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including “Laus Musarum Castalidum Choro”

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Laus Musarum Castalidum Choro.

Quid faciunt Musae? praebent illustria multa,
Rebus in adversis magnanimosque colunt;
Pernoctant, simul ac alias comitantur ad oras,
Una & nobiscum rura paterna colunt.
Exornant iuvenum mentes, tristemque senectam.
Exhilarant, ornant sic quoque divitias
Delectantque domi, semper comitantur ubique,
Nec magno nostris sunt humeris oneri.
Anne putas quemquam, qui non sit deditus illis,
Artibus, egregium sic simul esse virum?
Capti quando essent multi in custodia iniqua
Hostium, & in duro quis fuit exilio:
Tristia fata sacris Musis, studiisque benignis
Sustinuerunt, et munere Castalidum.
Sic Cicero affirmat pro Archia rite Poeta,
Atque Diogene hoc dicitur ingenio.
Quid magis eximium, tamque exspectatum, et amoenum
Hanc quam virtutem iam modo repperias?
In tenebris quae non sed in auribus omnium amoenis,
Atque oculis hominum est condita perpetuo.
Ut vulgus videat quales Respublica firmas
Ipsa columnas sic nutriat atque colat.
Tristia at erudiunt mentes, cautasque reponunt,
Nemo potest aequa commoda mente pati.