

## Carl Orff

### "Catulli Carmina - Actus II"

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#### VI- IUCUNDUM MEA VITA

iucundum mea vita mihi proponis amorem  
hunc nostrum inter nos perpetuumque fore.  
di magni. facite ut vere promittere possit.  
atque id sincere dicat et ex animo.  
ut liceat nobis tota perducere vita  
aeternnum hoc sanctae foedus amicitiae.

(You, my life, promise that this love  
of ours between us shall be agreeable and last forever.  
Great gods, arrange for her to speak the truth,  
and to say this sincere and from the bottom of her  
heart,  
so that it is granted us to continue all our life  
this treaty of inviolable friendship. )

#### VII- O MEA LESBIA! DESINE DE QUOQUAM

O mea Lesbia!  
desine de quoquam quicquam bene velle mereri.  
aut aliquem fieri posse putare pium.  
omnia sunt ingrata. nihil fecisse benigne est.  
immo etiam taedet. taedet. obestque magis.  
ut mihi quem nemo gravius nec acerbius urget  
quam modo qui me unum atque unicum amicum  
habuit.  
omnia sunt ingrata.

(Ah myLesbia!  
stop wishing to be entitled to anything from anyone  
or thinking that anyone is able to become grateful.  
all things are unappreciated,  
it is not profitable to have done  
anything with kindness, on the contrary  
it is tiring and even more harmful;  
as it is to me, whom no one distresses more seriously  
nor more painfully,  
than he who holds me as his one and only friend )

