

A Wooing Song of a Yeoman of Kent

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I have house and land in Kent And if you love me, love me now. Two pence half pen-ny
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2. Ich am my vathers eldest zonne, my mother eke doth love me well,
For ich can bravely clout my shoone and ich can full well ring a bell.
3. My vather he gave me a hog, my mother she gave me a zow.
I have a god-vather dwells nearby, And he on me bestowed a plow.
4. One time I gave thee a paper of pins, Anoder time a tawdry lace,
And if you will not grant me love, in truth Ich die before your vace.
5. Ich have been twice our Whitsun Lord, I have had ladies, many vair.
And eke thou hast my heart in hold, and in my mind seemes passing rare.
6. Ich will put on my best white sloppe, And Ich will wear my yellow hose.
And on my head a good gray hat, and in't Ich stick a lovely rose.
7. Wherefore cease off, make no delay, And if you'll love me, love me now.
Or else Ich zeek zome oder where, For I cannot come every day to woo.