

Vergil *Eclogues* 2 unseen (Corydon laments his unrequited love for Alexis)

tantum inter densas, umbrosa cacumina, fagos
adsidue veniebat. ibi haec incondita solus
montibus et silvis studio iactabat inani; 5
'O crudelis Alexi, nihil mea carmina curas?
nil nostri miserere? mori me denique cogis?
nunc etiam pecudes umbras et frigora captant,
nunc virides etiam occultant spineta lacertos,
Thestylis et rapido fessis messoribus aestu 10
alia serpyllumque herbas contundit olentis.
at mecum raucis, tua dum vestigia lustrō,
sole sub ardenti resonant arbusta cicadis.
nonne fuit satius tristis Amaryllidos iras
atque superba pati fastidia? nonne Menalcan, 15
quamvis ille niger, quamvis tu candidus esses?
o formose puer, nimium ne crede colori;
alba ligustra cadunt, vaccinia nigra leguntur.

Vocabulary

densus, a, um – thick, dense
fagus, i (f)- beech tree
umbrosus, a, um – full of shade, shady
cacumen, inis (n)- peak, top
adsiduus. a, um – constant
inconditus, a, um- unformed, uncouth
studium, ii (n)- zeal
iacto, are, avi- toss out, emit
misereor, eri (+gen)- pity
denique – at last
pecus, pecudis (m)- pl= cattle
capto, are- seek to obtain
spinetum, i (n)- thorn hedge
lacertus, i (m) (long “a”) -lizard
viridis, e (adj)- green
messor, oris (m)- reaper
rapidus, a, um – (of heat) consuming
allium, i (n) – garlic
serpyllum, i (n)- thyme
contundo, ere, tudi, tusum – pound
oleo, ere, olui- to smell
arbustum, i (n)- orchard; in pl can = trees
cicada, ae (f) – cicada
fastidium, ii (n)- loathing, disgust, pride, scornful contempt
ligustrum, i (n) -privet
albus, a, um- white
vaccinium, ii (n)- here possibly hyacinth.