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De consolatione philosophiae

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Prosa quinta libri quarti

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Quid tātoſ iuuat exātare mot?

Et ppria fatū ſolūtare manu. **S**i mortem pe
tit p̄inquat ipſa. **S**ponte ſua volucres nec re
moratur equos. **Q**uos ſerpens leo tigris vr
fus aper **D**ente petunt. idem ſe. tamē enſe pe
tunt. **A**n diſtant quia diſſidentq; mores. **I**n
iuſtas acies ⁊ fera bella mouēt **A**lternis q; vo
lunt perire telis **N**ō eſt iuſta ſatis ſeuiciæ rati
o. **V**iſ aptā meritū vicem referre. **D**ilige iu
re bonos ⁊ miſereſce malis.

Proſa quinta libri quarti

Hinc ego video inquā quæ ſit vel fce
licitas. vel miſeria in ipſis proborum atq; im
probōrū meritūſ conſtituta. **S**ed in hac ipſa
fortuna populari non nihil boni maliq; ineſſe
perpendo. **N**eq; enim ſapientum quiſquā ex
ul inops. ignominioſus q; eſſe malit potius
q̄m pollens opibus. honore reuerendus.

k n̄j

potentia validus in sua permanēs vrbe florere.
Sic enī clarius testatius q; sapientiæ tracta
tur officiū. cū in cōtingentes populos regenti
um quodāmodo beatitudo transfunditur **C**ū
presertim carcer lex cæteraq; legaliū tormen
ta pœnarū p̄niciosis potius ciuib; ppter quos
etiā constituta sunt debeant. **C**ur hæc igit̄
uersa vice mutant̄. scelerūq; supplicia bonos
premant. premia virtutū mali rapiant. væbe
menter admiros. quæq; tā iniuste cōfusiōis
ratio videat̄ ex te scire desidero **M**inus etenim
mirarer si misceri omīa fortuitis casibus crede
rem **N**ūc stuporē meū deus rector exaggerat
qui cum sæpe bonis iucūda malis aspera. cō
traq; bonis dura tribuat. malis optata conce
dat. nisi causā deprehēdat. quid est q; a for
tuitis casibus differre videat̄ **P**. **N**ec miruz
inquit si quid ordinis ignorata ratione teme
rariū cōfusumq; credat̄. **S**ed tu quāuis cau

ſa tātae diſpoſitionis ignōres . tñ qm̄ bonus
mundū rector temperat recte fieri cuncta ne
dubites . **M**etrū quintū quarti libri .

Siquis arcturi ſidera neſcit . Propin
qua ſumo cardie labi . Cur legat tar
dus plauſtra bootes **M**ergatq; ſeras æquore
flāmas **C**um nimis celeres explicet ortus **L**e
gem ſtupēbit ætheriſ alti **P**alleāt plenæ cor
nua lunæ **I**nfecta metiſ noctiſ opacæ **Q**uæ
q; fulgenti texerat ore . **C**onfuſa phœbe dete
gat aſtra . **C**ōmouet gētes publicus error .
Laſſantq; crebris pulſib; æra . **N**emo mirat̄
flamina cori . **L**itus frementi tundere fluctu .
Nec miſis durā frigore molē . **F**eruetē phœ
bi ſoluiet æſtu . **D**ic ei cauſas cernē promptū
eſt **I**llic latētes peſtora turbāt . **C**ūcta quæ
rara prouehit ætas **S**tupetq; ſubitiſ mobile
vulgus . **C**edat inſcitia nubilus error .
Ceſſent proſecto mira videri .