

PLAY THIRTY-FIVE- The Crucifixion

(The Pinner and Painters- specialists in finishing woollen cloth)

- I MILES** Sir knights, take heed hither in *hie: (*haste)
This deed on *dergh we may not draw. (*delay, drag)
Ye *wot yourself as well as I (*know)
How lords and leaders of our law
Has given doom that this *dote shall die. (*dotard, fool)
- II MILES** Sir, all their counsel well we know.
Since we are come to Calvary
Let *ilke man help now as him **owe. (*each, every) (**owe, ought)
- III MILES** We are all ready, loo,
That *fore-word to fulfil. (*promise)
- IV MILES** Let hear how we shall do,
And go we *tyte **theretil. (*eagerly, swiftly) (**thereto)
- I MILES** It may not help here for to *hone, (*delay)
If we shall any worship win.
- II MILES** He must be dead *needlings by noon. (*necessarily, needed)
- III MILES** Then is good time that we begin.
- IV MILES** Let *ding him down, then is he done; (*strike, hit)
He shall not *dere us with his din. (*harm)
- I MILES** He shall be set and learned soon,
With *care to him and all his kin. (*grief)
- II MILES** The foulest death of all
Shall he die for his deeds.
- III MILES** That means cross him we shall.
- IV MILES** Behold so right he *redis. (*understands)
- II MILES** Then to this work us must take heed
So that our working be not wrong.
- II MILES** None other note to *neven is need, (*name, say)
But let us haste him for to hang.

III MILES And I have gone for gear good speed,
Both hammers and nails large and long.

IV MILES Then may we boldly do this deed.
Come on, let kill this traitor strange.

I MILES Fair might ye fall in fear
That has wrought in this wise.

II MILES Us needs nought for to *lere (*learn)
Such *faitoures to chastise. (*fraud, beggar)

III MILES Since *ilke a thing is right arrayed, (*every, each)
The wiselier now work may we.

IV MILES The cross on ground is goodly *graied, (*prepared)
And bored even as it ought to be.

I MILES Look that the lad on length be laid,
And made me then unto this tree.

II MILES For all his *fare he shall be flayed, (*work)
That one *assay soon shall ye see. (*test, trial)

III MILES Come forth, thou cursed knave,
Thy comfort soon shall kill.

IV MILES Thine *hire here shall thou have. (*reward, payment)

I MILES Walk on, now work we well.

JESUS Almighty God, my Father free,
Let this matters be made in mind:
Thou bade that I should *buxom be, (*obedient)
For Adam plight for to be *pyned. (*pinned, pained)
Here to dead I oblige me
From that sin for to save mankind,
And sovereignly beseech I thee
That they for me may favour find,
And from the fiend them (de)fend
So that their souls be safe
In wealth withouten end.
I keep nought else to crave.

I MILES Wey, hark sir knights, for *Mahound's blood, (*Mohammed, used as pagan deity)
Of Adam kind is all his thought.

II MILES

The *warlowe waxes worse than **woode; (*warlock, traitor) (**mad)
This doleful dead no dreadeth he not.

III MILES Thou should have mind, with *main and mood, (*strength, body)
Of wicked works that thou has wrought.

IV MILES I hope that he had been as good
Have ceased of *saws that he up sought. (*sayings)

I MILES Those *saws shall rue him sore (*sayings)
For all his sauntering soon.

II MILES Ill speed them that him spare
'Til he to dead be done.

III MILES Have done *belyve, boy, and make thee bound, (*lively, quickly)
And bend thy back unto this tree.

IV MILES Behold, himself has laid him down
In length and breadth as he should be.

I MILES This traitour here tainted of treason,
Goes *fast and fetter him than, ye three. (*i.e. fastened)
And since he claimeth kingdom with crown,
Even as a king here hang shall he.

II MILES Now, *certis, I shall not *feyne (*certainly, surely) (**be glad)
Ere his right hand be fast.

III MILES The left hand then is mine.
Let see who bears him best.

IV MILES His limbs on length then shall I lead,
And even unto the *bore them bring. (*borehole)

I MILES Unto his head I shall take heed,
And with mine hand help him to hang.

II MILES Now since we four shall do this deed,
And meddle with this unthrifty thing,
Let no man spare for special speed
'Til that we have made ending.

III MILES This *fore-word may not fail. (*promise)

Now are we right arrayed.

IV MILES This boy here in our *bail
Shall bide full bitter *braid.

(*captivity)
(*twists, pulls)

I MILES Sir knights, say, how work we now?

II MILES Yes, *certis, I hope I hold this hand.
And to the bore I have it brought,
Full *buxomly withouten **band.

(*certainly, surely)
(*obediently) (**rope, band)

I MILES Strike on then hard, for *him thee bought.

(*i.e. Jesus as ransomer)

II MILES Yes, here is a stub will stiffly stand,
Through bones and sinews it shall be sought.
This work is well, I will warrant.

I MILES Say, sir, how do we there.
This bargain may not *blynne.

(*grow dull, diminish)

III MILES It fails a foot and more,
The sinews are so gone in.

IV MILES I hope that mark a-miss be bored.

II MILES Then must he bide in bitter *bale.

(*torment)

III MILES In faith, it was over scantily scored;
That makes it foully for to fail.

I MILES Why carp ye so? Fast on a cord
And tug him to, by top and tail.

III MILES Ya, thou commands lightly as a lord.
Come help to haul, with *ill hail.

(*a curse)

I MILES Now *certis, that shall I do,
Full *suerly as a snail.

(*certainly, surely)
(*slowly)

III MILES And I shall touch him too,
Full nimble with a nail.

This work will hold, that dare I *heete,
For now are *feste fast both his hands.

(*behest, promise)
(*fastened)

IV MILES Go we all four then to his feet,

So shall our *space be speedily spend. (*i.e. space of time)

II MILES

Let see, what *bourde his *bale might *beete, (*jest, trick) (*torment) (*increase)
Thereto my back now would I bend.

IV MILES Ow, this work is all *unmeet. (*unmade, poorly done)
This boring must all be amend.

I MILES Ah, peace, man, for Mahounde,
Let no man *wot that wonder. (*know)
A rope shall *rugge him down (*stretch, rig)
If all his sinews go asunder.

II MILES That cord full kindly can I knit,
The comfort of this *karle to kill. (*churl, slave)

I MILES *Feste on, then, fast that all be fit;
It is no force how fell he feel. (*Fasten)

II MILES Lug on ye both a little yet.

III MILES I shall not cease, as I have *seele. (*joy, happiness)

IV MILES And I shall *fonde him for to hit. (*test, try)

II MILES Owe, *haylle! (*help, hell)

IV MILES Hoo, now, I hold it well.

I MILES Have done, drive in that nail
So that no fault be found.

IV MILES This working would not fail,
If four bulls here were bound.

I MILES Their cords have evil increased his pains
Ere he were to the borings brought.

II MILES Yaa, asunder are both sinews and veins
On *ilke a side, so have we sought. (*each, every)

III MILES Now all his *gaudis nothing him gains;
His sauntering shall with *bale be bought. (*tricks, games)
(*torment)

IV MILES I will go say to our sovereigns

Of all this works how we have wrought.

I MILES Nay, sirs, another thing
Falls first to you and me,
They bade we should him hang
On height that men might see.

II MILES We *wot well so their words were, (*know)
But sir, that deed will do us *dere. (*pain)

I MILES It may not mend for to *moot more: (*talk, argue)
This *harlot must be hanged here. (*clown, beggar)

II MILES The mortice is made fit therefore.

III MILES *Feste on your fingers then, in **feere. (*Fasten) (**fellowship)

IV MILES I *wene it will never come there (*think)
We four raise it not right to-*yere. (*this year? to there?)

I MILES Say, man, why carps thou so?
Thy lifting was but light.

II MILES He means there must be more
To heave him up on height.

III MILES Now, *certis, I hope it shall not need (*certainly, surely)
To call to us more company.
Methink we four should do this deed
And bear him to yon hill on high.

I MILES It must be done, withouten dread,
No more, but look ye be ready.
And this part shall I lift and lead;
On length he shall no longer lie.
Therefore now make you bound:
Let bear him to yon hill.

IV MILES Then will I bear here down
And tend his toes until.

II MILES We two shall see to either side,
For else this work will wry all wrong.

III MILES We are ready.

IV MILES Good sirs, abide,

And let me first his feet up *fang. (*grasp)

II MILES Why tend ye so to tales this tide?

I MILES Lift up!

IV MILES Let see!

II MILES Owe, lift along!

III MILES From all this harm he should him hide
*And he were God. (*If)

IV MILES The devil him hang!

I MILES For great harm have I *hente: (*picked up)
My shoulder is in sunder.

II MILES And *sertis I am near **shent, (*certainly, surely) (**destroyed)
So long have I bourn under.

III MILES This cross and I in two must twin
Else breaks my back in sunder soon.

IV MILES Lay down again and leave your din.
This deed for us will never be done.

I MILES Assay, sirs, let see if any *gynne (*device, engine)
May help him up, withouten *hone, (*delay)
For here should *wight men worship win, (*quick)
And not with *gaudies all day to gone. (*tricks)

II MILES More *wighter men than we (*lively, eager)
Full few I hope ye find.

III MILES This bargain will not be,
For *certis me wants wind. (*certainly, surely)

IV MILES So will of work never we were,
I hope this *carle some **cautellis cast. (*churl, wretch) (**spells, curses)

II MILES My burden set me wonder sore,
Unto the hill I might not last.

I MILES Lift up, and soon he shall be there;
Therefore *feste on your fingers fast. (*fasten)

III MILES Owe, lift!

I MILES Wey, loo!

IV MILES A little more.

II MILES Hold then!

I MILES How now!

II MILES The worst is past.

III MILES He weighs a wicked weight.

II MILES So may we all four say,
Ere he was heaved on height
And raised in this array.

IV MILES He made us stand as any stones,
So *boustous was he for to bear. (*rude, harsh)

I MILES Now raise him nimbly for the *nonys (*moment)
And set him by this mortice here,
And let him fall in all at once,
For *certis that pain shall have no peer. (*certain, surely)

III MILES Heave up!

IV MILES Let down, so all his bones
Are asunder now on sides *seere. (*separate, diverse, scattered)

I MILES This falling was more fell
Than all the harms he had.
Now may a man well tell
The least *lith of this lad. (*liking? Joint?)

III MILES Methinketh this cross will not abide,
Nor stand still in this mortice yet.

IV MILES At the first time was it made over wide,
That makes it wave, thou may well *wit. (*know)

I MILES It shall be set on *ilke a side (*each, every)
So that it shall no further flit;
Good wedges shall we take this tide

And *feste the foot, then is all fit.

(*fasten)

II MILES Here are wedges arrayed
For that, both great and small.

III MILES Where are our hammers laid
That we should work withall?

IV MILES We have them here even at our hand.

II MILES Give me this wedge: I shall it in drive.

IV MILES Here is another yet ordained.

III MILES Do take it me hither *belyve.

(*lively, quickly)

I MILES Lay on then fast.

III MILES Yes, I warrant.
I *thring them same, so must I thrive.
Now will this cross full stably stand;
All if he rave they will not *ryve.

(*gather, push together)

(*reave, come apart)

I MILES Say, sir, how likes thou now
This work that we have wrought?

IV MILES We pray you says us how
Ye feel, or faint ye ought?

(*either *before you faint*, or *will you faint?*)

JESUS All men that walks by way or street,
Take (at)tent ye shall no *travayle **tyne.
Behold mine head, mine hands, and my feet,
And fully feel now, ere ye *fyne,
If any mourning may be *meet
Or mischief *measured unto mine.
My Father, that all *bales may beat,
Forgive these men that does me *pyne.
What they work *wot they not.
Therefore, my Father, I crave
Let never their sins be sought,
But see their souls to save.

(*labour) (**brief)

(*are satisfied, finished)

(*appropriate)

(*allocated, given)

(*agonies, evils)

(*pain, pin)

(*know, understand)

I MILES Wey, hark, he jangles like a jay.

II MILES Methink he patters like a (mag)pie.

III MILES He has been doing all this day
And made great moving of mercy.

IV MILES Is this the same that *gune us **say (*did) (**tell)
That he was God's Son almighty?

I MILES Therefore he feels full fell affray,
And deemed this day for to die.

II MILES *Vath, qui destruit templum.*

[**Vah, you will destroy the Temple of God- Matthew 27:40**]

III MILES His *saws were so, certain. (*teachings, sayings)

IV MILES And sirs, he said to some
He might raise it again.

I MILES To muster that he had no might,
For all the *kautelles that he could cast, (*spells)
*All if he were in word so **wight, (*And) (**lively, powerful)
For all his force now he is *feste. (*Fastened)
As Pilate deemed is done and *dight; (*prepared)
Therefore I *rede that we go rest. (*advise)

II MILES This race must be rehearsed right
Through the world both east and west.

III MILES Yaa, let him hang here still
And make moos on the moon. (*i.e. bellow at the moon)

IV MILES Then may we wend at will.

I MILES Nay, good sirs, not so soon,
For *certis us needs another note. (*surely, certainly)
This *kirtle would I of you crave. (*robe)

II MILES Nay, nay, sir, we will look by *lot (*lottery)
Which of us four falls it to have.

III MILES I *rede we draw cut for this coat, (*advise) (*cuts, i.e. straws)
Loo, see how soon, all sides to save.

IV MILES The short cut shall win, that well ye *wot, (*know, understand)
Whether it fall to knight or knave.

I MILES Fellows, ye there not *flyte,
For this mantle is mine.

(*fight, brawl)

II MILES Go we then hence *tyte;
This *travail here we **tyne, etc.

(*quickly)
(*labour) (**end, shut)