

A2 Latin Unseen Verse (OVID) Past Paper: 1993 (Ovid's advice for scorned lovers)

2 Ovid advises rejected lovers to avoid solitude, citing as a warning what happened to Phyllis when she was deserted by Demophoon.

Cupid appeared to me (i.e. Ovid) in a dream and said that, since I had advised people how to find lovers, I should also give some advice about how to escape from love, or how to make it easier to bear.

quisquis amas, loca sola nocent: loca sola caveto¹;
quo fugis? in populo tutior esse potes.
non tibi secretis (augent secreta furores)
est opus; auxilio turba futura tibi est.
tristis eris, si solus eris, dominaeque relictæ
ante oculos facies stabit, ut ipsa, tuos.
tristior idcirco nox est quam tempora Phoebi:
quæ relevet luctus, turba sodalis² abest.
nec fuge conloquium nec sit tibi ianua clausa
nec tenebris vultus flebilis abde tuos;
semper habe Pyladen³ aliquem, qui curet Oresten³.
hic quoque amicitiae non levis usus erit.
quid nisi secretæ læserunt Phyllida⁴ silvæ?
certa necis⁵ causa est: incommitata fuit.
et modo, qua poterat, longum spectabat in aequor,
nunc in harenosa lassa iacebat humo;
"perfide Demophoon!" surdas clamabat ad undas,
ruptaque singultu⁶ verba loquentis erant.
Phyllidis exemplo, nimium secreta timete,
laese vir a domina, laesa puella viro.

OVID, *Remedia Amoris* 579ff.

¹*caveto* is an alternative form of *cave*

²*sodalis* = of friends

³*Pyladen* and *Oresten* are both accusative; Pylades was the faithful friend of Orestes

⁴*Phyllida* is accusative

⁵*nex necis* f. = death

⁶*singultus -us* m. = sobbing

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3 Write out and scan the last two lines of the above passage.

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