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The Corvysors Playe.

*Pagina decima quarta, de Jesu intrante domum Simonis Leprosi,
et de aliis rebus.*

JESUS.

Brethren, goe we to Bethanye,
To Lazarre, Martha, and Marye,
For I love moche their companye :
Thedder nowe will I wende.
Symonde the Leaper hath praied me
In his howse to take charatye ;
With them nowe it liketh me
A whyle for to lende.

PETRUS.

Lorde, all readye shall we be
In life and death to goe with thee ;
Greate joye the maye have to see
Thy cominge into their place.

PHILIPPE.

Lazarre thou raysed through thy pittie,
 And Symonde also, messille was he,
 Thou clensted, Lorde, that wotten we,
 And holpe them through thy grace.

Tunc ibunt versus domum Simonis Leprosi.

SIMON.

Wellekome, Jesu, full of grace,
 That I that fowle and mescell was,
 All wholl, Lorde, thou healed hase,
 Over all, Lorde, for to shewe :
 Well is me that I maie se thy face
 Here in my howse, this poore place!
 Thou comfortes me in manye a place,
 And that I full well knowe.

LAZARRUS.

Welckome, Lorde, sweete Jesu,
 Blessed be the tyme that I thee knewe!
 From death to liffe through thy vertue
 Thou raysed me not yore ;
 Fower dayes in eairth when I [had] lyne,
 Thou granteste me life againe.
 Thee I honoure with all my mayne,
 Nowe and ever more.

MARTHA.

Welckome, my lovelye Lorde [of] here!
 Welckome, my deere darlinge dere!
 Fayne maye thy frendes be in fere,
 To see thy sweetlye face.
 Sittes downe, yf your will were,
 And I shall helpe to serve you here,