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The Pardoner's Tale Found Poem

A "found" poem is a poem made up entirely of phrases, sentences, or quotations found in the text. Review the story of "The Pardoner's Tale," and create a found poem of your own. One of the best parts of writing a found poem is that it gives you the opportunity to interpret the text in any way you choose. Therefore, your poem may provide details about the plot or characters or may be totally unrelated.

Your poem should be at least twenty (20) lines long. The lines do not need to rhyme, but they certainly may. You can arrange the phrases in any way you like and change the punctuation, but do not deviate from Chaucer's actual words. Give the poem a title, which may or may not come from the book.

*An example taken entirely
from another story in
The Canterbury Tales:
"The Wife of Bath's Prologue," follows:*

We Made It Up Between Ourselves
If women had but written stories
More wickedness
Than all the race of Adam could redress
Impossible
That any cleric shall speak well of wives.
One for love, the other killed for hate,
Corpses lay on the floor upright
Husbands slept and in such wise were slain
Of wicked wives
More legends and more lives
Woman was the ruin of mankind.
I hit him on the cheek
He struck me so it made me deaf
Bridle reins within my hand
You are to blame therefor
After that day
we never had debate.