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AD MAECENATEM

Heroico-iambicus minor

Mollis inertia cūr tantam diffūderit īmīs
Oblīviōnem sēnsibus,
Pōcula Lēthaeōs ut sī dūcentia somnōs
Ārente fauce traxerim,
Candide Maecēnās, occīdis saepe rogandō :
Deus, deus nam mē vetat
Inceptōs, ōlim prōmissum carmen, iambōs
Ad umbilīcum addūcere.
Nōn aliter Samiō dīcunt arsisse Bathyllō
Anācreonta Tēium ;
Quī persaepe cavā testūdine flēvit amōrem,
Nōn ēlabōrātum ad pedem.
Ūreris ipse miser : quodsī nōn pulchrior īgnis
Accendit obsessam Īlion,
Gaudē sorte tuā ; mē lībertīna, neque ūnō
Contenta, Phrŷnē mācerat.