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LATIN POETRY RECITATION - LEVEL 3

Level Up with World Language!

Instructions for Students:

Prepare and recite the Latin lines printed below. Focus on accurate pronunciation, clear pacing, expressive delivery, and understanding the meaning.

LEVEL 3

A friend has come back!

Catullus, Carmen 9, lines 1-7

Vērānī, omnibus ē meīs amīcīs
antistāns mihi mīlibus trecentīs,
vēnistīne domum ad tuōs penātēs
frātrēsque ūnanimōs anumque mātrem?
Vēnistī. Ō mihi nūntiī beātī!
Vīsam tē incolumem audiamque Hibērum
nārrantem loca, facta, nātiōnēs.

English translation

Veranius, you who stand out to me among all my friends
- three hundred thousand of them! -
have you returned home to your household gods,
your brothers united in spirit, and your elderly mother?
You have returned! Oh, what wonderful news for me!
I shall see you safe and sound and I'll hear you
telling stories about the places, deeds, and peoples of Spain!