

Mediaeval Baebes "Undrentide"

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Befell so in the comessing of May,
It happened like this in early May,
When mirry and hot is the day
When balmy and temperate is the day,
(And) oway beth winter shours
And winter showers have gone away,
And every feld is full of flours
And every field is full of flowers,
And blosme breme on evry bough
And every branch is bright with blossom,
Overall wexeth mirry anough,
And everything is growing merrily,
This ich quene Dame Heurodis
This same queen, Dame Heurodis
Took two maidens of pris
Took two virgins - highly prized -
And went in an undrentide
And all went together in the noontide
To play by an orchard side,
To play and sport by an orchard. s side;
To see the floures sprede and spring
To see the flowers unfurl, and spring
(And) to here the fowles sing.
Forth from the earth, and to hear the birds sing.
They set hem down all three
They sat them down, all three,
Under a faire impe-tree,
Under a grafted fairy-tree,
And wel sone this faire quene
And soon the lovely Queen
Fell on slepe opon the grene.
Fell asleep upon the green.
The maidens durst hir nought awake
To wake her up, the maidens dared not do.
Bot lete hir ligge and rest take.
They let her lie and take her rest
(So) she slepe till after none,
And so she slept til noontide passed -
That undrentide was all ydone
Until that midday was over at last.
(That undrentide was all ydone)
Until that midday was over at last.

Ac as sone (as) she gan awake
But as soon as she started awake
She cried and lothly bere gan make;
She cried aloud with a

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