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Si los riesgos del mar considerara,  
ninguno se embarcara; si antes viera  
bien su peligro, nadie se atreviera  
ni al bravo toro osado provocada.  
Si el fogoso bruto ponderara  
la furia desbocada en la carrera  
el jinete prudente, nunca hubiera  
quien con discreta mano lo enfrenara.  
**Pero** si hubiera alguno tan osado  
que, no obstante el peligro, al mismo Apolo  
quisiese gobernar con atrevida  
mano él rápido carro en luz bañado,  
todo lo hiciera, y no tomara sólo  
estado que ha de ser toda la vida.

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Were the perils of the ocean fully weighed,  
no man would voyage, or, could he but read  
the hidden dangers, knowingly proceed  
or dare to bait the bull to frenzied rage.  
Were prudent rider overly dismayed,  
should he contemplate the fury of his steed  
or ponder where its headlong course might lead,  
there'd be no reining hand to be obeyed.  
**But** were there one so daring, one so bold  
that, heedless of the danger, he might place,  
upon Apollo's reins emboldened hand  
To guide the fleeting chariot bathed in gold,  
the diversity of life he would embrace  
and never chose a state to last his span.

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