

Vergil, *Ecloga II*

Formosum pastor Corydon ardebat Alexin,  
delicias domini, nec quid speraret habebat.  
Tantum<sup>1</sup> 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 viridis etiam occultant spineta lacertos,  
Thestylis et rapido fessis messoribus aestu 10  
alia serpyllumque herbas contundit orentis.  
At mecum raucis, tua dum vestigia lustro,  
sole sub ardenti resonant arbusta cicadis.

Nonne fuit satius tristis Amaryllidis iras  
atque superba pati fastidia? Nonne Menalcan,  
quamvis ille niger, quamvis tu candidus essem? 15  
O formose puer, nimium ne crede<sup>2</sup> colori:  
alba ligustra cadunt, vaccinia nigra leguntur.

**adsiduē** (adv.), continually, constantly  
**aestus**, -ūs, *m.*, heat  
**albus**, -a, -um, white  
**Alexis**, *Alexis*, *m.* Alexis, a shepherd (**Alexin**= acc. sing.; **Alexi**=voc. sing.)  
**aliūm**, -i, *n.*, garlic  
**Amaryllis**, *Amaryllidis*, *f.*, Amaryllis, a shepherdess  
**arbustum**, -i, *n.*, grove, vineyard  
**at** (conj.), but  
**cacūmen**, -minis, *n.*, tree-top, summit  
**candidus**, -a, -um, white, clear, bright, radiant  
**captō** (1), try to catch; pursue  
**cicāda**, -ae, *f.*, tree-wicket, cicada  
**cōgō**, **cōgere**, **coēgi**, **coāctus**, drive together; compel  
**color**, -ōris, *m.*, color  
**contundō**, **contundere**, **contudī**, **contūsus**, pound, crush  
**Corydōn**, -ōnis, *m.*, Corydon, a shepherd  
**cūrō** (1), care for  
**dēliciae**, -ārum, *f. pl.*, delight, darling, sweetheart, beloved  
**dēnsus**, -a, -um, dense, thick; crowded, close  
**fagus**, -i, *f.*, beech tree  
**fastidium**, -i, *n.*, aversion, weariness; disdain, contempt  
**fessus**, -a, -um, weary, exhausted, worn out  
**frigus**, **frigoris**, *n.*, cold, coldness, chill  
**herba**, -ae, *f.*, grass; herb  
**inānis**, -e, empty, vain, meaningless

**inconditus**, -a, -um, rude, artless, unpolished  
**lacertus**, -i, *m.*, lizard  
**ligustrum**, -i, *n.*, privet-blossom, a white-flowered shrub  
**lustrō** (1), traverse; trace  
**Menalcās**, -ae, *m.*, Menalcas, a shepherd (**Menalcan**=acc. sing.)  
**messor**, -ōris, *m.*, reaper  
**niger**, **nigra**, **nigrum**, dark, black  
**nimium** (adv.), too, too much, excessively  
**occultō** (1), hide, conceal  
**olēns**, -entis, strong-smelling  
**pastor**, -ōris, *m.*, shepherd  
**pecus**, **pecudis**, *f.*, beast, herd animal  
**rapidus**, -a, -um, tearing away, consuming; rushing, rapid  
**raucus**, -a, -um, hoarse; raucous, noisy  
**resonō**, **resonāre**, **resonāvī**, —, resound, re-echo  
**satius** = *satis*  
**serpyllum**, -i, *n.*, thyme  
**silva**, -ae, *f.*, forest, woods  
**spīnētum**, -i, *n.*, thicket  
**superbus**, -a, -um, proud, arrogant  
**Thestylis**, *Thestylidis*, *f.*, Thestylis, a servant girl  
**tristis**, -e, sad, gloomy, melancholy, grim  
**vaccīnum**, -i, *n.*, hyacinth  
**vestigium**, -i, *n.*, footprint, trace, track  
**viridis**, -e, green

1. **tantum**, *here*, adv., only2. **nē crēde**, *here*, *nē* + positive imperative yields a negative imperative.

Despectus tibi<sup>1</sup> sum nec qui<sup>2</sup> sim quaeris, Alexi,  
quam dives pecoris, nivei quam lactis abundans. 20  
 Mille meae Siculis errant in montibus agnae;  
lac mihi non aestate novum, non frigore defit.  
 Canto quae solitus, si quando<sup>3</sup> armenta vocabat,  
Amphion Dircaeus in Actaeo<sup>4</sup> Aracyntho.  
 Nec sum adeo informis: nuper me in litore vidi, 25  
cum placidum ventis staret mare. Non ego Daphnini  
iudice te metuam, si numquam fallit imago.  
 O tantum<sup>5</sup> libeat mecum tibi sordida rura  
atque humilis habitare casas et figere cervos  
haedorumque gregem viridi compellere hibisco! 30  
 Mecum una in silvis imitabere Pana canendo  
(Pan primum calamos cera coniungere pluris  
instituit, Pan curat ovis oviumque magistros),  
nec te paeniteat calamo trivisse labellum.  
 Haec eadem ut sciret, quid non faciebat Amyntas? 35  
 Est mihi disparibus septem compacta cicutis

**abundō** (1), overflow; abound, be plentiful  
**Actaeus**, -a, -um, Attic  
**aestās**, -tatis, f., summer  
**agna**, -ae, f., lamb  
**Alexis**, *Alexis*, *m.* Alexis, a shepherd (*Alexin*= acc. sing.; *Alexi*=voc. sing.)  
**Amphiōn**, -onis, *m.*, Amphion, son of Zeus and Antiope, both herdsman and bard who fortified Thebes, playing and singing so wonderfully that the very stones moved and set themselves in place to form the walls  
**Amyntas**, -ae, *m.*, Amyntas, a shepherd  
**Aracynthus**, -i, *m.*, Mt. Aracynthus in Greece  
**armentum**, -i, *n.*, herd  
**calamus**, -i, *m.*, reed; reed-pipe  
**casa**, -ae, f., cottage, hut  
**cēra**, -ae, f., wax  
**cervus**, -i, *m.*, stag, deer  
**cicūta**, -ae, f., hemlock; shepherd's pipe  
**compactus**, -a, -um, fastened together  
**cūrō** (1), care for  
**Daphnis**, *Daphnidis*, *m.*, Daphnis, a Sicilian shepherd, son of Mercury, mythical inventor of pastoral song (*Daphnini*=acc. sing.)  
**dēfiō**, *dēfieri*, —, be lacking, run out  
**dēspiciō**, *dēspicere*, *dēspexi*, *dēspectus*, look down upon, despise, scorn  
**Dircaeus**, -a, -um, of Dirce, a fountain of the Muses  
**dispār**, *disparis*, unequal, different, dissimilar  
**dives**, *divitiae*, rich, wealthy

**fallō**, *fallere*, *fefelli*, *falsus*, deceive, escape the notice of  
**figō**, *figere*, *fixi*, *fixus*, fix; pierce  
**frigus**, *frigoris*, *n.*, cold, coldness, chill; cold weather  
**grex**, *gregis*, *m.*, flock, herd  
**habitō** (1), live; inhabit  
**haedus**, -i, *m.*, young goat, kid  
**hibiscum**, -i, *n.*, hibiscus, marsh mallow  
**imāgō**, *imāginis*, *f.*, image, appearance  
**imitor** (1), imitate, represent  
**informis**, -e, ugly, deformed, shapeless  
**labellum**, -i, *n.*, (little) lip  
**lac**, *lactis*, *n.*, milk  
**libet**, *libere*, *libuit* or *libitum est*, it is pleasing, it is agreeable  
**mille** (indecl. numerical adj.), a thousand  
**niveus**, -a, -um, snowy, snow-white  
**ovis**, *ovis*, -ium, *m.* or *f.*, sheep  
**Pān**, *Pānis*, *m.*, Pan, god of woods and shepherds (*Pāna*=acc. sing.)  
**pecus**, *pecoris*, *n.*, cattle, herd, flock  
**placidus**, -a, -um, calm, peaceful  
**septem** (indecl. numerical adj.), seven  
**Siculus**, -a, -um, Sicilian  
**silva**, -ae, f., forest, woods  
**sordidus**, -a, -um, dirty; mean  
**terō**, *terere*, *trīvi*, *trītus*, rub, wear down, wear away  
**viridis**, -e, green

1. **tibi**, dative of agent (frequent in poetry with the perfect passive)  
 2. **qui**, *interrogative adjective*, what (kind of man)  
 3. **quandō** = *aliquandō* (adv.), ever

4. Here, elision does not occur between the final -o of *Actaeō* and *Aracynthō*. When conditions for elision are present but no elision occurs, this is called *hiatus*.  
 5. **tantum**, here, adv., only

fistula, Damoetas dono mihi quam dedit olim,  
et dixit moriens, 'te nunc habet ista secundum';  
dixit Damoetas, invidit stultus Amyntas.

Praeterea duo nec tuta mihi valle reperti    40  
capreoli sparsis etiam nunc pellibus albo,  
bina die siccant ovis ubera; quos tibi servo.  
Iam pridem a me illos abducere Thestylis orat;<sup>1</sup>  
et faciet, quoniam sordent tibi munera nostra.

Huc ades,<sup>2</sup> o formose puer: tibi lilia plenis    45  
ecce ferunt nymphae calathis; tibi candida Nais,  
pallentis violas et summa papavera carpens,  
narcissum et florem iungit bene olentis anethi;  
tum casia atque aliis intexens suavibus herbis  
mollia luteola pingit vaccinia calta.    50

Ipse ego cana legam tenera lanugine mala  
castaneasque nuces, mea quas Amaryllis amabat;  
addam cerea pruna (honos erit huic quoque pomo),

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<b>addō, addere, addidi, additus, add</b>	nux, nucis, f., nut
<b>albus, -a, -um, white</b>	<b>nymphā, -ae, f., nymph</b>
<b>Amaryllis, Amaryllidis, f., Amaryllis, a</b>	<b>olēns, -entis, strong-smelling</b>
shepherdess	<b>ōlim (adv.), once, formerly</b>
<b>Amyntās, -ae, m., Amyntas, a shepherd</b>	<b>ovis, ovis, -ium, m. or f., sheep</b>
anēthus, -i, m., and anēthum, -i, n., dill	<b>palleō, pallēre, palluī, —, be pale</b>
bini, -ae, -a, two each, twin	<b>papāver, papāveris, n., poppy</b>
calathus, -i, m., basket	<b>pellis, pellis, -ium, f., hide, skin</b>
calt(h)a, -ae, f., marigold	<b>pingō, pingere, pīnxī, pictus, adorn with</b>
candidus, -a, -um, white, clear, bright, radiant	colors, paint
cānus, -a, -um, white	<b>plēnus, -a, -um, full</b>
capreolus, -i, wild goat, roebuck	<b>pōmum, -i, n., fruit</b>
carpō, carpere, carpsi, carpitus, pick, pluck;	<b>praetereā (adv.), besides, furthermore, in addition</b>
gather	<b>pridem (adv.), for a long time</b>
casiā, -ae, f., cassia, a fragrant shrub	<b>iam pridem, for a long time already, long since</b>
castanea, -ae, f., chestnut tree; chestnut	<b>prūnum, -i, n., plum</b>
cēreus, -a, -um, waxy	<b>quoque (adv.), also, too</b>
Dāmoetās, -ae, m., Damoetas, a shepherd	<b>reperiō, reperire, rep(p)eri, repertus, find, discover</b>
ecce (interj.), lo! behold!	<b>secundus, -a, -um, following, second</b>
fistula, -ae, f., pipe, reed-pipe	<b>siccō (1), dry, drain dry</b>
flōs, flōris, m., flower, blossom	<b>sordeō, sordēre, sordui, —, be filthy, be mean</b>
herba, -ae, f., grass; herb	<b>stultus, -a, -um, foolish, stupid</b>
honōs = honor	<b>suāvis, -e, sweet, pleasant</b>
intexō, intexere, intexui, intextus, weave	<b>tener, tenera, tenerum, tender, soft, delicate, young</b>
invideō [ <i>in</i> + <i>videō</i> ], look askance at; begrudge,	<b>Thestylis, Thestylidis, f., Thestylis, a servant girl</b>
envy	<b>über, überis, n., teat, udder</b>
lānūgō, lānūginis, f., wool, down, fuzz	<b>vaccinium, -i, n., hyacinth</b>
liliū, -i, n., lily	<b>vallis, vallis, -ium, f., valley</b>
lūteolus, -a, -um, yellowish	<b>viola, -ae, f., violet</b>
mālum, -i, n., fruit; apple	
mollis, -e, gentle, mild, soft	
mūnus, mūneris, n., service, tribute; gift	
Nāis, Nāiadis, f., a Naiad, a water nymph	
narcissus, -i, m., narcissus	

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1. The present tense, when accompanied by some expression of time duration, is often used to denote action that has been going on

for some time and is still going on. Translate: "has been begging."

2. **ades**, 2nd sing. present imperative of *adsum*

et vos, o lauri, carpam et te, proxima myrte,  
sic positae quoniam suavis miscetis odores. 55

Rusticus es, Corydon; nec munera curat Alexis,  
nec, si muneribus certes, concedat Iollas.

Heu, heu, quid volui misero mihi? Floribus Austrum  
perditus et liquidis immisi fontibus apros.

Quem fugis, a, demens? Habitarunt di quoque silvas 60  
Dardaniusque Paris. Pallas quas condidit arces  
ipsa colat; nobis placeant ante omnia silvae.

Torva leaena lupum sequitur, lupus ipse capellam,  
florentem cytisum sequitur lasciva capella,  
te Corydon, o Alexi: trahit sua quemque voluptas. 65

Aspice, aratra iugo referunt suspensa iuvenci,  
et sol crescentis decedens duplicat umbras;  
me tamen urit amor: quis<sup>1</sup> enim modus adsit amori?

A, Corydon, Corydon, quae te dementia cepit!

Semiputata tibi frondosa vitis in ulmo est: 70  
quin<sup>2</sup> tu aliquid saltem potius, quorum indiget usus,  
viminibus mollique paras detexere iunco?  
Invenies alium, si te hic fastidit, Alexin."

ā (interj.), oh! ah! alas!

**Alexis, Alexis,** *m.* Alexis, a shepherd (**Alexin-** acc. sing.; **Alexi**=voc. sing.)

**aper, apri,** *m.*, wild boar

**arātrum, -ī,** *n.*, plough

**arx, arcis,** *f.*, citadel

**aspiciō, aspicere, aspexi, aspectus,** look toward, look at; behold

**Auster, Austrī,** *m.*, Auster, the South Wind

**capella,** *-ae, f.*, she-goat

**carpō, carpere, carpsi, carptus,** pick, pluck; gather

**certō** (1), struggle, contest, strive

**colō, colere, colui, cultus,** till, tend; cultivate

**condō, condere, condidi, conditus,** found, build

**Corydōn, -ōnis,** *m.*, Corydon, a shepherd

**crēscō, crēscere, crēvi, crētus,** grow, increase

**cūrō** (1), care for

**cytisus, -ī,** *m. or f.*, clover

**Dardanīus, -a, -um,** Dardanian, Trojan

**dētexō, dētexere, dētexui, dētextus,** weave

**duplicō** (1), double

**fastidiō, fastidire, fastidivī, fastiditus,** scorn

**flōreō, flōrēre, flōruī,** —, bloom, blossom

**flōs, flōris,** *m.*, flower, blossom

**fōns, fontis, -iūm,** *m.*, spring, fountain

**frondōsus, -a, -um,** leafy

**habitō** (1), live; inhabit

**heu** (interj. of grief or pain), ah!, oh!, alas!

**indigeō, indigēre, indiguī,** —, be in need, require (+ gen.)

**Iollās, -ae, m.**, Iollas, a slave-owner (?)

**iugum, -ī,** *n.*, yoke

**iuncus, -ī,** *m.*, reed

**iuvencus, -ī,** *m.*, steer

**lascīvus, -a, -um,** frisky, playful

**laurus, -ī, f.**, laurel

**leaena,** *-ae, f.*, lioness

**liquidus, -a, -um,** liquid; clear

**lupus, -ī,** *m.*, wolf

**mollis, -e,** gentle, mild, soft

**mūnus, mūneris,** *n.*, service, tribute; gift

**myrtus, -ī, f.**, myrtle

**odor, -ōris,** *m.*, odor, scent

**Pallas, Palladis,** *f.*, Pallas Athena, Minerva

**Paris, Paridis,** *m.*, Paris, son of Priam

**potius** (comparative adv.), rather

**quoque** (adv.), also, too

**rūsticus, -a, -um,** rustic, countrified

**saltem** (adv.), at least

**semiputatus, -a, -um,** half-pruned

**silva, -ae, f.**, forest, woods

**suāvis, -e,** sweet, pleasant

**suspēnsus, -a, -um,** hanging

**torvus, -a, -um,** fierce

**trahō, trahere, trāxi, tractus,** draw, drag;

attract

**ulmus, -ī, f.**, elm tree

**ūrō, ūrere, ussi, ustus,** burn, scorch, inflame,

consume; sting

**vīmen, -minis,** *n.*, twig

**vītis, vītis,** *f.*, vine

**voluptās, -tātis, f.**, pleasure, enjoyment

1. **quis**, interrogative pronoun used adjectively

2. **quīn**, here, in a direct question, why . . . not