

XVIII

Tandem in caelō columbās albās vidēbant. Columbae per caelum undique volābant et folia ad locum herbōsum portābant. Parentēs ad locum contendērunt et ecce ! Infans in herbā placidus impavidusque dormitābat ; columbae in terrā, in arboribus passim sedēbant ; columbae per caelum volābant, et parvulī corpus foliīs tegēbant. Nec lupī nec ursī infantem necāverant, quia Mūsae poētam etiam infantem semper conservant.

Post multōs annōs Horātius, iam adolescens, Rōmam, magnam urbem, incolēbat. Sed dīvīna rūra et vītā rusticā semper laudābat. Mūsae per multa perīcula poētā conservāvērunt. Horātīi carmina per tōtū orbem terrārum etiam nunc nōta et praeclāra sunt. Vōs quoque Horātīi carmina mox legētis et in memoriae tabulīs scribētis.

adolescens, -entis—young, just grown up.

arbor, -oris, f.—tree.

carmen, -inis, n.—song.

columba, -ae, f.—dove.

conservo, 1—I save, protect.

contendo, 3, -tendi, -tentum—I hasten.

folium, -i, n.—leaf.

infans, -fantis, c.—infant.

lego, 3, lēgi, lectum—I read.

**Mūsae, -ārum, f. pl.—Muses,
nine goddesses.**

**nōtus, -a, -um—well known,
famous.**

**orbis, -is, m.—circle: orbis
terrārum—the whole world.**

passim—everywhere.

periculum, -i, n.—danger.

quia—because.

**scribo, 3, scripsi, scriptum—I
write.**

tego, 3, texi, tectum—I cover.

vīta, -ae, f.—life.

volo, 1—I fly.

This concludes the story about Horace. Watch out for the perfect and pluperfect tense. Add any new vocabulary that is on the IGCSE list to your notebook. My attempt is on the next page.



At length, they saw white doves in the sky. The doves were flying through the sky from every direction and were carrying leaves to a grassy place. The parents hurried to the place and behold! The infant was sleeping peaceful and fearless in the grass. The doves were sitting everywhere on the ground, in the trees, doves were flying through the sky and were covering the body of the little [one] with leaves. Neither wolf nor bear had killed the infant because also the poetic muses always protected the infant.

After many years Horace, now a young man, was living in Rome, the great city. But he always praised the country gods and the country life. The muses have protected the poet through many dangers. The poems of Horace are noted and famous though the whole world. You also will read the poems of Horace soon and will write [them] on the tablets of [your] memory.