

## CHAUCERS WORDES UNTO ADAM, HIS OWNE SCRIVEYNN

Adam scriveyn, if ever it thee bifalle  
Boece or Troylus for to wryten newe,  
Under thy long lokkes thou most have the scalle,  
But after my makyng wryte more trewe;  
So oft adaye I mot thy werk renewe, 5  
It to correcte and eke to rubbe and scrape,  
And al is thourgh thy negligence and rape.

3 **scalle**: a scaly eruption of the scalp  
6 **scrape**: erase (by scraping the parchment)  
7 **rape**: haste

Source: *The Riverside Chaucer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.*, ed. Larry D. Benson et al.  
Boston: Houghton, 1987. Page 650.