

ERTHE OUT OF ERTHE

15th century English - transcription

Erthe out of **erthe** is **wonderly wroghte**
Er-the has **gäiten** on-e **erthe**... a dignité of **noghte**
Erthe upon **erthe** has **sett** all his **thoghte**
How tha-at **erthe** upon **erthe**... may **bé-é** heghe **broghte**

Erthe upon **erthe** wolde **bé** a-a **kinge**
Bot ho-ow **erthe** to **erthe**... shall **thinkes** hé no **thinge**
When **erthe** bredes **erthe** and his **rentes** hom-e **bringe**
Then sha-all **erthe** of **erthe**... have **fu**-ull hard **partinge**

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INSTRUMENTS

Erthe upon **erthe** wins **castells** and **towrres**
Then say-se **erthe** unto **erthe**... "**This** es alle **ourres**"
When **erthe** upon **erthe** has **biggèd** up his **baw-res**
Then sha-all **erthe** for **erthe** **suffére** sharpe **scowrres**

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Erth-goes upon **erthe** as **mold** upon **mold-e**
Hé tha-at **goes** upon **erthe**... **gleterande** as golde
Like **erthe** never more go-o **toe** **erthe** **shoulder**
And yitt shall **erthe** unto **erthe**... ga **rathere** than he **wolde**

We **erthe** louves **er-the--e**, **wonder** mé **thinke**
Or we-e **erthe** for **erthe**... sholde **other** swet or swinke for when
Erthe upon **erthe** is **brought** within **brinke**
Then shall **erthe** of **erthe**... **have** a foule **stinke**

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Earth has been wondrously created out of earth
Earth has attained dignity on earth out of nothing
Earth has fixed all his thoughts
On trying to raise earth to heaven on earth

Earth wants to be an earthly king
But earth doesn't know how on earth to go about it
When earth breeds earth and brings home his rewards
Earth will have to bid a hard farewell to earth.

Remember, man, that you are ashes
And to ashes you shall return

Earth conquers castles and towers on earth
Then says earth to the earth, "All of this is ours"
When earth has built up his earthly defences
That's when earth will give him his come-uppance.

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Earth piles up on earth like dirt on dirt
He who goes about the earth, glittering like gold
As if earth doesn't have to return to earth
Will find despite himself that earth will go back to earth

I wonder why earth loves earth
Or why earth should sweat and toil for earth
For when earth is brought to the earth of his grave
Earth back in the earth will stink to high heaven

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