Excerpt from

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1290 þenne ho gef hym godday 7 wyth aglent laȝed

1291 7 as hostod ho stonyed hym wyth ful stor wordez

1292 now he þatt spedez vche spech þis disport ȝelde you

1293 bot þatt ȝe be Gawan hit gotz in mynd

1294 querfore quoþ þe freke 7 freschly he askez

1295 ferde lest he hade fayled in forme of his castes

1296 bot þe burde hym blessed 7 biþis skyl sayde

1297 So god as gawayn gaynly is halden

1298 7 cortaysye is closed so clene in hym seluen

1299 couth not lyȝtly haf lenged so long wyth alady

1300 bot he had craued acusse bihis cõrtaysye

1301 bisum towch of summe tryfle at sum talez ende

1302 þen quoþ wowen iwysse worþe as yow lykez

1303 Ischal kysse at your comaundement as a knyȝt fallez

1304 7 fire lest hedisplese yow fo plede hit no more

1305 ho comes nerre with þat 7 cachez hym in armez

1306 loutez luflych adoun 7 þe leude kyssez

1307 þay comly bykennen to kryst ayþer oþer

1308 ho dos hirforth at þe ore with outen dyn more

1309 ȝ he ryches hym to ryse ȝ rapes hym sone

1310 clepes to his chamberlayn choses his wede

1311 boȝez forth quen he watz boun blyþelyto masse

1312 ȝ þenne he meued to his mete þat menskly hym keped

1313 ȝ made myry al day til þe mone rysed

1314 with game

1315 watz neuer freke fayrerfonge

1316 bitwene two so dyngne dame

1317 þe alder ȝþe ȝonge

1318 much solace setþay same

Source: T.3 in chapter 5 of Hejná and Walkden (2022), line numbering from Tolkien and Gordon (1967) added.

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