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Toe sorrre thynges there be—
Ay, three;
A neste from which ye fledglynges have
been taken,
A lambe forsaken,
A red leaf from ye wyld rose rudely
shaken.

Of gladde thynges there be more,
Ay, foure;
A larke above ye old neste blythely syngyng,
A wyld rose clyngyng
In safety to a rock; a shepherd bryngyng
A lambe, found, in his arms,
And Chrystmesse bells a-ryngyng.
—Burton.