

1 We've rambled through Romes ancient halls,
2 Seen her old palaces and walls,
3 Explored in earth her catacombs,
4 And climbed her hills & lofty domes.
5 Her great colosseum have explored,
6 And works that antae-date our Lord.
7 Old ruins everywhere abound
8 On this most interesting ground.
9 A she wolf nurse'd a pair of twins.
10 From these the tale of Rome begins
11 And such a tale of fire and sword
12 No other parts of earth record.
13 They conquered all the world they knew,
14 By civil wars each other slew.
15 The remnants of her power and pride
16 Are visible on every side.
17 Roman virtue named heroic
18 Culminating in the stoic.
19 Her pagan temples yet remain
20 And lofty columns long have lain
21 Beneath the surface of the ground
22 And ages past ere they were found.
23 The great republic waned at last.
24 Her senators grew fat and fast.
25 And "credit mobiliers" they had
26 Or other swindlers full as bad.
27 Corruption then, as it will now,
28 The best of governments o'erthrow.
29 Then Julius Caesar took the rein
30 And would be king, but soon was slain.
31 Then came a line of emperors
32 Who filled the world with blood & tears.
33 The empire fell by savage bands,
34 The vandals of the northern lands.
35 The early Christians suffered here
36 By edicts savage and severe.
37 Bloody Nero and Tiberius
38 Made faith in Christ a little serious.
39 The church grew strong, but lost its meekness
40 And drew the sword in Peters weakness.
41 Out Neroed Neros savage ways