

XII

For all the Etruscan armies 90
 Were ranged beneath his eye
 And many a banished Roman,
 And many a stout ally ;
 And with a mighty following
 To join the muster came 95
 The Tusculan Mamilius,²¹
 Prince of the Latian²² name.

XIII

But by the yellow Tiber
 Was tumult and affright :
 From all the spacious champaign 100
 To Rome men took their flight.
 A mile around the city,
 The throng stopped up the ways ;
 A fearful sight it was to see
 Through two long nights and days. 105

XIV

For aged folks on crutches,
 And women great with child,
 And mothers sobbing over babes
 That clung to them and smiled,
 And sick men borne in litters 110
 High on the necks of slaves,
 And troops of sunburnt husbandmen
 With reaping-hooks and staves,

²¹ Tusculan Mamilius. Tusculum is the modern Frascati, a city about twelve miles from Rome. Mamilius was the son-in-law of Tarquin.

²² Latium was a province in central Italy, inhabited by the Latins. It was conquered by Rome in the fourth century B.C.