




Notes to session I

WITH AUDIO FOR THE MARTIAL COUPLET

AND THE FIRST VERSE TO GAUDEAMUS IGITUR

- ▶ **Thāis** Greek woman's name
- ▶ **Habet** she-has (could also mean he-has or it-has, but not here!)
- ▶ **Nigr-** black
- ▶ **-ōs** the black thing she has is plural, so it's black things, masculine in gender, but that doesn't mean it has to be human or animal.
- ▶ **niveōs** snowy white. So far, it looks like Thais has black somethings or other and white ones as well.
- ▶ **Laecānia** Latin woman's name. Whoops, looks like it's Thais that has the black somethings or other and Laecania who's got the snowy white ones.

- ▶ **Dentēs** teeth (this Latin word is masculine in gender, so **nigrōs** and **niveōs** are the right forms to use, because they are also masculine in form)
- ▶ **Quae** what (There are many forms of the word that means *what*, so there's a good chance that this won't be the right one for what you want to say! Not to put any pressure on you. In fact, if I were you, I'd just go ahead and use it mean *what*, if you feel like making up a sentence that needs this word.)
- ▶ **Ratiō** reason, reasoning, explanation, guiding-principle
- ▶ **Est** is

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- ▶ **Emptōs** purchased ones (also masculine in terms of grammatical gender)
 - ▶ **Haec** this one here, the more recently mentioned one, feminine and singular
 - ▶ **Habet** she-has
 - ▶ **Illa** that one over there, the formerly mentioned one (N.B. This word has two l's and each one needs to be pronounced.)
 - ▶ **Suōs** her own

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Gaudeāmus igitur

Let-us-rejoice then

Juvenēs dum sumus

Youth while we-are (while we are young)



Post iucundam iuventūtem

After pleasant youthtime (after a pleasant youth)

Post molestam senectūtem

After bothersome old-age (after a bothersome old age)

Nōs habēbit humus

Us will-have the-ground (The ground will have us.)

