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————— Sed non in Cæsare tantum

Nomen erat, nec fama ducis ; sed nescia virtus

Stare loco : solusque pudor non vincere bello.

Acer et indomitus ; quo spes quoque ira vocasset,

Ferre manum, et nunquam temerando parcere ferro :

Successus urgere suos : instare favori

Numinis : impellens quicquid sibi summa petenti

Obstaret : gaudensque viam fecisse ruina.

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