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<fol. 11r>Fram southest to Northwest : þat is sumdel grete  
 Fram Douer in to Chestre : goþ watlyngstrete  
 The ferþe of þise is most of alle : þat tilleþ fram Toteneys  
 Fram þe one ende of Cornewaile : anone to Cateney  
 Fram þe souþwest to Northeſt : in to englonde ende  
 Fosse men calliþ þilke wey : þat by many toun doþ wende  
 <gap for initial, with s indicated>O clene and faire englonde is : and pure with oute hore  
 The faireſt men of þe worlde : þer Jnne ben ybore  
 So clene faire and white : amonge oþer men þei ben  
 That men knoweþ hem in eche londe : by sy3t whanne men hem seen  
 Also so clene he is þat londe : and mannes blode so pure  
 That gret yuel ne commeþ þer nou3t : þat is callid helle fuire  
 That for-fareþ mannes lymmes : ry3t as þou3 it brende  
 But men of Fraunce in þat euyl : sone men seeþ amende  
 If þei ben brou3t to englonde : where-þourgh men may wyte  
 That Englonde is londe beſt : alſo hit is ywryte  
 <letter missing, probably f>ram þe bygynnyng of þe worlde : to tyme þat  
 nowe is  
 Seuen ages þer haþ ybe : at seuen tymes J wiſ  
 The fiſt tyme an age : was fiſt fram Adam  
 To Noe and siþe þe oþer : fram Noie to Abraham  
 The þridde was fram Abraham : forto moyses come  
 The ferþe was fram Moyses: to dauid is kyngdome  
 The fiſte was fram dauid : to þe *transmigracioun*  
 Of Babiloun and þe ſixte : to þe incarnacioun  
 That forto god was borne : þe ſeueþ was and is  
 Fram oure lordis birþe tyme : to þe worldes ende J-wiſ  
 Tho Adam was fiſt made : and hiſ ofſpringe waxed wide  
 Thei biganne in þe worlde : al in þe Eſtyde  
 Siþen hit wex wide aboute : fram londe to londe

So in þe þridde age hit was: or hit come to englonde  
 For bitwene þe tyme of Abraham : and Moyses hit was  
 Man come first to englonde : J 3ow wole telle þat caas  
 <gap for initial, with a indicated> Bataile þer was *somme* tyme : in ye cuntre of Rome  
 And þe most þat euer was : men hit haþ herde lome  
 The Bataile of Troye : þat last feel 3eer  
 Many was þe goode body : þat slayn was þeer  
 For þer was kny3t in no londe : ne stalworþe man  
 But in ye one side he was : and al for one womman  
 That Helyne was ycallyde : þis bataile first bigan  
 An hey3 man was þer bifore : þat callid was Dardan  
 Of him come þe good Brute : þat was þe first man  
 That lorde was in englonde : as J 3ow telle can  
 <gap for initial, with d indicated> Ardan bi3at Troye : þat good man was and wis  
 Troie bi3at Priamus : and also eke Anchys  
 That were in þis Bataile : of most my3t and mayne  
 Anchys bi3at Eneas : and Eneas Eschayne  
 <fol. 11v> Eschayn bi3at Sillius : of whom þe Brute come  
 For Eneas aftir þe Bataile : Eschayn his sone nome  
 And Sillius Eschaynes sone : and oþer þat þer were  
 To þe londe of ytale . þei went and wonede þere  
 Tho Sillius hadde bi3at o childe : fayne he wolde wete  
 What man þat childe schulde be: þat hadde bi3ete  
 O clerk þurgh enchauntement : him bigan to telle  
 That þe childe schulde first : fadir & modir quelle  
 And sithe schulde many londe : ouer passe and wende  
 And many Batailes ouercome : and sithe at þe ende  
 To a noble londe he schulde come : and þer al lorde be  
 And kynges comen of his blood : and þat men schulde se  
 hat Eneas bigan his ofspringe : þat to itaile first gan þring  
 Thre þousand and sexti & twenti 3eer : fram þe wordes bigynnynges  
 Tho þe Clerk hadde saide : his enchaunterye  
 Ther Sillius him lete sle : but þat was litel maistreye  
 For hit come neuer þe later : as he hadde seyde  
 For in traueyle of his beringe : þe modir was first deyde  
 Tho þis childe was borne : men lete calle him Bruyte  
 First lorde he was in englonde : of whom men spekiþ 3itte  
 The childe wex and wel þrofe : as þe clerk seide ere  
 And whenne he hadde þe age : of fiftene 3ere

As he wolde scheten an herte : al a3enst his wille  
 To dep he sheet his owen fadir : þat lay þer stille  
 Hit him a þou3t sore ynou3 : but napeles 3it he was  
 Oute of þe londe ydryue : for þat rewful caas  
 And to þe londe of Grece : come : and þan fonde he þere  
 Of the kynde of Priamus : many men þat þer were  
 That weren of his next blode : þat weren in seruage  
 For here eldren were ere take : bifore in ostage  
 Fram þe Battale of Troye : in wreche as it were  
 For þe gret slau3ter and woo : þat here kyn dide þere  
 Whanne þat Bruyte amonges hem come : to suche proues he drow3 :  
 That al þe kyn þat him saw3 : hadde of him ioye ynow3 :  
 So þat at þe last : whenne he in state was  
 And hem þou3t þat his peer : in þe worlde nas  
 <gap for initial, with a indicated>He þat folke of his blood : aboute him drou3 fast  
 For he schulde his owen kynde : oute of þe seruage cast  
 Thei come him al aboute : so þat Bruyte ysey  
 That moche power was of hem : and noble folk and hey  
 He gadered hem to-gider : þat faire oste hit was  
 To þe kyng of Grece he sent : þat callid was pandras  
 That he schulde þat noble folk : þat of so hende blode come  
 Oute of þe seruage late : and oute of þraldome  
 Or ellis þat he schulde not wondre : þou3 þei dide here my3t  
 With here bodies to asay : to wynne here ry3t  
 <fol. 12r>The kyng hadde in his þou3t : scorne of þis thinge  
 He gadered his ost anoue : to grounde hem þou3t to bringe  
 This bruyte a3eyn him w<sup>t</sup> his ost : wel wisiliche drou3  
 Thei smote to-gider in Bataile : harde & stronge ynou3  
 The proues þat Bruite dide þer : no tonge telle may  
 Many was þe good bodi : þat him self slowe a day  
 Hit were to longe to telle : his foon he ouer-come  
 And Pandras þe stronge kyng : as prisoner he nome  
 <gap for initial, with t indicated>his kyng whan he ytake .<sup>[was]</sup> : here wille he dide anone  
 And brou3t hem oute of þraldom : þan he ne sey3 opere wone  
 He bigan to loue Bruyt : for his faire chaunce  
 And wilned ouer al oper þinge : of him to haue alyaunce  
 Bruyt he seyð þou art nowe : þe best bodi þat is  
 For þe noble kynde þat þou art of : and þi proues J wis  
 J wole oblige me to þee : and my kyngdom þer to

One dou3ter J haue of mucche prise : noble & good also  
 J 3eue hure pee to wife : and if þou wolt bileue here  
 The þriddendel my kyngdom : J 3yue pee to be my fere  
 Jf þou wilt not here be : but wole 3it fonde more  
 Golde and siluer J 3yue pee: and ynou3 of oþer store  
 And take to pee my dou3ter : for man þat art J wis  
 To wynne 3it a kyngdom : wel better þan myn is  
 The kynge and Bruyt were attone : þat to wife he toke  
 His dou3ter þat hi3t Jimogen : but his londe he forsoke  
 The kynge toke Bruyt his owen body : in ostage as it were  
 An to it were to gider ybrou3t : al þat he wolde arere  
 He lete sende his messagers : in to al Grece wel wide  
 And lete fille Corne and oyle : and wyn bi eche side  
 Men chargid þre hundred schippis : & foure & twenti þerto  
 Ther-with & with al oþer good : þat men my3t þer-Jnne do  
 Tho þis schypes faire were : and ful of eche good  
 And þis maide spoused was : of so hey3 blood  
 The kynge þat folke delyuered : oute of seruage  
 And Bruite delyuered þe kynge : oute of ostage  
 And toke his leeuie faire : and þankid him al good  
 And toke hem alle with him : þat he wan þer of his blood  
 And his wife Jimogen : and to schippe þei went  
 Thei nyst towarde whiche londe : but as god hem sent  
 The doile þat Jimogen made : no tonge telle may  
 Sche cried & wepid w<sup>t</sup> sorow : and ofte in sowne lay  
 Tho sche went fram hure kynne : & fram al þat sche kende  
 And nyst neuer whiderwarde : but as þe wynde wende  
 Sche wist þat sche schul neuer a3eyn come þo  
 No se fadir ne oþir kyn : lord þat sche was wo  
 <gap for initial, with b indicated>ruyt hure clyppid & kyssyd : & comfortid ynow3  
 But sche ne my3t hure hert chaunge : þ<sup>t</sup> ne sche to sorow drou3

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<fol. 17v>So þat atte last : þis maide yspousyd was  
 To þe kynge of Fraunce : as god 3af þat cas  
 <gap for initial>henne þis kynges elder was : þey+bigan to loþe  
 For he longe lyued : his leeuie dou3tren boþe  
 Here lordes þei ticed : to holde to-gider fast

And wyne al þis londe to hem : and here fadir oute cast  
 Thise two kynges gaderid ost : and endide þis dede  
 And by-name þe kyng his londe : as here wyfes bede  
 But þe kyng of Scotland : for reuthe and kyndehede  
 Toke him to him in his house : aʒenst his wyfes rede  
 And syxti knyʒttes with honour : to sewen him al his lyfe  
 As who seiþ for his kyngdom : and for honour of his wyfe  
 With-Jnne two ʒeer þeraftir : hit apouʒt þe leper quene  
 That hure fadir hadde to moche : and wolde to moche spene  
 Sche made of syxti knyʒttes : hure lorde pritty with drouʒ  
 And made him holde but þriti : þat was hure þouʒt ynowʒ  
 <gap for initial>his leyr was aschamed þan : and in wrathe atte þe ende  
 to his oþer douʒter þe quene of cornewaile he gan wende  
 And pleynd him of þe vnkyndehede : of his douʒter ~~Gornorille~~  
 And wende þer amendement to haue hadde : al at his wille  
 Pilke douʒter hun þere fonge : with honour as he wende  
 But sche was al ful of him : or þat þe ʒeris ende  
 For sche enticed here lorde þan : þat his knyʒtes echone  
 For cost schulde him bitaken fro : but fyue men allone  
 Whiche so þei were : and þat was sche sayd ynouʒ  
 Whan þis olde+man þis hard : to sorow his herte drouʒ  
 He wist nouʒt to wheþer douʒter : better to trist þo  
 And napeles he wente aʒen : to þe oþer with gret wo  
 He hoped for to fynde of hure : better chere and grace  
 And sche swore by hure hiʒe goddis : anone in þe place  
 That he ne schulde with hure be : but hit one were  
 With one knyʒt with-outen mo : þe while he him wel bere  
 And askyd what sorow him ailed : whan he hadde no goode  
 To wilne to haue gret coste ; and be of so gret mode  
 <gap for initial>his worde dide him mucche wo : þis sely olde kyng  
 When sche atwited him his astate : þat he hadde no þinge  
 That worde brake nye his hert atwo : & longe he it vnderstode  
 When his childe atwited his pouerte : þat had al his good  
 Kyng ne quene were nouʒt glade : whan þei him yseyʒe  
 But to ioye alday hoped : þat he schulde deyʒe  
 He bileued and nede most : forth with one knyʒt  
 And þe quene his douʒter : dide him day to nyʒt  
 That he for mysese most : nede away at þe ʒere ende  
 Than for mysese forfare : leuer he hadde wende

And begge his mete wiþ pore men : ferre in straunge londe  
 That bi-fore was hye kyng : & sniche þinges had on hond  
 <gap for initial, with a indicated>tte þe last in sorowe ynou3 : to þe se he went  
 To do his best in mysese : þer as god him sent  
 <fol. 18r>In þe schippe opere prynces : in gret pryde he bihelde  
 But two men hadde he þan : him þou3t his herte felde  
 He þou3t on þe nobley : þat he hadde Jnne ybe  
 He wept þe teris doun ran : þat doil hit was to se  
 With 3oxing & with gret weping : þus he bigan his mone  
 Alas alas þou luþer whate : þat filest me þus one  
 Thus clene bringest me adoun : whider schal J be brou3t  
 More sorowe hit doþ me : whan hit is in my þou3t  
 The nobley þat J was Jnne : and was wont to wende  
 With many hundrid kny3ttes : aboute in eche ende  
 And castellis take and townes : my foon bringe to grounde  
 Walaway þe myscheef : þat J am June ybounde  
 LEue dou3ter Cordille : <?>sothe þou saigest me  
 As muche as J hadde J was worthe : pou3 J ne leuede þee  
 The whiles J ou3t hadde I was worthe : nowe hit is al gone  
 Myne children þat J 3aue good : ne kepiþ me nou3t one  
 For my good þei louede me : nowe þei hit haþ euerechedel  
 And wollen nou3t me 3iue þer-of : with good herte o meel  
 A <?> dou3ter Cordille : whider schal J nowe fle  
 So muche J haue þee mys-do : þat I ne dar þee se  
 In whiche bodi ne dar I come : in þi si3t nou3t euene  
 That by name þe my frenchipe : for þi sothenes al clene  
 Thus men may ensample take : to lete here sones wyue  
 And 3iue hem here londis vp : al by here lyue  
 Wel may a simple fraunkeleyn : in myscheef him so bringe  
 Of litel londe when þer felle : suche cas of on kyng  
 Tho þis kyng ywent aboute : in suche sorowful cas  
 Atte þe laste he come to Carik : þer his dou3ter was  
 He bileuede with-oute þe towun : al in wel gret fere  
 He sent þe quene his dou3ter worde : whiche his auenturus were  
 And þat pure mysese him þider drof : & defaute where-of to lyue  
 And prayed hure for þe loue of god : hure wrathe him for-3yue  
 <t missing> he quene when sche hard þis : ney in swoune sche was  
 Alas sche sayd is my fadir , in suche delful cas  
 With how many kny3ttes comeþ he : þe oper a3en hure sede

Madame but with o man : and þat in feble wede  
 Alas *qd* þe quene þan : is hit now with him so  
 Takeþ anone tresour ynow<sup>3</sup> : þat he haþ nede to  
 And cloþe him in þe best cloþes : þat 3e may se  
 And fourty kny<sup>3</sup>ttes with him : þat of his sute be  
 And doþ hen wele to haue horse : as kyng bicometh to  
 And whan no defawte is : þat al be wele ydo  
 <gap for initial, with s indicated>endeþ my lorde worde and me : þat my fadir in londe is  
 What nedip hit longe to telle : ydo was al þis  
 The kyng leyr atired was : and þat hem worde sent  
 The kyng and þe quene faire ynow<sup>3</sup> : a3en leyr kyng went  
 And with gret honour him fonges : when he to hem come  
 <fol. 18v>And token him to his wille : al clene here kyngdom  
 This was þe good dou<sup>3</sup>ter : þat fikely wolde nou<sup>3</sup>t  
 Ofte þinge þat is fikel : to worse ende hit is brou<sup>3</sup>t  
 <gap for initial, with t indicated>he kyng of Fraunce : folke wide aboute sent  
 To wreken him of leþer men : þat his frende so schent  
 When he hadde power ynou<sup>3</sup> : kynge leyr he name  
 And þe quene his dou<sup>3</sup>ter : and to þe ilke londe came  
 Many kynde men of the londe : with leyr kynges helde also  
 For þe vnkynde falsedom : þat his dou<sup>3</sup>tren hadde ydo  
 So þat of Fraunce & of þis londe : power he hadde ynou<sup>3</sup>  
 Towarde his foon with hem alle : with good herte he drou<sup>3</sup>  
 And ouercome þise false kynges : and here wyues also  
 And a3ein was in his kyngdom : with gret honour ydo  
 Cordille his leue dou<sup>3</sup>ter : eyr of al his londe  
 Aftir his deth he made þan : þat he so kynde founde  
 <gap for initial, with b indicated>y þis tale men may se : þat trewest men ofte is seen  
 And beste men mai to hem trust : þat of lest wordes ben  
 The kyng of Fraunce in þe þridde 3eer : deyed & eke kynges leyr  
 And lete here bodies burie : with gret pride and honour  
 Atte leicestre þat he made him self : by-side þe water of Stour  
 <gap for initial, with t indicated>hus good Cordille : as kyng and quene þo  
 Her in þis lond bileeued : fyue 3eer and no mo  
 Are hure sustren twey sones : stalworthe men þat were  
 Cunedag and Morgan : werre with hure gonne arere  
 And hadde dispi<sup>3</sup>t þat womman : kyng of þat londe schulde be  
 And napeles with al ri<sup>3</sup>t : þei were nerre þan sche  
 Thei gaderid vppon here aunt : here ost aboute wide



And distroied hure londes : eiþer in here side  
So þat atte þe last : to Bataile þei come  
And þer þe quene here aunt : in Bataile þei nome  
And diden hure in strong *prisoun* : and þe kyngdome  
Delden bitwene hem : and eiþer his dele nome  
<gap for initial, with m indicated>organ kyng of Scotlond : as he dele couthe  
Hadde al þat lond by northe : and þe oþer by souþe  
With-inne two 3eer þer aftir : *somme* to Morgan 3ede  
For he of þe eldyr suster was : and bad him take hede  
And said þat hit was gret dispi3t : þat þer were in þis londe  
Two kynges when it were ri3t : þat he hadde al on honde  
This kynges was enticed so : þat he toke atte þe last  
His ost & apon his cosyn : bigan to werre fast  
And bigan to brenne and kille : and atte þe last J-wis  
The oþer bigan to turne a3en : and drof him to walis  
And þer þei smyten a Bataile : in þe southe half of þe londe  
And þer was Morgan slayn : þat longe was vnderstonde  
The stede þat he was on slayn : men calliþ 3it Morgan  
And euer wole aftir him : for he was a gret man  
Cunedag was þan one kynges : and þat londe to him nome