

B

[As when a prowling wolf,

D

G

[Whom hunger drives] [to seek new haunt for prey,]

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[Watching] [where shepherds pen their flocks at eve

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In hurdled cotes amid the field secure,]

B

Leaps o'er the fence with ease into the fold:]

C

F

[Or as a thief bent [to unhoard the cash

F

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Of some rich burgher,] [whose substantial doors,

J

K

I

[Cross-barred] and [bolted fast,] fear no assault,]

C

In at the window climbs, or o'er the tiles;]

A

[So clomb this first grand thief into God's fold]. . . (4.183–92)