

# DESTINY

Others will, no doubt, hammer out bronze  
That breathes more softly, and draw living faces  
Out of stone. They will plead cases better  
And chart the rising of every star in the sky.  
Your mission, Roman, is to rule the world.  
These will be your arts: to establish peace,  
To spare the humbled, and to conquer the proud.

Virgil, *Aeneid*, 6.1012–1018

(translated into English by Professor Stanley Lombardo)