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Self-denial

What can I do without?
Walking-stick; three meals a day?
Tabor, pipe and roundelay?
Business premises; shroud?

Memento mei

Earth bore me; and, God helping me
betimes, I had some little worth;
(how small He knoweth) and upon
my errantry set forth at birth;
humbled, triumphant, bore my load
of scars, and burst my road to earth.

quia pulvis sum.