

The Nun's Priest's Tale key Info

Writer: Geoffrey Chaucer | Generated: Jan 26, 2026

Key Facts:

- **Poet:** Geoffrey Chaucer (c. 1340 - 1400)
- **Title of the Poet:** Father of English Literature, Father of English Poetry, Father of English Language, Grandfather of the English Novel
- **Written Date:** Between 1387 and 1400
- **Published Date:** 1476
- **Original Title:** "The Canterbury Tales" ("The Nun's Priest's Tale" is a part of it.)
- **Genre:** Beast Fable, Mock Epic
- **Tone:** Humorous, Satirical
- **Style:** Narrative verse form
- **Total Lines:** 696 lines, including Prologue and Epilogue.
- **Devision:** "The Nun's Priest's Prologue" (1-54), "The Nun's Priest's Tale" (55-680), "The Nun's Priest's Epilogue" (681-696)
- **Rhyme Scheme:** Rhyming couplets (AABBCC..)
- **Settings:**
- **Time Setting:** 14th Century
- **Place Setting:** A farmyard in England

Source:

"Del cok e del gupil" ("The Cock and the Fox") by Marie de France is the source of the story. It is a beast fable and mock epic based on an incident in the Reynard cycle. The Reynard cycle is a collection of medieval European stories about a clever and cunning fox named Reynard.