

SPARROW TREE SQUARE



Books and School

The love of *learning*,
the sequestered *nooks*,
And all the *sweet*
serenity of *books...*

– from “Morituri salutamus”
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882),
American poet

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Euclid

Vachel Lindsay

Old Euclid drew a circle	1
On a sand-beach long ago.	2
He bounded and enclosed it	3
With angles thus and so.	4
His set of solemn greybeards	5
Nodded and argued much	6
Of arc and circumference,	7
Diameter and such.	8
A silent child stood by them	9
From morning until noon	10
Because they drew such charming	11
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VACHEL LINDSAY (1879—1931) was an American poet. He referred to his poetry as “singing poetry,” reflecting its musical quality, rhythm, and the way Lindsay intended the poems to be read aloud.



Detail of Euclid from *The School of Athens* by Raphael