Peire Vidal

Vida

1. Peire Vidal was from Tolosa.
2. He was the son of a furrier.
3. And he sang better than any man in the world.
4. And he was one of the most mad men that ever was; for he believed that everything that pleased him or that he desired was true.
5. Song writing came to him more easily than to any man in the world, and he was the one who made the most rich melodies and who said the greatest follies of arms, of love, and of the bad things told of others.
6. And it was true that a knight of Saint Gilles cut out his tongue because he gave to hear that he was the lover of his wife.
7. And Us of Baus caused him to be cured and doctored.
8. And when he was recovered, he went beyond the sea.
9. From there he brought a Greek woman, who was given to him as wife in Cyprus.
10. And it was given to him to understand that she was the niece of the emperor of Constantinople, and that he through her ought to have the empire by right.
11. And so he spent everything that he could gain to make ships for he believed to go to conquer the empire.
12. And he carried imperial arms and he made himself be called emperor and his wife empress.
13. And he courted all the good women there that he saw, and all of them he wooed for love, and all said to him to do and to say that which he wished.
14. Wherefore he believed he was lover of all and that each one was dying for him.
15. And always he led fine war-horses and carried fine arms and the imperial throne.
16. And he thought he was the best cavalier in the world and the most loved by women.