Here folowes how ye holy mayden Kateryne of Seen first began to sette hyr hert fully to godwarde.

JN ye yere of oure lorde Criste a thousand thre hundreth foure score and sex . ye . viij . day of Januer . ye holy mayden Kateryne of Seen told til a special familiere spekand of hir-self as it had bene of a-noyer persone . yat in ye begynnyng of hir turnyng to godward . and of hir enlumynyng . she set ogayne ye lufe of hir owen person as for a sadde grounde of hir lyuyng . ye stoon of knowyng of hir-selfe . yis stoon she departed in thre parties . ye first pert is consideracion of hir first makynge : how yat she had no beyng of hir selfe bot only of god . who boye made hir of not & kepid hir . and al yis dide he onely of grace . and no3t of hir dessert . ¶ ye secunde part is consideracion of ye beyng of mankynde be ye whilk : efter yat we had destruyd oure wele-beyng and loste grace of fyne and feruent lufe . crist bo3t

Ye thrid part is consideracion of ye synnes yat she had done efter yat she had receyued ye grace of baptyme . Be ye whilk synnes she had deserued endeles dampnacion . Where -for she merueyled of ye euerlastyng godenes
of god: yf he commanded no3t ye erthe to deuoure hir. ¶ Of yies yre considerations yer grew in hir so grete a hate vntil hir selfeward; yat she coueyted no-ying to be done after hir wil: bot al efter ye wille of god: whom she sagh wil bot onely hyr gode & hir profite. ¶ And of yis it folowed yat al tribulacion & temptacion turned hir to grete ioye bothe for she saghe yat it come of goddes wille and for it toke vengeance on hir for synne. ¶ And yerfore she sayde yat she had souereyne desplesance of al vayne yinges of ye whilk before-tyme she had liking and plesance. For-why ye dauntyng of hir moder in ye whilk she was wont fortil haue grete likyng <fol. 71r>she fled as a swerd or venym And al enmytees she suffred with likyng. Temptacion of ye fende boye she lufed yam & she despised yam. Jn als mykel as yai brught hir vntil feleable lust: she despised yam. and in als mykel as yai trubled hir: she lufed yaim. ¶ Efter yis she come to gret desire of goostly clennes. And when she had long tyme besily prayed our lord. yat he wolde vouchesafe forto graunte hir parfit clennes. At ye last he appered vntil hir & said. My doghter if you wil haue ye clennes yat you desires: ye nedes forto be parfitely oned vnto me yat am souereyn clennes. And yf sal=+tou be if you kepe yies yre poynes yf folowes. ¶ Ye first poynt is: if you so ordeyne yine entent vnto me yat you make me ye ende of al yi werkes & euermore besy ye forto haue me befor yi sight. ¶ ye second poynt is if you vitterly forsake yine owen wil and no hede takyng to names wil in al ying yat be-falle ye. onely take hede vnto my wille. yat wil yi holynes.
For noyther J wil no J suffre any ying falle
vnto ye : bot for yi gode & profite . And if you
take gude hede here-to : yer shal no-yinge
make ye sory . you shal no while be wrothe
with any man . bot rayher you shal late ye
be holden to yam yat does ye wrong . And
ouer yis you shal deme no man bot if you
openly se his syrme . And yan wiy wice you
shal be wrothe . & of ye man you shal haue
pitle . ¶ Ye yridde poynpt is . if you deme
ye wirkyngs & ye dedes of my seruantes
no3t efter yi felyng . bot efter my dome for
you knowes wele yat J saide sumtyme . yat
in my faders house er many dwellyng stedes
. And yerfore sen yat ye place of blysse is
aunsweryng vnto ye desseert of yis lyfe . it
folowes yat ri3t as yer er dyuers places of
blisse in heuen : so yer er dyuers wayes of
dessert in erthe . ¶ Wherfore al ye werkes
& ye dedes of my seruants . as loong as yai
er no3t expresse ogayns my lore you shal
haue yam in reuerence . And be no way mysdeme
yem . ¶ If you kepe yies . iij . poynpts

you shall be wele rewled in yi-selfe . And yu shal
be wele rewled onentes me be ye first poynpt .
And onentis yi neighbore bothe gode & ille .
you sal be wele reuled be ye second & ye yridde .
And so you shall no3t go be vices oute of ye
ordre of vertues . And more-ouer you shal
parfitely kepe ye clennes yat you desyres .
my grace alway wirkyng yies yings in ye .
¶ Also for more declaracion of ye forsaide matere
our loord sayd yat propre lufe is cause and
begynnynge of al wickidnes & castyng doum
of al godenes . Bot yer er two maners of propre
lufe : For yer is propre lufe fleshely & propre
lufe gostly . ¶ ye first luf is cause of alle
fleshely symes & of alle oyer open wretchednes
yat er done for lufe of creatures . As
when for ye lufe of yem ye comandements
of god er despised & broken . ¶ Ye seconde
lufe yat is called propre lufe gostely is y† ilke
yat efter forsakyng of ethely yings and
of al creatures & also of propre wille ; it makes
men forto folow so mykyl yer owen gostely
appetite & yer owen dome . yat yai wil
<fol. 72v>noither serue god . no walke in goddes wayes
bot efter yer owen list & yer owen felynge .
¶ And for als mykel as god wil yat a man
forsake his owen wil : yerfore no swilk man
may long stoon in goddes way . bot hym
most nedes falle for he folowes more his
owen wil yan ye wille of god . ¶ Swilk
men er al yo yat wil chese yer omen bothe state
& exercise efter yer owen dome & no3t
efter yat yei er called of god no efter ye
counseile of discrete men . Also swilk men
er al yo yat conceyue ouer-mykel lufe vntil
sum o gostely dede . as vnto fastyng or
any oyer swilk . and make yat as it war
ye ende of yer wirkyng . And if yai happen
forto lose yat : anone yai sal falle to
despayre and seese of alle oyer gode dedes .
¶ Foryer-more swilk er alle yo yat sette
al yer lufe and yer ese in felyn of gostely
comfort ye whilk when yai forgo : on
oon yai despayre . A verray gostely lyfer .
onely lufes god . and for his sake ye hele
of mennes soules & alle oyer yings he
<fol. 73r>vses vnto yis ende . And he charges no3t
mykyl of mennes dedes so yat ye worship
of god and hele of mennes soules be ye
ende . ¶ he yat has verray gostely lufe .
he shuld deme al ying efter ye wil of god
and no3t efter ye wille of man . And when
he is pryued for a tyme of felynge
of gostely comfort : he shuld vmbi-yink
hym in his hert & say yis is befalne me
of ye ordynance and ye suffraunce of god.
who in alle aduersite yat he sendes vntil
vs . sekes no3t elles no wil . bot oure holynes
. If you vmbi-yink ye yus : bitter
yings shal seme vnto ye swete . Anoyer
tyme our lord Jhesu apered vnto yis
same forsayde Dame Kateryne & sayde
vntil hir yus : Doghter sum clerkes seyne
& soye it is : yat ye visyons y4 cum
fro me . yai begynne wiy ferdnes . bot euer
ye lengar yai laste . ye more conforte
yai gyfe & sykernes . for yai begynne sumwhat
wiy bitternes . bot euer yai waxe
swetter & swetter. Bot ye visions yat cum
<fol. 73v>fro ye enemy . yai haue ye reuerse condicion
. for at ye begynnyng yai seme forto
gyf sum gladnes and sweetnes & sykernes
; bot euer ye lengar yai last . ye more
drede and bitternes waxes in yar soules
yat sees yam . yis is soye . for my wayes
er knowen & departed fro his wayes be
ye same difference . ¶ For ye way of penannce
& of my comandements in ye
begynnyng semes harde & sharpe : bot euer
ye more men go yar-inne . ye more esy
& sweet it semes vnto yam . ¶ Bot ye
way of vices in ye begynnyng semes likand
; bot euer ye lengar men goos yer-inne .
ye more it waxes bitter and dampnable .
¶ Bot 3it yer is a more siker token yan
is yis . For wite you for certayne . yat . J.
am verray sothfastnes ; euermore be ye
visions yat cum fro me ye soule profites
in more knowyng of sothfastnes . And
for als mykel as sothfastnes is ri3t nedeful
to ye soule . boye for ye knowyng
of me & of ye-selfe . of ye whilk knowyng
<fol. 74r>cums . y4 it despises ye selfe & worshipes
me : ye whilk es ye prepre office of mekenes
yerfore it is nedeful yat yurgh ye visions
yat cum fro me ye soule be made
more meke yan it was . and also more
knowyng and despisyng ye owen wrichidnes
. ¶ Ye reuers here-of falles in ye
visions yat cums fro ye enmy . For sen
yat he is fader of lesyngs and kyng ouer
alle ye childer of pride and may no3t
gyf bot yat he has : euermore of ye visyons
yat cum fro hym yer waxes in ye
soule a wele+latyng of ye selfe . ye whilk
is ye propre office of pride and . [it] dwelles still
bolned & blowen ful of ye wynd of vanite
. ¶ wherfore if you besily examyne
yi-selfe you may li3tly p
percyue fro whens
ye visions cums . wheyer fro sothfastnes
or fro lesyng . For sothfastnes alway makes
ye soule meke . and lesyng makes it
proude . ¶ Foryer-more oure saueour sayd
am & who you art . If you know yies . ij .
<fol. 74v>verraily : you shal be a+blissed woman . yu ert
she . yat ert noght . And J am J yat am . Jf
you haue yis knowyng in ye . yine enemy
may neuer begyle ye bot you shal ascape alle
his snares . And you shal neuer consent to ying
yat es ogayn my bidsyg . And alle grace &
alle vertu and al charite you shal gete w\^ outen
dificulte . ¶ Yis Dame Kateryne asked
on a tyme of our lorde yat he woldevouche
-safe fortill eke hir faith . And our
lord annswerd & saide . ¶ Doghter J wil wedde
ye in faiithe . And oft-tymes when she praised
for ye same grace : our lord annswerd hir w\^ same wordes . And efter yat she had besied
hir ferenently in wakyng fastyng & praying .
At ye laste oure lord apered vntil hir & saide .
J haue sette and ordeyned a feste day of solempne
weddyng of yi soule to me as I haf behette
forto wedde ye to me in faythe. ¶ After yis opon a tyme our lord Jhesu wiye his moder Mary Johan ye wangeloist . Paul ye apostle and saynt Domynyk and Dauid ye prophete apered vntil hir . And oure lady puttande <fol. 75r>froth ye right hand of Dame Kateryne . Criste putte yar on a ryng and saide . J wedde ye to me yi maker and yi saueour in faiethe . ye whilk shal euer be keped wiy-outen wemme vntil ye tyme yat you make yine endles weddyng feste wiye me in heuen. ¶ And yarfore my spouse, loke yat you wirke now strongly and be no3t in doute. For alle yings yat er nedful vnto ye for soule or for body. yurgh myne ordynaunce and my puruyance shal redily be broght vnto yine handes. And be ye myght of ye faiethe in ye whilk you ert now armed. you shal selily ouercome alkyns aduersite And when yis was sayde . yat ioyful visyon vnapered. And ye ryng abode still on hir fynger . Deo gracias. <blank line>

Here endes ye forsaye visions of Dame Kateryne Seen