

READING 24 (adapted) In this selection Ovid adopts the voice of a lover chiding his girlfriend, Corinna. She has bleached her hair and it is now falling out.

Dicēbam, “Medicāre tuōs **dēsiste** capillōs!”

tingere quam potes, iam tibi nūlla coma est.

Cui est coma tam longa, tam pulchra?

nec tamen āter erat neque erat tamen aureus ille

sed, quamvīs neuter, mixtus uterque **color**.

Adde quod et docilēs et centum flexibus aptī

et tibi nūllius causa dolōris erant.

quam sē praebruērunt ferrō **patienter** et ignī,

clāmābam: “scelus est illōs, scelus ūrere crīnēs!”

Nunc tibi **captīvōs** mittet Germānia crīnēs.

tūta triumphatae munere gentis eris.

Saepe comās aliquō laudante, rubēbis

et dicēs, “ēmtā nunc ego merce laudar!”

Vocabulary:

tingō, -ere	to dye	patienter (adv.)	patiently
medicō, -āre (complementary inf.)	to treat	ūrō, -ere	to burn, scorch
dēsistō, -ere	to stop	crīnis, -is <i>m.</i>	hair
capillus, -ī <i>m.</i>	(a single) hair	captīvus, -a, -um	captive, of captives
coma, -ae <i>f.</i>	hair	Germānia, -ae <i>f.</i>	Germany
tam (adv.)	so	tūtus, -a, -um	safe
āter, ātra, ātrum	black, dark	triumphatae	“conquered”
quamvīs	although	munus, -eris <i>n.</i>	gift
mixtus	= mixtus est	aliquis, aliquid	someone, something
color, -ōris <i>m.</i>	color	rubeō, -ēre	to blush
adde quod	“and besides”	ēmtus, -a, -um	bought
docilis, -e	manageable	merx, mercis <i>f.</i>	merchandise – <i>i.e.</i>
flexus, -ūs <i>m.</i>	“style”		a wig – (§53 abl.
quam (adv.)	how		of cause)