

**Chester Cycle 1572/2010****Play 1****The Fall of Lucifer**

CAST: GOD, LUCIFER/FIRST DEVIL, ANGELS, ARCHANGELS, LIGHTBORNE/SECOND DEVIL, VIRTUES, CHERUBIM, DOMINATIONS, SERAPHIM, PRINCIPALITIES, THRONES, POWERS.

GOD: Ego sum alpha et oo,  
 primus et novissimus.  
 It is my will it should be so;  
 it is, it was, it shall be thus.

5 I am great God gracious,  
 which never had beginning.  
 The whole progeny of your parents is set  
 in mea essentia. *in my essential nature*

10 I am the Trinity  
 which never shall be twinning,  
 Peerless, patron imperial  
 and Patris sapientia. *wisdom of the father*

15 My beams be all beatitude;  
 all bliss is in my building.  
 All mirth lieth in my creation,  
 cum Dei potentia. *with the power of God*

20 Both visible and invisible,  
 all lies in my wielding.  
 As God greatest and glorious,  
 all is in mea licentia. *at my disposal*

For all the mirth of the majesty  
 is magnified in me;  
 Prince principal, proved  
 in my perpetual providence,  
 25 I was never but one  
 and ever one in three,  
 set in substantial truthfulness  
 within celestial sapience.  
 The three trials in a throne  
 30 and true Trinity  
 be grounded in my godhead,  
 exalted by my excellency.  
 This might of my making  
 is marked in me,  
 35 dissolved under a diadem  
 by my divine experience.  
 Now since I am so solemn  
 and set in my happiness,  
 a bigly bliss here will I build,  
 40 a Heaven without ending,  
 and cast a comely compass  
 by a comely creation.  
 Nine orders of angels  
 be ever at once defending!  
 45 Do your duty and fear you not  
 under my domination  
 to sit in celestial safety.  
 All in joy to your sending! *mission*

50 For all the desire in this company  
 be praise to my glory.

Through might of my most majesty  
your joy shall ever be increasing.

LUCIFER: Lord, through thy might thou hast us wrought,  
95 nine orders here that we may see:  
Cherubim and Seraphin through thy thought;  
Thrones and Dominations in bliss to be,

with Principalities, that order bright,  
and Powers in blissful light;  
also Virtues, through thy great might  
60 Angels and also Archangels.

Nine orders have been certainly  
that thou hast made here full right.  
In thy bliss full bright they be,  
and I the principal, Lord, here in thy sight.

GOD: 65 Here have I you wrought with heavenly might,  
of angels nine orders of great beauty,  
each one with other, as it is right,  
to walk about the Trinity.

Now, Lucifer and Lightborne,  
70 look lowly you be attending.  
The blessing of my benignity  
I give to my first operation.  
For craft nor for cunning,  
75 seek never comprehension;  
exalt you not too excellent  
into high exaltation.  
Look that you apply yourselves righteously,  
for hence I will be going.  
The world, that is both empty and vain,  
80 I form in the creation,  
with a dungeon of darkness, *ie Hell*  
which never shall have ending.  
This work is now well wrought  
by my divine formation.

85 This work is well done,  
that is so clean and clear.  
As I you made of nought,  
my blessing I give you here.

ANGELS: We thank thee, Lord, most royally,  
90 that us hath formed so pure and clear, *radiant*  
ever in this bliss to remain thee by.  
Grant us they grace ever to bide here.

ARCHANGELS: Here for to remain God grant us grace  
to please this prince withouten peer;  
95 him for to thank with some solace,  
a song now let us sing here.

*“Dignus Dei”*

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96 + Latin Probably the Benedictus anthem for the second Sunday after Easter: 'Thou, O Lord art worthy to receive glory and honour and power because thou created all things' etc

GOD: Now seeing I have formed you so fair

	and exalted you so excellent - and here I set you next to my chair, and my love to you is so fervent - 100 look you fall not into despair. Touch not my throne by no agreement. All your beauty I shall appair, if pride fall at all in your intent.	<i>destroy will</i>
LUCIFER: 106	Nay, Lord, that will not we indeed, for nothing trespass unto thee. Thy great Godhead we will always dread, and never exalt ourselves high. 110 Thou hast us marked with great might and main, in thy bliss evermore to bide and be, in lasting life our life to lead. And bearer of light thou hast made me.	<i>strength remain</i>
LIGHTBORNE: 115	And I am marked of that same mould, to be loving to our Creator that has us made more splendid than gold, under his diadem ever to endure.	
GOD: 120	I have forbid that ye approach should; but keep you well in that stature. The same covenant I charge you hold, in pain of Heaven your forfeiture.	<i>position your forfeiture of</i>
	For I will go and take my trace and see this bliss in every tower. Each one of you keep well his place; and, Lucifer, I make thee governor. 125 Now I command the ground of grace that it be set with my angelic order. Behold the beams of my bright face, which ever was and shall endure. That is your happiness in ever case: 130 to behold your Creator Was never none like me, so full of grace, nor never shall as my figure. Here will I bide now in this place to the angels' comforture. 135 To be visible again in short space it is my will in this same hour.	<i>way heaven person source of comfort</i>
	<i>Then they sing and God shall withdraw.</i>	
LUCIFER: 140	Aha! That I am wondrous bright amongst you all shining full clear! Of all Heaven I bear the light though God himself even if he were here. All in this throne if that I were, then should I be as wise as he. What say ye, angels all that are here? Some consolation soon now let me see.	<i>might be</i>
VIRTUES: 146	We will not assent unto your pride nor in our hearts take such a thought; but that our Lord shall be our guide, and keep that he to us hath wrought.	
CHERUBIM: 150	Our Lord commanded all that are here to keep their seats, both more and less.	

	Therefore I warn thee, Lucifer, this pride will turn to great distress.	
LUCIFER: 155	Distress? I command you for to cease and see the beauty that I bear. All Heaven shines through my brightness for God himself shines not so clear.	
DOMINATIONS: 160	Of all angels ye bear the prize and most beauty is you befall. My counsel is that you should be wise, that you bring not yourselves in thrall.	<i>bondage</i>
PRINCIPALITIES:	If that ye in thrall you bring, then shall you have a wicked fall; and also your offspring, flee from you they shall all.	
SERAPHIM: 166	Our brothers' counsel is good to hear, to you I say, Lucifer and Lightborne. Wherefore, beware you of this chair, lest that you have a foul spurn.	<i>downfall</i>
LIGHTBORNE: 170	In faith, brother, yet you shall sit in this throne – you are clean and clear - that ye may be as wise withall as God himself, if he were here. Therefore you shall be set here, that all Heaven may ye behold.	
175	The brightness of your body clear is brighter than God in a thousandfold.	
THRONES: 180	Alas, that beauty will you spill if you keep it all in your thought; then will pride have all his will and bring your brightness all to nought. Let it pass out of your thought and cast away all wicked pride; and keep your brightness for you is wrought, and let our Lord be all our guide.	<i>destroy</i>
POWERS: 186	Alas! That pride is the barrier to beauty that turns your thought to great offence. The brightness of your fair body will make ye to go hence.	
LUCIFER: 190	Go hence? Behold, seigneurs on every side, and unto me you cast your een. I charge you, angels, in this tide, behold and see now what I mean. Above great God I will me guide and set myself here, as I ween. I am peerless, and prince of pride, for God himself shines not so sheen.	<i>eyes at this time direct myself think brightly</i>
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200	Here will I sit now in his stead, to exalt myself in this same see. Behold my body, hands and head - the might of God is marked in me. All angels, turn to me, I read, and to your sovereign kneel on your knee. I am your comfort, both lord and head,	<i>advise</i>

and mirth and might of the majesty.

LIGHTBORNE:  
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And I am next of the same degree,  
perfect as all can see  
Methinks if I might sit him by  
all Heaven should do us reverence.  
All orders may assent to thee and me;  
thou hast them turned by eloquence.  
And even if here were now the Trinity,  
we should him pass by our fulgence.

*brightness*

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DOMINATIONS:

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Alas, why make ye this great offence?  
Both Lucifer and Lightborne, to you I say,  
our sovereign Lord will have you hence  
if he finds you in this array.  
Go to your seats and go you hence.  
You have begun a perilous play.  
Ye shall well know the consequence -  
this dance will turn to teen and tray.

*sorrow and woe*

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LUCIFER:

I read you all do me reverence  
that am full of heavenly grace.  
Though God come, I will not hence,

*And he sits down.*

but sit right here before his face.

*"Gloria tibi Trinitas"*

GOD:

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Say, what show of force do ye make here?  
Who is your prince and principal?

*Then they shall shake and tremble.*

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I made thee, angel, and Lucifer,  
and here thou would be lord over all?  
Therefore I charge this order clear  
fast from this place look that ye fall.  
Full soon I shall change your cheer.  
For your foul pride, to Hell you shall!

*i.e. Lightborne*

*mood*

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Lucifer, who set thee here when I was gone?  
How have I offended unto thee?  
I made thee my friend; thou art my foe!  
why hast thou sinned thus against me?  
Above all angels there were no moe  
that sat so near my majesty.  
I charge you to fall till I bid "Whoa!"  
into the deep pit of Hell ever to be.

*more*

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*Now Lucifer and Lightborne fall.*

1st DEVIL:

Alas! that ever we were wrought,  
that we should come into this place!  
We were in joy; now we be nought.  
Alas! We have forfeited our grace!

2nd DEVIL:  
246

And even hither thou has us brought  
into a dungeon to take our trace.  
All this sorrow thou hast us sought.

*way*

The devil may speed thy stinking face.

1st DEVIL:  
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My face! False traitor! For thy fare  
thou hast us brought to teen and tray.  
I cumber, I conger, I kindle in care.  
I sink in sorrow; what shall I say?

*actions*  
*sorrow and woe*  
*am overwhelmed; beg; burn*

2nd DEVIL:  
  
255

Thou hast us brought this wicked way  
through thy might and thy pride,  
out of the bliss that lasteth ay,  
in sorrow evermore to abide.

1st DEVIL:  
  
260

Thy wit it was as well as mine,  
of that pride that we did show;  
and now we are here in Hell-fire  
till the day of doom that trumps shall blow.

2nd DEVIL:

Then shall we never care for woe,  
but lie here like two fiend black.  
Alas! that ever we did forget so,  
that Lord's love to lose that did us make.

1st DEVIL:  
266

And therefore I shall for his sake  
show Mankind great envy.  
As soon as ever he can him make,  
I shall send, him to destroy,

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one - of my order shall he be -  
to make Mankind to do amiss.  
Ruffin, my friend fair and free,  
look that thou keep Mankind from bliss.

*noble*

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That I and my fellows fell down for ay  
he will ordain for Mankind again,  
in bliss, to be, in great array,  
and we evermore in Hell-pain!

2nd DEVIL:  
  
280

Out, harrow! where is our might  
that we were wont to show,  
and in Heaven bore so great light,  
and now we be in Hell full low?

1st DEVIL:

Out, alas! For woe and wickedness  
I am so fast bound in this chair  
and never away hence shall pass,  
but lie in Hell always here.

GOD:  
286

Ah, wicked pride! Ah, woe befall thee, woe!  
My mirth thou hast made amiss.  
I may well suffer; my will is not so,  
that they should part thus from my bliss.  
A, pride! Why might thou not burst in two?  
Why did they that? Why did they this?  
Behold, my angels, pride is your foe.  
All sorrow shall appear where soever it is.

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And though they have broken my commandment,  
it grieves my nobility full deeply.  
Nevertheless, I will have mine intent-  
what I first thought, yet do will I.  
I and two Persons be at one assent  
a solemn matter for to try.

*accord*

300	A full fair image we have i-meant that the same place shall multiply.	<i>intended</i>
305	In my blessing here I begin the first act that shall be to my pay. Lightness and darkness, I bid you twin: the dark to the night, the light to the day. Keep your course, for more or min, and suffer not, to you I say; but save yourself, both out and in. That is my will, and will be always.	<i>pleasure separate less</i>
310	As I have made you all of nought at mine own wishing, my first say here have I wrought. I give it here my blessing.	<i>desire</i>