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RELIGION EXPLAINED AND DEFENDED

If I were a priest or a friar and had a tongue  
worthy of spiritual exercises, a voice  
to preach with until I split a lung,  
all for the greater glory of the cross,

I'd do some ferocious preaching. If I were able,  
I'd explain how living the one Good  
and True Religion is like making a table  
of oak or mahogany or cherry wood.

We have our long arms and sturdy backs.  
We plane and plane until it's smooth enough  
for a king to see, as if we'd used a wax.

Except a single knot—after we've found it,  
we all decide that it's a little tough,  
commend it to the Faith and work around it.

*translated by  
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