

#### Ma vielle

Vïeler vieut un biau son
De la bele
Qui seur toutes a biau non
En cui Diex devenir hom
Vout jadis
Dont chantent en paradis
Angles et arcangle a haut ton

Qui de s'ame
Vieut oster le fiel amer
Nostre Dame
Doit jour et nuit reclamer
Fole amor por li amer
Jetons puer
Qui ne l'aime de doux cuer

Bien se puet chetif clamer

Fresche rose
Fleur de lis fleur d'esglantier
Qui t'alose
Aimme et sert de cuer entier
Bien a trouve le sentier
De lasus
Mais loinz en sont et ensus
Cil qui ne sont ti rentier

Porte dou ciel
De paradis planche et ponz
Sourse de miel
De douceur pecine et fonz
D'enfer qui tant est parfonz
Nous desfen
Qui nou crient peu a de sen
Car n'i a rive ne fonz

Douce dame
Par mout vraie entencion

My vielle
wants to play a beautiful tune
about the beautiful one
who is prized above all,
in whom God did once
consent to become man,
and of whom angels and archangels
sing high and sweetly in paradise.

Whoever wishes to draw
the bitter gall from his soul,
must call on Our Lady
day and night;
let us reject mad love
for her sake.
Whoever doesn't love her with a tender
heart
can call himself a wretch indeed.

New rose, lily flower, hawthorn flower, whoever praises, loves and serves you with a whole heart, has truly found the path heavenward; but far away and far below are those who are not your servants.

Gate of heaven,
bridge and path to paradise,
honey-spring,
pool and font of sweetness,
protect us from hell,
which is so deep;
anyone who does not fear it is witless,
for it has neither shore nor fountain.

Sweet lady, with most sincere prayer

Cors et ame
Met je en ta protectïon
Prie sans delation
Qu'il nos face vivre touz
ten fil douz
In terra viventium.

I place my soul and body under your protection; pray without delay to your sweet son to make us all live in terra viventium.

## Incipit Lamentatio Jeremiae prophetae.

ALEPH. Quomodo sedet sola civitas plena populo!

Facta est quasi vidua domina gentium;

princeps provinciarum facta est sub tributo.

BETH. Plorans ploravit in nocte, et lacrimæ ejus in maxillis ejus:

non est qui consoletur eam, ex omnibus caris ejus;

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum.

De profundis clamavi ad te, Domine; Domine, exaudi vocem meam. Fiant aures tuæ intendentes in vocem deprecationis meæ. Here beginneth the Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah.

ALEPH. How lonely sits the city that was full of people!

How like a widow has she become, she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the cities

has become a vassal.

BETH. She weeps bitterly in the night, tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers she has none to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Jerusalem, return to the Lord thy God.

Out of the depths I cry to you, Oh Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication

**Libera me,** Domine, de morte æterna, in die illa tremenda

Quando cœli movendi sunt et terra

Dum veneris judicare sæculum per ignem.

Tremens factus sum ego, et timeo, dum discussio venerit, atque ventura ira

Quando cœli movendi sunt et terra.

Dies illa, dies iræ, calamitatis et miseriæ, dies magna et amara valde Dum veneris judicare sæculum per ignem.

Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

**Judaea et Jerusalem**, nolite timere: cras egrediemini, et Dominus erit vobiscum,

Alleluia.

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal on that fearful day,

When the heavens and the earth shall be moved.

When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

I am made to tremble, and I fear, till the judgment be upon us, and the coming wrath.

When the heavens and the earth shall be moved.

That day, day of wrath, calamity and misery, day of great and exceeding bitterness, When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord: and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Judea et Jerusalem, do not fear: Tomorrow you will go forth and the Lord will be with you, Alleluia. **Et honore virginali** integro permanente filium generavit,

O Quae superno paranympho credula ac de tanto nuntio laeta dixit

O Fiat ut prolem deicam

O Virgo et mater proferam

O Et hominem

And, in perfect virginal honor, she gave birth to a son

She believed in the heavenly paranymph, and, being happy at such news, Said, "Let me give birth, A virgin and a mother, And bring forth a man."

Gedeonis area celitus perfusa rore;

flamma rubis ignea radiat absque calore.

Nucleum ex nuclea testa prodit lutea, lux aurea!

Granum exit palea, oleastris olea,

liquitur petra liquore.

The flower of Gideon is wet with the heavenly dew, and the flames of the burning bush burn without heat.

The earthen vase produces a seed from a seed, golden light!

The grain comes from rye grass, the olive from the olive tree, and the water, from a rock.

#### Beata viscera

Marie virginis cuius ad ubera rex magni nominis; veste sub altera vim celans numinis dictavit federa Dei et hominis

O mira novitas et novum gaudium, matris integrita post puerperium.

Populus gentium sedens in tenebris surgit ad gaudium partus tam celebris: ludea tedium fovet in latebris, cor gerens conscium Delicet funebris,

O mira novitas...

Partum quem destruis, ludea misera! De quo nos argues, Quen docet littera; Si nova respuis, Crede vel vetera, In hoc quem astruis Christum considera.

O mira novitas

Solem, quem librere, Dum purus otitur In aura cernere visus non patitur, cernat a latere dum repercutitur,
alvus puerpere,
Blessed flesh
of the Virgin Mary,
at whose breasts
the king of eminent name,
concealing, under altered guise,
the force of divine nature,
has sealed a pact
of God and Man

O astonishing novelty and unaccustomed joy of a mother still pure after childbirth.

The people of the nations huddling in the darkness rise up at the joy of so celebrated a birth.
Judea nourishes its resentment heart bearing consciousness Of funeral delights

O astonishing novelty...

The birth which you destroy
O wretched Judea!
of him whom you denounce to us
because he teaches the law;
if you refuse the new law
then believe the old law,
in this One, whom you accuse,
behold the Christ.

O astonishing novelty...

Vision does not endure to behold in its radiance the sun, unconcealed, as he rises forth, pure. Let the wholly enclosed womb of the woman delivered of child behold from the side qua totus clauditur.

O mira novitas...

as it is reflected.

O astonishing novelty...

# Plus bele que flor

est, ce m'est avis, cele a qui m'ator. Tant com soie vis, n'avra de m'amor joie ne delis autre més la flor qu'est de paradis: mere est au Signour, qui si voz a mis, et nos a retor veut avoir tot dis.

Quant revient et fuelle et flor contre la seison d'esté, Deus! Adonc me sovient d'amors qui toz jors

m'a cortois et doz esté.

Molt aim ses secors,
car sa volenté
m'alege de mes dolors;
molt me vient bien en henors
d'estre a son gré.

L'autrier joer m'en alai par un destor; En un vergier m'en entrai pour queillir flor. Dame plesant I trovai, cointe d'atour.

Cuer ot gai;
Si chantoit en grant esmai:
Amors ai.
Qu'en ferai?
C'est la fin, la fin, que que nus die, j'amerai

The one to whom I submit is, in my opinion, more beautiful than a flower.

As long as I am alive, in truth, no one will have the joy and pleasure of my love, except for this flower which grows in Paradise: she is the mother of our Lord who wants forever to possess you, friend, and the two of us together.

When the return of the leaf and flower signal the arrival of summer,
God, that is when I think of Love,
who has ever been courteous and gentle with me.
Her solace pleases me greatly for her good will relieve my pain; man honors and good things come to me from being in her service.

The other day I went out on the byways; I entered an orchard to pick some flowers and found there an agreeable lady of fair means, and gay heart, and sang with great emotion: 'I have love! What will I do with it? It's the end, the end; whatever anyone says, I will love."

# Dou tres douz non a la Virge Marie

Vos espondrai cinq letres plainement La premiere est 'Emme' qui senefie Que les ames soient fors de torment

Car par lui vint ça jus entre la gent Et nos geta de la noire prison Dex qui pour nos en soffri passion Icest 'M' est et sa Mere et s'aMie

A vient apres: droiz est que je vous die Qu' en l'abece est A premierement Et tout premiers qui n'est ploins de folie Doit on dire le Salut doucement A la dame qui en sont beau cors gent Porta le Roi cui merci atendons

Premiers fu A et premiers devint hons Que nostre lois fut faite et estaublie

Puis si vient R ce n' est pas controvaille Qu''erre' savons que mult fait a prisier Et si veons chascun jor toz sans faille Quant li prestres lieve le en son mostier C'est li cors Deu qui touz nos doit jugier Que la Dame dedans son cors porta Or li prions quant la morz nos vendra Que sa pitiez plus que droiz nos i vaille

I est tout droiz geüz de bele taille Tez fu li cors ou il n'ot qu'ensoignier De la Dame qui por nos se travaille

Beax genz et drois sanz teche et sanz pechie

Por son douz cuer et por enfer brisier

Vint Dex en li quant ele l'enfanta

# OF THE MOST SWEET NAME OF THE VIRGIN MARY

I will explain the five letters clearly.
The first is M, which signifies that
through her souls [aMes] are delivered from
torment,

for through her God descended among men and cast us out of our dark prison, God, who suffered the Passion for us. This M represents his Mother and his aMie.

A comes after, and I must tell you that it is the first letter of the alphabet. In this first letter, anyone who is wise must devoutly speak the salutation to the Lady who, in her fair body, bore the King from whom we hope for pardon.

A comes first and became the first man before our religion was created and established.

Next comes R, and that is no invention; We know that R is worthy of respect, and we see evidence of this every day, when the priest holds it up in his church: it is the body of God who will judge us all, and which the Lady carried in her body. Let us ask him, when our death is upon us, for his pity to be stronger than his justice.

I is upright, slender and beautiful in form. Such was the body, rich in all the virtues, of the Lady who allowed herself to suffer for us –

beautiful, slender, noble, without stain or sin.

Thanks to her sweet heart, and to shatter Hell.

God came to her, when she gave birth to him

Beau fu et genz et beau s'en delivra Bien fist semblant Dex que de nos li chaille

Quant on dit 'a' c'on se plaint durement A est de plains bien savez sans dotance

Et nos devons plaindre sans demorance

A la Dame qui ne va el querant
Que li pechierres viegne a amendement
Tant a douz cuer gentil et esmere
Qui l'apele de cuer sanz fausetey
Ja ne faudra a avoir repentance

Or li prions merci por sa bonte Au douz salut qui encomence 'Ave Maria' Dex nos gart de mescheance. Beautiful was the one she delivered God did show us that he cares.

A expresses lamentation: you know well That when someone says "Ah!", he is lamenting bitterly.

We must always make our laments rise high

toward the Lady who has no other goal than for sinners to amend their lives. Her heart is so tender, so noble, so pure that if anyone cries out to her, he will never have to regret it::

Let us implore her mercy, in her goodness, with the sweet greeting that begins "Ave, Maria." May God protect us from all misfortune!

Post partum virgo mansisti, inviolata Maria, que filium peperisti, cuius filia fuisti stupere naturalia.
Te precamur, mater Christi: Esto nobis propicia!

Ave, regine glorie
et angelorum speculum,
que peperisti Dominum,
triumphatorem omnium,
qui te assumpsit hodie
ad etherum thalamum
et in sanctorum requie
fruens perhenne gaudium!

After birth
you remained a virgin, Mary
who gave birth to a Son
whose daughter you were,
and in your child-birth,
you confounded the natural order.
We beg you, mother of Christ, be kind to us!

Hail, queen of Glory and mirror of the angels, who gave birth to the Lord, the Victor over all things. He assumed you today into the ethereal chamber, you who enjoy eternal glory, in the rest of the saints!

### Dum iuventus floruit,

licuit et libuit facere, quod placuit, iuxta voluntatem currere, peragere carnis voluptatem.

Amodo sic agere, vivere tam libere, talem vitam ducere viri vetat etas, perimit et eximit leges assuetas.

Etas illa monuit, docuit, consuluit, sic et etas annuit: «nichil est exclusum!» omnia cum venia contulit ad usum.

Volo resipiscere, linquere, corrigere, quod commisi temere; deinceps intendam seriis, pro vitiis virtutes rependam. While youth flowered,
I could do
whatever pleased me,
to run about
at will and give myself
to the pleasures of the flesh.

But the state of manhood To live free to lead such a life; The age of man forbids Destroys and takes away Familiar ways

The spirit of the age said,
Also of the age:
"Nothing is to be ruled out;"
and it has given me everything for my pleasures.

I want to be prudent, to abstain from what I have done in the past, to dedicate myself to serious things, and to redeem with my virtues my former sins.

## Vita perdite

me legi sub dideram, minus licite dum fregi quod voveram; sed ad vite vesperam corri gendum legi, quicquid ante perperam pueri tis egi.

Rerum exitus dum quero discutere, falsum pernitus a vero discernere, falso fallor opere, bravium si spero me virtutem metere, vitia dum sero.

Non sum duplici perplexus itenere, nec addidici reflexus a venere, nec fraudavi temere coniugis amplexus; Dalidam persequere, ne fraudetur sexus.

Famen siliqua porcorum non abstulit, que ad lubrica errorum non contulit. Sed scriptura consulit viam intrem morum, que prelarga protulit pabula donorum.

Formerly,
I gave myself
over to depravity,
breaking my vows.
Now, in the
evening of life,
I choose to correct
the errors of my youth.

To correctly distinguish good from evil,
I must not deceive myself.
I cannot reap virtue's prize while I am doing wrong.

I am not a dupe
of the crooked path;
I am not addicted
to unnatural acts.
Get yourself
a floozy,
so that you don't
go in for perverted sex!

The swill
of pigs
could not assuage
my hunger.
But the Scriptures
advised me
to choose the way
of goodness.

#### Ad cor tuum revertere

conditionis misere
homo cur spernis vivere
cur dedicas te vitiis
cur indulges malitis
cur excessus non corrigis
nec gressus tuos dirigis
in semitis justicie
sed contra te cotidie
iram dei exasperas
in te succidi metue
radices ficus fatue
cum frunctus nullos afferas.

O conditio misera
Considera quam aspera
Sic hec vita mors altera
Qui sic inmutat statum
cur non purgas reatum
Sine mora cum sit hor
Mortis tibi incognita et invicta
Karitas que nos proficit
Prorsus are et deficit
Nec effecit beatum.

Si vocatus ad nuptias advenias sine vestre nuptiali a curia regali Expelleris Et obviam si veneris sponos lampade vacua es quasi virgo fatua.

Ergo vide ne dormias Se vigilans aperias Domino cum pulasaverit Beatus quem invenerit Vigilantem cum venerit. Return to your heart,
man of wretched state! Why do you
disdain to live? Why do you devote yourself
to sin? Why do you
give yourself up to evil? Why do you not
correct you waywardness
and turn your steps to the path of
righteousness, but instead,
daily arouse the wreath of God against you?
You should fear lest
your roots be cut out like those of a barren
fig tree, if you
bear no fruits.

O wretched state! Consider how hard this life is, like another death, which so changes our condition. Why do you not purge your sins without delay, since the hour of your death is unknown to you? And a good work done unwillingly is of no use; it dries up and disappears and cannot bring salvation.

If, invited to a wedding, you arrive without wedding clothes, from the royal court you will be sent away; if you come to meet the Bridegroom with an empty lamp, you are like a foolish Virgin.

Then see that you do not sleep, but keeping watch, open to the Lord when He knocks. Blessed is he whom He finds vigilant when He comes.

#### Fas et nefas ambulant

Passu fere pari; prodigus non redimit vitium avari; virtus temperantia quadam singulari debet medium ad utrumque vitium caute contemplari.

Si legisse memoras ethicam Catonis, in qua scriptum legitur: "Ambula cum bonis", cum ad dandi gloriam animum disponis, surpra cetera primum hoc considera, quis sit sit dignus donis.

Vultu licet hilari, verbo licet blando sis equalis omnibus; unum tamen mando: si vis recte gloriam promereri dando, primum videas granum inter paleas cui des et quando.

Dare non ut convenit non est a virtute, bonum est secundum quid, sed non absolute; digne dare poteris et mereri tute famam muneris, si me prius noveris intus et cute.

Si prudenter triticum paleis emundas,

Right and wrong go walking, as it were, in step, a wastrel cannot make good the vice of a miser;
Virtue, with its rather special moderation, requires that one carefully consider the mean between the two vices.

If you recall.

Having read Cato's Ethics,
where one reads:
'Walk with the good',
then when you set your mind
to the glory of giving,
above all else bear foremost in mind:
Who is worthy of your gifts?

However cheerful your face, however inoffensive your speech, be the same towards all. Yet one thing I enjoy: I you truly wish to receive praise for your giving, first see the grain, among the chaff, to whom you are giving and when.

There is no virtue in giving other than when proper: it is relatively good but not absolutely so. You will be able to give worthily and safely enjoy a reputation for generosity if first you get to know me inside and out.

If you wisely sift the wheat from the chaff,

famam meis muneris; sed cavetto, dum das, largitatis oleum male non effundas. In te glorior; Quia Codro Codrior, omnibus habundas. you earn a reputation for generosity: but take care when you give lets you pour out poorly the oil of your kindness. I take pride in you that, even if poorer than Codrus, you abound in all things.

**Quant je le voi** ou voire cler, Volontiers m'i vueil accorder; Et puis si chante de cueur cler: Cis chans veut boire

Bon vin doit l'en a li tirer
Et li mauves en sus bouter.
Puis doivent compagnons chanter:
Cis chans veut boire.

Cis chans veut boire.

When I see it clearly in the glass, I am completely in agreement and then sing out heartily, this songs needs a drink

Good wine must one draw to oneself, and kick the bad one out, the companions must sing This song is for drinking!

This song is for drinking!

#### **Bonum est confidere**

in dominorum Domino, bonum est spem ponere in spei nostre termino.

Qui de regum potential, non de Dei clementia spem concipis, te decipis et excipis ab aula summi principis. Quod in pum aggere exaggeras peccatum?

In Deo cogitatum tuum jacta, prius acta studeas corrigere, in labore manuum et in sudore vultuum pane tuo vescere! It is good to trust in the Lord of Lords; it is good to place our trust in the object of our hope.

They deceive themselves, they who trust in the power of kings, and not in the mercy of God they exclude themselves from the court of the Most High.

Why, in gathering wealth do you accumulate sin?

Follow the ways
of righteousness,
learn to amend
what you have done before,
and by the work of your hands
and the sweat of your brow
earn you bread!

#### Nisi Dominus aedificaverit domum.

In vanum laboraverunt qui aedificant eam.
Nisi Dominus custodierit civitatem,
Frustra vigilat qui custodit eam.
Vanum est vobis ante lucem surgere:
Surgite postquam sederitis, qui manducatis panem doloris

Cum dederit dilectis suis somnum: Ecce haereditas Domini, filli: merces,

fructus ventris

Sicut sagittae in manu potentis:

Ita filii excussorum

Beatus vir qui implevit desiderium suum es ipsis:

Non confundetur cum loquetur inimicis suis in porta

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows:

for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:

they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

# Virgo gemma virginum

Stella maris fulgida Lucem solis superans Margarita splendida.

Filia Jerusalem Prudens et castissima, Sponsa materque regis, Qui gubernat omnia.

Ave dei gentrix, Nostra spes et gloria Per quam nobis aditis Datur ad celestia.

O inaestimabilis Sanctitatis pietas Tuo sacro germine Eve lapsum reparas.

The chorus angelicus Laudat super etheras, Omnes sancti jubilant Tibi dantes cantica.

Ergo, virgo, petimus Nos precantes audias, Atque nostras precibus munda mentes sordidas.

Ut in trantes celitas E mundati ianuas Per te deo debitas Referamus gratias. Virgin, jewel of virgins, bright star of the sea, surpassing the sun's light, shining pearl,

Daughter of Jerusalem most pure, hail, Mother of God. O love immeasurable in holiness,

Hail mother of God, Our hope and glory through which you approach us Is given to Heaven

O priceless
Piety of Holiness
With your Holy Seed
You repair the fall of Eve

The choir of angels praise you over the skies. All the Saints rejoice Giving you a song

Therefore, Virgin, we beg that you may hear our prayers. And by our prayers Cleanse our unclean minds.

That through thee
We may pass cleansed
Through the doors to give God our thanks

**Benedicamus Domino** 

Let us Bless the Lord

Ave Maria gracia plena

Dominus tecum virgo serena.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus

Que peperesti pacem hominibus et angelis gloria.

Et benedictus fructus ventris tui

Qui coheredes ut essemus sui nos fecit per graciam.

Per hoc autem ave mundo tam suave contra carnis jura.

Genuisti prolem novum stella solem nova genitura.

Tu parvi et magni leonis et agni salvatoris Christi templum extististi sed virgo intacta. Tu floris et roris panis et pastoris virginum regina rosa sine spina genitrix es facta.

Tu civitas regis iusticie tu mater es misericordie.

De lacu fecis et miserie.

Theophilum reformans gracie.

Te collau dat celestis curia

Tu mater es regis et filia.

Per te reis donatur venia.

Per te iustis confertur gracia

Ergo maris stella verbi dei cella et solis aurora.

Paradisi porta per quam lux est orta natum tuum ora.

Ut nos solvat a peccatis et in regno claritatis quo lux lucet sedula collocet per secula.

Amen

Hail Mary, full of grace

The Lord is with you, virgin.

You who gave birth to peace for men and angels with glory.

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb He made us by grace to be his own heirs. But through this bird, so sweet to the world, contrary to the laws of the flesh.

You have given birth to a new child, a new star will give birth to a new sun.

You are the savior of the small and the great lion and the lamb

You were a temple of Christ but an untouched virgin.

You are made of flowers and dew, the bread and the shepherd of virgins, the queen of the rose without a thorn.

You are the city of the king of justice, you are the mother of mercy.

Of the lake you made and misery.

Reforming Theophilus with grace.

The heavenly court gives you a collar You are the mother and daughter of a king. Forgiveness is granted to the guilty through you.

Through you grace is conferred on the righteous

Therefore the star of the sea is the cell of God's word and the dawn of the sun.
The gate of paradise through which the light

has arisen is the edge of your birth.

That he may free us from our sins, and that he may set us in the kingdom of glory where the light shines for ever and ever. Amen

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