Lesson 11

Chapters 21 and 22 of *Adam of the Road*

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Vocabulary

 career (noun)

Occupation undertaken for a significant portion of a person’s life

 career (verb)

 move swiftly and in an uncontrolled way in a specified direction

 apothecary

A person who prepared and sold medicine and drugs

 madder

A scrambling or prostrate Eurasian plant of the bedstraw family.

 Dye from a madder plant

 woad

A yellow-flowered European plant of the cabbage family. Formerly used as a source for dye

The end of the second stanza of the song Adam was singing ends with this line, “He wanders when he’s staying.” What does this contradictory statement mean?

His home is on the road, so he isn’t at home unless he is traveling. To be away from home is to wander.

Why did Adam not think he should be idling about at de Lisle house?

It was no way of life for a minstrel

Who took Nick to Oxford?

 Perkin

What two things do we learn about Adam's physical changes?

 Taller

 Thinner

Who beside Dame Malkin were pleased to see Adam at St. Albans?

 masters at the school

How are the muddy pools described?

 Seemed to have no bottom

Adam finds many different people who will give him food or a place to sleep on his travels in chapter 21. List three of them.

 Burly man

 blacksmith of Richmansworth

 house of an apothecary

 Cotter in Fingest

 steward of the Abbey of Bec

Whom does Adam meet again in Ewelme?

 Perkin

What good news does Perkin share with Adam?

 He has Nick

Why is a true joke not a joke?

 It is laughing at the truth.

 It laughing at someone’s problem

What happens on page 298 that shows superstition?

 Gunnilda tied a bit of red worsted around the cow’s tail to keep witches away.

Page 299 says his audience liked the tale of Havelok best. This was also Adam's favorite story. What would be one reason they liked the same tale he did?

 He told it best because it was his favorite.

How is the parson of Ewelme different from the one in Winchester?

 He enjoyed Adam’s songs

Adam disagreed with the miller about the noise of the bagpipe. Would you agree with Adam or the miller?

Why were so many people in the village willing to help Adam get new clothes and instruments?

They appreciated his stories and songs

They liked him as a person

He was a part of their village