

PLAY THIRTY-THREE- The Second Trial before Pilate

(The Tile-Makers)

PILATUS

Lordings that are *limit to the law of my **liaunce, (*bound) (**justice, allegiance)
Ye shapely *schalkes and sheen for to show, (*men, knights)
I charge you as your chieftain that ye chat for no chance,
But look to your lord here and learn at my law.
As a duke I may damn you and *draw. (*punish, i.e. drawn and quartered)
Many *bernys bold are about me, (*soldiers, armoured men)
And what knight or knave I may know
That *list not as a lord for to **lowte me, (*likes) (**laud, praise, bow to)
I shall *lere him (*teach, learn)
In the devil's name, that *dastard, to **dowte me. (*wretch) (**fear)
Ya, who works any works without me,
I shall charge him in chains to *chere him. (*cheer, or poss. shear/cut)

Therefore, ye lusty lads within this length lapped,
Do stint of your talking and of *stoutness be stalling; (*boasting, haughtiness)
What traitors his tongue with tales has trapped,
That fiend for his flattering full foul shall be falling.
What *broll overbroadly is brawling (*brawler, brotheler)
Or unsoftly will *sege in their **sales, (*speak) (**halls)
That *caysteffe thus carping and calling (*captive, wretch, but suggests cast-off)
As a boy shall be brought unto *bales. (*torment, captivity)
Therefore
Talk not nor treat not of tales,
For that *gome that gurns or (re)gales, (*foolish man)
I myself shall him hurt full sore.

ANNA

Ye shall *sytt him full sore, what **sege will assay you. (*distress, harm) (**man)
If he like not your lordship, that lad, shall ye *lere him (*teach, learn)
As a peerless prince full *prestly to pay you, (*swiftly)
Or as a dearworth duke with *dints shall ye **dere him. (*dents, blows)(**harm)

CAYPHAS Ya, in faith ye have force for to *fear him, (*i.e. make him fear)
Through your manhood and might be he marred;
No chivalrous chieftain may cheer him,
From that churl with charge ye have *charred (*made remorseful, chastised)
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In paining pain be he *parred. (*confined, locked up)

ANNA Ya, and with *scathe of **skelpys ill scarred (*harm) (**scourging, strikes)
From time that your *tene he have tasted. (*punishment)

PILATUS

Now *certes, as me seems, whoso *sadly has sought you, (*surely)(*solemnly)
Your praising is profitable, ye prelates of peace;
Gramercy, your good word, and ungain shall it not you,
That ye will say the *soth and for no **sege cease. (*truth) (**man? Speech?)

CAYPHAS Else were it pity we appeared in this *prees, (*press, crowd)
But conceive how your knights are command(ed).

ANNA Ya, my lord, that **leve ye no les(s), (*give leave, allow- or love?)
I can tell you, you (be)tides some tidings
Full sad.

PILATUS See, they bring yon *brolle in a band. (*brawler, sinner)
We shall hear now, hastily at hand,
What *unhappe before Herod he had. (*bad luck, unhappiness)

I MILES Hail, loveliest lord that ever law led yet,
Hail, seemliest under silk on every *ilka side, (*each)
Hail, stateliest on *stead in strength that is stood yet, (*place)
Hail, liberal, hail, *lusty to lords allied. (*generous)

PILATUS Welcome, what tidings this tide,
Let no language lightly now let you.

II MILES Sir Herod, sir, it is not to hide,
As his good friend *grathely he greet you (*readily)
Forever,
In what manner that ever he meet you,
By himself full soon will he set you
And says that ye shall not dissever.

PILATUS I thank him full *thrally, and sir, I say him the same, (*humbly)
But what marvellous matters did this *myron there **mell? (*idler) (**talk)

I MILES For all the lord's language his lips, sir, were lame.
For any spurrings in that space no speech would he spell,
But dumb as a door gone he dwell.
Thus no fault in him gone he find
For his deeds to *deem him to quell, (*doom, judge)
Nor in bands him *brathely to bind. (*quickly, furiously)
And thus
He sent him to yourself, and assigned
That we, your knights, should be cleanly inclined,
And *tyte with him to you to **truss. (*quick) (**travel)

PILATUS Sirs, harken, hear ye not what we have upon hand?
 Loo(k), how the knights carp that to the king car(ri)ed.
 Sir Herod, they say, no fault in me found,
 He *fest me to his friendship, so friendly he fared. (*fastened, bound)
 Moreover, sirs, he spake, and nought spared,
 Full gently to Jesu, this Jew,
 And *sithen to the knights declared (*since then)
 How faults in him found he but few
 To die.
 He *taste him, I tell you for true, (*tested)
 For to *dere him he deemed undue, (*harm)
 And sirs, thee *sothly say I. (*truly)

CAIPHAS Sir Pilate, our prince, we prelates now pray you,
 Since Herod *fraysted no further this **faitour to flay, (*asked, thrusted) (**fraud)
 Receive in your *sall the **saws that I say you; (*hall) (**sayings, advice)
 Let bring him to bar and at his beard shall we *bay. (*shout, yell)

ANNA Ya, for if he wend thus by wiles away,
 I *wot well he work will us wonder; (*know)
 Our *many he mars that he may, (*people)
 With his sayings he sets them asunder
 With sin.
 With his *blure he breeds mickle blunder; (*blow, blustering)
 Whilst ye have him, now hold him under,
 We shall weary him away if he *wynne. (*wend, flee- or labour, strive)

CAYPHAS Sir, no time is to tarry this traitor to *taste, (*test)
 Against Sir Caesar himself he *segges and says (*speaks)
 All the *wights in this world work in waste (*souls, people)
 That takes him any tribute, thus his teaching *outrayes. (*harries, offends)
 Yet further he feigns such affrays
 And says that himself is God Son;
 And sir, our law (al)ledges and lays
 In what *faitour falsehood is foun(d) (*fraud)
 Should be slain.

PILATUS For no shame him to *shend will we shun. (*destroy)

ANNA Sir, witness of this *wanes may be won, (*affliction, misfortune)
 That will tell this without any *trayne. (*tricks, lies)

CAYPHAS I can reckon a rabble of *renkes full right (*people)
 Of *pert men in press from this place ere I pass (*eager, cunning)
 That will witness, I warrant, the words of this *wight, (*man, soul)

How wickedly wrought that this wretch has:

Simon, Yarus, and Judas,

Datan and Gamaliell,

Neptalim, Levi, and Lucas,

And Amys this matters can *mell

(*talk)

Together.

Their tales for true can they tell

Of this *faitour that false is and fell

(*fraudster)

And in (al)leging of laws full *lithre.

(*wicked)

PILATUS Ya, tsch, for your tales, they touch not intent;

The witness I warrant that to witness ye wage,

Some hatred in their hearts against him have *hent

(*seized, caught)

And purpose by this process to put down this *page.

(*boy)

CAIPHAS Sir, in faith us falls not to *fage;

(*trick, falsify)

They are trust men and true, that we tell you.

PILATUS Your swearing, sirs, swiftly ye assuage,

And no more in this matters ye *mell you,

(*talk)

I charge.

ANNA Sir, despise not this speech that we spell you.

PILATUS If ye feign such frauds, I shall fell you,

For me likes not your language so large.

CAYPHAS Our language is too large, but your lordship relieve us,

Yet we both beseech you, let bring him to bar;

What points that we put forth, let your presence approve us;

Ye shall hear how this harlot holds out of here.

(i.e. out of order)

PILATUS Ya, but be wise, witty, and *warre.

(*diligent, wary)

ANNA Yes, sir, dread you not for nothing we *doute him.

(*fear, doubt)

PILATUS Fetch him, he is not right far;

Do, beadle, *buske thee about him.

(*journey, go)

PRECO I am *fayne,

(*happy)

My lord, for to lead him or *lowte him,

(*praise, bow to)

Unclothe him, clap hym, and clout him;

If ye bid me, I am *buxom and **bayne.

(*obedient) (**bound, ready)

Knights, ye are commanded with this *caitiff to care

(*captive)

And bring him to bar, and so my lord bade.

I MILES Is this thy message?

PRECO Ya, sir.

I MILES Than move thee no more,
For we are light for to leap and lead forth this lad.

II MILES Do step forth, in strife art thou *stadde, (*stood)
I uphold full evil has thee *happed. (*possessed, enclosed)

I MILES Oh, man, thy mind is full mad
In our clutches to be clouted and clapped,
And closed.

II MILES Thou be lashed, lushed, and lapped. (whipped, beaten and surrounded)

I MILES Ya, routed, rushed, and rapped,
Thus thy name with *noye shall be noised. (*annoyance, shouts)

II MILES Loo(k), this *sege here, my sovereign, that ye for sent. (*man)

PILATUS Well, stir not from that *stead, but stand still there; (*place)
But he shape some shrewdness, with shame be he *shent, (*destroyed)
And I will *frayst, in faith, to *frayne of his fare. (*thrust, test) (*ask)

CAIPHAS Wey, out, stand may I not, so I stare.

ANNA Ya, harrow, of this traitor with *tene. (*pain)

PILATUS Say, *renkes, what ruth gets you roar? (*people)
Are ye *woode or witless, I **ween, (*mad) (**wonder)
What ails you?

CAYPHAS Out, such a sight should be seen.

ANNA Ya, alas, conquered are we clean.

PILATUS Wey, are ye *fonde, or your force fails you? (*foolish)

CAYPHAS Ah, sir, saw ye not this sight, how that the shafts shook
And these banners to this *brothell they bowed all on broad? (*sinner)

ANNA Ya, the cursed knights by craft let them crook
To worship this warlock unworthy in *wede. (*clothes? Madness?)

PILATUS Was it duly done thus, indeed?

CAIPHAS Ya, ya, sir, oureself we it saw.

PILATUS Wey, spit on them, ill *mote they speed. (*may, might)
Say, *dastards, the devil might you **draw, (*wretches) (**punish)
How dare ye
The banners on broad that here blow
Let *lowte to this **lurdan so low? (*praise, bow) (**scoundrel)
Oh, *faitors, with falsehood, how fare ye? (*frauds)

III MILES We beseech you and those seniors beside you, sir, sit,
With none of our governance to be grievous and *gryll, (*cruel, offended)
For it lay not in our lot the lances to let,
And this work that we have wrought it was not our will.

PILATUS Thou lies, hears thou, *lurdan? Full ill, (*scoundrel)
Well thou *wot if thou witness it would. (*knows)

IV MILES Sir, our strength might not stable them still,
They *hilded for ought we could hold, (*bent, yielded)
Our unwitting.

V MILES For all our force, in faith, did they fold
As this warlock worship they would,
And us seemed, *forsoth, it unfitting. (*in truth)

CAIPHAS Ah, unfriendly *faitors, full false is your fable; (*frauds, liars)
This *segge with his subtlety to his *set hath you seized. (*man) (**followers)

VI MILES Ye may say what you seems, sir, but the standards are stable,
What *freak him enforces full foul shall he be **fesid. (*man, monster)
(**punished)

ANNA By the devil's nose, ye are doggedly dis-eased,
Ah, hen's heart, *ill-happe mot you **hente. (*misfortune) (**seize, hold)

PILATUS For a whap so he whined and wheezed,
And yet no lash to the *lurdan was lent, (*scoundrel)
Foul fall you.

III MILES Sir, *iwise, no wiles we have went. (*I know)

PILATUS Shamefully you sat to be *shent, (*destroyed)
Here (en)cumbered *caitiffs, I call you. (*captives)

IV MILES Since you likes not, my lord, our language to *leve, (*allow, love)
Let bring the biggest men that abides in this land
Properly in your presence their *pousté to prove; (*power)
Behold that they held not for they have them in hand.

PILATUS Now ye are *fearest that ever I found, (*most fearful)
Fie on your faint hearts in fear;
Stir thee, no longer thou stand,
Thou beadle, this *bodword thou bear (*bidding, bid-word)
Through this town.
The *wightest men unto were (*liveliest)
And the strongest their standards to steer,
Hither blithely bid them be boun(d).

PRECO My sovereign, full soon shall be served your *sawe, (*saying, order)
I shall bring to the banners right big men and strong;
A company of *kevellis in this country I know (*strong men)
That great are and *grill, to the **gomes will I ***gange. (*fierce) (**men) (**go)
Say, ye lads both lusty and long,
Ye must pass to Sir Pilate apace.

I MILES If we work not his will it were wrong;
We are ready to run on a race
And *rayke. (*hurry, rush)

PRECO Then tarry not, but *tryne on a trace (*proceed, hurry)
And follow me fast to his face.

II MILES Do lead us; us likes well this *lake. (*amusement, game)

PRECO Lord, here are the biggest bairns that *bildis in this borough, (*shelter)
Most stately and strong if with strength they be strained.
(Be)Lieve me, sir, I lie not, to look this land through,
They are mightiest men with manhood *demened. (*ruled, demanded)

PILATUS *Wot thou well, or else has thou **weened? (*knows) (**discovered)

PRECO Sir, I *wot well, without words mo(re). (*know)

CAIPHAS In thy tale be not tainted nor *tenyd. (*pained)

PRECO Wey, nay, sir, why should I be so?

PILATUS Well then,
We shall *frayst ere they **found us far fro(m). (*test) (**depart)
To what game they begin for to go,

Sir Cayphas, declare them ye can.

CAIPHAS Ye lusty lads, now *lith to my law: (*listen, agree)
Shape you to the shafts that so sheenly here shine,
If yon bairns bow the breadth of an hair,
*Platly ye be put to perpetual pain. (*Immediately)

I MILES I shall hold this as even as a line.

ANNA Whoso shakes, with shames he *shends. (*is destroyed)

II MILES Aye, certain, I say as for mine,
When it settles or sadly descends
Where I stand,
When it wrings or wrong it wends.
Either bristles, barks, or bends,
*Hardly let hack off mine hand. (*heartily)

PILATUS Sirs, wait to the *wights that no wiles be wrought, (*men)
They are burly and broad, their boast have they blown.

ANNA To *neven of that now, sir, it needs right nought, (*name, mention)
For who cursedly him quits, he soon shall be known.

CAYPHAS Ya, that *dastard to dead shall be drawn, (*scoundrel)
Whoso faults, he foully shall fall.

PILATUS Now knights, since the cocks has *crown, (*crowed)
Have him hence with haste from this hall
His ways;
Do stiffly step on this stall,
Make a cry and *cautely thou call, (*boldly)
Even like as Ser Annas thee says.

[They cry] Oyes.

ANNA Jesu, thou Jew of gentle Jacob kin,
Thou *nerthrist of Nazareth, now **nevend is thy name, (*spend-thrift,
ne'er-do-well) (**named)
All creatures thee accuses; we command thee come in
And answer to thine enemies, defend now thy fame.

Et Preco, semper post Annam, recitabit "judicatur Jesus."

[And Preco, followed by Annas, calls "Judges of Jesus"]

CAYPHAS Wey, out! we are *shent all for shame, (*destroyed)

This is wrested all wrong, as I *ween. (*believe)

ANNA For all their boast, yon boys are to blame.

PILATUS Such a sight was never yet seen.

Come sit,

My comfort was caught from me clean,

I *upstart, I my might not abstain

(*leap up, start up)

To worship him in work and in wit.

CAYPHAS Thereof marvelled we mickle what moved you in mind

In reverence of this ribald so rudely to rise.

PILATUS I was past all my power, though I pained me and pined;

I wrought not as I would in no manner of wise.

But sirs, my speech will *aspise,

(*despise? spy, discover?)

*Wightly his ways let him wend;

(*lively, swiftly)

Thus my doom will duly devise,

For I am feared him in faith to offend

In sights.

ANNA Then our law were left to an end

To his tales if ye truly attend.

He enchanted and charmed our knights.

CAYPHAS By his sorcery, sir, yourself the *soth saw,

(*truth)

He charms our chevaliers and with mischief enchanted.

To reverence him royally we raise all on row,

Doubtless we endure not of this *dastard be daunted.

(*scoundrel, wretch)

PILATUS Why, what harms has this *hatell here haunted?

(*hero, noble)

I *ken to convict him no cause.

(*know)

ANNA To all *gomes he God Son him granted,

(*people)

And *liste not to live in our laws.

(*likes)

PILATUS Say, man,

Conceives thou not what cumbrous clause

That this clergy accusing thee knows?

Speak, and excuse thee if thou can.

JESUS Every man has a mouth that made is on *mold

(*earth)

In *weal and in woe to wield at his will,

(*wealth, good fortune)

If he govern it goodly like as God would

For his spiritual speech him not to spill.

And what *gome so govern it ill,

(*person, fool)

Full *unhently and ill shall he **happe: (*unskilful, ignoble) (**have luck)
Of *ilk tale thou talks us *until (*each) (**unto)
Thou account shall, thou cannot escape.

PILATUS Sirs mine,
Ye *fonne, in faith, all the **frappe, (*are foolish) (**groundless charges)
For in this lad no lies can I *lap, (*uncover, reveal)
Nor no point to put him to pain.

CAIPHAS Without cause, sir, we come not this churl to accuse him,
And that will we ye *wit as well is worthy. (*know)

PILATUS Now I record well thee right, ye will no rather refuse him
'Til he be driven to his dead and *deemed to die; (*doomed, judged)
But take him unto you forthy
And like as your law will you *lere, (*learn)
*Deem ye his body to **abie. (*judge) (**abide)

ANNA O, Sir Pilate, without any peer,
Do way;
Ye *wot well without any **were (*know) (**doubt)
Us falls not, nor our fellows in *feere, (*company)
To slay no man, yourself the *soth say. (*truth)

PILATUS
Why should I *deem to dead then without deserving in deed? (*doom, judge)
But I have heard all wholly why in hearts ye him hate.
He is faultless, in faith, and so God *mote me speed; (may, might)
I grant him my good will to go on his *gait. (*travels)

CAIPHAS Not so, sir, for well ye it *wate, (*know)
To be king he claimeth with crown,
And whoso stoutly will step to that state
Ye should *deem, sir, to be *dong down (*doom, judge) (**struck)
And dead.

PILATUS Sir, truly that touched to treason,
And ere I remove, he rue shall that reason
And or I stalk or stir from this *stead. (*place)

Sir knights that are comely, take this *caitiff in keeping; (*captive)
*Skelp him with scourges and with *scathes him scorn; (*slash, scourge) (*harms)
Wrest and wring him too, for woe 'til he be weeping,
And then bring him before us as he was before.

I MILES He may *banne the time he was born; (*curse)

Soon shall he be served as ye said us.

ANNA Do *wappe of his **weeds that are worn. (*whip, take) (**clothes)

II MILES All ready, sir, we have arrayed us,
Have done.
To this *broll let us **busk us and braid us (*brawler, sinner) (**go)
As Sir Pilate has properly prayed us.

III MILES We shall set to him sadly soon.

IV MILES Let us get off his gear, God give him ill grace.

I MILES They are *tytt off **tite, lo(ok), take there his ***trasshes. (*tugged)
(**swiftly) (**rags)

III MILES Now knit him in this cord.

II MILES I am *cant in this case. (*fierce, harsh)

IV MILES He is bound fast, now beat on with bitter *brashes. (*blows, hits)

I MILES Go on, leap, harry, lordings, with lashes
And enforce we this *faitour to flay him. (*fraudster)

II MILES Let us drive to him dearfully with dashes,
All ready with our routs we array him
And rent him.

III MILES For my part I am pressed for to pay him.

IV MILES Ya, send him sorrow, assay him.

I MILES Take him that I have time for to tend him.

II MILES Swing to this *swire, to swiftly he sweat. (*neck, throat)

III MILES Sweat may this swain for weight of our *swaps. (*blows, lashes)

IV MILES Rush on this ribald and him readily *rehete. (*rebuke)

I MILES *Rehete him, I **rede you, with routs and raps. (*rebuke) (**advise)

II MILES For all our *noy, this niggard he naps. (*annoyance, noise)

III MILES We shall waken him with wind of our whips.

IV MILES Now fling to this flatterer with *flaps. (*blows, hits)

I MILES I shall heartily hit on his hips
And haunch.

II MILES From our *skelpes not scatheless he skips. (*scourges)

III MILES Yet him *list not lift up his lips, (*likes)
And pray us to have pity on his paunch.

IV MILES To have pity of his paunch he proffers no prayer.

I MILES Lord, how likes thou this *laik and this **lare that we ***lere you?
(*game)(**law) (**teach, learn)

II MILES Lo(ok), I pull at his *pilche, I am proud payer. (*pelt, skin)

III MILES Thus your cloak shall we clout to clench you and clear you.

IV MILES I am *strange in strife for to steer you. (*strong?)

I MILES Thus with chops this churl shall we chasti(s)e.

II MILES I *trowe with this **trace we shall tear you.
(*trust) (**harness, or trail of blood)

III MILES All thine untrue teachings thus *taste I, (*test)
Thou tyrant.

IV MILES I hope I be hardy and hasty.

I MILES I *wot well my weapon not waste I. (*know)

II MILES He swoons or swelters, I *swarand. (*swear, warrant)

III MILES Let us loose him lightly, do lay on your hands.

IV MILES Ya, for if he die for this deed, undone are we all.

I MILES Now unbound is this *broll, and unbraced his bands. (*brawler, sinner)

II MILES Oh, fool, how fares thou now, foul *mot thee fall. (*might, may)

III MILES Now because he our king gone him call,
We will kindly him crown with a briar.

IV MILES Ya, but first this *purpure and pall (*purple cloth)
And this worthy *weed shall he wear (*clothing)
For scorn.

I MILES I am proud at this point to appear.

II MILES Let us clothe him in the clothes full clear
As a lord that his lordship has *lorne. (*lost)

III MILES Long ere thou meet such a *menye as thou met with this morn.
(*gang, people)

IV MILES Do set him in this seat as a seemly in *sales. (*halls, court)

I MILES Now throng to him *thrally with this thick thorn. (*obediently)

II MILES Lo(ok), it holds to his head, that the (t)horns out *hails. (*i.e. stands out)

III MILES Thus we teach him to temper his tales,
His brain begins for to bleed.

IV MILES Ya, his blunder has him brought to the *bales; (*torment, agony)
Now reach him and *raught him in a reed (*give, hand over)
So round,
For his sceptre it serves indeed.

I MILES Ya, it is good enough in this need,
Let us goodly him greet on this ground.

*Ave, royal *roi and rex Judeorum!* [Hail] (*king) [King of the Jews]
Hail, comely king, that no kingdom has *kenned; (*known)
Hail, *undoughty duke, thy deeds are dumb, (*wretched, vile)
Hail, man unmighty, thy *many to mend. (*people)

III MILES Hail, lord without land for to *lend, (*live in)
Hail, king, hail knave *unconand. (*uncunning, ignorant)

IV MILES Hail, *freak, without force thee to (de)fend, (*man, monster)
Hail, *strang, that may not well stand (*stranger,
To strive.

I MILES Wey, harlot, heave up thy hand,
And us all that thee worship are *workand (*working)
Thank us, there ill *mot thou thrive. (*may, might)

II MILES So let lead him *belive and *lunge here no longer, (*lively) (*linger)
To Sir Pilate, our prince, our pride will we praise.

III MILES Ya, he may sing ere he sleep of sorrow and anger,
For many *derfe deeds he has done in his days. (*wicked)

IV MILES Now *wightly let wend on our ways, (*lively)
Let us *truss us, no time is to tarry. (*go quickly)

I MILES My lord, will ye listen our *lays? (*laws, teachings)
Here this boy is ye bade us go *bary (*beat, whip)
With bats.

II MILES We are (en)cumbered his *corpus for to carry, (*body)
Many *wights on him wonders and *wary. (*souls) (*curse, worry)
Lo(ok), his flesh all be beflapped that fat is.

PILATUS Well, bring him before us as he blushes all *bloo. (*swollen, bruised)
I suppose of his *seggyng he will cease evermore. (*sayings, accusations)
Sirs, behold upon height and *ecce homo*, **[behold man]**
Thus bound and beat and brought you before.
Me seems that it *sues him full sore, (*harms)
For his guilt on this ground is he grieved,
If you like for to listen my lore.
In race

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This likely included Pilate's offer to release Jesus and the priests' refusal, in favour of the criminal Barabbas. It would also include Pilate's request for a bowl of water in which to wash his hands. If based on Matthew 27, it may also have included the "blood curse", in which Pilate ascribes blame to all Jews and their descendants, and which has been used to justify anti-semitism.

[PILATUS] For properly by this process will I prove
I had no force from this fellowship this *freke for to (de)fend. (*man, monster)

PRECO Here is all, sir, that ye for send;
Will ye wash while the water is hot?

Tunc lavat manus suas.

[Then he washes his hands.]

PILATUS Now this Barabbas bands ye unbend,
With grace let him go on his gaits
Where ye will.

BARABAS Ye worthy men, that I here *wate, (*know)
God increase all your comely estate,
For the grace ye have grant me *untill. (*unto)

PILATUS Hear the judgement of Jesus, all Jews in this *stead: (*place)
Crucify him on a cross and on Calvary him kill.
I damn him today to die this same dead;
Therefore hang him on height upon that high hill;
And on either side him I will
That a harlot ye hang in this hast.
Methinketh it both reason and skill
Amidst, since his malice is most,
Ye hang him.
Then him torment, some *tene for to **tast. (*pain) (**test)
More words I will not now waste,
But *blynne not 'til death to ye bring him. (*cease, stop)

CAIPHAS Sir, us seems in our sight that ye sadly has said.
Now knights that are cunning with this *caitiff ye care, (*captive)
The life of this *losell in your **list is it laid. (*scoundrel) (**liking)

I MILES Let us alone, my lord, and learn us no law.
Sirs, set to him *sadly and sore, (*solemnly)
All in cords his cor(p)se *umbycast. (*surrounded, cast around)

II MILES Let us bind him in bands all bare.

II MILES Here is one, full long will it last.

IV MILES Lay on hand here.

V MILES I pull 'til my power is past.
Now *feste is he, fellows, full fast; (*fastened)
Let us steer us, we may not long stand here.

ANNA Draw him fast hence, deliver you, have done.
Go, do see him to dead without longer delay,
For dead must him be *needling by noon. (*needed, necessarily)
All mirth must us move tomorrow that we may;
It is *sothly our great Sabbat day, (*truly)
No dead bodies unburied shall be.

VI MILES We see well the *soth ye us say. (*truth)
We shall trail him *tyte to his tree, (*quickly)
Thus *talkand. (*talking- or possibly stalking)

IV MILES Farewell, now *wightely wend we.

(*swiftly)

PILATUS Now *certis, ye are a manly *many.
Forth in the wild *wanyand be **walkand.

(*certainly, surely) (*group, people)
(*pathways) (**walking)