

# Sundials by Robert Foster

## A FEW LATIN SUNDIAL MOTTOS



- Tempus fugit (time flies)  
Sic vita fugit (thus life flies)  
Sic vita transit (thus life passes)  
Sic vita dum fugit stare videtur (thus life, whilst it flies, seems to stand still)  
Dum loquimur fugerit invida aetas (even as we speak, churlish time has been flying)  
Carpe diem (seize the day)  
Carpe diem quam minimum credula postero (seize the day and trust not tomorrow)  
Soles occidere et redire possunt (suns may set and rise again)  
Ratio quasi lux lumenque vitae (that light which enlightens life)  
Nobis cum semel occidit brevis lux (our short day comes to an end)  
Prima luce, orta luce (spreading light at daybreak)  
Primi sub lumine solis et ortus (at the earliest rising of the sun)  
Ante lucem (twilight before dawn)  
Illae quae fulgent luces (shining like the heavenly bodies)  
Corpore luce carentum (the light of life has gone)  
Lucem orbis terrarum (the light of fame shines around the world)  
Lux mea (my light)  
Lux vitae meae (light of my life)  
In luce atque in oculis civium (in the light of the public gaze)  
Luce forensi caruit (a light esteemed by the people)  
Lucem vitari (a light shining in retirement)  
Genus sine luce (a light of distinction)  
Caelum stellis fulgentibus aptum (stars shining in their constellations)  
Stellantis regia caeli (magnificent starry skies)  
Gemmis caudam stellantibus implet (stars sparkling like strings of jewels)  
Pereunt et Imputantur (the hours perish and are charged to our account)  
Tempus breve est (time is short)  
Ruit hora (the hour is flowing away)

Tempus volat, hora fugit (time is on the wing, the hour flies)  
Hora fugit, ne tardes (The hour flies, do not be late)  
Festina lente (make haste slowly)  
Utere non reditura (use the hour, it will not return)  
Altera pars otio, pars ista labori (devote another hour to leisure, this one to work)  
Vita fugit, sicut umbra (life passes like the shadow)  
Vitis similis umbra (life is like a shadow)  
Umbra sicut hominis vita (the life of man is like a shadow)  
Meam vide umbram, tuam videbis vitam (see my shadow, see your life)  
Memor esto brevis aevi (remember life is short)  
Serius est quam cogitas (it's later than you think)  
Sic labitur aetas (thus passes a lifetime)  
Lente hora, celeriter anni (the hour passes slowly, the years pass quickly)  
Ultima latet ut observentur omnes (the final hour is unknown, so watch them all)  
Ver non semper viret (springtime does not last)  
Sic vita fluit, dum stare videtur (thus life flows, while seeming to stand still)  
Tempus edax rerum (time devours all things)  
Tempus vincit omnia (time conquers all)  
Vidi nihil permanere sub sole (I have seen that nothing under the sun endures)  
Dum tempus habemus operemur bonum (while we have time, let us do good)  
Sol omnibus lucet (the sun shines for all)  
Omnes aequales sola virtute discrepantes (all hours are alike, distinguished only by good deeds)

