

## Medieval Women

### EARLY IRISH LYRICS

The Lament of the Old Woman of Beare

### EXETER BOOK ELEGIES

Wulf and Eadwacer

The Wife's Lament

### JUDITH

### SAINT MARY OF EGYPT

The Passing of Mary of Egypt

### THE FOUR BRANCHES OF THE MABINOGI

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

### MARIE DE FRANCE

Bisclavret (The Werewolf)

Lanval

Yonec

Laüstic (The Nightingale)

Chevrefoil (The Honeysuckle)

### THE LIFE OF SAINT MARGARET

### MIRACLES OF THE VIRGIN

The Monk Who Could Only Learn Ave Maria

Miracles of Ure Lady

### MIDDLE ENGLISH LYRICS

Stond well, moder, under Rode & Maiden in the mor lay

Of all creatures women be best

### CONTEXTS: LOVE AND MARRIAGE IN MEDIEVAL BRITAIN

Anglo-Saxon Laws

from The Laws of Æthelberht

from The Laws of Cnut

from The Canons of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215)

from Andreas Capellanus, The Art of Courtly Love

from The Owl and the Nightingale

Royal Couples

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

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

from Holy Maidenhood

from The Paston Letters

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

from Letter from Richard Calle to Margery Paston (1469)

from William Langland, *The Vision of Piers the Plowman*  
from Robert Grosseteste (attr.), *Speculum Confessionis*  
from Eadmer, *The Life of Saint Anselm*  
from Letters of Anselm to fellow monks (late eleventh century)  
from *The Rule of Saint Benedict*, Chapter 22: How the Brothers [or Sisters] Are to Sleep  
from Anonymous, *A Relation, or Rather a True Account, of the Island of England, with Sundry Particulars of the Customs of these People, and of the Royal Revenues under King Henry the Seventh*

#### JULIAN OF NORWICH

from *A Revelation of Love*

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#### MARGERY KEMPE

from *The Book of Margery Kempe*

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#### CONTEXTS: RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Monks, Anchoresses, and Friars

from *The Rule of St. Columba*  
from *The Rule of St. Benedict*  
from *The Ancrene Wisse*