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FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE CITY TO
ITS DESTRUCTION BY THE GAULS

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WITH A MAP



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WHO list the Roman greatness forth to figure,
 Him needeth not to seek for usage right
 Of line, or lead, or rule, or square to measure
 Her length, her breadth, her deepness and her hight ;
 But him behoves to view in compass round
 All that the Ocean grasps in his long arms,
 Be it where th' yearly star doth scorch the ground,
 Or where cold Boreas blows his bitter storms.
 Rome was th' whole world and all the world was Rome
 And if things named their names do equalize,
 When land and sea you name, then name ye Rome,
 And naming Rome ye land and sea comprize !
 For th' ancient plot of Rome displayed plain
 The map of all the wide world doth contain.

All that which Egypt whilom did devise,
 All that which Greece their temples to embrace
 After th' Ionick, Attick, Dorick guise,
 Or Corinth, skilled in curious work to grave ;
 All that Lysippus' practick art could form,
 Apelles' wit, or Phidias his skill,
 Was wont this ancient city to adorn,
 And heaven itself with her wide wonders fill :
 All that which Athens ever brought forth wise
 Or that which Africk ever brought forth strange,
 All that which Asia ever had of prise,
 Was here to see. O marvellous great change !
 Rome living was the world's sole ornament,
 And dead, is now the world's sole monument !

Spenser, *Ruins of Rome.*