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# Two Metrical Proverbs in Royal 2 B. v

## Introduction

The bulk of Royal 2 B. v is filled with the Roman Psalter and Psalter Canticles in Latin, both accompanied by a continuous interlinear Old English gloss. However, the remainder of the volume contains a delightful range of encyclopaedic content. On fol. 6r, a scribe has made use of a few lines left empty after a series of prayers to record four proverbs in Latin and Old English. The first two are also among the Durham Proverbs; the latter two are in alliterative verse and printed here.

## Manuscript

London, British Library, Royal 2 B. v fol. 6r

## Texts

1. Hat acolað, hwit asolað,  
leof alapað, leoht aþeostrað.

*(Ardor refri[g]escit, nitor [s]qualescit,*

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*amor abolecit, lux obtenebrescit.)*

2. Æghwæt ealdað þæs þe ece ne byð.

*(Senescunt quę eterna non sunt.)*