

Middle Ages

Old English

Heroic poetry

*The Battle of Maldon** (date uncertain)

*The Wanderer** (date uncertain, preserved in the 10th-century *Exeter Book*)

Religious poetry

*The Dream of the Rood** (date uncertain, preserved in late 10th-century *Vercelli Book*)

Judith (date uncertain, preserved in 10th-century *Nowell Codex*)

Available in: *Earliest English Poetry* (11A AAA 71001)

Prose

Bede the Venerable, *Historia Ecclesiastica* (most likely completed in 731)

Book I Chapter 15 – the coming of the Anglo-Saxons

Book II Chapter 13 – the conversion of Edwin and Northumbria

Book IV Chapter 24 – Caedmon: the first English poet

Wulfstan II, Archbishop of York, *Sermo Lupi ad Anglos* (ca. 1010-1016)

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Romance

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (late 14th century)

- Available in: *The Complete Works of the Gawain Poet* (14A PEA 77)

Didactic literature

Pearl (late 14th century)

- Available in: *The Complete Works of the Gawain Poet* (14A PEA 77)

Drama

*Second Shepherds' Play** (late 15th century)

Beast Epic

The Fox and the Wolf (late 13th century)

Available in: *Early Middle English Verse and Prose* (13 AAB 166)

Tales

Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Canterbury Tales* (ca. 1387-1400)

General Prologue / Wife of Bath's Tale / Nun's Priest's Tale / Merchant's Tale

* Available in: *The Norton Anthology of English Literature*