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I propose in *Catulle ou l'anti-César* (Paris, 1998) to identify with Calvus the mysterious "brother" so loved by Catullus. Here is a new clue to this effect. At verse 30 of Poem 68, devoted to the death of this "brother", we read

*Id, Malli, non est turpe, sed* ("It's not  
*magis miserum est*

a shame, Mallius, but rather a misfortune"). Clear and poignant echo to these words of Calvus, that Seneca the Elder has transmitted to us (

*Controv.*

7,4-8):

*Credite mihi, iudices, non est turpe misereri*

. Strangely enough, no commentator, to my knowledge, had mentioned it.