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The General Prologue & The Physician's Tale

from The Canterbury Tales

in Middle English & in modern verse translation

Read by **Richard Bebb, Philip Madoc** and **Michael Maloney**

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