

from SIR GAWAIN AND THE GREEN KNIGHT

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Grammar and Style

USE ALLITERATION

Alliteration is the repetition of beginning consonant sounds. It adds emphasis and a musical effect to passages. In *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, the poet often uses participles and participial phrases that include alliteration. Participles are *-ing* or *-ed* verb forms that act as adjectives.

And stands there waiting, scowling like a madman (line 270)

Directions: Underline the participles in these lines from the poem. Then write your own passages by using participles to create alliteration.

EXAMPLE

It was made of green silk and was marked of gleaming gold

It was made of black metal and was striped in blinding blue.

1. Is it you that's the cringing coward after all?

2. Fair fanning tresses enveloped the fighting man's shoulders . . .

3. Where many a bell tinkled brightly, all burnished gold . . .

4. He lowered his grisly eyebrows, glistening green . . .
