

Catullus

LXXXV

Ōdī et amō. Quārē id faciam fortasse requīris?

Nescio,¹ sed fierī sentiō et excrucior.

excruciō (1), torture

fiō, fierī, factus sum, be done, be made; happen, become

fortasse (adv.), perhaps

requīrō, requīrere, requīsivī, requīsītus, seek again, ask, inquire

1. The final -o of *nesciō* here scans *short*.

XCII

Lesbia mī dīcit semper male nec tacet umquam

dē mē: Lesbia mē dispeream nisī amat.

Quō signō? Quia sunt totidem mea: dēprecor illam

assiduē, vērūm dispeream nisī amō.

assiduē (adv.), continually, constantly

dēprecor (1), ward off by prayer; deprecate, abuse

dispereō, disperire, disperīi, —, perish

Lesbia, -ae, f., Lesbia, Catullus' poetic name for his beloved

mī = *mihi*

totidem (indecl. numerical adj.), just as many, just the same

vērūm (conj.), but