

# O ye tender babes

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S. O ye ten - der babes of Eng - land,  
A. O ye ten - der babes of Eng - land,  
T. O ye ten - der babes of Eng - land,  
B. O ye ten - der babes of Eng - land,

shake off sloth - ful - ness, set wan - ton - ness a - part.  
shake off sloth - ful - ness, set wan - ton - ness a - part.  
8 shake off sloth - ful - ness, set wan - ton - ness a - part.  
shake off sloth - ful - ness, set wan - ton - ness a - part.

Ap - ply your wits whol - ly to learn - ing and vir - tue,  
Ap - ply your wits whol - ly to learn - ing and vir - tue,  
8 Ap - ply your wits whol - ly to learn - ing and vir - tue,  
Ap - ply your wits whol - ly to learn - ing and vir - tue,

where - by you may do your du - ty to God,  
where - by you may do your du - ty to God,  
8 where - by you may do your du - ty to God,  
where - by you may do your du - ty to God,

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may do your du - ty to God and your King.

may do your du - ty to God and your King.

8 may do your du - ty to God and your King.

may do your du - ty to God and your King.

Make glad your par - ents, pro - fit your - selves;

Make glad your par - ents, pro - fit your - selves;

8 Make glad your par - ents, pro - fit your - selves;

Make glad your par - ents, pro - fit your - selves;

and much ad - vance the com - mon - weal,

and much ad - vance the com - mon - weal.

8 and much ad - vance the com - mon - weal.

and much ad - vance the com - mon - weal.

the com - mon - weal of your coun - try,

the com - mon - weal of your coun - try,

8 the com - mon - weal of your coun - try,

the com - mon - weal of your coun - try,

where - by you may do your du - ty to God;

where - by you may do your du - ty to God;

8 where - by you may do your du - ty to God;

where - by you may do your du - ty to God;

may do your du - ty to God and your King.

may do your du - ty to God and your King.

8 may do your du - ty to God and your King.

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Original text from the preface to "An Introduction of the Eycht Partes of Speche, and the Construction of the Same, Compiled and Set Forthe by the Comaundement of Our Most Gracious Soverayne Lorde the King":

You tender babes of Englande, shake off slouthfulness, set wantonnes a parte, apply your wyttes holy to learning and vertue, whereby you maye doo youre duetye to god and your kyng, make gladde your parentes, profytte your selues, and moche auance the common weale of your cuntry.