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Catullus was a Roman poet. We have 113 surviving poems from him, ranging from beautifully emotional to satirical to brazenly insulting. Almost 2-dozen of the poems chronicle his relationship with a mistress whom he refers to as "Lesbia." Scholars believe "Lesbia" was Clodia Metelli, the wide of Quintus Caecilius Metellus, a Roman senator. The following Latin is a prose adaptation of Catullus Carmina 8 (Poem 8).

Vocabulary:

* obduro, obdurāre, obduravi, obduratum: to be firm, to be tough
* basio, basiāre, basiavi, basiatum: to kiss
* te: you

Puella mea me non amat. Vale, puella! Catullus obdurat: poeta puellam non amat, puellam non vocat,

formam puellae non laudat, puellae rosas non dat,

et puellam non basiat! Ira mea est magna!

Obduro, mea puella-sed sine te non valeo.