

Satire 1

Horace

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Qui fit, Maecenas, ut nemo, quam sibi sortem
 seu ratio dederit seu fors obiecerit, illa
 contentus vivat, laudet diversa sequentis?
 'o fortunati mercatores' gravis annis
 miles ait, multo iam fractus membra labore;
 contra mercator navim iactantibus Austris:
 'militia est potior. quid enim? concurritur: horae
 momento cita mors venit aut victoria laeta.'
 agricolam laudat iuris legumque peritus,
 sub galli cantum consultor ubi ostia pulsat;

agricola a husbandman, agriculturist, ploughman, farmer, peasant
auster the south wind
cano to utter melodious notes, make music, sing, sound, play
cantus a musical utterance, singing, song
cieo to cause to go, move, stir, drive
cito to put in quick motion, rouse, excite
concurro to run together, assemble, flock together
consulto to reflect, consider maturely, consult, take counsel, deliberate
consultor one who gives counsel, a counsellor, adviser
contendo to stretch, bend, draw tight, strain
contineo to hold together, bound, limit, comprise, enclose
fortuno to make prosperous, make happy, speed, further, prosper
frango to break in pieces, dash to pieces, shiver, shatter, fracture
hora an hour
laetus joyful, cheerful, glad, gay, joyous
laudo to praise, laud, commend, honor, extol
Maecenas an Etruscan family name
membrum a limb, member
mercator a trader, merchant, wholesale dealer
militia military service, warfare, war
momentum a movement, motion
navis a ship
ostium a door
pereo to pass away, come to nothing, vanish, disappear, be lost
peritus experienced, practised, trained, skilled, skilful
potio a drinking
potior to become master of, take possession of, get, obtain, acquire
pulso to push against, strike upon, beat, hammer, keep hitting
sors a lot
sub under, below, beneath, underneath, behind
victoria victory