***Credula Spes*: Tibullan Hope and the Future of Elegy**

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1) Occurrences of *spes/sperare* in amatory elegy: Prop. 1: 0; Prop. 2: 4; Prop. 3: 3; Prop. 4: 2; Tib. 1: 3; Tib 2: 1; Ov.

*Am.* 1: 3; *Am.* 2: 5; *Am.* 3: 0; *Ars* 1: 5: *Ars* 2: 1; *Ars* 3: 4; *RA*: 3.

2) Hope reasonable at the start: a) Ov. *Ars* 1.343, *ergo age, ne dubita cunctas sperare puellas*. b) Ov. *Ars* 1.445-6,

*spes tenet in tempus, semel est si credita, longum:/ Illa quidem fallax, sed tamen apta dea est*. c) Ov. *Ars* 1.469-

70, *si non accipiet scriptum, inlectumque remittet,/ lecturam spera, propositumque tene.*

3) Hope reasonable later: a) Ov. *Her.* 17.234, *fallitur augurio spes bona saepe suo* (cf. *Ars* 1.445, and *RA* 685). b)

Prop. 3.17.11-12): *semper enim vacuos nox sobria torquet amantes;/ spesque timorque animos versat utroque*

*modo*. c) Prop. 2.5.3 *haec merui sperare?* d) Prop. 2.22b.45-6 *hic unus dolor est ex omnibus acer amanti,/*

*speranti subito si qua venire negat.* e) Ov. *Am.* 1.6.52, *ei mihi, quam longe spem tulit aura meam!* f) Ov. *Am.*

1.11.13, *si quaeret quid agam, spe noctis vivere dices*.

4) *Puella*’s hopes sure to be disappointed: a) Prop. 4.7.13-14, *perfide nec cuiquam melior sperande puellae,/ in te*

*iam vires somnus habere potest?* b) Ov. *Ars* 3.551, *a doctis pretium scelus est sperare poetis*.

5) No point in (elegiac) hope: Prop. 2.9a.7, *visuram et quamvis numquam speraret Ulixem,/ illum exspectando facta*

*remansit anus.*

6) And yet…: a) Ov. *Am.* 2.4.13-14, *sive procax aliqua est, capior, quia rustica non est,/ spemque dat in molli*

*mobilis esse toro.* b) Ov. *Am.* 2.9b.43-4, *me modo decipiant voces fallacis amicae;/ sperando certe gaudia magna*

*feram*. c) Ov. *Am.* 2.19.5-6, *speremus pariter, pariter metuamus amantes,/ et faciat voto rara repulsa locum.* d)

Ov. *Am.* 2.19.49-50, *multa diuque tuli; speravi saepe futurum,/ cum bene servasses, ut bene verba darem.* e) Ov.

*Ars* 3.477-8, *fac timeat speretque simul, quotiensque remittes,/ spesque magis veniat certa minorque metus.* f) Ov.

*Ars* 3.592, *dum cadit in laqueos captus quoque nuper amator,/ solum se thalamos speret habere tuos.* g) Ov. *RA*

685-6, *desinimus tarde, quia nos speramus amari:/ Dum sibi quisque placet, credula turba sumus*.

7) a) Tib. 1.1.9-10, *nec spes destituat, sed frugum semper acervos/ praebeat et pleno pinguia musta lacu.* b) Tib.

1.9.23-4, *nec tibi celandi spes sit peccare paranti:/ est deus, occultos qui vetat esse dolos.* c) Tib. 1.9.43, *saepe*

*insperanti venit tibi munere nostro.*

8) *iam mala finissem leto, sed credula vitam*

*spes fovet et fore cras semper ait melius.*

*spes alit agricolas, spes sulcis credit aratis   
  semina, quae magno faenore reddat ager;   
haec laqueo volucres, haec captat arundine pisces,   
  cum tenues hamos abdidit ante cibus;   
spes etiam valida solatur conpede vinctum:   
  crura sonant ferro, sed canit inter opus*

*spes facilem Nemesim spondet mihi, sed negat illa;   
  ei mihi, ne vincas, dura puella, deam.* Tib. 2.6.19-28

9) a) exilic occasions for hope: Ov. *Tr*. 1.1.101-2, 2.145-54, Tr. 3.3.24, 3.5.25, 3.5.43, 3.5.53, 4.7.8, 4.8.13, 4.9.13,

5.4.17 (third party), 5.8.22, *EP* 1.2.61-4, 1.3.4, 2.3.68, 2.7.79, 2.8.14 (hope of seeing the imperial family), 2.8.72,

3.1.140 (O.’s wife should approach Livia carefully, so as not to destroy O.’s hopes), 3.3.92 (an epiphanic Cupid

assures O. that there is still hope). b) *Tr.* 1.2.33, Tr. 2.145-54 (the passage alternates between expressing hope and

denying its plausibility), 2.182, 4.3.12, 5.12.29, *EP* 3.5.58 (his friends should not encourage his hope if there is no

possibility of return), 3.7.9 (he has given up all hope of benefit from friends).

10) *spes igitur menti poenae, Graecine, levandae*

*non est ex toto nulla relicta meae.*

*haec dea, cum fugerent sceleratas numina terras,*

*in dis invisa sola remansit humo.*

*haec facit ut vivat fossor quoque compede vinctus,*

*liberaque a ferro crura futura putet.*

*haec facit ut, videat cum terras undique nullas,*

*naufragus in mediis bracchia iactet aquis.*

*saepe aliquem sollers medicorum cura reliquit,*

*nec spes huic vena deficiente cadit.*

*carcere dicuntur clausi sperare salutem,*

*atque aliquis pendens in cruce vota facit.*

*haec dea quam multos laqueo sua colla ligantis*

*non est proposita passa perire nece!*

*me quoque conantem gladio finire dolorem*

*arcuit iniecta continuitque manu,*

*“quid” que “facis? lacrimis opus est, non sanguine” dixit,*

*“saepe per has flecti principis ira solet.”*

*quam vis est igitur meritis indebita nostris,*

*magna tamen spes est in bonitate dei.*  Ov. *EP* 1.6.27-46

11) *di modo fecissent, placidae spem posset habere*

*pacis et a gelido longius axe foret. EP* 4.14.61-2

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