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ELEGIA

Barbaries mores, sanctas lascinia leges,
 Saluificam premeret uita prophana fidem.
 Nam quia cum spreto pugnant hæc secula Christo,
 Quid facerent si non tempora nota forent?
 Huc animos orbi dominantes uertite Reges,
 Hoc opus à uestro munere poscit opem.
 Cur cæco mundum cupitis lacerare furore,
 Et geritis dubia mutua bella uice?
 Quia cælum inspicite, & finem perpendite uite,
 Principis est uirtus maxima, nosse Deum.
 Nosse Deum doctrina docet, sed promouet illam,
 Temporis & rerum non dubitata fides.
 Cura sit enormis rectè emendetur ut annus,
 Hæc quoq; munifico functio grata Deo est.

Quando igitur uiua celebrari uoce merentur,
 Huc operam memori qui pietate ferunt.
 Colligis è priscis quod idonea tempora fastis,
 Quod cælum & cælo tempora lapsa notas.
 Paule tibi referet meritas Ecclesia grates,
 Hæc etiam speculum quæ uidet arte suum.

Paule