

O varium fortune lubricum

Carmina Burana no. 14

11-13th century Goliard song

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1. O change - a - ble, O For - tune flex - i - ble, Well
2. She fa - bri - cates And then de - mo - lish - es; He
3. Felt Da - ri - us A king's ad - van - ta - ges? How
4. Lu - xu - ri - ous But gi - ven care - less - ly! Vic -
5. A mi - ra - cle Is For - tune's com - pa - ny, A

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doubt - a - ble By judge un - break - a - ble. In - ca - pa - ble: All but the
ab - di - cates Who once ac - com - plish - es; She ba - nish - es For whom she
glo - ri - ous Were Pom - peii's ho - ma - ges? Sword - da - ma - ges De - feat - ed,
to - ri - ous, Troy stand - ing fear - less - ly, Why reck - less - ly Fell to the
ma - na - cle Well - made and cu - shion - y, Craved eu - pho - ny From hap - py

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shift - a - ble One you fa - vor, Spoiled by your
ad - vo - cates, With her fib - bing, Twist - ing in
fu - ri - ous. To well run it, Keep, on Her
du - bi - ous? Who laughed, shriek - ing At Rome's fu -
or - a - cle. It will fal - ter As blooms de -

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com - pa - ny, Life to sa - vor In high - wheeled har - mo - ny. Ca -
i - ro - ny, Fake gifts giv - ing: Mot - ley mo - no - to - ny. False
ve - hi - cle, From the sum - mit; Shun all the spec - ta - cle, Wheel's
til - i - ty? Who stole speaking From Greek a - bil - i - ty? Who
grad - a - ble; It will al - ter, Dead fields un - tame - a - ble, Once

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co - pho - ny You love, so You wa - ver, From filth - i - ness Lift the im -
glut - ton - y, Her pact with the liv - ing: Un - a - ble men Po - wer She
pin - na - cle, From high up to plum - met: Much hea - vi - er Falls from pros -
dig - ni - ty Of Car - thage went seek - ing? Fate va - ri - ous, She gave, She
a - ra - ble. To fail to ex - alt Her As turn - a - ble Is im - per -

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po - ver - ished, Pull prince - li - ness From lec - tors' gib - ber - ish.
al - lo - cates And no - ble - men Crush - es and suf - fo - cates.
per - i - ty, Much sca - ri - er To harsh ob - scur - i - ty.
took a - way; Whom pre - vi - ous Day loved, She threw a - way.
mis - si - ble: O change - a - ble, O For - tune flex - i - ble!