

Transience

## Transience (Fell, “Perceptions of Transience”)

- ▶ *lāen* (f): loan, fief, lease
- ▶ *lāene* (adj): on loan; transitory
- ▶ *bōcland*: land held in hereditary possession
- ▶ *ece*: eternal

## OE *Soliloquies*

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But the one who taught me [...] may bring it about that I live more comfortably both in this temporary [*læne*] place on the road while I occupy this world, and also in that eternal [*ece*] home [...] It is no surprise that we work hard with such materials both in transporting them and building with them: it pleases everyone who has built a home, as his lord's tenant [*læne*] and with his help, to be there sometimes, and to hunt and hawk and fish and in every way to cultivate his rented property [*læne*], sea and soil, until the time that he may acquire, through his lord's generosity, bookland [*bocland*] and a permanent [*ece*] heritage: the rich benefactor can do this, since he has under his control temporary [*læne*] houses and eternal [*ece*] homes. (Trans. Fell, "Perceptions of Transience," 181)

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