To the Reader

CORNELIUS GRAPHEY

Will thou know what wonders strange
be in the land that late was found?
Will thou learn thy life to lead,
by divers ways that godly be?
Will thou of virtue and vice
understand the very ground?
Will thou see this wretched world,
how full it is of vanity?
Then read, and mark, and bear in mind,
for thy behalf, as thou may best.
All things that in this present work,
that worthy clerk Sir Thomas More,
With wit divine fully learned,
unto the world has plain expressed,
In whom London well glory may,
for wisdom and for godly love.

These verses were included in the four original editions of Utopia.