

34. SONG: TO DIANA



nder *Diana*'s [p. 210] protection,
we pure girls, and boys:
we pure boys, and girls,
we sing of Diana.
O, daughter of *Latona* [p. 217],
greatest child of great *Jove* [p. 216],
whose mother gave birth
near the *Delian* [p. 209] olive,
mistress of mountains
and the green groves,
the secret glades,
and the sounding streams:
you, called *Juno Lucina* [p. 216]
in childbirth's pains,
you, called all-powerful *Trivia* [p. 213],
and Luna, of counterfeit daylight.
Your monthly passage
measures the course of the year,
you fill the rustic farmer's
roof with good crops.
Take whatever sacred name
pleases you, be a sweet help
to the people of Rome,
as you have been of old.



'Diana and Her Nymphs Bathing'
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