This course is a survey of British and American Literature in the English Language from the beginnings of Anglo-Saxon poetry to colonial America. It will consider changes in language, culture, history, genres and technology to achieve a greater cultural understanding of the earliest literature in English. It is part of the required lower division sequence of survey courses for English majors.

Required Text:

Elaine Traherne, *Old and Middle English Literature: An Anthology*, 2nd or 3rd edition
Other texts are available on the Internet.

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Schedule of Classes:

Please read the assigned texts before class.

Jan 25 Introduction
30 Caedmon

Feb 1 Wanderer
6 Seafarer
8 Battle of Maldon
13 Beowulf
15 Beowulf FIRST DRAFT of OE WORD STUDY DUE
20 Beowulf
22 Beowulf
27 Workshop on OE Word Study
Mar 1  Workshop on OE Word Study
6  Sir Orfeo  FINAL DRAFT OF OE WORD STUDY DUE
8  Wife of Bath’s Tale
13  Fairy Lovers (text provided)
15  Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
20  SGGK
22  SGGK  First Draft of ME Word Study DUE

March 24-30  SPRING BREAK

Apr 3  Workshop on ME Word Study
5  Workshop on ME Word Study
10  Final Draft ME Word Study DUE
   John Donne, *Go and Catch a Falling Star, The Sun Rising, Air and Angels*
17  Donne, *At the round earth’s imagined corners, if poisonous minerals, Batter my Heart, Death Be Not Proud*
19  Marvell, *To His Coy Mistress, On a Drop of Dew, Bermudas*
26  Reading Response to Donne and Marvell (in-class)

May 1  Milton, Paradise Lost, Book VII
3  Milton, Paradise Lost, Book IX
8  Anne Bradstreet, *To My Dear And Loving Husband, In Reference To Her Children, Author To Her Book, Of The Four Ages Of Man*
10  Review

Final Exam:  Wednesday, May 16, 1215-1430 (12:15 – 2:30 pm)