

## Blac

Qntal

Blac is the colour that is good,  
so say I and many mo;  
blac is my hat, blac is my hood  
blac is all that longeth therto.

Summe men sayen that I am blac -  
it is a colour for my prow;  
ther I love, ther is no lac,  
I may not be so white as thou.  
blac wol do as good a nede  
as the white at bord and bedde;  
and therto also trew in dede,  
and therto I ley my lif to wedde.

Wind and water may steyne the white,  
iwis; the blac it may not so.  
ther is the blac is all my delite;  
I am iholde be skile therto.  
pepper withoute it is well blac,  
iwis; withinne it is not so.  
lat go the colour an tak the smac,  
this I sey by me and mo.