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TO

JACK BEAZLEY

Poetas tenere, non sodales

GENTLE Poet, only friend,
Lover of the stars and sun,
Since our days are at an end,
Since the older days are done ;
Since it seems that nevermore
May I hope to trail my gown
Rapturously, as before,
With my friend in Oxford Town ;
Since I so regret a time
So unprofitably spent,
Let me send a little rhyme
From a king in banishment,—
Send a wish that we may see
Better days, and braver days :—
Floreat, amice mi !
Floreat Praxiteles.

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