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I FOUND it written in oldë hand That sometime dwelled in Engëland A squire mickle of might; He had castles, towns, and towers, Forests fair, and fields with flowers, Wild beasts for his delight. Law he followed a great while; Poor men he learnëd to beguile, All against the right; Mickle goods he gathered had, All with treason and deedës bad: He feared not God Almight.