

# Single-Source Transcription Assignment

## Assignment

Transcribe the quatrain *De vento* (“Wind”; just the main text, not the glosses) from [London, British Library MS Royal 12 C XXIII, fol. 84r](#) into TEI-compliant XML. Upload your XML source to Stud.IP’s homework folder, along with a PDF compiled using the transformation tool at <https://langeslag.uni-goettingen.de/editing>. (Use `singlesource_yourfirstname.xml` and `.pdf` as the filenames.) If transformation fails upload the XML only, but include a comment element containing your analysis of the problem.

## XML Standard

Your edition should be in TEI-compliant XML based on our template for critical editions (though with a single source, there is no need to use the critical apparatus features for this assignment). The assignment comprises three elements:

1. Populate the `template` TEI header;
2. Transcribe the verse;
3. Add a full `<msDesc>` manuscript description to the TEI header without invalidating the document.

For element 2, consider what aspects of the manuscript text you could reasonably encode and how, and keep track of what information is displayed with the transformation stylesheets used. Element 3 means that in addition to the shelfmark entered into the `<listWit>` environment, you should reproduce a record like that on p. 27 (hard p. 28) of the `class slides` and add it into the `<fileDesc>` environment.

If it seems as though you’re entering metadata twice, think of it in this way: a single-source transcription normally uses the `<msDesc>` element to identify what source is being transcribed, while text-critical editions (for which our template has been primed) rely on `<listWit>` to link specific readings to specific manuscript witnesses. They are different functions, but we’re using this assignment to practise with both notations.