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**Masahiko Kanno: Prepositions in Gower's *Confessio Amantis***

**General Considerations**

1. Prepositions originally are adverbs representing local relations. Syntactically they are, as a rule, placed before the governing noun or pronoun since OE, with the result that the relations between prepositions and the noun become close. Thus prepositions develop from the meaning of location to that of agency, cause, time, etc., till at last they acquire an independent function as prepositions. For this reason they enrich the expression on account of the shades of meaning and are used to indicate different syntactic relations as seen in *Confessio*. Here in this article a weight will be placed on the meaning of various prepositions.

2. The interchangeability of prepositions is one of the characteristics in ME. A few instances will suffice to quote here. For example the use of *of* instead of *in*: Sche syh clad *in* o suite a route Of ladis (4.1306), That he him clotheth *in* hir cote, And sche *in* his was clothed (2.2270), As of lachesce I am beknowe ..... As I that am clad *of* his suite (4.27), Full clothed *of* his oghne suite (5.4385): the use of *in* instead of *on* and *upon*: Forthcomth Paris ..... Into the temple *on* pelrinage (5.7506), The king ..... thoghte ..... To gon *u pon* a pelrinage Into a strange regioun (4.2948), He to Rome *in* pelrinage Wol go (2.1315): the use of *of* and *upon*; *Of* his oghne chois (2.3391), *Upon* his oghne chois (4.2402)

3. There are instances where prepositions are transposed; Of werre which is hem *between* (Prol. 1000), Whanne I am mi ladi *fro* (4.558), Of hem that writen ous *tofore* The bokes duelle (Prol. 1). Emphatic forms of prepositions are placed at the end of the line because of the arrangement of words or for the sake of the rhyme. For the arrangement of words, see the following example: Ther wol noman drinke of the welles Whiche as he wot is puyson *inne* (2.565) (=in which he knows that there is poison); For the rhyme, see the following: Where as me faileth ate laste That thing which I travaile *fore*? (4.1723) (=:bore)

4. There is an instance where a preposition is used pleonastically. An emphatic form of preposition at the end of the line may be an adverb or it may be due to the requirement of the rhyme. *In* what plit that hire lord stod *inne* (:winne) (8.1273)

5. The combinations such as *byme*, *tome*, *tothe*, and *untome* are usual in *Confessio*, where the accent may be put on the preposition. *byme* (2.2016), *tome* (1.232), *tothe* (4.1875), *untome* (3.99), etc.

6. The preposition is omitted in the case of instrumentality. This old instrumental case is used as an idiom in Gower. He hath with a dedly wounde Feiltende *his oghne hondes* slain Branchus (1.1427); Cp. (3.2011), (3.2142), (5.1883); So to lete out of his mynde Thing which he seide *his oghne mouth* (5.5455)

7. There are many examples where a preposition is frequently repeated. This repetition may be due to Gower's personal style. It will be interesting to quote an example where Gower seems to have used different

prepositions somewhat humourously: And *of* his Slouthe he dremeth often Hou that he stiketh *in* the Myr, And hou he sitteth *be* the fyr And claweth *on* his bare schanckes, And hou he clymbeth *up* the banckes And falleth *into* Slades depe (4. 2722-7).

**above.**

1. "around"

Sche with goodly chiere hire arm *Aboute* his necke ayeinward leide (6. 2193), *Aboute* hir middel twenty score Of horse halters and wel mo Ther hyngen (4. 1356)

**aboven.**

1. "directly over"

He sih also the bowes spriede *Above* al Erthe, in which were The kinde of all briddes there (1. 2825)

2. "on higher ground than"

This yonge lord ladde up on hih *Above* a tour (6. 2292)

3. "superior to"

And natheles upon some side His pouer stant *above* the lawe (7. 2719)

4. Of degree or extent:

a) Division *aboven alle* Is thing which makth the world to falle (Prol. 971), Of affeccioun *Above alle othre* on Daniel He loveth (1. 2859)

b) "louder than"

Him thoghte he herde a vois on hih Criende, and seide *aboven alle*: "Hew doun this tree." (1. 2833)

**afore.**

1. "before, in front of"

a) Sche scholde thanne *afore his yhe* Schewe al the plesir that sche mihte (5. 500), Thegipciences syhe The fieldes fulle *afore here yhe* (5. 822)

b) *fig.*

In Grece *afore* Cristes feith, I rede ..... Touchende of this matiere (3. 2547)

**after.**

1. Of position: "behind"

*After* hire with his hond He smot (8. 1693)

2. Of the aim of action:

It hapneth at a soudein wente, *After* his chace as he *poursuieth* ..... He fell unwar into a pet (5. 4943), With that he hasteth him to ryse Anon, and *sende after* the wise (6. 2158), *After* him Achab hath *sent* (7. 2567), So faste *after* the chace he *spedde*, That he was founde out of array (7. 3472), And evere I *wisshide after* deth, Whanne I out of my peine awok (1. 120)

3. Of time:

a) Hire housebonde ..... thilke same Ring to honde Hire scholde bringe *after* his deth (2. 2615), And

*after* mete in prive place This lord ..... To ech of hem yaf thanne a yifte (1.815)

b) *after the hond*, afterwards:

Whanne he hath his cause lore, Thanne is he wys *after the hond* (4.893)

4. Of order:

Whan Hector hath seid his avis, *Next after* him tho spak Paris (5.7374)

5. Of manner: "in accordance to, according to"

a) Thogh a man be rasonable, Yit *after kinde* he is menable To love (3.390), Therthe bar *after the kinde* His due charge (5.825), His affeccoun, *After the nature of his age*, Was yit noght falle in his corage The lust of wommen forto knowe (5.2649), *After the rihte lynne* The Cousin weddeth the cousine (8.105), For thei hemself it schifte, He seide, *after here oghne wille* (5.3167), Ther was noman that time bore, That he ne hadde *after his chois* A god (5.1625)

b) *clepen after*, to name after:

*After* Pride the secounde ..... That vice is *cleped* hot Envie (2.1), *After* Phillis Philliberd This tre was *cleped* in the yard (4.869)

#### **amidd(es).**

1. Local: "near the middle of"

Whanne I was the wode *amiddes*, I fond a swote grene pleine (1.112), *Amidd* the plein he syh a welle (1.361)

#### **among(es).**

a) "amid or among": Hier in erthe *amonges* ous (Prol. 40)

b) "in the presence of": The king unto his Souper goth *Among* the lordes to the halle (1.2113)

c) "between": Hise herte in other stede *Among* hise bedes most devoute Goth in the worldes cause aboute (1.669)

d) "in": *Among* the bokes whiche I finde Solyns spekth of a wonder kinde, And seith of fowhles ther is on, Which hath a face of blod and bon Lich to a man in resemblance (3.2599)

#### **at.**

1. Of location or position:

a) "at," "in," or "near," etc.: The lordes bothe and the comune The hihe festes of Neptune Upon the stronde *at* the rivage ..... Sollempneliche thei besihe (8.1615), He bringth to house such tidinge, That makth werre *ate* beddeshed (3.445), Ferst *ate dore* he schal beginne With him to take that on ende (5.5344), The trompe of deth was *at my gate* In tokne that I scholde deie (1.2210), Whan thei *at* thilke cave were, He seide it thoghte him for the beste That sche hire for the hete reste Al thilke day and thilke nyht (5.6822),

b) In one's native country, city, or home: Diogenes duelte stille *At hom* and loked on his bok (7.2267), As he was upon ordinance *At hom* in Grece, it fell per chance (2.1644), Of Troie *at* thilke noble toun ..... The Siege laste longe there (3.1885)

Whan than he sih beyete non *At* the bordel be cause of hire, He bad his man to gon and spire A place (8.1471), Over this to pleie Sche tok his grete Mace also And knet it *at* hir gerdil tho (5.6866), With that word sche loste speche And fell down swounende *at his fot* (3.233)

c) *in at, out at*: “*out at* or *through*”: Whan I am loged in such wise That I be nyhte mai arise, *A t* som wyndowe and *loken oute* ..... Thanne is myn herte a thief fulofte (5.6661), For love nefor aqueintance ..... Thei scholde *lete in ate* gate No maner man (6.1606)

d) With names of countries, cities, taverns, etc. “*in*” or “*at*”: Al openly to mannes ye *At* Avynoun thexperience Therof hath yove an evidence (Prol. 330), Elda ..... Er thei fulliche *at* Rome were, Was sent tofore to pourveie (2.1326), Upon his weie It hapneth him *at* Rodopeie (4.734), Whil he was oute upon the strif Of thilke grete Siege *at* Troie (5.5281), This dede corps ..... With wynd and water was forthrowe ..... til ate laste *At* Ephesim the See upcaste The cofre (8.1156)

e) Of the starting-point of an action: He ..... seide he wolde he wolde ferst *beginne At* love, and after forto winne The flees of gold (5.3418), First *at* hym self he mot *begynne*, To kepe and reule his owne astat (8.3082) *At* Rome ferst if we *beginne*, Ther schal I finde hou of this sinne An Emperour was forto blame (8.199)

2. Of the goal of movement or action:

a) “*to*”: If thou art such in love, Thou miht noght *come at* thin above Of that thou woldest wel achieve (4.914), The prince ..... seith he wol noght *come at* Tyr (8.1143), With gret navie, which he ladde Fro Troie, *aryveth at* Cartage (4.81), He schal noght the deth ascape In cas that he *arryve at* Troie (4.1917), Til ate laste thei *aryve At* Mitelene the Cite (8.1405), He a Sone hadde, *At* Troie which the Gregois *ladde* (3.1004)

b) “*in the direction of*”: Sche seide ..... Hou Mars ..... Hath set tuo Oxen sterne and stoute, That *caste* fyr and flamme aboute Bothe *at* the mouth and *ate* nase (5.3509), For if the wordes semengoode And ben wel *spoke at* mannes Ere, Whan that ther is no trouthe there, Thei don fulofte gretdecepte (7.1551)

3. Of time: Yit thei acorden in that place Hou Jason scholde come *at nyht* (5.3845), *At the Midnyht*, whan he knewh The Pope slepte, thanne he blewh Withinne his trompe thurgh the wal (2.2891), Sche wolde in Ysis temple *at eve* Upon hire goddes grace abide (1.858), A Bot was redy *ate tyde* (5.3684), He mot awaite *at every tyde* (4.2511), Forthi it helpeth *at som tyde* A man to slepe (4.3128), If it so betide, That I aproche *at eny tide* The place wher my ladi is (3.96), Sche was vanyssht riht as hir liste, That no wyht bot himself it wiste, And that was *ate mydnyht tyde* (5.3961) His yhe i; ther *at every houre* (5.480), For yit sche hadde it noght beknowe Whos was the child *at thilke throwe* (3.200), Aboute hir middel twenty score Of horse haltres and wel mo Ther hyngen *ate time* tho (4.1358), The knihtes coevered under Schield Tokedre come *at time set* (4.2093)

b) In temporal phrases: Whanne helpe may no maner bond, Thanne *ate ferste* wolde he binde (4.895), Thus I conclude *ate laste* (4.2316), Whanne he the thing mai noght amende, Thanne is he war, and

- seith *at ende* (4.898), He sterte upon him *al at ones* (4.2102),
- c) "at the time of a certain event": Bot natheles *at his upriste* Men tolden him how that it ferde (1.2198)
4. Of states, situations, circumstances:
- a) "in a state of, in, at": To hem ne mai I nocht foryive, Til that I se hem *at debat* With love (3.899), Sche was the worse *at aise* (8.1352), Thou mi wofull ladi diere, Which duellest with thi fader hierre And slepest in thi bedd *at ese* (4.3571), Thus stod the trowthe under the charge, And the falshede goth *at large* (2.1692), Bot for I lede a povere route And am, as who seith, *at meschief*, The name of Pilour and of thief I bere (3.2387), Bot natheles it was and is, That in a wayt *at alle assaies* Supplant of love in oure daies The lief fulofte for the levere Forsakth (2.2447), Bot forto loke *at alle assaies*, To him that wolde resoun seche After the comun worldes speche It is to wondre of thilke werre (Prol. 172), How thei felle *at dissencioun* ..... Which of the tuo more amorous is, Or man or wif (3.745), He percede the harde roche, And sprong out water al *at wille*, That man and beste hath drunke his fille (5.1679), The king him granteth to fulfille His axinge *at his oghne wille* (4.2128), It hapneth *at a soudein wente* ..... He fell unwar into a pet (5.4942), Ther ben also somme, as men seie, That folwen Simon *at hieles* (Prol. 443)
6. Of activities: "participating or engaged in": Whan he was gladdest *at his mete* (7.2422), Whan that thei were alle housed, And set and served *ate mete* Ther was no wyn which mai be gete (6.499), To sitte with him *at the mete* (2.1363), Therof I have *at every meel* Of plente more than ynough (6.720), For he, which hadde his fulle panche Of alle lustes *ate bord*, Ne deigneth nocht to speke a word (6.1001), That sche the lordes *ate feste*, That were obeissant to his heste, Mai knowe (1.2501), Thei wol nocht wonden for the belles, Ne thogh thei sen the Prest *at masse* (5.7037),
- b) *pleien at*, 'paly at (a game)': Fulofte he takth awaye his fees, As he that *pleieth ate* Dees (1.54)
- c) "in response to," "as a result of," etc.: Now hast thou ..... *at* my techinge of Jelousie a knowlechinge (5.611), I ..... schal *at* his likinge Ordeine so for his cominge (6.2039), *At* thi preiere Of suche ensamples as I finde, So as thei comen nou to mynde Upon this point, of time gon I thenke forto tellen on (5.630)
7. Of manner or mode:
- a) "in a certain manner": Anon thei weren ate See, And alle, as who seith, *at a word* Thei gon withinne schipes bord (5.3921), Nou on daies thou schalt finde *At nede* fewe frendes kinde (5.4914), Whanne he wolde his hunger fede, The fruit withdrawth him *ate nede* (5.380), *Ate moste nede of alle* Thei faileden, whan Crist was bore (5.1696)
- b) "subject to, under the control of, or at": He *at his comandement* Tofore him cam (7.2568), Al the world in Orient Was hol *at his comandement* (1.2790), Thei come *at his heste* (1.813), He hath geere good ynough Affaited *at his oghne heste* (7.4222)
8. a) Of extent: Al this thing without wyte He mai se naked *ate laste* (6.781)
- b) Of value or price: He *sette* his on yhe *at no cost* (2.363), He ..... is with price so thurghsoght,

That he alle othre *set at nocht* (1.1896), I mihte fle thurghout the Sky, And go thurghout the depe Se, For al ne *sette I at a stre* What thonk that I mihte elles gete (4.1716), I *sette* it *at nomore acompte* Than wolde a bare straw amonte (5.4735), For til I se the daies spring, I *sette* slep nocht *at a risshe* (4.2853)

9. Miscel. phrases:

- a) Of observation: The thing so open is *at ye* That every man it mai beholde (Prol. 34), Wherof the sothe experience Hath schewed openliche *at ye* (6.1115)
- b) At (someone's) expense: Al only *at his oghne cost* Sche schal be rendred forth with hire (8.1252)
- c) Fully armed: This worthi kniht of Grece *Ful armed up at every piece* ..... Tok ore on honde (5.3686), Therof schule arise knihtes *Wel armed up at alle rihtes* (5.3530)
- d) "in one glance": It seemeth *ate syhte*, As he al one alle othre myhte Rescoue with his holy bede (1.665)

**ayein(s).**

1. Of position or direction:

- a) "in front of, opposite"

In Cancro thin oghne hous *Ayein* Phebus in opposit Stond al this time (4.3243)

- b) With the verb of motion: "toward"

For sche cam *Ayein* the king (2.1438)

- c) "towards"

Whan Nestor hath his tale seid, *Ayein* him was no word withseid (3.1838), Thei axen alle judgement *Ayein* the man (Prol. 961), Sche ..... Hir oghne Sone *ayein* him sende (7.3448)

2. Of collision: "against"

*Ayein* a Roche of Ston ..... He smot himself til he was ded (1.2340)

3. "exposed to": *ayein the sunne*, in the sun, in the sunshine

With craft toward the toun it drowe, And goth glistrende *ayein the Sunne* (1.1137)

4. "in opposition to, against"

Pompeie ..... A werre hadde in jeupartie *Ayein* the king of Ermenie (7.3218), And fell, he scholde go to fyhte *Ayein* Amon the cruel king (4.1509), And he with pouer goth to seke *Ayein* the Scottes forto fonde The werre which he tok on honde (2.929), Sche was of to litel myht Defense *ayein* so ruide a knyht To make (5.5638), Hir Ring and hir enchantement *Ayein* the Serpent scholde him were (5.3615), And natheles his lord hath take Querelle *ayein* his oghne man (2.2703)

- b) *ayein the strem, the wawes*, against the stream, the waves: Whanne he is falle in such a drem, Riht as a Schip *ayein the Strem*, He routeth with a slepi noise (4.2730), The Schip aros *ayein the wawes* ( )

- c) "contrary to, incompatible with"

Thin enterdit and thi sentence *Ayein* thin oghne conscience Hierafter thou schalt fiele and grope

(2.3014), *Ayein kinde*, as if a fissh Abide wolde upon the lond, In wommen such a lust he fond (7.4322), Antiochus ..... Set *ayein kinde* upon vengance (8.2007), *Ayein* the kinde of mannes wone Fro dethe he ros the thridde day (2.3398), But thinges whiche are excessif *Ayein the lawe*, he schal noght do For love ne for hate also (7.2723), Thus mai ye knowen be this skile That no Ravine don I wile *Ayein hir will* be such a weie (5.6065), Sche constreigned of Tarquin To thing which was *ayein hir wille* (8.2635)

5. "in comparison with"

He it sette of non acompte, And seide al that may noght amonte *Ayeins* o point ..... That he his fleissh hath overcome (5.6413)

6. "with regard to, in respect to"

Many a perled garnement Embrouded was *ayein* the dai (1.2511)

7. Of time: "shortly before, toward"

*Ayein the day* he him withdrowh So prively that sche ne wiste Wher he becom (1.930), Til *ayein Eve* it fell per chance ..... A povere man ..... Cam forth walkende with his asse (5.4954)

**be.**

1. Of location or position:

a) "near, close to": *Be* his side He set him down as pier and pier (7.2460), The wyn drynkth him and bint him faste, And leith him drunke *be* the wal (6.73)

b) "in the street": Cam Arisippes *be the strete* With manye hors and route grete (7.2288), Wher as sche passeth *be the strete*, Ther was ful many a tymber bete And many a maide carolende (6.1843)

c) (seize sb.) *at* or *by* (the hand, head, etc.): Love and his affeccoun Ne schal noght take hem *be* the slieve (5.2575), *Be* the hond Jason he hente (5.3238), *Be* the chyn and *be* the cheke Sche luggeth him riht as hir liste (7.1892)

d) "to, close to, or up to": Deth cam so in haste *bime* (4.1423)

e) "along": The teres runne *be* his cheeke (8.750), Wherof the Schipes thei beswike That passen *be* the costes there (1.499)

2. Of association between persons:

a) "with (sb.)": Hir liketh noght abide *bime* (4.1182), Sche the prive be nyhte, How Jupiter lay *be* Jutorne, Hath told (3.821), *Be* Jupiter hire oghne brother Sche lay, and he begat Cupide (5.1404), Love is evere faste *byme* (4.3369)

b) (have a child) *by* or *of* (one's spouse, etc.): A dowhter ek, the which men calle Hellen, he hadde *be* this wif (5.4257), A wif, which Philen hihte, *Be* whom ..... He hadde of children yonge tuo (5.4252)

c) "*stand near* or *by*": Whan I behield and sodeinly I sih wher Venus *stod* me *by* (8.2314)

3. Of the goal of an action:

a) *feren be* or *don wel be*; to bahave or act toward (a person), treat (sb.) kindly.

Riht so wenyng hath *ferd be* me (1.1963), Me merveilth ..... That al myn herte ..... Sche hath,

and *doth no betre bime* (5.4484)

b) *leten be*, regard as valuable, worthless.

He forthi Was wel the more *lete by* (5.1004)

4. Of time:

Thus he ros up *be the morwe* And tok himself seint John to borwe (5.3415), It fell *be olde daies* thus (1.761), Ther was al hire besinesse *Be daie* and ek *be nyhtes tyde* With arwes brode under the side (5.1265)

5. Of agency, mediation, or means:

a) "by means of, with (one's) hands"

This Maiden with hire wordes wise Hire fader ladde *be the hond* Into the place (1.3225), Esiona, that faire thing ..... unto Thelamon the king *Be Hercules* and *be thassent* Of al the hole parlement Was at his wille yove and granted (5.7217), He hath his rihte cours forth holde *Be Ston* and nedle, til he cam To Tharse (8.541), To make melodie *Be vois* and soun of instrument Thurgh notes of acordement (7.167), To wynne thing which he ne may Gete of hire graunt in no manere, *Be yifte* of gold ne *be preiere* (1.794)

b) Of means of subsistance: *live by*

Sche ..... yifth me noght to *live by* (5.4517)

c) Of means of travel:

Thenne he goth toward Ytaile *Be Schipe* (4.94), So passeth he the See *be barge* To Grece forto seie his charge (5.7277), *Be See* as thei forth homward wente, A rage of gret tempeste hem hente (3.981)

d) "through, by, or from"

*Be* this ensample a king mai lere That forto yive is in manere (7.2131), *Be* this ensample ..... attempre Thin herte, and let no will distempre Thi wit (3.1857), Thus was this false treson hidd ..... As *be* the tale a man schal hier (8.1543), *Be* this skile Manachas Ansuered hath upon this cas (7.1867), Thurgh which a man hath thilke slyhte ..... To knowe the porporcion *Be verrai calculacion* Of this science (7.182)

e) Of communication: "by word of mouth, by letter"

Noght of so mochel that sche sende *Be mowthe* and seide (1.2433), He yaf, he sende, he spak *be mowthe* (4.3537), He ..... made his covenant *be mowthe* (5.5135), And therupon *be lettre* write He doth his fader forto wite Of al this matiere as it stod (2.2731)

f) *callen, clepen, hoten, be name*: Chain *be name* thei him calle (8.60), The noble wommen of th etoun ..... cleped was *be name* Ysis (1.806), The theft which thei thanne werche *Be name* is cleped Sacrilgge (5.6979), He *be name* Bachus hihte (5.1051)

6. Of manner and accord:

a) "in a certain manner": *Be sleyhte* feigned ..... he wroghte (1.797), *Be feintise* Seist that thou hast me do servise (1.175), Bot only that it helpeth kinde Somtyme, in Phisique as I finde, Whan it is take *be mesure* (4.3305), Paris out of holi place *Be Stelthe* hath take a mannes wif (5.7573), They londe and faile of that thei seche *Be coverture and sleyhte of speche* (8.1576), *Be sleyhte* and *be covine* Aros

the derthe and the famine Thurghout the lond (5.4283), Above alle othre schewe Of love I wot the propretes, How that thei stonde *be degrees* After the disposicioun Of Venus (1.260), To whiche alle othre *be degres* Of the metalls be acordant Gold and selver ..... ben holde Tuo principal extremities (4.2490), He worcheth on and on *be rowe* (6.1315), He ..... tolde of ech of hem *be rewe* The cours and the condicion (6.1896)

b) "by himself, alone," etc. : It makth me drawe out of the weie In soulein place *be miselve* (6.135), Whe rin that thei to reste gon Ech *be himself* in sondri place (5.6883)

c) "in accordance with, according to," etc: For *be* thin oghne knowlechinge Thou seist hou schefor o lokinge Thin hole herte fro the tok (5.4539), And thus the man and noght the stat The Frenche schopen *be* her miht To grieve (2.2993), Whan he sih and wiste it wel, That he *be* strenghte wan no del, Thanne ate laste he caste a wyle This worthi poeple to beguile (7.4374), What *be* sleihte and what *be* strenghte Thei hadde it wonne in brede and lengthe (5.7583), This worthi capitein Appiereth redi at his day, Wher al that evere reson may *Be lawe* in audience he doth (7.5213), What king of lawe takth no kepe, Be lawe he mai no regne kepe (7.3074), Soth it is That thurgh wisdom and hih prudence Mor than for eny reverence Of his lignage as *be descende* The regne of thilke empire he hente (7.1789), The love of paramours, Which evere hath *be the comun cours* Amonges hem that lusti were (4.1270)

*Be reson* this wot every wyht (5.4762), For love schal noght bere his pris *Be reson*, whanne it passeth on (0.7783), He which can and may, Be reson bothe and *be nature* The help of every mannes cure, He kepe Simon fro the folde (2.3053), Mi goode fader, *be your leve* Thanne axeth forth what so you list (3.2752)

b) The expressions as "*be alle weies*, *be no weie*, or *be no cas*", etc. : Sche ..... seide hem that sche wolde fonde *Be alle weies* that sche can, To glade with this sory man (8.1661), Be reson this wot e very wyht, For that mai *be no weie* astate (5.4763), It brieveith *be diverse weie* In desespier a man to fall (4.3686), Riht *be such a maner weie* The Jwes in here beste plit (0.1712), Bot of Constance hou it was, That cowthe he knowe *be no cas*, Wher sche becam, so as he seide (2.1188),

ii) The expression "*be weie of*":

*Be weie of* schrifte He drowh hem unto his covine (1.818), So that *be weie of* skile it suieth, The man is cause (7.4288), If he purchace *By weie of* thefte unholy thing (5.7021\*), Unto the kyng the Gregois seiden, *Be weie of* love and this thei preiden (1.1118),

## 7. Of reference:

a) "about, concerning": Fuloften thei have mad me schent And hindred me fulofte time, Whan thei no cause wisten *bime* (3.892), As *be* a tale thou shalt wite (7.5129)

b) In swearing as "*sweren be god, heven*": That other hath his othes *swore Be havene and be the goddes alle* (5.4981)

c) In oaths, affirmations, and expletives: Ye, fader, *be seint Julien*, Bot I untrewre wordes use, I mai me noght therof excuse (3.34), *Be my trouthe* I schal noght lie (4.3473), "Nou *be mi trouthe* I not,"

“Bot I dar swere upon a bok .....” ( ), *Be mi will* I am a thief (5.6563), Now *be this book*, which hier is write, Constance is guiltif, wel I wot (2.872)

8. Of amount or degree:

a) “by a certain amount”: Wherof the man ..... Stant more worth ..... Than he stod erst *be manyfold* (5.1778), He hath so manye sondri spieces Of vise, That I mai nocht wel Describe hem *be a thousandel* (3.468), Thanne *be a thousand* score Welmore than I was tofore I am tormented in mi slep (4.2891), Lich an Oxe his mete Of gras he schal pourchace and ete, Til that the water of the hevene Have waisschen him *be times sevene* (1.2846)

b) Of measure: For so yit couthe I nevere of sleyhte, To take ayein *be double weyhte* Of love mor than I have yive (5.4442), He knew wel how it stod, That he himself *be double weyhte* Schal after take (2.341)

9. Phrase: Ethna, which brenneth *yer be yere*, Was thanne nocht so hot as I (2.20)

**before.**

1. Local: “in front of, ahead of”

He ..... keste hem bothe fot and hond *Before* the lordes of his lond (1.2054)

2. “before (one’s) eyes, in (one’s) presence”

Thei hierre oghne Moder sihen Brent in a fyr *before here yhen* (2.1048), With fettheres blake as eny cole Out of hise armes in a throwe Sche flih *before his yhe* a Crowe (5.6206)

3. Temporal: “prior to, before”

Unethes stant ther oght upryht Of worschipe or of wordes good, As it *before* tyme stod (Prol. 848), It befell that Cite so *Before* time and thanne also, Thurgh strong famyne which hem ladde Was non that eny whete hadde (8.550), Wherof hath fallen ofte wreche To many a man *befor* this time (2.573)

**behinde.**

1. “in (one’s) absence, behind (one’s) back”

Thus was it spoken to and fro ..... Al prively *behinde his bak* (1.2069), Under that anon sche drowh With false wordes that sche spak Covine of deth *behinde his bak* (2.676)

2. “in imitation of, after”

My wordes ofte I haunte *Behynden* hem, so as I dar (2.483)

**beside.**

1. Local:

a) “at or by the side of, next to”

Let him be beried in my grave *Beside* me (3.294), His hous was nyh to the rivere *Besyde* a bregge (7.2242), On the gras *Beside* a welle I lay me down To slepe (5.7409)

b) “near or close to”

Under a linde *Beside* a roche ..... He syh wher sprong a lusty well (1.2305)

2. “without” ; *beside (one’s) leve*, without permission or consent

Thogh it be *beside hire leve*, I hope .....That I do nocht ayein the pes (3.530)

**betwen.**

1. Of location or position in space: "between"

This Philomene tok the hed *Betwen* tuo disshes (5.5911)

2. Duration in time:

So that a brid hire hyde mai, *Betwen* Averil and March and Maii, Sche that the wynter held hir clos  
For pure schame and noght aros (5.5968)

3. Of association or relationship between two persons:

- a) of joint effort or enterprise;

Children five *Betwen hem tow* thei hadde alyve (1.2164)

- b) of strife, discord, hatred, hatred, etc.

Of werre which is *hem betwene* (Prol.1000), And so began ther a querele *Betwen* love and hir oghne  
herte (4.1303)

4. Of communication, consultation, etc.

*Betwen hem two* whan that thei were, Sche feigneth wordes in his Ere (2.653), Spekende alday *betwen hem two* (2.752), Why we sitten hiere In private *betwen* ous tweie (2.3517)

5. Of state, qualities, etc. "intermediate"

As sche that ..... stod *betuen* hire deth and lif (5.5718), Sche *betwen* the deth and lif Swounende lay  
fulofte among (5.5466), I wolde go the middel weie And wryte a bok *betwen* the tweie (Prol.18), I  
thenke trete ..... *Betwen* the vertu and the vice (Prol.79)

6. *passen betwen* (*one's*) *teeth*, utter or say (sth.):

Of such lesinge ..... Is non so good that he ne *passeth Betwen his teeth* (2.411)

**bot.**

1. "apart from, beyond"

Among the whiche in special Planetes sefne principal Ther ben, that mannes sihte demeth, *Bot* thorigonte,  
as to ous semeth (7.694)

**endlong.**

1. Of position or motion: "from end to end, along, alongside"

Sche slowh hem in a sodein rage *Endlong* the bord as thei be set (2.689), Thei moten holde Here  
cours *endlong* his marche riht (3.1031), Hise prisoners ek scholden go *Endlong* the Charr on eyther  
hond (7.2375)

**enviroun.**

1. "round, about"

As the Serpent, whan it was oute, Went *enviroun* the schelle aboute (6.2236)

**er, or.**

1. Temporal: "before"

Desguised in a povere arai Thei passeden the toun *er dai* (5.2182)

b) Phrases: *er this*, before or until this time

Thilke world which thei *er this* Forsaken (1.610), He is nocht wys who that ne troweth, For it hath proeved ofte *er this* (Prol.513), Fulofte it hath befalle *or this* Thurgh hope that was nocht certein (1.1944)

**for.**

1. Of the cause or reason: "because of, on account of"

a) Sche wolde nocht hirselves stille, Bot deide only *for* drede of schame In kepinge of hire goode name (8.2637), This worthi Maiden ..... Stod thanne, as who seith, ded *for* feere, To se the feste how that it stod, Which al was torned into blod (2.696), Calistona wax red *for* schame (5.6263), A cold me cawhte sodeinly, *For* sorwe that myn herte made Mi dedly face pale and fade Becam (8.2447), A spere cauhte and out he goth, As he that was nyh wod *for* wroth (6.1696)

b) *for pure abaisst*, for sheer confusion

The kinges dowhter ..... *For pure abaisst* drowh hire adryh (4.1330)

c) *for cause of, for thilke cause, for that cause, for which*, etc.

It was nocht good To se so mochel mannes blod Be spilt *for cause of* him alone (2.3285), *For thilke cause* ..... I wolde go the middel weie (Prol.16), And *for that cause* in alle haste Out of the lond he gan him haste (3.1937), Venus thurgh the Lecherie, *For which that* thei hire defie, Sche kepe al doun the remenant To thilke office appourtenant (5.1494)

2. a) *for love of*, out of love for (someone)

Hier lith, which slowh himself, Iphis, *For love of* Araxarathen (4.3675), Whan sche *for love of* Hector cam To Troie in rescousse of the toun (5.2550)

b) Wherof Cupide ..... *Tok pite for* the grete love (4.489)

3. "on behalf of"

This which I you telle hier Is only *for* my lady diere (2.250), Forth with hise children and his wif He goth to preie *for* his lif (1.2190)

4. a) "for the purpose of"

The cause why thei comen *fore* Was forto seche and forto finde Appolinus (8.992)

b) "in order to obtain"

Wherof thei weren alle in doubte, And to the god *for* helpe *criiden* Of suche unhappes as beyden (4.1023), Al one ther he lay Clepende and *criende* al the day *For* socour and deliverance (5.4953), Adrial eftsome *gradde For* help (5.5005), Thanne he gan to *syke For* cloth of gold and for perrie, Which him was wont to magnefie (1.2997), As he lay upon his deth ..... He *sende for* the worthiest Of al the lond and ek the beste (2.2718), Sche *sende for* him, and he com, With him his Astellabre he nom (6.1889)

c) *for al this wyde world to winne*, for any reward, under any circumstances: For so yit was I nevere above, *For al this wyde world to winne* That I dorste eny word beginne (3.495)

5. "in exchange for"

It is al on to seie unkinde As thing which don is ayein kinde, For it with kinde nevere stod A man to yelden evel *for* good (5.4926)

6. “as a representative of”

Ches *for* ous bothen, I you preie (1.1829)

7. “as”

The chaf is *take for* the corn (Prol.844), Lo, how thei *feignen* chalk *for* chese (Prol.416)

8. “in spite of, notwithstanding”

a) Achab to the bataille wente, Wher Benedab *for al* his Scheld Him slouh (7.2677)

b) Bot that thing may I nocht embrace *For ought that* I can speke or do (1.1287), Bot yit *for ought that* he do mihte As in bataille upon the werre, He hadde of hem alwey the werre (7.4370)

c) Bot *for al that* he was exiled (1.1055), Bot *for al that* yit natheles Is Scorpio nocht sterreles (7.1125)

9. Of reference: “as far as ..... be concerned”

Bot *as for me* this seie I nocht (5.7360), The god whom that thei clepen Mart The brest to kepe hath *for his part* (5.1478), Bot *for the moste part* as tho Thei wisten nocht what was the beste (5.7328)

10. Of time: “during, at”

A Sothseiere he was *for evere* (3.761), Which was to Troie an evidence Of love and pes *for everemo* (1.1161), For whom as evere that thei serven And do plesance *for a whyle*, Yit ate laste here oghne guile Upon here oghne hed descendeth (5.4577), Thus was he *for the time* in joie, Til that he scholde go to Troie (4.771), A nakid Schip withoute stiere ..... Vatailed full *for yeres* fyve (2.711), Thilke nyht That sche was bore, as *for the nones* Nature sette in hire at ones Beaute with bounte (5.2593), Under that thei maden lowe A tumbe riche *for the nones* Of marbre and ek of jaspre stones (4.3655), *For the seconde day* a morwe The king cam, as thei were acorded (2.890)

11. Phrases:

*For certes*..... At alle time if it befelle So that I mihte come and duelle In place ther my ladi were, I was nocht slow ne slepi there (4.2771), *For nocht* he preide Of hire astat to knowe plein (2.1164), Bot I was slow, and *for no thing* Me liste nocht to love obeie (4.1388), Bot *al for nocht*, sche was forlete (8.1434), I thenke make A bok *for Engelondes sake* (Prol.24), Who that only *for Cristes sake* Desireth cure forto take (Prol.291) Sette thee ..... in reste, For thou schalt finde it *for the beste* (3.950), He seide it thoghte him *for the beste* That sche hire for the hete reste (5.6823)

**forth with.**

1. a) “together with, along with, in company with”

Do mercy *forth with* rihtwisnesse (1.2936), Whanne he hath his tunge affiled..... *Forth with* his fals pitous lokyng, He wolde make a womman wene To gon upon the faire grene (1.680), The king Allee *forth with* thassent Of Couste his wif hath theder sent Moris his Sone (2.1479)

b) “immediately, thereupon”

*Forth with that* al pale and fade Sche fell doun ded fro ther sche stod (3.310)

**from, fro.**

1. a) Of movement or direction (often with indication of the goal): *from* ..... *to*; The myhti god began to reyne Manna *fro* hevne down *to* grounde (5.1673), *Fro* the heihte Withouten help of eny sleihte He fell *to* his destruccion (4.1065)
- b) Of a position, location, or situation: “from”  
Whan this noble worthi kniht *For* Troie cam, the ferste nyht ..... Egistus ..... Be treson slowh him in his bedd (3.1914), Thus was he *from* his kingdom Into the wilde Forest drewe (1.2968), The fortune of every chance After the goddes pourveance, To man it groweth *from* above (6.327)
- c) Of absence, separation: “away from, out of (sight)”  
Whanne I am mi ladi *fro* (4.558), But now men tellen natheles That love is *fro* the world departed (Prol.169), Whan sche sih ther was no lette, That he mot nedes parte hire *fro*, Sche tok him in hire armes tuo (5.3639)
- i) Preceded by an adv. of place: *fer* ..... , *doun* .....  
Ha lord, hou this believe is derk, And *fer fro* resonable wit! (5.1507), I was *further fro* my love Than Erthe is *fro* the hevne above (1.105), Now schalt thou noght forthi mervaile That I *doun fro* my Charr alighte (1.2227)
- ii) Preceding an adv. : *fro* *ferst*  
The hyhe almyhti pourveance, In whos eterne remembrance *For ferst* was every thing present (Prol.587), The parfit of here lawe *Fro thanne forth* hem was withdrawe (5.1724)
2. Of succession or sequence: “from”  
He precheth, *Fro point to point* and plainly techeth Unto this hethen Emperour (2.3434), And thus the fend *fro dai to dai* The worschipe of ydolatrie Drowh forth upon the fantasie Of hem that weren thanne blinde (5.1586)
3. Of change: “*from* one state *to* another”  
And thus fortune hire dedly whiel *Fro* werre torneth *into* pes (3.1841), He *fro* mannes forme *Into* a wold him let transforme (7.3363), Lucifer ..... Withal the route ..... *From* Angles *into* fendes felle (8.14)
4. Of separation, deprivation, etc. :  
The regne *fro* the rihtfull blod Evere afterward *divided* was (7.4132), Of Grece ek ther was Thelamon, Which *fro* the king Lamenedon At Troie his doghter *refte* aweie (8.2516), Alle lustes *fro* me *strangen* (6.158), For Jupiter thurgh his queintise *From* hire it *tok* (5.6250), The wyn fulofte *takth awei* The reson *fro* the mannes herte (7.1853)
5. Of avoidance, abstinence, withdrawal, etc. :  
And thus *fro* Sompnolence I *kepe* Min yhe (4.3376), So that I mihte in eny wise *Fro* suche that mi ladi serve Hire herte make forto *swerve* (2.2405), Thou hast the reverence *weyved Fro* him which is thi king above (1.2895)

**in.**

## 1. Local: "at, in, or within"

a) The hihe tree ..... stod *in* the world amiddes (1.2885), Mi Moder dreint was *in* the See (8.1724), Whan that the duk Ametus lay Sek *in* his bedd ..... Alceste his wif goth forto preie (7.1918), I pleie with hire litel hound Now on the bedd, now on the ground, Now with hir briddes *in* the cage (4.1191), Sauf *in* the port of Antioche He londeth (8.387)

b) Without the article : Virginite is forto preise ..... *In* hevene and ek *in* Erthe ..... It is accept to bothe tuo (5.6393), Nou schalt thou take thi reward Of dedly peine hierafterward *In* helle (6.1057), He ne comth nought in my sihte, For he hath longe *in* prison lein (7.2597), Thus I sang hem forth fulofte *In* halle and ek *in* chambre aboute (1.2733)

c) Before the proper names: I was *in* Egipte tho (6.1904), Where he spak *in* Grece aboute, He herde nought bot wordes stoute (5.7281), The climat of hir lecherie Is most comun *in* Lombardie (7.800), *In* Rome ..... Ther was a worthi povere kniht (7.2061)

## 2. "on"

The lettres graven *in* a table Of marbre were and seiden this (4.3672), As it is writen *in* the carte, Complexion he takth of Marte (7.1359), Al his rente *In* wyn and bordel he despente (5.1054)

## 3. "enveloped in"

This lusti queene *in* good arrai Was set upon a Mule whyt (6.1834), Sche syh clad *in* o suite a route Of ladis (4.1306), That he him clotheth *in* hir cote, And sche *in* his was clothed ofte (2.2270)

## 4. "in (a book or part of a book)"

*In* the bible his name is bore (1.2788), Of Alisandre *in* his histoire I rede how he a worthi knight Of sodein wraththe and nought of right Forjugged hath (7.3168\*)

## 5. "in (the heart, mind, etc.)"

This proude king in his corage Humilite hath so forlore (1.2946), For now aday is manyon Which spekth of John And thenketh Judas *in* his herte (1.657)

Fro point to point al sche him tolde, That sche hath longe *in* herte holde (8.1726), Take *in* mynde What schame it is to ben unkinde (5.5159), I not what thing was *in* my thought (4.48), Sche stod al one stille, To thenke what was *in* hir wille (4.1296), He bar it stille *in* his momoie (2.2907)

## 6. Of situation: "to"

This Fievere is thanne of comun wone Most grevous *in* a mannes yhe (5.469)

## 7. Of condition or state:

With enke write This lettre I have *in* cares colde (3.299), Josaphat was *in* gret doute (7.2588), My ladi name ..... *in* earnest and in game I wolde save into my deth (2.528), Wel myhte he sette his herte in reste, This king, whan he hir fond *in* hele (6.1483), God hath beraft him *in* his ire His lif and ek his large empire (8.209), Thus was the hors *in* sori split (4.1347), Fro Tharse and *in* prosperite He tok his leve of that Cite (8.1979), Whan that this poeple *in* reste was, Thei token eses manyfold (7.4382),

*In* sorwe he singeth (6.68), A wickid wif He weddeth, which *in* sorwe and strif Ayein his ese was contraire (3.650), As it were a man *in* trance He torneth him al sodeinly (1.1800)

8. Of occupation: “when, while .....

Sche hath do set up lyht In a lanterne on hih alofte Upon a Tour ..... In hope that *in his cominge* H escholde se the liht brenninge (4.819)

9. Of manner:

Sche the king with wordes wise Knelende thonketh *in this wise* (1.3346), The stones ..... Commended ben *in treble wise* (7.1755), *In* a visioun To me the god Mercurie cam (5.7410),

b) *In* proverbe and *in* probleme Sche spak (8.1681), Thogh the clerk and the clergesse *In* latin tunge it rede and singe ..... I schal declare as it is write *In* Engleissh (6.981)

10. Of degree:

This false knyht *in his degree* Arested was and put in hold (2.2744), He scholde noght with feigned chiere Deceive Love *in no degre* (1.751)

11. Expressing purpose:

The trompe of deth was at my gate *In tokne* that I scholde deie (1.2211)

12. Of time:

a) Thei were wedded *in the nyht* (1.1761), *In thilke yeer* ..... The lot upon his chance fell (5.5314), It is ferr *in the nyht* (4.2803)

b) Tawhte Aristotle ..... To Alisandre, hou *in his youthe* He scholde of trouthe thilke grace With al his hole herte embrace (7.1728), Forthi good is that we also *In oure tyme* among ous hiere Do wryte of newe som matiere (Prol. 5)

c) *In a twinklinge of a lok* His mannes forme ayein he tok (1.3033) The ferst of hem Malencolie Is cleped, which in compaignie An hundred times *in an houre* Wol as an angri beste loure (3.29)

13. “within the capacity of”

So that *in* him ther is no feith (3.1176)

14. “in the power of”

For *in the handes of* a king The deth and lif is al o thing After the lawes of justice (7.3851)

15. Of motion or direction:

a) “to or into”

And fell withinne a time so, As he *in* Babiloine wente, The vanite of Pride him hente (1.2955), Bot flaterie passeth alle *In* chambre, whom the court avanceth (7.2325), This Geant ..... *in* the flod began to wade (2.2221), He walketh forto gadre some *In* his gardin (7.2279), This Angel ..... Was clothed *in* a mannes forme (2.302)

b) “into”

Air *in* Periferies thre *Divided* is (7.265), Thei *falle in* gret debat (Prol.372), Full ofte he heweth up so highe That chippes *fallen in* his yhe (1.1918), So sit it wel to taken hiede ..... Er that thou *falle*

*in* homicide (3. 3526), It grieveth be diverse weie *In* dasespier a man to *falle* (4. 3687), This Maister ...  
*putte* a liquour *in* hire mouth (8. 1199)

c) "to or against"

That he ne may for schame telle So foul a Senne *in* mannes Ere (2. 3063)

16. Constructional Uses:

a) Verb phrases: Slowthe ..... *in desdeign* hath al apprise (4. 2332), It oghte *pute* a man *in fere* (1. 462), This false knyht in his degree Arested was and *put in hold* (2. 2745), He sende his Sone fro the hevене To *sette* mannes Soule *in evene* (5. 1742), For he desireth for the beste To *setten* every man *in reste* (1. 3290), He *spilleth* many a word *in wast* That schal with such a poeple trete (1. 1192), And tolden how thei weren glade Of that thei *stoden in acord* (1. 114), The more he caste his wit aboute, The more he *stant* therof *in doute* (1. 3124), Sey ye what *stant in youre avis* (5. 7435), Wherof he wax so proud and vein, That he his fader *in desdeign* Hath *take* and set of non acompte (2. 1714), He thoughte he wolde him ferst consaille With Appollo, *in* whom he *triste* (7. 3189)

b) *in brede and lengthe*, lengthwise and crosswise:

What be sleihte and what be strengthe Thei hadde it wonne *in brede and lengthe* (5. 7584)

c) Adverbial phrases:

He takth his preie so covert, That noman wot it *in apert* (5. 6500), Thei prechen ous *in audience* That noman schal his soule empeire (Prol. 452), And for he wolde unto hire winne Upon som cooste a Sepulture, Under hire heved, *in aventure*, Of gold he leide Sommes grete (8. 1118), *In aunter* if he myhte amende (8. 1666), If that ye wolde *in avantage* Therof sette a recoverir, It were to me a gret desir (2. 3158)

What thing stant on aventure, That can no worldes creature Telle *in certein* hou it schal wende (5. 7819), Bot if he couthe his question Assoile ..... He scholde *in certein* lese his hed (8. 367), The first of hem Malencolie Is cleped, which *in compaignie* An hundred times in an heure Wol as an angri beste loure (3. 28), Thei ..... toke A gret tresor of gold ..... To Rome and thus these philosophres To-gedre *in compainie* wente (5. 2081), As the man hath passioun Of seknesse, *in comparisoun* So soffren othre creatures (Prol. 916), I sawh yit nevere creature Of comlihed and feture ..... Be lich hire *in comparisoun* (5. 2600), And *in contraire* also recovere A povere man to gret richesse Men sen (3. 2400), Ther is a thing ..... Which asketh noght to ben apert, Bot in cilence and *in covert* Desireth forto be beschaded (4. 3205), Thei wol noght thanne taken hiede, Though it befelle so *in dede* That eny ded man were arered (6. 1106), Oure dedes ben of a colour And *in effect* of o decerte (3. 2395), And as who seith, upon the bridel I chiewe, so that al is ydel As *in effect* the fode I have (6. 931), *In good feith*, Sone, I trowe yis (3. 854), I wol noght seie *in general*, For ther ben somme in special (Prol. 431), The grete Senne original, Which every man *in general* Upon his bertheth hath envenymed (6. 2), For deth cam so *in haste* bime ..... That it ne mihte ben achieved (4. 1423), *In haste* he goth into the halle (1. 2201), He come forth *in alle haste* (2. 1542), Al the whiles that I hove *In noncertein* between the

tuo (8.2179), Whan Pride is with Envie joint, He soffreth noman *in good point* (2.2792), Bot on yhe Among hem thre *in pourpartie* Thei hadde (1.406), *In secre* ther is no vice Of which that he nis a Norrice (1.617), And thus to telle of him *in soth*, Ful many a wonder thing he doth (6.1285), His herbe *in special* The vertuous Fenele it is (7.1326), Neptune his herte *in vein* Hath upon Robberie sett (5.6212), Forthi tak hom thin herte ayein, That thou travaile noght *in vein* (8.2422)

d) After adjectives:

In boke he schal be studious And *in wrytinge curious* (7.760), *In* his speche Of wordes he was *eloquent* (8.392), Under him (Mercury) who that bore is, *In* boke he schal be *studious* (7.759)

e) Prepositional phrases:

Al this betokneth thin astat, Which now *with* god is *in debat* (1.2920), Tho Josaphat began somdel To gladen him *in hope of* trouthe (7.2605), Whan sondri kinges come were *In pourpos to* destruie there The poeple which god kepte tho (7.3630), *In stede of* love is hate guided (Prol.128), My deth schal be *in stede of* hele (4.3568), *In his weie of* Tyr he mette A man (8.573)

**into.**

1. Of motion or direction:

a) After the verbs of motion: Thus *cam* this Calistona *Into* the wode of Tegea (5.6242), Thus was he from his kingdom *Into* the wilde Forest *drawe* (1.2969), Venus, which is the the qweene of love, Was *take in to* hire place above (8.2944)

b) "into the possession of"

An Erlodom ..... Was late falle *into* his hond (1.3355), In this wise it goth aboute *In to* the Regne of Darius (Prol.691)

c) Of regions of thought:

He schal drawe *into* remembrance The fortune of this worldes chance (Prol.69), If I schal drawe *in to* my mynde The tyme passed, thanne I fynde The world stod thanne in al his welthe (Prol.93)

d) Of a state or condition:

And therof most in special That love is falle *into* discord (Prol.121), Whan ..... that the kinde of man Was falle *into* no gret encess (5.3)

e) Of action:

Echon with othre pleide and lowh, And fellen *into* tales newe (1.2083), Sche falleth with him *into* wordes (8.1675)

f) Of change:

Out of hire wommanisshe kinde *Into* a briddes like I finde Sche was transformed forth withal (5.6200), Lucifer ..... With al the route ..... From Angles *into* fendes felle (8.14)

g) His mantell ..... He kut it *into* pieces twelve (7.4525)

2. "up to (a time or date)"

Whil that me lasteth eny breth, I wol the love *into* my deth (3.290), The which in ernest and in game

I wolde save *into* my deth (2.529), Fro the ferste regne of alle *Into* this day ..... Of that the regnes be muable The man himself hath be coupable (Prol.580), Ther is on the which I serve ..... To whom yet nevere *into* this day I seide onlyche or ye or nay (1.739)

**malgre.**

1. a) "in spite of"

Centaury ..... This yonge wif *malgre* hire lord In such a rage aweie forth ladden (6.524), *Malgre hem* thei mote obeie And don al ydelschipe aweie (4.1233)

b) *malgre myn, his*, etc. : in spite of me, him, etc.

And god wot that is *malgre myn* (4.59)

**of.**

1. Of motion, direction or distance: "from, out of"

Telle if thou *farst of* love so (5.59), He rod, and *of* his hors *alyhte* Tofore Collatines In (7.4918), *Of* his sete He was put doun (5.846)

2. Of liberation and privation:

Thou schalt ben *esed* ..... *Of* thilke unsely wo (8.2360), Agamenon *Supplanted* the worthi knyht Achilles *of* that swete wiht, Which named was Brexeida (2.2454), I am so *ravisht of* the syhte, That speke unto hire I ne myhte (4.683)

3. Of origin or source:

For therof mihte *arise* sklaundre (2.2416), Wher sche hedde Hire wombe, which *of* childe *aros* (5.1255), That wherof his wo *began* Was after cause of al his welthe (5.1758), As he *were of* faierie, He scheweth him tofore here yhe In holi place wher thei sitte (5.7073), For of the mannes Progenie, Which *of* the womman schal be *bore* (8.31), Som men sein, *of* worthi blod That sche is *come* (6.840), Hise dedes to the sothe wroghte That he was *come of* gentil blod (8.943), It was boren of the qweene, And *of* thin oghne bodi *gete* (2.977), This fievere of Jelousie ..... *groweth of* sotie Of love (5.584)

b) Wherof the world ensample *fette* Mai after this (1.86), And this he *lernede Of* Cipio (7.4187)

c) *Of oneself*, by one's own impetus:

Thou miht noght *of thiself* ben able To winne love (4.267)

4. "for, on account of"

The world hath ofte *accused* Ful grete Princes *of* this dede (7.4309), Thou art to blamen of that thought (5.5210), A lordes Sone, Which *of* his pride a nyce wone Hath cawht (1.2275), Bot other while I *grucche* sore *Of* some thinges that sche doth (1.1265), He ..... *thanked* him *of* his warnynge (8.581), The king thei *thongen of* this chois (5.2352)

b) "because of, on account of"

Were thou *afered of* hire yhe? (4.600), Hou that flatours *Coupable* were *of* thre errors (7.2180), Wherof the king mai be *despleed* (7.2615), The king was *doubtif of* this dom (6.2171), I am *drecched* to the fulle *Of* love (4.2897), His noise lich the day of dome Was *ferfull* in a mannes thought *Of* thing

which thah thei sihe noght (7.3562), Horestes ..... *of* thilke office Was nothing *glad* (3.2004), *Of* that speche Thei ben withinne here hertes *glade* (7.4732), Appolinus the Prince of Tyr ..... in his hihe mod Was *likende of* his hote blod (8.378), The knyht was *sory of* this thing (1.3117)

5. Of agency: “by”

Wrytinge was beloved evere *Of* hem that weren vertuous (Prol.39), Ther ben of londes fele ..... Which *of* the poeple be forlete, As lond desert (7.584), The bestes and the briddes Governed were *of* him al one (1.2887), We therefore Ben tawht *of* that was write tho (Prol. 3)

6. Of instrument:

The pointz of whiche I herde, Thei schul *of* reson ben ansuerde (1.3246), It was an ydel speche, Which caused was *of* pure drede (1.1987), Min Ere with a good pitance Is fedd *of* redinge of romance Of Ydoine and Amadas (6.878)

7. Of material or substance:

It *makth* curteis *of* the vilein (4.2300), This king ..... *made* upon the derke nyht *Of* grete Schydes and *of* blockes Gret fyr (3.1033), So that *of* loves maladie Sche *makth* diverse melodie (5.5991), *Of* bodies sevene in special With foure spiritz joynt withal *Stant* the substance of this matiere (4.2463), This Trompe *of* bras (1.2130)

8. Of reference: “concerning, about or with regard to”

Ye mai wel *axe of* this and that (8.179), If you liste to *comune Of* the seconde Glotonie ..... Beseche I wolde you therefore (6.607), Wherof nature hire hath *compleigned* Unto the god (7.4579)

The lond, which *herde of* that tidinge, Was wonder glad of his cominge (8.1985), Nou *herk* ..... *Of* wofull auntres that befelle (5.5879), We Schal *knownen of* this privete (2.974), For this Geta that I *of meene*, To whom the lusti faire Almeene Assured was be weie of love (2.2465), What *seist* thou ..... *of* this folie (2.373), For now aday is manyon Which *spekth of* Peter and of John And thenketh Judas in his herte (1.656), The king *supposeth of* this wo (1.2196), He ..... bode that he scholde Upon the point the king *of tolde* The fortune of his swevene expounde (1.2866), Lson ..... *wiste of* this (5.3931)

9. Temporal:

And *of old time* how it hath be I finde a gret experience, Wherof to take an evidence Good is (1.1072), And thus the crualte was kidd, Which *of long time* he hadde hidd (7.3366)

10. a) Subjective genitive:

Unto his wif he bad him ride To make redi alle thing Ayein the cominge *of* the king (2.800)

b) Objective genitive:

The hihe almyhti Trinite, Which is o god in unite ..... And creatour *of* alle thinge (7.80)

c) Descriptive genitive:

Whan thei were *of Age* (7.2222), Wherof he wax so proud and vein, That he his fader in desdeign Hath take and set *of non acompte* (2.1715), And if so is That I have oght so don er this, It is so litel *of acompte* (4.1653), Thou art *of* so litel *feith* (1.2216), He were *of such a myht* To handle

a swerd and ben a knyht, To venge him at his oghne wille (3.1955), Her love is *of proporcion* (5.2531), Thus a kinges myht ..... Is strengest and *of most value* (7.1848), He was man *of brede and lengthe, Of wit, of manhod and of strengthe*, A fair persone amonges alle (3.1963-4) He is a noble man *of armes* (6.29), Whan I here of hir vois the stevene, Me thenkth it is a blisse *of hevене* (6.874), As a man the blase *of fyr* With water quenchech, so ferd I (8.2444)

d) Partitive genitive:

i) Be whom ..... He hadde *of children yonge tuo* (5.4253), For it was trapped of himselfe, And hadde *of smale whieles twelve* (1.1134)

ii) Superlative "of": In the hoteste *of* the dai, Whan come is the merie Maii, He sprat his wynges and up he fleth (2.415), The strengthe of kinges Is myhtiest *of* alle thinges (7.1826)

iii) Til that *the hihe king of kinges*, Which seth and knoweth alle thinges, Whos yhe mai nothing asterte (1.2803), I seie, "O *fol of alle foles*, Thou farst as he betwen tuo stoles That wolde sitte and goth to grounde (4.625)

iv) Possessive "of": He a dowhter *of his owen* Hath (8.1248), This Eolen ..... Was ..... The kinges dowhter *of Eurice* (2.2267)

v) "a portion of, some of"

I have hated al my lyve These janglers ..... fuloften have I boght The lie, and drank nocht *of* the wyn (3.895)

e) Genitive of origin: "belonging to"

Whan the tirant Leoncius Was to thempire *of Rome* arrived (7.3269) The newe guise *of Beaume* there, With sondri thinges wel devised, I sih, wherof thei ben queintised (8.2470)

11. Constructional uses:

a) Verbal phrases: For he supposeth that he wolde *Make his axinge of* worldes good (2.339), Phisique hath *don the besinesse Of* sondri cures manyon To make him hol (5.2655), The king *tok hiede of* his manere (1.2872), Fro Tharse and in prosperite He *tok his leve of* that Cite (8.1980), Whan that he hath understonde The cause, he *hath of* him *gret routhe* (8.649)

b) After intrans. vbs.: Whan that he Galathee *besoghte Of* love (2.109), This have I for thin ese cast, That thou nomore *of* love *sieche* (8.2911), Bot *of* here entre whan thei *soghte*, The gates weren al to smale (1.1144)

c) After various adjectives: Min herte is Envious withal, And evere I am *adrad of* guile (2.479), His felawh ..... Was *blind of* bothe his yhen tuo (2.360), He tawhte hir til sche was *certein Of* Harpe, of Citole and of Rote (8.829), Al frendliche he goth him in, As he that was *cousin of* house (7.4920), He that was chivalerous, *Of* worldes fame and *desirous* (2.2518), He was evere *desirous Of* gold to gete the pilage (5.2071), *Of* visage Sche was riht *fair* (1.3134), Hierof I am *inquisitif* (8.410), If I be lieved, Thou schalt be *large of* thi despence (5.4869), His doghter, which was *piereles Of* beaute, duelte aboute him stille (8.287), He ..... Was non so *semlich of* persone, *Of* visage and limes bothe, If

that he hadde what to clothe (8.708), Of hem tuo a man mai liere What is to be so *sibb of blod* (8.1703), Thanne I am so *simple of port*, That forto feigne som desport I pleie with hire litel hound (4.1187), Sche is *softe of speche* (5.2478), This Galathee ..... Above alle othre was *unmete Of beaute* (2.123), I fulofte in such a res Am *wery of myn oghne lif* (3.1153), The pley was pleid riht in his sihte, And who most *worthi* was of dede Receive he scholde a certein mede (8.693), Ther was *ynowh* withinne wones *Of wepinge and of sorghe* tho (8.613)

d) Adverbial phrases: For thelementz ben sevicable To man, and ofte of *Accidence*..... Thei ben corrupt be sondri weie (5.763), That scholde assuage The lepre and al the violence, Which that thei knew of *Accidence* And noght be weie of kinde is falle (2.3210), Centauri ..... Of on assent, *of on acord*, This yonge wif ..... forth ladden (6.523), With suche wiles as thei caste That thei wol gete *of here acord* Some orped knyht to sle this lord (1.2589), Centauri ..... *Of on assent*, of on acord This yonge wif ... forth ladden (6.523), The god was evere and evere schal, And thei begonne *of his assent* (7.113), A gret ston from an hull on hyh Fel doun, *of sodein aventure*, Upon the feet of this figure (Prol.619), Fulofte *of sodein chance* he fongeth Such infortune that him grieveth (4.3308), *Of his oghne chois* He tok his deth upon the crois (2.3391), I ..... nedes wile Noght only make my spekynges Of love ..... Bot, *of conclusion final*, Conclude I wol in special For love, whos servant I am (1.249), Thus to the sike a medicine Hath god ordeined *of his grace* (2.1203), Whan he this herde, *of joie* he louh (6.2034), Bot *of verray necessite* The Philosophre him hath betake Fyf pointz (7.1704), He a worthi knight, Of sodein wraththe and nought *of right*, Forjugged hath (7.3170), It is no schame *of such a thew* A yong man to be dronkelew (6.105), Bot evere kep thi tunge stille, Thou miht the more have *of thi wille* (2.554), This Fievere is thanne *of comun wone* Most grevous in a mannes yhe (5.468), Fro his wif ... His oghne children he to plihte, And eet hem *of his comun wone* (5.851)

#### on.

##### 1. Of position:

a) "above and in contact with, upon"

The Schip forth *on* the wawes wente (8.1141), Thei syhe out of the schelle crepe A litel Serpent *on* the ground (6.2229), A corone *on* his hed he bar (6.2077), For who that useth that he knoweth, Ful selden seknesse *on* him groweth (6.658)

b) *fig.* *On* hire that Diane his dowhter he begat Unknowen of his wif Juno (5.1249)

c) *on fote, horse, knes, etc.* :

Thei *on fote* it passe dreie And gon so forth into desert (5.1664), The weie *on fote* in desespeir We scholden leve (7.3727), The king and ek the Senatour ..... *On horse* riden him ayein (2.1497), This Maiden, which sat *on hire knes* Tofore the king, hise charitees Comendeth (1.3359)

##### 2. *on* ..... *side*:

God bad the rede See divide, Which stod upriht *on either side* (5.1662), Every man went *on his syde* Him to poursuie (5.7403)

## 3. Of time:

For pure sorwe He liveth noght till *on the morwe* (3.2616), As an oule be nyhte Out of alle othre briddes syhte, Riht so this knyht *on daies brode* In clos him hield (1.1729), So thogh I wolde stalke and crepe, And wayte *on eve* and ek on morwe, Of Danger schal I nothing borwe (5.6639) This is al that evere I winne Of love, whanne I walke *on nyht* (5.6690)

## 4. Of motion or direction towards a position:

a) *On* his asse ayein he caste His trusse (5.5039), Nature *on* him this name caste And clepeth him Botercadent (7.1418), Thei leide hire *on* a couche softe (8.1193), Al the water *on* his hed Sche pourede oute (3.678), *On* faire amblende hors thei sete (4.1309), He sette him *on* a raile (6.2201), He set hire *on* his hors tofore And forth he takth his weie softe (1.1724)

b) *beclippe on*, to take hoid of (sth., sb.): Whan I *beclippe* hire *on* the wast, Yit ate laste I stele a tast, And otherwhile "grant mercy" Sche seith (5.7143)

## c) Of continued motion:

Forth comth Paris with glad visage Into the temple *on pelrinage* (5.7506)

## 5. Of collision: "against"

The Schip ..... Drof al to pieces *on* the roche (3.1048)

## 6. In respect of looking, etc. "in the direction of, towards"

For who that *loketh on* the bokes, It seith, confeccion of cokes, A man him scholde wel avise Hou he it toke and in what wise (6.653), He torneth on that other side, For that he wolde hise yhen hyde Fro *lokyng on* that foule wyht (1.1785), For loke hou that a goshawk tireth, Riht so doth he, whan that he pireth And *toteth on* hier wommanhiede (6.819), Which was the lothlieste what That evere man *caste on his yhe* (1.1677)

## 7. "into":

Thus parten thei the world *on* thre (7.580)

8. "into, unto, to": So him befell upon a tide *On* his hunting as he cam ride (1.350)9. "to": So that these heraldz *on* him crie, "Vailant, vailant, lo, wher he goth!" (4.1632), Al the Schip hire hath besoght That sche hire wit *on* him despende (8.1665), Of affeccoun Above alle othre *on* Daniel He loveth (1.2895)

## 10. Of reference: "in regard to, as to, about"

He was a schrewed chamberlein, So to beguile a worthi queene, And that *on* him was after seene (6.2100), As who so *dremeth on* a Ston Hou he is leid, and groneth ofte, Whan he lith on his pilwes softe (5.538), Whanne I *on* suche thoghtes  *muse* (6.153), Forthi, mi Sone, *thenke on* this (3.1083)

## 11. Of manner: "in"

Passende an hundred *on a route* Of wyves and of Concubines (82.692)

**out of.**

## 1. Of direction: "from"

And whanne he hadde hem so forlein ..... He dede hem *out of* londe exile (8.207), *Out of* his oghne lond he fledde (6.1803)

2. Of absence, separation: "away from"

Sche nocht longe mai suffise To liven *out of* his presence (4.791), *Out of* my sighte forth he goth (8.2950), Lo, hou Egipte al *out of* syhte Fro resoun stant in misbelieve For lacke of lore (5.832)

3. Of sleep or swoon: "from"

This king *out of* his swefne abreide (1.2851), And I abreide Riht as a man doth *out of* slep (1.155), He awok *out of* his swevene And ..... tolde his drem (2.3374), I was *out of* mi swòune affraied (8.2859)

4. Of deprivation:

He sette his trowthe al *out of* mynde (2.2226), Forto *put* hire *out of* fere, He swor and hath his trowthe pliht To be for evere hire oghne knyht (4.756)

5. Of avoidance:

Which is al the chief To *kepe* a regne *out of* meschief (Prol.150)

6. Of origin and source:

If ye wiste what I am, And *out of* what lignage I cam, Ye wolde nocht be so salvage (8.1698), That we fortune clepe so *Out of* the man himself it groweth (Prol.549)

7. *out of honde* (=away), *out of the weie* (=in error, mistaken)

To caste him *out of honde* there, So that som beste him mai devoure (3.326) He let it nevere *out of his hond* (5.26), Whil he was *out of the weie*, Amphitriion hire love aweie Hath take (2.2471)

8. Adverbial phrases: "without"

Alle othre leches he forsok, And put him out him *out of aventure* Al only into goddes cure (2.3297), Which Venus *out of compaignie* Hath put away (4.3260), Bot al I sette on aventure, And am, as who seith, *out of cure* For ought that I can seie or do (4.1744), Wher sche hir fader *out of teene* Hath broght and mad hirself a qweene (1.3399), He can nocht himselve schylde Fro no peril, bot *out of feere* The weie he secheth hier and there (6.1245)

**outake(n).**

1. "except"

Bot non of hem it myhte bere Upon his word to yeve answere, *Outaken* on, which was a knyht (1.3077), Ha, goode fader, it is so, *Outake* a point, I am beknowe (4.3459), For more, *outake* vanite, Ther hath no lord in his degre (5.215), *Outake* Noe and his blod (7.542)

**over.**

1. "above in authority, rule, or power"

King hath *pouer over* man (7.1827)

2. "across"

He mihte *over* Tibre go Upon the corps that dede were Of the Romeins (5.2206), Charles ..... with his host the weie take *Over* the Montz of Lombardie (Prol.755),

3. in addition to, further than: "moreover"

For to loken *over this*, If Ethna brenne in the clergie, Al openly to mannes ye At Avynoun the experience  
Therof hath yove an evidence (Prol.328), *Over that* thurgh Senne it com That Nembrot such emprise  
nom (Prol.1017)

**per , par.**

1. "by way of or for the sake of"

a) *par charite*:

Thei comen to the kyng and bede Som of his good *par charite* (1.2049), Forthi *per seinte charite*  
Tell me, mi fader, what you semeth (4.964)

b) *par cas, chance, aventure*, etc.

As he walkende goth *per cas*..... he sih Tuo Serpentz in his weie nyh (3.364), Forthi coveite noight  
to faste, Mi Sone, bot abyd thin ende, *Per cas* al mai to goode wende (5.4566), For of the goddes  
pourveance It fell him on a dai *par chance* (1.2290), Out of his sepulture Ther sprong anon *par aventure*  
Of floures such a wonder syhte (1.2350)

c) *per compaignie*:"

Duk Gedeon ..... tawhte hem hou they scholde ascrie Alle in o vois *per compaignie* (7.3752)

**sanz.**

1. "without"

Evere I axe his help, bot he Mai wel be cleped *sanz* pite (3.1550), Sche mai wel wryte, "*Sanz*  
repos," The wif which it to such on married (5.508)

**sauf, save and salve.**

1. "except"

He ..... The Schield of Pallas gan embrace, With which he covereth *sauf* his face (1.432), I dar make  
this behest, *Save* only of that ilke tuo I am unbuxom of no mo (1.1271), Thus I mai you sothli telle,  
*Save* only that I crie and bidde, I am in Tristesce al amidde (4.3497), Withoute experience *Salve* only  
of illusion, Which was to hem dampnacion (5.1359)

**thurgh.**

1. Local: "passing from one end to the other"

Which toun he scholde passe *thurgh* (2.944)

2. Indicating cause, reason or motive: "by reason of, on account of"

He let it passe out of his mynde, *Thurgh* veine gloire, and as the blinde, He seth no weie (1.2952),  
And tho that deden thanne amis *Thurgh* tirannie and crualte, Riht as thei stoden in degre, So was the  
wrytinge of here werk (Prol.49), Nectanabus ..... *Thurgh* the deceipte and nigromance Tok of a dragoun  
the semblance (6.2179), He *thurgh* his chivalerie Upon himself so mochel triste (1.1982), He hadde a redi  
wit to helpe *Thurgh* naturel experience (5.1037)

3. Of agency: "by"

The king Allee ..... Deceived *thurgh* his Moder was (2.1230)

**thurghout.**

1. Local: “through the whole of”

Me thenkth trewely I mihte fle *thurghout* the Sky, And go *thurghout* the depe Se (4.1714), Sche seith that sche hirselve scholde Do wreche with hire oghne hond, *Thurghout* the world in every lond That every lif therof schal speke (4.3616), And thus *thurghout* the toun pleiende This queene unto a pleine rod (6.1846)

2. Of time: “from beginning to end of”

Nectanabus *thurghout* the day..... His chambre be hirselve tok (6.1953)

**til.**

1. “to”

Upon this Assured ech *til* other is (2.902), He ..... Hath so devided the nature, That non *til* other wel acordeth (7.397), Wherof the yeer in his astat Is mad, and stant upon debat, That lich *til* other non acordeth (8.2841)

**to.**

1. Of the goal of motion:

The tirant Leoncius Was *to* thempire of Rome *arrived* (7.3269), He hath his rihte cours forth holde Be Ston and nedle, til he *cam To* Tharse (8.542), Tydinge ..... forth withal *Com to* the queenes Ere (5.7499)

- b) In figurative expressions of motion:

Sche was *to* dethe broght And brent tofore hire Sones yhe (2.1292)

I sai what evere *comth to* mowthe (2.485), Florent seith al that evere he couthe, Bot such word *cam* ther non *to* mowthe (1.1642), Sche was anon with water laved, Til sche *cam to* hirselve ayein (8.1857)

c) Elliptical use: Thurgh hem men finden out the weie *To* kniethode and worldes fame (7.1905)

2. Of direction: “in the direction of, towards”

a) He bringth this foule grete Coise *To* his Castell (1.1735), Thus this lecherouse pride *To* horse lepte and forth he rod (7.4995), This king ..... Seith he wol holde his cours *to* Tyr (8.1888), *To* him a foretokne he sende (1.2812), For he such love hath *to* you cast, That ye schul ben his oghne diere (6.1914)

- b) *to* ..... *ward*:

This lord ..... seide he cam fro Barbarie *To Romeward* (2.1173), King Demophon, whan he be Schipe *To Troieward* with felaschipe Sailende goth (4.732), Thus sche ..... was al honeste *To godward* after hire entente (1.869)

3. Indicating the limit of an extension in space: “as far as”

A tree ..... stod the world amiddes evene, Whos heihte straghte *up to* the hevene (1.2820)

4. *taken* ..... *to herte*, to take (sth.) seriously

He his fader deth *to herte* So *tok* that it mai nocht asterte That he Typhon after ne slowh (5.807)

5. Of aim or intention: “for, for the purpose of”

Wherof I finde ..... *To this pourpos* a tale write (2.96), My lord, go we to bedde, For I *to that entente* wedde, That thou schalt be my worldes blisse (1.1770), Whan al was treted *to an ende*, Jason tok leve (5.3875)

6. Of result or effect: "so as to result in"

Evere it fell hem *to* the worste (5.3278), Whil hem lasteth eny breth, Sche made hem blede *to* the deth Into the vessel (7.3506)

7. "into"

A tunge brekth it al *to* pieces (3.465), A firy thonder sodeinly He sende, and him *to* pouldre smot (1.2003), Which is of most cost, And lest worth and goth *to* lost? (1.3106)

8. Indicating resulting position or status: "as, for"

Whilom I was on That *to* mi fader hadde a king (4.1387), He a lusti Maide *To* dowhter hadde (4.1248), Whilom be olde daies fer Of Mese was the king Theucer, Which hadde a kniht *to* Sone, Iphis (4.3517), For sche, Was *to* the child cousine nyh (8.118), He was Nevoeu *to* themperour And of his Court a Courteour (1.409)

9. Of a limit in extent, amount, or degree:

She hadde bath, sche hadde reste, And was arraied *to the beste* (1.1748), I am drecched *to the fulle* Of love (4.2896), I ne mai noght *to the fulle* Atteigne to so hih a lore (4.948), In hire speche ded and pale Sche swouneth welnyh *to the laste* (1.983)

10. Of attachment, accompaniment, appurtenance:

a) after "be": (=belong)

Th empire of Rome hath ben and *is To* th'Alemans (Prol.821)

b) Is Rethorique the science *Appropred to* the reverence Of wordes that ben resonable (7.1524), Sche *to* him *was abandouned* ..... The ferste flour he tok aweie (5.5378), Hire chyn *acordeth to* the face, Al that he seth is full of grace (6.775), Which *to* kinde *acordeth* (5.119), Be that cause the godhede *Assembled was to* the manhede In the virgine (5.1772)

11. Dative "to":

With his wordes debonaire He seide *tome* softe and faire (1.232), Tho spak he *tome* in such a wise (1.294), Which schal be *to*the double schame Most for the hindrynge of thi name (4.1875), Therupon he made a speche *To* Peleus his Em the king (5.3289)

12. After various adjectives:

Virginite is forto preise ..... In hevene and ek in Erthe ..... It is *accept to* bothe tuo (5.6394), Such thing ..... That *to* vertu is *acordant* (1.455), In the wynter freysshe and faire The floures ben, which is *contraire To* kynde (1.2357)

Sche the lordes ate feste, That were *obeissant to* his heste, Mai knowe (1.2502), Which of his kinde *obedient* Is *to* Mercurie and *to* Venus (7.1421), Man of Soule resonable Is *to* an Angel *resemblable* (Prol.950), The Monarchie Of al the world in that partie *To* Babiloyne was *soubgit* (Prol.675), And for

he hath destourbed kinde And was so *to* nature *unkinde* (3.374)

**tofor(e).**

1. Of position or location: “before, in front of”

He ..... of his hors alyhte *Tofore* Collatines In (7.49119), Me thoghte I sih *tofor* myn hed Cupide with his bowe bent (8.2452)

2. Of motion or direction: “ahead of”; ..... *the wind*, with the wind

Thus *tofor the wynd* thei dryve (8.1607), *Tofor the wynd* for he wol fare To Ephesim (8.1812), *Tofor the* weder forth thei gon (8.1400)

3. “in the presence of”

Unto the ground knelende *Tofore* hir fader sche is falle (4.1559)

- b) *tofore* ..... *yhe*, before (one’s) eyes, in (one’s) presence:

Moris *tofore the kinges yhe* Upon the morwe ..... Fulofte stod (2.1370)

4. Of time:

a) If I *a day tofore* it knowe, He schal be with you on the nyht (6.2118)

- b) *tofor the hond*, beforehand:

Sche ..... knew *tofor the hond* The circumstance of al this thing (5.4292), Uluxes ..... *tofor the hond* compasseth That noman ..... Hath pouer unto that folie His Ere ..... to caste (1.518)

- c) Of hem that writen *ous tofore* The bokes duelle (Prol.1)

**touchende, touchinge.**

1. “concerning, as to”

a) *Touchende* Envie I thenke telle (1.3441)

- b) Preceded by *as*:

*As touchende* othre seie I nocht That I nam somdel forto wyte Of that ye clepe an ypocrite (1.742)

- c) Followed by *of* or *to*:

And *as touchende of this* bataille, Thou schalt nocht of the sothe faile (7.2633), *As touchinge of* al I may nocht wel ne nocht ne schal Of veine excuse me (1.2721), Now tell me forth if ther be more *As touchende unto* Wraththes lore (3.841), Forthi my fader, what is more *Touchende to* this ilke lore I you beseche (1.1338)

Whos prest I am *touchende of* love (1.236), So that ther is nomor to seie *Touchende of* that (1.3440)

**toward(es).**

1. Of motion: “in the direction of”

It ..... hadde of smale whieles tuelve, Upon the whiche men ynowe With craft *toward* the toun it drowe (1.1136), He thonketh god and forth goth he seilende *toward* Tyr ayein (8.1591)

- b) after *to be*: “on the way to”

Whan Achilles with Telaphus ..... *toward* Troie were, It fell him ..... Ayein Theucer ..... To make werre and forto sese His lond (3.2643)

## 2. Of position: "facing"

Bot wel he sih and understod That he *toward* Arcenne stod (2.1384)

## 3. a) "to, against"

Bot wolde god that grace sende, That *toward* me my lady wende As I towardes hire wene (1.2374),  
Anon as he was humble and tame, He fond *toward* his god the same (1.3032), It sit a king to be pitous  
*Toward* his people (7.3126), I mai wel ..... Excuse me of necgligence *Towardes* love in alle wise (4.919)

b) "with regard to, concerning, about": Preceded by *as*;

Wel me qwemeth, That thou thiself hast thus aquit *Toward* this vice, in which no wit Abide mai  
(4.968), Thou schalt understonde That yit *towardes* Wraththe stonde Of dedly vices othre tuo (3.1090),  
So was ther no comparisoun *As toward* his condicioun (1.2284)

**under.**

## 1. Of position: "beneath, below"

a) And prively the knif he putte *Under* that other beddes side (2.833), Him thoghte he syh also The  
kinde of alle bestes go *Under* this tre aboute round (1.2829), I wole abide *under* the schawe (4.1293),  
And happeth thanne that sche dryveth *Under* a Castel with the flod (2.719), In a wilde place *Under*  
an hull a Cave he fond (5.1573)

b) We that duelle *under the mone* Stonde in this world upon a weer (Prol.142), This Cave was *under*  
*the hell of Tymolus* (5.6830)

c) *under* ..... *fote*, often *fig*.

Lich an Oxe *under the fot* He graseth, as he nedes mot, To geten him his lives fode (1.2973), Vice  
was put *under fote* (Prol.117), I scholde ..... holde him *under fotes* (3.1167)

2. *fig.* "within"

He clotheth richesse ..... *Under* the simplesce of poverte (1.613), Thus malice *Under* the colour of  
justice Is hid (1.606), *Under* the viser of Envie, Lo, thus was hid the tricherie (2.2941)

## 3. Of subordination or subjection:

This Geant wot he mai noght longe Endure *under so harde bondes* (4.2105), Thus stod the trowthe  
*under the charge*, And the falshede goth at large (2.1691), He bad his poeple forto tile Here lond, and  
live *under the lawe* (5.329), The poeple stod in obeissance *Under the reule of governance* (Prol.108), It  
was here entente To duellen *under his servise* (5.2095)

## 4. With demonstrative pronoun: "during this or that time"

Togedre and whan thei be covined, Thei feignen forto make a pes, And *under that* yit natheles Thei  
schopen the destruccioun Bothe of the kyng and of the toun (1.1104), For *under that* anon she drowh  
With false wordes that sche spak Covine of deth behinde his bak (2.674)

**undernethe.**

## 1. "under the form, authority, etc. of"

Bot *undernethe* such a jape He hath so for himselve schape, That .....(2.2933)

**until.**

## 1. “to, unto”

Thei seiden of here oghne Pride Eche *until* othre (1.2061), Morpheus be nyht al one Appiereth *until* Alceone In liknesse of hir housebonde (4.3058)

**unto.**

## 1. Of motion or direction: “towards, in the direction of”

a) *Unto* the Cite of Athene He goth him forth (3.1984), And al at ones he him caste *Unto* the ground (4.2122)

b) *Unto* him which the heved is The membres buxom scholden bowe (Prol.152), Whanne I ..... caste up many a pitous lok *Unto* the hevne (1.123)

## 2. Of a resultant condition, status:

This lord a worthi ladi hadde *Unto* his wif (1.2162)

## 3. Of appurtenance or possession:

I thenke trete ..... Betwen the vertu and the vice Which *longeth unto* this office (Prol.80)

## 4. “to”

Whan he this question hath herd, *Unto* the king he hath ansuerd (8.420), Wherof nature hire hath compleigned *Unto* the god (7.4580), *Unto* his Bachelor he tolde His conseil (2.2658), Sche ..... A lettre *unto* hir kniht hath write (4.99), To speke a goodli word *untome* (3.99)

**untoward.**

## 1. “toward, in the direction of”

Whanne I am mi ladi fro And thenke *untoward* hire drawe, Than cast I many a newe lawe (4.559), Nevere for no worldes good Min herte *untoward* hire stod (5.2622)

**up.**

## 1. Of motion or direction or direction:

*Up* a couche fro the grounde To slepe he was leid softe ynowh (5.160)

## 2. Of rest or location: “on or upon”

Sche syh comende under the linde A womman *up* an hors behinde (4.1342)

3. *up avisement*, with due consideration, seriously

Bot *up avisement* algate He scholde bere a siker yhe (4.1002)

## 4. “upon pain or under penalty of”

*Up peine of deth* that noman weyve That he baptesme ne receive (2.3469)

**upon.**

## 1. Of local position:

a) “above and in contact with”

*Upon* the See the wynd hem hente (8.1398), Ther cam walkende *upon* the stronde A worthi clerck, a Surgien (8.1162), He syh *upon* the grene gras The faire freisshe floures springe (1.352), A prive place

he nom Withinne a chambre ..... And made him woundes ten or tuelve *Upon* the bak (7.4617)

b) *fig.* Mars ..... *upon* hire ..... Remus and Romulus begat (5.899)

c) *upon fot, horse bak, kne,* etc. :

*Upon his fot* and as he ferde Tuo Sarazins spekende he herde (7.3701), This kniht, which hoved and abod Embuished *upon horse bak*, Al sodeinliche upon him brak And hath him be the bridel sesed (2.3007), And sche bagan merci to crie, *Upon hire bare knes* and preide (3.223), Under a tre To grounde I fell *upon mi kne* (8.2316)

d) In making a pledge or in taking the oath:

Anon he wole his hand doun lein *Upon a bok, and swere* (5.2890), Of his oghne chois He tok his deth *upon the crois* (2.3392), These Gabiens be conseil tho *Upon the goddes* made him swere (7.4647), In such degre *Upon my word* ye wole abide To lif or deth, what so betide (1.3201)

2. His spere, on which the fisshes thre He sih *upon* a pensel wrought (6.1733), He heng himself *upon* a stake (2.3094), As men that wolden noght be spedd of Goddes Sone, with o vois Thei henge and slowhe *upon* the crois (5.1722)

3. Of time:

Now *upon this tyde* Men se the world on every syde In sondry wyse so diversed (Prol.27), This Gedeon awaiteth wel, *Upon the morwe* and everydel, As god him bad (7.3680), Whan come was the Monthe of Maii, Sche wolde walke *upon a dai* (4.1284), This king ..... made *upon the derke nyht* Of Gret fyr (3.1032)

4. "immediately after, following on"

Whan that he this tale herde, Hou *upon that* the king ansuerde With Hercules he moste feighte (4.2080), *Upon that* The king his chiere him caste (2.1372)

5. Of the basis of reliance: "on"

Of knihthode the prouesse Is *grounded upon* hardinesse Of him that dar wel undertake (4.1966),

He was *upon* pacience So *sett* (3.646), He ..... seith that he wol undertake *Upon* hire wordes forto *stonde* (1.3233), The cherche keye in aventure Of armes and of brygantaille *Stod* nothing thanne *upon* bataille (Prol.214), He *tristeth* noght *upon* his sleighte Al only (4.2082)

6. "according to"

I not if that be Sompnolence, Bot *upon* youre conscience, Min holi fader, demeth ye (4.3174), Of love *upon* the destine It fell ..... A freissh, a fre, a frendly man (5.4831), *Upon* this division, The lond was torned up so doun (2.1743), *Upon* such presumpcioun He hield this proude opinioun (1.1990), *Upon* hire oth what tokne it was Of that sche scholde ben his wif (2.2642), Cadmus the lettre of Gregois Ferst made *upon his oghne chois* (4.2402), Al Irahel, with comun vois, A king *upon here oghne chois* ..... make (7.4124), Deydamie ..... hadde lost the compaignie Of Achilles, whan Diomedede To Troie him fette *upon the nede* (8.2570)

7. Of motion or direction towards a position:

a) *Upon* his brest fullofte he leith His hond (1.662), Yit ate laste here oghne guile *Upon* here oghne hed descendeth (5.4579)

b) Of a blow, stroke:

He smot Michee *upon* the cheke (7.2667)

c) Of continued motion:

The king ..... thoghte in his corage To gon *upon a pelrinage* Into a strange regioun (4.2938)

d) Of collision: "against"

Er thei to londe myhte approche, The Schip toclef *upon* a roche (8.626)

e) "towards"

I stonde, avisement to take And *loke upon* hire faire face (6.193), Whan he was ther as him liste To *loke upon* the Sonne ariste ..... It fell ther cam ridende nyh King Alisandre with a route (3.1224), The king ..... bad his Mareschall of halle To setten him in such degre That he *upon* him myhte *se* (8.716)

f) "into"

Thanne *upon* dissencioun Thei felle (Prol.781)

g) Of mentality: "for, after, to"

Sche wolde in Ysis temple ..... *upon* hire goddes grace *abide* (1.859), Thei maken gret manace And *upon* thi comynge *abyde* (1.1599), His wittes he *despendeth Upon* himself (1.1905), For al his hole herte he *leide Upon* Constance (2.897), The blame *upon* the Duck thei *leide* (1.1017), Sche *waiteth upon* his cominge With dancinge and with carolinge (4.1529), Thou thi witt ne *waste Upon* thi thought in aventure (3.1499)

h) "at"

For as it is an houndes kinde To berke *upon* a man behinde, Riht so behinde his brother bak With false wordes whiche he spak He hath do slain (2.1796)

i) "on or against"

He *tok vengeance upon* this pride (1.2809), Mor sori than the king was tho Was nevere man upon this Molde, And thoghte in certain that he wolde *Vengeance take upon* this wrong (2.1739)

8. Of reference: "concerning, about, as to"

I finde *upon* Surquiderie, How that whilom of Hungarie Be olde daies was a King Wys and honeste in alle thing (1.2021), This Prisoner tofor the king ..... *upon* this thing In audience he was *accused* (3.2376), Perseus ..... *prided him upon* the thing (2.1811), To *studie upon* the worldes lore Sufficeth now withoute more (Prol.323), The slepi nyhtes I despise, And evere ..... I *thenke upon* the nyhtingale, Which slepeth nocht ..... For love (4.2872), Laodomie his lusti wif ..... *Upon* a thing wherof sche *dradde* A lettre ..... sende him (4.1907), For a while *Upon* this point thei *spicken* faste (7.2647), Youthe ..... So besy was *upon* his lay, That he non hiede where I lay Hath take (8.2663), So besiliche *upon* the note Thei herkne (1.507)

9. Of manner: "in"

Couste in Saxoun is to sein Constance *upon the word* Romein (2.1406)

**with.**

1. Of conflict: "against"

Whan that he this tale herde, Hou upon that the king ansuerde *With* Hercules he moste *feighte* (4.2081)

2. Of agreement:

At his commandement, *With* whom myn herte is of accord (Prol.85), The world so lusti is to serve,  
That we *with* him ben all acorded (5.1935)

3. *with that, with that word*=thereupon, saying or having just said that.

*With that* he sobreth his corage And put away his hevy chiere (8.1700), And *with that word* he tok  
a Corde, *With* which upon the gate tre He hyng himself (4.3592)

4. Of accompaniment or addition:

a) He *with* drunkeschipe is *blent* (6.561), Warm melk sche putte also therto *With* hony *meynd* (5.4049)

b) Mecherie *With* him is evere in compainie (5.6496), Thus a day or tuo despended, The thridde day  
sche goth to pleigne *With* many a worthi Citezeine (1.1006), Thus wommen ther come ynowhe *With*  
children soukende on the Tete (2.3227)

c) *with childe*, said of pregnancy

"He schal be your beddefiere, Til ye conceive and be *with childe*" (6.1916)

5. Of mental state:

So woll I now this werk embrace *With* hol trust and *with* hol believe (Prol.91), *With* sobbinge and  
*with* sory teres This lord goth thanne an humble pes (1.2182), This Hors *with* gret solempnite Was broght  
withinne the Cite (1.1157), *With* sollempnete The feste of hir nativite ..... was thanne holde (6.1825),  
Wher that the body was begrave *With* worschipe (4.2172)

b) with-constructions:

Whan his visage is so desteigned, *With yhe upcast on hire* he siketh (1.697), A blind man ..... *With*  
*bothe hise hondes up* and preide To hire Ther scholde he *with his Dart on honde* Upon the Tigre and  
the Leon purchace (4.1994), *With yhen fulle of wofull teres*, Hire her hangende aboute hire Eres,  
Sche wepte (7.5005)

6. Of instrumentality, causation, or agency:

a) Instrumental: "by means of"

(i) In time of werre a man is fre Himself, his hous, and ek his lond Defende *with* his oghne hond  
(3.2238), To smyhte hem *with* the same rodd *With* which I am of leve smite (3.910), Sche seith  
that sche hirselve scholde Do wreche *with* hire oghne hond (4.3615), He *with* love was bestad (1.1049)

(ii) He hath enoignted *With* sondri herbes that figure (6.1975), *With* gret richesse he him behongeth,  
As it to such a lord belongeth (5.7489)

(iii) To schewe of wommen the maistrie, A tale which he syh *with yhe* (7.1882), As a man the blase  
of fyr *With* water quengeth, so ferd I (8.2445), This kniht after the kinges wille *With* spore made

his hors to gon (3.1235), Antiochus ..... *With* thondre and lyhthyng is forsmite (8.1000)

(iv) He was wel begon *With* faire dowhtres manyon (5.2977), Ther founden thei ..... Lucrece ..... al environed *With* wommen (7.4810)

b) Of causation: "because of, on account of"

Hire ckekes ben *with* teres wet (1.1680)

c) Of agency: "by"

Me were levere be fortrode *With* wilde hors (5.6055), Ther was Tristram, which was believed *With* bele Ysolde (8.2501), With hem I sih wher Dido was, Forsake which was *with* Enee (8.2553)

### **withinne(n.**

1. "in the limit of"; opposite of "*without*"

Every thing which was honeste *Withinnen* house and ek *withoute* (8.959), This Emperour out of the toun *Withinne* a ten mile environ..... Hath sondry places forto reste (2.1474)

2. "into"

This Hors with gret solempnite Was broght *withinne* the Cite (1.1158)

3. "among"

As a bridd which were in Mue *Withinne* a buissh sche kepte hire clos So stille that sche nocht aros (3.1413)

4. "in the mind of"; without outward expression:

And thus *withinne* himself bethoght, He bar it stille in his memoire (2.2906), Of that speche Thei ben *withinne* here hertes glade (7.4733)

5. Of time:

So that *withinne a while*, I gesse, Sche hadde on such a chance sporned (4.1278), *Withinne a while* out of mi weie I rod (5.7406)

6. *withinne* ..... *bord*:

Thei gon *withinne schipes bord* (5.3922)

### **withoute(n.**

1. "outside of"

Every thing which was honeste *Withinnen* house and ek *withoute* (8.959)

2. Negative adverbial phrases:

Tho wiste I wel *withoute doute* (8.2442), Thus mai I seie *withoute doute*, For bet, for wers, for oght, for nocht, Sche passeth nevere fro my thought (4.672), If I of him faile, I wot riht wel *withoute faile* Ye schull for me be dowhterles (8.902), Ther is no myht *Withoute trouthe* in no degre (7.1969)

3. "not with": And thus Florent *withoute cure* Mot stonde upon his aventure (1.1507), Y was left *wit h-ouen helpe* (8.2951), That helpeles *withoute red* Hier lith a kinges doghter ded (8.1125), Thus to lo kein every halve, Men sen the sor *withoute salve* (Prol.134)