

## LUCENTIO

Tranio, since for the great desire I had  
To see fair Padua, nursery of arts,  
I am arrived for fruitful Lombardy,  
The pleasant garden of great Italy,  
And by my father's love and leave am armed  
With his goodwill and thy good company.  
My trusty servant well approved in all,  
Here let us breathe and haply institute  
A course of learning and ingenious studies.  
Pisa, renownèd for grave citizens,  
Gave me my being, and my father first,  
A merchant of great traffic through the world,  
「Vincentio,」 come of the Bentivolii.  
Vincentio's son, brought up in Florence,



It shall become to serve all hopes conceived  
To deck his fortune with his virtuous deeds.  
And therefore, Tranio, for the time I study  
Virtue, and that part of philosophy  
Will I apply that treats of happiness  
By virtue specially to be achieved.  
Tell me thy mind, for I have Pisa left  
And am to Padua come, as he that leaves