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## PREFACE

This compilation of Latin verse has been prepared to meet the needs of the Freshman classes in Williams College. Many students do not continue the study of Latin after the first year in college. The ample provision for these may serve also to sharpen the appetite of others who later are to make a more thorough study of some of the authors here included. The aim, therefore, has been to make a selection representative of the best Latin poetry of all periods, and full enough to enable the instructor to draw at discretion from the supply contained in a single volume.

In matters of orthography and textual criticism the effort has been made not to sacrifice scholarship to the clearness and simplicity that are essential in a book of this nature.

The editors plan to publish later brief explanatory notes.

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### Q. ENNIVS

#### 1

Et cita cum tremulis anus attulit artubus lumen.  
Talia tum memorat lacrimans exterrita somno:  
'Eurydica prognata, pater quam noster amavit,  
vires vitaeque corpus meum nunc deserit omne.  
Nam me visus homo pulcher per amoena salicta                     5  
et ripas raptare locosque novos. Ita sola  
postilla, germana soror, errare videbar  
tardaque vestigare et quaerere te neque posse  
corde capessere: semita nulla pedem stabilibat.  
Exim compellare pater me voce videtur                     10  
his verbis: "O gnata, tibi sunt ante gerendae  
aerumnae, post ex fluvio fortuna resistet."  
Haec effatus pater, germana, repente recessit  
nec sese dedit in conspectum corde cupitus,  
quamquam multa manus ad caeli caerulea templa                     15  
tendebam lacrimans et blanda voce vocabam.  
Vix aegro cum corde meo me somnus reliquit.'

#### 2

Curantes magna cum cura tum cupientes  
regni dant operam simul auspicio augurioque.

Hinc Remus auspicio se devovet atque secundam  
 solus avem servat. At Romulus pulcher in alto  
 quaserit Aventino, spectat genus altivolantum. 5  
 Certabant, urbem Romam Remoramne vocarent.  
 Omnibus cura viris, uter esset induperator.  
 Exspectant veluti, consul cum mittere signum  
 vult, omnes avidi spectant ad carceris oras,  
 quam mox emittat pictis e faucibus currus, 10  
 sic exspectabat populus atque ora tenebat  
 rebus, utri magni victoria sit data regni.  
 Interea sol albus recessit in infera noctis.  
 Exim candida se radiis dedit icta foras lux;  
 et simul ex alto longe pulcherrima praepes 15  
 laeva volavit avis, simul aureus exoritur sol.  
 Cedunt de caelo ter quattuor corpora sancta  
 avium, praepetibus sese pulchrisque locis dant.  
 Conspicit inde sibi data Romulus esse priora,  
 auspicio regni stabilita scamna solumque. 20

## 3

O Tite tute Tati tibi tanta, tyranne, tulisti.

## 4

At tuba terribili sonitu taratantara dixit.

## 5

Aio te, Aeacida, Romanos vincere posse.

## 6

'Nec mi aurum posco nec mi pretium dederitis:  
 non cauponantes bellum, sed belligerantes  
 ferro, non auro, vitam cernamus utrique.



Vosne velit an me regnare era quidve ferat Fors  
 virtute experiamur. Et hoc simul accipe dictum: 5  
 quorum virtuti belli fortuna pepercit,  
 eorundem libertati me parcere certum est.  
 Dono, ducite, doque volentibus cum magnis dis.'

## 7

Haece locutus vocat, quocum bene saepe libenter  
 mensam sermonesque suos rerumque suarum  
 comiter impertit, magnam cum lassus diei  
 partem fuisset de summis rebus regendis  
 consilio, indu foro lato sanctoque senatu, 5  
 cui res audacter magnas parvasque iocumque  
 eloqueretur, et cuncta malaque et bona dictu  
 evomeret, si qui vellet, tutoque locaret.  
 Quocum multa volup ac gaudia clamque palamque!  
 Ingenium cui nulla malum sententia suadet 10  
 ut faceret facinus, levis, haud malus, doctus, fidelis,  
 suavis homo, facundus, suo contentus, beatus,  
 scitus, secunda loquens in tempore, commodus, verbum  
 paucum, multa tenens, antiqua sepulta vetustas  
 quae facit; et mores veteresque novosque tenentem, 15  
 multorum veterum leges divumque hominumque,  
 prudentem, qui dicta loquive tacereve posset.  
 Hunc inter pugnas Servilius sic compellat.

## 8

Ille vir haud magna cum re, sed plenus fidei.

## 9

Vnus homo nobis cunctando restituit rem.  
 Noenum rumores ponebat ante salutem.  
 Ergo postque magisque viri nunc gloria claret.

10

Sicut fortis equus, spatio qui saepe supremo  
vicit Olympia, nunc senio confectus quiescit.

11

Moribus antiquis res stat Romana virisque.

12

Et tum sicut equus, qui de praeseptibus fartus  
vincla suis magnis animis abrupit et inde  
fert sese campi per caerula lactaque prata  
celso pectore, saepe iubam quassat simul altam,  
spiritus ex anima calida spumas agit albas.      5

13

Sed superstitiosi vates impudentesque harioli,  
aut inertes aut insani aut quibus egestas imperat,  
qui sibi semitam non sapiunt, alteri monstrant viam,  
quibus divitias pollicentur, ab iis drachumam ipsi petunt.  
De his divitiis sibi deducant drachumam, reddant cetera.      5

14

Nemo me lacrimis decoret nec funera fletu  
faxit. Cur? Volito vivus per ora virum.

C. LVCILIVS

15

Virtus, Albine, est, pretium persolvere verum  
quis in versamur, quis vivimus rebus, potesse;  
virtus est, homini scire id quod quaeque habeat res;  
virtus, scire, homini rectum, utile quid sit, honestum,

*T. LVCRETIVS CARVS*

5

quae bona, quae mala item, quid inutile, turpe, inhonestum;  
virtus, quaerendae finem re scire modumque;  
virtus, divitiis pretium persolvere posse;  
virtus, id dare, quod re ipsa debetur, honori;  
hostem esse atque inimicum hominum morumque malorum,  
contra defensorem hominum morumque bonorum, 10  
hos magni facere, his bene velle, his vivere amicum;  
commoda praeterea patriae prima putare,  
deinde parentum, tertia iam postremaque nostra.

*M. TVLLIVS CICERO*

16

Dic, hospes, Spartae nos te hic vidisse iacentis,  
dum sanctis patriae legibus obsequimur.

*T. LVCRETIVS CARVS*

17

Aeneadam genetrix, hominum divumque voluptas,  
alma Venus, caeli subter labentia signa  
quae mare navigerum, quae terras frugiferentis  
concelebras, per te quoniam genus omne animantum  
concipitur visitque exortum lumina solis: 5  
te, dea, te fugiunt venti, te nubila caeli  
adventumque tuum, tibi suavis daedala tellus  
summittit flores, tibi rident aequora ponti  
placatumque nitet diffuso lumine caelum.  
Nam simul ac species patefacta est verna diei 10  
et reserata viget genitabilis aura Favoni,