween.
kepe, to keep; wepe, to weep; also dépe, deep.
fére, companion; yfére, together; hére, here; dère, dear.
béte, fléte, gréte, méte, to mend, float, greet, meet; svette, sweet.
levé, dear.

Of course, the rime-tests consist in this, that not one of the words in class A can possibly rime with one of those in class B, either in Troilus or in any genuine work of Chaucer.

To test this, we must first refer to Cromie's Rime-Index to the Canterbury Tales, under the headings, éche, édé (édedé), éke, éne, épe, ére, éle, éve.

The only apparent exceptions that I can find are two; and they are worth notice.

Under éepé, we are told that leepé, 3 s. perf., rimes with keepé, n. obj. The reference is to Group A. 2688. When we look, we find that the Ellesmere MS. has wrong spellings; the words should be leep, keep. Or rather, we find that the
final e is not real, but only represents a meaningless flourish in the MS. Now it is a neat point of grammar that, although leap, to leap (A.S. hlépan) has an open e, its past tense (A.S. hléop) has a close e; so that the rime is quite correct. In both words, the e is close.

The other case (A 1422) is worth citing. Mr. Cromie says, at p. 108, that here, adv., rimes with the inf. bere, to bear; which is, in my view, impossible.

The lines run thus:—

"He fil in office with a chamberleryn,
The which that dwelling was with Emelys.
For he was wys, and coude some aspye
Of every serveant, which that serveth here.
Wel coude he hewan wode, and water bere."

This is a case where the sound decides the sense. The e in here is properly short; hence the same is true of here. Accordingly, here is not an adverb, nor does it mean ‘here’; it is the personal pronoun, A.S. hire, and it means ‘her’; precisely as it does in Troylus, II. 238.

In the Minor Poems, the following passages are the only ones that I can find that present any difficulty.

In the Death of Blanche, 1253, we find need riming with heed (head); so that need has here apparently, an open e. Ten Brink has noted this exception (at p. 20), and explains it by remarking that there is a double form of the word in A.S., viz. nēad as well as nēod. At any rate, we see that the word nede cannot be relied on as a test-word, and must be struck out; though there is only this one example of its use with open e.

In the Death of Blanche, 773, we find dere (dear) riming with were, were. This, again, is exceptional. We might say that, as A.S. wēron answers to Goth. wesan, the e in it is unstable. But once more, viz. in Clk. Ta. 882, we again find were riming with dere; and, after all, dere (see below) has unstable e. The Death of Blanche presents many difficulties, and the text of it is far more uncertain and unsatisfactory than that of any other genuine poem.

In the House of Fame, 1855, we find here (here), lere (to teach). This only shows that lere is here once more used with the close e; I have already said (p. 26*) that it is no sure test-word.

I just note the rime of here (here) with were (perplexity); H. Fame, 980. Were is of F. origin; and several such words have the close e; see Ten Brink, p. 48.

In the Legend of Good Women. 1870, we have the unusual rime there (there) with dere (dear). Ten Brink has noted this (p. 20). He remarks that it is the only example in which
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there seems to have close e; but it is rather one of three cases in which dore has open e (from A.S. dýre). See p. 28.

These are all the difficulties which I could find, after a search through the Index to the Minor Poems. The only modifications they suggest are these: the word need is once found riming with heed (head); and the word dore (though it usually has a close e) really has unstable e (A.S. déore, dýre).

It is interesting to apply the results to other Poems.

The beautiful Roundels entitled Merciless Beauty answer the test surprisingly. In the first stanza, the author uses the rimes sustene, kene, grene, quene, sene, where all the vowels are close, if we include sene, which has the variable e (close in Midland). In the second stanza, the rimes are pleyne, cheyne, fayne, atteyne, pleyne, all of French origin, in which the sound is slightly varied to that of the nearest diphthong. And in the third stanza, we find lene, bene, mene, v., clene, mene, a., in which the e is now open.

In the poem called A Complent to his Lady, the final stanza of which, with Chaucer's name appended, was discovered by Dr. Furnivall after I had claimed it for Chaucer, every rime is entirely perfect, and many of them are highly characteristic of him, being used elsewhere very freely.

The poem which I have called An Amorous Complaint has every rime perfect, except in l. 16, where the author rimes do (with close o) with wo, go (with open o). But do rimes with go in Troilus, I. 11, and II. 114, and with wo in Troilus, I. 119; see footnote 34.

This shews one side of the argument. It is instructive to turn to a piece like The Complaint of the Black Knight, which we now know to be Lydgate's, as printed in the Aldine Chaucer, vi. 235. In the very first stanza we find white riming with brights and nights, which, to the student of Chaucer, is sufficiently astonishing. Other non-Chaucerian rimes are seen in pitously, malady (st. 20), where the form should be maladye, and the same error occurs in st. 27; in ageyn, tweyn, peyn (34), where the latter forms should be twoeyn, peyne; in for-juged, excused (40), which is not a true rime at all; in yureke, clepe (41), a mere assonance; in feithfully, cry (65), where I cry should rather be I cry-e; in wreche, with short e, riming with leche, seche (68); seyn, peyn (for peyn-e, 82); went (for went-e), pt. t., shent, pp. (93); peyn (for peyn-e), ageyn (93); quen-e, dissyllabic, seen (miswritten sene), monosyllabic, (97). Here are twelve difficulties in the course of 97 stanzas; but there are more behind. For the test-words already given above would alone suffice. In st. 4, we find swete, sweet, paired off with hête, heat; in st. 18, we find gréne paired off with cléne; and in st. 86, we have rêde, red, paired off with spêde, to
speed. That is, we have here three exceptions in the course of 97 stanzas, being more than can be found in the whole of Chaucer's genuine works put together. In fact, the indiscriminate riming of close and open s is a capital test for Lydgate and for work of the fifteenth century. Using this test alone, we should see cause to suspect The Flower and the Leaf, which has three false rimes of this class, viz. bête, to eat, molté, sweet (st. 13); bête, pp. beaten, actually riming with the pp. set (31); and gréne riming with cléne (42); not to mention that the author makes the dissyllabic words wene, grene, rime with the pp. seen (36); and again, grene, tene rime with the pp. been (56); and yet again, grene rime with the pp. seen (57), and with been (77). On this point alone, the author differs from Chaucer seven times!

The Court of Love differs from Chaucer in instances too many to enumerate; but, as to this particular point, I only observe the riming of gréne with cléne, l. 816; and of dère with requíre, l. 851; but we may alter requíre to the Chaucerian form requére. At l. 79, we find the dissyllabic grene; it rimes with the monosyllable been.

Similar tests apply to open and close o, for which see the Index. We might arrange these, similarly, into two classes, viz. (A) with the open sound, and (B) with the close sound; and we should find that they do not rime together; i.e., if we first eliminate those words which are observed to be of a variable character. I give the list below.

It is also curious to observe that, in Troilus, the words wolde, nodle, sholde, usually rime together. Wolde rimes with bëholde once only, III. 17; but sholde never rimes with any words but wolde and nodle. In the Cant. Tales, wolde rimes with several words, but sholde only with wolde and nodle. The only exception is in the Book of the Duchess, 1200, where sholde rimes with tolde. It would greatly improve the sense as well as the metre to substitute wolde for sholde in this passage.

Another point I wish to mention is the distinction, in Chaucer, between the voiceless and voiced sounds of s in certain words. Thus he has vye, vice, with the c as at present; and, contrariwise, rye, rise, with s as z; also at present; but in certain words his usage is just the opposite of what it is now. See footnote no. 63. This peculiarity may also, perhaps, serve, in some instances, to detect spurious poems.

Now that I have exemplified the mode of using these test-words, I give fuller lists, slightly augmented by help of Mr. Cromie's Rime-Index, and adding a third class (C) of words which have a variable vowel, and are therefore not available as test-words; for it is useful to know the character of these also.

The following is the key to the meaning of the lists.
1. (A) contains words with open long e and open long o. The chief sources of open long e are (a) A.S. ẽa and (b) the stable A.S. ā answering to Goth. ai (O. H. G. ei) and usually due to mutation of A.S. ā. We may include words with A.S. short e, though these often keep the vowel somewhat short; perhaps it was only half-long.

The sources of open long o are (a) A.S. ā and (b) a lengthening of A.S. short o; perhaps the latter was only half-long.

2. (B) contains words with close long e and close long o. The chief sources of close long e are (a) A.S. ẽ and (b) A.S. ā.

The chief source of close long o is A.S. ē.

3. (C) contains words with variable long e and variable long o. The chief source of variable long e is the unstable A.S. ē answering to Gothic ē (G. ē); this ē occurs in sprēo-on, third stem of the strong verb sprēcan, and in its derivative sprēce. It also appears to arise from Mercian ē, corresponding to A.S. ie, ē, mutation of ēa, ẽa.

Results. Words in (A) rime with each other, but never rime with words in (B). Words in (B) rime with each other, but never with words in (A). Words in (C) rime with words both in (A) and (B).

eche. (A) tēche, bītēche. (B) sēche, bīsēche. (C) eche, to eke, leche, speche.

ede. (A) dede, dead, hede, head, lede, lead (metal), rede, red, sprede, to spread. (B) bede, to offer, bledes, v., bresed, v., crede, fede, forbede, glede, nedes, spede, v., stede, a sted. (C) dede, deed, drede, s. and v., hede, to heed, rede, to advise. Words in -hede almost always shew open e, but a few exceptions occur.

eke. (A) brique, v., spēke, v., vorke, v., wørke, ywørke, with short e; leke, leek. (B) meke, seke, v., seke, sick, bieke.

en. (A) bene, bean, clene, lene, adj., mene, to mean, uncione. (B) bitwene, grene, lene, quene, tene, vexation, wene, v. (C) sene, adj., visible, y-sene (the same), shene, bright.

epe. (A) chepe, to buy, kepe, lepe, v., stipe, bright. (B) crepe, v., depe, kepe, wepe. (C) slepe.

er. (A) bère, a bear, bère, to bear, dère, to harm, ēre, to plough, hère, her, spère, spere, stère, to stir, swère, to swear, tère, to tear, wère, a weir, wère, to defend; all with (original) short e. Also ere, ear, gøre, gear, tère, there; and there,† were,‡ whereas. (B) dère,§ dear, fère, companion, here, here, yère, together. (Here belong the common F.

* Node once occurs as need, riming with hëdt, head. B. Duch. 1253.
† There once rimes with dere, adj. Legend, 1870.
‡ Were twice rimes with dere, adj., B. Duch. 773, Clk. Ta. 822.
§ Dere usually has close e (A.S. dëre); but it also rimes with there, were; see above, and cf. A.S. dysc.
words: chere, clere, manere, matere.) (C) bere, bier, ferre, fear. here, to hear, leere, to teach, yere, year; see p. 26.*

ete. (A) bete, to heat, grete, great, bete, heat, spele, to spit, suete, to sweat, threte, v., wete, wet, ybete, beaten. Also ëte, to eat, forże, to forget, mite, meat (originally with short e). (B) bete, to mend, ëte, to float, grete, to greet, suete, sweet. (C) bihete, to promise, forleste, to let go, bete, to let, mete, to dream, shete, sheet, strete, street.

eve. (A) bireve, deve, pl., deaf, greeve, grove, ruve, to reave. (B). dere, dear, dere, a reeve. (C) eve, ev, dere, to believe, bireve, belief, dere, to permit. Note that yere, to give, usually rhymes with live, to live, as in mod. English.

O. All words in o seem to rhyme together; of these, to, thereto, unto, do, fordo, should have the close sound.

Old. Nolde, sholde, wolde, usually rhyme together. Occasionally wolde rhymes with other words. In only one case does sholde rhyme with wolde (B. Duch. 1200), where wolde would make better sense.

One. (A) alone, echone, bone, bone, grove, to groan, lone, loan, mone, to noon, one, one. (B) bone, boon, of/sone, mone, moon, sone, soon. (C) done, to do. [Note that sire, son, wine, to dwell, are really written for sune, wune, and only rhyme with each other.]

Onge. [Note that songe, pp., syngone, pp., tonge, yonge, are really written for sunga, sprunge, tanga, yunage. They rhyme together, but are quite distinct from fonge, longe, longe, stronge, wronge; just as in mod. English.]

Ook. (A) ook, strook. (B) awook, book, cook, forook, hook, look, quook, shook, took, wook.

Oot. (A) boot, he bit, goat, hoot, hot, noot, know not, smoot, smote, root, know, wroot, wrote. (B) foot, moot, must, root.

Ooth. (A) cloth, gooth, looth, ooth, wrooth. (B) dooth, sooth, tooth.

Ore. Before, bore, pp., born, forlere, pp., more, a root, shore, pp., swore, pp., thersore, wherfore, originally had a short o, and usually rhyme together. Hore, pl., hoary, lore, more, vore, sore, yore, have open long o, and usually rhyme together. In a few cases, words in one set rhyme with words in the other.

Ote. (A) grote, great, kote, hot, throte, throat. (B) bote, satisfaction, fote, rote, root, swote, sweet.

In conclusion, I offer these lists for what they are worth. I believe them to be fairly correct; but I do not suppose that they are altogether free from blunders. Some peculiarities may have escaped my notice; and some of my references may be incorrect, owing to natural human imperfection.