Neo-Latin poems – School Students

Two poems with animal themes:

Why oppose music?

Musarum dulces modulos quid spernis aselle?
Piscibus hos mutis en placuisse vides.
Nam nisi dulce melos inter Delphinas Arion
Cantasset rapidis obrutus esset aquis.

An Admonition to the Duke of Parma not to be hasty (the first half of the poem is a quotation from Virgil, the second half is newly composed)

Tros Anchisiade facilis descensus Averni,
Noctes atque dies patet atri ianua Ditis;
Sed revocare gradum superasque evadere ad auras,
Hoc opus, hic labor est. Pauci, quos aequus amavit
Iuppiter aut ardens evexit ad aethera virtus,
Dis geniti potuere.

In puteum facile descensu proruit hircus,
Hoc opus, hic labor est, sed revocare gradum,
Huc usqu' heu! prudens, tua te prudentia fallit,
Dux Parmae hircus eris dum modo vulpes eras.
Quam bene dum lente properas testudinis instar:
Tam male more aquilae dum volitare cupis.