ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME
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I composed this poem and I have been using it for the past few years. We recite
the poem together at the beginning of the class, thus the students are focusing
on Latin immediately.

LATINA VIVIT, LATINA VIVAT!

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All roads lead to Rome
and they are paved
with declensions and conjugations.
The Via Appia, Regina Viarum
has the inscriptio: “Quo vadis?”
Via Latina has the indicatio:
The meaning is in the ending.
A funny thing happens on the way to the Forum:
the adjective agrees in case, gender, and number.
Along the Via Sacra coniugatio:
Amo, amas, amat
I love, you love, he, she, it loves.
On the Via Salaria, cum grano salis, declinatio:
nominative: nomen, subject
genitive: generatio, possession, of
dative: given to, for,
accusative: direct object, per, ad, post, ante, trans
ablative: a, ab, e, ex, de, sine, sub, in, cum, pro
On the way to the Colosseum, proclamatio:
Veni vidi vici
Linguam latinam.