

## 24. FURIUS'S POVERTY: TO IUVENTIUS



*iuventius* [p. 215], who are our pride,  
not just now, for all times that have been,  
or will be hereafter in later years,  
rather surrender *Midas's* [p. 220] riches  
to him, who has no slaves or cash,  
than allow yourself to be loved by him.  
'Why, isn't he a decent man?' you ask. He is:  
but this decent man has no slaves or cash.  
Ignore it: disparage it as you may:  
he still has no slaves and no money.



'The Judgement of Midas'  
Hendrik de Clerck (Dutch, 1600 - 1629)  
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