

Quatrain VI

1. Around the Pyrenees mountains a great throng
Of foreign people to aid the new King:
Near the great temple of Le Mas¹ by the Garonne,
A Roman chief will fear him in the water.

2. In the year five hundred eighty² more or less,
One will await a very strange century:
In the year seven hundred and three the heavens witness thereof,
That several kingdoms one to five will make a change.

3. The river that tries the new Celtic heir
Will be in great discord with the Empire:
The young Prince through the ecclesiastical people
Will remove³ the scepter of the crown of concord.

4. The Celtic river will change its course,
No longer will it include the city of Agrippina:⁴
All changed except the old language,
Saturn, Leo, Mars, Cancer in plunder.⁵

5. Very great famine through pestiferous wave,
Through long rain the length of the arctic pole:
SAMAROBRYN⁶ one hundred leagues from the hemisphere,
They will live without law exempt from politics.

6. There will appear towards the North
Not far from Cancer the bearded star:⁷
Susa, Siena, Boeotia, Eretria,
The great one of Rome will die, the night over.

7. *Norway and Dacia*⁸ and the British Isle
Will be vexed by the united brothers:
The Roman chief sprung from Gallic blood

¹ Undoubtedly Le-Mas-d' Agenais, which contains many Roman ruins.

² 1580 and 1703.

³ Or deprived.

⁴ Cologne, originally Colonia Agrippina, named after Nero's mother.

⁵ Saturn in Leo. Mars in Cancer in plunder.

⁶ *SAMAROBRYN*, Amiens? A space-station astronaut named Sam R. OBrien? Samato bryn.

⁷ A comet.

⁸ Misprint. Norvège, Norway.

Transylvania, now part of Rumania (boundaries approximate those of ancient Roman Dacia). Or Hungary.

And his forces hurled back into the forests.

8. Those who were in the realm for knowledge
Will become impoverished at the change of King:
Some exiled without support, having no gold,
The lettered and letters will not be at a high premium.

9. In the sacred temples scandals will be perpetrated,
They will be reckoned as honors and commendations:
Of one of whom they engrave medals of silver and of gold,
The end will be in very strange torments.

10. In a short time the temples with colors
Of white and black of the two intermixed:
Red and yellow ones will carry off theirs from them,
Blood, land, plague, famine, fire extinguished by water.

11. The seven branches will be reduced to three,
The elder ones will be surprised by death,
The two will be seduced to fratricide,
The conspirators will be dead while sleeping.

12. To raise forces to ascend to the empire
In the Vatican the Royal blood will hold fast:
Flemings, English, Spain with "Aspire"¹
Against Italy and France will he contend.

13. A doubtful one will not come far from the realm,
The greater part will want to uphold him:
A Capitol² will not want him to reign at all,
He will be unable to bear his great burden.

14. Far from his land a King will lose the battle,
At once escaped, pursued, then captured,
Ignorant one taken under the golden mail,
Under false garb, and the enemy surprised.

¹ Speyer or Spires? The city in the Palatinate? Germany?

² Originally the citadel of Rome. Or Pope.

15. Under the tomb will be found a Prince
Who will be valued above Nuremberg:
The Spanish King in Capricorn¹ thin,
Deceived and betrayed by the great Wittenberg.

16. That which will be carried off by² the young Hawk,
By the Normans of France and Picardy:
The black ones of the temple of the Black Forest place
Will make an inn and fire of Lombardy.

17. After the files the ass-drivers³ burned,
They will be obliged to change diverse garbs:
Those of Saturn burned by the millers,
Except the greater part which will not be covered.

18. The great King abandoned by the physicians,
By fate not the Jew's art he remains alive,
He and his kindred pushed high in the realm,
Pardon given to the race which denies Christ.

19. The true flame will devour the lady
Who will want to put the Innocent Ones to the fire:
Before the assault the army is inflamed,
When in Seville a monster in beef will be seen.

20. The feigned union will be of short duration,
Some changed most reformed:
In the vessels people will be in suffering,
Then Rome will have a new Leopard.

21. When those of the arctic pole are united together,
Great terror and fear in the East:
Newly elected, the great trembling supported,⁴
Rhodes, Byzantium stained with Barbarian blood.

¹ The Sun enters Capricorn on December 22, if that is the import here.

² Or from.

³ A compound of raisin or grape, from ras, shaven ones, and lime, penance. Or limes is a misprint for livres, books.

⁴ Or the newly elected one upheld the great one trembles.

22. Within the land of the great heavenly temple,
Nephew murdered at London through feigned peace:
The bark will then become schismatic,
Sham liberty will be proclaimed everywhere.

23. Coins depreciated¹ by the spirit of the realm,
And people will be stirred up against their King:
New peace made,² holy laws become worse,
Paris was never in so very severe an array.

24. Mars and the scepter will be found conjoined
Under Cancer³ calamitous war:
Shortly afterwards a new King will be anointed,
One who for a long time will pacify the earth.

25. Through adverse Mars⁴ will the monarchy
Of the great fisherman⁵ be in ruinous trouble:
The young red black one⁶ will seize the hierarchy.⁷
The traitors will act on a day of drizzle.

26. For four years the see will be held with some little good,
One libidinous in life will succeed to it:
Ravenna, Pisa and Verona will give support,
Longing to elevate the Papal cross.

27. Within the Isles of five rivers to one,
Through the expansion⁸ of the great *Chyren* SELIN⁹:
Through the drizzles in the air the fury of one,
Six escaped, hidden bundles of flax.

28. The great Celt will enter Rome,
Leading a throng of the exiled and banished:
The great Pastor will put to death every man
Who was united at the Alps for¹⁰ the cock.

¹ Or the defenses undermined:

² Or peace a new saint.

³ I. e., when Mars and Jupiter are conjunct in Cancer.

⁴ I.e., bad luck in war, or some astrological configuration.

⁵ St. Peter.

⁶ Or the young red king.

⁷ Greek, the presidency of the sacred rites, i.e., the Papacy.

⁸ Or crescent.

⁹ Combined the two names of Henry of the Crescent: i.e., *Chyren* (anagram for *Henry*) and *Selin* (crescent).

¹⁰ Or against?

29. The saintly widow hearing the news,
Of her offspring placed *in perplexity and trouble*:
He who will be instructed to appease the quarrels,
He will pile them up by his pursuit of the shaven heads.

30. Through the appearance of feigned sanctity
The siege¹ will be betrayed to the enemies:
In the night when they trusted to sleep in safety,
Near Brabant will march those of Liège.

31. The King will find that which he desired so much
When the Prelate will be blamed unjustly:
His reply to the Duke will leave him dissatisfied,
He who in Milan will put several to death.

32. Beaten to death by rods for treason,
Captured he will be overcome through his disorder:
Frivolous counsel held out to the great captive,
When *Berieh*² will come to bite his nose in fury.

33. His last hand through *Alus*³ sanguinary,
He will be unable to protect himself by sea:
Between two rivers he will fear the military hand,
The black and irate one⁴ will make him rue it.⁵

34. The device of flying⁶ fire
Will come to trouble the great besieged chief:
Within there will be such sedition
That the profligate ones will be in despair.

35. Near the Bear⁷ and close to the white wool,⁸
Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Leo, Virgo,
Mars, Jupiter, the Sun will burn a great plain,
Woods and cities letters hidden in the candle.

¹ Or see.

² Or Berlch. Or the man from Berry (Duke of Berry?).

³ Anagram for Saul?

⁴ Or anagram, the irate king.

⁵ Or the black one [or king] will make the irate one rue it.

⁶ Or intended.

⁷ Misprint for Trion, Latin Triones, the Bears (Ursa Major and Minor).

⁸ The Milky Way.

36. Neither good nor evil through terrestrial battle
Will reach the confines of Perugia,
Pisa to rebel, Florence to see an evil existence,
King by night wounded on a mule with black housing.

37. The ancient work will be finished,
Evil ruin will fall upon the great one from the roof:
Dead they will accuse an innocent one of the deed,
The guilty one hidden in the copse in the drizzle.

38. The enemies of peace to the profligates,
After having conquered Italy:
The bloodthirsty black one,¹ red, will be exposed,
Fire, blood shed, water colored by blood.

39. The child of the realm through the capture of his father
Will be plundered to deliver him:
Near the Lake of Perugia the azure captive,²
The hostage troop to become far too drunk.

40. To quench the great thirst the great one of Mainz
Will be deprived of his great dignity:
Those of Cologne will come to complain so loudly
That the great rump will be thrown into the Rhine.

41. The second chief of the realm of *Annemark*,³
Through those of Frisia⁴ and of the British Isle,
Will spend more than one hundred thousand marks,
Exploiting in vain the voyage to Italy.

42. To Ogmios will be left the realm
Of the great *Selin*,⁵ who will in fact do more:
Throughout Italy will he extend his banner,
He will be ruled by a prudent deformed one.

¹ Or the bloodthirsty king.

² Or the surprise.

³ Hungary and Bohemia-Moravia.

⁴ The province of Friesland in particular or Holland in general.

⁵ The enigmatic hero.

43. For a long time will she remain uninhabited,
Around where the Seine and the Marne she comes to water:
Tried by the Thames¹ and warriors,
The guards deceived in trusting in the repulse.

44. By night the rainbow will appear for Nantes,
By marine arts they will stir up rain:
In the Gulf of Arabia² a great fleet will plunge to the bottom,
In Saxony *a monster will be born* of a bear and a sow.

45. The very learned governor of the realm,
Not wishing to consent to the royal deed:
The fleet at Melilla through contrary wind
Will deliver him to his most disloyal one.

46. A just one will be sent back again into exile,
Through pestilence to the confines of *Nonseggle*,³
His reply to the red one will cause him to be misled,
The King withdrawing to the *Frog* and the *Eagle*.

47. The two great ones assembled between two mountains
Will abandon their secret quarrel:
Brussels and Dôle overcome by Langres,
To execute their plague at Malines.

48. The too false and seductive sanctity,
Accompanied by an eloquent tongue:
The old city, and Parma too premature,
Florence and Siena they will render more desert.

¹ Or by La Tamise (a town in Flanders near Antwerp).

² Or the Gulf of Uraba (in Colombia, South America).

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49. The great Pontiff of the party of Mars¹
Will subjugate the confines of the Danube:
The cross to pursue, through sword hook or crook,
Captives, gold, jewels more than one hundred thousand rubies.

50. Within the pit will be found the bones,
Incest will be committed by the stepmother:²
The state changed, they will demand fame and praise,
And they will have Mars attending *as their insignia*.

51. People assembled to see a new spectacle,
Princes and Kings amongst many bystanders,
Pillars walls to fall: *but as by a miracle*
The King saved and thirty of the ones present.

52. In place of the great one who will be condemned,
Outside the prison, his friend in his place:
The Trojan hope in six months *joined, born³ dead,*
The Sun in the urn⁴ rivers will be frozen.

53. The great Celtic Prelate suspected by the King,
By night in flight he will leave the realm:
Through a Duke fruitful for his great British King,⁵
Byzantium to Cyprus and Tunis unsuspected.

54. At daybreak at the second crowing of the cock,
Those of Tunis, of Fez and of Bougie,
By the Arabs the King of Morocco captured,
The year sixteen hundred and seven, of the Liturgy.

55. By the appeased Duke in drawing up the contract,
Arabesque sail seen, sudden discovery:
Trípolis, Chios, and those of Trebizond,
Duke captured, the Black Sea and the city a desert.

¹ Or of Messina.

² Or mother-in-law.

³ Or heir.

⁴ I.e., Aquarius.

⁵ Or Breton King.

56. The dreaded army of the Narbonne enemy
Will frighten very greatly the *Hesperians*.¹
Perpignan empty through the blind one of *Arbon*²
Then Barcelona by sea will take up the quarrel.

57. He who was well forward in the realm,
Having a red chief close to the hierarchy,³
According to the cruelty, and he will make himself much feared,
He will succeed to the sacred monarchy.

58. Between the two distant monarchs,
When the clear Sun is lost through SELIN:⁴
Great enmity between two indignant ones,
So that liberty is restored to the Isles and Siena.

59. The Lady in fury through rage of adultery,
She will come to conspire not to tell her Prince:
But soon will the blame be made known,⁵
So that seventeen will be put to martyrdom.

60. The Prince outside his Celtic land
Will be betrayed, deceived by the interpreter:
Rouen, La Rochelle through those of Brittany
At the port of Blaye deceived by monk and priest.

61. The great carpet folded will not show
But by halves the greatest part of history:⁶
Driven far out of the realm he will appear harsh,
So that everyone will come to believe in his warlike deed.

62. Too late both the flowers will be lost,
The serpent will not want to act against the law:
The forces of the Leaguers confounded by the French,
Savona, Albenga through Monaco great martyrdom.

¹ _____ The inhabitants of the Land of the West. Spaniards? Americans?

NOSTRADAMUS: The *Hesperian Way* of Mars the planet is the ubiquitous environs. You cannot flee away from the craggy red, violent, spare and stripped surface as your environment.

² Dubious. The Dame of a town in the canton of Thurgau, Switzerland. Or Arbonne, the name of a village in Basses-Pyrenees.

³ Le., having as patron a cardinal close to the Pope.

⁴ Or through the Moon

⁵ The culprit?

⁶ Or of its history.

63. The lady left alone in the realm
By the unique one extinguished first on the bed of honor:
Seven years will she be weeping in grief,
Then with great good fortune for the realm long life.

64. No peace agreed upon will be kept,
All the subscribers will act with deceit:
In peace and truce, land and sea in protest,
By Barcelona fleet seized with ingenuity.

65. Gray and brown in half-opened war,
By night they will be assaulted and pillaged:
The brown captured will pass through the lock,¹
His temple opened, two slipped in the plaster.

66. At the foundation of the new sect,
The bones of the great Roman will be found,
A sepulcher covered by marble will appear,
Earth to quake in April, poorly buried.

67. Quite another one will attain to the great Empire,
Kindness distant more so happiness:
Ruled by one sprung not far from the brothel,
Realms to decay great bad luck.

68. When the soldiers in a seditious fury
Will cause steel to flash by night against their chief:
The enemy Alba² acts with furious hand,
Then to vex Rome and seduce the principal ones.

69. The great pity will occur before long,
Those who gave will be obliged to take:
Naked, starving, withstanding cold and thirst,
To pass over the mountains committing a great scandal.

¹ Or saw, prison.

² I.e., the Duke of Alba, Habsburg generalissimo.

70. Chief of the world will the great *Chyren*¹ be,
*Plus Ultra*² behind, loved, feared, dreaded:
His fame and praise will go beyond the heavens,
And with the sole title of Victor will he be quite satisfied.

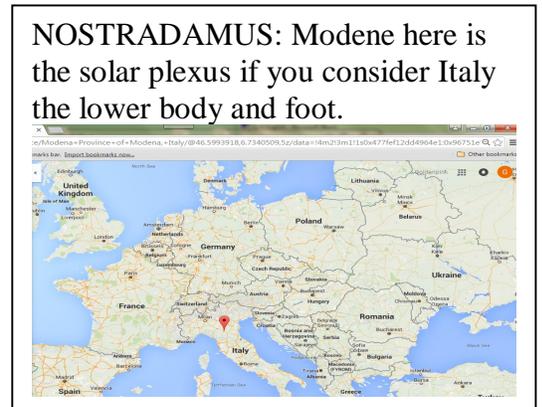
71. When they will come to give the last rites to the great King
Before he has entirely given up the ghost:
He who will come to grieve over him the least,
Through lions, eagles,³ cross crown sold.

72. Through feigned fury of divine emotion
The wife of the great one will be violated:
The judges wishing to condemn such a doctrine,
She is sacrificed a victim to the ignorant people.

73. In a great city a monk and artisan,
Lodged near the gate and walls,
Secret speaking emptily against Modene,⁴
Betrayed for acting under the guise of nuptials.

74. She chased out will return to the realm,
Her enemies found to be conspirators:
More than ever her time will triumph,
Three and seventy to death very sure.

75. The great pilot device driver will be commissioned by the King,
To leave the fleet to fill a higher post:
Seven years after he will be in rebellion,
Venice will come to fear the *Barbarian Army*.



¹ Anagram for *Henri* (Henry).

² I.e., Charles V will play second fiddle to him.

³ Or they will very soon see him related by marriage with Eagles, Lions, etc.

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76. The creation of the ancient city of “An en noir,”¹
Being no longer able to bear the tyrant:
The feigned handles² in the temple to cut a throat,
The people will come to put his followers to death.

77. Through the fraudulent victory of the deceived,³
Two fleets one, German revolt:
The chief murdered and his son in the tent,⁴
Florence and Imola pursued into *Romania*.⁵

78. To proclaim the victory of⁶ the great expanding SELIN:⁷
By the Romans will the eagle be demanded,⁸
Pavia, Milan and Genoa will not consent thereto,
Then by themselves the great Lord claimed.⁹

79. Near the Ticino the inhabitants of the Loire,
Caronne and Saône, the Seine, the Tain and Gironde:
They will erect a promontory beyond the mountains,
Conflict given, Po enlarged,¹⁰ submerged in the wave.

80. From Fez the realm will reach those of Europe,
Their city ablaze and the blade will cut:
The great one of Asia by land and sea with a great troop,
So that blues and perses¹¹ the cross will pursue to death.

81. Tears, cries and laments, howls, terror,
Heart inhuman, cruel, black and chilly:
Lake of Geneva the Isles, of Genoa the notables,
Blood to pour out, [hunger] wheat famine¹² to none mercy.

¹ *Antenorre*, en noir means suited or to clothe. **NOSTRADAMUS:** Here, “the antenorre” means the city is suited for the Dark.

² Or one-armed one.

³ Or through the victory of the fraudulent deceit.

⁴ Or the chief and his son murdered in the tent.

⁵ Either (1) Romagna, or (2) the Papal States, or (3) the Roman Empire.

⁶ Or over.

⁷ Or crescent moon.

⁸ Romans will the eagle be demanded, _____

⁹ Or Greek, king, prince, lord, captain.

¹⁰ Or Pau seized.

¹¹ A color bluish gray, sky blue and bluish green.

¹² French: fromfaim, froment-faim. Old French, from faim, hunger.

82. Through the deserts of the free and wild place,
The nephew of the great pontiff will come to wander:
Felled by seven with a heavy club,
By those who afterwards will occupy the Chalice.

83. He who will have so much honor and flattery
At his entry into Belgian Gaul:
A while after he will act very rudely,
And he will act very warlike against the flower.

84. The Lame One, he who lame could not reign in Sparta,
He will do much through seductive means:
So that by the short and long, he will be accused
Of making his perspective against the King.

85. The great city of Tarsus by the Gauls
Will be destroyed, all of the Turban captives:
Help by sea from¹ the great one of Portugal,
First day of summer Urban's consecration.²

86. The great Prelate one day after his dream,
Interpreted opposite to its meaning:
From Gascony a monk will come unexpectedly,
One who will cause the great prelate of Sens to be elected.

87. The election made in Frankfort
Will be voided, Milan will be opposed:
The follower closer will seem so very strong
That he will drive him out into the marshes beyond the Rhine.

88. A great realm will be left desolated,
Near the Ebro an assembly will be formed:
The Pyrenees mountains will console him,³
When in May lands will be trembling.

¹ Or to.

² Or St. Urbans Day.

³ Or it.

89. Feet and hands bound between two boats,¹
Face anointed with honey, and sustained with milk:
Wasps and flies, paternal love vexed,
Cup-bearer to falsify, Chalice tried.

90. The stinking abominable disgrace,
After the deed he will be congratulated:
The great excuse for not being favorable,
That Neptune will not be persuaded to peace.

91. Of the leader of the naval war,
Red one unbridled, severe, horrible whim,
Captive escaped from the elder one in the bale,
When there will be born a son to the great Agrippa.²

Prince of beauty so comely,
Around his head a plot, the second deed betrayed:³
The city to the sword in dust the face burnt,
Through too great murder the head⁴ of the King hated.

93. The greedy prelate deceived by ambition,
He will come to reckon nothing too much for him:
He and his messengers completely trapped,
He who cut the wood sees all in reverse.

94. A King will be angry with the see-breakers,⁵
When arms of war will be prohibited:
The poison tainted in the sugar for the strawberries,
Murdered by waters, dead, saying land, land.⁶

¹ troughs or an old Persian torture.

² A reincarnation of Marcus Vipsanius Agrippa (63-12 B.C.), Roman statesman and generalissimo, son-in-law of Augustus, grandfather of Caligula, great-grandfather of Nero, a model of the finest type of Roman leader.

³ Against his head a plot, made second, betrayed. Or, a Princess of an exquisite beauty/ Shall be brought to the general.

⁴ Or chief.

⁵ Protestants.

⁶ Instead of *terre terre, serre serre* [greenhouse].

95. Calumny against the cadet by the detractor,
When enormous and warlike deeds will take place:
The least part doubtful for the elder one,
And soon in the realm there will be partisan deeds.

96. Great city abandoned to the soldiers,
Never was mortal tumult so close to it:
Oh, what a hideous calamity draws near,
Except one offense nothing will be spared it.

97. At forty-five degrees the sky will bum,
Fire to approach the great new city:
In an instant a great scattered flame will leap up,
When one will want to demand proof of the Normans.

98. Ruin for the Volcae¹ so very terrible with fear,
Their great city² stained, pestilential deed:
To plunder Sun and Moon³ and to violate their temples:
And to redden the two rivers flowing with blood.

99. The learned enemy will find himself⁴ confused,
His great army sick, and defeated by ambushes,
The Pyrenees and Pennine Alps will be denied him,
Discovering near the river ancient jugs.⁵

INCANTATION OF THE LAW AGAINST INEPT CRITICS

*100. Let those who read this verse consider it profoundly,
Let the profane and ignorant herd keep away:
And far away all Astrologers, Idiots and Barbarians,
May he who does otherwise be subject to the sacred rite.*

¹ The classical inhabitants of Languedoc. The Languedocians.

² Toulouse.

³ I.e., gold and silver.

⁴ Or will turn around.

⁵ I.e., funeral urns. Or ancient rocks.