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O Venus

Venus, queen of Knidos and Paphos,
disregard your favoured Cyprus and come
to the fine temple of Glycera,
which he has dedicated to you,
invoking you with much incense.

Let your arduous boy, the Graces
with their girdles unloosed, and the goddess
of Youth, less acceptable without you,
and Mercury hasten along with you.

(Horace)

(Translation Christopher Smart (1767), adapted by David Wickham)

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Q. Horatius Flaccus (Horace)

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Allegretto

p
O Ve - nus re - gi - na Cni-di Pa -

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4 *f*
phi - que Sper - ne di - lec - tam Cy - pron et vo - can - tis

cresc. f *legato*

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Tu - re te mul - to Gly - ce - rae de -

12 *p*
co - ram Trans - fer in ae - dem.

p

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p Fer - vi-dus

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te - cum pu - er et so - lu - tis

p *cresc.*

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f Gra - ti-ae zo - nis pro - pe - rent - que Nym - phae Et pa - rum

f *legato*

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poco rit.
co - mis si - ne te Ju - ven - tas Mer - cu - ri - us - que

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