

The Eternal City

Folkearth

Roma divina urbs
Thy splendor shines undimmed
Long centuries have failed to dim
The golden eyes of the imperial eagle...

The masses of thy fountains
Are still sprinkled with Elysian water drops
The voices of thy dead yet cling to
The forum's marble arcades and halls...

A cheer lingers on the circus maximus
Where are thy brave generals now gone
Who would see the invaders of their land
Put on crosses or into the arena

Roma divina urbs
Thy laurels shall remain ever green!
Strength and honor have conquered
From Rhine to the Mediterranean Sea!

Frigora mitescunt Zephyris
Ver preterit aestas interitura
Simul promifer autumnus fruges effuderit
Er mox bruma recurrit iners
Damna tamen celeres reperent coelestia lunae...