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"Sir Gawain" IX.

Legouis, 68.

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him with the offer of her love. But Gawain resisted temptation without the discourtesy of a direct refusal. At each visit she kissed him three times, and he rendered the kisses faithfully to her lord. On the third day he accepted from the lady a girdle of green silk which had such virtue that none could be wounded, who wore it. Gawain promised to conceal it from her lord.

In the morning he rode to Green Chapel. There came the Great Knight with an axe even bigger than before. He made three feints without any success, but, at the third time, he wounded Gawain's neck slightly. The Great Knight proves to be his horse