

If we wey both profytte and delectation Lambinus wrote truly, emongst latin poetes Horace hath not his felowe. This is he whome great Augustus writte shoulde be loked to as him selfe, whom Maecenas loued as himselfe, ripe, pythye, excellent for moral preceptes, full of pretye speaches, full of Iudgement.¹²⁶

Such is the Horace to whom Shakspere was evidently presented in school. And while he learned some things from the moral precepts, pretty speeches, and judgment of Horace, yet it is evident that he did not come to love him as he did the odoriferous Ovid.

¹²⁶ Drant, *Horace* (1567), *3v. Some contemporary has marked this statement in the copy belonging to the British Museum.