

## The Twelve Articles

4. And so he died in the flesh,  
But quickened in the spirit,  
His body then was buried,  
As is our use and rite.  
His spirit did after this descend  
Into the lower parts:  
To them that long in darkness were,  
The true light of their hearts.
5. And in the third day of his death,  
He rose to life again:  
To th'end he might be glorified,  
Out of all grief and pain.  
Ascending to the heavens high,  
To sit in glory still  
On God's right hand, his Father dear,  
According to his will.
6. Until the day of judgement come,  
When he shall come again  
With angels' power, (yet of that day  
we all be uncertain).  
To judge all people righteously,  
Whom he hath dearly bought,  
The living and the dead also,  
Which he hath made of nought.
7. And in the Holy Spirit of God,  
My faith to satisfy:  
The third person in trinity,  
Believe I steadfastly.  
The holy and Catholic church,  
That God's word doth maintain:  
And holy scripture doth allow,  
Which Satan doth disdain.
8. And also I do trust to have,  
By Jesus Christ his death,  
Release and pardon for my sins,  
And that only by faith.  
What time all flesh shall rise again,  
Before the Lord of might:  
And see him with their bodily eyes,  
Which now do give them light.
9. And then shall Christ our saviour,  
The sheep and goats divide:  
And give life everlastingly,  
To those whom he hath tried.  
Which is his realm celestial,  
In glory for to rest:  
With all the holy company  
Of saints and angels blessed.
10. Which serve the Lord omnipotent,  
Obediently each hour:  
To whom be all dominion,  
And praise forevermore.