

Geoffrey Chaucer

The Pardoners Tale

The Frankeleyns Tale

The Nonne Preestes Tale

from The Canterbury Tales

in Middle English

Read by **Richard Bebb**

These three tales from *The Canterbury Tales* are read in the original Middle English by Richard Bebb under the direction of Britain's foremost Chaucer scholar, Derek Brewer. The tales and their story-tellers display extraordinary variety and come from different sections of *The Canterbury Tales*. Chaucer's portrait of the Pardoner himself, laced with hostile satire, is as entertaining and revealing as the Tale itself – a search for a pot of gold during the plague. *The Nonne Preestes Tale* is the well-known folk story of the fox and the cock, Chanticleer. *The Frankeleyns Tale* is different again and concerns faithfulness, love and magic. They are presented here in the original Middle English, but with the sense of drama and storytelling intact.

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