

III. Essay Question:

At tu, formosae nimium secure puellae,
 incipi iam prima claudere nocte forem;
 incipe, quis totiens furtim tua limina pulset,
 40 quaerere, quid latent nocte silente canes,
 quas ferat et referat sollers ancilla tabellas,
 cur totiens vacuo secubet ipsa toro.
 mordeat ista tuas aliquando cura medullas,
 daque locum nostris materiamque dolis.
 45 ille potest vacuo furari litore harenas,
 uxorem stulti si quis amare potest.
 iamque ego praemoneo: nisi tu servare puellam
 incipis, incipiet desinere esse mea.
 multa diuque tuli; speravi saepe futurum,
 50 cum bene servasses, ut bene verba darem.
 lentus es et pateris nulli patienda marito;
 at mihi concessi finis amoris erit!
 scilicet infelix numquam prohibebor adire?
 nox mihi sub nullo vindice semper erit.
 55 nil metuam? per nulla traham suspiria somnos?
 nil facies, cur te iure perisse velim?

Write an essay in which you discuss the nature and purpose of the advice the speaker is giving in the passage above. Pay close attention to the way the argument is developed, considering both the points made and the tone in which they are delivered. Use specific examples from this passage as evidence.

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