

Be.m meraveill co non es envejos

Guiraut Riquier (c. 1230 - c. 1300)

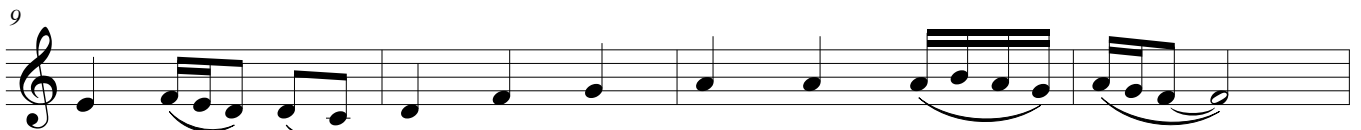
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1. I great - ly mar - vel that not ev - ery man,
 2. Know ledge can all our best qua - li - ties span;
 3. All Court - ly Lov - ers must fear, if they can,
 4. Truth ful - ly, ho - nest love e - ver be - gan
 5. All those who know me and know how I plan



While still a - live, wants his me - rit to grow,
 How use - ful good - ness can be it will show,
 For out of fear, vul - gar deeds they fore - go,
 With a de - sire hum - ble, ner - vous, and slow,
 Know I fail keep - ing this stand - ard up, though;



For af - ter death, ho - nest worth's not made low;
 Makes room for plea - sant, fine speech - es to flow,
 Turn - ing to deeds that with worth - i - ness glow;
 Which ev - ery lov - er will safe - guard and know,
 But toward this aim all my strength do I throw.

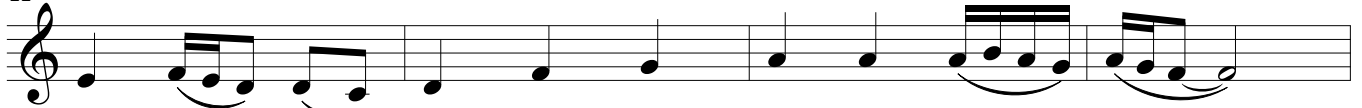


Its no - ble deeds are not base or de - mean - ing.
 And saves from fail - ure and keeps peo - ple dream - ing.
 One who will live thus, with right - eous - ness gleam - ing.
 Do ing no wrong and es - chew - ing all schem - ing,
 Yet such is my la - dy's beau - ty, past dream - ing.
Envoi 1 He who of worth and of good knows the mean - ing.
Envoi 2 Vis - count Sir A - mal - ric: God, in - ter - ven - ing,



Worth is just look - ing good in peo - ple's sight,
 We must o - bey, if we'd learn what is right,
 Earn - ing worth, me - rit, and praise rich and bright,
 Thus earn - ing praise to the loft - i - est height;
 That she does not in my pain take de - light
 Can do im - press - ive, fine ex - ploits of might
 Helps those like you, who to worth hold on tight,

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But that's what comes when one does what is right,
 Court - ly Love's sta - tutes in awe and in fright;
 Brings both to God and to peo - ple de - light,
 And his be - lov - ed is fear - less and bright,
 Nor love me just for the songs that I write.
 And fol - low deeds, words, looks, where they in vite:
 And fair Nar - bonne, where your peo - ple u - nite;

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Know - ledge of good - ness with good deeds con - ven - ing
 Through Court - ly Love hum - ble fear's e - ver stream - ing
 Fi - nish - ing what he be - gins, faults re - deem - ing
 With liv - ing worth, flow - er, fruit, and seed, teem - ing
 My o - ther roles fade in fact and in seem - ing
 For du - ty's worth is on might e - ver lean - ing
 Thank ing the best lord on earth, we're con - ven - ing