

1856

YE CARPETTE KNYGHTE

Lewis Carroll

Carroll, Lewis (pen name of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) (1832-1898) - English novelist, poet, photographer, and mathematician, best known for his fantastical childrens' classics. He was a mathematical lecturer at Oxford. *Ye Carpette Knyghte* (1856) - A poem written with pseudo-medieval spelling. Despite Carroll's ignorance of basic medieval English, its appeal to his imagination led to this experiment. Opening lines: I have a horse- a ryghte goode horse- / Ne doe Y envye those.

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I HAVE a horse- a ryghte goode horse
Ne doe I envye those Who
scoure ye playne yn headye course
Tyll soddayne on theyre nose
They lyghte wyth unexpected force
Yt ys- a horse of clothes.

I have a saddel- "Say'st thou soe? Wyth styrruppes, Knyghte, to
boote?" I sayde not that- I answeere "Noe" Yt lacketh such, I woote:

Yt ys a mutton-saddel, loe!

Parte of ye fleecye brute.

I have a bytte- a ryghte good bytte
As shall bee seene yn tyme.

Ye jawe of horse yt wyll not fytt; Yts use ys more sublyme.

Fayre Syr, how deemest thou of yt? Yt ys- thys bytte of rhyme.

THE END