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The Conversion of the Kingdom of Northumbria, According to The Venerable Bede, A History of the English Church and People

Jarrow
sparrow
flies in here
from winter
circles hall
amazes all
leaves light
for night
out door
what for?
where goes?
God knows.

Beowulf

Monster fight
delight
to hear
with beer.
German lore
mostly bore.
Later more
blood & gore:
Dragon sore
feels poor
seeks cup
roughs up
our guy.
Elegy.
The Venerable Bede,

Hamlet

Bitter cold
Horatio bold
Great ghost!
scares most
poison given
unshriven
in ears
son hears
Claudius bad
Hamlet mad!
opening night
cry for light
king praying
no slaying
Polonius gets it
mother frets it
Ophelia drowns
then the clowns
Big Fight
Hamlet right
Queen drinks
Laertes finks
Hamlet stuck.
No luck.

Paradise Lost

Satan wakes
fiery lakes
feels loss
Big Boss
mad as sin
(huge din!)
tells lies
then flies
through Chaos
to slay us
lands in garden
spurns pardon
tempts Eve
to believe
fruit's tasty
she's hasty
gives to Adam
who can't fathom
life Eve-less
so deceived less
he eats
earth retreats
from glory.
Great Story!

Ode to a Nightingale

Bird song
too long
wine lousy
Keats drowsy
all forlorn
amid corn.
Wake or sleep?
Pretty deep.

Ode to the West Wind

Big Breeze
blows leaves
poet sad
feels bad
world dead
bleeds red
plays lyre
winter nigher
then spring.
Good thing.
The Prelude

Soft wind
blows in.
Poet glad
(city bad
too dirty
country pretty)
takes walk
lots of talk
visits France
(loses pants
in home
A. Vallon)
feels power
one hour
no glory
(sad story)
sees spots
bon mots
memory stuff
quite enough
jogged loose.
What use?
Unkind.
Awesome mind.