

Whose honesty is not  
 So loose or easy, that a ruffling wind  
 Can blow away, or glitt'ring look it blind;  
 Who rides his sure and even trot,  
 While the world now rides by, now lags behind. 10

Who, when great trials come,  
 Nor seeks nor shuns them, but doth calmly stay,  
 Till he the thing and the example weigh:  
 All being brought into a sum,  
 What place or person calls for he doth pay. 15

Whom none can work or woo  
 To use in anything a trick or sleight,  
 For above all things he abhors deceit;  
 His words and works and fashion too  
 All of a piece, and all are clear and straight. 20

Who never melts or thaws  
 At close tentations: when the day is done,  
 His goodness sets not, but in dark can run:  
 The sun to others writeth laws,  
 And is their virtue, Virtue is his sun. 25

Who, when he is to treat  
 With sick folks, women, those whom passions sway,  
 Allows for that, and keeps his constant way;  
 Whom others' faults do not defeat,  
 But though men fail him, yet his part doth play. 30

Whom nothing can procure,  
 When the wide world runs bias from his will,  
 To writhe his limbs, and share, not mend, the ill.  
 This is the Mark-man, safe and sure,  
 Who still is right, and prays to be so still. 35

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