

# VS14 - My Take on VS14

Post by “Bryan” of May 26, 2024 at 12:56 AM

Horatius Flaccus, Carmina 1.11:

You - do not seek - it is not to be found! What to me, what to you, the Gods will give as an end, Leuconoë. Nor should you tamper with Babylonian numbers. How much better to endure whatever will be, whether Jupiter grants more winters or the last, (which now with opposing pumice weakens the Tyrrhenian sea). Be wise: you should filter the wine and in short time you should cut back long hope! While we speak, envious age will have fled: **harvest the day which expects the least in tomorrow.**

Tū - nē quaesierīs - scīre nefās! quem míhi, quem tībī  
fīnem Dī déderint, Λευκονοή. Nec Babylōniōs  
temptāris númerōs. ut mélius (quídquid érit) pátī,  
seu plūrīs Híemēs seu tríbuit Iúppiter últimam,  
(quae nunc oppósitīs débilitat pūmícibus máre  
Tyrrhēnum). Sápiās: vína líquēs et spátíō brévī  
spem lóngam résecēs! dum lóquimur, fūgerit ínvida  
ætās: **cárpe díem quam mínimum crédula pósterō.**