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Scansion Practice 1

Instructions: Scan the following lines of dactylic hexameter completely, marking all syllables (– ˇ), feet divisions (|), and elisions (/ slash through elided syllable and connect to next word).

Arma virumque canō, Trōīae quī prīmus ab orīs

Ītaliā, fātō profugus, Lāvīniaque vēnit

lītora, multum ille et terrīs iactātus et altō

vī superum saevae memorem Iūnōnis ob īram;

multa quoque et bellō passūs, dum conderet urbem,

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inferretque deōs Latiō, genus unde Latīnum,

Albānīque patrēs, atque altae moenia Rōmae.

Mūsa, mihī causās memorā, quō nūmine laesō,

quidve dolēns, rēgīna deum tot volvere cāsūs

īnsīgnem pietāte virum, tot adīre labōrēs

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impulerit. Tantaene animīs caelestibus īrae?

Urbs antīqua fuit, Tyriī tenuēre colōnī,

Karthāgō, Ītaliā contrā Tiberīnaque longē

ōstia, dīves opum studiīsque asperrima bellī,

quam Iūnō fertur terrīs magis omnibus ūnam

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posthabitā coluisse Samō; hīc illius arma,
hīc currus fuit; hōc rēgnum dea gentibus esse,
sī quā Fāta sinant, iam tum tenditque fovetque.

Prōgeniem sed enim Trōiānō ā sanguine dūcī
audierat, Tyriās olim quae verteret arcēs;

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hinc populum lātē regem bellōque superbum
ventūrum excidiō Libyae: sīc volvere Parcās.

Id metuēns, veterisque memor Sāturnia bellī,
prīma quod ad Trōiam prō cārīs gesserat Argīs —

necdum etiam causae irārum saevīque dolōrēs

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exciderant animō: manet altā mente repostum

iūdicium Paridis sprētaeque iniūria fōrmae,

et genus invīsum, et raptī Ganymēdis honōrēs.

Hīs accēnsa super, iactātōs aequore tōtō

Trōas, rēliquiās Danaum atque immītis Achillī,

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arcēbat longē Latiō, multōsque per annōs

errābant, āctī Fātīs, maria omnia circum.

Tantae mōlis erat Rōmānam condere gentem!