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PREFACE.

**Y**E rhymester thought to mayke a booke,  
And searched hys crop of verse to fynde  
Yf hee, by any hooke or crooke,  
Couide mayke y<sup>a</sup> thicke enough to bynde.

Of modest mien and little pelfe,  
Hee feared to seeke y<sup>e</sup> prynter's aide,  
And so hee sett y<sup>e</sup> type hymselfe,  
And here's y<sup>e</sup> booke y<sup>e</sup> rhymester mayde.

Some rhymes are gay and some are grave,  
And some but little to hys mynde;  
But these y<sup>e</sup> rhymester had to save  
To mayke y<sup>a</sup> thicke enough to bynde.

Ye rhymester hopes y<sup>e</sup> readers' heads  
Wyl not be in an awful rage  
Wyth heavy paper, triple leads,  
And very little on a page.

Perhaps they'll thynke y<sup>e</sup> quyte enough,—  
A great abundance of y<sup>e</sup> kynde..  
Att least, by using all hys stuffe,  
Hee mayde y<sup>e</sup> thicke enough to bynde.

W. B. G.

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L'ENVOI.

**G**O forth, and hope thou not  
Fond hearts to sway,  
But may it be thy lot  
A humbler part to play.  
If, in some dreary hour,  
But one dear heart  
Be lightened by thy power,—  
Then thou hast played thy part.



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