

The Course of Life of the single P.^{re} Mary Fowett.

I was born in Wyke in the parish of St. Michael in the year 1730 & bapt^{iz}d by the Parr
& when I came into my Childrens years I attended the Childrens Meeting with
great pleasure, being frequently persuaded by the Parr that we should
pray our Sav^r to give us Hearts to understand what we heard published of him
this I took great notice of & used to pray my Sav^r to bless me with such a Heart
& make me such a Child as he was in this world.

I being of a sickly Constitution brought me upon Examining myself with deep
reflections of my Sav^r should take out of this world soon and I was desirous not
having got the wedding garments about which I took many times with my Hearts
best friend; March 25 1760 I was received into the great girls Choir, on which
day I made a Covenant with my Sav^r to be wholly his & he would preserve me from
the powerful Inclinations Head of sinning according to my carnal desires & the pleasure
of this world my torrid & lively turn of mind & a burning zeal untho^{ugh}ed by me &
this I took for like a Child yet I could soon find a complacency in every thing that
was contrary to my Sav^r Willing that I should not be drawn to my poor soul
longing in my heart to have a Monastery like the in the Choir house to which
place if I did not come I should be forever ruined, this I made known to my
Labourers & in the year 62 I had the great providence of seeing in the Choir
granted to me, which I enjoyed with a bound & thankful heart, this I was very much
disappointed in my Expectation thinking thereby to be secured from every thing
that could cause me pain of Heart or mind, but I found myself still subject
to all my former frailties & imperfections;
being one day about my hand I was slightly reminded by the Parr to devote myself entirely to
our Sav^r in soul & body, since I had now the Law nor having the great blessing
of being a Monastery like people, this made an abiding impression on me
& I returned with the tenderest Tears that my Sav^r would bless me & make me
his Dear Son; & from this time I perceived my Sav^r had helped me to his grace to
injoin my happy Sol with more Satisfaction, till I began to come upon the only
reflection & condemning so many of my dear companions received before me, but when
I lookt into my own heart I felt that myself might one day be deprived of the poor
summers place in the affection, this broke & qualified me all the pieces by my former wickedness
was not half so disagreeable to me, I made resolutions not to sin any more, I would
provide myself this Covenant & made me to depend upon his mercies & his
to love as I saw my neighbours at this time, it was by much the dearest situation

I ever felt before in all my Life & my ^{heart} could not but with the greatest
fulness repeat frequently that verse. So be glory to the side repeats, that I
was to be, altho' ^{my} ~~my~~ Human soul not healed in "Bright Angels Dismiss" & thus I went on for
some time in bowings before my dearest ^{Lord} & on Jan^y 1703 I had the grace to be received
into the congregation & continue for some time in a happy course. yet after all this
I came into a dry & indifferent state of heart till the repetition of the 1st Affirmation
made ^{me} ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~me~~ that my heart was yet a stranger to the bloody grace & pardoning mercy
dearest Bridegroom & without this I could be as a virgin that walk in the
of His bridegrooms. The consciousness of my deficiency bore strongly on my mind
all the opportunities of grace that I enjoyed, & in a particular manner the exhortation
given in the Hall on Nov^r 12 1703 in the evening came ^{so} to my heart as if only spoke
for me, wherein it was said that no one would spend the following day without
receiving a full absolution from our dearest Lord & Elder, my ready heart poured
out a flood of Tears whenever I could creep alone into myself & my eyes (like)
not in rest that night, but waited with impatience for the hour of absolution
during which my bloody reconciler laid His high priestly hands upon me &
let me feel His absolving grace which humbled me to a worm before Him & the reflection of
this happy Moment was a repeated blessing to my heart when ever I felt lonely or night
overtake me, & in the following ^{years} I had the grace to become a participant of His
Holy Corps of blood, which bowed me in the dust before Him & on the 1st of
received into the Sinner's Chair, thus gave ^{me} ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~me~~ in her own dictating,

in her great griefs that it was perceived that our Dr
Lao had a peculiar work of grace in her heart
notwithstanding the feeling of Her Human Misery
caused Her many hours of ^{many} anxious hours
yet the tender nursing of the Holy Ghost
brought Her to be plain & ^{gentle} bright to Her
Labourers whenever Her course was uninterruptible
to Her & Her childlike conduct was on every
occasion to our Satisfaction

in Her great griefs that it was perceived that
our Dr Lao had a peculiar work of grace in Her
Heart
our happily departed sister never forgot the grace
our Lao had shown to Her in the Holy Ghosts Chorn
& that she had in those years been shown the
misery of Her Human Depravity thro the tender
nursing of the Holy Ghost, was a matter that filled
Her with the Tenderest Love & grateful acknowledg-
ments to Her sweet friend

received into the doctors Chair
Thus said to her