

The Tongue is Most Enemie to Mankind

15th century anon poem

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Voice

Of alle the en-em-ies that I can fynde, The tonge is most

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e - ne - my to man - kynde. 1. With pi - tee moved I am con -
2. This tonge is in - stru - ment of
5. From this tonge, a ve - ny - mous

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strey - ned To syng a song for your con - fort How that di -
dis - cord Cau - syng werre and great dis - taunce Bi - twene the
ser - pent, De - fend us, Fa - der, to thee we preye, As Thou un -

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verse have com - pleyn - ed Of tonge un - trewe and il re - port Sey -
sub - jdct and the Lord, The par - fit cause of ev - ery gre - vance; Wher -
to us thy Sone has sent, For - to ben born this sent day, Lest

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ing thus wyth - out des - port: Of alle the en - em-ies
fore I syng wyth - oute dis - ples - ance:
that we syng and ev - er - more seye;

35 **Fine**

that I can fynde, The tonge is most e - ne - my to man - kynde.