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The \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Person</sup> Tale begins with the courtship of the Breton \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> Arviragus and Dorigen, who came to be married happily. However, soon after their marriage, Arviragus was sent away to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Place</sup> to work for two years. Dorigen wept for his absence, despite the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun - Plural</sup> that he sent home to her. Her friends would often take her on walks where they would pass the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun - Plural</sup> overlooking the ocean and watch ships enter the port, hoping that one of them would bring home her \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup>. However, although her friends' comforting eventually started to work, Dorigen remained distressed by the grisly, black rocks visible from the cliff-side, near to the shore. Her friends, seeing how terribly Dorigen feared that whatever ship brought her husband home would crash on these rocks and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb - Base Form</sup>, provided further distractions.

One day, her friends had organized a party and a dance in a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Adjective</sup> garden. It was at this dance that Aurelius, a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Person</sup>, danced in front of Dorigen, who was as fresh and well-dressed as the month of \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Month</sup>. His singing and dancing were better than any man's, and he was one of the most \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Adjective</sup> men alive. Aurelius had been in love with Dorigen for \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Number</sup> years, but had never dared tell her how he felt. It was during the dancing, then, that Aurelius addressed Dorigen, wishing that he, and not her husband, had been sent across the sea, before begging her to have mercy on him and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb - Present</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>ends in ING</sup> his love.

Dorigen responded by sternly rebuking Aurelius, telling him that she would never be an untrue wife, and had no intention of cuckolding her husband. And then, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Adverb</sup>, Dorigen added that she would be Aurelius' love on the day that all of the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun - Plural</sup> were removed from the coast. The dance ended and the guests went home,

except for poor, sorrowful Aurelius, who fell to his knees, and holding his hands to heaven, prayed to the gods for mercy.

Arviragus then returned from abroad, and Dorigen was delighted to have him back. Two years passed, and Aurelius and his brother Head towards \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_, the two came across a young clerk, roaming by himself, who greeted them in Latin, and claimed to know why they came. And before they went a step further, he told them exactly what they were travelling to achieve.

Aurelius leapt down from his horse, and went with a magician to his house, where he fed them and showed them wondrous illusions of various kinds. The man eventually agreed to remove the rocks from the coast for a \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ pounds and he promised to pay the man.

The next morning, having stayed at the man's house, they travelled to \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_, where, the magician made it so that, for a week or two, it would appear that the rocks had vanished. Aurelius, who now knew that there was no obstacle to his deal with Dorigen, said grateful \_\_\_\_\_ Noun - Plural \_\_\_\_\_, and eventually came to his lady and explained to her, in courtly, formal terms, how he had fulfilled their bargain. She stood astonished, never thinking that such an occasion could arise, and went home, despairing.

Arviragus was out of town, and Dorigen was overcome with grief, realizing that she must \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - Base Form \_\_\_\_\_ either her body or her reputation. When Arviragus returned home and Dorigen told him the truth of what had happened, he told that he will bear the shame of her actions, and that adhering to her promise is the most important thing. He therefore sent her to submit to Aurelius. When Aurelius learned how well Arviragus had accepted his wife's promise, Aurelius decided to let Dorigen's promise go unfulfilled, refusing to \_\_\_\_\_ Verb - \_\_\_\_\_

the married couple's trouthe. Aurelius then went to pay the law student, even though his affair remained unconsummated, and the man \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb - Base Form* Aurelius' debt, \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb - Present Tense* himself honorable.