

## **Medieval Women**

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The Lament of the Old Woman of Beare

### **EXETER BOOK ELEGIES**

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The Wife's Lament

### **JUDITH**

### **SAINT MARY OF EGYPT**

The Passing of Mary of Egypt

### **THE FOUR BRANCHES OF THE MABINOGI**

The Second Branch: Branwen uerch Llyr: Blanche Crowe, Daughter of Llyr

### **MARIE DE FRANCE**

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Lanval

Yonec

Laüstic (The Nightingale)

Chevrefoil (The Honeysuckle)

### **THE LIFE OF SAINT MARGARET**

### **MIRACLES OF THE VIRGIN**

The Monk Who Could Only Learn Ave Maria

Miracles of Ure Lady

### **MIDDLE ENGLISH LYRICS**

Stond well, moder, under Rode

Maiden in the mor lay

Of all creatures women be best

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from The Canons of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215)

from Andreas Capellanus, The Art of Courtly Love

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Royal Couples

Christine de Pizan, "Seulete sui" (Alone I am)

from Christine de Pizan, The Book of the City of Ladies

from Holy Maidenhood

from The Paston Letters

    from Letter from Agnes Paston to her son John Paston I (c. 1449)

    from Letter from Richard Calle to Margery Paston (1469)

from William Langland, The Vision of Piers the Plowman

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from Eadmer, The Life of Saint Anselm

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from The Rule of Saint Benedict, Chapter 22: How the Brothers [or Sisters] Are to Sleep

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