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QUINTUS — for we know him only by his first name — was a poet who lived at Smyrna some four hundred years after Christ. His work, in fourteen books, is a bold and generally underrated attempt in Homer's style to complete the story of Troy from the point at which the *Iliad* closes. Quintus tells us the stories of Penthesilea, the Amazonian queen; Memnon, leader of the Ethiopians; the death of Achilles; the contest for Achilles' arms between Ajax and Odysseus; the arrival of Philoctetes; and the making of the Wooden Horse. The poem ends with the departure of the Greeks and the great storm which by the wrath of heaven shattered their fleet.

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INTRODUCTION

HOMER'S *Iliad* begins towards the close of the last of the ten years of the Trojan War: its incidents extend over some fifty days only, and it ends with the burial of Hector. The things which came before and after were told by other bards, who between them narrated the whole "cycle" of the events of the war, and so were called the Cyclic Poets. Of their works none have survived; but the story of what befell between Hector's funeral and the taking of Troy is told in detail, and well told, in a poem about half as long as the *Iliad*. Some four hundred years after Christ there lived at Smyrna a poet of whom we know scarce anything, save that his first name was Quintus. He had saturated himself with the spirit of Homer, he had caught the ring of his music, and he perhaps had before him the works of those Cyclic Poets whose stars had paled before the sun.

We have practically no external evidence as to the date or place of birth of Quintus of Smyrna, or for the sources whence he drew his materials. His date is approximately settled by two passages in

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the poem, viz. vi. 531 *sqq.*, in which occurs an illustration drawn from the man-and-beast fights of the amphitheatre, which were suppressed by Theodosius I. (379–395 A.D.); and xiii. 335 *sqq.*, which contains a prophecy, the special particularity of which, it is maintained by Koechly, limits its applicability to the middle of the fourth century A.D.

His place of birth, and the precise locality, is given by himself in xii. 308–313, and confirmatory evidence is afforded by his familiarity, of which he gives numerous instances, with many natural features of the western part of Asia Minor.

With respect to his authorities, and the use he made of their writings, there has been more difference of opinion. Since his narrative covers the same ground as the *Aethiopsis* (Coming of Memnon) and the *Iliupersis* (Destruction of Troy) of Arctinus (*circ.* 776 B.C.), and the *Little Iliad* of Lesches (*circ.* 700 B.C.), it has been assumed that the work of Quintus “is little more than an amplification or remodelling of the works of these two Cyclic Poets.” This, however, must needs be pure conjecture, as the only remains of these poets consist of fragments amounting to no more than a very few lines from each, and of the “summaries of contents” made by the grammarian Proclus (*circ.* 140 A.D.), which, again, we but get at second-hand through the *Bibliotheca* of Photius (ninth century). Now, not merely do the only descriptions of incident that are found in the fragments differ essentially from the corresponding incidents as described by Quintus, but

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even in the summaries, meagre as they are, we find, as German critics have shown by exhaustive investigation, serious discrepancies enough to justify us in the conclusion that, even if Quintus had the works of the Cyclic poets before him, which is far from certain, his poem was no mere remodelling of theirs, but an independent and practically original work. Not that this conclusion disposes by any means of all difficulties. If Quintus did not follow the Cyclic poets, from what source did he draw his materials? The German critic unhesitatingly answers, "from Homer." As regards language, versification, and general spirit, the matter is beyond controversy; but when we come to consider the incidents of the story, we find deviations from Homer even more serious than any of those from the Cyclic poets. And the strange thing is, that each of these deviations is a manifest detriment to the perfection of his poem; in each of them the writer has missed, or has rejected, a magnificent opportunity. With regard to the slaying of Achilles by the hand of Apollo only, and not by those of Apollo and Paris, he might have pleaded that Homer himself here speaks with an uncertain voice (cf. *Il.* xv. 416-17, xxii. 355-60, and xxi. 277-78). But, in describing the fight for the body of Achilles (*Od.* xxiv. 36 *sqq.*), Homer makes Agamemnon say

" So we grappled the livelong day, and we had not refrained
us then,
But Zeus sent a hurricane, stilling the storm of the battle
of men."

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Now, it is just in describing such natural phenomena, and in blending them with the turmoil of battle, that Quintus is in his element; yet for such a scene he substitutes what is, by comparison, a lame and impotent conclusion. Of that awful cry that rang over the sea heralding the coming of Thetis and the Nymphs to the death-rites of her son, and the panic with which it filled the host, Quintus is silent. Again, Homer (*Od.* iv. 274–89) describes how Helen came in the night with Deiphobus, and stood by the Wooden Horse, and called to each of the hidden warriors with the voice of his own wife. This thrilling scene Quintus omits, and substitutes nothing of his own. Later on, he makes Menelaus slay Deiphobus unresisting, “heavy with wine,” whereas Homer (*Od.* viii. 517–20) makes him offer such a magnificent resistance, that Odysseus and Menelaus together could not kill him without the help of Athena. In fact, we may say that, though there are echoes of the *Iliad* all through the poem, yet, wherever Homer has, in the *Odyssey*, given the outline-sketch of an effective scene, Quintus has uniformly neglected to develop it, has sometimes substituted something much weaker—as though he had not the *Odyssey* before him!

For this we have no satisfactory explanation to offer. He *may* have set his own judgment above Homer—a most unlikely hypothesis: he may have been consistently following, in the framework of his story, some original now lost to us: there may be more, and longer, *lacunae* in the text than any

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editors have ventured to indicate: but, whatever theory we adopt, it must be based on mere conjecture.

The Greek text here given is that of Koechly (1850) with many of Zimmermann's emendations, which are acknowledged in the notes. Passages enclosed in square brackets are suggestions of Koechly for supplying the general sense of *lacunae*. Where he has made no such suggestion, or none that seemed to the editors to be adequate, the *lacuna* has been indicated by asterisks, though here too a few words have been added in the translation, sufficient to connect the sense.

In the notes P = *Codex Parrhasianus*.
v = *vulgata plerorumque lectio*.

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The most ancient, and also the best, of the extant MSS. are the *Codex Parrhasianus*, which is complete, and the *Codex Monacensis*, which contains I.-III., IV. 1-10, and XII.

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BOOK I

ΚΟΙΝΤΟΥ

ΤΩΝ ΜΕΘ ΟΜΗΡΟΝ

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΠΡΩΤΟΣ

Εὐθ' ὑπὸ Πηλείωνι δάμη θεοείκελος Ἔκτωρ
καί ἐ πυρὴ κατέδαψε καὶ ὀστέα γαῖα κεκεύθει,
δὴ τότε Τρῶες ἔμιμνον ἀνὰ Πριάμοιο πόλῃα
δειδιότες μένος ἢ θρασύφρονος Αἰακίδαο·
ἢ ὕτ' ἐνὶ ξυλόχοισι βόες βλοσυροῖο λέοντος 5
ἐλθέμεν οὐκ ἐθέλουσιν ἐναντίαι, ἀλλὰ φέβονται
ἰληδὸν πτώσσουσαι ἀνὰ ῥωπήια πυκνά·
ὥς οἱ ἀνὰ πτολίεθρον ὑπέτρεσαν ὄβριμον ἄνδρα
μνησάμενοι προτέρων, ὀπόσων ἀπὸ θυμὸν ἴαψεν
θύων Ἰδαίοιο περὶ προχοῆσι Σκαμάνδρου, 10
ἢ δ' ὄσσους φεύγοντας ὑπὸ μέγα τείχος ὄλεσσεν,
Ἔκτορά θ' ὥς ἐδάμασσε καὶ ἀμφείρυσσε πόλῃι,
ἄλλους θ' ὥς ἐδάϊξε δι' ἀκαμάτοιο θαλάσσης
ὀππότε δὴ τὰ πρῶτα φέρε Τρῶέσσιιν ὄλεθρον.
τῶν οἷ γε μνησθέντες ἀνὰ πτολίεθρον ἔμιμνον. 15
ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα σφίσι πένθος ἀνιηρὸν πεπότητο
ὥς ἦδη στονόεντι καταιθομένης πυρὶ Τροίης.

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*How died for Troy the Queen of the Amazons,
Penthesileia*

WHEN godlike Hector by Peleides slain
Passed, and the pyre had ravined up his flesh,
And earth had veiled his bones, the Trojans then
Tarried in Priam's city, sore afraid
Before the might of stout-heart Aeacus' son :
As kine they were, that midst the corpses shrink
From faring forth to meet a lion grim,
But in dense thickets terror-huddled cower ;
So in their fortress shivered these to see
That mighty man. Of those already dead
They thought—of all whose lives he reft away
As by Scamander's outfall on he rushed,
And all that in mid-flight to that high wall
He slew, how he quelled Hector, how he haled
His corse round Troy ;—yea, and of all beside
Laid low by him since that first day whereon
O'er restless seas he brought the Trojans doom.
Ay, all these they remembered, while they stayed
Thus in their town, and o'er them anguished grief
Hovered dark-winged, as though that very day
All Troy with shrieks were crumbling down in fire.

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Καὶ τότε Θερμώδοντος ἀπ' εὐρυπόροιο ρεέθρων
 ἤλυθε Πενθεσίλεια θεῶν ἐπιειμένη εἶδος,
 ἄμφω καὶ στονόεντος ἐελδομένη πολέμοιο 20
 καὶ μέγ' ἄλευαμένη στυγερὴν καὶ ἀεικέα φήμην,
 μή τις ἐὸν κατὰ δῆμον ἐλεγχείησι χαλέψη
 ἀμφὶ κασιγνήτης, ἧς εἵνεκα πένθος ἄεξεν,
 Ἴππολύτης· τὴν γάρ ῥα κατέκτανε δουρὶ
 κραταιῶ,
 οὐ μὲν δὴ τι ἐκούσα, τιτυσκομένη δ' ἐλάφοιο· 25
 τοῦνεκ' ἄρα Τροίης ἐρικυδέος ἵκετο γαίαν.
 πρὸς δ' ἔτι οἱ τόδε θυμὸς ἀρήϊος ὀρμαίνεσκεν,
 ὄφρα καθηραμένη περὶ λύματα λυγρὰ φόνοιο
 σμερδαλέας θυέεσσιν Ἐριννύας ἰλάσσηται,
 αἷ οἱ ἀδελφειῆς κεχολωμένοι αὐτίχ' ἔποντο 30
 ἄφραστοι· κεῖναι γὰρ αἰεὶ περὶ ποσσὶν ἀλιτρῶν
 στρωφῶντ', οὐδέ τιν' ἐστὶ θεὰς ἀλιτόνθ' ὑπαλύξαι.
 σὺν δέ οἱ ἄλλαι ἔποντο δυώδεκα πᾶσαι ὑγαναί,
 πᾶσαι ἐελδόμεναι πόλεμον καὶ ἀεικέα χάρμην,
 αἷ οἱ δμῶίδες ἔσκον ἀγακλειταί περ ἐοῦσαι· 35
 ἀλλ' ἄρα πασάων μέγ' ὑπείρεχε Πενθεσίλεια·
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἀν' οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἐν ἀστράσι διὰ σελήνην
 ἐκπρέπει ἐν πάντεσσιν ἀριζήλη γεγαυῖα
 αἰθέρος ἀμφираγέντος ὑπὸ νεφέων ἐριδούπων,
 εὐτ' ἀνέμων εὐδήσι μένος μέγα λάβρον ἀέντων· 40
 ὡς ἢ γ' ἐν πάσησι μετέπρεπεν ἐσσυμένησιν.
 ἔνθ' ἄρ' ἔην Κλονίη Πολεμοῦσά τε Δηρινόη τε
 Εὐάνδρη τε καὶ Ἀντάνδρη καὶ διὰ Βρέμουσα
 ἠδὲ καὶ Ἴπποθόη, μετὰ δ' Ἀρμοθόη κυανῶπις
 Ἀλκιβίη τε καὶ Ἀντιβρότη καὶ Δηριμάχεια, 45
 τῇ δ' ἔπι Θερμώδωσα μέγ' ἔγχεϊ κυδιόωσα·
 τόσσαι ἄρ' ἀμφιέποντο δαΐφρονι Πενθεσιλείη·

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Then from Thermodon, from broad-sweeping
streams,
Came, clothed upon with beauty of Goddesses,
Penthesileia—came athirst indeed
For groan-resounding battle, but yet more
Fleeing abhorred reproach and evil fame,
Lest they of her own folk should rail on her
Because of her own sister's death, for whom
Ever her sorrows waxed, Hippolytè,
Whom she had struck dead with her mighty spear,
Not of her will—'twas at a stag she hurled.
So came she to the far-famed land of Troy.
Yea, and her warrior spirit pricked her on,
Of murder's dread pollution thus to cleanse
Her soul, and with such sacrifice to appease
The Awful Ones, the Erinnyes, who in wrath
For her slain sister straightway haunted her
Unseen : for ever round the sinner's steps
They hover ; none may 'scape those Goddesses.
And with her followed twelve beside, each one
A princess, hot for war and battle grim,
Far-famous each, yet handmaids unto her :
Penthesileia far outshone them all.
As when in the broad sky amidst the stars
The moon rides over all pre-eminent,
When through the thunderclouds the cleaving
heavens
Open, when sleep the fury-breathing winds ;
So peerless was she mid that charging host.
Cloniè was there, Polemusa, Derinoè,
Evandrè, and Antandrè, and Bremusa,
Hippoethoè, dark-eyed Harmothoè,
Alcibiè, Derimacheia, Antibrotè,
And Thermodosa glorying with the spear.
All these to battle fared with warrior-souled
Penthesileia : even as when descends

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οἷη δ' ἀκαμάτοιο κατέρχεται Οὐλύμποιο
 Ἥως μαρμαρέοισιν ἀγαλλομένη φρένας ἵπποις
 Ὠράων μετ' εὐπλοκάμων, μετὰ δέ σφισι πάσης 50
 ἐκπρέπει ἀγλαὸν εἶδος ἀμωμήτοις περ' εὐούσης·
 τοίη Πενθεσίλεια μόλεν ποτὶ Τρώιον ἄστν
 ἔξοχος ἐν πάσησιν Ἀμαζόσιν· ἀμφὶ δὲ Τρῶες
 πάντοθεν ἐσσύμενοι μέγ' ἐθάμβεον, εὐτ' ἐσίδοντο
 Ἄρεος ἀκαμάτοιο βαθυκνήμιδα θύγατρα 55
 εἰδομένην μακάρεσσιν, ἐπεὶ ῥά οἱ ἀμφὶ προσώπῳ
 ἄμφω σμερδαλέον τε καὶ ἀγλαὸν εἶδος ὀρώρει,

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μειδιόωσ' ἐρατεινόν, ὑπ' ὀφρύσι δ' ἱμερόεντες
 ὀφθαλμοὶ μάρμαιρον ἀλίγκιον ἀκτίνεσσιν,
 αἰδῶς δ' ἀμφερύθηνε παρήια, τῶν δ' ἐφύπερθε 60
 θεσπεσίη ἐπέκειτο χάρις καταειμένα ἄλκην.

Λαοὶ δ' ἀμφεγάννυντο καὶ ἀχνύμενοι τὸ πάροιθεν·
 ὡς δ' ὀπότη' ἀθρήσαντες ἀπ' οὐρεος ἀγροῖωται
 Ἴριν ἀνεγρομένην ἐξ εὐρυπόροιο θαλάσσης,
 ὄμβρου ὅτ' ἰσχανόωσι θεουδέος, ὀππότη' ἄλωαί 65
 ἤδη ἀπαυαίνονται ἐελδόμεναι Διὸς ὕδωρ,
 ὀψὲ δ' ὑπηχλύνθη μέγας οὐρανός, οἱ δ' ἐσιδόντες
 ἐσθλὸν σῆμ' ἀνέμοιο καὶ ὑετοῦ ἐγγὺς ἔοντος
 χαίρουσιν, τὸ πάροιθεν ἐπιστενάχοντες ἀρούραις·
 ὡς ἄρα Τρώιοι νῆες, ὅτ' ἔδρακον ἔνδοθι πάτρης 70
 δεινὴν Πενθεσίλειαν ἐπὶ πτόλεμον μεμαυῖαν,
 γήθειον· ἐλπωρὴ γὰρ ὅτ' ἐς φρένας ἀνδρὸς ἵκηται
 ἀμφ' ἀγαθοῦ, στονόεσσαν ἀμαλδύνει κακότητα.
 τοῦνεκα καὶ Πριάμοιο νόος πολέα στενάχοντος
 καὶ μέγ' ἀκηχεμένοιο περὶ φρεσὶ τυτθὸν ἰάνθη 75
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἀνὴρ ἀλαοῖσιν ἐπ' ὄμμασι πολλὰ μογήσας
 ἰμείρων ιδέειν ἱερὸν φάος ἢ θανέεσθαι

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Dawn from Olympus' crest of adamant,
Dawn, heart-exultant in her radiant steeds
Amidst the bright-haired Hours ; and o'er them all,
How flawless-fair soever these may be,
Her splendour of beauty glows pre-eminent ;
So peerless amid all the Amazons
Unto Troy-town Penthesileia came.

To right, to left, from all sides hurrying thronged
The Trojans, greatly marvelling, when they saw
The tireless War-god's child, the mailed maid,
Like to the Blessèd Gods ; for in her face
Glowed beauty glorious and terrible.

Her smile was ravishing : beneath her brows
Her love-enkindling eyes shone like to stars,
And with the crimson rose of shamefastness
Bright were her cheeks, and mantled over them
Unearthly grace with battle-prowess clad.

Then joyed Troy's folk, despite past agonies,
As when, far-gazing from a height, the hinds
Behold a rainbow spanning the wide sea,
When they be yearning for the heaven-sent shower,
When the parched fields be craving for the rain ;
Then the great sky at last is overgloomed,
And men see that fair sign of coming wind
And imminent rain, and seeing, they are glad,
Who for their corn-fields' plight sore sighed before ;
Even so the sons of Troy when they beheld
There in their land Penthesileia dread
Afire for battle, were exceeding glad ;
For when the heart is thrilled with hope of good,
All smart of evils past is wiped away :
So, after all his sighing and his pain,
Gladdened a little while was Priam's soul.

As when a man who hath suffered many a pang
From blinded eyes, sore longing to behold
The light, and, if he may not, fain would die,

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ἡ πόνω ἰητῆρος ἀμύμονος ἠὲ θεοῖο
 ὄμματ' ἀπαχλύσαντος ἴδη φάος ἠριγενείης,
 οὐ μὲν ὅσον τὸ πάροιθεν, ὅμως δ' ἄρα βαιὸν ἰάνθη 80
 πολλῆς ἐκ κακότητος, ἔχει δ' ἔτι πήματος ἄλγος
 αἶνὸν ὑπὸ βλεφάροισι λελειμμένον· ὡς ἄρα δεινὴν
 υἷος Λαομέδοντος ἐσέδρακε Πενθεσίλειαν·
 παῦρον μὲν γήθησε, τὸ δὲ πλεον εἰσέτι παίδων
 ἄχυντ' ἀποκταμένων. ἄγε δ' εἰς ἐὰ δώματ' ἄνασσαν, 85
 καί μιν προφρονέως τίεν ἔμπεδον εὔτε θύγατρα
 τηλόθι νοστήσασαν ἐεικοστῶ λυκάβαντι,
 καί οἱ δόρπον ἔτευξε πανείδατον, οἶον ἔδουσι
 κυδάλιμοι βασιλῆες, ὅτ' ἔθνεα δηώσαντες
 δαίνυντ' ἐν θαλίησιν ἀγαλλόμενοι περὶ νίκης· 90
 δῶρα δέ οἱ πόρε καλὰ καὶ ὄλβια, πολλὰ δ' ὑπέστη
 δωσέμεν, ἣν Τρώεσσι δαιζομένοις ἐπαμύνη.
 ἡ δ' ἄρ' ὑπέσχετο ἔργον, ὃ οὔποτε θνητὸς ἐώλπει,
 δηώσειν Ἀχιλῆα καὶ εὐρέα λαὸν ὀλέσσειν
 Ἀργείων, πυρσὸν δὲ νεῶν καθύπερθε βαλέσθαι· 95
 νηπίη· οὐδέ τι ἤδη εὐμμελίην Ἀχιλῆα,
 ὅσον ὑπέρτατος ἦεν ἐνὶ φθισήνορι χάρμη.

Τῆς δ' ὡς οὖν ἐπάκουσεν εὔς παῖς Ἡετίωνος
 Ἀνδρομάχη, μάλα τοῖα φίλῳ προσελέξατο θυμῷ·
 “ ἂ δειλή, τί νυ τόσσα μέγα φρονέουσ' ἀγορεύεις; 100
 οὐ γάρ τοι σθένος ἐστὶν ἀταρβεῖ Πηλείωνι
 μάρνασθ', ἀλλὰ σοὶ ὦκα φόνον καὶ λοιγὸν ἐφήσει.
 λευγαλέη, τί μέμηνας ἀνὰ φρένας; ἡ νύ τοι ἄγχι
 ἔστηκεν Θανάτοιο τέλος καὶ δαίμονος Αἴσα.

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Then at the last, by a cunning leech's skill,
Or by a God's grace, sees the dawn-rose flush,
Sees the mist rolled back from before his eyes,—
Yea, though clear vision come not as of old,
Yet, after all his anguish, joys to have
Some small relief, albeit the stings of pain
Prick sharply yet beneath his eyelids ;—so
Joyed the old king to see that terrible queen—
The shadowy joy of one in anguish whelmed
For slain sons. Into his halls he led the Maid,
And with glad welcome honoured her, as one
Who greets a daughter to her home returned
From a far country in the twentieth year ;
And set a feast before her, sumptuous
As battle-glorious kings, who have brought low
Nations of foes, array in splendour of pomp,
With hearts in pride of victory triumphing.
And gifts he gave her costly and fair to see,
And pledged him to give many more, so she
Would save the Trojans from the imminent doom.
And she—such deeds she promised as no man
Had hoped for, even to lay Achilles low,
To smite the wide host of the Argive men,
And cast the brands red-flaming on the ships.
Ah fool !—but little knew she him, the lord
Of ashen spears, how far Achilles' might
In warrior-wasting strife o'erpassed her own !

But when Andromache, the stately child
Of king Eetion, heard the wild queen's vaunt,
Low to her own soul bitterly murmured she :
“ Ah hapless ! why with arrogant heart dost thou
Speak such great swelling words ? No strength is thine
To grapple in fight with Peleus' aweless son.
Nay, doom and swift death shall he deal to thee.
Alas for thee ! What madness thrills thy soul ?
Fate and the end of death stand hard by thee !

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Ἐκτωρ γὰρ σέο πολλὸν ὑπέρτερος ἔπλετο δουρί· 105
ἀλλ' ἐδάμη κρατερός περ ἑών, μέγα δ' ἤκαχε

Τρῶας,

οἳ ἐ θεὸν ὡς πάντες ἀνὰ πτόλιν εἰσορόωντο·
καί μοι ἔην μέγα κῦδος ἰδ' ἀντιθείοις τοκέεσσι
ζῶος ἑών· ὡς εἶ με χυτὴ κατὰ γαῖα κεκεύθει,
πρὶν ἐ δι' ἀνθερεῶνος ὑπ' ἔγχει θυμὸν ὀλέσσαι. 110
νῦν δ' ἄρ' ἀάσπετον ἄλγος οἴζυρῶς ἐσάθρησα,
κεῖνον ὄτ' ἀμφὶ πόληα ποδώκεες εἶρυνον ἵπποι
ἀργαλέως Ἀχιλῆος, ὃ μ' ἀνέρος εὖνιν ἔθηκε
κουριδίου, τό μοι αἶνὸν ἄχος πέλει ἤματα πάντα.”

Ὡς φάθ' ἐὼν κατὰ θυμὸν εὐσφυρος Ἡετιῶνῃ 115
μνησαμένη πόσιος· μάλα γὰρ μέγα πένθος ἀέξει
ἀνδρὸς ἀποφθιμένοιο σαόφροσι θηλυτέρησιν.

Ἡέλιος δὲ θοῆσιν ἐλισσόμενος περὶ δίνης
δύσατ' ἐς ὠκεανοῖο βαθὺν ῥόον, ἦνυτο δ' ἠώς.
οἳ δ' ὅτε δὴ παύσαντο ποτοῦ δαιτός τ' ἐρατεινῆς, 120
δὴ τότε που δμῶαὶ στόρεσαν θυμῆρεα λέκτρα
ἐν Πριάμοιο δόμοισι θρασύφρονι Πενθεσιλείῃ·
ἠ δὲ κιοῦσ' εὐδесκεν· ὕπνος δέ οἱ ὄσσε κάλυψε
νήδυμος ἀμφιπесών· μόλε δ' αἰθέρος ἐξ ὑπάτοιο
Παλλάδος ἐννεσίησι μένος δολόεντος Ὀνειρίου, 125
ὅππως μιν λεύσσουσα κακὸν Τρῶεσσι γένηται
οἳ τ' αὐτῇ, μεμαυῖα ποτὶ πτολέμου στροφάλιγγα.¹
καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ὄρμαινε δαΐφρων Τριτογένεια·
τῇ δ' ἄρα λυγρὸς Ὀνειρος ἐφίστατο πατρὶ ἐοικώς,
καὶ μιν ἐποτρύνεσκε ποδάρκεος ἄντ' Ἀχιλῆος 130

¹ Zimmermann, for πτολέμοιο φάλαγγας of v.

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Hector was mightier far to wield the spear
Than thou, yet was for all his prowess slain,
Slain for the bitter grief of Troy, whose folk
The city through looked on him as a God.
My glory and his noble parents' glory
Was he while yet he lived—O that the earth
Over my dead face had been mounded high,
Or ever through his throat the breath of life
Followed the cleaving spear! But now have I
Looked—woe is me!—on grief unutterable,
When round the city those fleet-footed steeds
Haled him, steeds of Achilles, who had made
Me widowed of mine hero-husband, made
My portion bitterness through all my days.”

So spake Eetion's lovely-ankled child
Low to her own soul, thinking on her lord.
So evermore the faithful-hearted wife
Nurseth for her lost love undying grief.

Then in swift revolution sweeping round
Into the Ocean's deep stream sank the sun,
And daylight died. So when the banqueters
Ceased from the wine-cup and the goodly feast,
Then did the handmaids spread in Priam's halls
For Penthesileia dauntless-souled the couch
Heart-cheering, and she laid her down to rest;
And slumber mist-like overveiled her eyes [depths
Like sweet dew dropping round. From heavens' blue
Slid down the might of a deceitful dream
At Pallas' hest, that so the warrior-maid
Might see it, and become a curse to Troy
And to herself, when strained her soul to meet
The whirlwind of the battle. In this wise
The Triton-born, the subtle-souled, contrived:
Stood o'er the maiden's head that baleful dream
In likeness of her father, kindling her
Fearlessly front to front to meet in fight

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

θαρσαλέως μάρνασθαι ἐναντίον· ἢ δ' αἴουσα
 γήθειεν ἐν φρεσὶ πάμπαν· οἴσσατο γὰρ μέγα ἔργον
 ἐκτελέσειν αὐτῆμαρ ἀνὰ μόθον ὀκρυόεντα·
 νηπίη· ἢ ῥ' ἐπίθησεν οἰζυρῶ περ' Ουνείρω
 ἐσπερίῳ, ὃς φύλα πολυτλήτων ἀνθρώπων 135
 θέλγει ἐνὶ λεχέεσσιν ἄδην ἐπικέρτομα βάζων,
 ὃς μιν ἄρ' ἐξαπάφησεν ἐποτρύνων πονέεσθαι.
 Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ ῥ' ἐπόρουσε ῥοδόσφυρος ἠριγένεια,
 δὴ τότε Πενθεσίλεια μέγ' ἐνθεμένη φρεσὶ κάρτος
 ἐξ εὐνῆς ἀνέπαλτο καὶ ἀμφ' ὤμοισιν ἔδυνε 140
 τεύχεα δαιδαλόεντα, τὰ οἱ θεὸς ὤπασεν Ἄρης.
 πρῶτα μὲν ἄρ' κνήμησιν ἐπ' ἀργυφῆσιν ἔθηκε
 κνημίδας χρυσέας, αἷ οἱ ἔσαν εὖ ἀραρυῖαι·
 ἔσσατο δ' αὖ θώρηκα παναίολον· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' ὤμοις
 θήκατο κυδιόωσα μέγα ξίφος, ᾧ περί πάντη 145
 κουλεὸς εὖ ἤσκητο δι' ἀργύρου ἢδ' ἐλέφαντος·
 ἀν δ' ἔλετ' ἀσπίδα διὰν ἀλίγκιον ἄντυγι μήνης,
 ἢ θ' ὑπὲρ ὠκεανοῖο βαθυρροῦ ἀντέλλησιν
 ἡμισυ πεπληθυῖα περὶ γναμπτῆσι κεραίης·
 τοίη μάρμαίρεσκεν ἀάσπετον· ἀμφὶ δὲ κρατὶ 150
 θῆκε κόρυν κομόωσαν ἐθείρησι χρυσέησιν·
 ὧς ἢ μὲν μορόεντα περὶ χροῖθ ἤκατο τεύχη.
 ἀστεροπῆ δ' ἀτάλαντος εἶδεδετο, τὴν ἀπ' Ὀλύμπου
 ἐς γαίαν προΐησι Διὸς μένος ἀκαμάτιο
 δεικνὺς ἀνθρώποισι μένος βαρυηχέος ὄμβρου 155
 ἢ ἐ πολυρροίζων ἀνέμων ἄλληκτον ἰωῆν.

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Fleetfoot Achilles. And she heard the voice,
And all her heart exulted, for she weened
That she should on that dawning day achieve
A mighty deed in battle's deadly toil—
Ah, fool, who trusted for her sorrow a dream
Out of the sunless land, such as beguiles
Full oft the travail-burdened tribes of men,
Whispering mocking lies in sleeping ears,
And to the battle's travail lured her then!

But when the Dawn, the rosy-ankled, leapt
Up from her bed, then, clad in mighty strength
Of spirit, suddenly from her couch uprose
Penthesilea. Then did she array
Her shoulders in those wondrous-fashioned arms
Given her of the War-god. First she laid
Beneath her silver-gleaming knees the greaves
Fashioned of gold, close-clipping the strong limbs.
Her rainbow-radiant corslet clasped she then
About her, and around her shoulders slung,
With glory in her heart, the massy brand
Whose shining length was in a scabbard sheathed
Of ivory and silver. Next, her shield
Unearthly splendid, caught she up, whose rim
Swelled like the young moon's arching chariot-rail
When high o'er Ocean's fathomless-flowing stream
She rises, with the space half filled with light
Betwixt her bowing horns. So did it shine
Unutterably fair. Then on her head
She settled the bright helmet overstreamed
With a wild mane of golden-glistening hairs.
So stood she, lapped about with flaming mail,
In semblance like the lightning, which the might,
The never-wearied might of Zeus, to earth
Hurlth, what time he showeth forth to men
Fury of thunderous-roaring rain, or swoop
Resistless of his shouting host of winds.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

*αὐτίκα δ' ἐγκονέουσα διέκ μεγάροιο νέεσθαι
 δοιούς εἶλετ' ἄκοντας ὑπ' ἀσπίδα, δεξιτερῇ δὲ
 βουπλῆγ' ἀμφίτυπον, τόν οἱ Ἔρις ὤπασε δεινὴ
 θυμοβόρου πολέμοιο πελώριον ἔμμεναι ἄλκαρ. 160
 τῷ ἐπικαγαχάλωσα τάχ' ἤλυθεν ἔκτοθι πύργων
 Τρῶας ἐποτρύνουσα μάχην ἐς κυδιάνειραν
 ἐλθέμεναι· τοὶ δ' ὦκα συναγρόμενοι πεπίθοντο
 ἄνδρες ἀριστῆες, καίπερ πάρος οὐκ ἐθέλοντες
 στήμεναι ἄντ' Ἀχιλῆος· ὁ γὰρ περιδάμνατο
 πάντας. 165*

*ἢ δ' ἄρα κυδιάασκεν ἀσχετον· ἔξετο δ' ἵππῳ
 καλῷ, ὠκυτάτῳ, τόν οἱ ἄλοχος Βορέας
 ὤπασεν Ὠρείθυια πάρος Θρήκηνδε κιούση
 ξείνιον, ὅς τε θοῆσι μετέπρεπεν Ἀρπυίησι.
 τῷ ῥα τόθ' ἐζομένη λίπεν ἄστεος αἰπὰ μέλαθρα 170
 ἐσθλῇ Πενθεσίλεια· λυγραὶ δέ μιν ὀτρύνεσκον
 Κῆρες ὁμῶς πρώτην τε καὶ ὑστατίην ἐπὶ δῆριν
 ἐλθέμεν· ἀμφὶ δὲ Τρῶες ἀνοστήτοισι πόδεσσι
 πολλοὶ ἔποντ' ἐπὶ δῆριν ἀναιδέα τλήμονι κούρη
 ἰλαδόν, ἢ ὅτε μῆλα μετὰ κτίλον, ὅς θ' ἅμα πάντων 175
 νισσομένων προθέησι δαημοσύνησι νομῆος·
 ὡς ἄρα τῇ γ' ἐφέποντο βίη μέγα μαιμώνωντες
 Τρῶες εὐσθενέες καὶ Ἀμαζόνες ὀβριμόθυμοι.
 ἢ δ' οἴη Τριτωνίς, ὅτ' ἤλυθεν ἅντα Γιγάντων,*

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Then in hot haste forth of her bower to pass
Caught she two javelins in the hand that grasped
Her shield-band; but her strong right hand laid
hold

On a huge halberd, sharp of either blade,
Which terrible Eris gave to Ares' child
To be her Titan weapon in the strife
That raveneth souls of men. Laughing for glee
Thereover, swiftly flashed she forth the ring
Of towers. Her coming kindled all the sons
Of Troy to rush into the battle forth
Which crowneth men with glory. Swiftly all
Harkened her gathering-cry, and thronging came,
Champions, yea, even such as theretofore
Shrank back from standing in the ranks of war
Against Achilles the all-ravager.

But she—in pride of triumph on she rode
Throned on a goodly steed and fleet, the gift
Of Oreithyia, the wild North-wind's bride,
Given to her guest the warrior-maid, what time
She came to Thrace, a steed whose flying feet
Could match the Harpies' wings. Riding thereon
Penthesileia in her goodlihead
Left the tall palaces of Troy behind.

And ever were the ghastly-visaged Fates
Thrusting her on into the battle, doomed
To be her first against the Greeks—and last!
To right, to left, with unreturning feet
The Trojan thousands followed to the fray,
The pitiless fray, that death-doomed warrior-maid,
Followed in throngs, as follow sheep the ram
That by the shepherd's art strides before all.
So followed they, with battle-fury filled,
Strong Trojans and wild-hearted Amazons.
And like Tritonis seemed she, as she went
To meet the Giants, or as flasheth far

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἧ Ἔρις ἐγρεκύδοιμος ἀνὰ στρατὸν αἴσσουσα, 180
τοίῃ ἐνὶ Τρώεσσι θοῇ πέλε Πενθεσίλεια.

Καὶ τότε δὴ Κρονίῳ πολυτλήτους ἀναείρας
χεῖρας Λαομέδοντος εὔς γόνος ἀφνειοῖο
εὔχετ' ἐς ἱερὸν αἶπὺ τετραμμένος Ἰδαίῳ
Ζηνός, ὃς Ἴλιον αἰὲν εἰς ἐπιδέρκεται ὄσσοις· 185
“ κλύθι, πάτερ, καὶ λαὸν Ἀχαιικὸν ἤματι τῷδε
δὸς πεσέειν ὑπὸ χερσὶν Ἀρηιάδος βασιλείης,
καὶ δ' αὖ μιν παλίνορσον ἐμὸν ποτὶ δῶμα σάωσον
ἀζόμενος τεὸν νῖα πελώριον ὄβριμον Ἄρην,
αὐτὴν θ', οὔνεκ' ἔοικεν ἐπουρανίησι θεῆσιν 190
ἐκπάγλως, καὶ σείο θεοῦ γένος ἐστὶ γενέθλης.
αἶδεσαι δ' ἐμὸν ἦτορ, ἐπεὶ κακὰ πολλὰ τέτληκα
παίδων ὀλλυμένων, οὓς μοι περὶ Κῆρες ἔμαρψαν
Ἄργείων παλάμησι κατὰ στόμα δημοτῆτος·
αἶδεο δ', ἕως ἔτι παῦροι ἀφ' αἵματός εἰμεν ἀγανού 195
Δαρδάνου, ἕως ἀδάϊκτος ἔτι πτόλις, ὄφρα καὶ ἡμεῖς
ἐκ φόνου ἀργαλέοιο καὶ Ἄρεος ἀμπνεύσωμεν.”

Ἦ ῥα μέγ' εὐχόμενος· τῷ δ' αἰετὸς ὄξυ κεκληγῶς
ἤδη ἀποπνεύουσαν ἔχων ὀνύχεσσι πέλειαν
ἐσσυμένως οἴμησεν ἀριστερός· ἀμφὶ δὲ θυμῷ 200
τάρβησε Πριάμοιο νόος, φάτο δ' οὐκέτ' ἀθρήσειν
ζωὴν Πενθεσίλειαν ἀπὸ πτολέμοιο κιοῦσαν·
καὶ τὸ μὲν ὡς ἤμελλον ἐτήτυμον ἤματι κείνῳ
Κῆρες ὑπεκτελέειν· ὁ δ' ἄρ' ἄχρυτο θυμὸν ἐαγῶς.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Through war-hosts Eris, waker of onset-shouts.
So mighty in the Trojans' midst she seemed,
Penthesileia of the flying feet.

Then unto Cronos' Son Laomedon's child
Upraised his hands, his sorrow-burdened hands,
Turning him toward the sky-encountering fane
Of Zeus of Ida, who with sleepless eyes
Looks ever down on Ilium ; and he prayed :
“ Father, give ear ! Vouchsafe that on this day
Achaea's host may fall before the hands
Of this our warrior-queen, the War-god's child ;
And do thou bring her back unscathed again
Unto mine halls : we pray thee by the love
Thou bear'st to Ares of the fiery heart
Thy son, yea, to her also !—is she not
Most wondrous like the heavenly Goddesses ?
And is she not the child of thine own seed ?
Pity my stricken heart withal ! Thou know'st
All agonies I have suffered in the deaths
Of dear sons whom the Fates have torn from me
By Argive hands in the devouring fight.
Compassionate us, while a remnant yet
Remains of noble Dardanus' blood, while yet
This city stands unwasted ! Let us know
From ghastly slaughter and strife one breathing-
space ! ”

In passionate prayer he spake :—lo, with shrill
scream
Swiftly to left an eagle darted by
And in his talons bare a gasping dove.
Then round the heart of Priam all the blood
Was chilled with fear. Low to his soul he said :
“ Ne'er shall I see return alive from war
Penthesileia ! ” On that selfsame day
The Fates prepared his boding to fulfil ;
And his heart brake with anguish of despair.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἀπάνευθεν ἐθάμβεον, εὐτ' ἐσίδοντο 205
 Τρῶας ἐπεσσυμένους καὶ Ἀρηίδα Πενθεσίλειαν,
 τοὺς μὲν δὴ θήρεσσιν εἰκότας, οἳ τ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
 ποίμνης εἰροπόκοισι φόνον στονόεντα φέρουσι,
 τὴν δὲ πυρὸς ῥιπῇ ἐναλίγκιον, ἣ τ' ἐπὶ θάμνοισι
 μαίνεται ἀζαλέοισιν ἐπειγομένου ἀνέμοιο· 210

καὶ τις ἄμ' ἀγρομένοισιν ἔπος ποτὶ τοῖον ἔειπεν·
 “ τίς δὴ Τρῶας ἔγειρε μεθ' Ἐκτορα δηωθέντα,
 οὓς φάμεν οὐκέτι νῶν ὑπαντιάσειν μεμαῶτας ;
 νῦν δ' ἄφαρ αἴσσουσι λιλαιόμενοι μέγα χάρμης.
 καὶ νύ τις ἐν μέσσοισιν ἐποτρύνει πονέεσθαι· 215
 φαίης κεν θεὸν ἔμμεν, ἐπεὶ μέγα μῆδεται ἔργον.
 ἀλλ' ἄγε θάρσος ἄατον ἐνὶ στέρνοισι λαβόντες
 ἀλκῆς μνησώμεσθα δαΐφρονος· οὐδὲ γὰρ ἡμεῖς
 νόσφι θεῶν Τρῶεσσι μαχησόμεθ' ἡματι τῷδε.”

Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δὲ φαεινὰ περὶ σφίσι τεύχεα
 θέντες 220

νηῶν ἐξεχέοντο μένος καταειμένοι ὤμοις·
 σὺν δ' ἔβαλον θήρεσσιν εἰκότες ὠμοβόροισι
 δῆριν ἐς αἱματόεσσαν, ὁμοῦ δ' ἔχον ἔντεα καλά,
 ἔγχεα καὶ θώρηκας εὐσθενέας τε βοείας
 καὶ κόρυθας βριαράς, ἕτερος δ' ἑτέρου χροῶα χαλκῷ 225
 τύπτου ἀπηλεγέως· τὸ δ' ἐρεύθετο Τρῳίον οὐδας.

Ἐνθ' ἔλε Πενθεσίλεια Μολίονα Περσίνοόν τε
 Εἰλισσόν τε καὶ Ἀντίθεον καὶ ἀγήγορα Λέρνον
 Ἴππαλμόν τε καὶ Αἰμονίδην κρατερόν τ' Ἐλάσ-
 ιππον·

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Marvelled the Argives, far across the plain
Seeing the hosts of Troy charge down on them,
And midst them Penthesileia, Ares' child.
These seemed like ravening beasts that mid the hills
Bring grimly slaughter to the fleecy flocks ;
And she, as a rushing blast of flame she seemed
That maddeneth through the copses summer-
scorched,

When the wind drives it on ; and in this wise
Spake one to other in their mustering host :
“ Who shall this be who thus can rouse to war
The Trojans, now that Hector hath been slain—
These who, we said, would never more find heart
To stand against us ? Lo now, suddenly
Forth are they rushing, madly afire for fight !
Sure, in their midst some great one kindleth them
To battle's toil ! Thou verily wouldst say
This were a God, of such great deeds he dreams !
Go to, with aweless courage let us arm
Our own breasts : let us summon up our might
In battle-fury. We shall lack not help
Of Gods this day to close in fight with Troy.”

So cried they ; and their flashing battle-gear
Cast they about them : forth the ships they poured
Clad in the rage of fight as with a cloak.
Then front to front their battles closed, like beasts
Of ravin, locked in tangle of gory strife.
Clanged their bright mail together, clashed the
spears,

The corslets, and the stubborn-welded shields
And adamant helms. Each stabbed at other's flesh
With the fierce brass : was neither ruth nor rest,
And all the Trojan soil was crimson-red.

Then first Penthesileia smote and slew
Molion ; now Persinous falls, and now
Eilissus ; reeled Antitheus 'neath her spear .

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Δηρινόη δ' ἔλε Λαογόονον, Κλονίη δὲ Μένιππον, 230
 ὅς ῥα πάρος Φυλακῆθεν ἐφέσπετο Πρωτεσιλάω,
 ὅπως κε Τρώεσσιν ἐϋσθενέεσσι μάχηται.

τοῦ δ' ἄρ' ἀποφθιμένοιο Ποδάρκει θυμὸς ὀρίνθη
 Ἴφικληιάδῃ· τὸν γὰρ μέγα φίλαθ' ἑταίρων·
 αἶψα δ' ὅ γ' ἀντιθέην Κλονίην βάλε, τῆς δὲ διαπρὸ 235
 ἦλθε δόρυ στιβαρὸν κατὰ νηδύος, ἐκ δέ οἱ ὤκα
 δουρὶ χύθη μέλαν αἶμα, συνέσπετο δ' ἔγκατα πάντα·
 τῆς δ' ἄρα Πενθεσίλεια χολώσατο, καὶ ῥα
 Ποδάρκεα

οὔτασεν ἐς μυῶνα παχὺν περιμήκει δουρὶ
 χειρὸς δεξιτερῆς, διὰ δὲ φλέβας αἱματοέσσας 240
 κέρσε, μέλαν δέ οἱ αἶμα δι' ἔλκεος οὔταμένοιο
 ἔβλυσεν ἐσσυμένως· ὁ δ' ἄρα στενάχων ἀπόρουσεν
 εἰσοπίσω· μάλα γάρ οἱ ἐδάμνατο θυμὸν ἀνίη·
 τοῦ δ' ἄρ' ἀπεσσυμένοιο ποθῆ Φυλάκεσσιν ἐτύχθη
 ἄσπετος· ὅς δ' ἄρα βαιὸν ἀπὸ πτολέμοιο λιασθεῖς 245
 κάτθανε καρπαλίμως σφετέρων ἐν χερσὶν ἑταίρων.
 Ἴδομενεὺς δὲ Βρέμουσαν ἐνήρατο δούρατι τύψας
 δεξιτερόν παρὰ μαζόν, ἄφιρ δέ οἱ ἦτορ ἔλυσεν·
 ἢ δ' ἔπεσεν μελίη ἐναλίγκιος, ἦν τ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
 δουροτόμοι τέμνουσιν ὑπείροχον, ἢ δ' ἀλεγεινὸν 250
 ῥοίζον ὁμῶς καὶ δοῦπον ἐρειπομένη προΐησιν·
 ὡς ἢ ἀνοιμώξασα πέσεν, τῆς δ' ἄψα πάντα
 λῦσε μόρος, ψυχὴ δ' ἐμίγη πολυαέσιν αὔραις.
 Εὐάνδρην δ' ἄρα Μηριόνης ἰδὲ Θερμώδωσαν
 εἶλεν ἐπεσσυμένας ὅλοῃν ἀνὰ δημοτῆτα 255

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The pride of Lernus quelled she : down she bore
Hippalmus 'neath her horse-hoofs ; Haemon's son
Died ; withered stalwart Elasippus' strength.
And Derinoè laid low Laogonus,
And Cloniè Menippus, him who sailed
Long since from Phylace, led by his lord
Protesilaus to the war with Troy.
Then was Podarces, son of Iphiclus,
Heart-wrung with ruth and wrath to see him lie
Dead, of all battle-comrades best-beloved.
Swiftly at Cloniè he hurled, the maid
Fair as a Goddess : plunged the unswerving lance
'Twixt hip and hip, and rushed the dark blood forth
After the spear, and all her bowels gushed out.
Then wroth was Penthesileia ; through the brawn
Of his right arm she drave the long spear's point,
She shore atwain the great blood-brimming veins,
And through the wide gash of the wound the gore
Spirted, a crimson fountain. With a groan
Backward he sprang, his courage wholly quelled
By bitter pain ; and sorrow and dismay
Thrilled, as he fled, his men of Phylace.
A short way from the fight he reeled aside,
And in his friends' arms died in little space.
Then with his lance Idomeneus thrust out,
And by the right breast stabbed Bremusa. Stilled
For ever was the beating of her heart.
She fell, as falls a graceful-shafted pine
Hewn mid the hills by woodmen : heavily,
Sighing through all its boughs, it crashes down.
So with a wailing shriek she fell, and death
Unstrung her every limb : her breathing soul
Mingled with multitudinous-sighing winds.
Then, as Evandrè through the murderous fray
With Thermodosa rushed, stood Meriones,
A lion in the path, and slew : his spear

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τῇ μὲν ἄρ' ἐς κραδίην ἐλάσας δόρυ, τῇ δ' ὑπὸ νηδῦν
 φάσγανον ἐγχρίμψας· τὰς δ' ἐσσυμένως λίπεν
 αἰών.

Δηρινόην δ' ἐδάμασσεν Ὀιλέος ὄβριμος υἱὸς
 ἔγχεϊ ὀκριόεντι διὰ κληῖδα τυχήσας.

Ἄλκιβίης δ' ἄρα Τυδείδης καὶ Δηριμαχείης 260

ἄμφω κρᾶτ' ἀπέκοψε σὺν αὐχέσιν ἄχρισ ἐπ' ὤμους
 ἄορι λευγαλέω· ται δ' ἤϋτε ὄρτιες ἄμφω
 κάππεσον, ἄς τ' αἰζηὸς ἄφαρ ψυχῆς ἀπαμέρση
 κόψας αὐχενίους στιβαρῶ βουπλήγι τένοντας·

ὡς αἱ Τυδείδαο πέσον παλάμησι δαμείσαι 265

Τρώων ἄμ πεδίου σφετέρων ἀπὸ νόσφι καρῆνων.
 τῆσι δ' ἔπι Σθένελος κρατερόν κατέπεφνε Κάβειρον.

ὃς κίεν ἐκ Σηστοῖο λιλαιόμενος πολεμίζειν

Ἄργείοις, οὐδ' αὖθις ἐὼν νοστήσατο πάτρην.

τοῦ δὲ Πάρις κραδίην ἐχολώσατο δηωθέντος, 270

καί ῥ' ἔβαλε Σθενέλοιο καταντίον· οὐδ' ἄρα τόν γε
 οὔτασεν ἐσσύμενός περ, ἀπεπλάγχθη γὰρ οἷστὸς
 ἄλλη, ὅπη μιν Κῆρες ἀμείλιχοι ἰθύνεσκον·

κτεῖνε δ' ἄρ' ἐσσυμένως Εὐήνορα χαλκεομίτρην,

ὃς ῥ' ἐκ Δουλιχίου κίεν Τρώεσσι μάχεσθαι. 275

τοῦ δ' ἄρ' ἀποφθιμένοιο πάϊς Φυλῆος ἀγαυοῦ¹

ὠρίνθη· μάλα δ' ὦκα λέων ὡς πώεσι μήλων

ἔνθορε· τοὶ δ' ἅμα πάντες ὑπέτρεσαν ὄβριμον
 ἄνδρα·

κτεῖνε γὰρ Ἴτυμονῆα καὶ Ἴππασίδην Ἀγέλαον,

οἳ ῥ' ἀπὸ Μιλήτοιο φέρον Δαναοῖσιν ὀμοκλήν 280

Νάστη ὑπ' ἀντιθέω καὶ ὑπ' Ἀμφιμάχῳ μεγαθύμῳ,

¹ Zimmermann, from P for ἀγαυὸς of v.

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Right to the heart of one he drave, and one
Stabbed with a lightning sword-thrust 'twixt the
hips:

Leapt through the wounds the life, and fled away.
Oïleus' fiery son smote Derinoè
'Twixt throat and shoulder with his ruthless spear;
And on Alcibiè Tydeus' terrible son
Swooped, and on Derimacheia: head with neck
Clean from the shoulders of these twain he shore
With ruin-wreaking brand. Together down
Fell they, as young calves by the massy axe
Of brawny flesher felled, that, shearing through
The sinews of the neck, lops life away.
So, by the hands of Tydeus' son laid low
Upon the Trojan plain, far, far away
From their own highland-home, they fell. Nor these
Alone died; for the might of Sthenelus
Down on them hurled Cabeirus' corse, who came
From Sestos, keen to fight the Argive foe,
But never saw his fatherland again.
Then was the heart of Paris filled with wrath
For a friend slain. Full upon Sthenelus
Aimed he a shaft death-winged, yet touched him not,
Despite his thirst for vengeance: otherwhere
The arrow glanced aside, and carried death
Whither the stern Fates guided its fierce wing,
And slew Evenor brazen-tasleted,
Who from Dulichium came to war with Troy.
For his death fury-kindled was the son
Of haughty Phyleus: as a lion leaps
Upon the flock, so swiftly rushed he: all
Shrank huddling back before that terrible man.
Itymoneus he slew, and Hippasus' son
Agelaus: from Miletus brought they war
Against the Danaan men by Nastes led,

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οἱ Μυκάλην ἐνέμοντο Λάτμοιό τε λευκὰ κάρηνα
 Βράγχου τ' ἄγκεα μακρὰ καὶ ἠιόεντα Πάνορμον
 Μαιάνδρου τε ῥέεθρα βαθυρρόου, ὅς ῥ' ἐπὶ γαῖαν
 Καρῶν ἀμπελόεσσαν ἀπὸ Φρυγίης πολυμήλου 285
 εἶσι πολυγνάμπτοισιν ἐλισσόμενος προχοῆσι.
 καὶ τοὺς μὲν κατέπεφνε Μέγης ἐν δηιοτῆτι·
 ἄλλους δ' αὐτ' ἐδάμασσεν, ὅσους κίχε δουρὶ
 κελαινῶ·

ἐν γάρ οἱ στέρνοισι θράσος βάλε Τριτογένεια,
 ὄφρα κε δυσμενέεσσιν ὀλέθριον ἦμαρ ἐφείη. 290
 Δρησαῖον δ' ἐδάμασσεν ἀρηίφιλος Πολυποίτης,
 τὸν τέκε δῖα Νέαιρα περίφρονι Θειοδάμαντι
 μιχθεῖσ' ἐν λεχέεσσιν ὑπαὶ Σιπύλῳ νιφόεντι,
 ἦχι θεοὶ Νιόβην λᾶαν θέσαν, ἧς ἔτι δάκρυ
 πουλὺ μάλα στυφελῆς καταλείβεται ὑψόθι
 πέτρης, 295

καὶ οἱ συστοναχοῦσι ῥοαὶ πολυηχέος Ἑρμου
 καὶ κορυφαὶ Σιπύλου περιμήκεες, ὧν καθύπερθεν
 ἐχθρὴ μηλονόμοισιν αἰεὶ περιπέπτατ' ὀμίχλη·
 ἢ δὲ πέλει μέγα θαῦμα παρεσσυμένοισι βροτοῖσιν,
 οὔνεκ' ἔοικε γυναικὶ πολυστόνῳ, ἢ τ' ἐπὶ λυγρῶ 300
 πένθει μυρομένη μάλα μυρία δάκρυα χεύει·
 καὶ τὸ μὲν ἀτρεκέως φῆς ἔμμεναι, ὅππότε ἄρ'
 αὐτὴν

τηλόθεν ἀθρήσειας· ἐπὴν δέ ο ἑγγὺς ἴκηαι,

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The god-like, and Amphimachus mighty-souled,
On Mycale they dwelt ; beside their home
Rose Latmus' snowy crests, stretched the long glens
Of Branchus, and Panormus' water-meads.
Maeander's flood deep-rolling swept thereby,
Which from the Phrygian uplands, pastured o'er
By myriad flocks, around a thousand forelands
Curls, swirls, and drives his hurrying ripples on
Down to the vine-clad land of Carian men.
These mid the storm of battle Meges slew,
Nor these alone, but whomso'er his lance
Black-shafted touched, were dead men ; for his
breast

The glorious Triton-born with courage thrilled
To bring to all his foes the day of doom.
And Polypoetes, dear to Ares, slew
Dresaeus, whom the Nymph Neaera bare
To passing-wise Theiodamas · for these
Spread was the bed of love beside the foot
Of Sipylus the Mountain, where the Gods
Made Niobe a stony rock, wherefrom
Tears ever stream : high up, the rugged crag
Bows as one weeping, weeping · waterfalls
Cry from far-echoing Hermus, wailing moan
Of sympathy : the sky-encountering crests
Of Sipylus, where always floats a mist
Hated of shepherds, echo back the cry.
Weird marvel seems that Rock of Niobe
To men that pass with feet fear-goaded : there
They see the likeness of a woman bowed,
In depths of anguish sobbing, and her tears
Drop, as she mourns grief-stricken, endlessly.
Yea, thou wouldst say that verily so it was,
Viewing it from afar ; but when hard by
Thou standest, all the illusion vanishes ;
And lo, a steep-browed rock, a fragment rent

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φαίνεται αἰπήεσσα πέτρη Σιπύλοιό τ' ἀπορρώξ.
 ἀλλ' ἢ μὲν μακάρων ὄλοον χόλον ἐκτελέουσα 305
 μύρεται ἐν πέτρησιν ἔτ' ἀχθυμένη εἰκυῖα.

Ἄλλοι δ' ἀμφ' ἄλλοισι φόνον καὶ κῆρ' ἐτίθεντο
 ἀργαλέην· δεινὸς γὰρ ἐνεστρωφᾶτο Κυδοιμὸς
 λαοῖς ἐν μέσσοισιν· ἀταρτηρὸν δέ οἱ ἄγχι 310
 εἰστήκει Θανάτοιο τέλος, περὶ δέ σφισι Κῆρες

λευγαλέαι στρωφῶντο φόνον στονόεντα φέρουσαι.
 πολλῶν δ' ἐν κονίησι λύθη κέαρ ἤματι κείνῳ
 Τρώων τ' Ἀργείων τε, πολὺς δ' ἀλαλητὸς ὀρώρει·
 οὐ γάρ πως ἀπέληγε μένος μέγα Πενθεσιλείης,
 ἀλλ' ὥς τίς τε βόεσσι κατ' οὔρεα μακρὰ λείαινα 315

ἐνθόρη ἀΐξασα βαθυσκοπέλου διὰ βήσσης
 αἵματος ἰμείρουσα, τό οἱ μάλα θυμὸν ἰαίνει·
 ὧς τῆμος Δαναοῖσιν Ἀρηιάς ἐνθορε κούρη.
 οἱ δ' ὀπίσω χάζοντο τεθηπὸτα θυμὸν ἔχοντες,

ἢ δ' ἔπετ' ἠὔτε κῦμα βαρυγδούποιο θαλάσσης 320
 νήεσιν ὠκείησιν, ὅθ' ἰστία λευκὰ πετάσση

οὔρος ἐπειγόμενος, βοόωσι δὲ πάντοθεν ἄκραι
 πόντου ἐρευγομένοιο ποτὶ χθονὸς ἠόνα μακρήν.

ὧς ἦ γ' ἐσπομένη Δαναῶν ἐδάϊζε φάλαγγας,
 καὶ σφιν ἐπηπείλησε μέγα φρεσὶ κυδιόωσα· 325

“ ὦ κύνες, ὡς Πριάμοιο κακὴν ἀποτίσετε λώβην
 σήμερον· οὐ γάρ πώ τις ἐμὸν σθένος ἐξυπαλύξας
 χάρμα φίλοις τοκέεσσι καὶ υἰάσιν ἠδ' ἀλόχοισιν
 ἔτσεται· οἰωνοῖς δὲ βόσις καὶ θηρσὶ θανόντες

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From Sipylus—yet Niobe is there,
Dreeing her weird, the debt of wrath divine,
A broken heart in guise of shattered stone.

All through the tangle of that desperate fray
Stalked slaughter and doom. The incarnate Onset-
shout

Raved through the rolling battle ; at her side
Paced Death the ruthless, and the Fearful Faces,
The Fates, beside them strode, and in red hands
Bare murder and the groans of dying men.

That day the beating of full many a heart,
Trojan and Argive, was for ever stilled,
While roared the battle round them, while the fury
Of Penthesileia fainted not nor failed ;

But as amid long ridges of lone hills
A lioness, stealing down a deep ravine,
Springs on the kine with lightning leap, athirst
For blood wherein her fierce heart revelleth ;
So on the Danaans leapt that warrior-maid.

And they, their souls were cowed : backward they
shrank,

And fast she followed, as a towering surge
Chases across the thunder-booming sea
A flying bark, whose white sails strain beneath
The wind's wild buffeting, and all the air
Maddens with roaring, as the rollers crash
On a black foreland looming on the lee
Where long reefs fringe the surf-tormented shores.

So chased she, and so dashed the ranks asunder
Triumphant-souled, and hurled fierce threats before :
“ Ye dogs, this day for evil outrage done
To Priam shall ye pay ! No man of you
Shall from mine hands deliver his own life,
And win back home, to gladden parents' eyes,
Or comfort wife or children. Ye shall lie
Dead, ravined on by vultures and by wolves,

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κείσεσθ', οὐδέ τι τύμβος ἐφ' ὑμέας ἴξεται αἴης. 330
 πῆ νῦν Τυδείδαο βίη, πῆ δ' Αἰακίδαο,
 ποῦ δὲ καὶ Αἴαντος; τοὺς γὰρ φάτις ἔμμεν ἀρίσ-
 τους·

ἀλλ' ἐμοὶ οὐ τλήσονται ἐναντία δηριάσθαι,
 μή σφιν ἀπὸ μελέων ψυχὰς φθιμένοισι πελάσσω.”

Ἦ ῥα καὶ Ἀργείοισι μέγα φρονέουσ' ἐνόρουσε 335
 θηρὶ βίην εἰκυῖα, πολὺν δ' ὑπεδάμνατο λαὸν
 ἄλλοτε μὲν βουπλήγι βαρυστόμῳ, ἄλλοτε δ' αὖτε
 πάλλουσ' ὄξυν ἄκουτα· φέρεν δέ οἱ αἰόλος ἵππος
 ἰοδόκην καὶ τόξον ἀμείλιχον, εἴ που ἄρ' αὐτῇ
 χρεῖῶ ἀν' αἵματόεντα μόθον βελέων ἀλεγεινῶν 340
 καὶ τόξοιο πέλοιτο· θοοὶ δέ οἱ ἄνδρες ἔποντο
 Ἐκτορος ἀγχεμάχοιο κασίγνητοί τε φίλοι τε
 ὄβριμον ἐν στέρνοισιν ἀναπνεύοντες Ἄρηα,
 οἱ Δαναοὺς ἐδάϊζον ἐϋξέστης μελίησι
 τοὶ δὲ θοοῖς φύλλοισιν ἑοικότες ἢ ψεκάδεσσι 345
 πίπτον ἐπασσύτεροι, μέγα δ' ἔστενεν ἄσπετος αἶα
 αἵματι δευομένη νεκύεσσὶ τε πεπληθυῖα·
 ἵπποι δ' ἀμφὶ βέλεσσι πεπαρμένοι ἢ μελίησιν
 ὑστάτιον χρεμέτιζον ἐὼν μένος ἐκπνεύοντες·
 οἱ δὲ κόνιν βρυγμοῖσι¹ δεδραγμένοι ἀσπαίρεσκον· 350
 τοὺς δ' ἄρα Τρώιοι ἵπποι ἐπεσσύμενοι μετόπισθεν
 ἄντλον ὅπως στείβεσκον ὁμοῦ κταμένοισι πεσόν-
 τας.

¹ Zimmermann, for λαχμοῖσι of Koechly, and δραχμοῖσι of AMP.

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And none shall heap the earth-mound o'er your
clay.

Where skulketh now the strength of Tydeus' son,
And where the might of Aeacus' scion? Where
Is Aias' bulk? Ye vaunt them mightiest men
Of all your rabble. Ha! they will not dare
With me to close in battle, lest I drag
Forth from their fainting frames their craven souls!"

Then heart-uplifted leapt she on the foe,
Resistless as a tigress, crashing through
Ranks upon ranks of Argives, smiting now
With that huge halberd massy-headed, now
Hurling the keen dart, while her battle-horse
Flashed through the fight, and on his shoulder bare
Quiver and bow death-speeding, close to her hand,
If mid that revel of blood she willed to speed
The bitter-biting shaft. Behind her swept
The charging lines of men fleet-footed, friends
And brethren of the man who never flinched
From close death-grapple, Hector, panting all
The hot breath of the War-god from their breasts,
All slaying Danaans with the ashen spear,
Who fell as frost-touched leaves in autumn fall
One after other, or as drops of rain.
And aye went up a moaning from earth's breast
All blood-bedrenched, and heaped with corse on
corse.

Horses pierced through with arrows, or impaled
On spears, were snorting forth their last of strength
With screaming neighings. Men, with gnashing
teeth

Biting the dust, lay gasping, while the steeds
Of Trojan charioteers stormed in pursuit,
Trampling the dying mingled with the dead
As oxen trample corn in threshing-floors.

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Καί τις ἐνὶ Τρώεσσιν ἀγάσσατο μακρὰ γεγηθώς,

ὡς ἶδε Πενθεσίλειαν ἀνὰ στρατὸν αἴσσουσαν
 λαίλαπι κυανέῃ ἐναλίγκιον, ἥ τ' ἐνὶ πόντῳ 355
 μαίνεθ', ὅτ' αἰγοκερῆσι συνέρχεται ἠελίου ἴς·
 καί ῥ' ὅ γε μαψιδίησιν ἐπ' ἐλπωρῆσιν ἔειπεν·
 ὦ φίλοι, ὡς ἀναφανδὸν ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ εἰλήλουθε
 σήμερον ἀθανάτων τις, ἵν' Ἀργείοισι μάχεται
 ἡμῖν ἦρα φέρουσα Διὸς κρατερόφροني βουλῆ, 360
 ὃς τάχα πού μέμνηται εὐσθενέος Πριάμοιο,
 ὃς ῥά οἱ εὐχεται εἶναι ἀφ' αἵματος ἀθανάτοιο.
 οὐ γὰρ τήνδε γυναικὰ γ' ὀϊομαι εἰσοράασθαι
 αὐτῶς θαρσαλέην τε καὶ ἀγλαὰ τεύχε' ἔχουσαν,
 ἀλλ' ἄρ' Ἀθηναίην ἢ καρτερόθυμον Ἐννῶ 365
 ἢ Ἐριδ' ἢ κλειτὴν Λητωίδα· καί μιν ὀϊῶ
 σήμερον Ἀργείοισι φόνον στονόμεντα βαλέσθαι
 νηάς τ' ἐμπρήσειν ὀλοῶ πυρί, τῆσι πάροιθεν
 ἤλυθον ἐς Τροίην νῶιν κακὰ πολλὰ φέροντες,
 ἤλυθον ἄσχετον ἄμμιν ὑπ' Ἀρεῖ πῆμα φέροντες· 370
 ἀλλ' οὐ μὰν παλίνορσοι ἐς Ἑλλάδα νοστήσαντες
 πάτρην εὐφρανέουσιν, ἐπεὶ θεὸς ἄμμιν ἀρήγει·”

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη Τρώων τις ἐνὶ φρεσὶ πάγχυ γεγηθώς,
 νήπιος· οὐδ' ἄρ' ἐφράσσατ' ἐπεσσύμενον βαρὺ
 πῆμα

οἱ αὐτῶ καὶ Τρωσὶ καὶ αὐτῇ Πενθεσιλείῃ. 375
 οὐ γὰρ πῶ τι μόθοιο δυσηχέος ἀμφιπέπυστο
 Αἴας ὀβριμόθυμος ἰδὲ πτολίπορθος Ἀχιλλεύς,
 ἀλλ' ἄμφω περὶ σῆμα Μενoitιάδαο κέχυντο
 μνησάμενοι ἑτάροιο· γόος δ' ἔχεν ἄλλυδις ἄλλον.

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Then one exulting boasted mid the host
Of Troy, beholding Penthesileia rush
On through the foes' array, like the black storm
That maddens o'er the sea, what time the sun
Allies his might with winter's Goat-horned Star;
And thus, puffed up with vain hope, shouted he:
"O friends, in manifest presence down from heaven
One of the deathless Gods this day hath come
To fight the Argives, all of love for us,
Yea, and with sanction of almighty Zeus,
He whose compassion now remembereth
Haply strong-hearted Priam, who may boast
For his a lineage of immortal blood.
For this, I trow, no mortal woman seems,
Who is so aweless-daring, who is clad
In splendour-flashing arms: nay, surely she
Shall be Athene, or the mighty-souled
Enyo—haply Eris, or the Child
Of Leto world-renowned. O yea, I look
To see her hurl amid yon Argive men
Mad-shrieking slaughter, see her set aflame
Yon ships wherein they came long years ago
Bringing us many sorrows, yea, they came
Bringing us woes of war intolerable.
Ha! to the home-land Hellas ne'er shall these
With joy return, since Gods on our side fight."

In overweening exultation so
Vaunted a Trojan. Fool!—he had no vision
Of ruin onward rushing upon himself
And Troy, and Penthesileia's self withal.
For not as yet had any tidings come
Of that wild fray to Aias stormy-souled,
Nor to Achilles, waster of tower and town.
But on the grave-mound of Menoetius' son
They twain were lying, with sad memories
Of a dear comrade crushed, and echoing

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τοὺς γὰρ δὴ μακάρων τις ἐρήτυε νόσφι κυδοιμοῦ, 380
 ὄφρ' ἀλεγεινὸν ὄλεθρον ἀναπλήσωσι δαμέντες
 πολλοὶ ὑπὸ Τρώεσσι καὶ ἐσθλῇ Πενθεσιλείῃ,
 ἢ σφιν ἐπασσυτέροις κακὰ μῆδετο, καὶ οἱ ἄεξεν
 ἀλκὴ ὁμῶς καὶ θάρσος ἐπὶ πλέον, οὐδέ ποτ'
 αἰχμὴν

μαψιδίην ἴθυνεν, αἰεὶ δ' ἠ νῶτα δαίριζε 385
 φευγόντων ἢ στέρνα καταπίον ἀισσόντων·
 θερμῶ δ' αἵματι πάμπαν ἐδεύετο, γυῖα δ' ἐλαφρὰ
 ἔπλετ' ἐπεσσυμένης· κάματος δ' οὐ δάμνατο
 θυμὸν

ἄτρομον, ἀλλ' ἀδάμαντος ἔχεν μένος· εἰσέτι γάρ
 μιν,

οὔπω ἐπὶ κλόνον αἶνον ἐποτρύνουσ' Ἀχιλῆα,¹ 389a
 Αἴσα λυγρὴ κύδαινε, ἀπόπροθι δ' ἐστηυῖα 390
 χάρμης κυδιάασκεν ὀλέθριον, οὔνεκ' ἔμελλε
 κούρην οὐ μετὰ δηρὸν ὑπ' Αἰακίδαο χέρεσσι
 δάμνασθ'· ἀμφὶ δέ μιν ζόφος ἔκρυφε· τὴν δ'
 ὀρόθυνεν

αἰὲν αἴστος ἐοῦσα καὶ ἐς κακὸν ἠγεν ὄλεθρον
 ὕστατα κυδαίνουσ'· ἠ δ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλον ἔναιρεν. 395
 ὡς δ' ὀπόθ' ἐρσήεντος ἔσω κήποιο θοροῦσα
 ποίης ἐλδομένη θυμηδέος εἶαρι πόρτις
 ἀνέρος οὐ παρεόντος ἐπέσσυται ἄλλοθεν ἄλλη
 σινομένη φυτὰ πάντα νέον μάλα τηλεθόωντα,
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ἄρ κατέδαψε, τὰ δ' ἐν ποσὶν ἠμάλ-
 δυνεν· 400

¹ Zimmermann, for MS. οὔνεκα μοῖρα ποτὶ κλεινὸν ὀτρύνουσ' ἀχιλῆα.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Each one the other's groaning. One it was
Of the Blest Gods who still was holding back
These from the battle-tumult far away,
Till many Greeks should fill the measure up
Of woeful havoc, slain by Trojan foes
And glorious Penthesileia, who pursued
With murderous intent their rifted ranks,
While ever waxed her valour more and more,
And waxed her might within her: never in vain
She aimed the unswerving spear-thrust: aye she
pierced

The backs of them that fled, the breasts of such
As charged to meet her. All the long shaft dripped
With steaming blood. Swift were her feet as wind
As down she swooped. Her aweless spirit failed
For weariness nor fainted, but her might
Was adamantine. The impending Doom,
Which roused unto the terrible strife not yet
Achilles, clothed her still with glory; still
Aloof the dread Power stood, and still would shed
Splendour of triumph o'er the death-ordained
But for a little space, ere it should quell
That Maiden 'neath the hands of Aeacus' son.
In darkness ambushed, with invisible hand
Ever it thrust her on, and drew her feet
Destruction-ward, and lit her path to death
With glory, while she slew foe after foe.
As when within a dewy garden-close,
Longing for its green springtide freshness, leaps
A heifer, and there rangeth to and fro,
When none is by to stay her, treading down
All its green herbs, and all its wealth of bloom,
Devouring greedily this, and marring that
With trampling feet; so ranged she, Ares' child,

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ὡς ἄρ' Ἀχαιῶν νῆας ἐπεσσυμένη καθ' ὄμιλον
κούρη Ἐνναλίη τοὺς μὲν κτάνε, τοὺς δ' ἐφόβησε.

Τρωιάδες δ' ἀπάνευθεν ἀρήια ἔργα γυναικὸς
θαύμαζον, πολέμοιο δ' ἔρωσ λάβεν ἵπποδάμοιο
Ἀντιμάχοιο θύγατρα Μενεπτολέμοιο δ' ἄκοιτιν 405

Τισιφόνην· κρατερῆσι δ' ὑπὸ φρεσὶν ἐμμεμαυῖα
θαρσαλέον φάτο μῦθον ὀμήλικας ὀτρύνουσα
δῆριν ἐπὶ στονόεσσαν· ἔγειρε δέ οἱ θράσος ἀλκῆν·
“ὦ φίλαι, ἄλκιμον ἦτορ ἐνὶ στέρνοισι λαβοῦσαι
ἀνδράσιν ἡμετέροισιν ὁμοίον, οἷ περὶ πάτρης 410

δυσμενέσιν μάρνανται ὑπὲρ τεκέων τε καὶ ἡμέων,
οὔποτ' ἀναπνεύοντες οἷζύος—ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐταὶ
παρθέμεναι φρεσὶ θυμὸν ἴσης μνησώμεθα χάρμης·
οὐ γὰρ ἀπόπροθὲν εἶμεν εὔσθενέων αἰζηῶν,
ἀλλ' οἷον κείνοισι πέλει μένος ἔστι καὶ ἡμῖν· 415

ἴσοι δ' ὀφθαλμοὶ καὶ γούνατα, πάντα δ' ὁμοῖα,
ξυνὸν δ' αὖ πάντεσσι φάος καὶ νήχυτος ἀήρ,
φορβὴ δ' οὐχ ἑτέρη· τί δ' ἐπ' ἀνδράσι λώιον ἄλλο
θῆκε θεός; τῷ μή τι φεβώμεθα δηιοτῆτα.

ἢ οὐχ ὀράατε γυναιῖκα μέγ' αἰζηῶν προφέρουσαν 420
ἀγχεμάχων; τῆς δ' οὔτι πέλει σχεδὸν οὔτε
γενέθλη

οὔτ' ἄρ' εἶν πτολίεθρον, ὑπὲρ ξείνοιο δ' ἄνακτος
μάρναται ἐκ θυμοῖο καὶ οὐκ ἐμπάζεται ἀνδρῶν
ἐνθεμένη φρεσὶ θάρσος ἀταρτηρόν τε νόημα·
ἡμῖν δ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλα παραὶ ποσὶν ἄλγεα κείται· 425
τῆς μὲν γὰρ φίλα τέκνα καὶ ἀνέρες ἀμφὶ πόλῃ

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Through reeling squadrons of Achaea's sons,
Slew these, and hunted those in panic rout

From Troy afar the women marvelling gazed
At the Maid's battle-prowess Suddenly

A fiery passion for the fray hath seized
Antimachus' daughter, Meneptolemus' wife,

Tisiphone. Her heart waxed strong, and filled
With lust of fight she cried to her fellows all,

With desperate-daring words, to spur them on
To woeful war, by recklessness made strong.

“Friends, let a heart of valour in our breasts
Awake! Let us be like our lords, who fight

With foes for fatherland, for babes, for us,
And never pause for breath in that stern strife!

Let us too throne war's spirit in our hearts!
Let us too face the fight which favoureth none!

For we, we women, be not creatures cast
In diverse mould from men: to us is given

Such energy of life as stirs in them.
Eyes have we like to theirs, and limbs: throughout

Fashioned we are alike · one common light
We look on, and one common air we breathe:

With like food are we nourished ·—nay, wherein
Have we been dowered of God more niggardly

Than men? Then let us shrink not from the fray
See ye not yonder a woman far excelling

Men in the grapple of fight? Yet is her blood
Nowise akin to ours, nor fighteth she

For her own city. For an alien king
She warreth of her own heart's prompting, fears

The face of no man; for her soul is thrilled
With valour and with spirit invincible.

But we — to right, to left, lie woes on woes
About our feet: this mourns belovèd sons,
And that a husband who for hearth and home

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἄλλυθ', αἰ δὲ τοκῆας ὀδυρόμεθ' οὐκέτ' ἔοντας·
 ἄλλαι δ' αὐτ' ἀκάχηνται ἀδελφειῶν ἐπ' ὀλέθρῳ
 καὶ πηῶν· οὐ γάρ τις οἰζυρῆς κακότητος
 ἄμμορος· ἐλπωρῆ δὲ πέλει καὶ δούλιον ἡμαρ 430
 εἰσιδέειν· τῷ μὴ τις ἔτ' ἀμβολίῃ πολέμοιο
 εἶη τειρομένησιν· ἔοικε γὰρ ἐν δαῖ' μᾶλλον
 τεθνάμεν ἢ μετόπισθεν ὑπ' ἀλλοδαποῖσιν ἄγεσθαι
 νηπιάχοις ἅμα παισὶν ἀνηρῇ ὑπ' ἀνάγκη
 ἄστεος αἰθομένοιο καὶ ἀνδρῶν οὐκέτ' ἔόντων." 435

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· πάσῃσι δ' ἔρως στυγεροῖο μόθοιο
 ἔμπυσεν· ἐσσυμένως δὲ πρὸ τείχεος ὀρμαίνεσκον
 βήμεναι ἐν τεύχεσσι ἀρηγέμεναι μεμαυῖαι
 ἄστει καὶ λαοῖσιν· ὀρίνετο δὲ σφισι θυμός.
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἔσω σίμβλοιο μέγ' ἰύζωσι μέλισσαι 440
 χείματος οὐκέτ' ἔοντος, ὅτ' ἐς νομὸν ἐντύνονται
 ἐλθέμεν, οὐδ' ἄρα τῆσι φίλον πέλει ἔνδοθι μίμνειν,
 ἄλλη δ' αὖθ' ἐτέρην προκαλίζεται ἐκτὸς ἄγεσθαι·
 ὡς ἄρα Τρωιάδες ποτὶ φύλοπιν ἐγκουέουσαι
 ἀλλήλας ὠτρυνον· ἀπόπροθι δ' εἴρια θέντο 445
 καὶ ταλάρους, ἀλεγεινὰ δ' ἐπ' ἔντεα χεῖρας ἵαλλον.

Καί νύ κεν ἄστεος ἐκτὸς ἅμα σφετέροισιν ὄλοντο
 ἀνδράσι καὶ σθεναρῆσιν Ἀμαζόσιν ἐν δαῖ' κείνῃ,
 εἰ μὴ σφεας κατέρυξε πύκα φρονέουσα Θεανὼ
 ἐσσυμένας πινυτοῖσι παραυδήσασ' ἐπέεσσι· 450
 “τίπτε ποτὶ κλόνον αἰνὸν ἐελδόμεναι πονέεσθαι,
 σχέτλιαι, οὔτι πάροιθε πονησάμεναι περὶ χάρμης,
 ἀλλ' ἄρα νηίδες ἔργον ἐπ' ἄτλητον μεμαυῖαι

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Hath died ; some wail for fathers now no more ;
Some grieve for brethren and for kinsmen lost.
Not one but hath some share in sorrow's cup.
Behind all this a fearful shadow looms,
The day of bondage ! Therefore flinch not ye
From war, O sorrow-laden ! Better far
To die in battle now, than afterwards
Hence to be haled into captivity
To alien folk, we and our little ones,
In the stern grip of fate leaving behind
A burning city, and our husbands' graves."

So cried she, and with passion for stern war
Thrilled all those women ; and with eager speed
They hasted to go forth without the wall
Mail-clad, afire to battle for their town
And people : all their spirit was aflame.
As when within a hive, when winter-tide
Is over and gone, loud hum the swarming bees
What time they make them ready forth to fare
To bright flower-pastures, and no more endure
To linger therewithin, but each to other
Crieth the challenge-cry to sally forth ;
Even so bestirred themselves the women of Troy,
And kindled each her sister to the fray.
The weaving-wool, the distaff far they flung,
And to grim weapons stretched their eager hands.

And now without the city these had died
In that wild battle, as their husbands died
And the strong Amazons died, had not one voice
Of wisdom cried to stay their maddened feet,
When with dissuading words Theano spake :
" Wherefore, ah wherefore for the toil and strain
Of battle's fearful tumult do ye yearn,
Infatuate ones ? Never your limbs have toiled
In conflict yet. In utter ignorance

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ὄρνυσθ' ἀφραδέως; οὐ γὰρ σθένος ἔσσεται ἴσον
 ἡμῖν καὶ Δαναοῖσιν ἐπισταμένοισι μάχεσθαι. 455

αὐτὰρ Ἀμαζόσι δῆρις ἀμείλιχος ἵππασίαι τε
 εὖαδον ἐξ ἀρχῆς καὶ ὅσ' ἀνέρες ἔργα μέλονται·
 τοῦνεκ' ἄρα σφίσι θυμὸς ἀρήιος αἰὲν ὄρωρεν,
 οὐδ' ἀνδρῶν δεύονται, ἐπεὶ πόνος ἐς μέγα κάρτος
 θυμὸν ἀνηέξησε καὶ ἄτρομα γούνατ' ἔθηκε. 460

τὴν δὲ φάτις καὶ Ἄρηος ἔμεν κρατεροῖο θύγατρα·
 τῷ οἱ θηλυτέρην τιν' ἐριζέμεν οὔτι ἔοικεν·
 ἢ ἐ τάχ' ἀθανάτων τις ἐπήλυθεν εὐχομένοισιν.
 πᾶσι δ' ἄρ' ἀνθρώποισιν ὁμὸν γένος, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ ἔργα
 στρωφῶντ' ἄλλος ἐπ' ἄλλα· πέλει δ' ἄρα κείνο
 φέριστον 465

ἔργον, ὃ τι φρεσὶν ἦσιν ἐπιστάμενος τονέηται·
 τοῦνεκα δηιοτήτος ἀποσχόμεναι κελαδεινῆς
 ἰστὸν ἐπεντύνεσθε φίλων ἔντοσθε μελάθρων.
 ἀνδράσι δ' ἡμετέροισι περὶ πτολέμοιο μελήσει.
 ἐλπωρῆ δ' ἀγαθοῖο τάχ' ἔσσεται, οὔνεκ' Ἀχαιοὺς 470
 δερκόμεθ' ὀλλυμένους, μέγα δὲ κράτος ὄρνυται
 ἀνδρῶν

ἡμετέρων· οὐδ' ἔστι κακοῦ δέος· οὔτι γὰρ ἄστν
 δήιοι ἀμφὶς ἔχουσιν ἀνηλέες, οὔτ' ἀλεγεινὴ
 γίνετ' ἀναγκαίη καὶ θηλυτέρησι μάχεσθαι.”

“Ὡς φάτο· ταὶ δ' ἐπίθοντο παλαιοτέρη περ' εὐούση, 475
 ὑσμίνην δ' ἀπάνευθεν ἐσέδρακον· ἢ δ' ἔτι λαοὺς
 δάμνατο Πενθεσίλεια, περιτρομέοντο δ' Ἀχαιοί,

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Panting for labour unendurable,
Ye rush on all-unthinking ; for your strength
Can never be as that of Danaan men,
Men trained in daily battle. Amazons
Have joyed in ruthless fight, in charging steeds,
From the beginning : all the toil of men
Do they endure ; and therefore evermore
The spirit of the War-god thrills them through.
They fall not short of men in anything :
Their labour-hardened frames make great their hearts
For all achievement : never faint their knees
Nor tremble. Rumour speaks their queen to be
A daughter of the mighty Lord of War.
Therefore no woman may compare with her
In prowess—if she be a woman, not
A God come down in answer to our prayers
Yea, of one blood be all the race of men,
Yet unto diverse labours still they turn ;
And that for each is evermore the best
Whereto he bringeth skill of use and wont.
Therefore do ye from tumult of the fray
Hold you aloof, and in your women's bowers
Before the loom still pace ye to and fro ;
And war shall be the business of our lords.
Lo, of fair issue is there hope : we see
The Achaeans falling fast : we see the might
Of our men waxing ever : fear is none
Of evil issue now : the pitiless foe
Beleaguer not the town : no desperate need
There is that women should go forth to war.”

So cried she, and they hearkened to the words
Of her who had garnered wisdom from the years ;
So from afar they watched the fight. But still
Penthesileia brake the ranks, and still
Before her quailed the Achaeans : still they found

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

οὐδέ σφιν θανάτοιο πέλε στονόεντος ἄλυξις·
 ἀλλ' ἄτε μηκάδες αἶγες ὑπὸ βλοσυρῆσι γένυσι
 πορδάλιος κτείνοντο, ποθὴ δ' ἔχεν οὐκέτι χάρμης 480
 ἀνέρας ἀλλὰ φόβοιο, καὶ ἄλλυδις ἦιον ἄλλοι
 οἱ μὲν ἀπορρίψαντες ἐπὶ χθόνα τεύχε' ἀπ' ὤμων,
 οἱ δ' ἄρα σὺν τεύχεσσι, καὶ ἠνιόχων ἀπάνευθεν
 ἵπποι ἴσαν φεύγοντες· ἐπεσσυμένοις δ' ἄρα χάρμα
 ἔπλετ', ἀπολλυμένων δὲ πολὺς στόνος· οὐδέ τις
 ἀλκὴ 485

γίνετο τειρομένοισι· μινυνθάδιοι δὲ πέλοντο
 πάντες, ὅσους ἐκίχανεν ἀνὰ κρυερὸν στόμα χάρμης.
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἐπιβρίσασα μέγα στονόεσσα θύελλα
 ἄλλα μὲν ἐκ ριζέων χαμάδις βάλε δένδρεα μακρὰ
 ἄνθεσι τηλεθόωντα, τὰ δ' ἐκ πρέμνοιο κέδασσεν 490
 ὑψόθεν, ἀλλήλοισι δ' ἐπὶ κλασθέντα κέχυνται·
 ὡς Δαναῶν κέκλιντο πολὺς στρατὸς ἐν κονίησι
 Μοιράων ἰότητι καὶ ἔγχεϊ Πενθεσιλείης.

Αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ καὶ νῆες ἐνιπρήσεσθαι ἔμελλον
 χερσὶν ὑπο Τρώων, τότε που μενεδήιος Αἴας 495
 οἰμωγῆς ἐσάκουσε καὶ Αἰακίδην προσέειπεν·
 “ ὦ Ἀχιλεῦ, περὶ δὴ μοι ἀπείριτος ἦλυθεν αὐδὴ
 οὔασιν ὡς πολέμοιο συνεσταότος μέγαλοιο·
 ἀλλ' ἴομεν, μὴ Τρῶες ὑποφθάμενοι παρὰ νηυσὶν
 Ἄργείους ὀλέσωσι, καταφλέξωσι δὲ νῆας· 500
 νῶιν δ' ἀμφοτέροισιν ἐλεγχείῃ ἀλεγεινῇ
 ἔσσεται· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικε Διὸς μέγαλοιο γεγῶτας
 αἰσχύνειν πατέρων ἱερὸν γένος, οἳ ῥα καὶ αὐτοῖ

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Nor screen nor hiding-place from imminent death.
As bleating goats are by the blood-stained jaws
Of a grim panther torn, so slain were they.
In each man's heart all lust of battle died,
And fear alone lived. This way, that way fled
The panic-stricken: some to earth had flung
The armour from their shoulders; some in dust
Grovelled in terror 'neath their shields: the steeds
Fled through the rout unreined of charioteers.
In rapture of triumph charged the Amazons,
With groan and scream of agony died the Greeks.
Withered their manhood was in that sore strait;
Brief was the span of all whom that fierce maid
Mid the grim jaws of battle overtook.
As when with mighty roaring bursteth down
A storm upon the forest-trees, and some
Uprendeth by the roots, and on the earth
Dashes them down, the tall stems blossom-crowned,
And snappeth some athwart the trunk, and high
Whirls them through air, till all confused they lie
A ruin of splintered stems and shattered sprays;
So the great Danaan host lay, dashed to dust
By doom of Fate, by Penthesileia's spear.

But when the very ships were now at point
To be by hands of Trojans set aflame,
Then battle-bider Aias heard afar
The panic-cries, and spake to Aeacus' son:
"Achilles, all the air about mine ears
Is full of multitudinous cries, is full
Of thunder of battle rolling nearer aye.
Let us go forth then, ere the Trojans win
Unto the ships, and make great slaughter there
Of Argive men, and set the ships aflame.
Foulest reproach such thing on thee and me
Should bring; for it beseems not that the seed
Of mighty Zeus should shame the sacred blood

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

τὸ πρὶν ἄμ' Ἡρακλῆι δαΐφρονι Λαομέδοντος
 Τροίην,¹ ἀγλαὸν ἄστν, διέπραθον ἐγχείησι· 505
 ὡς καὶ νῦν τελέεσθαι ὑφ' ἡμετέρησιν οἴω
 χερσίν, ἐπεὶ μέγα κάρτος ἀέξεται ἀμφοτέροισιν.”

Ὡς φάτο· τῷ δ' ἐπίθησε θρασὺ σθένος Αἰακίδαο·
 κλαγγὴν γὰρ στονόεσσαν ὑπέκλυεν οὔασιν οἴσιν.
 ἄμφω δ' ὠρμήθησαν ἐπ' ἔντεα μαρμαίροντα· 510
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ἐσσάμενοι κατεναντίον ἔσταν ὁμίλου·
 τῶν δ' ἄρα τεύχεα καλὰ μέγ' ἔβραχε· μαίνετο δέ
 σφιν

ἴσον θυμὸς Ἄρηι· τόσον σθένος ἀμφοτέροισι
 δῶκεν ἐπειγομένοισι σακέσπαλος Ἄτρυτώνη.
 Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἐχάρησαν, ἐπεὶ ἴδον ἄνδρε κραταῖω 515
 εἰδομένω παίδεσσιν Ἄλωῆος μέγ' ἄλοιο,
 οἳ ποτ' ἐπ' εὐρὺν Ὀλυμπον ἔφαν θέμεν οὔρεα
 μακρὰ

Ὅσσαν τ' αἰπεινὴν καὶ Πήλιον ὑψικάρηνον,
 ὅππως δὴ μεμαῶτε καὶ οὐρανὸν εἰσαφίκωνται·
 τοῖοι ἄρ' ἀντέστησαν ἀταρτηροῦ πολέμοιο 520
 Αἰακίδαί, μέγα χάρμα λιλαιομένοισιν Ἀχαιοῖς,
 ἄμφω ἐπειγόμενοι δηίων ἀπὸ λαὸν ὀλέσσαι.
 πολλοὺς δ' ἐγχείησιν ἀμαιμακέτησι δάμασσαν·
 ὡς δ' ὅτε πίονα μῆλα βοοδμητῆρε λέοντε
 εὐρόντ' ἐν ξυλόχοισι φίλων ἀπάνευθε νομῆων 525

¹ Zimmermann (for MS. Τροίης), whose arrangement of lines is adopted.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Of hero-fathers, who themselves of old
With Hercules the battle-eager sailed
To Troy, and smote her even at her height
Of glory, when Laomedon was king.
Ay, and I ween that our hands even now
Shall do the like : we too are mighty men.”

He spake : the aweless strength of Aeacus' son
Hearkened thereto, for also to his ears
By this the roar of bitter battle came.
Then hasted both, and donned their warrior-gear
All splendour-gleaming : now, in these arrayed
Facing that stormy-tossing rout they stand.
Loud clashed their glorious armour : in their souls
A battle-fury like the War-god's wrath
Maddened ; such might was breathed into these
twain

By Atrytonè, Shaker of the Shield,
As on they pressed. With joy the Argives saw
The coming of that mighty twain : they seemed
In semblance like Alôeus' giant sons
Who in the old time made that haughty vaunt
Of piling on Olympus' brow the height
Of Ossa steeply-towering, and the crest
Of sky-encountering Pelion, so to rear
A mountain-stair for their rebellious rage
To scale the highest heaven. Huge as these
The sons of Aeacus seemed, as forth they strode
To stem the tide of war. A gladsome sight
To friends who have fainted for their coming, now
Onward they press to crush triumphant foes.
Many they slew with their resistless spears ;
As when two herd-destroying lions come
On sheep amid the copses feeding, far
From help of shepherds, and in heaps on heaps

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

πανσυδίῃ κτείνωσιν, ἄχρισ μέλαν αἶμα πiónτες
σπλάγχων ἐμπλήσονται ἔην πολυχανδέα νηδύν·
ὡς οἷ γ' ἄμφω ὄλεσσαν ἀπειρέσιον στρατὸν ἀνδρῶν.

Ἔνθ' Αἴας ἔλε Δηίοχον καὶ ἀρήιον Ἕλλον,
Εὐρύνομόν τε φιλοπτόλεμον καὶ Ἐννέα δῖον. 530

Ἀντάνδρην δ' ἄρα Πηλείδης ἔλε καὶ Πολεμοῦσαν
ἠδὲ καὶ Ἀντιβρότην, μετὰ δ' Ἴπποθόην ἐρίθυμον,
τῆσι δ' ἔφ' Ἀρμοθόην· ἐπὶ δ' ὄχετο λαὸν ἅπαντα
σὺν Τελαμωνιάδῃ μεγαλήτορι· τῶν δ' ὑπὸ χερσὶ
πυκναί τε σθεναραί τε κατηρείποντο φάλαγγες 535
ρεῖα καὶ ὀτραλέως, ὡσεὶ πυρὶ δάσκιος ὕλη
οὔρεος ἐν ξυνοχῆσιν ἐπισπέρχοντος ἀήτεω.

Τοὺς δ' ὀπότε εἰσενόησε δαΐφρων Πενθεσίλεια
θῆρας ὅπως θύνοντας ἀνὰ μόθον ὀκρυόεντα,
ἀμφοτέρων ὄρμησε καταντίον, ἠὔτε λυγρῇ 540

πόρδαλις ἐν ξυλόχοισιν ὀλέθριον ἦτορ ἔχουσα
αἰνὰ περισσαίνουσα θόρη κατέναντ' ἐπιόντων
ἀγρευτέων, οἷπερ μιν ἐν ἔντεσι θωρηχθέντες
ἐσσυμένην μίμνουσι πεποιθότες ἐγχείησιν·
ὡς ἄρα Πενθεσίλεια ἀρήιοι ἄνδρες ἔμιμνον 545

δούρατ' ἀειράμενοι· περὶ δέ σφισι χαλκὸς αὔτει
κινυμένων· πρώτη δ' ἔβαλεν περιμήκετον ἔγχος
ἐσθλῇ Πενθεσίλεια· τὸ δ' ἐς σάκος Αἰακίδαο
ἴξεν, ἀπεπλάγχθη δὲ διατρυφὲν εὔτ' ἀπὸ πέτρης·
τοῖ' ἔσαν Ἡφαίστοιο περίφρονος ἄμβροτα δῶρα. 550

ἠ δ' ἕτερον μετὰ χερσὶ τιτύσκετο θοῦρον ἄκοντα
Αἴαντος κατέναντα καὶ ἀμφοτέροισιν ἀπέιλει·

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Slay them, till they have drunken to the full
Of blood, and filled their maws insatiate
With flesh, so those destroyers twain slew on,
Spreading wide havoc through the hosts of Troy.

There Dêiochus and gallant Hyllus fell
By Aias slain, and fell Eurynomus
Lover of war, and goodly Enyeus died.
But Peleus' son burst on the Amazons
Smiting Antandrè, Polemusa then,
Antibrotè, fierce-souled Hippothoè,
Hurling Harmothoè down on sisters slain.
Then hard on all their reeling ranks he pressed
With Telamon's mighty-hearted son ; and now
Before their hands battalions dense and strong
Crumbled as weakly and as suddenly
As when in mountain-folds the forest-brakes
Shrivel before a tempest-driven fire.

When battle-eager Penthesileia saw
These twain, as through the scourging storm of war
Like ravening beasts they rushed, to meet them there
She sped, as when a leopard grim, whose mood
Is deadly, leaps from forest-coverts forth,
Lashing her tail, on hunters closing round,
While these, in armour clad, and putting trust
In their long spears, await her lightning leap ;
So did those warriors twain with spears upswung
Wait Penthesileia. Clanged the brazen plates
About their shoulders as they moved. And first
Leapt the long-shafted lance sped from the hand
Of goodly Penthesileia. Straight it flew
To the shield of Aeacus' son, but glancing thence
This way and that the shivered fragments sprang
As from a rock-face : of such temper were
The cunning-hearted Fire-god's gifts divine.
Then in her hand the warrior-maid swung up
A second javelin fury-winged, against

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“ νῦν μὲν ἐμῆς ἀπὸ χειρὸς ἐτώσιον ἔκθορεν ἔγχος·
 ἀλλ’ οἷω τάχα τῶδε μένος καὶ θυμὸν ὀλέσσειν
 ὑμέων ἀμφοτέρων, οἳ τ’ ἄλκιμοι εὐχετάασθε 555
 ἔμμεναι ἐν Δαναοῖσιν· ἐλαφροτέρη δὲ μόθοιο
 ἔσσεται ἵπποδάμοισι τότε Τρώεσσιν οἰζύς.
 ἀλλὰ μοι ἄσσον ἴκεσθε κατὰ κλόνον, ὄφρ’ ἐσί-
 δησθε,
 ὄσσον Ἄμαζόσι κάρτος ἐνὶ στήθεσσι δῶρων·
 καὶ γάρ μευ γένος ἐστὶν Ἀρήιον· οὐδέ με θνητὸς 560
 γείνατ’ ἀνὴρ, ἀλλ’ αὐτὸς Ἄρης ἀκόρητος ὀμοκλήης·
 τοῦνεκά μοι μένος ἐστὶ πολὺ προφερέστατον
 ἀνδρῶν.”

ἦ, μέγα [καγχαλόωσα κατὰ φρένας· ἦκε δ’ ἄρ’
 ἔγχος
 δεύτερον·] οἳ δ’ ἐγέλασαν, ἄφαρ δέ οἱ ἤλασεν
 αἰχμῇ

Αἶαντος κνημίδα πανάργυρον· οὐδέ οἱ εἴσω
 ἤλυθεν ἐς χροῖα καλὸν ἐπειγομένη περ ἰκέσθαι 565
 οὐ γὰρ δὴ πέπρωτο μιγήμεναι αἵματι κείνου
 δυσμενέων στονόεσσαν ἐπὶ πτολέμοισιν ἀκωκῆν.
 Αἴας δ’ οὐκ ἀλέγιζεν Ἀμαζόνος, ἀλλ’ ἄρα Τρώων
 ἐς πληθὺν ἀνόρουσε· λίπεν δ’ ἄρα Πηλείωνι
 οἷῳ Πενθεσίλειαν, ἐπεὶ ρά οἱ ἐν φρεσὶ θυμὸς 570
 ἤδεεν, ὡς Ἀχιλῆι καὶ ἰφθίμῃ περ ἐοῦσα
 ῥηίδιος πόνος ἔσσεθ’ ὅπως ἶρηκι πέλεια.

Ἡ δὲ μέγα στονάχησεν ἐτώσια δοῦρα βαλοῦσα·
 καί μιν κερτομέων προσεφώνεε Πηλέος υἱός·
 “ ὦ γύναι, ὡς ἀλίοισιν ἀγαλλομένη ἐπέεσσιν 575

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Aias, and with fierce words defied the twain :
“ Ha, from mine hand in vain one lance hath leapt !
But with this second look I suddenly
To quell the strength and courage of two foes,—
Ay, though ye vaunt you mighty men of war
Amid your Danaans ! Die ye shall, and so
Lighter shall be the load of war’s affliction
That lies upon the Trojan chariot-lords.
Draw nigh, come through the press to grips with me.
So shall ye learn what might wells up in breasts
Of Amazons. With my blood is mingled war !
No mortal man begat me, but the Lord
Of War, insatiate of the battle-cry.
Therefore my might is more than any man’s.”

With scornful laughter spake she : then she hurled
Her second lance ; but they in utter scorn
Laughed now, as swiftly flew the shaft, and smote
The silver greave of Aias, and was foiled
Thereby, and all its fury could not scar
The flesh within ; for fate had ordered not
That any blade of foes should taste the blood
Of Aias in the bitter war. But he
Recked of the Amazon naught, but turned him
thence

To rush upon the Trojan host, and left
Penthesileia unto Peleus’ son
Alone, for well he knew his heart within
That she, for all her prowess, none the less
Would cost Achilles battle-toil as light,
As effortless, as doth the dove the hawk.

Then groaned she an angry groan that she had
sped
Her shafts in vain ; and now with scoffing speech
To her in turn the son of Peleus spake :
“ Woman, with what vain vauntings triumphing

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ἡμέων ἤλυθες ἄντα λιλαιομένη πολεμίζειν,
οἱ μέγα φέρτατοί εἰμεν ἐπιχθονίων ἡρώων·
ἐκ γὰρ δὴ Κρονίωνος ἐριγδούποιο γενέθλης
εὐχόμεθ' ἐκγεγάμεν· τρομέεσκε δὲ καὶ θεὸς Ἐκτωρ
ἡμέας, εἰ καὶ ἄπωθεν ἐσέδρακεν αἴσσοντας
δῆριν ἐπὶ στονόεσσαν· ἐμὴ δέ μιν ἔκτανεν αἰχμῇ 580
καὶ κρατερόν περ ἔοντα· σὺ δ' ἐν φρεσὶ πάγχυ
μέμνηνας,

ἢ μέγ' ἔτλης καὶ νῶιν ἐπηπείλησας ὄλεθρον
σήμερον· ἀλλὰ σοὶ εἶθαρ ἐλεύσεται ὕστατον ἡμαρ·
οὐδὲ γὰρ οὐδ' αὐτός σε πατήρ ἔτι ρύσεται Ἄρης 585
ἐξ ἐμέθεν· τίσεις δὲ κακὸν μόρον, εὐτ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
κεμμάς ὀμαρτήσασα βοοδμητῆρι λέοντι.

ἢ οὐπω τόδ' ἄκουσας, ὅσων ὑποκάππεσε γυῖα
Ξάνθου παρ προχοῆσιν ὑφ' ἡμετέρης παλάμησιν;
ἢ σευ πευθομένης μάκαρες φρένας ἐξείλοντο 590
καὶ νόον, ὄφρα σε Κῆρες ἀμείλιχοι ἀμφιχάνωσιν;”

Ὡς εἰπὼν οἴμησε κραταιῇ χειρὶ τιταίνων
λαοφόνον δόρυ μακρὸν ὑπαὶ Χείρωνι πονηθέν·
αἶψα δ' ὑπὲρ μαζοῖο δαΐφρονα Πενθεσίλειαν
οὔτασε δεξιτεροῖο· μέλαν δέ οἱ ἔρρεεν αἶμα 595
ἐσσυμένως· ἢ δ' εἶθαρ ὑπεκκλύσθη μελέεσσιν·
ἐκ δ' ἔβαλεν χειρὸς πέλεκυν μέγαν· ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ νύξ
ὀφθαλμοὺς ἤχλυσε καὶ ἐς φρένα δῦσαν ἀνῖαι.
ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς ἄμπνυε καὶ εἴσιδε δήτιον ἄνδρα
ἤδη μιν μέλλοντα καθελκόμεν ὠκέος ἵππου· 600
ὠρμηγεν δ' ἢ χειρὶ μέγα ξίφος εἰρύσασα

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Hast thou come forth against us, all athirst
To battle with us, who be mightier far
Than earthborn heroes? We from Cronos' Son,
The Thunder-roller, boast our high descent.
Ay, even Hector quailed, the battle-swift,
Before us, e'en though far away he saw
Our onrush to grim battle. Yea, my spear
Slew him, for all his might. But thou—thine heart
Is utterly mad, that thou hast greatly dared
To threaten us with death this day! On thee
Thy latest hour shall swiftly come—is come!
Thee not thy sire the War-god now shall pluck
Out of mine hand, but thou the debt shalt pay
Of a dark doom, as when mid mountain-folds
A pricket meets a lion, waster of herds.
What, woman, hast thou heard not of the heaps
Of slain, that into Xanthus' rushing stream
Were thrust by these mine hands?—or hast thou
heard

In vain, because the Blessèd Ones have stol'n
Wit and discretion from thee, to the end
That Doom's relentless gulf might gape for thee?"

He spake; he swung up in his mighty hand
And sped the long spear warrior-slaying, wrought
By Chiron, and above the right breast pierced
The battle-eager maid. The red blood leapt
Forth, as a fountain wells, and all at once
Fainted the strength of Penthesileia's limbs;
Dropped the great battle-axe from her nerveless
hand;

A mist of darkness overveiled her eyes,
And anguish thrilled her soul. Yet even so
Still drew she difficult breath, still dimly saw
The hero, even now in act to drag
Her from the swift steed's back. Confusedly
She thought: "Or shall I draw my mighty sword,

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μείναι ἐπεσσυμένοιο θοοῦ Ἀχιλλῆος ἐρωήν,
 ἢ κραιπνῶς ἵπποιο κατ' ὠκυτάτοιο θοροῦσα
 λίσσεσθ' ἀνέρα δῖον, ὑποσχέσθαι δέ οἱ ὦκα
 χαλκὸν ἄλις καὶ χρυσόν, ἃ τε φρένας ἔνδον ἰαίνει 605
 θνητῶν ἀνθρώπων, εἰ καὶ μάλα τις θρασὺς εἶη,
 τοῖς ἦν πως πεπίθοιτ' ὀλοὸν σθένος Αἰακίδαο·
 ἢ καὶ ὀμηλικίην αἰδεσσάμενος κατὰ θυμὸν
 δῶη νόστιμον ἡμάρ ἐελδομένη περ ἀλύξαι.

Καὶ τὸ μὲν ὡς ὄρμαινε· θεοὶ δ' ἐτέρωσε βάλοντο. 610
 τῇ γὰρ ἐπεσσύμενος μέγ' ἐχώσατο Πηλέος υἱός,
 καὶ οἱ ἄφαρ συνέπειρεν ἀελλόποδος δέμας ἵππου·
 εὖτέ τις ἀμφ' ὀβελοῖσιν ὑπὲρ πυρὸς αἰθαλόεντος
 σπλάγχνα διαμπεύρησιν ἐπειγόμενος ποτὶ δόρπον,
 ἢ ὡς τις στονόεντα βαλὼν ἐν ὄρεσσιν ἄκοντα 615
 θηρητῆρ ἐλάφοιο μέσῃν διὰ νηδύα κέρση
 ἐσσυμένως, πταμένη δὲ διαμπερὲς ὄβριμος αἰχμῇ
 πρέμνου ἐς ὑψικόμοιο πάγη δρυὸς ἠέ νυ πεύκης·
 ὡς ἄρα Πενθεσίλειαν ὁμῶς περικαλλεῖ ἵππῳ
 ἀντικρὺ διάμησεν ὑπ' ἔγχεϊ μαιμώνωντι 620
 Πηλείδης· ἢ δ' ὦκα μίγη κονίη καὶ ὀλέθρῳ
 εὐσταλέως ἐριποῦσα κατ' οὔδεος· οὐδέ οἱ αἰδῶς
 ἦσχυεν δέμας ἠϋ· τάθη δ' ἐπὶ νηδύα μακρῶ
 δουρὶ περισπαίρουσα, θοῶ δ' ἐπεκέκλιτο ἵππῳ·
 εὖτ' ἐλάτη κλασθεῖσα βίη κρυεροῦ Βορέαιο, 625
 ἦν τέ που αἰπυτάτην ἀνά τ' ἄγκεα μακρὰ καὶ
 ὕλην,

οἱ αὐτῇ μέγ' ἄγαλμα, τρέφει παρὰ πίδακι γαῖα·

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

And bide Achilles' fiery onrush, or
Hastily cast me from my fleet horse down
To earth, and kneel unto this godlike man,
And with wild breath promise for ransoming
Great heaps of brass and gold, which pacify
The hearts of victors never so athirst
For blood, if haply so the murderous might
Of Aeacus' son may hearken and may spare,
Or peradventure may compassionate
My youth, and so vouchsafe me to behold
Mine home again?—for O, I long to live!”

So surged the wild thoughts in her; but the Gods
Ordained it otherwise. Even now rushed on
In terrible anger Peleus' son: he thrust
With sudden spear, and on its shaft impaled
The body of her tempest-footed steed,
Even as a man in haste to sup might pierce
Flesh with the spit, above the glowing hearth
To roast it, or as in a mountain-glade
A hunter sends the shaft of death clear through
The body of a stag with such winged speed
That the fierce dart leaps forth beyond, to plunge
Into the tall stem of an oak or pine.
So that death-ravening spear of Peleus' son
Clear through the goodly steed rushed on, and
pierced

Penthesileia. Straightway fell she down
Into the dust of earth, the arms of death,
In grace and comeliness fell, for naught of shame
Dishonoured her fair form. Face down she lay
On the long spear outgasping her last breath,
Stretched upon that fleet horse as on a couch;
Like some tall pine snapped by the icy mace
Of Boreas, earth's forest-fosterling
Reared by a spring to stately height, amidst
Long mountain-glens, a glory of mother earth;

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τοίη Πευθεσίλεια κατ' ὠκέος ἤριπεν ἵππου
θηγητή περ' εὐῦσα· κατεκλάσθη δέ οἱ ἀλκή.

Τρῶες δ' ὡς ἐσίδοντο δαϊκταμένην ἐνὶ χάρμῃ, 630
πανσυδίῃ τρομέοντες ἐπὶ πτόλιν ἐσσεύοντο
ἄσπετ' ἀκηχέμενοι μεγάλῳ περὶ πένθει θυμόν.
ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἀν' εὐρέα πόντον ἐπιβρίσαντος ἀήτεω
ναῦται νῆ' ὀλέσαντες ὑπεκπροφύγωσιν ὄλεθρον,
παῦροι πολλὰ καμόντες οἴζυρῆς ἀλὸς εἴσω, 635
ὄψ' ἔδ' ἄρα σφίσι γαῖα φάνη σχεδὸν ἠδὲ καὶ
ἄστυ,

τοὶ δὲ μόγῳ στονόεντι τετρυμένοι ἄψφα πάντα
ἐξ ἀλὸς αἴσσουσι μέγ' ἀχνύμενοι περὶ νηὸς
ἠδ' ἐτάρων, οὓς αἰνὸν ὑπὸ ζόφον ἤλασε κῦμα·
ὡς Τρῶες ποτὶ ἄστυ πεφυζότες ἐκ πολέμοιο 640
κλαῖον πάντες Ἄρηος ἀμαιμακέτοιο θύγατρα
καὶ λαούς, οἳ δῆριν ἀνὰ στονόεσσαν ὄλοντο.

Τῇ δ' ἐπικαγαχάλων μεγάλ' εὔχετο Πηλέος υἱός·
“ κείσὸ νυν ἐν κονίῃσι κυνῶν βόσις ἠδ' οἰωνῶν,
δειλαίη· τίς γάρ σε παρήπαφεν ἀντί' ἐμείο 645
ἐλθέμεν; ἦ που ἔφησθα μάχης ἄπο νοστήσασα
οἰσέμεν ἄσπετα δῶρα παρὰ Πριάμοιο γέροντος
κτείνας' Ἀργείους· ἀλλ' οὐ τόδε σοίγε νόημα
ἀθάνατοι ἐτέλεσαν, ἐπεὶ μέγα φέρτατοί εἰμεν
ἠρώων, Δαναοῖσι φάος μέγα, Τρωσὶ δὲ πῆμα 650
ἠδὲ σοὶ αἰνομόρῳ, ἐπειρή νύ σε Κῆρες ἐρεμναὶ

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK 1

So from the once fleet steed low fallen lay
Penthesileia, all her shattered strength
Brought down to this, and all her loveliness.

Now when the Trojans saw the Warrior-queen
Struck down in battle, ran through all their lines
A shiver of panic. Straightway to their walls
Turned they in flight, heart-agonized with grief.
As when on the wide sea, 'neath buffetings
Of storm-blasts, castaways whose ship is wrecked
Escape, a remnant of a crew, forspent
With desperate conflict with the cruel sea :
Late and at last appears the land hard by,
Appears a city : faint and weary-limbed
With that grim struggle, through the surf they
strain

To land, sore grieving for the good ship lost,
And shipmates whom the terrible surge dragged
down

To nether gloom ; so, Troyward as they fled
From battle, all those Trojans wept for her,
The Child of the resistless War-god, wept
For friends who died in groan-resounding fight.

Then over her with scornful laugh the son
Of Peleus vaunted : " In the dust lie there
A prey to teeth of dogs, to ravens' beaks,
Thou wretched thing ! Who cozened thee to come
Forth against me ? And thoughtest thou to fare
Home from the war alive, to bear with thee
Right royal gifts from Priam the old king,
Thy guerdon for slain Argives ? Ha, 'twas not
The Immortals who inspired thee with this thought,
Who know that I of heroes mightiest am,
The Danaans' light of safety, but a woe
To Trojans and to thee, O evil-starred !
Nay, but it was the darkness-shrouded Fates
And thine own folly of soul that pricked thee on

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καὶ νόος ἐξορόθυνε γυναικῶν ἔργα λιποῦσαν
βήμεναι ἐς πόλεμον, τὸν περ τρομέουσι καὶ
ἄνδρες.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν μελίην ἐξείρυσε Πηλέος υἱὸς
ὠκέος ἐξ ἵπποιο καὶ αἰνῆς Πενθεσιλείης· 655
ἄμφω δ' ἀσπαίρεσκον ὑφ' ἐν δόρῳ δηωθέντες.
ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ κρατὸς κόρυν εἴλετο μαρμαίρουσαν
ἡλίου ἀκτῖσιν ἀλίγκιον ἢ Διὸς αἴγλη·
τῆς δὲ καὶ ἐν κονίησι καὶ αἵματι πεπτηυῖης
ἐξεφάνη ἐρατῆσιν ὑπ' ὀφρύσι καλὰ πρόσωπα 660
καίπερ ἀποκταμένης· οἱ δ', ὡς ἴδον, ἀμφιέποντες
Ἄργεῖοι θάμβησαν, ἐπεὶ μακάρεσσιν ἐώκει.
κεῖτο γὰρ ἐν τεύχεσσι κατὰ χθονὸς ἠΰτ' ἀτειρῆς
Ἄρτεμις ὑπνώουσα, Διὸς τέκος, εὔτε κάμησι
γυῖα κατ' οὔρεα μακρὰ θοοὺς βάλλουσα λέοντας· 665
αὐτὴ γάρ μιν ἔτευξε καὶ ἐν φθιμένοισιν ἀγητὴν
Κύπρις εὐστέφανος κρατεροῦ παράκοιτις Ἄρηος,
ὄφρα τι καὶ Πηλῆος ἀμύμονος νῆ' ἀκαχήση.
πολλοὶ δ' εὐχετόωντο κατ' οἰκία νοστήσαντες
τοίης ἦς ἀλόχοιο παρὰ λεχέεσσιν ἰαῦσαι. 670
καὶ δ' Ἀχιλεὺς ἀλίαςτον ἐῶ ἐνετείρετο θυμῶ,
οὔνεκά μιν κατέπεφνε καὶ οὐκ ἄγε διαν ἄκοιτιν
Φθίην εἰς εὐπωλον, ἐπεὶ μέγεθός τε καὶ εἶδος
ἔπλετ' ἀμώμητός τε καὶ ἀθανάτησιν ὁμοίη.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

To leave the works of women, and to fare
To war, from which strong men shrink shuddering
back.”

So spake he, and his ashen spear the son
Of Peleus drew from that swift horse, and from
Penthesileia in death's agony.
Then steed and rider gasped their lives away
Slain by one spear. Now from her head he plucked
The helmet splendour-flashing like the beams
Of the great sun, or Zeus' own glory-light.
Then, there as fallen in dust and blood she lay,
Rose, like the breaking of the dawn, to view
'Neath dainty-pencilled brows a lovely face,
Lovely in death. The Argives thronged around,
And all they saw and marvelled, for she seemed
Like an Immortal. In her armour there
Upon the earth she lay, and seemed the Child
Of Zeus, the tireless Huntress Artemis
Sleeping, what time her feet forweared are
With following lions with her flying shafts
Over the hills far-stretching. She was made
A wonder of beauty even in her death
By Aphrodite glorious-crowned, the Bride
Of the strong War-god, to the end that he,
The son of noble Peleus, might be pierced
With the sharp arrow of repentant love.
The warriors gazed, and in their hearts they prayed
That fair and sweet like her their wives might
seem,
Laid on the bed of love, when home they won.
Yea, and Achilles' very heart was wrung
With love's remorse to have slain a thing so sweet,
Who might have borne her home, his queenly bride,
To chariot-glorious Phthia ; for she was
Flawless, a very daughter of the Gods,
Divinely tall, and most divinely fair.

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Ἄρει δ' ἔμπεσε πένθος ὑπὸ φρένας ἀμφὶ
 θυγατρὸς 675
 θυμὸν ἀκηχεμένω· τάχα δ' ἔκθορεν Οὐλύμποιο
 σμερδυλέω ἀτάλαντος εὐκτυπέοντι κεραυνῶ,
 ὃν τε Ζεὺς προΐησιν, ὃ δ' ἀκαμάτης ἀπὸ χειρὸς
 ἔσσυται ἢ ἐπὶ πόντον ἀπείριτον ἢ ἐπὶ γαῖαν
 μαρμαίρων, τῷ δ' ἀμφὶ μέγας πελεμίζετ' Ὀλυμ-
 πος· 680
 τοῖος Ἄρης ταναοῖο δι' ἠέρος ἀσχαλόων κῆρ
 ἔσσυτο σὺν τεύχεσσι, ἐπεὶ μόρον αἰνὸν ἄκουσε
 παιδὸς ἐῆς· τῷ γάρ ῥα κατ' οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἔοντι
 Αὔραι μυθήσαντο θοαὶ Βορέαιοθύγατρες
 κούρης αἰνὸν ὄλεθρον· ὃ δ' ὡς κλύεν, ἴσος ἀέλλη 685
 Ἰδαίων ὀρέων ἐπεβήσατο· τοῦ δ' ὑπὸ ποσσὶν
 ἄγκεα κίνυτο μακρὰ βαθύρρωχοί τε χαράδραι
 καὶ ποταμοὶ καὶ πάντες ἀπειρέσιοι πόδες Ἰδης.
 καὶ νύ κε Μυρμιδόνεσσι πολύστονον ὤπασεν
 ἡμαρ,
 εἰ μὴ μιν Ζεὺς αὐτὸς ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο φόβησε 690
 σμερδαλέης στεροπῆσι καὶ ἀργαλέοισι κεραυνοῖς,
 οἳ οἱ πρόσθε ποδῶν θαμέες ποτόωντο δι' αἴθρης
 δεινὸν ἀπαιθόμενοι· ὃ δ' ἄρ' εἰσορόων ἐνόησε
 πατρὸς ἐριγδούποιο μέγα βρομέουσαν ὁμοκλήν·
 ἔστη δ' ἐσσύμενός περ ἐπὶ πτολέμοιο κυδοιμόν. 695
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἀπ' ἠλιβάτου σκοπιῆς περιμήκεα λᾶαν
 λάβρος ὁμῶς ἀνέμοισιν ἀπορρήξῃ Διὸς ὄμβρος,
 ὄμβρος ἄρ' ἠὲ κεραυνός, ἐπικτυπέουσι δὲ βῆσσαι
 λάβρα κυλινδομένοιο, ὃ δ' ἀκαμάτῳ ὑπὸ ροίζῳ
 ἔσσυτ' ἀναθρώσκων μάλα ταρφέα, μέχρις ἴκηται 700
 χῶρον ἐπ' ἰσόπεδον, σταίῃ δ' ἄφαρ οὐκ ἐθέλων
 περ·

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Then Ares' heart was thrilled with grief and rage
For his child slain. Straight from Olympus down
He darted, swift and bright as thunderbolt
Terribly flashing from the mighty hand
Of Zeus, far leaping o'er the trackless sea,
Or flaming o'er the land, while shuddereth
All wide Olympus as it passeth by.
So through the quivering air with heart aflame
Swooped Ares armour-clad, soon as he heard
The dread doom of his daughter. For the Gales,
The North-wind's fleet-winged daughters, bare to
him,
As through the wide halls of the sky he strode,
The tidings of the maiden's woeful end.
Soon as he heard it, like a tempest-blast
Down to the ridges of Ida leapt he: quaked
Under his feet the long glens and ravines
Deep-scored, all Ida's torrent-beds, and all
Far-stretching foot-hills. Now had Ares brought
A day of mourning on the Myrmidons,
But Zeus himself from far Olympus sent
Mid shattering thunders terror of levin-bolts
Which thick and fast leapt through the welkin down
Before his feet, blazing with fearful flames.
And Ares saw, and knew the stormy threat
Of the mighty-thundering Father, and he stayed
His eager feet, now on the very brink
Of battle's turmoil. As when some huge crag
Thrust from a beetling cliff-brow by the winds
And torrent rains, or lightning-lance of Zeus,
Leaps like a wild beast, and the mountain-glens
Fling back their crashing echoes as it rolls
In mad speed on, as with resistless swoop
Of bound on bound it rushes down, until
It cometh to the levels of the plain,
And there perforce its stormy flight is stayed;

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ὥς Διὸς ὄβριμος υἱὸς Ἄρης ἀέκοντί γε θυμῷ
 ἔστη ἐπειγόμενός περ, ἐπεὶ μακάρων μεδέοντι
 πάντες ὁμῶς εἴκουσιν Ὀλύμπιοι, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτῶν
 πολλὸν ὑπέρτατός ἐστι, πέλει δέ οἱ ἄσπετος ἀλκή. 705
 πολλὰ δὲ πορφύροντα θεὸς νόος ὀτρύνεσκεν
 ἄλλοτε μὲν Κρονίδαο μέγ' ἀσχαλόωντος ἐνιπὴν
 σμερδαλέην τρομέοντα πρὸς οὐρανὸν ἀπονέεσθαι,
 ἄλλοτε δ' οὐκ ἀλέγειν σφετέρου πατρός, ἀλλ'

Ἄχιλῃ

μῖξαι ἐν αἵματι χεῖρας ἀτειρέας. ὄψ' ἔδ' οἱ κῆρ 710
 μνήσασθ', ὅσοι καὶ Ζηνὸς ἐνὶ πτολέμοισι δάμησαν
 υἱέες, οἷς οὐδ' αὐτὸς ἐπήρκεσεν ὀλλυμένοισιν·
 τοὔνεκ' ἀπ' Ἀργείων ἐκάς ἦιεν· ἦ γὰρ ἔμελλεν
 κείσθαι ὁμῶς Τιτῆσι δαμεῖς στονόεντι κεραυνῷ,
 εἰ Διὸς ἀθανάτοιο παρέκ νόον ἄλλα μενοῖνα. 715

Καὶ τότε ἄρηιοι νῆες εὐσθενέων Ἀργείων
 σύλεον ἐσσυμένως βεβροτωμένα τεύχεα νεκρῶν
 πάντη ἐπεσσύμενοι· μέγα δ' ἄχρυτο Πηλέος υἱὸς
 κούρης εἰσορόων ἐρατὸν σθένος ἐν κούρησι
 τοὔνεκά οἱ κραδίην ὀλοαὶ κατέδαπτον ἀνῖαι 720
 ὀππόσον ἀμφ' ἐτάροιο πάρος Πατρόκλοιο δαμέντος.

Θερσίτης δέ μιν ἄντα κακῷ μέγα νεῖκεσε μύθῳ·
 “ὦ Ἄχιλεῦ φρένας αἰνέ, τίη νύ σευ ἦπαφε δαίμων
 θυμὸν ἐνὶ στέρνοισιν Ἀμαζόνος εἵνεκα λυγρῆς,
 ἦ νῶιν κακὰ πολλὰ λιλαίετο μητίσασθαι; 725
 τῆς τοι ἐνὶ φρεσὶ σῆσι γυναιμανὲς ἦτορ ἔχοντι
 μέμβλεται ὡς ἀλόχοιο πολύφρονος, ἦν τ' ἐπὶ ἔδνοις
 κουριδίην μνήστευσας ἐελδόμενος γαμέεσθαι.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

So Ares, battle-eager Son of Zeus,
Was stayed, how loth soe'er ; for all the Gods
To the Ruler of the Blessèd needs must yield,
Seeing he sits high-throned above them all,
Clothed in his might unspeakable. Yet still
Many a wild thought surged through Ares' soul,
Urging him now to dread the terrible threat
Of Cronos' wrathful Son, and to return
Heavenward, and now to reck not of his Sire,
But with Achilles' blood to stain those hands,
The battle-tireless. At the last his heart
Remembered how that many and many a son
Of Zeus himself in many a war had died,
Nor in their fall had Zeus availed them aught.
Therefore he turned him from the Argives — else,
Down smitten by the blasting thunderbolt,
With Titans in the nether gloom he had lain,
Who dared defy the eternal will of Zeus.

Then did the warrior sons of Argos strip
With eager haste from corpses strown all round
The blood-stained spoils. But ever Peleus' son
Gazed, wild with all regret, still gazed on her,
The strong, the beautiful, laid in the dust ;
And all his heart was wrung, was broken down
With sorrowing love, deep, strong as he had known
When that belovèd friend Patroclus died.

Loud jeered Thersites, mocking to his face :
“ Thou sorry-souled Achilles ! art not shamed
To let some evil Power beguile thine heart
To pity of a pitiful Amazon
Whose furious spirit purposed naught but ill
To us and ours ? Ha, woman-mad art thou,
And thy soul lusts for this thing, as she were
Some lady wise in household ways, with gifts
And pure intent for honoured wedlock wooed !
Good had it been had her spear reached thine heart,

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ὥς σ' ὄφελον κατὰ δῆριν ὑποφθαμένη βάλε δουρί,
 οὔνεκα θηλυτέρησιν ἄδην ἐπιτέρπειαι ἦτορ, 730
 οὔδέ νύ σοί τι μέμηλεν ἐνὶ φρεσὶν οὐλομένησιν
 ἀμφ' ἀρετῆς κλυτὸν ἔργον, ἐπὴν ἐσίδησθα γυναῖκα.
 σχέτλιε, ποῦ νύ τοί ἐστιν ἐὺ σθένος ἠδὲ νόημα;
 πῆ δὲ βίη βασιλῆος ἀμύμονος; οὔδέ τι οἶσθα
 ὅσσον ἄχος Τρώεσσι γυναιμανέουσι τέτυκται; 735
 οὐ γὰρ τερπωλῆς ὀλοώτερον ἄλλο βροτοῖσιν
 ἐς λέχος ἰεμένης, ἢ τ' ἄφρονα φῶτα τίθησι
 καὶ πιτυτόν περ ἔοντα· πόνω δ' ἄρα κῦδος ὀπηδεῖ.
 ἀνδρὶ γὰρ αἰχμητῇ νίκης κλέος ἔργα τ' Ἄρηος
 τερπνά· φυγοπτολέμῳ δὲ γυναικῶν εὐαδεν εὐνή." 740

Ἦ μέγα νεικείων· ὁ δὲ οἱ περιχώσατο θυμῷ
 Πηλείδης ἐρίθυμος· ἄφαρ δέ ἐ χειρὶ κραταιῇ
 τύψε κατὰ γναθμοῖο καὶ οὔατος· οἱ δ' ἅμα πάντες
 ἐξεχύθησαν ὀδόντες ἐπὶ χθόνα, κάππεσε δ' αὐτὸς
 πρηνῆς· ἐκ δὲ οἱ αἶμα διὰ στόματος πεφόρητο 745
 ἀθρόον· αἶψα δ' ἀναλκίς ἀπὸ μελέων φύγε θυμὸς
 ἀνέρος οὐτιδανοῖο· χάρη δ' ἄρα λαὸς Ἀχαιῶν·
 τοὺς γὰρ νείκεε πάμπαν ἐπεσβολίησι κακῆσιν
 αὐτὸς ἐὼν λωβητός· ὁ γὰρ Δαναῶν πέλεν αἰδώς.
 καὶ ῥά τις ᾧδ' εἶπεσκεν ἀρηιθόων Ἀργείων· 750
 “ οὐκ ἀγαθὸν βασιλῆας ὑβριζέμεν ἀνδρὶ χέρη
 ἀμφαδὸν οὔτε κρυφῆδόν, ἐπεὶ χόλος αἰνὸς ὀπηδεῖ·
 ἔστι Θέμις, καὶ γλώσσαν ἀναιδέα τίννυται Ἄτη,
 ἢ τ' αἰεὶ μερόπεσσι ἐπ' ἄλγεσιν ἄλγος ἀέξει.”

Ἦς ἄρ' ἔφη Δαναῶν τις· ὁ δ' ἀσχαλόων ἐνὶ θυμῷ 755
 Πηλείδης ἐρίθυμος ἔπος ποτὶ τοῖον ἔειπεν·

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

The heart that sighs for woman-creatures still!
Thou carest not, unmanly-souled, not thou,
For valour's glorious path, when once thine eye
Lights on a woman! Sorry wretch, where now
Is all thy goodly prowess?—where thy wit?
And where the might that should beseem a king
All-stainless? Dost not know what misery
This self-same woman-madness wrought for Troy?
Nothing there is to men more ruinous
Than lust for woman's beauty; it maketh fools
Of wise men. But the toil of war attains
Renown. To him that is a hero indeed
Glory of victory and the War-god's works
Are sweet. 'Tis but the battle-blencher craves
The beauty and the bed of such as she!"

So railed he long and loud: the mighty heart
Of Peleus' son leapt into flame of wrath.
A sudden buffet of his resistless hand
Smote 'neath the railer's ear, and all his teeth
Were dashed to the earth: he fell upon his face:
Forth of his lips the blood in torrent gushed:
Swift from his body fled the dastard soul
Of that vile niddering. Achaea's sons
Rejoiced thereat, for aye he went to rail
On each and all with venomous gibes, himself
A scandal and the shame of all the host.
Then mid the warrior Argives cried a voice:
"Not good it is for baser men to rail
On kings, or secretly or openly;
For wrathful retribution swiftly comes.
The Lady of Justice sits on high; and she
Who heapeth woe on woe on humankind,
Even Até, punisheth the shameless tongue."

So mid the Danaans cried a voice: nor yet
Within the mighty soul of Peleus' son
Lulled was the storm of wrath, but fiercely he spake:

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

“ κείσό νυν ἐν κονίησι λελασμένος ἀφροσυνάων·
οὐ γὰρ ἀμείνονι φωτὶ χρεῶν κακὸν ἀντὶ ἔριζειν·
ὥς καὶ πού το πάροιθεν Ὀδυσσῆος ταλαὸν κῆρ
ἀργαλέως ὄρινας ἐλέγχεα μυρία βάζων. 760

ἀλλ’ οὐ Πηλείδης τοι ὁμοῖος ἐξεφαίνθην,
ὅς σευ θυμὸν ἔλυσα καὶ οὐκέτι¹ χειρὶ βαρείῃ
πληξάμενος· σὲ δὲ πότημος ἀμείλιχος ἀμφεκί-
λυψεν,

σῆ δ’ ὀλιγοδρανίῃ θυμὸν λίπες· ἀλλ’ ἀπ’ Ἀχαιῶν
ἔρρε καὶ ἐν φθιμένοισιν ἐπεσβολίας ἀγόρευε.” 765

“Ὡς ἔφατ’ Αἰακίδαο θρασύφρονος ἄτρομος υἱός.
Τυδείδης δ’ ἄρα μῦθος ἐν Ἀργείοις Ἀχιλῆι
χάετο Θερσίταο δεδουπότος, οὔνεκ’ ἄρ’ αὐτοῦ
εὔχετ’ ἀφ’ αἵματος εἶναι, ἐπεὶ πέλεν ὅς μὲν ἀγανοῦ
Τυδέος ὄβριμος υἱός, ὁ δ’ Ἀγρίου ἰσοθέοιο, 770
Ἀγρίου, ὅς τ’ Οἰνῆος ἀδελφεὸς ἔπλετο δίου·
Οἰνεὺς δ’ υἰέα γείνατ’ ἀρήιον ἐν Δαναοῖσι
Τυδέα· τοῦ δ’ ἐτέτυκτο πᾶις σθεναρὸς Διομήδης.
τοῦνεκα Θερσίταο περὶ κταμένοιο χαλέφθη.

καὶ νύ κε Πηλείωνος ἐναντίου ἤρατο χεῖρας, 775
εἰ μὴ μιν κατέρυξαν Ἀχαιῶν φέρτατοι υἱες,
πολλὰ παρηγορέοντες ὀμιλαδόν· ὥς δὲ καὶ αὐτὸν
Πηλείδην ἐτέρωθεν ἐρήτυον· ἦ γὰρ ἔμελλον
ἤδη καὶ ξιφέεσσιν ἐριδμαίνειν οἱ ἄριστοι
Ἀργείων· τοὺς γὰρ ῥα κακὸς χόλος ὀτρύνεσκεν. 780
ἀλλ’ οἱ μὲν πεπίθοντο παραιφασίησιν ἐταίρων.

Οἱ δὲ μέγ’ οἰκτείραντες ἀγαυὴν Πενθεσίλειαν
Ἀτρεΐδαι βασιλῆες ἀγασσάμενοί ἐ καὶ αὐτοὶ
Τρῳσὶ δόσαν ποτὶ ἄστρῳ φέρειν ἐρικυδέος Ἴλου

¹ Zimmermann, for οὐκ ἐπὶ of v.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

“ Lie there in dust, thy follies all forgot !
’Tis not for knaves to beard their betters : once
Thou didst provoke Odysseus’ steadfast soul,
Babbling with venomous tongue a thousand gibes,
And didst escape with life ; but thou hast found
The son of Peleus not so patient-souled,
Who with one only buffet from his hand
Unkennels thy dog’s soul ! A bitter doom
Hath swallowed thee : by thine own rascalry
Thy life is sped. Hence from Achæan men,
And mouth out thy revilings midst the dead ! ”

So spake the valiant-hearted aweless son
Of Aeacus. But Tydeus’ son alone
Of all the Argives was with anger stirred
Against Achilles for Thersites slain,
Seeing these twain were of the self-same blood,
The one, proud Tydeus’ battle-eager son,
The other, seed of godlike Agrius :
Brother of noble Oeneus Agrius was ;
And Oeneus in the Danaan land begat
Tydeus the battle-eager, son to whom
Was stalwart Diomedes. Therefore wroth
Was he for slain Thersites, yea, had raised
Against the son of Peleus vengeful hands,
Except the noblest of Achæa’s sons
Had thronged around him, and besought him sore,
And held him back therefrom. With Peleus’ son
Also they pleaded ; else those mighty twain,
The mightiest of all Argives, were at point
To close with clash of swords, so stung were they
With bitter wrath ; yet hearkened they at last
To prayers of comrades, and were reconciled.

Then of their pity did the Atreid kings—
For these too at the imperial loveliness
Of Penthesileia marvelled—render up

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

σὺν σφοῖσιν τεύχεσσι, ἐπεὶ Πριάμοιο νόησαν 785
 ἀγγελίην προῖέντος· ὁ γὰρ φρεσὶν ἦσι μενοίνα
 κούρην ὀβριμόθυμον ὁμῶς τεύχεσσι καὶ ἵππῳ
 ἐς μέγα σῆμα βαλέσθαι ἀφνειοῦ Λαομέδοντος.
 καὶ οἱ πυρκαϊὴν νηήσατο πρόσθε πόλης
 ὑψηλὴν, εὐρείαν· ὕπερθε δὲ θήκατο κούρην 790
 πολλοῖς σὺν κτεάτεσσιν, ὅσα κταμένη ἐπέωκει
 ἐν πυρὶ συγκείασθαι εὐκτεάνῳ βασιλείῃ.
 καὶ τὴν μὲν κατέδαψε θοὸν μένος Ἐφάιστοιο,
 φλόξ ὄλοή· λαοὶ δὲ περισταδὸν ἄλλοθεν ἄλλῃ
 πυρκαϊὴν σβέσσαντο θοῶς εὐώδει οἴνῳ. 795
 ὀστέα δ' ἀλλέξαντες ἄδην ἐπέχευαν ἄλειφα
 ἠδὺ καὶ ἐς κοίλην χηλὸν θέσαν· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτοῖς
 πίοινα δημὸν ὕπερθε βάλον βοός, ἧ τ' ἀγέλησιν
 Ἰδαίοις ἐν ὄρεσσι μετέπρεπε φερβομένησι.
 Τρῶες δ' ὥστε θύγατρα φίλην περικωκύσαντες 800
 ἀχνύμενοι τάρχυσαν εὐδμητον περὶ τείχος
 πύργῳ ἐπι προὔχοντι παρ' ὀστέα Λαομέδοντος
 ἦρα φέροντες Ἄρηι καὶ αὐτῇ Πενθεσιλείῃ.
 καὶ οἱ παρκατέθαψαν Ἀμαζόνας, ὅσσαι ἄμ' αὐτῇ
 ἐσπόμεναι ποτὶ δῆριν ὑπ' Ἀργείοισι δάμησαν· 805
 οὐ γὰρ σφιν τύμβοιο πολυκλαύτοιο μέγηραν
 Ἀτρεΐδαι, Τρῶεσσι δ' εὐπτολέμοισιν ὅπασσαν
 ἐκ βελέων ἐρύσασθαι ὁμῶς κταμένοιισι καὶ ἄλλοις·

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Her body to the men of Troy, to bear
Unto the burg of Ilus far-renowned
With all her armour. For a herald came
Asking this boon for Priam ; for the king
Longed with deep yearning of the heart to lay
That battle-eager maiden, with her arms,
And with her war-horse, in the great earth-mound
Of old Laomedon. And so he heaped
A high broad pyre without the city wall :
Upon the height thereof that warrior-queen
They laid, and costly treasures did they heap
Around her, all that well beseems to burn
Around a mighty queen in battle slain.
And so the Fire-god's swift-upleaping might,
The ravening flame, consumed her. All around
The people stood on every hand, and quenched
The pyre with odorous wine. Then gathered they
The bones, and poured sweet ointment over them,
And laid them in a casket : over all
Shed they the rich fat of a heifer, chief
Among the herds that grazed on Ida's slope.
And, as for a beloved daughter, rang
All round the Trojan men's heart-stricken wail,
As by the stately wall they buried her
On an outstanding tower, beside the bones
Of old Laomedon, a queen beside
A king. This honour for the War-god's sake
They rendered, and for Penthesileia's own.
And in the plain beside her buried they
The Amazons, even all that followed her
To battle, and by Argive spears were slain.
For Atreus' sons begrudged not these the boon
Of tear-besprinkled graves, but let their friends,
The warrior Trojans, draw their corpses forth,
Yea, and their own slain also, from amidst
The swath of darts o'er that grim harvest-field.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

οὐ γὰρ ἐπὶ φθιμένοισι πέλει κότος, ἀλλ' ἐλεεινοὶ
 δῆιοι οὐκέτ' ἔοντες, ἐπὴν ἀπὸ θυμὸς ὄληται. 810

Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἀπάνευθε δόσαν πυρὶ πολλὰ κάρηνα
 ἠρώων, οἱ δὲ σφιν ὁμοῦ κτάθην ἠδ' ἐδάμησαν
 Τρώων ἐν παλάμησιν ἀνὰ στόμα δημοτῆτος,
 πολλὰ μάλ' ἀχνύμενοι κταμένων ὑπερ. ἔξοχα δ'
 ἄλλων

ἀμφ' ἀγαθοῦ μύροντο Ποδάρκεος· οὐ γὰρ ἐπ'
 ἐσθλοῦ 815

δεύετ' ἀδελφειοῖο μάχῃ ἐνὶ Πρωτεσιλάου·
 ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν ἤδη πρόσθεν ὑφ' Ἑκτορι κείτο δαι-
 χθεῖς

ἠὺς Πρωτεσίλαος· ὁ δ' ἔγχεϊ Πενθεσιλείης
 βλήμενος Ἄργεῖοισι λυγρὸν περικάββαλε πένθος·
 τοῦνεκά οἱ πληθὺν μὲν ἀπόπροθι ταρχύσαντο 820

τεθναότων· κείνῳ δὲ περίξ ἐβάλοντο καμόντες
 οἷῳ σῆμ' ἀρίδηλον, ἐπεὶ θρασὺς ἐπλετο θυμῷ.
 νόσφι δὲ Θερσίταο λυγρὸν δέμας οὐτιδανοῖο
 θάψαντες ποτὶ νῆας εὐπρώρους ἀφίκοντο

Αἰακίδην Ἀχιλῆα μέγα φρεσὶ κυδαίνοντες. 825

ἦμος δ' αἰγλήεσσα κατ' ὠκεανοῖο βεβήκει
 ἠώς, ἀμφὶ δὲ γαῖαν ἐκίδνατο θεσπεσίῃ νύξ,
 δὴ τότε ἄρ' ἐν κλισίῃς Ἀγαμέμνονος ἀφνειοῖο
 δαίνυτο Πηλεΐδαο βίη· σὺν δ' ἄλλοι ἄριστοι
 τέρποντ' ἐν θαλίῃς μέχρις ἠὲ δῖαν ἰκέσθαι. 830

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK I

Wrath strikes not at the dead : pitied are foes
When life has fled, and left them foes no more.

Far off across the plain the while uprose
Smoke from the pyres whereon the Argives laid
The many heroes overthrown and slain
By Trojan hands what time the sword devoured ;
And multitudinous lamentation wailed
Over the perished. But above the rest
Mourned they o'er brave Podarces, who in fight
Was no less mighty than his hero-brother
Protesilaus, he who long ago
Fell, slain of Hector : so Podarces now,
Struck down by Penthesileia's spear, hath cast
Over all Argive hearts the pall of grief.
Wherefore apart from him they laid in clay
The common throng of slain ; but over him
Toiling they heaped an earth-mound far-described
In memory of a warrior aweless-souled.
And in a several pit withal they thrust
The niddering Thersites' wretched corpse.
Then to the ships, acclaiming Aeacus' son,
Returned they all. But when the radiant day
Had plunged beneath the Ocean-stream, and night,
The holy, overspread the face of earth,
Then in the rich king Agamemnon's tent
Feasted the might of Peleus' son, and there
Sat at the feast those other mighty ones
All through the dark, till rose the dawn divine.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΟΣ

Αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ κορυφὰς ὀρέων ὑπὲρ ἠχηέντων
λαμπρὸν ὑπὲρ φάος ἦλθεν ἀτειρέος ἡλίοιο,
οἳ μὲν ἄρ' ἐν κλισίῃσιν Ἀχαιῶν ὄβριμοι νῆες
γῆθεον ἀκαμάτῳ μέγ' ἐπευχόμενοι Ἀχιλῆϊ.
Τρῶες δ' αὖ μύροντο κατὰ πτόλιν· ἀμφὶ δὲ πύρ-
γους

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ἐζόμενοι σκοπίαζον, ἐπεὶ φόβος ἔλλαβε πάντας,
μὴ δὴ πού μέγα τεῖχος ὑπερθόρη ὄβριμος ἀνὴρ
αὐτούς τε κτείνῃ κατὰ τε πρήση πυρὶ πάντα.
τοῖσι δ' ἄρ' ἀχθυμένοισι γέρων μετέειπε θυμοίτης·
“ ὦ φίλοι, οὐκέτ' ἔγωγε περὶ φρεσὶν οἶδα νοῆσαι,
ὅππως ἔσσεται ἄλκαρ ἀνιηροῦ πολέμοιο
Ἴκτορος ἀγχεμάχιο δεδουπότος, ὃς μέγα Τρώων
κάρτος ἔην τὸ πάροιθε· καὶ οὐδ' ὃ γε Κῆρας
ἄλυξεν,

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ἀλλ' ἐδάμη παλάμησιν Ἀχιλλέος, ᾧ περ οἴω
καὶ θεὸν ἀντιάσαντα μάχῃ ἐνὶ δηωθῆναι·
οἴην τήνδ' ἐδάμασσεν ἀνὰ κλόνον, ἥνπερ οἱ ἄλλοι
Ἀργεῖοι φοβέοντο, δαΐφρονα Πενθεσίλειαν·
καὶ γὰρ ἔην ἔκπαγλος· ἔγωγέ μιν ὡς ἐνόησα,
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BOOK II

*How Memnon, Son of the Dawn, for Troy's sake fell
in the Battle*

WHEN o'er the crests of the far-echoing hills
The splendour of the tireless-racing sun
Poured o'er the land, still in their tents rejoiced
Achaëa's stalwart sons, and still acclaimed
Achilles the resistless. But in Troy
Still mourned her people, still from all her towers
Seaward they strained their gaze ; for one great fear
Gripped all their hearts—to see that terrible man
At one bound overleap their high-built wall,
Then smite with the sword all people therewithin,
And burn with fire fanes, palaces, and homes.
And old Thymoetes spake to the anguished ones :
“ Friends, I have lost hope : mine heart seeth not
Or help, or bulwark from the storm of war,
Now that the aweless Hector, who was once
Troy's mighty champion, is in dust laid low.
Not all his might availed to escape the Fates,
But overborne he was by Achilles' hands,
The hands that would, I verily deem, bear down
A God, if he defied him to the fight,
Even as he overthrew this warrior-queen
Penthesileia battle-revelling,
From whom all other Argives shrank in fear.
Ah, she was marvellous ! When at the first
I looked on her, meseemed a Blessèd One

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ωισάμην μακάρων τίν' ἀπ' οὐρανοῦ ἐνθάδ' ἰκέσθαι
 ἡμῖν χάρμα φέρουσαν· ὁ δ' οὐκ ἄρ' ἐτήτυμον ἦεν. 20
 ἀλλ' ἄγε φραζώμεσθα, τί λώιον ἄμμι γένηται,
 ἢ ἔτι που στυγεροῖσι μαχώμεθα δυσμενέεσιν,
 ἢ ἤδη φεύγωμεν ἀπ' ἄστεος ὀλλυμένοιο·
 οὐ γὰρ ἔτ' Ἀργείοισι δυνησόμεθ' ἀντιφερίζειν
 μαρναμένου κατὰ δῆριν ἀμειλίκτου Ἀχιλλῆος.” 25

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· τὸν δ' υἱὸς ἀμείβετο Λαομέδοντος·
 “ὦ φίλος, ἢδ' ἄλλοι Τρῶες σθεναροί τ' ἐπικούροι,
 μή νύ τι δειμαίνοντες ἐῆς χαζώμεθα πάτρης,
 μηδ' ἔτι δυσμενέεσσι μαχώμεθα τῆλε πόλῃος,
 ἀλλὰ που ἐκ πύργων καὶ τείχεος; εἰσόκεν ἔλθῃ 30
 Μέμνων ὀβριμόθυμος ἄγων ἀπερείσια φύλα
 λαῶν, οἳ ναίουσι μελάμβροτον Αἰθιοπίειαν.
 ἤδη γάρ ῥα καὶ αὐτὸν ὀϊόμαι ἀγχόθι γαίης
 ἔμμεναι ἡμετέρης· ἐπεὶ ἦ νύ οἱ οὔτι νέον γε
 ἀγγελίην προέηκα μέγ' ἀχνύμενος περὶ θυμῷ· 35
 αὐτὰρ ὃ γ' ἀσπασίως μοι ὑπέσχετο πάντα τελέσσαι
 ἐλθὼν ἐς Τροίην· καί μιν σχεδὸν ἔλπομαι εἶναι.
 ἀλλ' ἄγε τλῆτ' ἔτι βαιόν, ἐπεὶ πολὺ λώιον ἐστι
 θαρσαλέως ἀπολέσθαι ἀνὰ κλόνον, ἢ ἐφυγόντας
 ζώειν ἀλλοδαποῖσι παρ' ἀνδράσιν αἴσχε' ἔχοντας.” 40

Ἡ ῥ' ὁ γέρων· ἀλλ' οὔτι σαόφροني Πουλυδά-
 μαντι
 ἦνδανεν εἰσέτι δῆρις, εὐφρονα δ' ἔκφατο μῦθον·
 “εἰ μὲν δὴ Μέμνων τοι ἀριφραδέως κατένευσεν
 ἡμέων αἰνὸν ὄλεθρον ἀπωσέμεν, οὔτι μεγαίρω
 μίμνειν ἀνέρα δῖον ἀνὰ πτόλιν· ἀλλ' ἄρα θυμῷ 45

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From heaven had come down hitherward to bring
Light to our darkness—ah, vain hope, vain dream !
Go to, let us take counsel, what to do
Were best for us. Or shall we still maintain
A hopeless fight against these ruthless foes,
Or shall we straightway flee a city doomed ?
Ay, doomed !—for never more may we withstand
Argives in fighting field, when in the front
Of battle pitiless Achilles storms.”

Then spake Laomedon's son, the ancient king :
“Nay, friend, and all ye other sons of Troy,
And ye our strong war-helpers, flinch we not
Faint-hearted from defence of fatherland !
Yet let us go not forth the city-gates
To battle with yon foe. Nay, from our towers
And from our ramparts let us make defence,
Till our new champion come, the stormy heart
Of Memnon. Lo, he cometh, leading on
Hosts numberless, Aethiopia's swarthy sons.
By this, I trow, he is nigh unto our gates ;
For long ago, in sore distress of soul,
I sent him urgent summons. Yea, and he
Promised me, gladly promised me, to come
To Troy, and make an end of all our woes.
And now, I trust, he is nigh. Let us endure
A little longer then ; for better far
It is like brave men in the fight to die
Than flee, and live in shame mid alien folk.”

So spake the old king ; but Polydamas,
The prudent-hearted, thought not good to war
Thus endlessly, and spake his patriot rede :
“If Memnon have beyond all shadow of doubt
Pledged him to thrust dire ruin far from us,
Then do I gainsay not that we await
The coming of that godlike man within
Our walls—yet, ah, mine heart misgives me, lest,

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δαίδω, μὴ σὺν εἰοῖσι κίων ἐτάροισι δαμείη
 κείνος ἀνὴρ, πολλοῖς δὲ καὶ ἄλλοις πῆμα γένηται
 ἡμετέροις· δεινὸν γὰρ ἐπὶ σθένος ὄρνυτ' Ἀχαιῶν.
 ἀλλ' ἄγε, μηδὲ πόλῃος ἐῆς ἀπὸ τῆλε φυγόντες
 αἴσχεα πολλὰ φέρωμεν ἀναλκείῃ ὑπὸ λυγρῇ 50
 ἀλλοδαπὴν περόωντες ἐπὶ χθόνα, μηδ' ἔτι πάτρῃ
 μίμνοντες κτεινώμεθ' ὑπ' Ἀργείων ὀρυμαγδοῦ,
 ἀλλ' ἤδη Δαναοῖσι, καὶ εἰ βραδύ, λώιον εἶη
 εἰσέτι κυδαλίμην Ἑλένην καὶ κτήματ' ἐκείνης,
 ἡμὲν ὅσα Σπάρτηθεν ἀνήγαγεν ἠδὲ καὶ ἄλλα, 55
 διττάκι τόσσα φέροντας ὑπὲρ πόλιός τε καὶ αὐτῶν
 ἐκδόμεν, ἕως οὐ κτήσιν ἀνάρσια φύλα δέδασται
 ἡμετέρην, οὐδ' ἄστῃ κατήνυκε πῦρ αἶδηλον.
 νῦν δ' ἄγ' ἐμοὶ πείθεσθε περὶ φρεσίν· οὐ γὰρ οἶω
 ἄλλον ἀμείνονα μῆτιν ἐνὶ Τρώεσσι φράσασθαι· 60
 εἶθ' ὄφελον καὶ πρόσθεν ἐμῆς ἐπάκουσεν ἐφετμῆς
 "Ἐκτωρ, ὀππότε μιν κατερήτῃον ἔνδοθι πάτρης."

Ὡς φάτο Πουλυδάμαντος ἐνὸς σθένος· ἀμφὶ δὲ
 Τρώες

ἦνεον εἰσαΐοντες ἐνὶ φρεσίν, οὐδ' ἀναφανδὸν
 μῦθον ἔφαν· πάντες γὰρ ἐὼν τρομέοντες ἄνακτα 65
 ἄζοντ' ἠδ' Ἑλένην, κείνης ἕνεκ' ὀλλύμενοί περ.
 τὸν δὲ καὶ ἐσθλὸν ἐόντα Πάρις μέγα νεΐκεσεν
 ἄντην·

"Πουλυδάμα, σὺ μὲν ἐσσί φυγοπτόλεμος καὶ
 ἀναλκίς,
 οὐδὲ σοὶ ἐν στέρνοισι πέλει μενεδήλιον ἦτορ,
 ἀλλὰ δέος καὶ φύζα· σὺ δ' εὐχέαι εἶναι ἄριστος 70
 ἐν βουλήῃ· πάντων δὲ χερείονα μῆδεα οἶδας.

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Though he with all his warriors come, he come
But to his death, and unto thousands more,
Our people, nought but misery come thereof;
For terribly against us leaps the storm
Of the Achaeans' might. But now, go to,
Let us not flee afar from this our Troy
To wander to some alien land, and there,
In the exile's pitiful helplessness, endure
All flouts and outrage; nor in our own land
Abide we till the storm of Argive war
O'erwhelm us. Nay, even now, late though it be,
Better it were for us to render back
Unto the Danaans Helen and her wealth,
Even all that glory of women brought with her
From Sparta, and add other treasure—yea,
Repay it twofold, so to save our Troy
And our own souls, while yet the spoiler's hand
Is laid not on our substance, and while yet
Troy hath not sunk in gulfs of ravening flame.
I pray you, take to heart my counsel! None
Shall, well I wot, be given to Trojan men
Better than this. Ah, would that long ago
Hector had hearkened to my pleading, when
I fain had kept him in the ancient home!"

So spake Polydamas the noble and strong,
And all the listening Trojans in their hearts
Approved; yet none dared utter openly
The word, for all with trembling held in awe
Their prince and Helen, though for her sole sake
Daily they died. But on that noble man
Turned Paris, and reviled him to his face:
"Thou dastard battle-blencher Polydamas!
Not in thy craven bosom beats a heart
That bides the fight, but only fear and panic.
Yet dost thou vaunt thee—quotha!—still our best
In counsel!—no man's soul is base as thine!

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ἄλλ' ἄγε δὴ σὺ μὲν αὐτὸς ἀπόσχεο δημοτῆτος,
 μίμνε δ' ἐνὶ μεγάροισι καθήμενος· αὐτὰρ οἱ ἄλλοι
 ἀμφ' ἐμὲ θωρήξονται ἀνὰ πτόλιν, εἴσοκε μῆχος
 εὔρωμεν θυμῆρες ἀνηλεγέος πολέμοιο· 75

οὐ γὰρ νόσφι πόνοιο καὶ ἀργαλέου πολέμοιο
 ἀνθρώποις μέγα κῦδος ἀέξεται ἠδὲ καὶ ἔργον·
 φύζα δὲ νηπιάχοισι μάλ' εὔαδεν ἠδὲ γυναιξί·
 κείνης θυμὸν ἕοικας· ἐγὼ δέ τοι οὔτι πέποιθα
 μαρναμένῳ· πάντων γὰρ ἀμαλδύνεις θρασὺ
 κάρτος." 80

Ἡ μέγα νεικείων· ὁ δὲ χωόμενος φάτο μῦθον
 Πουλυδάμας· οὐ γάρ οἱ ἐναντίον ἄζετ' αὔσαι
 κείνος, ἐπεὶ στυγερὸς καὶ ἀτάσθαλος ἠδ' ἀεσί-
 φρων,

ὃς φίλα μὲν σαίνησιν ἐνωπαδόν, ἄλλα δὲ θυμῷ
 πορφύρει καὶ κρύβδα τὸν οὐ παρεόντα χαλέπτῃ· 85
 τῷ ῥα καὶ ἀμφαδίῃ μέγα νείκεσε δῖον ἄνακτα·
 "ὦ μοι ἐπιχθονίων πάντων ὀλοώτατε φωτῶν,
 σὸν θράσος ἦγαγε νῶιν οἷζύα, σὸς νόος ἔτλη
 δῆριν ἀπειρεσίην καὶ τλήσεται, εἰσόκε πάτρην
 σὺν λαοῖς σφετέροισι δαΐζομένην ἐσίδηαι· 90
 ἄλλ' ἐμὲ μὴ τοιόνδε λάβοι θράσος, ἀμφὶ δὲ
 τάρβος

ἀσφαλὲς αἰὲν ἔχοιμι, σόου δέ μοι οἶκον ὀφέλλοι."

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· ὁ δ' ἄρ' οὔτι προσέννεπε Πουλυ-
 δάμαντα·

μνήσατο γάρ, Τρώεσσιν ὅσας ἐφέηκεν ἀνίας
 ἠδ' ὀπόσας ἔτ' ἐμελλεν, ἐπεὶ ῥα οἱ αἰθόμενον κῆρ 95
 μᾶλλον ἐφώρμαιεν θανέειν ἢ νόσφι γενέσθαι
 ἀντιθέης Ἑλένης, ἧς εἵνεκα Τρώιοι υἱὲς
 ὑψόθεν ἐσκοπίαζον ἀπ' ἄστεος αἰπεινοῖο
 δέγμενοι Ἀργείους ἠδ' Αἰακίδην Ἀχιλλῆα.

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Go to, thyself shrink shivering from the strife !
Cower, coward, in thine halls ! But all the rest,
We *men*, will still go armour-girt, until
We wrest from this our truceless war a peace
That shall not shame us ! 'Tis with travail and toil
Of strenuous war that brave men win renown ;
But flight?—weak women choose it, and young
babes !

Thy spirit is like to theirs. No whit I trust
Thee in the day of battle—thee, the man
Who maketh faint the hearts of all the host !”

So fiercely he reviled : Polydamas
Wrathfully answered ; for he shrank not, he,
From answering to his face. A caitiff hound,
A reptile fool, is he who fawns on men
Before their faces, while his heart is black
With malice, and, when they be gone, his tongue
Backbites them. Openly Polydamas
Flung back upon the prince his taunt and scoff :
“ O thou of living men most mischievous !
Thy valour—quotha !—brings us misery !
Thine heart endures, and will endure, that strife
Should have no limit, save in utter ruin
Of fatherland and people—for thy sake !
Ne'er may such wantwit valour craze my soul !
Be mine to cherish wise discretion aye,
A warder that shall keep mine house in peace.”

Indignantly he spake, and Paris found
No word to answer him, for conscience woke
Remembrance of all woes he had brought on Troy,
And should bring ; for his passion-fevered heart
Would rather hail quick death than severance
From Helen the divinely fair, although
For her sake was it that the sons of Troy
Even then were gazing from their towers to see
The Argives and Achilles drawing nigh.

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Τοῖσι δ' ἄρ' οὐ μετὰ δηρὸν ἀρήιος ἤλυθε
Μέμνων,

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Μέμνων κυανέοισι μετ' Αἰθιόπεσσιν ἀνάσσων,
ὃς κίε λαὸν ἄγων ἀπερείσιον· ἀμφὶ δὲ Τρῶες
γηθόσσυνοί μιν ἴδοντο κατὰ πτόλιν, ἥντε ναῦται
χείματος ἐξ ὀλοοῖο δι' αἰθέρος ἀθρήσωσιν
ἤδη τειρόμενοι Ἐλίκης περιηγέος αἴγλην·

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ὡς λαοὶ κεχάροντο περισταδόν, ἔξοχα δ' ἄλλων
Λαομεδοντιάδης· μάλα γάρ νύ οἱ ἦτορ ἐώλπει
δηώσειν πυρὶ νῆας ὑπ' ἀνδράσιν Αἰθιόπεσσιν,
οὔνεκ' ἔχον βασιλῆα πελώριον ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ
πολλοὶ ἔσαν καὶ πάντες ἐς Ἄρεα μαιμώνωντες·

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τῷ ῥ' ἄμοτον κύδαινεν ἐὺν γόνον Ἡριγενείης
δωτίνης ἀγαθῆσι καὶ εὐφροσύνῃ τεθαλυίῃ·
ἀλλήλοισ δ' ὀάριζον ἐπ' εἰλαπίνῃ καὶ ἐδωδῇ,
ὃς μὲν ἀριστῆας Δαναῶν καὶ ὅσ' ἄλγε' ἀνέτλη
ἐξενέπων, ὁ δὲ πατὴρ ἐοῦ καὶ μητέρος Ἡοῦς

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ἀθάνατον βίον αἰέν, ἀπειρεσίης τε ῥέεθρα
Τηθύος, ὠκεανοῦ τε βαθυρρόου ἱερὸν οἶδμα
ἠδὲ καὶ ἀκαμάτου πέρατα χθονός, ἀντολίας τε
ἡελίου, καὶ πᾶσαν ἀπ' ὠκεανοῖο κέλευθον
μέχρις ἐπὶ Πριάμοιο πόλιν καὶ πρόυνας Ἰδης,

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ἠδὲ καὶ ὡς ἐδάϊξεν ὑπὸ στιβαρῆσι χέρεσσι
ἀργαλέων Σολύμων ἱερὸν στρατόν, οἳ μιν ἰόντα
εἶργον, ὃ καὶ σφίσι πῆμα καὶ ἄσχετον ὤπασε
πότμον.

καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ἀγόρευε καὶ ὡς ἴδεν ἔθνεα φωτῶν
μυρία· τοῦ δ' αἰόντος ὑπὸ φρεσὶ τέρπετο θυμός,

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But no long time thereafter came to them
Memnon the warrior-king, and brought with him
A countless host of swarthy Aethiops.
From all the streets of Troy the Trojans flocked
Glad-eyed to gaze on him, as seafarers,
With ruining tempest utterly forspent,
See through wide-parting clouds the radiance
Of the eternal-wheeling Northern Wain ;
So joyed the Troyfolk as they thronged around,
And more than all Laomedon's son, for now
Leapt in his heart a hope, that yet the ships
Might by those Aethiop men be burned with fire ;
So giantlike their king was, and themselves
So huge a host, and so athirst for fight.
Therefore with all observance welcomed he
The strong son of the Lady of the Dawn
With goodly gifts and with abundant cheer.
So at the banquet King and Hero sat
And talked, this telling of the Danaan chiefs,
And all the woes himself had suffered, that
Telling of that strange immortality
By the Dawn-goddess given to his sire,
Telling of the unending flow and ebb
Of the Sea-mother, of the sacred flood
Of Ocean fathomless-rolling, of the bounds
Of Earth that wearieth never of her travail,
Of where the Sun-steeds leap from orient waves,
Telling withal of all his wayfaring
From Ocean's verge to Priam's wall, and spurs
Of Ida. Yea, he told how his strong hands
Smote the great army of the Solymi
Who barred his way, whose deed presumptuous
brought
Upon their own heads crushing ruin and woe.
So told he all that marvellous tale, and told
Of countless tribes and nations seen of him.

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καί ἐ καθαπτόμενος γεραρῶ προσεφώνεε μύθῳ·
 “ὦ Μέμνον, τὸ μὲν ἄρ με θεοὶ ποίησαν ἰδέσθαι
 σὸν στρατὸν ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτὸν ἐν ἡμετέροισι μελάθ-
 ροις·

ὥς μοι ἔτι κρήνειαυ, ἴν' Ἀργείους ἐσίλωμαι
 ὀλλυμένους ἅμα πάντας ὑπ' ἐγχείησι τεῆσι 130
 καὶ γὰρ δὴ μακάρεσσιν ἀτειρέσι πάντα ἕοικας
 ἐκπάγλως, ὡς οὔτις ἐπιχθονίων ἡρώων·
 τῷ σ' οἴω κείνοισι φόνον στονοέεντα βαλέσθαι.
 νῦν δ' ἄγε τέρπεο θυμὸν ἐπ' εἰλαπίνησιν ἐμῆσι
 σήμερον· αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα μαχήσεαι, ὡς ἐπέοικεν.” 135

Ὡς εἰπὼν παλάμησι δέπας πολυχαυδὲς ἀείρας
 Μέμνονα προφρονέως στιβαρῶ δειδέκτο κυπέλλῳ
 χρυσεῖῳ, τό ρα δῶκε περίφρων ἀμφιγυήεις
 Ἥφαιστος κλυτὸν ἔργον, ὅτ' ἤγετο Κυπρογένειαυ,
 Ζηνὶ μεγασθενεῖ· ὁ δ' ἄρ' ὤπασεν υἱεῖ δῶρον 140
 Δαρδάνῳ ἀντιθέῳ· ὁ δ' Ἐριχθονίῳ πόρε παιδί·
 Τρωὶ δ' Ἐριχθόνιος μεγαλήτορι· αὐτὰρ ὁ γ' Ἴλῳ
 κάλλιπε σὺν κτεάτεσσιν· ὁ δ' ὤπασε Λαομέδοντι·
 αὐτὰρ ὁ Λαομέδων Πριάμῳ πόρεν, ὅς μιν ἔμελλεν
 υἱεῖ δωσέμεναι· τὸ δέ οἱ θεὸς οὐκ ἐτέλεσσεν. 145

κείνο δέπας περικαλλὲς ἐθάμβεεν ἐν φρεσὶ Μέμνων
 ἀμφαφύων καὶ τοῖον ὑποβλήσῃν φάτο μῦθον·
 “οὐ μὲν χρῆ παρὰ δαιτὶ πελώριον εὐχετάσθαι
 οὐδ' ἄρ' ὑποσχεσίην κατανευέμεν,¹ ἀλλὰ ἔκηλον
 δαίνυσθ' ἐν μεγάροισι καὶ ἄρτια μηχανάσθαι. 150

¹ Zitaipertmann, ἴσθ κατανεύσαιμεν οἱ ΜΔΔ.

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And Priam heard, and ever glowed his heart
Within him; and the old lips answering spake:
“Memnon, the Gods are good, who have vouchsafed
To me to look upon thine host, and thee
Here in mine halls. O that their grace would so
Crown this their boon, that I might see my foes
All thrust to one destruction by thy spears.
That well may be, for marvellous-like art thou
To some invincible Deathless One, yea, more
Than any earthly hero. Wherefore thou,
I trust, shalt hurl wild havoc through their host.
But now, I pray thee, for this day do thou
Cheer at my feast thine heart, and with the morn
Shalt thou go forth to battle worthy of thee.”

Then in his hands a chalice deep and wide
He raised, and Memnon in all love he pledged
In that huge golden cup, a gift of Gods;
For this the cunning God-smith brought to Zeus,
His masterpiece, what time the Mighty in Power
To Hephaestus gave for bride the Cyprian Queen;
And Zeus on Dardanus his godlike son
Bestowed it, he on Erichthonius;
Erichthonius to Tros the great of heart
Gave it, and he with all his treasure-store
Bequeathed it unto Ilus, and he gave
That wonder to Laomedon, and he
To Priam, who had thought to leave the same
To his own son. Fate ordered otherwise.
And Memnon clasped his hands about that cup
So peerless-beautiful, and all his heart
Marvelled; and thus he spake unto the King:
“Beseems not with great swelling words to vaunt
Amidst the feast, and lavish promises,
But rather quietly to eat in hall.
And to devise deeds worthy. Whether I

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εἶτε γὰρ ἐσθλός τ' εἰμὶ καὶ ἄλκιμος εἶτε καὶ οὐκί,
 γνώση ἐνὶ πτολέμῳ, ὅπῳτ' ἀνέρος εἶδεται ἀλκή.
 νῦν δ' ἄγε δὴ κοίτοιο μεδώμεθα, μηδ' ἀνὰ νύκτα
 πίνωμεν· χαλεπὸς γὰρ ἐπειγομένοισι μάχεσθαι
 οἶνος ἀπειρέσιος καὶ ἀϋπνοσύνη ἀλεγεινή.” 155

“Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ' ὁ γεραιὸς ἀγασσάμενος προσ-
 εἶπεν·

“ αὐτὸς ὅπως ἐθέλεις μεταδαινύσσο, πείθεο δ' αὐτῷ·
 οὐ γὰρ ἐγὼ σ' ἀέκοντα βιήσομαι· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικεν
 οὔτ' ἀπιόυτ' ἀπὸ δαιτὸς ἐρυκέμεν οὔτε μένοντα
 σεύειν ἐκ μεγάρου· θέμις νύ τοι ἀνδράσιν
 αὕτως.” 160

“Ὡς φάθ'· ὁ δ' ἐκ δόρπουο μεθίστατο· βῆ δὲ πρὸς
 εὐνήν

ὑστατίην· ἅμα δ' ἄλλοι ἔβαν κοίτοιο μέδεσθαι
 δαιτυμόνες· τάχα δέ σφιν ἐπήλυθε νήδυμος ὕπνος.

Αὐτὰρ ἐνὶ μεγάρουσι Διὸς στεροπηγέρεταο
 ἀθάνατοι δαινύντο· πατήρ δ' ἐν τοῖσι Κρονίων 165
 εὖ εἰδὼς ἀγόρευε δυσηχέος ἔργα μόθοιο·

“ ἴστε θεοὶ περὶ πάντες ἐπεσσύμενον βαρὺ πῆμα
 αὔριον ἐν πολέμῳ· μάλα γὰρ πολλῶν μένος ἵππων
 ὄψεσθ' ἀμφ' ὀχέεσσι δαιζομένων ἐκάτερθεν
 ἀνδρας δ' ὀλλυμένους· τῶν καὶ πέρι κηδόμενός τις 170
 μιμνέτω ὑμείων μηδ' ἀμφ' ἐμὰ γούναθ' ἰκάνων
 λισσέσθω· Κῆρες γὰρ ἀμείλιχοί εἰσι καὶ ἡμῖν.”

“Ὡς ἔφατ' ἐν μέσσοισιν ἐπισταμένοισι καὶ
 αὐτοῖς,

ὄφρα καὶ ἀσχαλῶν τις ἀπὸ πτολέμοιο τράπηται,
 μηδέ ἐλισσόμενος περὶ νιέος ἢ φίλοιο 175
 μασιδίῳς ἀφίκηται ἀτειρέος ἔνδον Ὀλύμπου.
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ἐσάκουσαν ἐριγδούπου Κρονίδαο,
 τλήσαν ἐνὶ στερνοῖσι καὶ οὐ βασιλῆος ἔναντα

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Be brave and strong, or whether I be not,
Battle, wherein a man's true might is seen,
Shall prove to thee. Now would I rest, nor drink
The long night through. The battle-eager spirit
By measureless wine and lack of sleep is dulled."

Marvelled at him the old King, and he said :
"As seems thee good touching the banquet, do
After thy pleasure. I, when thou art loth,
Will not constrain thee. Yea, unmeet it is
To hold back him who fain would leave the board,
Or hurry from one's halls who fain would stay.
So is the good old law with all true men."

Then rose that champion from the board, and
passed
Thence to his sleep—his last! And with him went
All others from the banquet to their rest :
And gentle sleep slid down upon them soon.

But in the halls of Zeus, the Lightning-lord,
Feasted the gods the while, and Cronos' son,
All-father, of his deep foreknowledge spake
Amidst them of the issue of the strife :
"Be it known unto you all, to-morn shall bring
By yonder war affliction swift and sore ;
For many mighty horses shall ye see
In either host beside their chariots slain,
And many heroes perishing. Therefore ye
Remember these my words, howe'er ye grieve
For dear ones. Let none clasp my knees in prayer,
Since even to us relentless are the fates."

So warned he them, which knew before, that all
Should from the battle stand aside, howe'er
Heart-wrung ; that none, petitioning for a son
Or dear one, should to Olympus vainly come.
So, at that warning of the Thunderer,
The Son of Cronos, all they steeled their hearts
To bear, and spake no word against their king ;

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

μῦθον ἔφαν· μάλα γάρ μιν ἀπειρέσιον τρομέεσκον·
 ἀχνύμενοι δ' ἴκανον ὄπη δόμος ἦεν ἑκάστου 180
 καὶ λέχος· ἀμφὶ δὲ τοῖσι καὶ ἀθανάτοις περ
 εἰούσιν

ὑπνου βληχρὸν ὄνειαρ ἐπὶ βλεφάροισι ταυύσθη.

Ἦμος δ' ἠλιβάτων ὀρέων ὑπερέσσεται ἄκρας
 λαμπρὸς ἀν' οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἑωσφόρος, ὅς τ' ἐπὶ
 ἔργον

ἠδὺ μάλα κνώσσουντας ἀμαλλοδετήρας ἐγείρει· 185

τῆμος ἀρήιον υἷα φαεσφόρου Ἑριγενείης
 ὕστατος ὕπνος ἀνήκεν· ὁ δ' ἐν φρεσὶ κάρτος ἀέξων
 ἤδη δυσμενέεσσι λιλαίετο δηριάασθαι.

Ἦὼς δ' οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἀνήιεν οὐκ ἐθέλουσα.

καὶ τότε Τρῶες ἔσαντο περὶ χροῖ δῆια τεύχη, 190

τοῖσι δ' ἄμ' Αἰθίοπες τε καὶ ὀππόσα φύλα
 πέλοντο

ἀμφὶ βίην Πριάμοιο συναγρομένων ἐπικούρων

πανσυδίῃ· μάλα δ' ὦκα πρὸ τείχεος ἐσσεύοντο

κυανέοις νεφέεσσι εἰοκότες, οἷα Κρονίων

χείματος ὀρρυμένοιο κατ' ἠέρα πουλὺν ἀγείρει. 195

αἶψα δ' ἄρ' ἐπλήσθη πεδίου πᾶν· οἱ δ' ἐκέχυντο

ἀκρίσι πυροβόροισιν ἀλίγκιον, αἶ τε φέρονται

ὡς νέφος ἢ πολὺς ὄμβρος ὑπὲρ χθονὸς εὐρυπέδοιο

ἄπλητοι μερόπεσσι ἀεικέα λιμὸν ἄγουσαι·

ὡς οἱ ἴσαν πολλοὶ τε καὶ ὄβριμοι, ἀμφὶ δ'

ἀγυιαὶ

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στείνοντ' ἐσσυμένων, ὑπὸ δ' ἔγρετο ποσσὶ κούιῃ.

Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἀπάνευθεν ἐθάμβεον, εὐτ' ἐσίδοντο

ἐσσυμένους· εἶθαρ δὲ περὶ χροῖ χαλκὸν ἔσαντο

κάρτεϊ Πηλείδαο πεποιθότες· ὅς δ' ἐνὶ μέσσοις

ἦε Τιτῆνεςσι πολυσθενέεσσι εἰοκῶς

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For in exceeding awe they stood of him.
Yet to their several mansions and their rest
With sore hearts went they. O'er their deathless
eyes

The blessing-bringer Sleep his light veils spread.

When o'er precipitous crests of mountain-walls
Leapt up broad heaven the bright morning-star
Who rouseth to their toils from slumber sweet
The binders of the sheaf, then his last sleep
Unclasped the warrior-son of her who brings
Light to the world, the Child of Mists of Night.
Now swelled his mighty heart with eagerness
To battle with the foe forthright. And Dawn
With most reluctant feet began to climb
Heaven's broad highway. Then did the Trojans
gird

Their battle-harness on ; then armed themselves
The Aethiop men, and all the mingled tribes
Of those war-helpers that from many lands
To Priam's aid were gathered. Forth the gates
Swiftly they rushed, like darkly lowering clouds
Which Cronos' Son, when storm is rolling up,
Herdeth together through the welkin wide.
Swiftly the whole plain filled. Onward they streamed
Like harvest-ravaging locusts drifting on
In fashion of heavy-brooding rain-clouds o'er
Wide plains of earth, an irresistible host
Bringing wan famine on the sons of men ;
So in their might and multitude they went.
The city streets were all too strait for them
Marching : upsoared the dust from underfoot.

From far the Argives gazed, and marvelling saw
Their onrush, but with speed arrayed their limbs
In brass, and in the might of Peleus' son
Put their glad trust. Amidst them rode he on
Like to a giant Titan, glorying

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κυδιών ἵπποισι καὶ ἄρμασι· τοῦ δ' ἄρα τεύχη
 πάντη μαρμαίρεσκον ἀλίγκιον ἀστεροπήσιν.
 οἶος δ' ἐκ περάτων γαιηόχου ὠκεανοῖο
 ἔρχεται ἠέλιος φαεσίμβροτος οὐρανὸν εἶσω
 παμφανόων, τραφερὴ δὲ γελᾷ περὶ γαῖα καὶ
 αἰθήρ· 210

τοῖος ἐν Ἀργείοισι τότ' ἔσσυτο Πηλέος υἱός.
 ὧς δὲ καὶ ἐν Τρώεσσιν ἀρήιος ἦε Μέντων
 Ἄρει μαιμώνωντι πανεῖκελος, ἀμφὶ δὲ λαοὶ
 προφρονέως ἐφέποντο παρεσσύμενοι βασιλῆι.
 Αἶψα δ' ἄρ' ἀμφοτέρων δολιχαὶ πονέοντο φά-
 λαγγες 215

Τρώων καὶ Δαναῶν, μετὰ δ' ἔπρεπον Αἰθιοπῆες·
 σὺν δ' ἔπεσον καναχηδὸν ὁμῶς, ἅτε κύματα
 πόντου

πάντοθεν ἐγρομένων ἀνέμων ὑπὸ χείματος ὄρη·
 ἀλλήλους δ' ἐδάϊζον εὐξέστης μελίησι
 βάλλοντες, μετὰ δέ σφι γόος καναχή τε δεδήει· 220
 ὧς δ' ὅτ' ἐρίγδουποι ποταμοὶ μεγάλα στενάχωσιν
 εἰς ἄλα χενόμενοι, ὅτε λαβρότατος πέλει ὄμβρος
 ἐκ Διός, εὐτ' ἀλίσστον ἐπὶ νέφεα κτυπέωσι
 θηγόμεν' ἀλλήλοισι, πυρὸς δ' ἐξέσσυτ' αὐτμή·
 ὧς τῶν μαρναμένων μέγ' ὑπαὶ ποσὶ γαῖα πελώρη 225
 ἔβραχε, θεσπεσίου δὲ δι' ἠέρος ἔσσυτ' αὐτὴ
 σμερδαλέη· δεινὸν γὰρ αὐτεὸν ἀμφοτέρωθεν.

Ἐνθ' ἔλε Πηλείδης Θάλιον καὶ ἀμύμονα Μέντην
 ἄμφω ἀριγνώτω, βάλε δ' ἄλλων πολλὰ κάρηνα.
 εὐτ' αἰγὶς βερέθροισιν¹ ὑποχθονίοις ἐπορούση 230
 λάβρος, ἄφαρ δέ τε πάντα κατὰ χθονὸς ἀμφι-
 χέηται

ἐκ θεμέθλων· μάλα γάρ ῥα περιτρομέει βαθὺ
 γαῖα·

¹ Zimmermann, for εὐτε γαίης μελάθροισιν of MSS.

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In steeds and chariot, while his armour flashed
Splendour around in sudden lightning-gleams.
It was as when the sun from utmost bounds
Of earth-encompassing ocean comes, and brings
Light to the world, and flings his splendour wide
Through heaven, and earth and air laugh all around.
So glorious, mid the Argives Peleus' son
Rode onward. Mid the Trojans rode the while
Memnon the hero, even such to see
As Ares furious-hearted. Onward swept
The eager host arrayed about their lord.

Then in the grapple of war on either side
Closed the long lines, Trojan and Danaan ;
But chief in prowess still the Aethiops were.
Crashed they together as when surges meet
On the wild sea, when, in a day of storm,
From every quarter winds to battle rush.
Foe hurled at foe the ashen spear, and slew :
Screams and death-groans went up like roaring fire.
As when down-thundering torrents shout and rave
On-pouring seaward, when the madding rains
Stream from God's cisterns, when the huddling
clouds
Are hurled against each other ceaselessly,
And leaps their fiery breath in flashes forth ;
So 'neath the fighters' trampling feet the earth
Thundered, and leapt the terrible battle-yell
Through frenzied air, for mad the war-cries were.

For firstfruits of death's harvest Peleus' son
Slew Thalius and Mentès nobly born,
Men of renown, and many a head beside
Dashed he to dust. As in its furious swoop
A whirlwind shakes dark chasms underground,
And earth's foundations crumble and melt away
Around the deep roots of the shuddering world,

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ὡς οἷ γ' ἐν κούρησι κατήριπον ὠκέϊ πότημῳ
αἰχμῇ Πηλείωνος· ὁ γὰρ μέγα μαίνετο θυμῶ.

Ὡς δ' αὐτῶς ἐτέρωθεν εὖς πάϊς Ἑριγενείης 235

Ἀργείους ἐδάϊζε κακῇ ἐναλίγκιος Αἴση,
ἥ τε φέρει λαοῖσι κακὸν καὶ ἀεικέα λοιγόν.

πρῶτον δ' εἶλε Φέρωνα διὰ στέρνοιο τυχήσας
δούρατι λευγαλέῳ, ἐπὶ δ' ἔκτανε δῖον Ἑρευθου,
ἄμφω ἐελδομένῳ πόλεμον καὶ ἀεικέα χάρμην, 240

οἱ Θρύον ἀμφενέμοντο παρ' Ἀλφειοῖο ῥέεθροις,
καί ῥ' ὑπὸ Νέστορι βῆσαν ἐς Ἰλίου ἱερὸν ἄστνυ-
τοὺς δ' ὀπότη' ἐξενάριξεν, ἐπώχετο Νηλέος υἱὸν
κτεῖναί μιν μεμαῶς· τοῦ δ' Ἀντίλοχος θεοειδῆς
πρόσθ' ἐλθὼν ἴθυνε μακρὸν δόρυ, καὶ οἱ ἄμαρτε 245

τυτθὸν ἀλευαμένοιο· φίλον δέ οἱ εἶλεν ἑταῖρον
Αἴθοπα Πυρρασίδην· ὁ δὲ χωσάμενος κταμένοιο
Ἀντιλόχῳ ἐπιᾶλτο, λέων ὡς ὄβριμόθυμος
καπρίῳ, ὅς ῥα καὶ αὐτὸς ἐναντίον οἶδε μάχεσθαι
ἀνδράσι καὶ θήρεσσι, πέλει δέ οἱ ἄσπετος ὀρμή· 250

ὡς ὁ θεῶς ἐπόρουσεν, ὁ δ' εὐρέϊ μιν βάλε πέτρῳ
Ἀντίλοχος· τοῦ δ' οὔτι λύθη κέαρ, οὔνεκ' ἄρ'
αὐτοῦ

ἀλγινόεντ' ἀπάλαλκε φόνον κρατερῇ τρυφάλεια·
σμερδαλέον δέ οἱ ἦτορ ἐνὶ στέρνοισιν ὀρίνθη
βλημένου· ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ κόρυς ἴαχε· καὶ ῥ' ἔτι
μᾶλλον 255

μαίνετ' ἐπ' Ἀντιλόχῳ· κρατερῇ δέ οἱ ἔξεεν ἀλκή·
τοῦνεκα Νέστορος υἷα καὶ αἰχμητὴν περ εἶοντα
τύψεν ὑπὲρ μαζοῖο· διήλασε δ' ὄβριμον ἔγχος
ἐς κραδίην, θνητοῖσιν ὄπη πέλει ὠκύς ὄλεθρος.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK II

So the ranks crumbled in swift doom to the dust
Before the spear and fury of Peleus's son.

But on the other side the hero child
Of the Dawn-goddess slew the Argive men,
Like to a baleful Doom which bringeth down
On men a grim and ghastly pestilence.
First slew he Pheron; for the bitter spear
Plunged through his breast, and down on him he
hurled

Goodly Ereuthus, battle-revellers both,
Dwellers in Thryus by Alpheus' streams,
Which followed Nestor to the god-built burg
Of Ilium. But when he had laid these low,
Against the son of Neleus pressed he on
Eager to slay. Godlike Antilochus
Strode forth to meet him, sped the long spear's
flight,

Yet missed him, for a little he swerved, but slew
His Aethiop comrade, son of Pyrrhasus.
Wroth for his fall, against Antilochus
He leapt, as leaps a lion mad of mood
Upon a boar, the beast that flincheth not
From fight with man or brute, whose charge is a
flash

Of lightning; so was his swift leap. His foe
Antilochus caught a huge stone from the ground,
Hurled, smote him; but unshaken abode his strength,
For the strong helm-crest fenced his head from
death;

But rang the morion round his brows. His heart
Kindled with terrible fury at the blow
More than before against Antilochus.
Like seething cauldron boiled his maddened might.
He stabbed, for all his cunning of fence, the son
Of Nestor above the breast; the crashing spear
Plunged to the heart, the spot of speediest death.

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Τοῦ δ' ὑποδηωθέντος ἄχος Δαναοῖσιν ἐτύχθη 260
 πᾶσι, μάλιστα δὲ πατρὶ περὶ φρένας ἤλυθε
 πένθος

Νέστορι παιδὸς ἐοῖο παρ' ὀφθαλμοῖσι δαμέντος·
 οὐ γὰρ δὴ μερόπεσσι κακώτερον ἄλγος ἔπεισιν,
 ἢ ὅτε παῖδες ὄλωνται ἐοῦ πατρὸς εἰσορόωντος·
 τοῦνεκα καὶ στερεῆσιν ἀρηράμενος φρεσὶ θυμὸν 265

ἄχυντο παιδὸς ἐοῖο κακῇ περὶ Κηρὶ δαμέντος·
 κέκλετο δ' ἐσσυμένως Θρασυμήδεα νόσφιν ἐόντα·
 “ ὄρσο μοι, ᾧ Θρασύμηδες ἀγακλεές, ὄφρα φονῆα
 σείο κασιγνήτοιο καὶ υἱέος ἡμετέροιο

νεκροῦ ἐκάς σεύωμεν ἀεικέος, ἢ καὶ αὐτοὶ 270
 ἀμφ' αὐτῷ στονούεσσαν ἀναπλήσωμεν οἷζύν.

εἰ δὲ σοὶ ἐν στέρνοισι πέλει δέος, οὐ σύ γ' ἐμεῖο
 υἱὸς ἔφυς οὐδ' ἐσσι Περικλυμένοιο γενέθλης,
 ὅς τε καὶ Ἡρακλῆι καταντίον ἐλθέμεν ἔτλη.
 ἀλλ' ἄγε δὴ πονεώμεθ', ἐπεὶ μέγα κάρτος ἀνάγκη 275
 πολλάκι μαρναμένοισι καὶ οὔτιδανοῖσιν ὀπάξει.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τοῦ δ' αἴοντος ὑπὸ φρεσὶ σύγχυτο
 θυμὸς

πένθεσι λευγαλέοισιν· ἄφαρ δέ οἱ ἤλυθεν ἄγχι
 Φηρεῦς, ὃν ῥα καὶ αὐτὸν ἀποκταμένοιο ἄνακτος
 εἶλεν ἄχος· κρατεροῖο δ' ἐναντία δηριάασθαι 280
 Μέμνονος ὠρμήθησαν ἀν' αἵματόεντα κυδοιμόν.

ὡς δ' ὅταν ἀγρευτῆρε κατὰ πτύχας ὑλῆεσσας
 οὔρεος ἠλιβάτοιο λιλαιόμενοι μέγα θήρης
 ἢ συὸς ἢ ἄρκτοιο καταντίον αἰσσωσι¹

κτεινέμεναι μεμαῶτες, ὁ δ' ἀμφοτέροις ἐπορούσας 285
 θυμῷ μαιμώνωντι βίην ἀπαμύνεται ἀνδρῶν·

ὡς τότε καὶ Μέμνων φρόνεεν μέγα· τοὶ δὲ οἱ ἄγχι
 ἤλυθον· ἀλλά μιν οὔτι κατακτανέειν ἐδύναντο
 μακρῆσιν μελίησιν· ἀπέπλαγχθεν δὲ οἱ αἰχμαὶ
 τῆλε χροός· μάλα γάρ που ἀπέτραπεν Ἡριγένεια· 290

¹ Zimmermann, for αἰσσωσι of v.

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Then upon all the Danaans at his fall
Came grief; but anguish-stricken was the heart
Of Nestor most of all, to see his child
Slain in his sight; for no more bitter pang
Smiteth the heart of man than when a son
Perishes, and his father sees him die.

Therefore, albeit unused to melting mood,
His soul was torn with agony for the son
By black death slain. A wild cry hastily
To Thrasymedes did he send afar:

“Hither to me, Thrasymedes war-renowned!
Help me to thrust back from thy brother’s corse,
Yea, from mine hapless son, his murderer,
That so ourselves may render to our dead
All dues of mourning. If thou flinch for fear,
No son of mine art thou, nor of the line
Of Periclymenus, who dared withstand
Hercules’ self. Come, to the battle-toil!
For grim necessity oftentimes inspires
The very coward with courage of despair.”

Then at his cry that brother’s heart was stung
With bitter grief. Swift for his help drew nigh
Phereus, on whom for his great prince’s fall
Came anguish. Charged these warriors twain to face
Strong Memnon in the gory strife. As when
Two hunters ’mid a forest’s mountain-folds,
Eager to take the prey, rush on to meet
A wild boar or a bear, with hearts afire
To slay him, but in furious mood he leaps
On them, and holds at bay the might of men;
So swelled the heart of Memnon. Nigh drew they,
Yet vainly essayed to slay him, as they hurled
The long spears, but the lances glanced aside
Far from his flesh: the Dawn-queen turned them
thence.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

δουρατα δ' οὐχ ἀλίως χαμάδις πέσεν· ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν
ὦκα

ἔμμεμαῶς κατέπεφνε Πολύμνιον νῖα Μέγητος
Φηρεὺς ὄβριμόθυμος, ὁ δ' ἔκτανε Λαομέδοντα
Νέστορος ὄβριμος υἱὸς ἀδελφειοῖο χολωθείς,
ὄν Μέμνων ἐδάϊξε κατὰ μόθον, ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῶ 295
χερσὶν ὑπ' ἀκαμάτησι λύεν παγχάλκεα τεύχη
οὔτε βίην ἀλέγων Θρασυμήδεος οὔτε μὲν ἐσθλοῦ
Φηρέος, οὔνεκα πολλὸν ὑπείροχος· οἱ δ' ἄτε θῶε
ἀμφ' ἔλαφον βεβαῶτα μέγαν φοβέοντο λέοντα
οὔτι πρόσω μεμαῶτες ἔτ' ἐλθέμεν· αἰνὰ δὲ

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ἐγγύθεν εἰσορόων ὀλοφύρετο, κέκλετο δ' ἄλλους
σφούς ἐτάρους δηίοισιν ἐπελθέμεν· ἂν δὲ καὶ αὐτὸς
ὄρμαινεν πονέεσθαι ἀφ' ἄρματος, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτὸν
παιδὸς ἀποφθιμένοιο ποθὴ ποτὶ μῶλον ἄγεσκε
πὰρ δύναμιν· μέλλεν δὲ φίλῳ περὶ παιδὶ καὶ
αὐτὸς

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κεῖσθαι ὁμῶς κταμένοις ἐναρίθμιος, εἰ μὴ ἄρ'
αὐτὸν

Μεμνων ὄβριμόθυμος ἐπεσσύμενον προσέειπεν
αἰδεσθεὶς ἀνὰ θυμὸν ὀμήλικα πατρὸς ἐοῖο·

“ ὦ γέρον, οὔ μοι ἔοικε καταντία σείο μάχεσθαι
πρεσβυτέροιο γεγῶτος, ἐπεὶ γ' εὖ οἶδα νοῆσαι· 310
ἦ γὰρ ἔγωγ' ἐφάμην σε νέον καὶ ἀρήιον ἄνδρα
ἀντιάαν δηίοισι· θρασὺς δέ μοι ἔλπετο θυμὸς
χειρὸς ἐμῆς καὶ δουρὸς ἐπάξιον ἔμμεναι ἔργον.
ἀλλ' ἀναχάζεο τῆλε μόθου στυγεροῦ τε φόνοιο,
χάζεο, μὴ σε βάλοιμι καὶ οὐκ ἐθέλων περ ἀνάγκη, 315
μηδὲ τεῶ περὶ παιδὶ πέσης μέγ' ἀμείνουι φωτὶ
μαρνάμενος, μὴ δὴ σε καὶ ἄφρονα μυθήσωνται
ἀνέρες· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικεν ὑπερτέρῳ ἀντιάασθαι.”

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Yet fell their spears not vainly to the ground :
The lance of fiery-hearted Phereus, winged
With eager speed, dealt death to Meges' son,
Polymnius : Laomedon was slain
By the wrath of Nestor's son for a brother dead,
The dear one Memnon slew in battle-rout,
And whom the slayer's war-unwearied hands
Now stripped of his all-brazen battle-gear,
Nought recking, he, of Thrasymedes' might,
Nor of stout Phereus, who were unto him
But weaklings. A great lion seemed he there
Standing above a hart, as jackals they,
That, howso hungry, dare not come too nigh.

But hard thereby the father gazed thereon
In agony, and cried the rescue-cry
To other his war-comrades for their aid
Against the foe. Himself too burned to fight
From his war-car ; for yearning for the dead
Goaded him to the fray beyond his strength.
Ay, and himself had been on his dear son
Laid, numbered with the dead, had not the voice
Of Memnon stayed him even in act to rush
Upon him, for he revered in his heart
The white hairs of an age-mate of his sire :
“ Ancient,” he cried, “ it were my shame to fight
With one so much mine elder : I am not
Blind unto honour. Verily I weened
That this was some young warrior, when I saw
Thee facing thus the foe. My bold heart hoped
For contest worthy of mine hand and spear.
Nay, draw thou back afar from battle-toil
And bitter death. Go, lest, how loth soe'er,
I smite thee of sore need. Nay, fall not thou
Beside thy son, against a mightier man
Fighting, lest men with folly thee should charge,
For folly it is that braves o'er-mastering might.”

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“Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ’ ἐτέρωθι γέρων ἡμείβετο μύθῳ·
 “ὦ Μέμνον, τὰ μὲν ἄρ’ που ἐτώσια πάντ’ ἀγο-
 ρεύεις·

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οὐ μὲν γὰρ δηίοισι πονεύμενον εἵνεκα παιδὸς
 ἀφραίνειν ἐρέει τις ἀνηλέα παιδοφονῆα
 νεκροῦ ἐκάς σεύοντα κατὰ μόθον· ὡς ὄφελόν μοι
 ἀλκὴ ἔτ’ ἔμπεδος ἦεν, ἵνα γνώης ἐμὸν ἔγχος·
 νῦν δὲ σὺ μὲν μάλα πάγχυ μέγ’ εὐχεται, οὐνεκα
 θυμὸς

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θαρσαλέος νέου ἀνδρὸς ἐλαφρότερον δὲ νόημα·
 τῷ ῥα καὶ ὑψηλὰ φρονέων ἀποφώλια βάζεις.
 εἰ δέ μοι ἡβῶωντι καταντίον εἰληλούθεις,
 οὐκ ἂν τοι κεχάροντο φίλοι κρατερῷ περ ἔοντι·
 νῦν δ’ ὡς τίς τε λέων ὑπὸ γήραος ἄχθομαι αἰνοῦ,
 ὄν τε κύων σταθμοῖο πολυρρήνοιο δίηται
 θαρσαλέως, ὁ δ’ ἄρ’ οὔτι λιλαιόμενός περ ἀμύνει
 οἱ αὐτῷ, οὐ γάρ οἱ ἔτ’ ἔμπεδοί εἰσιν ὀδόντες
 οὐδὲ βίη, κρατερόν δὲ χρόνῳ ἀμαθύνεται ἦτορ·
 ὡς ἐμοὶ οὐκέτι κάρτος ἐνὶ στήθεσσι ὄρωρεν,
 οἶόν περ τὸ πάροιθεν· ὅμως δ’ ἔτι φέρτερός εἰμι
 πολλῶν ἀνθρώπων, παύροισι δὲ γήρας ὑπέικει
 [ἡμέτερον, τοῖς κάρτος ὁμῶς πέλει ἠδὲ καὶ ἦβη].”

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“Ὡς εἰπὼν ἀπὸ βαιὸν ἐχάσσατο· λείπε δ’ ἄρ’ υἷα
 κείμενον ἐν κούρησιν, ἐπεὶ νύ οἱ οὐκέτι πάμπαν
 γναμπτοῖς ἐν μελέεσσι πέλε σθένος ὡς τὸ
 πάροιθεν·

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γήραι γὰρ καθύπερθε πολυτλήτῳ βεβάρητο.
 ὡς δ’ αὐτῶς ἀπόρουσεν εὐμμελῆς Θρασυμήδης
 Φηρεὺς τ’ ὀβριμόθυμος ἰδ’ ἄλλοι πάντες ἐταῖροι
 δειδιότες· μάλα γὰρ σφιν ἐπώχετο λοίγιος ἀνήρ.

‘Ὡς δ’ ὄτ’ ἀπὸ μεγάλων ὀρέων ποταμὸς
 βαθυδίνης

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καχλάζων φορέηται ἀπειρεσίῳ ὄρυμαγδῷ,
 ὀππότε συννεφὲς ἡμαρ ἐπ’ ἀνθρώποισι τανύσση

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He spake, and answered him that warrior old :
“Nay, Memnon, vain was that last word of thine.
None would name fool the father who essayed,
Battling with foes for his son’s sake, to thrust
The ruthless slayer back from that dear corpse,
But ah that yet my strength were whole in me,
That thou might’st know my spear! Now canst
thou vaunt

Proudly enow : a young man’s heart is bold
And light his wit. Uplifted is thy soul
And vain thy speech. If in my strength of youth
Thou hadst met me—ha, thy friends had not
rejoiced,

For all thy might! But me the grievous weight
Of age bows down, like an old lion whom
A cur may boldly drive back from the fold,
For that he cannot, in his wrath’s despite,
Maintain his own cause, being toothless now,
And strengthless, and his strong heart tamed by
time.

So well the springs of olden strength no more
Now in my breast. Yet am I stronger still
Than many men ; my grey hairs yield to few
That have within them all the strength of youth.”

So drew he back a little space, and left
Lying in dust his son, since now no more
Lived in the once lithe limbs the olden strength,
For the years’ weight lay heavy on his head.
Back leapt Thrasymedes likewise, spearman good,
And battle-eager Phereus, and the rest
Their comrades ; for that slaughter-dealing man
Pressed hard on them. As when from mountains
high

A shouting river with wide-echoing din
Sweeps down its fathomless whirlpools through the
gloom,

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Ζεὺς κλονέων μέγα χεῖμα, περικτυπέουσι δὲ πάντη
 βρονταὶ ὁμῶς στεροπῆσιν ἄδην νεφέων συνιόντων
 θεσπεσίων, κοῖλαι δὲ περικλύζονται ἄρουραι 350
 ὕμβρου ἐπεσσυμένοιο δυσηχέος, ἀμφὶ δὲ μακρὰ
 σμερδαλέον βοόωσι κατ' οὔρεα πάντα χαράδραι·
 ὡς Μέμνων σεύεσκεν ἐπ' ἠόνας Ἑλλησπόντου
 Ἄργείους· μετόπισθε δ' ἐπισπόμενος κεράϊζε·
 πολλοὶ δ' ἐν κονίησι καὶ αἵματι θυμὸν ἔλειπον 355
 Αἰθιοπῶν ὑπὸ χερσὶ· λύθρῳ δ' ἐφορύνετο γαῖα
 ὀλλυμένων Δαναῶν. μέγα δ' ἐν φρεσὶ γήθεε

Μέμνων

αἰὲν ἐπεσσύμενος δηίων στίχας· ἀμφὶ δὲ νεκρῶν
 στείνετο Τρώϊον οὐδας· ὁ δ' οὐκ ἀπέληγε κυδοιμοῦ·
 ἔλπετο γὰρ Τρώεσσι φύος, Δαναοῖσι δὲ πῆμα 360
 ἔσσεσθ'· ἀλλὰ ἑ Μοῖρα πολύστονος ἠπερόπευεν
 ἐγγύθεν ἰσταμένη καὶ ἐπὶ κλόνον ὀτρύνουσα.
 ἀμφὶ δὲ οἱ θεράποντες εὐσθενέες πονέοντο,
 Ἄλκυονεὺς Νύχιός τε καὶ Ἀσιάδης ἐρίθυμος
 αἰχμητῆς τε Μένεκλος Ἀλέξιππός τε Κλύδων τε 365
 ἄλλοι τ' ἰωχμοῖο μεμαότες, οἳ ῥα καὶ αὐτοὶ
 καρτύναντ' ἀνὰ δῆριν ἐῷ πίσυνοι βασιλῆι.
 καὶ τότε δῆ ῥα Μένεκλον ἐπεσσύμενον Δαναοῖσι
 Νηλείδης κατέπεφνε· ὁ δ' ἀσχαλῶν ἐτάροιο
 Μέμνων ὀβριμόθυμος ἐνήρατο πουλὺν ὄμιλον· 370
 ὡς δ' ὅτε τις κραιπνῆσιν ἐπιβρίσας ἐλάφοισι
 θηρητῆρ ἐν ὄρεσσι λίνων ἔντοσθεν ἐρεμνῶν
 ἱλαδὸν ἀγρομένησιν ἐς ὑστάτιον δόλον ἄγρης
 αἰζηῶν ἰότητι, κύνες δ' ἐπικαγαλώωσιν,

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When God with tumult of a mighty storm
Hath palled the sky in cloud from verge to verge,
When thunders crash all round, when thick and fast
Gleam lightnings from the huddling clouds, when
fields

Are flooded as the hissing rain descends,
And all the air is filled with awful roar
Of torrents pouring down the hill-ravines ;
So Memnon toward the shores of Hellespont
Before him hurled the Argives, following hard
Behind them, slaughtering ever. Many a man
Fell in the dust, and left his life in blood
'Neath Aethiop hands. Stained was the earth with
gore

As Danaans died. Exulted Memnon's soul
As on the ranks of foemen ever he rushed,
And heaped with dead was all the plain of Troy.
And still from fight refrained he not ; he hoped
To be a light of safety unto Troy
And bane to Danaans. But all the while
Stood baleful Doom beside him, and spurred on
To strife, with flattering smile. To right, to left
His stalwart helpers wrought in battle-toil,
Alcyoneus and Nychius, and the son
Of Asius furious-souled ; Meneclus' spear,
Clydon and Alexippus, yea, a host
Eager to chase the foe, men who in fight
Quit them like men, exulting in their king.
Then, as Meneclus on the Danaans charged,
The son of Neleus slew him. Wroth for his friend,
Whole throngs of foes fierce-hearted Memnon slew.
As when a hunter midst the mountains drives
Swift deer within the dark lines of his toils—
The eager ring of beaters closing in
Presses the huddled throng into the snares
Of death : the dogs are wild with joy of the chase

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πυκνὸν ὕλακτιόωντες, ὁ δ' ἐμμεμαῶς ὑπ' ἄκοντι 375
 κεμμάσιν ὠκυτάτησι φόνου στονόεντα τίθησιν·
 ὡς Μέμνων ἐδάϊζε πολὺν στρατόν· ἀμφὶ δ' ἑταῖροι
 γήθειον· Ἄργεῖοι δὲ περικλυτὸν ἄνδρ' ἐφέβοντο.
 ὡς δ' ὀπότης ἐξεριπόντος ἀπ' οὖρεος ἠλιβάτοιο
 πέτρου ἀπειρεσίοιο, τὸν ὑψόθεν ἀκάματος Ζεὺς 380
 ὦση ἀπὸ κρημνοῖο βαλὼν στονόεντι κεραυνῶ,
 τοῦ δ' ἄρ' ἀνὰ δρυμὰ πυκνὰ καὶ ἄγκεα μακρὰ
 ῥαγέντος

βῆσαι ἐπικτυπέουσι, περιτρομέουσι δ' ἀν' ὕλην,
 εἴ που μῆλ' ὑπένερθε κυλινδομένοιο νέμονται
 ἢ βόες ἢ τιν' ἄλλα, καὶ ἐξαλέονται ἰόντος 385
 ῥιπήν ἀργαλέην καὶ ἀμείλιχον· ὡς ἄρ' Ἀχαιοὶ
 Μέμνωνος ὄβριμον ἔγχος ἐπεσσυμένοιο φέβοντο.

Καὶ τότε δὴ κρατεροῖο μόλε σχεδὸν Αἰακίδαο
 Νέστωρ, ἀμφὶ δὲ παιδὶ μέγ' ἀχνύμενος φάτο μῦθον·
 “ὦ Ἀχιλεῦ μέγα ἔρκος εὐσθενέων Ἀργείων, 390
 ὦλετό μοι φίλος υἱός, ἔχει δέ μοι ἔντεα Μέμνων
 τεθνεότος, δείδω δὲ κυνῶν μὴ κῦρμα γένηται·
 ἀλλὰ θοῶς ἐπάμυνον, ἐπεὶ φίλος ὅστις ἑταίρου
 μέμνηται κταμένοιο καὶ ἄχυνται οὐκέτ' ἔοντος.”

Ὡς φάτο· τοῦ δ' αἰόντος ὑπὸ φρέιας ἔμπεσε
 πένθος· 395

Μέμνονα δ' ὡς ἐνόησεν ἀνὰ στονόεντα κυδοιμὸν
 Ἄργείους ἰληδὸν ὑπ' ἔγχει δηιόωντα,
 αὐτίκα κάλλιπε Τρῶας, ὅσους ὑπὸ χερσὶ δάϊξεν
 ἀμφ' ἄλλησι φάλαγξι, καὶ ἰσχανόων πολέμοιο
 ἦλυθέ οἱ κατέναντα χολούμενος Ἀντιλόχοιο 400
 ἠδ' ἄλλων κταμένων· ὁ δ' ἀνείλετο χεῖρεσι πέτρην,
 τὴν ῥα βροτοὶ θέσαν οὖρον εὐστάχους πεδίοιο,
 καὶ βάλεν ἀκαμάτοιο κατ' ἀσπίδα Πηλείωνος
 δῖος ἀνὴρ· ὁ δ' ἄρ' οὔτι τρέσας περιμήκεα πέτρην
 αὐτίκα οἱ σχεδὸν ἦλθε μακρὸν δόρυ πρόσθε
 τιταίνων, 405

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Ceaselessly giving tongue, the while his darts
Leap winged with death on brocket and on hind ;
So Memnon slew and ever slew : his men
Rejoiced, the while in panic stricken rout
Before that glorious man the Argives fled.
As when from a steep mountain's precipice-brow
Leaps a huge crag, which all-resistless Zeus
By stroke of thunderbolt hath hurled from the crest ;
Crash oakwood copses, echo long ravines,
Shudders the forest to its rattle and roar,
And flocks therein and herds and wild things flee
Scattering, as bounding, whirling, it descends
With deadly pitiless onrush ; so his foes
Fled from the lightning-flash of Memnon's spear.

Then to the side of Aeacus' mighty son
Came Nestor. Anguished for his son he cried :
" Achilles, thou great bulwark of the Greeks,
Slain is my child ' The armour of my dead
Hath Memnon, and I fear me lest his corse
Be cast a prey to dogs. Haste to his help !
True friend is he who still remembereth
A friend though slain, and grieves for one no more."

Achilles heard ; his heart was thrilled with grief :
He glanced across the rolling battle, saw
Memnon, saw where in throngs the Argives fell
Beneath his spear. Forthright he turned away
From where the rifted ranks of Troy fell fast
Before his hands, and, thirsting for the fight,
Wroth for Antilochus and the others slain,
Came face to face with Memnon. In his hands
That godlike hero caught up from the ground
A stone, a boundary-mark 'twixt fields of wheat,
And hurled. Down on the shield of Peleus' son
It crashed. But he, the invincible, shrank not
Before the huge rock-shard, but, thrusting out

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πεζός, ἐπεὶ ῥά οἱ ἵπποι ἔσαν μετόπισθε κυδοιμοῦ,
καὶ οἱ δεξιὸν ὦμον ὑπὲρ σάκεος στυφέλιξεν·
ὃς δὲ καὶ οὐτάμενός περ ἀταρβείϊ μάρνατο θυμῶ·
τύψε δ' ἄρ' Αἰακίδαο βραχίονα δουρὶ κραταιῶ·
τοῦ δ' ἐχύθη φίλον αἷμα· χάρη δ' ἄρ' ἐτώσιον
ἦρως,

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καὶ μιν ἄφαρ προσέειπεν ὑπερφιάλοις ἐπέεσσι·
“ νῦν σ' ὀτῶ μόρον αἶνὸν ἀναπλήσειν ὑπ' ὀλέθρῳ
χερσὶν ἐμῆσι δαμέντα καὶ οὐκέτι μῶλον ἀλύξαι.
σχέτλιε, τίπτε σὺ Τρῶας ἀνηλεγέως ὀλέεσκες
πάντων εὐχόμενος πολὺ φέρτατος ἔμμεναι ἀνδρῶν,
μητρός τ' ἀθανάτης Νηρηίδος; ἀλλὰ σοὶ ἤδη
ἦλυθεν αἴσιμον ἦμαρ, ἐπεὶ θεόθεν γένος εἶμι
Ἴουὸς ὄβριμος υἱός, ὃν ἔκποθι λειριόεσσαι
Ἐσπερίδες θρέψαντο παρὰ ῥόον ὠκεανοῖο.
τοῦνεκά σευ καὶ δῆριν ἀμείλιχον οὐκ ἀλεείνω
εἰδὼς μητέρα δῖαν, ὅσον προφερεστέρη ἐστὶ
Νηρείδος, τῆς αὐτὸς ἐπεύχεαι ἔκγονος εἶναι·
ἢ μὲν γὰρ μακάρεσσι καὶ ἀνθρώποισι φαείνει,
τῇ ἐπὶ πάντα τελεῖται ἀτείρεος ἔνδον Ὀλύμπου
ἐσθλά τε καὶ κλυτὰ ἔργα, τὰ τ' ἀνδράσι γίνετ'
ὄνειαρ·

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ἢ δ' ἐν ἀλὸς κευθμῶσι καθημένη ἀτρυγέτοισι
ναίει ὁμῶς κήτεσσι μετ' ἰχθύσι κυδιόωσα
ἄπρηκτος καὶ αἴστος· ἐγὼ δέ μιν οὐκ ἀλεγίζω
οὐδέ μιν ἀθανάτησιν ἐπουρανίησιν εἴσκω.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ' ἐνένιπε θρασὺς παῖς Αἰακίδαο·
“ ὦ Μέμνον, πῆ νῦν σε κακαὶ φρένες ἐξορόθυναν
ἐλθέμεν ἀντὶ ἐμεῖο καὶ ἐς μόθον ἰσοφαρίζειν;
ὃς σέο φέρτερός εἶμι βίη γενεῆ τε φυῆ τε
Ζηνὸς ὑπερθύμοιο λαχῶν ἀριδείκετον αἷμα
καὶ σθειραροῦ Νηρηῆος, ὃς εἰναλίας τέκε κούρας

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His long lance, rushed to close with him, afoot,
For his steeds stayed behind the battle-rout.
On the right shoulder above the shield he smote
And staggered him; but he, despite the wound,
Fought on with heart unquailing. Swiftly he thrust
And pricked with his strong spear Achilles' arm.
Forth gushed the blood: rejoicing with vain joy
To Aeacus' son with arrogant words he cried:
"Now shalt thou in thy death fill up, I trow,
Thy dark doom, overmastered by mine hands.
Thou shalt not from this fray escape alive!
Fool, wherefore hast thou ruthlessly destroyed
Trojans, and vaunted thee the mightiest man
Of men, a deathless Nereid's son? Ha, now
Thy doom hath found thee! Of birth divine am I,
The Dawn-queen's mighty son, nurtured afar
By lily-slender Hesperid Maids, beside
The Ocean-river. Therefore not from thee
Nor from grim battle shrink I, knowing well
How far my goddess-mother doth transcend
A Nereid, whose child thou vauntest thee.
To Gods and men my mother bringeth light;
On her depends the issue of all things,
Works great and glorious in Olympus wrought
Whereof comes blessing unto men. But thine—
She sits in barren crypts of brine: she dwells
Glorying mid dumb sea-monsters and mid fish,
Deedless, unseen! Nothing I reckon of her,
Nor rank her with the immortal Heavenly Ones."

In stern rebuke spake Aeacus' aweless son:
"Memnon, how wast thou so distraught of wit
That thou shouldst face me, and to fight defy
Me, who in might, in blood, in stature far
Surpass thee? From supremest Zeus I trace
My glorious birth; and from the strong Sea-god
Nereus, begetter of the Maids of the Sea,

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Νηρείδας, τὰς δὴ ῥα θεοὶ τίουσ' ἐν Ὀλύμπῳ,
 πᾶσάων δὲ μάλιστα Θέτιν κλυτὰ μητιώωσαν,
 οὐνεκά που Διόνυσον εἰς ὑπέδεκτο μελάθροισι,
 ὅπποτε δειμαίνεσκε βίην ὀλοοῖο Λυκούργου,
 ἥδὲ καὶ ὡς Ἡφαιστον εὐφρονα χαλκεοτέχνην 440
 δέξαθ' εἰσι δόμοισιν ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο πεσόντα,
 αὐτόν τ' Ἀργικέραυνον ὅπως ὑπελύσατο δεσμῶν
 τῶν μιμνησκόμενοι πανδερκέες Οὐρανίωνες
 μητέρ' ἐμὴν τίουσι Θέτιν ζαθέῳ ἐν Ὀλύμπῳ.
 γνώσῃ δ' ὡς θεὸς ἐστίν, ἐπὴν δόρυ χάλκεον εἴσω 445
 ἐς τεὸν ἦπαρ ἴκηται ἐμῇ βεβλημένον ἀλκῇ.
 Ἔκτορα γὰρ Πατρόκλοιο, σὲ δ' Ἀντιλόχοιο
 χολωθεὶς
 τίσομαι· οὐ γὰρ ὄλεσσας ἀνάλκιδος ἀνδρὸς
 εἰταῖρον.

ἀλλὰ τί νηπιάχοισιν εἰκότες ἀφραδέεσσιν
 ἔσταμεν ἡμετέρων μυθεύμενοι ἔργα τοκήων 450
 ἠδ' αὐτῶν; ἐγγὺς καὶ Ἄρης, ἐγγὺς δὲ καὶ ἀλκή."
 Ὡς εἰπὼν παλάμησι λάβεν πολυμήκετον ἄορ
 Μέμνων δ' αὖθ' ἐτέρωθι, καὶ ὀτραλέως συνόρουσαν
 τύπτου δ' ἀλλήλων ἄμοτον φρεσὶ μαιμώνωντες
 ἀσπίδας, ἃς Ἡφαιστος ὑπ' ἀμβροσίῃ κάμε τέχνη, 455
 πυκνὰ συναΐσσοντες· ἐπέψαυον δὲ λόφοισιν
 ἀλλήλαις ἐκάτερθεν ἐρειδόμεναι τρυφάλειαι.
 Ζεὺς δὲ μέγ' ἀμφοτέροισι φίλα φρονέων βάλε
 κάρτος,
 τεῦξε δ' ἄρ' ἀκαμάτους καὶ μείζονας, οὐδὲν ὁμοίους
 ἀνδράσιν, ἀλλὰ θεοῖσιν· Ἔρις δ' ἐπεγήθεεν ἄμφω. 460
 οἱ δ' αἰχμὴν μεμαῶτες ἄφαρ χροὸς ἐντὸς ἐλύσσαι
 μεσσηγὺς σάκεός τε καὶ ὑψιλόφου τρυφαλείης
 πολλάκις ἰθύνεσκον ἐὼν μένος, ἄλλοτε δ' αὖτε

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The Nereids, honoured of the Olympian Gods.
And chiefest of them all is Thetis, wise
With wisdom world-renowned; for in her bowers
She sheltered Dionysus, chased by might
Of murderous Lycurgus from the earth.
Yea, and the cunning God-smith welcomed she
Within her mansion, when from heaven he fell.
Ay, and the Lightning-lord she once released
From bonds. The all-seeing Dwellers in the Sky
Remember all these things, and reverence
My mother Thetis in divine Olympus.
Ay, that she is a Goddess shalt thou know
When to thine heart the brazen spear shall pierce
Sped by my might. Patroclus' death I avenged
On Hector, and Antilochus on thee
Will I avenge. No weakling's friend thou hast slain '
But why like witless children stand we here
Babbling our parents' fame and our own deeds?
Now is the hour when prowess shall decide."

Then from the sheath he flashed his long keen
sword,
And Memnon his; and swiftly in fiery fight
Closed they, and rained the never-ceasing blows
Upon the bucklers which with craft divine
Hephaestus' self had fashioned. Once and again
Clashed they together, and their cloudy crests
Touched, mingling all their tossing storm of hair.
And Zeus, for that he loved them both, inspired
With prowess each, and mightier than their wont
He made them, made them tireless, nothing like
To men, but Gods: and gloated o'er the twain
The Queen of Strife. In eager fury these
Thrust swiftly out the spear, with fell intent
To reach the throat 'twixt buckler-rim and helm,
Thrust many a time and oft, and now would aim
The point beneath the shield, above the greave,

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Βαιὸν ὑπὲρ κνημίδος, ἔνερθε δὲ δαιδαλέοιο
 θώρηκος βριαροῖσιν ἀρηρότος ἀμφὶ μέλεσσι, 465
 ἄμφω ἐπειγόμενοι· περὶ δὲ σφισιν ἄμβροτα τεύχη
 ἀμφ' ὤμοις ἀράβησε· βοή δ' ἴκετ' αἰθέρα διὸν
 Τρώων Αἰθιόπων τε καὶ Ἀργείων ἐριθύμων
 μαρναμένων ἐκάτερθε· κόνις δ' ὑπὸ ποσσὶν ὀρώρει
 ἄχρῖς ἐς οὐρανὸν εὐρύν, ἐπεὶ μέγα κίνυτο ἔργον. 470

Εὐτ' ὀμίχλη κατ' ὄρεσφιν ὀρινομένου ὑετοῖο,
 ὅππότε δὴ κελάδοντες ἐνιπλήθονται ἔναυλοι
 ὕδατος ἐσσυμένοι, βρέμει δ' ἄρα πᾶσα χαράδρη
 ἄσπετον, οἱ δ' ἄρα πάντες ἐπιτρομέουσι νομῆες
 χειμάρρους ὀμίχλην τε φίλην ὄλοοῖσι λύκοισιν 475
 ἢ δ' ἄλλοις θήρεσσι, ὅσους τρέφει ἄσπετος ὕλη·
 ὡς τῶν ἀμφὶ πόδεσσι κόνις πεπότητ' ἀλεγεινή,
 ἢ ρά τε καὶ φάος ἢ ὑπὸ κατέκρυφεν ἡελίοιο
 αἰθέρ' ἐπισκιάουσα· κακὴ δ' ὑπεδάμνατ' οἰζὺς
 λαοὺς ἐν κονίῃ τε καὶ αἰνομόρῳ ὕσμινῃ. 480
 καὶ τὴν μὲν μακάρων τις ἀπώσατο δηιοτήτος
 ἐσσυμένως· ὄλοαὶ δὲ θοὰς ἐκάτερθε φάλαγγας
 Κῆρες ἐποτρύνεσκει ἀπειρέσιον πονέεσθαι
 δῆριν ἀνὰ στονόεσσαν· Ἄρης δ' οὐ λῆγε φόνοιο
 λευγαλέου, πάντη δὲ πέριξ ἐφορύνετο γαῖα 485
 αἵματος ἐκχυμένοι· μέλας δ' ἐπετέρπετ' Ὀλεθρος·
 στείνετο δὲ κταμένων πεδίου μέγα θ' ἵππόβοτόν τε,
 ὅππῃ σὸν ἀμφὶ ῥοαῖς Σιμόεις καὶ Ξάνθος ἔεργει
 Ἰδηθεν κατιόντες ἐς ἱερὸν Ἑλλάσποντον.

Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ πολλὴ μὲν ἄδην μηκύνετο δῆρις 490
 μαρναμένων, ἴσον δὲ μένος τέτατ' ἀμφοτέροισι,
 δὴ τότε τοὺς γ' ἀπάνευθεν Ὀλύμπιοι εἰσορόωντες,
 οἱ μὲν θυμὸν ἔτερπον ἀτειρέϊ Πηλείωνι,

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Now close beneath the corslet curious-wrought
That lapped the stalwart frame: hard, fast they
 lunged,

And on their shoulders clashed the arms divine.
Roared to the very heavens the battle-shout
Of warring men, of Trojans, Aethiops,
And Argives mighty-hearted, while the dust
Rolled up from 'neath their feet, tossed to the sky
In stress of battle-travail great and strong.

As when a mist enshrouds the hills, what time
Roll up the rain-clouds, and the torrent-beds
Roar as they fill with rushing floods, and howls
Each gorge with fearful voices; shepherds quake
To see the waters' downrush and the mist,
Screen dear to wolves and all the wild fierce things
Nursed in the wide arms of the forest; so
Around the fighters' feet the choking dust
Hung, hiding the fair splendour of the sun
And darkening all the heaven. Sore distressed
With dust and deadly conflict were the folk.
Then with a sudden hand some Blessèd One
Swept the dust-pall aside; and the Gods saw
The deadly Fates hurling the charging lines
Together, in the unending wrestle locked
Of that grim conflict, saw where never ceased
Ares from hideous slaughter, saw the earth
Crimsoned all round with rushing streams of blood,
Saw where dark Havoc gloated o'er the scene,
Saw the wide plain with corpses heaped, even all
Bounded 'twixt Simois and Xanthus, where
They sweep from Ida down to Hellespont.

But when long lengthened out the conflict was
Of those two champions, and the might of both
In that strong tug and strain was equal-matched,
Then, gazing from Olympus' far-off heights,
The Gods joyed, some in the invincible son
Of Peleus, others in the goodly child

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οἱ δ' ἄρα Τιθωνοῖο καὶ Ἑοῦς νιέει δίω.
 ὑψόθι δ' οὐρανὸς εὐρύς ἐπέβραχεν· ἀμφὶ δὲ πόντος 495
 ἴαχε· κυανὴ δὲ πέριξ ἐλελίζετο γαῖα
 ἀμφοτέρων ὑπὸ ποσσὶ· περιτρομέοντο δὲ πᾶσαι
 ἀμφὶ Θέτιν Νηρῆος ὑπερθύμοιο θύγατρῃς
 ὀβρίμου ἀμφ' Ἀχιλῆος ἰδ' ἄσπετα δειμαίνοντο·
 δειδιε δ' Ἑριγένεια φίλῳ περὶ παιδὶ καὶ αὐτῇ 500
 ἵπποις ἐμβεβαυῖα δι' αἰθέρος· αἱ δὲ οἱ ἄγχι
 Ἑλίοιο θύγατρῃς ἐθάμβεον ἐστηνῖαι
 θεσπέσιον περὶ κύκλον, ὃν ἡελίῳ ἀκάμαντι
 Ζεὺς πόρεν εἰς ἐνιαυτὸν εὖν δρόμον, ᾧ περὶ πάντα 505
 ζῶει τε φθινύθει τε περιπλομένοιο κατ' ἡμᾶρ
 νωλεμέως αἰῶνος ἐλισσομένων ἐνιαυτῶν.
 καὶ νῦν κε δὴ μακάρεσσιν ἀμείλιχος ἔμπεσε δῆρις,
 εἰ μὴ ὑπ' ἐννεσίησι Διὸς μεγαλοβρεμέταο
 δοιαὶ ἄρ' ἀμφοτέροισι θοῶς ἐκύτερθε παρέσταν
 Κῆρες, ἐρεμναίῃ μὲν ἔβη ποτὶ Μέμνονος ἦτορ, 510
 φαιδρῇ δ' ἀμφ' Ἀχιλῆα δαΐφρονα· τοὶ δ' ἐσιδόντες
 ἀθάνατοι μέγ' αὔσαν, ἄφαρ δ' ἔλε τοὺς μὲν ἀνίη
 λευγαλέη, τοὺς δ' ἠῦ καὶ ἀγλαὸν ἔλλαβε χάρμα.
 Ἥρωες δ' ἐμάχοντο καθ' αἱματόεντα κυδοιμὸν
 ἔμπεδον, οὐδέ τι Κῆρας ἐποιοχόμενας ἐνόησαν 515
 θυμὸν καὶ μέγα κάρτος ἐπ' ἀλλήλοισι φέροντες·
 φαίης κε στονοέοντα κατὰ μόθου ἡματι κείνῳ
 μάρνασθ' ἠὲ Γίγαντας ἀτειρέας ἠὲ κραταιοὺς
 Τιτῆνας· σθεναρὴ γὰρ ἐπὶ σφισι δῆρις ὀρώρει,
 ἡμὲν ὅτε ξιφέεσσι συνέδραμον, ἡδ' ὅτε λᾶας 520
 βάλλον ἐπεσσύμενοι περιμήκεας· οὐδέ τις αὐτῶν
 χάζετο βαλλομένων, οὐδ' ἔτρεσαν, ἀλλ' ἄτε πρῶνες
 ἔστασαν ἀδμηῆτες καταεῖμενοι ἄσπετον ἀλκῆν·
 ἀμφῳ γὰρ μέγαλοιο Διὸς γένος εὐχετόωντο·

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Of old Tithonus and the Queen of Dawn.
Thundered the heavens on high from east to west,
And roared the sea from verge to verge, and rocked
The dark earth 'neath the heroes' feet, and quaked
Proud Nereus' daughters all round Thetis thronged
In grievous fear for mighty Achilles' sake ;
And trembled for her son the Child of the Mist
As in her chariot through the sky she rode.
Marvelled the Daughters of the Sun, who stood
Near her, around that wondrous splendour-ring
Traced for the race-course of the tireless sun
By Zeus, the limit of all Nature's life
And death, the daily round that maketh up
The eternal circuit of the rolling years.
And now amongst the Blessed bitter feud
Had broken out ; but by behest of Zeus
The twin Fates suddenly stood beside these twain,
One dark—her shadow fell on Memnon's heart ;
One bright—her radiance haloed Peleus' son.
And with a great cry the Immortals saw,
And filled with sorrow they of the one part were,
They of the other with triumphant joy
Still in the midst of blood-stained battle-rout
Those heroes fought, unknowing of the Fates
Now drawn so nigh, but each at other hurled
His whole heart's courage, all his bodily might.
Thou hadst said that in the strife of that dread day
Huge tireless Giants or strong Titans warred,
So fiercely blazed the wildfire of their strife,
Now, when they clashed with swords, now when they
leapt
Hurling huge stones. Nor either would give back
Before the hail of blows, nor quailed. They stood
Like storm-tormented headlands steadfast, clothed
With might past words, unearthly ; for the twain
Alike could boast their lineage of high Zeus.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

τούνεκ' ἄρα σφίσι δῆριν ἴσην ἐτάνυσσεν Ἐνυὸν 525
 πολλὸν ἐρειδομένοισιν ἐπὶ χρόνον ἐν δαῖ κείνῃ,
 αὐτοῖς ἠδ' ἐτάροισιν ἀταρβέσιν, οἱ μετ' ἀνάκτων
 νωλεμέως πονέοντο μεμαότες, ἄχρι καμόντων
 αἰχμαὶ ἀνεγνάμφθησαν ἐν ἀσπίσιν· οὐδέ τις ἦεν
 θεινομένων ἐκάτερθεν ἀνούτατος, ἀλλ' ἄρα πάντων 530
 ἐκ μελέων εἰς οὐδας ἀπέρρεεν αἶμα καὶ ἰδρῶς
 αἰὲν ἐρειδομένων, κεκαλυπτο δὲ γαῖα νέκυσσιν
 οὐρανὸς ὡς νεφέεσσιν ἐς αἰγοκερῆα κιόντος
 ἡελίου, ὅτε πόντον ὑποτρομέει μέγα ναύτης.
 τοὺς δ' ἴπποι χρεμέθοντες ἐπεσσυμένοις ἅμα λαοῖς 535
 τεθνεότας στείβεσκον, ἄτ' ἄσπετα φύλλα κατ'
 ἄλσος

χείματος ἀρχομένου μετὰ τηλεθώσαν ὀπώρην.

Οἱ δὲ πον ἐν νεκύεσσι καὶ αἵματι δηριόωντο
 υἷης μακάρων ἐρικυδέες, οὐδ' ἀπέληγον
 ἀλλήλοισ κοτέοντες· Ἔρις δ' ἴθυνε τάλαντα 540
 ὑσμίνης ἀλεγεινά, τὰ δ' οὐκ ἔτι ἴσα πέλοντο·
 ἀλλ' ἄρα Μέμνονα δίον ὑπὸ στέρνοιο θέμεθλα
 Πηλείδης οὔτησε· τὸ δ' ἀντικρὺ μέλαν ἄορ
 ἐξέθορεν· τοῦ δ' αἶψα λύθη πολύηρατος αἰών·
 κάππεσε δ' ἐς μέλαν αἶμα, βράχεν δὲ οἱ ἄσπετα
 τεύχη· 545

γαῖα δ' ὑπεσμαράγησε, καὶ ἀμφεφόβηθεν ἑταῖροι·
 τὸν δ' ἄρα Μυρμιδόνες μὲν ἐσύλεον· ἀμφὶ δὲ Τρῶες
 φεῦγον· ὁ δ' αἶψα δίωκε μένος μέγα λαίλαπι ἴσος.

Ἦὼς δ' ἐστονάχῃσε καλυψαμένη νεφέεσσιν·
 ἠχλύνηθ' ἄρα γαῖα. Ἑοοὶ δ' ἅμα πάντες ἀῆται 550
 μητρὸς ἐφημοσύνησι μίῃ φορέοντο κελεύθῳ

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Therefore 'twixt these Enyo lengthened out
The even-balanced strife, while ever they
In that grim wrestle strained their uttermost,
They and their dauntless comrades, round their
kings

With ceaseless fury toiling, till their spears
Stood shivered all in shields of warriors slain,
And of the fighters woundless none remained ;
But from all limbs streamed down into the dust
The blood and sweat of that unresting strain
Of fight, and earth was hidden with the dead,
As heaven is hidden with clouds when meets the sun
The Goat-star, and the shipman dreads the deep.
As charged the lines, the snorting chariot-steeds
Trampled the dead, as on the myriad leaves
Ye trample in the woods at entering-in
Of winter, when the autumn-tide is past.

Still mid the corpses and the blood fought on
Those glorious sons of Gods, nor ever ceased
From wrath of fight. But Eris now inclined
The fatal scales of battle, which no more
Were equal-poised. Beneath the breast-bone then
Of godlike Memnon plunged Achilles' sword ;
Clear through his body all the dark-blue blade
Leapt : suddenly snapped the silver cord of life.
Down in a pool of blood he fell, and clashed
His massy armour, and earth rang again.
Then turned to flight his comrades panic-struck,
And of his arms the Myrmidons stripped the dead,
While fled the Trojans, and Achilles chased,
As whirlwind swift and mighty to destroy.

Then groaned the Dawn, and palled herself in
clouds,
And earth was darkened. At their mother's hest
All the light Breathings of the Dawn took hands,
And slid down one long stream of sighing wind

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἐς πεδίον Πριάμοιο καὶ ἀμφεχέοντο θανόντι,
 ἦκα δ' ἀνηρείψαντο θοῶς Ἡώιον νῖα,
 καὶ ἐ φέρου πολιοῖο δι' ἠέρος· ἄχλυτο δέ σφι
 θυμὸς ἀδελφειοῖο δεδουπότος· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αἰθήρ 555
 ἔστυνε. τοῦ δ' ἐπὶ γαίαν ὄσαι πέσον αἱματόεσσαι
 ἐκ μελέων ῥαθάμιγγες, ἐν ἀνθρώποισι τέτυκται
 σῆμα καὶ ἐσσομένοις· τὰς γὰρ θεοὶ ἄλλοθεν ἄλλην
 εἰς ἐν ἀγειράμενοι ποταμὸν θέσαν ἠχήμεντα,
 τὸν ῥά τε Παφλαγόνειον ἐπιχθόνιοι καλέουσι 560
 πάντες, ὅσοι ναίουσι μακρῆς ὑπὸ δειράσιν Ἰδης·
 ὅς τε καὶ αἱματόεις τραφερὴν ἐπινίσσεται αἶαν,
 ὅππότε Μέμνονος ἦμαρ ἔη λυγρόν, ᾧ ἐνὶ κείνος
 κάτθανε· λένυγαλή δὲ καὶ ἄσχετος ἔσσυται ὀδμῆ
 ἐξ ὕδατος· φαίης κεν ἔθ' ἔλκεος οὐλομένοιο 565
 πυθομένους ἰχῶρας ἀποπνεῖειν ἀλεγεινόν.
 ἀλλὰ τὸ μὲν βουλῆσι θεῶν γένεθ'· οἱ δ' ἐπέτοντο
 Ἡοῦς ὄβριμον νῖα θοοὶ φορέοντες ἀῆται
 τυτθὸν ὑπὲρ γαίης δνοφερῆ κεκαλυμμένον ὄρφη.
 Οὐδὲ μὲν Αἰθιοπῆες ἀποκταμένοιο ἄνακτος 570
 νόσφιν ἀπεπλάγχθησαν, ἐπεὶ θεὸς αἶψα καὶ
 αὐτοὺς
 ἦγε λιλαιομένοισι βαλὼν τάχος, οἶον ἔμελλον
 οὐ μετὰ δηρὸν ἔχοντες ἐπηέριοι φορέεσθαι·
 τοῦνεχ' ἔποντ' ἀνέμοισιν ὀδυρόμενοι βασιλῆα.
 ὡς δ' ὅταν ἀγρευτῆρος ἐνὶ ξυλόχοισι δαμέντος 575
 ἦ σὺς ἢ ἢ λέοντος ὑπὸ βλοσυρῆσι γένυσσι
 σῶμ' ἀναειρόμενοι μογεροὶ φορέουσιν ἑταῖροι
 ἀχνύμενοι, μετὰ δέ σφι κύνες ποθέοντες ἄνακτα
 κνυζηθμῶ ἐφέπονται ἀνιηρῆς ἔνεκ' ἄγρης·
 ὡς οἱ γε προλιπόντες ἀνηλέα δηιοτήτα 580
 λαιψηροῖς ἐφέποντο μέγα στενάχοντες ἀῆται

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To Priam's plain, and floated round the dead,
And softly, swiftly caught they up, and bare
Through silver mists the Dawn-queen's son, with
hearts

Sore aching for their brother's fall, while moaned
Around them all the air. As on they passed,
Fell many blood-gouts from those piercèd limbs
Down to the earth, and these were made a sign
To generations yet to be. The Gods
Gathered them up from many lands, and made
Thereof a far-resounding river, named
Of all that dwell beneath long Ida's flanks
Paphlagoneion. As its waters flow
'Twi't fertile acres, once a year they turn
To blood, when comes the woeful day whereon
Died Memnon. Thence a sick and choking reek
Steams: thou wouldst say that from a wound
unhealed

Corrupting humours breathed an evil stench.
Ay, so the Gods ordained: but now flew on
Bearing Dawn's mighty son the rushing winds
Skimming earth's face and palled about with night.

Nor were his Aethiopian comrades left
To wander of their King forlorn: a God
Suddenly winged those eager souls with speed
Such as should soon be theirs for ever, changed
To flying fowl, the children of the air.
Wailing their King in the winds' track they sped.
As when a hunter mid the forest-brakes
Is by a boar or grim-jawed lion slain,
And now his sorrowing friends take up the corse,
And bear it heavy-hearted; and the hounds
Follow low-whimpering, pining for their lord
In that disastrous hunting lost; so they
Left far behind that stricken field of blood,
And fast they followed after those swift winds

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἀχλύϊ θεσπεσίῃ κεκαλυμμένοι. ἀμφὶ δὲ Τρῶες
καὶ Δαναοὶ θάμβησαν ἅμα σφετέρῳ βασιλῆι
πάντας αἰστωθέντας, ἀπειρεσίῃ δ' ἀνὰ θυμὸν
ἀμφασίῃ βεβόληντο. νέκυν δ' ἀκάμαντες ἀῆται 585
Μέμνονος ἀγχεμάχοιο θέσαν βαρέα στενάχοντες
πὰρ ποταμοῖο ρέεθρα βαθυρρόου Αἰσῆποιο,
ἧχί τε Νυμφάων καλλιπλοκάμων πέλει ἄλσος
καλόν, ὃ δὴ μετόπισθε μακρὸν περὶ σῆμα βάλοντο
Αἰσηποῖο θύγατρει ἄδην πεπυκασμένον ὕλη 590
παντοίῃ· καὶ πολλὰ θεαὶ περικωκύσαντο,
υἷα κυδαίνουσαι ἐϋθρόνου Ἑριγενείης.

Δύσετο δ' ἠελίοιο φάος· κατὰ δ' ἤλυθεν Ἥως
οὐρανόθεν κλαίουσα φίλον τέκος, ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῇ
κούραι ἐϋπλόκαμοι δυοκαίδεκα, τῆσι μέμηλεν 595
αἰὲν ἐλισσομένου Ὑπερίονος αἰπὰ κέλευθα
νύξ τε καὶ ἠριγένεια καὶ ἐκ Διὸς ὀππόσα βουλῆς
γίνεται, οὐ περὶ δῶμα καὶ ἀρρήκτους πυλεῶνας
στρωφῶντ' ἔνθα καὶ ἔνθα περίξ λυκάβαντα
φέρουσαι

καρποῖσι βρίθοντα κυλινδομένου περὶ κύκλου 600
χειμῶνος κρυεροῖο καὶ εἶαρος ἀνθεμόεντος
ἠδὲ θέρευς ἐρατοῖο πολυσταφύλοιό τ' ὀπώρης.
αἱ τότε δὴ κατέβησαν ἀπ' αἰθέρος ἠλιβάτοιο
ἄσπετ' ὀδυρόμεναι περὶ Μέμνονα, σὺν δ' ἄρα τῆσι
Πληιάδες μύροντο· περίαχε δ' οὔρεα μακρὰ 605
καὶ ῥόος Αἰσῆποιο· γόος δ' ἄλληκτος ὀρώρει.
ἠ δ' ἄρ' ἐνὶ μέσσησιν ἐῶ περὶ παιδὶ χυθεῖσα
μακρὸν ἀνεστονάχησε πολύστονος Ἑριγένεια·
“ ὦλεό μοι, φίλε τέκνον, ἐῆ δ' ἄρα μητέρι πένθος
ἀργαλέον περίθηκας· ἐγὼ δ' οὐ σεῖο δαμέντος 610
τλήσομαι ἀθανάτοισιν ἐπουρανίοισι φαείνειν,
ἀλλὰ καταχθονίων ἐσδύσομαι αἰνὰ βέρεθρα,

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With multitudinous moaning, veiled in mist
Unearthly. Trojans over all the plain
And Danaans marvelled, seeing that great host
Vanishing with their King. All hearts stood still
In dumb amazement. But the tireless winds
Sighing set hero Memnon's giant corpse
Down by the deep flow of Aesopus' stream,
Where is a fair grove of the bright-haired Nymphs,
The which round his long barrow afterward
Aesopus' daughters planted, screening it
With many and manifold trees: and long and loud
Wailed those Immortals, chanting his renown,
The son of the Dawn-goddess splendour-throned.

Now sank the sun: the Lady of the Morn
Wailing her dear child from the heavens came down.
Twelve maidens shining-tressed attended her,
The warders of the high paths of the sun
For ever circling, warders of the night
And dawn, and each world-ordinance framed of
Zeus,

Around whose mansion's everlasting doors
From east to west they dance, from west to east,
Whirling the wheels of harvest-laden years, 600
While rolls the endless round of winter's cold,
And flowery spring, and lovely summer-tide,
And heavy-clustered autumn. These came down
From heaven, for Memnon wailing wild and high;
And mourned with these the Pleiads. Echoed
round

Far-stretching mountains, and Aesopus' stream.
Ceaseless uprose the keen, and in their midst,
Fallen on her son and clasping, wailed the Dawn;
"Dead art thou, dear, dear child, and thou hast clad
Thy mother with a pall of grief. Oh, I,
Now thou art slain, will not endure to light
The Immortal Heavenly Ones! No, I will plunge

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ψυχὴ ὄπου σέο νόσφιν ἀποφθιμένοιο ποτᾶται,
 [γαίαν ἀμαυρώσουσα καὶ οὐρανὸν ἠδὲ θάλασσαν]
 πάντ' ἐπικιδναμένου χάεος καὶ ἀεικέος ὄρφνης,
 ὄφρα τι καὶ Κρονίδαο περὶ φρένας ἄλγος ἴκηται· 615
 οὐ γὰρ ἀτιμοτέρη Νηρηίδος ἐκ Διὸς αὐτοῦ
 πάντ' ἐπιδερκομένη, πάντ' ἐς τέλος ἄχρισ ἄγουσα·
 μαψιδίως γὰρ ἐμὸν φάος οὐ νῦν ὠπίσατο Ζεὺς.
 τοῦνεχ' ὑπὸ ζόφον εἶμι· Θέτιν δ' ἐς Ὀλυμπον
 ἀγέσθω

ἐξ ἀλός, ὄφρα θεοῖσι καὶ ἀνθρώποισι φαείνη· 620
 αὐτὰρ ἐμοὶ στονύεσσα μετ' οὐρανὸν εὐαδεν ὄρφνη,
 μὴ δὴ σεῖο φονῆι φάος περὶ σῶμα βάλοιμι.”

“Ὡς φαμένης ῥέε δάκρυ κατ' ἀμβροσίοιο προσ-
 ὄπου

ἀενάφ ποταμῶ ἐναλίγκιον· ἀμφὶ δὲ νεκρῶ
 δεύετο γαῖα μέλαινα· συνάχυντο δ' ἀμβροσίη Νύξ 625
 παιδὶ φίλῃ, καὶ πάντα κατέκρυφεν οὐρανόσ' ἄστρα
 ἀχλύϊ καὶ νεφέεσσι φέρων χάριν Ἐριγενείῃ.

Τρῶες δ' ἄστεος ἔνδον ἔσαν περὶ Μέμνονι θυμὸν
 ἀχνύμενοι· πόθεον γὰρ ὁμῶς ἐτάροισιν ἀνακτα.
 οὐδὲ μὲν Ἄργεῖοι μέγ' ἐγήθεον, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτοὶ 630
 ἐν πεδίῳ κταμένοιισι παρ' ἀνδράσιν αὐλιν ἔχοντες
 ἄμφω εὐμμελίην μὲν Ἀχιλλέα κυδαίνεσκον,
 Ἄντίλοχον δ' ἄρα κλαῖον· ἔχον δ' ἅμα χάρματι
 πένθος.

Παννυχίη δ' ἀλεγεινὸν ἀνεστονάχιζε γοῶσα
 Ἥως· ἀμφὶ δὲ οἱ κέχυντο ζόφος· οὐδέ τι θυμῶ 635
 ἀντολῆς ἀλέγιζε, μέγαν δ' ἤχθηρεν Ὀλυμπον.
 ἄγχι δὲ οἱ μάλα πολλὰ ποδώκεες ἔστενον ἵπποι
 γαίαν ἐπιστεῖβοντες ἀηθέα, καὶ βασίλειαν
 ἀχνυμένην ὀρόωντες, ἐελδόμενοι μέγα νόστου.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK II

Down to the dread depths of the underworld,
Where thy lone spirit flitteth to and fro,
And will to blind night leave earth, sky, and sea,
Till Chaos and formless darkness brood o'er all,
That Cronos' Son may also learn what means
Anguish of heart. For not less worship-worthy
Than Nereus' Child, by Zeus's ordinance,
Am I, who look on all things, I, who bring
All to their consummation. Recklessly
My light Zeus now despiseth ! Therefore I
Will pass into the darkness. Let him bring
Up to Olympus Thetis from the sea
To hold for him light forth to Gods and men !
My sad soul loveth darkness more than day,
Lest I pour light upon thy slayer's head."

Thus as she cried, the tears ran down her face
Immortal, like a river brimming aye :
Drenched was the dark earth round the corse The
Night

Grieved in her daughter's anguish, and the heaven
Drew over all his stars a veil of mist
And cloud, of love unto the Lady of Light.

Meanwhile within their walls the Trojan folk
For Memnon sorrowed sore, with vain regret
Yearning for that lost king and all his host.
Nor greatly joyed the Argives, where they lay
Camped in the open plain amidst the dead.
There, mingled with Achilles' praise, uprose
Wails for Antilochus : joy clasped hands with grief.

All night in groans and sighs most pitiful
The Dawn-queen lay : a sea of darkness moaned
Around her. Of the dayspring nought she recked :
She loathed Olympus' spaces. At her side
Fretted and whinnied still her fleetfoot steeds,
Trampling the strange earth, gazing at their Queen
Grief-stricken, yearning for the fiery course.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Ζεὺς δ' ἄμοτον βρόντησε χολουμενος, ἀμφὶ δὲ
γαῖα

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κινήθη περὶ πᾶσα· τρόμος δ' ἔλεν ἄμβροτον Ἥω.

Τὸν δ' ἄρα καρπαλίμως μελανόχρους Αἰθιοπῆες
θάψαν ὀδυρόμενοι· τοὺς δ' Ἑριγένεια βοῶπις
πόλλ' ὀλοφυρομένους κρατεροῦ περὶ σήματι
παιδὸς

οἰωνοὺς ποίησε καὶ ἠέρι δῶκε φέρεσθαι,

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τοὺς καὶ νῦν καλέουσι βροτῶν ἀπερείσια φῦλα
Μέμνονας· οἷ ῥ' ἐπὶ τύμβον ἔτι σφετέρου
Βασιλῆος

ἔσσύμενοι γοῶσι κόνιν καθύπερθε χέοντες
σήματος· ἀλλήλοις δὲ περικλονέουσι κυδοιμὸν
Μέμνονι ἦρα φέροντες· ὁ δ' εἶν Ἀΐδαο δόμοισιν
ἠέ που ἐν μακάρεσσι κατ' Ἥλύσιον πέδον αἴης
καγχαλάα· καὶ θυμὸν ἰαίνεται ἄμβροτος Ἥως
δερκομένη· τοῖσιν δὲ πέλει πόνος ἄχρι καμόντες
εἷς ἓνα δηώσωνται ἀνὰ κλόνον, ἠὲ καὶ ἄμφω
πότμον ἀναπλήσωσι πονεύμενοι ἀμφὶς ἄνακτα.

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Καὶ τὰ μὲν ἐννεσίησι φαεσφόρου Ἑριγενείης
οἰωνοὶ τελέουσι θοοί· τότε δ' ἄμβροτος Ἥως
οὐρανὸν εἰσανόρουσεν ὁμῶς πολυαλδέσιν Ὠραῖς,
αἷ ῥά μιν οὐκ ἐθέλουσαν ἀνήγαγον ἐς Διὸς οὔδας
παρφάμεναι μύθοισιν, ὅσοις βαρὺ πένθος ὑπέικει,
καίπερ ἔτ' ἀχθυμένην· ἠ δ' οὐ λάθεθ' οἶο δρόμοιο·
δεΐδιε γὰρ δὴ Ζηνὸς ἄδην ἄλληκτον ἐνιπήν,
ἔξ οὔ πάντα πέλονται, ὅσ' ὤκεανοῖο ῥέεθρα
ἐντὸς ἔχει καὶ γαῖα καὶ αἰθομένων ἔδος ἄστρον.
τῆς ἄρα Πληιάδες πρότεραι ἴσαν· ἠ δὲ καὶ αὐτῆ
αἰθερίας ὠῖξε πύλας, ἐκέδασσε δ' ἄρ' αἴγλην.

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THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK II

Suddenly crashed the thunder of the wrath
Of Zeus; rocked round her all the shuddering earth,
And on immortal Eos trembling came.

Swiftly the dark-skinned Aethiops from her sight
Buried their lord lamenting. As they wailed
Unceasingly, the Dawn-queen lovely-eyed
Changed them to birds sweeping through air around
The barrow of the mighty dead. And these
Still do the tribes of men "The Memnons" call;
And still with wailing cries they dart and wheel
Above their king's tomb, and they scatter dust
Down on his grave, still shrill the battle-cry,
In memory of Memnon, each to each.

But he in Hades' mansions, or perchance
Amid the Blessed on the Elysian Plain,
Laugheth. Divine Dawn comforteth her heart
Beholding them: but theirs is toil of strife
Unending, till the weary victors strike
The vanquished dead, or one and all fill up
The measure of their doom around his grave.

So by command of Eos, Lady of Light,
The swift birds dree their weird. But Dawn divine
Now heavenward soared with the all-fostering
Hours,

Who drew her to Zeus' threshold, sorely loth,
Yet conquered by their gentle pleadings, such
As salve the bitterest grief of broken hearts.
Nor the Dawn-queen forgot her daily course,
But quailed before the unbending threat of Zeus,
Of whom are all things, even all comprised
Within the encircling sweep of Ocean's stream,
Earth and the palace-dome of burning stars.
Before her went her Pleiad-harbingers,
Then she herself flung wide the ethereal gates,
And, scattering spray of splendour, flashed there-
through.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΤΡΙΤΟΣ

Αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ φάος ἦλθεν εὐθρόνου Ἐριγενείης,
δὴ τότε ἄρ' Ἀντιλόχοιο νέκυν ποτὶ νῆας ἔνεικαν
αἰχμηταὶ Πύλιοι μεγάλα στενάχοντες ἄνακτα
καὶ μιν ταρχύσαντο παρ' ἠόσιον Ἑλλησπόντου
πολλὰ μάλ' ἀχνύμενοι· περὶ δ' ἔστενον ὄβριμοι
υῖες

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Ἀργείων· πάντας γὰρ ἀμείλιχον ἄμφεχε πένθος
Νέστορι ἦρα φέροντας· ὁ δ' οὐ μέγα δάμνατο
θυμῶ·

ἄνδρὸς γὰρ πινυτοῖο περὶ φρεσὶ τλήμεναι ἄλγος
θαρσαλέως καὶ μή τι κατηφιῶντ' ἀκάχησθαι.

Πηλείδης δ' ἐτάριοιο χολούμενος Ἀντιλόχοιο
σμερδνὸν ἐπὶ Τρώεσσι κορύσσετο· τοὶ δὲ καὶ
αὐτοὶ

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καίπερ ὑποτρομέοντες εὐμμελίην Ἀχιλῆα
τείχεος ἐξεχέοντο μεμαότες, οὐνεκ' ἄρα σφι
Κῆρες ἐνὶ στέρνοισι θράσος βάλλον· ἦ γὰρ ἔμελλον
πολλοὶ ἀνοστήτιο κατελθέμεν Ἀΐδουῆος

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χερσὶν ὑπ' Αἰακίδαο δαΐφρονος, ὅς ῥα καὶ αὐτὸς
φθεισθαι ὁμῶς ἤμελλε παρὰ Πριάμοιο πόλῃ.
αἶψα δ' ἄρ' ἀμφοτέρωθε συνήλυθον εἰς ἓνα χῶρον
Τρώων ἔθνεα πολλὰ μενεπτολέμων τ' Ἀργείων
μαιμῶωντ' ἐς Ἄρῃα διεγρομένου πολέμοιο.

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Πηλείδης δ' ἐν τοῖσι πολὺν περιδάμνατο λαὸν
δυσμενέων· πάντῃ δὲ φερέσβιος αἵματι γαῖα

BOOK III

*How by the shaft of a God laid low was Hero
Achilles*

WHEN shone the light of Dawn the splendour-
throned,

Then to the ships the Pylian spearmen bore
Antilochus' corpse, sore sighing for their prince,
And by the Hellespont they buried him
With aching hearts. Around him groaning stood
The battle-eager sons of Argives, all,
Of love for Nestor, shrouded o'er with grief.
But that grey hero's heart was nowise crushed
By sorrow; for the wise man's soul endures
Bravely, and cowers not under affliction's stroke.
But Peleus' son, wroth for Antilochus
His dear friend, armed for vengeance terrible
Upon the Trojans. Yea, and these withal,
Despite their dread of mighty Achilles' spear,
Poured battle-eager forth their gates, for now
The Fates with courage filled their breasts, of whom
Many were doomed to Hades to descend,
Whence there is no return, thrust down by hands
Of Aeacus' son, who also was foredoomed
To perish that same day by Priam's wall.
Swift met the fronts of conflict: all the tribes
Of Troy's host, and the battle-biding Greeks,
Afire with that new-kindled fury of war.

Then through the foe the son of Peleus made
Wide havoc: all around the earth was drenched

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

δεύετο, καὶ νεκύεσσι περιστύνοντο ῥέεθρα
 Ξάνθου καὶ Σιμόεντος· ὁ δ' ἐσπόμενος κεραίῳζε
 μέχρις ἐπὶ πτολίεθρον, ἐπεὶ φόβος ἄμφεχε λαούς. 25
 καὶ νύ κε πάντα ὄλεσσε, πύλας δ' εἰς οὐδας
 ἔρεισε

θαιρῶν ἐξερύσας, ἧ καὶ συνέαξεν ὀχῆας
 δόχμιος ἐγχριμφθείς, Δαναοῖσι δὲ θῆκε κέλευθον
 ἐς Πριάμοιο πόλῃα, διέπραθε δ' ὄλβιον ἄστν,
 εἰ μὴ οἱ μέγα Φοῖβος ἀνηλέϊ χώσατο θυμῷ, 30
 ὡς ἴδεν ἄσπετα φύλα δαΐκταμένων ἠρώων.

αἶψα δ' ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο κατήλυθε θηρὶ εἰοικῶς
 ἰοδόκην ὤμοισιν ἔχων καὶ ἀναλθέας ἰούς·
 ἔστη δ' Αἰακίδαο καταντίον· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῷ
 γωρυτὸς καὶ τόξα μέγ' ἴαχεν· ἐκ δὲ οἱ ὄσσων 35
 πῦρ ἄμοτον μάρμαιρε· ποσὶν δ' ὑπεκίνντο γαῖα.

σμερδαλέον δ' ἠῦσε μέγας θεός, ὄφρ' Ἀχιλλῆα
 τρέψῃ ἀπὸ πτολέμοιο θεοῦ ὅπα ταρβήσαντα
 θεσπεσίην, καὶ Τρῶας ὑπέκ θανάτοιο σαώσῃ·
 “χάζεο, Πηλεΐδη, Τρώων ἐκός, οὐ γὰρ εἰοικεν 40
 οὐ σ' ἔτι δυσμενέεσσι κακὰς ἐπὶ κῆρας ἰάλλειν,
 μὴ σε καὶ ἀθανάτων τις ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο χαλέψῃ.”

“Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· ὁ δ' ἄρ' οὔτι θεοῦ τρέσειν ἄμβροτον
 αὐδὴν·

ἦδη γάρ οἱ Κῆρες ἀμείλιχοι ἀμφεποτῶντο·
 τοῦνεκ' ἄρ' οὐκ ἀλέγιζε θεοῦ, μέγα δ' ἴαχεν ἄντην· 45
 “Φοῖβε, τί ἦ με θεοῖσι καὶ οὐ μεμαῶτα μάχεσθαι
 ὀτρύνεις Τρώεσσιν ὑπερφιάλοισιν ἀμύνων;
 ἦδη γὰρ καὶ πρόσθε μ' ἀποστρέψας ὀρυμαγδοῦ
 ἠπαφες, ὀππότε πρῶτον ὑπεξεσάωσας ὀλέθρου
 Ἴεκτορα, τῷ μέγα Τρῶες ἀνὰ πτόλιν εὐχετόωντο. 50

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK III

With gore, and choked with corpses were the
streams

Of Simois and Xanthus. Still he chased,
Still slaughtered, even to the city's walls;
For panic fell on all the host. And now
All had he slain, had dashed the gates to earth,
Rending them from their hinges, or the bolts,
Hurling himself against them, had he snapped,
And for the Danaans into Priam's burg
Had made a way, had utterly destroyed
That goodly town—but now was Phoebus wroth
Against him with grim fury, when he saw
Those countless troops of heroes slain of him.
Down from Olympus with a lion-leap
He came: his quiver on his shoulders lay,
And shafts that deal the wounds incurable.
Facing Achilles stood he; round him clashed
Quiver and arrows; blazed with quenchless flame
His eyes, and shook the earth beneath his feet.
Then with a terrible shout the great God cried,
So to turn back from war Achilles awed
By the voice divine, and save from death the
Trojans:

“Back from the Trojans, Peleus' son! Beseems not
That longer thou deal death unto thy foes,
Lest an Olympian God abase thy pride.”

But nothing quailed the hero at the voice
Immortal, for that round him even now
Hovered the unrelenting Fates. He recked
Naught of the God, and shouted his defiance.
“Phoebus, why dost thou in mine own despite
Stir me to fight with Gods, and wouldst protect
The arrogant Trojans? Heretofore hast thou
By thy beguiling turned me from the fray,
When from destruction thou at the first didst save
Hector, whereat the Trojans all through Troy

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἄλλ' ἀναχάξεο τῆλε καὶ ἐς μακάρων ἔδος ἄλλων
ἔρχεο, μὴ σε βάλοιμι καὶ ἀθάνατόν περ ἔοντα."

"Ὡς εἰπὼν ἀπάτερθε θεὸν λίπε, βῆ δ' ἐπὶ
Τρῶας,

οἱ ῥ' ἔτι πού φεύγεσκον αἰὲ προπάροιθε πόλης,
καὶ τοὺς μὲν σεύεσκεν· ὁ δ' ἀσχαλόων ἐνὶ θυμῷ 55
Φοῖβος ἐὼν κατὰ θυμὸν ἔπος ποτὶ τοῖον ἔειπεν·

"ὦ πόποι, ὡς ὃ γε μαίνεται' ἀνὰ φρένας· ἀλλὰ οἱ
οὔτι

οὐδ' αὐτὸς Κρονίδης ἔτ' ἀλέξεται¹ οὔτε τις ἄλλος
οὔτω μαργαίνοντι καὶ ἀντιόωντι² θεοῖσιν."

"Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη, καὶ ἄιστος ὁμοῦ νεφέεσσιν ἐτύχθη· 60

ἡέρα δ' ἐσάμενος στυγερὸν προέηκε βέλεμνον,
καὶ ἐθοῶς οὔτησε κατὰ σφυρόν· αἶψα δ' ἀνῖαι
δύσαν ὑπὸ κραδίην· ὁ δ' ἀνετράπετ' ἠὔτε πύργος,

ὄν τε βίη τυφῶνος ὑποχθονίη στροφάλιγγι
ρήξῃ ὑπὲρ δαπέδοιο κραδαινομένης βαθὺ γαίης· 65
ὡς ἐκλίθη δέμας ἠὔ κατ' οὔδεος Αἰακίδαο.

ἀμφὶ δὲ παπτήνας ὄλοον καὶ * *

* * ἔπος ἀκράαντον ὁμόκλα·

" τίς νύ μοι αἰνὸν οἶστον ἐπιπροέηκε κρυφῆδόν;
τλήτω μευ κατέναντα καὶ εἰς ἀναφανδὸν ἰκέσθαι,
ὄφρα κέ οἱ μέλαν αἶμα καὶ ἔγκατα πάντα χυθείη 70
ἡμετέρῳ περὶ δουρὶ καὶ Ἄϊδα λυγρὸν ἴκηται·

οἶδα γὰρ ὡς οὔτις με δυνήσεται ἐγγύθεν ἔλθων
ἐγχείη δαμάσασθαι ἐπιχθονίων ἠρώων,

οὐδ' εἴπερ στέρνοισι μάλ' ἄτρομον ἦτορ ἔχῃσιν,
ἄτρομον ἦτορ ἔχῃσι λίην καὶ χάλκεος εἶη· 75

κρύβδα δ' ἀνάλκιδες αἰὲν ἀγαυοτέρους λοχόωσι.
τῷ μευ ἴτω κατέναντα, καὶ εἰ θεὸς εὔχεται εἶναι
χωόμενος Δαναοῖς, ἐπεὶ ἦ νύ μοι ἦτορ ἔολπεν
ἔμμεναι Ἀπόλλωνα λυγρῇ κεκαλυμμένον ὄρφνῃ.

¹ Zimmermann, for ἀλέξεται· οἱ ν.

² Zimmermann, for ἀντιόωντα.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK III

Exulted. Nay, thou get thee back : return
Unto the mansion of the Blessèd, lest
I smite thee—ay, immortal though thou be !”

Then on the God he turned his back, and sped
After the Trojans fleeing cityward,
And harried still their flight ; but wroth at heart
Thus Phoebus spake to his indignant soul :

“ Out on this man ! he is sense-bereft ! But now
Not Zeus himself nor any other Power
Shall save this madman who defies the Gods !”

From mortal sight he vanished into cloud,
And cloaked with mist a baleful shaft he shot
Which leapt to Achilles’ ankle : sudden pangs
With mortal sickness made his whole heart faint.

He reeled, and like a tower he fell, that falls
Smit by a whirlwind when an earthquake cleaves
A chasm for rushing blasts from underground ;
So fell the goodly form of Aecus’ son.

He glared, a murderous glance, to right, to left,
[Upon the Trojans, and a terrible threat]
Shouted, a threat that could not be fulfilled :

“ Who shot at me a stealthy-smiting shaft ?

Let him but dare to meet me face to face !

So shall his blood and all his bowels gush out
About my spear, and he be hellward sped !

I know that none can meet me man to man
And quell in fight—of earth-born heroes none,
Though such an one should bear within his breast
A heart unquailing, and have thews of brass.

But dastards still in stealthy ambush lurk
For lives of heroes. Let him face me then !—

Ay ! though he be a God whose anger burns
Against the Danaans ! Yea, mine heart forebodes
That this my smiter was Apollo, cloaked

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ὥς γάρ μοι τὸ πάροιθε φίλη διεπέφραδε μήτηρ 80
 κείνου ὑπαὶ βελέεσσιν οἰζυρῶς ἀπολέσθαι
 Σκαιῆς ἀμφὶ πύλῃσι· τὸ δ' οὐκ ἀνεμώλιον ἦεν.”

Ἦ καὶ λυγρὸν οἶστρον ἀμειλίκτοισι χέρεσσιν
 ἔλκεος ἐξείρυσσεν ἀναλθέος· ἐκ δέ οἱ αἶμα
 ἔσσυτο τειρομένοιο· πότμος δέ οἱ ἦτορ ἐδάμνα. 85
 ἀσχαλόων δ' ἔρριψε βέλος· τὸ δ' ἄρ' αἶψα
 κιοῦσαι

πνοιαὶ ἀνηρείψαντο, δοσαν δέ μιν Ἀπόλλωνι
 ἐς Διὸς οἰχομένῳ ζάθεον πέδον· οὐ γὰρ ἐώκει
 ἄμβροτον ἰὸν ὀλέσθαι ἀπ' ἀθανάτοιο μολόντα.
 δεξάμενος δ' ὃ γε κραιπνὸς ἀφίκετο μακρὸν
 Ὀλυμπον 90

ἄλλων ἀθανάτων ἐς ὀμήγυριν, ἧχι μάλιστα
 πανσυδίῃ ἀγέροντο μάχην ἐσορῶμενοι ἀνδρῶν·
 οἱ μὲν γὰρ Τρῶεσσι μενοίικτον εὐχος ὀρέξαι
 οἱ δ' αὐτ' Ἀργείοις, διὰ δ' ἀνδιχα μητιόωντες
 δέρκοντο κτείνοντας ἀνὰ μόθον ὀλλυμένους τε. 95

Τὸν δ' ὀπότη' εἰσενόησε Διὸς πινυτὴ παράκοιτις,
 αὐτίκα μιν νεῖκεσσεν ἀνηροῖς ἐπέεσσιν·
 “Φοῖβε, τί ἢ τόδ' ἔρεξας ἀτάσθαλον ἡματι τῷδε,
 λησάμενος κείνοιο, τὸν ἀθάνατοι γάμου αὐτοὶ
 ἀντιθέῳ Πηλῆϊ συνήρσαμεν; ἐν δὲ σὺ μέσσοις 100
 δαινυμένοις ἠεῖδες, ὅπως Θέτιν ἀργυρόπεζαν
 Πηλεὺς ἦγετ' ἄκοιτιν ἁλὸς μέγα λαῖτμα λι-
 ποῦσαν,

καί σευ φορμίζοντος ἐπήκειν ἀθρόα φύλα,
 θῆρες τ' οἰωνοὶ τε βαθυσκόπελοί τε κολῶναι
 καὶ ποταμοὶ καὶ πᾶσα βαθύσκιος ἦεν ὕλη. 105
 ἀλλὰ τά γ' ἐξελάθου, καὶ ἀμείλιχον ἔργον ἔρεξας
 κτείνας ἀνέρα δῖον, ὃν ἀθανάτοισι σὺν ἄλλοῖς
 νέκταρ ἀποσπένδων ἠρήσασα παῖδα γενέσθαι

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK III

In deadly darkness So in days gone by
My mother told me how that by his shafts
I was to die before the Scaean Gates
A piteous death. Her words were not vain words."

Then with unflinching hands from out the wound
Incurable he drew the deadly shaft
In agonized pain Forth gushed the blood ; his heart
Waxed faint beneath the shadow of coming doom.
Then in indignant wrath he hurled from him
The arrow : a sudden gust of wind swept by,
And caught it up, and, even as he trod
Zeus' threshold, to Apollo gave it back ;
For it beseemed not that a shaft divine,
Sped forth by an Immortal, should be lost.

He unto high Olympus swiftly came,
To the great gathering of immortal Gods,
Where all assembled watched the war of men,
These longing for the Trojans' triumph, those
For Danaan victory ; so with diverse wills
Watched they the strife, the slayers and the slain.

Him did the Bride of Zeus behold, and straight
Upbraided with exceeding bitter words :
" What deed of outrage, Phoebus, hast thou done
This day, forgetful of that day whereon
To godlike Peleus' spousals gathered all
The Immortals ? Yea, amidst the feasters thou
Sangest how Thetis silver-footed left
The sea's abysses to be Peleus' bride ;
And as thou harpedst all earth's children came
To hearken, beasts and birds, high craggy hills,
Rivers, and all deep-shadowed forests came.
All this hast thou forgotten, and hast wrought
A ruthless deed, hast slain a godlike man,
Albeit thou with other Gods didst pour
The nectar, praying that he might be the son
By Thetis given to Peleus. But that prayer

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ἐκ Θέτιδος Πηλῆι· τεῆς δ' ἐπελήσαο ἀρῆς
 ἦρα φέρων λαοῖσι κραταιοῦ Λαομέδοντος, 110
 ᾧ πάρα βουκολέεσκες· ὁ δ' ἀθάνατόν περ ἔοντα
 θνητὸς ἐὼν ἀκάχιζε· σὺ δ' ἀφρονέων ἐνὶ θυμῷ
 ἦρα φέρεις Τρώεσσι λελασμένος ὅσσ' ἐμόγησας.
 σχέτλιος, οὐ νύ τι οἶδας ἐνὶ φρεσὶ λευγαλέησιν,
 οὔθ' ὅτις ἀργαλέος καὶ ἐπάξιος ἄλγεα πάσχειν, 115
 οὔθ' ὅτις ἀθανάτοισι τετιμένος· ἦ γὰρ Ἀχιλλεὺς
 ἦπιος ἄμμι τέτυκτο καὶ ἐξ ἡμέων γένος ἦεν.
 ἀλλ' οὐ μὰν Τρώεσσιν ἐλαφρότερον πόνον οἶω
 ἔσσεσθ' Αἰακίδαο δεδουπότος, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτοῦ
 υἱὸς ἀπὸ Σκύριοιο θοῶς ἐς ἀπηνέα δῆριν 120
 Ἄργείοις ἐπαρωγὸς ἐλεύσεται εἵκελος ἀλκῆν
 πατρὶ ἐῷ· πολέσιν δὲ κακὸν δηίοισι πελάσσει.
 ἦ νυ σοὶ οὐ Τρώων ἐπιμέμβλεται, ἀλλ' Ἀχιλῆι
 ἀμφ' ἀρετῆς ἐμέγηρας, ἐπεὶ πέλε φέρτατος ἀν-
 δρῶν;
 νήπιε, πῶς ἔτι σοῖσιν ἐν ὄμμασι Νηρηίνην 125
 ὄψει ἐν ἀθανάτοισι Διὸς ποτὶ δώματ' ἰοῦσαν,
 ἦ σε πάρος κύδαινε καὶ ὡς φίλον ἔδρακεν υἱά;"
 Ἡ μέγα νεικείουσα πολυσθενέος Διὸς υἱά
 Ἡρῆ ἀκηχεμένη· ὁ δ' ἄρ' οὐκ ἀπαμείβετο μύθῳ·
 ἄζετο γὰρ παράκοιτιν ἐοῦ πατρὸς ἀκαμάτιο· 130
 οὐδέ οἱ ὀφθαλμοῖσι καταντίον εἰσοράασθαι
 ἔσθενεν, ἀλλ' ἀπάνευθε θεῶν ἄλληκτον ἔόντων
 ἦστο κατωπιόων· ἄμοτον δέ οἱ ἐσκύζοντο
 ἀθάνατοι κατ' Ὀλυμπον ὅσοι Δαναοῖσιν ἄμνον·
 ὅσσοι δ' αὖ Τρώεσσι μενοίνεον εὐχος ὀρέξαι, 135
 κείνοί μιν κύδαινον ἐνὶ φρεσὶ καγχαλόωντες
 κρύβδ' Ἡρῆς· πάντες γὰρ ἐναντίου Οὐρανίωνες
 ἄζοντ' ἀσχαλώωσαν. ὁ δ' οὔπω λήθετο θυμοῦ
 Πηλεΐδης· ἔτι γὰρ οἱ ἀμαιμακέτοις ἐνὶ γυίοις
 ἔξεεν αἷμα κελαινὸν ἐελδομένοιο μάχεσθαι. 140

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Hast thou forgotten, favouring the folk
Of tyrannous Laomedon, whose kine
Thou keptest. He, a mortal, did despite
To thee, the deathless! O, thou art wit-bereft!
Thou favourest Troy, thy sufferings all forgot.
Thou wretch, and doth thy false heart know not
this,

What man is an offence, and meriteth
Suffering, and who is honoured of the Gods?
Ever Achilles showed us reverence—yea,
Was of our race. Ha, but the punishment
Of Troy, I ween, shall not be lighter, though
Aeacus' son have fallen; for his son
Right soon shall come from Scyros to the war
To help the Argive men, no less in might
Than was his sire, a bane to many a foe.
But thou—thou for the Trojans dost not care,
But for his valour enviedst Peleus' son,
Seeing he was the mightiest of all men.
Thou fool! how wilt thou meet the Nereid's eyes,
When she shall stand in Zeus' hall midst the Gods,
Who praised thee once, and loved as her own son?"

So Hera spake, in bitterness of soul
Upbraiding, but he answered her not a word,
Of reverence for his mighty Father's bride;
Nor could he lift his eyes to meet her eyes,
But sat abashed, aloof from all the Gods
Eternal, while in unforgiving wrath
Scowled on him all the Immortals who maintained
The Danaans' cause; but such as fain would bring
Triumph to Troy, these with exultant hearts
Extolled him, hiding it from Hera's eyes,
Before whose wrath all Heaven-abiders shrank.

But Peleus' son the while forgot not yet
War's fury: still in his invincible limbs
The hot blood throbbed, and still he longed for fight.

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οὐδ' ἄρα οἱ Τρώων τις ἐτόλμα ἐγγὺς ἰκέσθαι
 Βλημένου, ἀλλ' ἀπάνευθεν ἀφέστασαν, εὔτε λέον-
 τος

ἀγρόται ἐν ξυλόχοισι τεθηπότες, ὃν τε βάλῃσι
 θηρητήρ, ὁ δ' ἄρ' οὔτι πεπαρμένος ἦτορ ἄκουτι
 λήθεται ἠνορέης, ἀλλὰ στρέφειτ' ἄγριον ὄμμα 145
 σμερδαλέον βλοσυρῆσιν ὑπαὶ γενύεσσι βεβρυχώς.
 ὡς ἄρα Πηλείδαο χόλος καὶ λοίγιον ἔλκος
 θυμὸν ἄδην ὀρόθυνε· θεοῦ δέ μιν ἰὸς ἐδάμνα.
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς ἀνόρουσε καὶ ἔνθορε δυσμενέεσσι
 πάλλων ὄβριμον ἔγχος· ἔλεν δ' Ὀρυθίαοι δῖον, 150
 Ἐκτορος ἐσθλὸν ἑταῖρον, ἔσω¹ κροτάφοιο τυχή-
 σας·

οὐ γάρ οἱ κόρυς ἔσχε μακρὸν δόρυ, μαιμώνωντος²
 ἀλλὰ δι' αὐτῆς αἶψα καὶ ὀστέου ἔνδον ἴκανε
 ἴνας ἐς ἐγκεφάλαιο, κέδασσε³ δέ οἱ θαλερὸν κῆρ.
 Ἴππόνοον δ' ἐδάμασσε κατ' ὀφρύος ἔγχος ἐρείσας 155
 ἐς θέμεθλ' ὀφθαλμοῖο· χαμαὶ δέ οἱ ἔκπεσε γλήνη
 ἐκ βλεφάρων· ψυχὴ δέ κατ' Ἄιδος ἐξεποτήθη.
 Ἄλκαθόου δ' ἄρ' ἔπειτα διὰ γναθμοῖο περήσας
 γλῶσσαν ὄλην ἀνέκερσεν· ὁ δ' ἐς πέδον ἤριπε
 γαίης

ἐκπνεΐων, αἰχμὴ δὲ δι' οὔατος ἐξεφαάνθη. 160
 καὶ τοὺς μὲν κατέπεφνε καταντίον αἰσσοῦντας
 δῖος ἀνὴρ· πολλῶν δὲ καὶ ἄλλων θυμὸν ἔλυσε
 φευγόντων· ἔτι γάρ οἱ ἐνὶ φρεσὶν ἔξεεν αἶμα.

Ἄλλ' ὅτε οἱ ψύχοντο μέλη καὶ ἀπήιε θυμός,
 ἔστη ἐρεισάμενος μελίῃ ἐπι· τοὶ δ' ἐπέτοντο 165
 πανσυδίῃ τρομέοντες, ὁ δὲ σφισι τοῖον ὀμόκλα·

¹ Zimmermann, for ἀνὰ of MSS.

² Ludwig, for καὶ μεμαῶτος of v.

³ Zimmermann, for κέασσε of MSS.

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Was none of all the Trojans dared draw nigh
The stricken hero, but at distance stood,
As round a wounded lion hunters stand
Mid forest-brakes afraid, and, though the shaft
Stands in his heart, yet faileth not in him
His royal courage, but with terrible glare
Roll his fierce eyes, and roar his grimly jaws ;
So wrath and anguish of his deadly hurt
To fury stung Peleides' soul ; but aye
His strength ebbed through the god-envenomed
wound.

Yet leapt he up, and rushed upon the foe,
And flashed the lightning of his lance ; it slew
The goodly Orythaon, comrade stout
Of Hector, through his temples crashing clear :
His helm stayed not the long lance fury-sped
Which leapt therethrough, and won within the
bones

The heart of the brain, and spilt his lusty life.
Then stabbed he 'neath the brow Hipponous
Even to the eye-roots, that the eyeball fell
To earth : his soul to Hades flitted forth.
Then through the jaw he pierced Alcathous,
And shore away his tongue : in dust he fell
Gasping his life out, and the spear-head shot
Out through his ear. These, as they rushed on him,
That hero slew ; but many a fleer's life
He spilt, for in his heart still leapt the blood.

But when his limbs grew chill, and ebbed away
His spirit, leaning on his spear he stood ;
While still the Trojans fled in huddled rout
Of panic, and he shouted unto them :

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“ ἄ δειλοὶ Τρῶες καὶ Δάρδανοι, οὐδὲ θανόντος
 ἔγχος ἐμὸν φεύξεσθε ἀμείλιχον, ἀλλ’ ἅμα πάντες
 τίσειτ’ ἄρ’ αἰνὸν ὄλεθρον Ἐρινύσιν ἡμετέρησιν.”

Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ’ ἄτοντες ὑπέτρεσαν, εὖτ’ ἐν
 ὄρεσσι

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φθόγγον ἐριβρύχοιο νεβροὶ τρομέωσι λέοντος
 δείλαιοι μέγα θῆρα πεφυζότες· ὡς ἄρα λαοὶ
 Τρώων ἵπποπόλων ἢδ’ ἀλλοδαπῶν ἐπικούρων
 ὑστατίνην Ἀχιλλῆος ὑποτρομέεσκον ὁμοκλήν,
 ἐλπόμενοί μιν ἔτ’ ἔμμεν ἀνούτατον. ὃς δ’ ὑπὸ
 πότημῳ

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θυμὸν τολμήεντα καὶ ὄβριμα γυῖα βαρυνθεὶς
 ἤριπεν ἀμφὶ νέκυσσι ἀλίγκιος οὐρεῖ μακρῷ·
 γαῖα δ’ ὑπεπλατάγησε, καὶ ἄσπετον ἔβραχε τεύχη
 Πηλείδαο πεσόντος ἀμύμονος. οἱ δ’ ἔτι θυμῷ
 δῆιοι εἰσορόωντες ἀπειρέσιον τρομέεσκον·
 ὡς δ’ ὅτε θῆρα δαφοινὸν ὑπ’ αἰζηοῖσι δαμέντα
 μῆλα περιτρομέουσι παρὰ σταθμὸν ἀθρήσαντα
 βλήμενον, οὐδέ οἱ ἄγχι παρελθέμεναι μεμῶασιν,
 ἀλλὰ μιν ὡς ζῶοντα νέκυν περιπεφρίκασιν·
 ὡς Τρῶες φοβέοντο καὶ οὐκέτ’ ἐόντ’ Ἀχιλλῆα.

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Ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς ἐπέεσσι Πάρις μέγα θαρσύνεσκε
 λαόν, ἐπεὶ φρεσὶν ἦσιν ἐγήθεεν· ἦ γὰρ ἐώλπει
 Ἀργείους παύσασθαι ἀμαιμακέτοιο κυδοιμοῦ
 Πηλείδαο πεσόντος· ὁ γὰρ Δαναοῖς πέλεν ἀλκή·
 “ ὦ φίλοι, εἰ ἐτεόν μοι ἀρήγετε εὐμενέοντες,
 σήμερον ἢ θάνωμεν ὑπ’ Ἀργείοισι δαμέντες,
 ἢ σαωθέντες ποτὶ Ἴλιον εἰρύσσωμεν
 ἵπποις Ἐκτορέοισι δεδουπότα Πηλείωνα,
 οἱ μ’ ἐς δημοτῆτα κασιγνήτοιο θανόντος
 ἀχνύμενοι φορέουσιν ἐὼν ποθέοντες ἄνακτα·
 τοῖς εἴ πως ἐρύσαιμεν Ἀχιλλέα δηωθέντα,
 ἵπποις μὲν μέγα κῦδος ὀρέξομεν ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτῷ

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“Trojan and Dardan cravens, ye shall not
Even in my death, escape my merciless spear,
But unto mine Avenging Spirits ye
Shall pay—ay, one and all—destruction’s debt!”

He spake ; they heard and quailed : as mid the hills
Fawns tremble at a lion’s deep-mouthed roar,
And terror-stricken flee the monster, so
The ranks of Trojan chariot-lords, the lines
Of battle-helpers drawn from alien lands,
Quailed at the last shout of Achilles, deemed
That he was woundless yet. But ’neath the weight
Of doom his aweless heart, his mighty limbs,
At last were overborne. Down midst the dead
He fell, as falls a beetling mountain-cliff.
Earth rang beneath him : clanged with a thunder-
crash

His arms, as Peleus’ son the princely fell.
And still his foes with most exceeding dread
Stared at him, even as, when some murderous beast
Lies slain by shepherds, tremble still the sheep
Eyeing him, as beside the fold he lies,
And shrinking, as they pass him, far aloof,
And, even as he were living, fear him dead ;
So feared they him, Achilles now no more.

Yet Paris strove to kindle those faint hearts ;
For his own heart exulted, and he hoped,
Now Peleus’ son, the Danaans’ strength, had fallen,
Wholly to quench the Argive battle-fire :
“ Friends, if ye help me truly and loyally,
Let us this day die, slain by Argive men,
Or live, and hale to Troy with Hector’s steeds
In triumph Peleus’ son thus fallen dead,
The steeds that, grieving, yearning for their lord
To fight have borne me since my brother died.
Might we with these but hale Achilles slain,
Glory were this for Hector’s horses, yea,

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Ἔκτορι, εἴ γέ τίς ἐστι κατ' Ἀϊδος ἀνθρώποισιν
 ἢ νόος ἢ ἐθέμιστες· ὁ γὰρ κακὰ μῆσατο Τρῶας·
 καί μιν Τρωιάδες μεγάλα φρεσὶ καγχαλώωσαι 200
 ἀμφιπεριστήσονται ἀνὰ πτόλιν, ἡὔτε λυγραὶ
 πορδάλιες τεκέων κεχολωμένοι ἢ Λέαιναι
 ἀνδρὶ πολυκμήτῳ μογερῆς ἐπίιστορι θήρης·
 ὡς Τρῶαί περὶ νεκρὸν ἀποκταμένου Ἀχιλλῆος
 ἀθρόαι αἴξουσιν ἀπειρέσιον κοτέουσαι, 205
 αἰ μὲν ὑπὲρ τοκέων κεχολωμένοι, αἰ δὲ καὶ ἀνδρῶν,
 αἰ δ' ἄρ' ὑπὲρ παίδων, αἰ δὲ γνωτῶν ἐριτίμων.
 γηθήσει δὲ μάλιστα πατὴρ ἐμὸς ἢ δὲ γέροντες,
 ὅσσοις οὐκ ἐθέλοντας ἐν ἄστυ γῆρας ἐρύκει,
 τόνδ' ἡμεῖς εἶπερ τε ποτὶ πτόλιν εἰρύσαντες 210
 θήσομεν οἰωνοῖσιν ἀερσιπέτησιν ἐδωδῆν."

Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δὲ νέκυν κρατερόφρονος Αἰακίδαο
 ἄμφεβαν ἐσσυμένως, οἳ μιν φοβέοντο πάροιθεν,
 Γλαῦκός τ' Αἰνείας τε καὶ ὄβριμόθυμος Ἀγήνωρ
 ἄλλοι τ' οὐλομένοιο δαήμονες ἰωχμοῖο, 215
 εἰρύσαι μεμαῶτες ἐς Ἰλίου ἱερὸν ἄστυ.
 ἀλλὰ οἱ οὐκ ἀμέλησε θεοῖς ἐναλίγκιος Αἴας,
 ἀλλὰ θεῶς περίβη· πάντα δ' ὑπὸ δούρατι μακρῷ
 ὤθει ἀπὸ νέκυος· τοὶ δ' οὐκ ἀπέληγον ὁμοκλῆς,
 ἀλλὰ οἱ ἀμφεμάχοντο περισταδὸν αἴσσοντες 220
 αἰὲν ἐπασσύτεροι, τανυχειλέες εὔτε μέλισσαι,
 αἰ ρά θ' ἐὼν περὶ σίμβλον ἀπειρέσιαι ποτέωνται
 ἀνδρ' ἀπαμνόμεναι, ὁ δ' ἄρ' οὐκ ἀλέγων
 ἐπιούσας

κηρσὺς ἐκτάμνησι μελίχροας, αἰ δ' ἀκάχονται
 καπνοῦ ὑπὸ ρίπῃς ἢ δ' ἀνέρος, ἀλλ' ἄρα καὶ ὡς 225
 ἀντίαι αἴσσουσιν, ὁ δ' οὐκ ἔθετ' οὐδ' ἄρα βαιόν·

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For Hector—if in Hades men have sense
Of righteous retribution. This man aye
Devised but mischief for the sons of Troy ;
And now Troy's daughters with exultant hearts
From all the city streets shall gather round,
As pantheresses wroth for stolen cubs,
Or lionesses, might stand around a man
Whose craft in hunting vexed them while he lived.
So round Achilles—a dead corpse at last!—
In hurrying throngs Troy's daughters then shall
come

In unforgiving, unforgetting hate,
For parents wroth, for husbands slain, for sons,
For noble kinsmen. Most of all shall joy
My father, and the ancient men, whose feet
Unwillingly are chained within the walls
By eld, if we shall hale him through our gates,
And give our foe to fowls of the air for meat.”

Then they, which feared him theretofore, in haste
Closed round the corpse of strong-heart Aeacus' son,
Glaucus, Aeneas, battle-fain Agenor,
And other cunning men in deadly fight,
Eager to hale him thence to Ilium
The god-built burg. But Aias failed him not.
Swiftly that godlike man bestrode the dead :
Back from the corpse his long lance thrust them all.
Yet ceased they not from onslaught; thronging
round,

Still with swift rushes fought they for the prize,
One following other, like to long-lipped bees
Which hover round their hive in swarms on swarms
To drive a man thence ; but he, recking naught
Of all their fury, carveth out the combs
Of nectarous honey : harassed sore are they
By smoke-reek and the robber ; spite of all
Ever they dart against him ; naught cares he ;

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ὡς Αἴας τῶν οὔτι μάλ' ἐσσυμένων ἀλέγιζεν,
 ἀλλ' ἄρα πρῶτον ἐνήραθ' ὑπὲρ μαζοῖο τυχήσας
 Μαιονίδην Ἀγέλαον, ἔπειτα δὲ Θέστορα δῖον.
 εἶλε δ' ἄρ' Ὠκύθοον καὶ Ἀγέστρατον ἠδ' Ἀγά-
 νιππου

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Ζωρόν τε Νίσσον τε περικλειτόν τ' Ἐρύμαντα,
 ὃς Λυκίηθεν ἴκανε ὑπὸ μεγαλήτορι Γλαύκῳ,
 ναῖε δ' ὃ γ' αἰπεινὸν Μελανίππιον ἱρὸν Ἀθήνης
 ἀντία Μασσικύτοιο Χελιδονίης σχεδὸν ἄκρης,
 τὴν μέγ' ὑποτρομέουσι τεθηπότες εἰν ἀλὶ ναῦται,

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εὔτε περιγνάμπτωσι μάλα στυφελὰς περὶ πέτρας.
 τοῦ δ' ἄρ' ἀποφθιμένοιο κλυτὸς πάϊς Ἴππολόχοιο
 παχνῶθη κατὰ θυμόν, ἐπεὶ ῥά οἱ ἔσκεν ἑταῖρος·
 καὶ ῥά θοῶς Αἴαντα κατ' ἀσπίδα πουλυβόειαν
 οὔτασεν, ἀλλὰ οἱ οὔτι διήλασεν ἐς χροά καλόν.

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ῥινοὶ γάρ μιν ἔρυντο βοῶν καὶ ὑπ' ἀσπίδι θώρηξ,
 ὃς ῥά οἱ ἀκαμάτοισι περὶ μελέεσσιν ἀρήρει.
 Γλαῦκος δ' οὐκ ἀπέληγεν ἀταρτηροῖο κυδοιμοῦ
 Αἰακίδην Αἴαντα δαμασσέμεναι μενεαίνων,
 καὶ οἱ ἐπευχόμενος μέγ' ἀπέειλεν ἄφρονι θυμῷ.

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“ Αἴαν, ἐπεὶ νύ σέ φασι μέγ' ἔσοχον ἔμμεναι
 ἄλλων

Ἀργείων, σοὶ δ' αἰὲν ἐπιφρονέουσι μάλιστα
 ἄσπετον, ὡς Ἀχιλῆι δαΐφρονι, τῷ σε θανόντι
 οἴω συνθανέεσθαι ἐπ' ἡματι τῷδε καὶ αὐτόν.”

“Ὡς ἔφατ' ἀκράαντον ἰεὺς ἔπος· οὐδέ τι ἦδη,
 ὅσσον ἀμείνονος ἀνδρὸς ἐναντίον ἔγχος ἐνώμα.
 τὸν δ' ὑποδερκόμενος προσέφη μενεδήϊος Αἴας·
 “ ἂ δεῖλ', οὐ νύ τι οἶδας, ὅσον σέο φέρτερος

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Ἐκτωρ

ἔπλετ' ἐνὶ πτολέμοισι; μένος δ' ἀλέεινε καὶ ἔγχος
 ἡμέτερον· πινυτὲν γὰρ ὁμῶς ἔχε κάρτεϊ θυμόν.
 σοὶ δ' ἦτοι νόος ἐστὶ ποτὶ ζόφον, ὃς ῥά μοι ἔτλης
 ἐς μόθον ἐλθέμεναι μέγ' ἀμείνονί περ γεγαῶτι

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So naught of all their onsets Aias recked ;
But first he stabbed Agelaus in the breast,
And slew that son of Maion : Thestor next :
Ocythoüs he smote, Agestratus,
Aganippus, Zorus, Nessus, Erymas
The war-renowned, who came from Lycia-land
With mighty-hearted Glaucus, from his home
In Melanippion on the mountain-ridge,
Athena's fane, which Massikyton fronts
Anigh Chelidonia's headland, dreaded sore
Of scared seafarers, when its lowering crags
Must needs be doubled. For his death the blood
Of famed Hippolochus' son was horror-chilled ;
For this was his dear friend. With one swift thrust
He pierced the sevenfold hides of Aias' shield,
Yet touched his flesh not ; stayed the spear-head was
By those thick hides and by the corset-plate
Which lapped his battle-tireless limbs. But still
From that stern conflict Glaucus drew not back,
Burning to vanquish Aias, Aeacus' son,
And in his folly vaunting threatened him :
" Aias, men name thee mightiest man of all
The Argives, hold thee in passing-high esteem
Even as Achilles : therefore thou, I wot,
By that dead warrior dead this day shalt lie !"

So hurled he forth a vain word, knowing not
How far in might above him was the man
Whom his spear threatened. Battle-bider Aias
Darkly and scornfully glaring on him, said :
" Thou craven wretch, and knowest thou not this,
How much was Hector mightier than thou
In war-craft ?—yet before my might, my spear,
He shrank. Ay, with his valour was there blent
Discretion. Thou—thy thoughts are deathward set,
Who dar'st defy me to the battle, me,
A mightier far than thou ! Thou canst not say

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οὐ γάρ μεν ξείνος πατρώιος εὐχεται εἶναι,
οὐδέ με δωτίνησι παραιφάμενος πολέμοιο
νόσφιν ἀποστρέψεις ὡς Τυδέος ὄβριμον υἱά· 260
ἀλλὰ καὶ εἰ κείνοιο φύγες μένος, οὐ σ' ἔτ' ἔγωγε
ζῶν ἀπὸ πτολέμοιο μεθήσομαι ἀπονέεσθαι.
ἢ ἄλλοισι πέποιθας ἀνὰ κλόνον, οἱ μετὰ σείῳ
μυίης οὐτιδανῆσιν ἐοικότες αἴσσουσιν
ἀμφὶ νέκυν Ἀχιλλῆος ἀμύμονος; ἀλλ' ἄρα καὶ τοῖς 265
δώσω ἐπεσσύμενος θάνατον καὶ κῆρας ἐρεμνιάς."

Ὡς εἰπὼν Τρῶεσσιν ἐνεστρωφᾶτο, λέων ὡς
ἐν κυσὶν ἀγρευτῆσι κατ' ἄγκεια μακρὰ καὶ ὕλην.
πολλοὺς δ' αἰψ' ἐδάμασσε μεμαότας εὐχος
ἀρέσθαι

Τρῶας ὁμῶς Λυκίοισι· περιτρομέοντο δὲ λαοί, 270
ἰχθύες ὡς ἀνὰ πόντον ἐπερχομένου ἀλεγεινοῦ
κῆτεος ἢ δελφίνος ἀλιτρεφέος μεγάλοιο·
ὡς Τρῶες φοβέοντο βίην Τελαμωνιάδαο
αἰὲν ἐπεσσυμένοιο κατὰ κλόνον· ἀλλ' ἄρα καὶ ὡς
μάρναντ', ἀμφὶ δὲ νεκρὸν Ἀχιλλέος ἄλλοθεν ἄλλοι 275
μυρίοι ἐν κούρησιν, ὅπως σύες ἀμφὶ λέοντα,
κτείνουντ'· οὐλομένη δὲ περὶ σφίσι δῆρις ὀρώρει.
ἔνθα καὶ Ἴππολόχοιο δαΐφρονα δάμνατο παῖδα
Αἴας ὄβριμόθυμος· ὁ δ' ὕπτιος ἀμφ' Ἀχιλλῆα
κάππεσεν, εὐτ' ἐν ὄρεσσι περὶ στερεὴν δρύα
θάμνος· 280

ὡς ὅ γε δουρὶ δαμεῖς περικάππεσε Πηλείωνι
βλήμενος· ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ κρατερὸς πάϊς Ἀγχίσαιο
πολλὰ πονησάμενος σὺν ἀρηιφίλοις ἐτάροισιν
εἴρυσεν ἐς Τρῶας, καὶ ἐς Ἴλίου ἱερὸν ἄστρῳ
δῶκε φέρειν ἐτάροισι μέγ' ἀχθυμένοις περὶ θυμῷ. 285
αὐτὸς δ' ἀμφ' Ἀχιλλῆι μαχέσκετο· τὸν δ' ἄρα δουρὶ
μυῶνος καθύπερθεν ἀρήϊος οὔτασεν Αἴας
χειρὸς δεξιτερῆς· ὁ δ' ἄρ' ἐσσυμένως ἀπόρουσεν
ἐξ ὄλοου πολέμοιο, κίεν δ' ἄφαρ ἄστεος εἴσω·

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That friendship of our fathers thee shall screen ;
Nor me thy gifts shall wile to let thee pass
Scatheless from war, as once did 'Tydeus' son.
Though thou didst 'scape his fury, will not I
Suffer thee to return alive from war.

Ha, in thy many helpers dost thou trust
Who with thee, like so many worthless flies,
Flit round the noble Achilles' corpse ? To these
Death and black doom shall my swift onset deal."

Then on the Trojans this way and that he turned,
As mid long forest-glens a lion turns
On hounds, and 'Trojans many and Lycians slew
That came for honour hungry, till he stood
Mid a wide ring of flinchers ; like a shoal
Of darting fish when sails into their midst
Dolphin or shark, a huge sea-fosterling ;
So shrank they from the might of Telamon's son,
As aye he charged amidst the rout. But still
Swarmed fighters up, till round Achilles' corse
To right, to left, lay in the dust the slain
Countless, as boars around a lion at bay ;
And evermore the strife waxed deadlier.
Then too Hippolochus' war-wise son was slain
By Aias of the heart of fire. He fell
Backward upon Achilles, even as falls
A sapling on a sturdy mountain-oak ;
So quelled by the spear on Peleus' son he fell.
But for his rescue Anchises' stalwart son
Strove hard, with all his comrades battle-fain,
And haled the corse forth, and to sorrowing friends
Gave it, to bear to Ilium's hallowed burg.
Himself to spoil Achilles still fought on,
Till warrior Aias pierced him with the spear
Through the right forearm. Swiftly leapt he back
From murderous war, and hasted thence to Troy.

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ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ πονέοντο περίφρονες ἰητῆρες, 290
οἷ ῥά οἱ αἶμα κάθηραν ἀφ' ἔλκεος, ἄλλα τε πάντα
τεύχον, ὅσ' οὐταμένων ὀλοὰς ἀκέονται ἀνίας.

Αἴας δ' αἰὲν ἐμάρνατ' ἀλίγκιος ἀστεροπῆσι
κτείνων ἄλλοθεν ἄλλον, ἐπεὶ μέγα τείρετο θυμῷ
ἀχνύμενος κέαρ ἔνδον ἀνεψιοῖο δαμέντος. 295

ἄγχι δὲ Λαέρταο δαΐφρονος υἱὸς ἀμύμων
μάρνατο δυσμενέεσσι· φέβοντο δέ μιν μέγα λαοί.
κτεῖνε δὲ Πεισάνδροιο θοὸν καὶ ἀρήϊον υἱά

Μαίναλον, ὃς ναίεσκε περικλυτὸν οὔδας Ἀβύδου·
τῷ δ' ἐπὶ δῖου ἔπεφνεν Ἀτύμνιον, ὃν ποτε Νύμφη 300
Πηγασίς ἠΰκομος σθεναρῷ τέκεν Ἡμαθίῳ

Γρηνίκου ποταμοῖο παρὰ ῥόον· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῷ
Πρωτέος υἱά δαΐξεν Ὀρέσβιον, ὃς τε μακεδνῆς
Ἰδῆς ναιετάασκεν ὑπὸ πτύχας, οὐδέ ἐ μήτηρ

δέξατο νοστήσαντα περικλειτῆ Πανάκεια, 305
ἀλλ' ἐδάμη παλάμησιν Ὀδυσσεός, ὃς τε καὶ ἄλλων
πολλῶν θυμὸν ἔλυσεν ὑπ' ἔγχεϊ μαιμώντι

κτείνων ὃν κε κίχησι περὶ νέκυν· ἀλλά μιν
Ἄλκων
υἱὸς ἀρηϊθόοιο Μεγακλέος ἔγχεϊ τύψε
παρ γόνυ δεξιτερόν· περὶ δὲ κνημίδα φαεινὴν 310
ἔβλυσεν αἶμα κελαινόν· ὁ δ' ἔλκεος οὐκ ἀλέγιζεν,

ἀλλ' ἄφαρ οὐτήσαντι κακὸν γένεθ', οὔνεκ' ἄρ'
αὐτὸν

ἰέμενον πολέμοιο δι' ἀσπίδος οὔτασε δουρί·
ὥσε δέ μιν μεγάλη τε βίη καὶ κάρτεϊ χειρὸς
ὑπτιον ἐς γαίαν· κανάχησε δέ οἱ πέρι τεύχη 315
βλημένου ἐν κονίησι, περὶ μελέεσσι δὲ θώρηξ

δεύετο φοινῆεντι λύθρῳ· ὁ δὲ λοίγιον ἔγχος
ἐκ χροὸς ἐξείρυσσε καὶ ἀσπίδος, ἔσπετο δ' αἰχμῇ
θυμὸς ἀπὸ μελέων, ἔλιπεν δέ μιν ἄμβροτος αἰών.

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There for his healing cunning leeches wrought,
Who stanch'd the blood-rush, and laid on the gash
Balms, such as salve war-stricken warriors' pangs.

But Aias still fought on : here, there he slew
With thrusts like lightning-flashes. His great heart
Ached sorely for his mighty cousin slain.

And now the warrior-king Laertes' son
Fought at his side : before him blenched the foe,
As he smote down Peisander's fleetfoot son,
The warrior Maenalus, who left his home
In far-renowned Abydos : down on him
He hurled Atymnius, the goodly son
Whom Pegasis the bright-haired Nymph had borne
To strong Emathion by Granicus' stream.

Dead by his side he laid Orestius' son,
Proteus, who dwelt 'neath lofty Ida's folds.

Ah, never did his mother welcome home
That son from war, Panacea beauty-famed !
He fell by Odysseus' hands, who spilt the lives
Of many more whom his death-hungering spear
Reached in that fight around the mighty dead.
Yet Alcon, son of Megacles battle-swift,
Hard by Odysseus' right knee drave the spear
Home, and about the glittering greave the blood
Dark-crimson welled. He recked not of the wound,
But was unto his smiter sudden death ;

For clear through his shield he stabbed him with his
spear

Amidst his battle-fury : to the earth
Backward he dashed him by his giant might
And strength of hand : clashed round him in the dust
His armour, and his corslet was distained
With crimson life-blood. Forth from flesh and shield
The hero plucked the spear of death : the soul
Followed the lance-head from the body forth,
And life forsook its mortal mansion. Then

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τοῦ δ' ἐτάροις ἐπόρουσε καὶ οὐτάμενός περ Ὀδυσ-
σεύς,

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οὐδ' ἀπέληγε μόθοιο δυσηχέος. ὡς δὲ καὶ ἄλλοι
πάντες ὁμῶς ἐπιμίξ Δαναοὶ μέγαν ἀμφ' Ἀχιλῆα
προφρονέως ἐμάχοντο, πολὺν δ' ὑπὸ χεῖρεσι λαὸν
ἐσσυμένως ἐδάϊζον εὐξέστης μελίησιν.

εὐτ' ἄνεμοι θοὰ φύλλα κατὰ χθονὸς ἀμφιχέωνται 325
λάβρον ἐπιβρίσαντες ἀν' ἄλσεα ὑλήεντα

ἀρχομένου λυκάβαντος, ὅτε φθινύθουσιν ὀπῶραι·
ὡς τοὺς ἐγχείησι βάλον Δαναοὶ μενεχάρμαι·

μέμβλετο γὰρ πάντεσσιν Ἀχιλλέος ἀμφὶ θανόντος,
ἐκπάγλως δ' Αἴαντι δαΐφρονι· τοῦνεκ' ἄρ' ἔμπης 330

Τρῶας ἄδην ἐδάϊζε κακῇ ἐναλίγκιος Αἴση.

τῷ δ' ἐπι τόξ' ἐτίταινε Πάρις· τὸν δ' αἶψα νοήσας
κάββαλε χερμαδίῳ κατὰ κράατος· ἐν δ' ἄρ'
ἔθλασσεν

ἀμφίφαλον κυνέην ὀλοὸς λίθος· ἀμφὶ δέ μιν νύξ
μάρψεν· ὁ δ' ἐν κονίησι κατήριπεν, οὐδέ οἱ ἰοὶ 335

ἤρκεσαν ἰεμένῳ· ἐκέχυντο δ' ἄρ' ἄλλυδις ἄλλοι
ἐν κονίῃ, κενεὴ δὲ παρεκτετάνυστο φαρέτρη·

τόξον δ' ἐκφυγε χεῖρε· φίλοι δέ μιν ἀρπάξαντες
ἵπποις Ἐκτορέοισι φέρον ποτὶ Τρώϊον ἄστν

βαιὸν ἔτ' ἀμπνείοντα καὶ ἀργαλέον στενάχοντα· 340
οὐδὲ μὲν ἔντε' ἀνακτος ἐκάς λίπον, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτὰ
ἐκ πεδίοιο κόμισσαν ἐῷ βασιλῆϊ φέροντες.

τῷ δ' Αἴας ἐπὶ μακρὸν αὐτεεν ἀσχαλόων κῆρ·

“ὦ κύον, ὡς θανάτοιο βαρὺ σθένος ἐξυπάλυξας
σήμερον· ἀλλὰ σοὶ εἶθαρ ἐλεύσεται ὕστατον ἡμᾶρ 345

ἢ τινος Ἀργείων ὑπὸ χεῖρεσιν ἢ ἐμεῦ αὐτοῦ.

νῦν δ' ἐμοὶ ἄλλα μέμηλε περὶ φρεσίν, ὡς Ἀχιλλῆος
ἐκ φόνου ἀργαλέοιο νέκυν Δαναοῖσι σαώσω.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν δηϊοῖσι κακὰς ἐπὶ κῆρας ἴαλλεν,
οἳ ῥ' ἔτι δηριόωντο νέκυν πέρι Πηλείωνος.

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Rushed on his comrades, in his wound's despite,
Odysseus, nor from that stern battle-toil
Refrained him. And by this a mingled host
Of Danaans eager-hearted fought around
The mighty dead, and many and many a foe
Slew they with those smooth-shafted ashen spears.
Even as the winds strew down upon the ground
The flying leaves, when through the forest-glades
Sweep the wild gusts, as waneth autumn-tide,
And the old year is dying ; so the spears
Of dauntless Danaans strewed the earth with slain,
For loyal to dead Achilles were they all,
And loyal to hero Aias to the death.
For like black Doom he blasted the ranks of Troy.
Then against Aias Paris strained his bow ;
But he was ware thereof, and sped a stone
Swift to the archer's head : that bolt of death
Crashed through his crested helm, and darkness closed
Round him. In dust down fell he : naught availed
His shafts their eager lord, this way and that
Scattered in dust : empty his quiver lay,
Flew from his hand the bow. In haste his friends
Upcaught him from the earth, and Hector's steeds
Hurried him thence to Troy, scarce drawing breath,
And moaning in his pain. Nor left his men
The weapons of their lord, but gathered up
All from the plain, and bare them to the prince ;
While Aias after him sent a wrathful shout :
“ Dog, thou hast 'scaped the heavy hand of death
To-day ! But swiftly thy last hour shall come
By some strong Argive's hands, or by mine own,
But now have I a nobler task in hand,
From murder's grip to rescue Achilles' corse.”

Then turned he on the foe, hurling swift doom
On such as fought around Peleides yet.

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οἱ δὲ οἱ ὡς ἄθρησαν ὑπὸ σθεναρῆσι χέρεσσι
πολλοὺς ἐκπνεύοντας, ὑπέτρεσαν οὐδ' ἔτ' ἔμιμνον,
οὐτιδανοῖς γύπεσσι ἐοικότες, οὓς τε φοβήσῃ
αἰετὸς οἰωνῶν προφερέστατος, εὐτ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
πῶεα δαρδάπτωσι λύκοις ὑπο δηωθέντα· 355

ὧς τοὺς ἄλλυδις ἄλλον ἀπεσκέδασε θρασὺς Αἴας
χερμαδίοισι θοοῖσι καὶ ἄορι καὶ μένεϊ ᾧ.
οἱ δὲ μέγα τρομέοντες ἀπὸ πτολέμοιο φέβοντο
πανσυδίῃ, ψήρεσσι ἐοικότες, οὓς τε δαΐζων
κίρκος ἐπισσεύει, τοὶ δ' ἰλαδὸν ἄλλος ἐπ' ἄλλῳ 360

ταρφέες ἀΐσσουσιν ἀλευόμενοι μέγα πῆμα·
ὧς οἱ γ' ἐκ πολέμοιο ποτὶ Πριάμοιο πόλῃα
φεῦγον οἴζυρῶς ἐπιειμένοι ἀκλέα φύζαν
Αἴαντος μεγάλιο περιτρομέοντες ὁμοκλήν,
ὅς ῥ' ἔπετ' ἀνδρομέῳ πεπαλαγμένος αἵματι χεῖρας. 365
καί· νύ κε δὴ μάλα πάντας ἐπασσυτέρους ἀπό-
λεσσειν,

εἰ μὴ πεπταμένησι πύλης ἐσέχυντο πόλῃα
βαιὸν ἀναπνεύοντες, ἐπεὶ φόβος ἦτορ ἴκανε·
τοὺς δ' ἔλσας ἀνὰ ἄστῃ, νομεὺς ὡς αἰόλα μῆλα,
ἦιεν ἐς πεδίον, χθόνα δ' οὐ ποσὶ μάρπτειν ἐοῖσιν 370
ἐμβαίνων τεύχεσσι καὶ αἵματι καὶ κταμένοισι·

κεῖτο γὰρ εὐρὺς ὄμιλος ἀπειρεσίῃ ἐπὶ γαίῃ
ἄχρῖς ἐφ' Ἑλλήσποντον ἀπ' εὐρυχόροιο πόλῃος
αἰζῆων κταμένων, ὀπόσους λάχε δαίμονος Αἴσα.
ὡς δ' ὅτε λήιον αὖτον ὑπ' ἀμητῆρσι πέσῃσι 375
πυκνὸν εἶον, τὰ δὲ πολλὰ καταυτόθι δράγματα
κέϊται

βριθόμενα σταχύεσσι, γέγηθε δὲ θυμὸς ἐπ' ἔργῳ
ἀνέρος εἰσορόωντος, ὅτις κλυτὸν οὐδας ἔχῃσιν·
ὧς οἱ γ' ἀμφοτέρωθε κακῶ δμηθέντες ὀλέθρῳ
κεῖντο πολυκλαύτοιο λελασμένοι ἰωχμοῖο 380
πρηνέες· οὐδέ τι Τρῶας Ἀχαιῶν φέρτατοι υἱες
σύλεον ἐν κονίῃσι καὶ αἵματι δηωθέντας,

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'These saw how many yielded up the ghost
Neath his strong hands, and, with hearts failing them
For fear, against him could they stand no more.
As rascal vultures were they, which the swoop
Of an eagle, king of birds, scares far away
From carcasses of sheep that wolves have torn ;
So this way, that way scattered they before
The hurtling stones, the sword, the might of Aias.
In utter panic from the war they fled,
In huddled rout, like starlings from the swoop
Of a death-dealing hawk, when, fleeing bane,
One drives against another, as they dart
All terror-huddled in tumultuous flight.
So from the war to Priam's burg they fled
Wretchedly clad with terror as a cloak,
Quailing from mighty Aias' battle-shout,
As with hands dripping blood-gouts he pursued.
Yea, all, one after other, had he slain,
Had they not streamed through city-gates flung wide
Hard-panting, pierced to the very heart with fear.
Pent therewithin he left them, as a shepherd
Leaves folded sheep, and strode back o'er the plain ;
Yet never touched he with his feet the ground,
But aye he trod on dead men, arms, and blood ;
For countless corpses lay o'er that wide stretch
Even from broad-wayed Troy to Hellespont,
Bodies of strong men slain, the spoil of Doom.
As when the dense stalks of sun-ripened corn
Fall 'neath the reapers' hands, and the long swaths,
Heavy with full ears, overspread the field,
And joys the heart of him who oversees
The toil, lord of the harvest ; even so,
By baleful havoc overmastered, lay
All round face-downward men remembering not
The death-denouncing war-shout. But the sons
Of fair Achaea left their slaughtered foes

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πρὶν Πηλήϊον υἷα πυρῇ δόμεν, ὃς σφιν ὄνειαρ
 ἔπλετ' ἐνὶ πτολέμοισιν ἐῷ μέγα κάρτεϊ θύων.
 τοῦνεκά μιν βασιλῆες ἀπὸ πτολέμου ἐρύσαντες 385
 ἀμφὶ νέκυν πονέοντο ἀπείριτον, εὖ δὲ φέροντες
 κάτθεσαν ἐν κλισίησι νεῶν προπάροιθε θοάων·
 ἀμφὶ δέ μιν μάλα πάντες ἀγειράμενοι στενάχοντο
 ἀχνύμενοι κατὰ θυμόν· ὃ γὰρ πέλε κάρτος
 Ἄχαιῶν,

καὶ τότε ἐνὶ κλισίησι λελασμένος ἐγχειάων 390
 κείτο βαρυγδούποιο παρ' ἡόσιν Ἑλλησπόντου,
 οἷος ὑπερφίαλος Τιτυὸς πέσεν, ὅππότε Λητῶ
 ἐρχομένην Πυθῶδε βιάζετο, καὶ ἐχολωθεὶς
 ἀκάματόν περ ἔοντα θοῶς ὑπεδάμνατ' Ἀπόλλων
 λαιψηροῖς βελέεσσιν, ὃ δ' ἀργαλέῳ ἐνὶ λύθρῳ 395
 πουλυπέλεθρος ἔκειτο κατὰ χθονὸς εὐρυπέδοιο
 μητρὸς ἐῆς· ἢ δ' υἷα περιστονάχησε πεσόντα
 ἐχθόμενον μακάρεσσι, γέλασσε δὲ πότνια Λητώ·
 τοῖος ἄρ' Αἰακίδης δηῖων ἐπικάππεσε γαίῃ
 χάρμα φέρων Τρώεσσι, γόον δ' ἀλίσστον Ἄχαιῶν 400
 λαῶ μυρομένων· περὶ δ' ἔβρεμε βένθεα πόντου.
 θυμὸς δ' αὐτίκα πᾶσι κατεκλάσθη φίλος ἔνδον
 ἐλπομένων κατὰ δῆριν ὑπὸ Τρώεσσι ὀλέσθαι·
 μνησάμενοι δ' ἄρα τοί γε φίλων παρὰ νηυσὶ
 τοκῆων,

τοὺς λίπον ἐν μεγάροισι, νεοδμήτων τε γυναικῶν, 405
 αἷ που ὀδυρόμεναι μίνυθον κενεοῖς λεχέεσσι
 νηπιάχοις σὺν παισὶ φίλους ποτιδέγμεναι ἄνδρας,
 μᾶλλον ἀνεστενάχοντο· γόου δ' ἔρος ἔμπεσε θυμῷ·

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In dust and blood unstripped of arms awhile
Till they should lay upon the pyre the son
Of Peleus, who in battle-shock had been
Their banner of victory, charging in his might.
So the kings drew him from that stricken field
Straining beneath the weight of giant limbs,
And with all loving care they bore him on,
And laid him in his tent before the ships.
And round him gathered that great host, and wailed
Heart-anguished him who had been the Achaeans'
strength,

And now, forgotten all the splendour of spears,
Lay mid the tents by moaning Hellespont,
In stature more than human, even as lay
Tityos, who sought to force Queen Leto, when
She fared to Pytho : swiftly in his wrath
Apollo shot, and laid him low, who seemed
Invincible : in a foul lake of gore
There lay he, covering many a rood of ground,
On the broad earth, his mother ; and she moaned
Over her son, of blessed Gods abhorred ;
But Lady Leto laughed. So grand of mould
There in the foemen's land lay Aeacus' son,
For joy to Trojans, but for endless grief
To Achaean men lamenting. Moaned the air
With sighing from the abysses of the sea ;
And passing heavy grew the hearts of all,
Thinking : " Now shall we perish by the hands
Of Trojans ! " Then by those dark ships they
thought

Of white-haired fathers left in halls afar,
Of wives new-wedded, who by couches cold
Mourned, waiting, waiting, with their tender babes
For husbands unreturning ; and they groaned
In bitterness of soul. A passion of grief
Came o'er their hearts ; they fell upon their faces

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κλαῖον δ' αὐτ' ἀλίσσαστον ἐπὶ ψαμάθοισι βαθείης
 πρηνέες ἐκχύμενοι μεγάλῳ περὶ Πηλείωνι 410
 χαίτας ἐκ κεφαλῆς προθελύμνους δηϊόωντες,
 χευάμενοι δ' ἤσχυναν ἄδην ψαμάθοισι κάρηνα.
 οἷη δ' ἐκ πολέμοιο βροτῶν ἐς τεῖχος ἀλέντων
 οἰμωγὴ πέλεται, ὅτε δήϊοι ἐμμεμαῶτες
 καίωσιν μέγα ἄστν, κατακτείνωσι δὲ λαοὺς 415
 πανσυδίη, πάντῃ δὲ διὰ κτῆσιν φορέωνται·
 τοίη τις παρὰ νηυσὶν Ἀχαιῶν ἔπλετ' αὐτή,
 οὔνεκ' ἀοσσητῆρ Δαναῶν πάϊς Αἰακίδαο
 κεῖτο μέγας παρὰ νηυσὶ θεοκμήτοισι βελέμνοισ,
 οἶος Ἄρης, ὅτε μιν δεινὴ θεὸς ὀβριμοπάτρη 420
 Τρώων ἐν πεδίῳ πολυαχθείϊ κάββαλε πέτρη.
 Μυρμιδόνες δ' ἄλληκτον ἀνεστενάχοντ' Ἀχιλλῆα
 εἰλόμενοι περὶ νεκρὸν ἀμύμονος οἶο ἄνακτος·
 ἠπίου, ὃς πάντεσσιν ἴσος πάρος ἦεν ἐταῖρος·
 οὐ γὰρ ὑπερφίαλος πέλεν ἀνδράσιν οὐδ' ὀλοόφρων, 425
 ἀλλὰ σαοφροσύνη καὶ κάρτεϊ πάντ' ἐκέκαστο.
 Αἴας δ' ἐν πρώτοισι μέγα στενάχων ἐγεγώνει
 πατροκασιγνήτοιο φίλον ποθέων ἅμα παῖδα,
 βλήμενον ἐκ θεόφιν· θνητῶν γε μὲν οὔτινι βλητὸς
 ἦεν, ὅσοι ναίουσιν ἐπὶ χθονὸς εὐρυπέδοιο. 430
 τὸν τότε κῆρ ἀχέων ὀλοφύρετο φαίδιμος Αἴας,
 ἄλλοτε μὲν κλισίας Πηληιάδαο δαμέντος
 ἐσφοιτῶν, ὅτε δ' αὐτε παρὰ ψαμάθοισι θαλάσσης
 ἐκχύμενος μάλα πουλύς, ἔπος δ' ὀλοφύρατο τοῖον·
 “ὦ Ἀχιλεῦ μέγα ἔρκος εὐσθενέων Ἀργείων, 435
 κάτθανες ἐν Τροίῃ Φθίης ἐκὰς εὐρυπέδοιο
 ἔκποθεν ἀπροφάτοιο λυγρῶ βεβλημένος ἰῶ,
 τὸν ῥα ποτὶ κλόνου ἀνδρες ἀνάλκιδες ἰθύνοσιν·
 οὐ γὰρ τις πίσυνός γε σάκος μέγα νωμήσασθαι
 ἠδὲ περὶ κροτάφοισιν ἐπισταμένως ἐς Ἄρηα 440
 εὖ θέσθαι πῆληκα καὶ ἐν παλάμῃ δόρυ πῆλαι

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On the deep sand flung down, and wept as men
All comfortless round Peleus' mighty son,
And clutched and plucked out by the roots their
hair,

And cast upon their heads defiling sand.
Their cry was like the cry that goeth up
From folk that after battle by their walls
Are slaughtered, when their maddened foes set fire
To a great city, and slay in heaps on heaps
Her people, and make spoil of all her wealth;
So wild and high they wailed beside the sea,
Because the Danaans' champion, Aecus' son,
Lay, grand in death, by a God's arrow slain,
As Ares lay, when She of the Mighty Father
With that huge stone down dashed him on Troy's
plain.

Ceaselessly wailed the Myrmidons Achilles,
A ring of mourners round the kingly dead,
That kind heart, friend alike to each and all,
To no man arrogant nor hard of mood,
But ever tempering strength with courtesy.

Then Aias first, deep-groaning, uttered forth
His yearning o'er his father's brother's son
God-stricken—ay, no man had smitten him
Of all upon the wide-wayed earth that dwell!
Him glorious Aias heavy-hearted mourned,
Now wandering to the tent of Peleus' son,
Now cast down all his length, a giant form,
On the sea-sands; and thus lamented he:
“ Achilles, shield and sword of Argive men,
Thou hast died in Troy, from Phthia's plains afar,
Smitten unwares by that accursèd shaft,
Such thing as weakling dastards aim in fight!
For none who trusts in wielding the great shield,
None who for war can skill to set the helm
Upon his brows, and sway the spear in grip,

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καὶ χαλκὸν δηϊοῖσι περὶ στέρνοισι δαΐξαι
 ἰοῖσιν γ' ἀπάνευθεν ἀπεσσύμενος πολεμίζει.¹
 εἰ γάρ σευ κατέναντα τότ' ἤλυθε, ὅς σ' ἔβαλέν

περ,
 οὐκ ἂν ἀνουτητί γε τεοῦ φύγεν ἔγχεος ὄρμην. 445
 ἀλλὰ Ζεὺς τάχα που τάδε μήδετο πάντ' ἀπο-
 λέσσαι,

ἡμέων δ' ἐν καμάτοισιν ἐτώσια ἔργα τίθησιν·
 ἤδη γὰρ Τρῶεσσι κατ' Ἀργείων τάχα νίκην
 νεύσει, ἐπεὶ τόσον περ Ἀχαιῶν ἔρκος ἀπηύρα.
 ὦ πόποι, ὡς ἄρα πάγχυ γέρων ἐν δώμασι Πηλεὺς 450
 ὀχθήσει μέγα πένθος ἀτερπέϊ γήραϊ κύρσας·
 αὐτὴ μὲν φήμη² μιν ἀπορραΐσει τάχα θυμόν·
 ὦδε δέ οἱ καὶ ἄμεινον οἷζύος αἶψα λαθέσθαι
 εἰ δέ κεν οὐ φθίσῃ ἐκακὴ περὶ υἱέος ὄσσα,
 ἃ δειλὸς χαλεποῖς ἐνὶ πένθεσι γήρας ἰάψει 455
 αἰὲν ἐπ' ἐσχαρόφιν βίοτον κατέδων ὀδύνησι,
 Πηλεὺς, ὅς μακάρεσσι φίλος περιώσιον ἦεν·
 ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα τελοῦσι θεοὶ μογεροῖσι βροτοῖσιν.”

“Ὡς ὁ μὲν ἀσχαλὸν ὀλοφύρετο Πηλείωνα.
 Φοῖνιξ δ' αὖθ' ὁ γεραῖος ἀάσπετα κωκύεσκεν 460
 ἀμφιχυθεὶς δέμας ἠὺ θρασύφρονος Αἰακίδαο·
 καὶ ῥ' ὀλοφυδνὸν αὔσε μέγ' ἀχνύμενος πινυτὸν κῆρ·
 “ὦλεό μοι, φίλε τέκνον, ἐμοὶ δ' ἄχος αἰὲν
 ἄφυκτον

κάλλιπες· ὡς ὄφελόν με χυτὴ κατὰ γαῖα κεκεύθει
 πρὶν σέο πότμον ἰδέσθαι ἀμείλιχον· οὐ γὰρ ἔμοιγε 465
 ἄλλο χειριότερον ποτ' ἐσήλυθεν ἐς φρένα πῆμα,
 οὐδ' ὅτε πατρίδ' ἐμὴν λιπόμην ἀγανούς τε τοκῆας
 φεύγων ἐς Πηλῆα δι' Ἑλλάδος, ὅς μ' ὑπέδεκτο,
 καὶ μοι δῶρα πόρεν, Δολόπεσσι δὲ θῆκεν ἀνάσσειν
 καὶ σέ γ' ἐν ἀγκοίνῃσι φορεύμενος ἀμφὶ μέλαθρον 470

¹ Zimmermann, for ἐπεσσύμενος πολεμίζειν of MSS.

² Zimmermann, for αὐτὴ σὺν φήμῃ, with lacuna, of Koechly.

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And cleave the brass about the breasts of foes,
Warreth with arrows, shrinking from the fray.
Not man to man he met thee, whoso smote ;
Else woundless never had he 'scaped thy lance !
But haply Zeus purposed to ruin all,
And maketh all our toil and travail vain—
Ay, now will grant the Trojans victory
Who from Achaea now hath reft her shield !
Ah me ! how shall old Peleus in his halls
Take up the burden of a mighty grief
Now in his joyless age ! His heart shall break
At the mere rumour of it. Better so,
Thus in a moment to forget all pain.
But if these evil tidings slay him not,
Ah, laden with sore sorrow eld shall come
Upon him, eating out his heart with grief
By a lone hearth—Peleus so passing dear
Once to the Blessèd ! But the Gods vouchsafe
No perfect happiness to hapless men.”

So he in grief lamented Peleus' son.
Then ancient Phoenix made heart-stricken moan,
Clasping the noble form of Aeacus' seed,
And in wild anguish wailed the wise of heart :
“Thou art reft from me, dear child, and cureless
pain
Hast left to me ! Oh that upon my face
The veiling earth had fallen, ere I saw
Thy bitter doom ! No pang more terrible
Hath ever stabbed mine heart—no, not that hour
Of exile, when I fled from fatherland
And noble parents, fleeing Hellas through,
Till Peleus welcomed me with gifts, and lord
Of his Dolopians made me. In his arms
Thee through his halls one day he bare, and set

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κόλπῳ ἐμῷ κατέθηκε καὶ ἐνδυκέως ἐπέτελλε
 νηπίαχον κομέειν, ὡσεὶ φίλον υἷα γεγῶτα·
 τῷ πιθόμην· σὺ δ' ἐμοῖσι περὶ στέρνοισι γεγηθῶς
 πολλάκι παππάζεσκες ἔτ' ἄκριτα χεῖλεσι βάζων,
 καὶ μεν νηπιέησιν ἄδην ἐνὶ σῆσι δίηνας 475
 στήθεά τ' ἠδὲ χιτῶνας· ἔχον δέ σε χερσὶν ἐμῆσι
 πολλὸν καγχαλόων, ἐπεὶ ἦ νύ μοι ἦτορ ἐώλπει
 θρέψειν κηδεμονῆα βίου καὶ γήραος ἄλκαρ.
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ἐλπομένῳ βαιὸν χρόνον ἔπλετο πάντα.
 νῦν δὲ σύγ' οἴχη ἄϊστος ὑπὸ ζόφον· ἀμφὶ δ' ἐμὸν
 κῆρ 480

ἄχρυτ' οἴζυρῶς, ἐπεὶ ἦ νύ με κῆδος¹ ἰάπτει
 λευγαλέον· τὸ καὶ εἶθε καταφθίσειε γοῶντα
 πρὶν Πηλῆα πυθέσθαι ἀμύμονα, τὸν περ ὀτῷ
 κωκύσειν ἀλίαςτον, ὅτ' ἀμφὶ ἐ φῆμις ἴκηται·
 οἴκτιστον γὰρ νῶιν ὑπὲρ σέθεν ἔσσεται ἄλγος 485
 πατρί τε σῷ καὶ ἐμοί, τοί περ μέγα σείο θανόντος
 ἀχρύνεμοι τάχα γαῖαν ὑπὲρ Διὸς ἄσχετον Αἴσαν
 δυσόμεθ' ἐσσυμένως· καὶ κεν πολὺ λώιον εἶη,
 ἢ ζῶειν ἀπάνευθεν ἀοσητηῆρος ἐοῖο.”

Ἦ ρ' ὁ γέρων ἀλίαςτον ἐνὶ φρεσὶ πένθος ἀέξων. 490
 παρ δέ οἱ Ἀτρείδης ὀλοφύρετο δάκρυα χεύων·
 ὦμωξεν δ' ὀδύνησι μέγ' αἰθόμενος κέαρ ἔνδον·
 “ ὦλεο, Πηλεΐδη, Δαναῶν μέγα φέρτατε πάντων,
 ὦλεο, καὶ στρατὸν εὐρὺν ἀνερκέα θῆκας Ἀχαιῶν·
 ρῆίτεροι δ' ἄρα σείο καταφθιμένοιο πέλονται 495
 δυσμενέσιν· σὺ δὲ χάρμα πεσῶν μέγα Τρωσὶν
 ἔθηκας,

οἷ σε πάρος φοβέοντο λέονθ' ὡς αἰόλα μῆλα·
 νῦν δ' ἐπὶ νηυσὶ θοῆσι λιλαιόμενοι μαχέονται.
 Ζεῦ πάτερ, ἦ ρά τι καὶ σὺ βροτοὺς ψευδέσσι
 λόγοισι

θέλγεις, ὃς κατένευσας ἐμοὶ Πριάμοιο ἄνακτος 500

¹ Zimmermann, for θυμὸς of MSS.

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Upon my knees, and bade me foster thee,
His babe, with all love, as mine own dear child :
I hearkened to him : blithely didst thou cling
About mine heart, and, babbling wordless speech,
Didst call me ' father ' oft, and didst bedew
My breast and tunic with thy baby lips.
Ofttimes with soul that laughed for glee I held
Thee in mine arms ; for mine heart whispered me
' This fosterling through life shall care for thee,
Staff of thine age shall be.' And that mine hope
Was for a little while fulfilled ; but now
Thou hast vanished into darkness, and to me
Is left long heart-ache wild with all regret.
Ah, might my sorrow slay me, ere the tale
To noble Peleus come ! When on his ears
Falleth the heavy tidings, he shall weep
And wail without surcease. Most piteous griet
We twain for thy sake shall inherit aye,
Thy sire and I, who, ere our day of doom,
Mourning shall go down to the grave for thee—
Ay, better this than life unholpen of thee ! ”

So moaned his ever-swelling tide of grief.
And Atreus' son beside him mourned and wept
With heart on fire with inly smouldering pain :
“ Thou hast perished, chiefest of the Danaan men,
Hast perished, and hast left the Achæan host
Fenceless ! Now thou art fallen, are they left
An easier prey to foes. Thou hast given joy
To Trojans by thy fall, who dreaded thee
As sheep a lion. These with eager hearts
Even to the ships will bring the battle now.
Zeus, Father, thou too with deceitful words
Beguilest mortals ! Thou didst promise me

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ἄστῳ διαπραθείειν, νῦν δ' οὐ τελείεις ὄσ' ὑπέστης,
ἀλλὰ λίην ἀπάφησας ἐμὰς φρένας· οὐ γὰρ ὄτω
εὐρέμεναι πολέμοιο τέκμωρ φθιμένου Ἀχιλλῆος.”

“Ὡς ἔφατ' ἀχνύμενος κέαρ ἔνδοθεν· ἀμφὶ δὲ λαοὶ
κώκουν ἐκ θυμοῖο θρασὺν περὶ Πηλείωνα· 505

τοῖς δ' ἄρ' ἐπεβρόμεον νῆες περιμυρομένοισιν·
ἤχη δ' ἄσπετος ὦρτο δι' αἰθέρος ἀκαμάτοιο.
ὡς δ' ὅτε κύματα μακρὰ βίη μεγάλου ἀνέμοιο
ὀρνύμεν' ἐκ πόντοιο πρὸς ἠϊόνας φορέονται
σμερδαλέον, πάντη δὲ προσαγνυμένης ἀλὸς αἰεὶ 510
ἀκταὶ ὁμῶς ῥηγμῖσιν ἀπειρέσιαι βοόωσι·

τοῖος ἄρ' ἀμφὶ νέκυν Δαναῶν στόνος αἰνὸς ὀρώρει
μυρομένων ἄλληκτον ἀταρβέα Πηλείωνα.

Καί σφιν ὀδυρομένοισα τάχ' ἤλυθε κυανὴ νύξ,
εἰ μὴ ἄρ' Ἀτρεΐδην προσεφώνεε Νηλέος υἱὸς 515
Νέστωρ, ὅς ῥά τ' ἔχεσκεν ἐνὶ φρεσὶ μυρίον ἄλγος
μνησάμενος σφοῦ παιδὸς εὐφρονος Ἀντιλόχοιο·

“Ἀργείων σκηπτοῦχε μέγα κρατέων Ἀγά-
μεμνον,

νῦν μὲν ἀποσχώμεσθα δυσηχέος αἴψα γόοιο
σήμερον· οὐ γὰρ ἔτ' αὖθις ἐρωήσει τις Ἀχαιοὺς 520
κλαυθμοῦ ἄδην κορέσασθαι ἐπ' ἤματα πολλὰ
γοῶντας.

ἀλλ' ἄγε δὴ βρότον αἰνὸν ἀταρβέος Αἰακίδαο
λούσαντες λεχέεσσ' ἐνιθείομεν· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικεν
αἰσχύνειν ἐπὶ δηρὸν ἀκηδείησι θανόντας.”

Καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ἐπέτελλε περίφρων Νηλέος υἱός· 525
αὐτὰρ ὃ γ' οἷς ἐτάροισιν ἐπισπέρχων ἐκέλευεν
ὔδατος ἐν πυρὶ θέντας ἄφαρ κρυεροῖο λέβητας
θερμῆναι λούσαί τε νέκυν, περὶ θ' εἶματα ἔσσαι
καλά, τὰ οἱ πόρε παιδὶ φίλῳ ἀλιπόρφυρα μήτηρ
ἐς Τροίην ἀνιόντι· θοῶς δ' ἐπίθησαν ἄνακτι· 530

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That Priam's burg should be destroyed ; but now
That promise given dost thou not fulfil,
But thou didst cheat mine heart : I shall not win
The war's goal, now Achilles is no more."

So did he cry heart-anguished. Mourned all round
Wails multitudinous for Peleus' son :

The dark ships echoed back the voice of grief,
And sighed and sobbed the immeasurable air.
And as when long sea-rollers, onward driven
By a great wind, heave up far out at sea,
And strandward sweep with terrible rush, and aye
Headland and beach with shattered spray are
scourged,

And roar unceasing ; so a dread sound rose
Of moaning of the Danaans round the corse,
Ceaselessly wailing Peleus' aweless son.

And on their mourning soon black night had come,
But spake unto Atreides Neleus' son,
Nestor, whose own heart bare its load of grief
Remembering his own son Antilochus :

" O mighty Agamemnon, sceptre-lord
Of Argives, from wide-shrilling lamentation
Refrain we for this day. None shall withhold
Hereafter these from all their heart's desire
Of weeping and lamenting many days.

But now go to, from aweless Aeacus' son
Wash we the foul blood-gouts, and lay we him
Upon a couch : unseemly it is to shame
The dead by leaving them untended long."

So counselled Neleus' son, the passing-wise.
Then hasted he his men, and bade them set
Caldrons of cold spring-water o'er the flames,
And wash the corse, and clothe in vesture fair,
Sea-purple, which his mother gave her son
At his first sailing against Troy. With speed
They did their lord's command : with loving care,

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ἐνδυκέως δ' ἄρα πάντα πονησάμενοι κατὰ κόσμον
κάτθεσαν ἐν κλισίησι δεδουπότα Πηλείωνα.

Τὸν δ' ἐσιδοῦσ' ἐλέησε περίφρων Τριτογένεια·
στάζε δ' ἄρ' ἀμβροσίην κατὰ κράτος, ἣν ῥά τέ
φασι

δηρὸν ἐρυκακέειν νεαρὸν χροῖα κηρὶ δαμέντων· 535

θῆκε δ' ἄρ' ἐρσήεντα καὶ εἵκελον ἀμπνεύοντι·

σμερδαλέον δ' ἄρ' ἐπισκύνιον νεκρῶ περ ἔτευξεν,

οἶόν τ' ἀμφ' ἐτάριοιο δαϊκταμένου Πατρόκλοιο

χωμένῳ ἐπέκειτο κατὰ βλοσυροῖο προσώπου·

βριθύτερον δ' ἄρ' ἔθηκε δέμας καὶ ἄρειον ιδέσθαι. 540

Ἀργείους δ' ἔλε θάμβος ὀμιλαδὸν ἀθρήσαντας

Πηλείδην ζῶοντι πανεῖκελον, ὅς ῥ' ἐπὶ λέκτροις

ἐκχύμενος μάλα πουλὺς ἄδην εὔδοντι ἐώκει.

Ἄμφι δέ μιν μογεραὶ ληϊτίδες, ἄς ῥά ποτ' αὐτὸς

Λημνὸν τε ζαθέην Κιλίκων τ' αἰπὺ πτολίεθρον 545

Θήβην Ἡετίωνος ἐλὼν ληίσσατο κούρας,

ιστάμεναι γούασκον ἀμύσσουσαι χροῖα καλόν,

στήθεά τ' ἀμφοτέρησι πεπληγυῖαι παλάμησιν

ἐκ θυμοῦ στενάχεσκον εὐφρονα Πηλείωνα·

τὰς γὰρ δὴ τίεσκε καὶ ἐκ δητίων περ εἰούσας· 550

πασάων δ' ἐκπαγλον ἀκηχεμένη κέαρ ἔνδον

Βρισηὶς παράκοιτις εὐπτολέμου Ἀχιλῆος

ἀμφὶ νέκυν στρωφᾶτο καὶ ἀμφοτέρης παλάμησιν

δρυπτομένη χροῖα καλὸν αὕτεεν· ἐκ δ' ἀπαλοῖο

στήθεος αἱματόεσσαι ἀνὰ σμῶδιγγες ἄερθεν 555

θεινομένης· φαίης κεν ἐπὶ γλάγος αἶμα χέασθαι

φοίνιον· ἀγλατῆ δὲ καὶ ἀχθυμένης ἀλεγεινῶς

ἱμερόεν μάρμαιρε· χάρις δὲ οἱ ἄμφεχεν εἶδος·

τοῖον δ' ἐκφατο μᾶθον οἷζυρὸν γοόωσα·

“ὦ μοι ἐγὼ πάντων περιώσιον αἰνὰ παθοῦσα· 560

οὐ γάρ μοι τόσσον περ ἐπήλυθεν ἄλλο τι πῆμα,

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All service meetly rendered, on a couch
Laid they the mighty fallen, Peleus' son.

The Triton-born, the passing-wise, beheld
And pitied him, and showered upon his head
Ambrosia, which hath virtue aye to keep
Taintless, men say, the flesh of warriors slain.
Like softly-breathing sleeper dewy-fresh
She made him: over that dead face she drew
A stern frown, even as when he lay, with wrath
Darkening his grim face, clasping his slain friend
Patroclus; and she made his frame to be
More massive, like a war-god to behold.
And wonder seized the Argives, as they thronged
And saw the image of a living man,
Where all the stately length of Peleus' son
Lay on the couch, and seemed as though he slept.

Around him all the woeful captive-maids,
Whom he had taken for a prey, what time
He had ravaged hallowed Lemnos, and had scaled
The towered crags of Thebes, Eëtion's town,
Wailed, as they stood and rent their fair young flesh,
And smote their breasts, and from their hearts
bemoaned

That lord of gentleness and courtesy,
Who honoured even the daughters of his foes.
And stricken most of all with heart-sick pain
Briseïs, hero Achilles' couchmate, bowed
Over the dead, and tore her fair young flesh
With ruthless fingers, shrieking: her soft breast
Was ridged with gory weals, so cruelly
She smote it—thou hadst said that crimson blood
Had dripped on milk. Yet, in her grief's despite,
Her winsome loveliness shone out, and grace
Hung like a veil about her, as she wailed:
“Woe for this grief passing all griefs beside!
Never on me came anguish like to this—

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οὔτε κασιγνήτων οὔτ' εὐρυχόρου περὶ πάτρης,
 ὅσσον σεῖο θανόντος· ἐπεὶ σύ μοι ἱερὸν ἦμαρ
 καὶ φάος ἠελίοιο πέλες καὶ μείλιχος αἰὼν
 ἐλπωρή τ' ἀγαθοῖο καὶ ἄσπετον ἄλκαρ ἀνίης 565
 πάσης τ' ἀγλαΐης πολὺ φέρτερος ἠδὲ τοκῆων
 ἔπλεο· πάντα γὰρ οἶος ἔης δμῶῃ περ εἰούση·
 καὶ ῥά μ' ἔθηκας ἄκοιτιν ἐλὼν ἄπο δούλια ἔργα.
 νῦν δέ τις ἐν νήεσσιν Ἀχαιῶν ἄξεται ἄλλος
 Σπάρτην εἰς ἐρίβωλον ἢ ἐς πολυδίψιον Ἄργος· 570
 καὶ νῦ κεν ἀμφιπολεῦσα κακὰς ὑποτλήσομ' ἀνίας
 σεῦ ἀπονοσφισθεῖσα δυσάμμορος· ὡς ὄφελόν με
 γαῖα χυτὴ ἐκάλυψε, πάρος σέο πότμον ἰδέσθαι.”

Ἦς ἢ μὲν δμηθέντ' ὀλοφύρετο Πηλείωνα
 δμῶῃς σὺν μογερῆσι καὶ ἀχτυμένοισιν Ἀχαιοῖς 575
 μυρομένη καὶ ἄνακτα καὶ ἀνέρα· τῆς δ' ἀλεγεινὸν
 οὔποτ' ἐτέρσετο δάκρυ, κατεῖβετο δ' ἄχρις ἐπ'
 οὔδας

ἐκ βλεφάρων, ὡσεὶ τε μέλαν κατὰ πίδακος ὕδωρ
 πετραίης, ἧς πουλὺς ὕπερ παγετός τε χιών τε
 ἐκκέχυται στυφελοῖο κατ' οὔδεος, ἀμφὶ δὲ πάχνη 580
 τήκεθ' ὁμῶς εὐρῶ τε καὶ ἠελίοιο βολῆσι.

Καὶ τότε δὴ ῥ' ἐσάκουσαν ὀρινομένοιο γόοιο
 θυγατέρες Νηρήος, ὅσαι μέγα βένθος ἔχουσι·
 πάσησιν δ' ἀλεγεινὸν ὑπὸ κραδίην πέσειν ἄλγος·
 οἰκτρὸν δ' ἐστονάχησαν, ἐπίαχε δ' Ἑλλήσποντος. 585
 ἀμφὶ δὲ κυανέοισι καλυψάμεναι χροῖα πέπλοις
 ἐσσυμένως οἴμησαν, ὅπη στόλος ἔπλετ' Ἀχαιῶν,
 πανσυδίῃ πολιοῖο δι' οἴδατος· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα σφι
 νισσομένησι θάλασσα δίστατο· ταὶ δ' ἐφέροντο
 κλαγγηδόν, κραιπνῆσι ἐειδόμεναι γεράνοισιν 590
 ὀσσομένης μέγα χεῖμα· περιστενάχοντο δὲ λυγρὸν
 κήτεα μυρομένησιν· ἔσαν δ' ἄφαρ ἦχι νέοντο

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Not when my brethren died, my fatherland
Was wasted—like this anguish for thy death !
Thou wast my day, my sunlight, my sweet life,
Mine hope of good, my strong defence from harm,
Dearer than all my beauty—yea, more dear
Than my lost parents ! Thou wast all in all
To me, thou only, captive though I be.
Thou tookest from me every bondmaid's task
And like a wife didst hold me. Ah, but now
Me shall some new Achaean master bear
To fertile Sparta, or to thirsty Argos.
The bitter cup of thralldom shall I drain,
Severed, ah me, from thee ! Oh that the earth
Had veiled my dead face ere I saw thy doom ! ”

So for slain Peleus' son did she lament
With woeful handmaids and heart-anguished Greeks,
Mourning a king, a husband. Never dried
Her tears were : ever to the earth they streamed
Like sunless water trickling from a rock
While rime and snow yet mantle o'er the earth
Above it ; yet the frost melts down before
The east-wind and the flame-shafts of the sun.

Now came the sound of that upringing wail
To Nereus' Daughters, dwellers in the depths
Unfathomed. With sore anguish all their hearts
Were smitten : piteously they moaned : their cry
Shivered along the waves of Hellespont.
Then with dark mantles overpalled they sped
Swiftly to where the Argive men were thronged.
As rushed their troop up silver paths of sea,
The flood disported round them as they came.
With one wild cry they floated up ; it rang,
A sound as when fleet-flying cranes forebode
A great storm. Moaned the monsters of the deep
Plaintively round that train of mourners. Fast
On sped they to their goal, with awesome cry

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παῖδα κασιγνήτης κρατερόφρονα κωκύουσαι
 ἐκπάγλως. Μοῦσαι δὲ θοῶς Ἑλικῶνα λιπούσαι
 ἤλυθον ἄλγος ἄλαστον ἐνὶ στέρνοισιν ἔχουσαι 595
 ἀρνύμεναι τιμὴν ἐλικώπιδι Νηρηϊνῇ.

Ζεὺς δὲ μέγ' Ἀργείοισι καὶ ἄτρομον ἔμβαλε
 θάρσος,

ὄφρα μὴ ἐσθλὸν ὄμιλον ὑποδδείσωσι θεάων
 ἀμφαδὸν ἀθρήσαντες ἀνὰ στρατόν· αἱ δ' Ἀχιλλῆος
 ἀμφὶ νέκυν στενάχοντο καὶ ἀθάνατοί περ εἶουσαι 600
 πᾶσαι ὁμῶς· ἀκταὶ δὲ περίαχον Ἑλλησπόντου·
 δεύετο δὲ χθῶν πᾶσα περὶ νέκυν Αἰακίδαο
 δάκρυσιν· ὧς μέγα πένθος ἀνέστενον· ἀμφὶ δὲ
 λαῶν

μυρομένων δακρύοισι φορύνετο τεύχεα πάντα
 καὶ κλισίαι καὶ νῆες, ἐπεὶ μέγα πένθος ὀρώρει. 605
 μήτηρ δ' ἀμφιχυθείσα κύσε στόμα Πηλείωνος
 παιδὸς εἰοῦ, καὶ τοῖον ἔπος φάτο δακρυχέουσα·
 “ γηθείτω ῥοδόπεπλος ἀν' οὐρανὸν Ἡριγένεια,
 γηθείτω φρεσὶν ἧσι μεθεὶς χόλον Ἀστεροπαίου
 Ἄξιος εὐρυρέεθρος ἰδὲ Πριάμοιο γενέθλη· 610
 αὐτὰρ ἐγὼ πρὸς Ὀλυμπον ἀφίξομαι, ἀμφὶ δὲ
 ποσσὶ

κείσομαι ἀθανάτοιο Διὸς μεγάλα στενάχουσα,
 οὐνεκά μ' οὐκ ἐθέλουσαν ὑπ' ἀνέρι δῶκε δαμῆναι,
 ἀνέρι, τὸν τάχα γῆρας ἀμείλιχον ἀμφιμέμαρπε,
 Κῆρές τ' ἐγγύς ἔασι τέλος θανάτοιο φέρουσαι. 615
 ἀλλὰ μοι οὐ κείνοιο μέλει τόσον, ὧς Ἀχιλλῆος,
 ὃν μοι Ζεὺς κατένευσεν ἐν Αἰακίδαο δόμοισιν
 ἴφθιμον θήσειν, ἐπεὶ οὔτι μοι ἦνδανεν εὐνή·
 ἀλλ' ὅτε μὲν ζαῆς ἄνεμος πέλον, ἄλλοτε δ' ὕδωρ,
 ἄλλοτε δ' οἰωνῶ ἐναλίγκιος ἢ πυρὸς ὄρμη· 620
 οὐδέ με θνητὸς ἀνὴρ δύνατ' ἐν λεχέεσσι δαμάσσαι

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Wailing the while their sister's mighty son.
Swiftly from Helicon the Muses came
Heart-burdened with undying grief, for love
And honour to the Nereïd starry-eyed.

Then Zeus with courage filled the Argive men,
That eyes of flesh might undismayed behold
That glorious gathering of Goddesses.
Then those Divine Ones round Achilles' corse
Pealed forth with one voice from immortal lips
A lamentation. Rang again the shores
Of Hellespont. As rain upon the earth
Their tears fell round the dead man, Aeacus' son;
For out of depths of sorrow rose their moan.
And all the armour, yea, the tents, the ships
Of that great sorrowing multitude were wet
With tears from ever-welling springs of grief.
His mother cast her on him, clasping him,
And kissed her son's lips, crying through her tears :
“ Now let the rosy-vestured Dawn in heaven
Exult ! Now let broad-flowing Axios
Exult, and for Asteropaeus dead
Put by his wrath ! Let Priam's seed be glad
But I unto Olympus will ascend,
And at the feet of everlasting Zeus
Will cast me, bitterly plaining that he gave
Me, an unwilling bride, unto a man—
A man whom joyless eld soon overtook,
To whom the Fates are near, with death for gift.
Yet not so much for his lot do I grieve
As for Achilles ; for Zeus promised me
To make him glorious in the Aeacid halls,
In recompense for the bridal I so loathed
That into wild wind now I changed me, now
To water, now in fashion as a bird
I was, now as the blast of flame ; nor might
A mortal win me for his bride, who seemed

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φαινομένην, ὅσα γαῖα καὶ οὐρανὸς ἐντὸς ἔέργει,
 μέσφ' ὅτε μοι κατένευσεν Ὀλύμπιος υἱέα δῖον
 ἔκπαγλον θήσειν καὶ ἀρήϊον. ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν που
 ἀτρεκέως ἐτέλεσεν· ὁ γὰρ πέλε φέρτατος ἀνδρῶν· 625
 ἀλλὰ μιν ὠκύμορον ποιήσατο καὶ μ' ἀκάχησε.
 τοῦνεκ' ἐς οὐρανὸν εἶμι· Διὸς δ' ἐς δώματ' ἰοῦσα
 κωκύσω φίλον υἱά, καὶ ὀππόσα πρόσθ' ἐμόγησα
 ἀμφ' αὐτῷ καὶ παισὶν ἀεικέα τειρομένοισι
 μνήσω ἀκηχεμένη, ἵνα οἱ σὺν θυμὸν ὀρίνω.” 630

“Ὡς ἔφατ' αἰνὰ γοῶσ' ἀλίη Θέτις· ἡ δέ οἱ αὐτῇ
 Καλλιόπη φάτο μῦθον ἀρηραμένη φρεσὶ θυμόν·
 “Ἴσχεο κωκυτοῖο, θεὰ Θέτι, μηδ' ἀλύουσα
 εἵνεκα παιδὸς ἐοῖο θεῶν μεδέοντι καὶ ἀνδρῶν 635
 σκύζεο· καὶ γὰρ Ζηνὸς ἐριβρεμέταο ἄνακτος
 υἱες ὁμῶς ἀπόλοντο κακῇ περὶ κηρὶ δαμέντες·
 κάτθανε δ' υἱὸς ἐμεῖο καὶ αὐτῆς ἀθανάτοιο
 Ὀρφεύς, οὗ μολπῆσιν ἐφέσπετο πᾶσα μὲν ὕλη,
 πᾶσα δ' ἄρ' ὀκριόεσσα πέτρη ποταμῶν τε ῥέεθρα
 πνοιαί τε λιγέων ἀνέμων ἀμέγαρτον ἀέντων 640
 οἰωνοί τε θοῆσι διεσσύμενοι πτερύγεσσιν·
 ἀλλ' ἔτλην μέγα πένθος, ἐπεὶ θεὸν οὔτι ἔοικεν
 πένθεσι λευγαλέοισι καὶ ἄλγεϊ θυμὸν ἀχεύειν.
 τῷ σε καὶ ἀχθυμένην μεθέτω γόος υἱέος ἐσθλοῦ·
 καὶ γάρ οἱ κλέος αἰὲν ἐπιχθονίοισιν ἀοιδοὶ 645
 καὶ μένος ἀείσουσιν ἐμῇ τ' ἰότητι καὶ ἄλλων
 Πιερίδων· σὺ δὲ μή τι κελαινῷ πένθει θυμὸν
 δάμνασο θηλυτέρησιν ἴσον γοόωσα γυναιξίν·
 ἢ οὐκ αἶεις ὅτι πάντα, ὅσοι χθονὶ ναιετάουσιν,
 ἀνθρώπους ὀλοὴ περιπέπταται ἄσχετος Αἴσα 650

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All shapes in turn that earth and heaven contain,
Until the Olympian pledged him to bestow
A godlike son on me, a lord of war.
Yea, in a manner this did he fulfil
Faithfully ; for my son was mightiest
Of men. But Zeus made brief his span of life
Unto my sorrow. Therefore up to heaven
Will I : to Zeus's mansion will I go
And wail my son, and will put Zeus in mind
Of all my travail for him and his sons
In their sore stress, and sting his soul with shame.'

So in her wild lament the Sea-queen cried.
But now to Thetis spake Calliope,
She in whose heart was steadfast wisdom throned :
" From lamentation, Thetis, now forbear,
And do not, in the frenzy of thy grief
For thy lost son, provoke to wrath the Lord
Of Gods and men. Lo, even sons of Zeus,
The Thunder-king, have perished, overborne
By evil fate. Immortal though I be,
Mine own son Orpheus died, whose magic song
Drew all the forest-trees to follow him,
And every craggy rock and river-stream,
And blasts of winds shrill-piping stormy-breathed,
And birds that dart through air on rushing wings.
Yet I endured mine heavy sorrow : Gods
Ought not with anguished grief to vex their souls.
Therefore make end of sorrow-stricken wail
For thy brave child ; for to the sons of earth
Minstrels shall chant his glory and his might,
By mine and by my sisters' inspiration,
Unto the end of time. Let not thy soul
Be crushed by dark grief, nor do thou lament
Like those frail mortal women. Know'st thou not
That round all men which dwell upon the earth
Hovereth irresistible deadly Fate,

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οὐδὲ θεῶν ἀλέγουσα; τόσον σθένος ἔλλαχε μούνη
ἢ καὶ νῦν Πριάμοιο πολυχρῦσοιο πόλῃα
ἐκπέρσει Τρώων τε καὶ Ἀργείων ὀλέσασα
ἀνέρας, ὃν κ' ἐθέλησι θεῶν δ' οὔτις μιν ἐρύξει.”

“Ὡς φάτο Καλλιόπη πινυτὰ φρεσὶ μητιόωσα. 655

ἠέλιος δ' ἀπόρουσεν ἐς ὠκεανοῖο ῥέεθρα,
ὦρτο δὲ νύξ μέγαλοιο κατ' ἠέρος ὀρφνῆεσσα,
ἢ τε καὶ ἀχθυμένοισι πέλει θνητοῖσιν ὄνειαρ.
αὐτοῦ δ' ἐν ψαμάθοισιν Ἀχαιῶν ἔδραθον υἷες
ἰλαδὸν ἀμφὶ νέκυν μεγάλη βεβαρηότες ἄτη. 660

ἀλλ' οὐχ ὕπνος ἔμαρπτε θεὸν Θέτιν· ἄγχι δὲ
παιδὸς

ἦστο σὺν ἀθανάτης Νηρησιν· ἀμφὶ δὲ Μοῦσαι
ἀχθυμένην ἀνὰ θυμὸν ἀμοιβαδὶς ἄλλοθεν ἄλλη
πολλὰ παρηγορέεσκον, ὅπως λελάθοιτο γόοιο.

Ἄλλ' ὅτε καγχαλώωσα δι' αἰθέρος ἦλυθεν ἠὼς 665

λαμπρότατον πᾶσιν τε φάος Τρῶεσσι φέρουσα
καὶ Πριάμῳ—Δαναοὶ δὲ μέγ' ἀχθυμένοι Ἀχιλλῆα
κλαῖον ἐπ' ἤματα πολλά, περιστενάχοντο δε
μακρὰ

ἠιόνες πόντοιο, μέγας δ' ὀλοφύρετο Νηρεὺς
ἦρα φέρων κούρη Νηρηίδι, σὺν δέ οἱ ἄλλοι 670

εἰνάλιοι μύροντο θεοὶ φθιμένου Ἀχιλλῆος—
καὶ τότε δὴ μέγαλοιο νέκυν Πηληιάδαο

Ἀργεῖοι πυρὶ δῶκαν ἀάσπετα νηήσαντες
δοῦρα, τὰ οἱ φορέοντες ἀπ' οὔρεος Ἰδαίουο
πάντες ὁμῶς ἐμόγησαν, ἐπεὶ σφεας ὀτρύνοντες 675

Ἀτρεΐδαι προέηκαν ἀπείριτον οἰσέμεν ὕλην,
ὄφρα θοῶς καίοιτο νέκυς κταμένου Ἀχιλλῆος.
ἀμφὶ δὲ τεύχεα πολλὰ πυρῇ περινηήσαντο
αἰζῆων κταμένων, πολλοὺς δ' ἐφύπερθε βάλοντο

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK III

Who recks not even of the Gods? Such power
She only hath for heritage. Yea, she
Soon shall destroy gold-wealthy Priam's town,
And Trojans many and Argives doom to death,
Whomso she will. No God can stay her hand."

So in her wisdom spake Calliope.

Then plunged the sun down into Ocean's stream,
And sable-vestured Night came floating up
O'er the wide firmament, and brought her boon
Of sleep to sorrowing mortals. On the sands
There slept they, all the Achaean host, with heads
Bowed 'neath the burden of calamity.

But upon Thetis sleep laid not his hand:
Still with the deathless Nereids by the sea
She sate; on either side the Muses spake
One after other comfortable words

To make that sorrowing heart forget its pain.

But when with a triumphant laugh the Dawn
Soared up the sky, and her most radiant light
Shed over all the Trojans and their king,
Then, sorrowing sorely for Achilles still,
The Danaans woke to weep. Day after day,
For many days they wept. Around them moaned
Far-stretching beaches of the sea, and mourned
Great Nereus for his daughter Thetis' sake;
And mourned with him the other Sea-gods all
For dead Achilles. Then the Argives gave
The corpse of great Peleides to the flame.

A pyre of countless tree-trunks built they up
Which, all with one mind toiling, from the heights
Of Ida they brought down; for Atreus' sons
Sped on the work, and charged them to bring thence
Wood without measure, that consumed with speed
Might be Achilles' body. All around
Piled they about the pyre much battle-gear
Of strong men slain; and slew and cast thereon

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Τρώων δηώσαντες ὁμῶς περικαλλέας υἱας 680
 ἵππους τε χρεμέθοντας ἐϋσθενέας θ' ἄμα ταύρους,
 σὺν δ' ὄϊάς τε σύας τ' ἔβαλον βρίθοντας ἀλοιφῆ·
 φάρεα δ' ἐκ χηλῶν φέρον ἄσπετα κωκύουσαι
 δμωιάδες, καὶ πάντα πυρῆς καθύπερθε βάλλοντο,
 χρυσόν τ' ἤλεκτρον τ' ἐπενήεον· ἀμφὶ δὲ χαίτας 685
 Μυρμιδόνες κείραντο, νέκυν δ' ἐκάλυψαν ἄνακτος·
 καὶ δ' αὐτὴ Βρισηῖς ἀκηχεμένη περὶ νεκρῶ
 κειραμένη πλοκάμους πύματον πόρε δῶρον ἄνακτι.
 πολλοὺς δ' ἀμφιφορῆας ἀλείφατος ἀμφεχέοντο,
 ἄλλους δ' ἀμφὶ πυρῆ μέλιτος θέσαν ἠδὲ καὶ οἴνου 690
 ἠδέος, οὗ μέθυ λαρὸν ὀδώδεε νέκταρι ἴσον.
 ἄλλα δὲ πολλὰ βάλλοντο θυώδεα θαῦμα βρο-
 τοῖσιν,

ὅσσα χθὼν φέρει ἐσθλὰ καὶ ὀππόσα διὰ θάλασσα.

Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ περὶ πάγχυ πυρὴν διεκοσμήσαντο,
 πεζοὶ ἄμ' ἱππήεσσι σὺν ἔντεσιν ἐρρώσαντο 695
 ἀμφὶ πυρὴν πολύδακρυν. ὁ δ' ἐκποθεν Οὐλύμπιο
 Ζεὺς ψεκάδας κατέχευεν ὑπὲρ νέκυν Αἰακίδαο
 ἀμβροσίας, δῖη δὲ φέρων Νηρηίδι τιμὴν
 Ἑρμείην προέηκεν ἐς Αἴολον, ὄφρα καλέσση
 λαιψηρῶν ἀνέμων ἱερὸν μένος· ἦ γὰρ ἔμελλε 700
 καίεσθ' Αἰακίδαο νέκυς. τοῦ δ' αἶψα μολόντος
 Αἴολος οὐκ ἀπίθησε· καλεσσάμενος δ' ἀλεγεινὸν
 καρπαλίμως Βορέην Ζεφύροιο τε λάβρον ἀήτην
 ἐς Τροίην προέηκε θοῇ θύοντας ἀέλλη·
 οἱ δὲ θοῶς οἴμησαν ὑπὲρ πόντοιο φέρεσθαι 705
 ῥιπῆ ἀπειρεσίη· περὶ δ' ἴαχεν ἐσσυμένοισι
 πόντος ὁμοῦ καὶ γαῖα· περικλονέοντο δ' ὑπερθε
 πάντα νέφη μέγαλοιο δι' ἠέρος αἴσσουντα.
 οἱ δὲ Διὸς βουλήσι δαικταμένου Ἀχιλλῆος

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK III

Full many goodly sons of Trojan men,
And snorting steeds, and mighty bulls withal,
And sheep and fatling swine thereon they cast.
And wailing captive maids from coffers brought
Mantles untold; all cast they on the pyre:
Gold heaped they there and amber. All their
hair

The Myrmidons shore, and shrouded with the same
The body of their king. Briseïs laid
Her own shorn tresses on the corpse, her gift,
Her last, unto her lord. Great jars of oil
Full many poured they out thereon, with jars
Of honey and of wine, rich blood of the grape
That breathed an odour as of nectar, yea,
Cast incense-breathing perfumes manifold
Marvellous sweet, the precious things put forth
By earth, and treasures of the sea divine.

Then, when all things were set in readiness
About the pyre, all, footmen, charioteers,
Compassed that woeful bale, clashing their arms,
While, from the viewless heights Olympian, Zeus
Rained down ambrosia on dead Aeacus' son.
For honour to the Goddess, Nereus' child,
He sent to Aeolus Hermes, bidding him
Summon the sacred might of his swift winds,
For that the corpse of Aeacus' son must now
Be burned. With speed he went, and Aeolus
Refused not: the tempestuous North in haste
He summoned, and the wild blast of the West;
And to Troy sped they on their whirlwind wings.
Fast in mad onrush, fast across the deep
They darted; roared beneath them as they flew
The sea, the land; above crashed thunder-voiced
Clouds headlong hurtling through the firmament.
Then by decree of Zeus down on the pyre
Of slain Achilles, like a charging host

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αἶψα πυρῆ ἐνόρουσαν ἀολλέες, ὦρτο δ' αὐτμῆ 710
 Ἑφαιίστου μαλεροῖο· γόος δ' ἀλίαςτος ὀρώρει
 Μυρμιδόνων· ἄνεμοι δὲ καὶ ἐσσύμενοί περ ἀέλλη
 πᾶν ἡμαρ καὶ νύκτα νέκυν περιποιπνύοντες
 καῖον ἐϋπνεύοντες ὁμῶς· ἀνὰ δ' ἔγρετο πουλὺς
 καπνὸς ἐς ἡέρα δῖαν, ἐπέστενε δ' ἄσπετος ὕλη 715
 δαμναμένη πυρὶ πᾶσα, μέλαινα δὲ γίνετο τέφρη.
 οἱ δὲ μέγ' ἐκτελέσαντες ἀτειρέες ἔργον ἀῆται
 εἰς ἓον ἄντρον ἕκαστος ὁμοῦ νεφέεσσι φέροντο.

Μυρμιδόνες δ', ὅτ' ἄνακτα πελώριον ὕστατον
 ἄλλων

ἤνυσε πῦρ αἰδηλὸν ἀποκταμένων περὶ νεκρῶ 720
 ἵππων τ' αἰζηῶν τε, καὶ ἄλλ' ὅσα δακρυχέοντες
 ὄβριμον ἀμφὶ νέκυν κειμήλια θῆκαν Ἀχαιοί,
 δὴ τότε πυρκαϊὴν οἴνω σβέσαν· ὅστέα δ' αὐτοῦ
 φαίνεται ἀριφραδέως, ἐπεὶ οὐχ ἑτέροισιν ὁμοῖα
 ἦν, ἀλλ' οἶα Γίγαντος ἀτειρέος, οὐδὲ μὲν ἄλλα 725
 σὺν κείνοις ἐμέμικτ', ἐπεὶ ἦ βόες ἠδὲ καὶ ἵπποι
 καὶ παῖδες Τρώων μίγδα κταμένοισι καὶ ἄλλοις
 βαιὸν ἄπωθε κέοντο περὶ νέκυν, ὃς δ' ἐνὶ μέσσοις
 ῥιπῆ ὕφ' Ἑφαιίστοιο δεδμημένος οἶος ἔκειτο.
 τοῦ δὲ καὶ ὅστέα πάντα περιστενάχοντες ἐταῖροι 730
 ἄλλεγον ἐς χηλὸν πολυχανδέα τε βριαρὴν τε
 ἀργυρέην, χρυσῶ δὲ διαυγεί πᾶσ' ἐκέκαστο·
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ἀμβροσίῃ καὶ ἀλείφασι πάγχυ δίνηναι
 κοῦραι Νηρῆος μέγ' Ἀχιλλέα κυδαίνουσαι,
 ἐς δὲ βοῶν δημὸν θέσαν ἀθρόα πάγχυ χέασαι 735
 σὺν μέλιτι λιαρῶ· μήτηρ δὲ οἱ ἀμφιφορῆα
 ὤπασε, τὸν ῥα πάροιθε Διώνυσος πόρε δῶρον,
 Ἑφαιίστου κλυτὸν ἔργον εὐφρονος· ᾧ ἐνὶ θῆκαν
 ὅστέ' Ἀχιλλῆος μεγαλήτορος· ἀμφὶ δὲ τύμβον

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK III

Swooped they; upleapt the Fire-god's madding
breath :

Uprose a long wail from the Myrmidons.

Then, though with whirlwind rushes toiled the winds,
All day, all night, they needs must fan the flames
Ere that death-pyre burned out. Up to the heavens
Vast-volumed rolled the smoke. The huge tree-trunks
Groaned, writhing, bursting, in the heat, and dropped
The dark-grey ash all round. So when the winds
Had tirelessly fulfilled their mighty task,
Back to their cave they rode cloud-charioted.

Then, when the fire had last of all consumed
That hero-king, when all the steeds, the men
Slain round the pyre had first been ravined up,
With all the costly offerings laid around
The mighty dead by Achaia's weeping sons,
The glowing embers did the Myrmidons quench
With wine. Then clear to be discerned were seen
His bones; for nowise like the rest were they,
But like an ancient Giant's; none beside
With these were blent; for bulls and steeds, and sons
Of Troy, with all that mingled hecatomb,
Lay in a wide ring round his corse, and he
Amidst them, flame-devoured, lay there alone.
So his companions groaning gathered up
His bones, and in a silver casket laid
Massy and deep, and banded and bestarred
With flashing gold; and Nereus' daughters shed
Ambrosia over them, and precious nards
For honour to Achilles: fat of kine
And amber honey poured they over all.
A golden vase his mother gave, the gift
In old time of the Wine-god, glorious work
Of the craft-master Fire-god, in the which
They laid the casket that enclosed the bones
Of mighty-souled Achilles. All around

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Ἄργεῖοι καὶ σῆμα πελώριον ἀμφεβάλοντο 740
 ἀκτῆ ἐπ' ἀκροτάτῃ παρὰ βένθεσιν Ἑλλησπόντου
 Μυρμιδόνων βασιλῆα θρασὺν περικωκύοντες.

Οὐδὲ μὲν ἄμβροτοι ἵπποι ἀταρβέος Αἰακίδαο
 μίμνον ἀδάκρυτοι παρὰ νήεσιν, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτοὶ 745
 μύροντο σφετέροιο δαϊκταμένου βασιλῆος,
 οὐδ' ἔθελον μογεροῖσιν ἔτ' ἀνδράσιν οὐδὲ μὲν
 ἵπποις

μίσγεσθ' Ἄργείων ὄλοὸν περὶ πένθος ἔχοντες,
 ἀλλ' ὑπὲρ ὠκεανοῖο ροᾶς καὶ Τηθύος ἄντρα
 ἀνθρώπων ἀπάτερθεν οἰζυρῶν φορέεσθαι,
 ἦχί σφεας τὸ πάροιθεν ἐγείνατο δῖα Ποδάργη 750
 ἄμφω ἀελλόποδας Ζεφύρῳ κελάδοντι μιγεῖσα.
 καὶ νύ κεν αἰψ' ἐτέλεσσαν ὅσα σφίσι μῆδετο
 θυμός,

εἰ μὴ σφεας κατέρυξε θεῶν νόος, ὄφρ' Ἀχιλῆος
 ἔλθοι ἀπὸ Σκύροιο θεὸς παῖς, ὃν ῥα καὶ αὐτοὶ
 δέχυνυθ', ὀππὸθ' ἵκοιτο ποτὶ στρατόν, οὔνεκ'
 ἄρα σφι 755

θέσφατα γεινομένοισι Χάους ἱεροῖο θύγατραι
 Μοῖραι ἐπεκλώσαντο καὶ ἀθανάτοις περ εὐοῦσι
 πρῶτα Ποσειδάωνι δαμήμεναι, αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα
 θαρσαλέῳ Πηλῆι καὶ ἀκαμάτῳ Ἀχιλῆι,
 τέτρατον αὐτ' ἐπὶ τοῖσι Νεοπτολέμῳ μεγαθύμῳ, 760
 τὸν καὶ ἐς Ἠλύσιον πεδῖον μετόπισθεν ἔμελλον
 Ζηνὸς ὑπ' ἐννεσίησι φέρειν μακάρων ἐπὶ γαίαν.
 τοὔνεκα καὶ στυγερῇ βεβολημένοι ἦτορ ἀνίη
 μίμνον παρ νήεσσιν ἐὼν κατὰ θυμὸν ἄνακτα
 τὸν μὲν ἀκηχέμενοι τὸν δ' αὖ ποθέοντες ιδέσθαι. 765

Καὶ τότε ἔριγδούποιο λιπῶν ἀλὸς ὄβριμον
 οἶδμα

ἦλυθεν Ἐννοσίγαιος ἐπ' ἠόνας· οὐδέ μιν ἄνδρες
 ἔδρακον, ἀλλὰ θεῆσι παρίστατο Νηρηϊνῆς·
 καὶ ῥα Θέτιν προσέειπεν ἔτ' ἀχθυμένην Ἀχιλῆος·

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK III

The Argives heaped a barrow, a giant sign,
Upon a foreland's uttermost end, beside
The Hellespont's deep waters, wailing loud
Farewells unto the Myrmidons' hero-king.

Nor stayed the immortal steeds of Aeacus' son
Tearless beside the ships ; they also mourned
Their slain king : sorely loth were they to abide
Longer mid mortal men or Argive steeds
Bearing a burden of consuming grief ;
But fain were they to soar through air, afar
From wretched men, over the Ocean's streams,
Over the Sea-queen's caverns, unto where
Divine Podarge bare that storm-foot twain
Begotten of the West-wind clarion-voiced.
Yea, and they had accomplished their desire,
But the Gods' purpose held them back, until
From Scyros' isle Achilles' fleetfoot son
Should come. Him waited they to welcome, when
He came unto the war-host ; for the Fates,
Daughters of holy Chaos, at their birth
Had spun the life-threads of those deathless foals,
Even to serve Poseidon first, and next
Peleus the dauntless king, Achilles then
The invincible, and, after these, the fourth,
The mighty-hearted Neoptolemus,
Whom after death to the Elysian Plain
They were to bear, unto the Blessèd Land,
By Zeus' decree. For which cause, though their hearts
Were pierced with bitter anguish, they abode
Still by the ships, with spirits sorrowing
For their old lord, and yearning for the new.

Then from the surge of heavy-plunging seas
Rose the Earth-shaker. No man saw his feet
Pace up the strand, but suddenly he stood
Beside the Nereïd Goddesses, and spake
To Thetis, yet for Achilles bowed with grief :

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“ ἴσχεο νῦν περὶ παιδὸς ἀπειρέσιον γοόωσα· 770

οὐ γὰρ ὃ γε φθιμένοισι μετέσσεται, ἀλλὰ θεοῖσιν

ὡς ἡὺς Διόνυσος ἰδὲ σθένος Ἑρακλῆος·

οὐ γὰρ μιν μόρος αἰνὸς ὑπὸ ζόφον αἰὲν ἐρύξει

οὐδ’ Ἀΐδης, ἀλλ’ αἶψα καὶ ἐς Διὸς ἴξεται αὐγὰς·

καὶ οἱ δῶρον ἔγωγε θεοῦδέα νῆσον ὀπάσσω 775

Εὐξείνου κατὰ πόντον, ὅπῃ θεὸς ἔσσεται αἰεὶ

σὸς πάϊς· ἀμφὶ δὲ φῦλα περικτιόνων μέγα λαῶν

κεῖνον κυδαίνοντα θυηπολίας ἐρατεινῆς

ἴσον ἐμοὶ τίσουσι· σὺ δ’ ἴσχεο κωκύουσα

ἐσσυμένως καὶ μή τι χαλέπτεο πένθει θυμόν.” 780

Ὡς εἰπὼν ἐπὶ πόντον ἀπήιεν εἵκελος αὔρη

παρφάμενος μύθοισι Θέτιν· τῆς δ’ ἐν φρεσὶ θυμὸς

βαιὸν ἀνέπνευσεν· τὰ δέ οἱ θεὸς ἐξετέλεσεν.

Ἄργεῖοι δὲ γοῶντες ἀπήιον, ἦχι ἐκάστῳ

νῆες ἔσαν, τὰς ἦγον ἀφ’ Ἑλλάδος· αἱ δ’ Ἑλι-

κῶνα

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Πιερίδες νίσσοντο, καὶ εἰς ἄλλα Νηρηῖναι

δῦσαν ἀναστενάχουσαι εὐφρονα Πηλείωνα.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK III

“Refrain from endless mourning for thy son.
Not with the dead shall he abide, but dwell
With Gods, as doth the might of Herakles,
And Dionysus ever fair. Not him
Dread doom shall prison in darkness evermore,
Nor Hades keep him. To the light of Zeus
Soon shall he rise; and I will give to him
A holy island for my gift: it lies
Within the Euxine Sea: there evermore
A God thy son shall be. The tribes that dwell
Around shall as mine own self honour him
With incense and with steam of sacrifice.
Hush thy laments, vex not thine heart with grief.”

Then like a wind-breath had he passed away
Over the sea, when that consoling word
Was spoken; and a little in her breast
Revived the spirit of Thetis: and the God
Brought this to pass thereafter. All the host
Moved moaning thence, and came unto the ships
That brought them o'er from Hellas. Then returned
To Helicon the Muses: 'neath the sea,
Wailing the dear dead, Nereus' Daughters sank.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΤΕΤΑΡΤΟΣ

Οὐδὲ μὲν Ἴππολόχοιο δαΐφρονος ὄβριμον νῆα
 Τρῶες ἀδάκρυτον δειλοὶ λίπον, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτοὶ
 Δαρδανίης προπάρειθε πύλης ἐρικυδέα φῶτα
 πυρκαϊῆς καθύπερθε βάλον· τὸν δ' αὐτὸς
 Ἀπόλλων

ἐκ πυρὸς αἰθομένοιο μάλ' ἐσσυμένως ἀναείρας 5
 δῶκε θοοῖς ἀνέμοισι φέρειν Λυκίης σχεδὸν αἴης·
 οἱ δέ μιν αἶψ' ἀπένεικαν ὑπ' ἄγκεια Τηλάνδροιο
 χῶρον ἐς ἱμερόεντα, πέτρην δ' ἐφύπερθε βάλοντο
 ἄρρηκτον· Νύμφαι δὲ περίβλυσαν ἱερὸν ὕδωρ
 ἀενάου ποταμοῖο, τὸν εἰσέτι φῦλ' ἀνθρώπων 10
 Γλαῦκον ἐπικλείουσιν ἐϋρροον· ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν που
 ἀθάνατοι τεύξαντο γέρας Λυκίων βασιλῆι.

Ἀργεῖοι δ' ἐρίθυμον ἀνεστενάχοντ' Ἀχιλῆα
 νηυσὶ παρ' ὠκυπόροισιν· ἔτειρε δὲ πάντας ἀνὴρ 15
 λευγαλέη καὶ πένθος, ἐπεὶ ρά μιν ὡς ἔδον νῆα
 δίζοντ', οὐδέ τις ἦεν ἀνὰ στρατὸν εὐρὺν ἄδακρυς·
 Τρῶες δ' αὐτ' ἀλίσστον ἐγήθειον εἰσορόωντες
 τοὺς μὲν ἀκηχεμένους, τὸν δ' ἐν πυρὶ δηωθέντα·
 καὶ τις ἐπευχόμενος μῦθον ποτὶ τοῖον ἔειπεν·
 “νῦν πάντεσσιν ἄελπτον ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο Κρο-
 νίων 20

ἡμῖν ὄπασε χάρμα λιλαιομένοισιν ιδέσθαι
 ἐν Τροίῃ Ἀχιλῆα δεδουπότα· τοῦ γὰρ οἴῳ
 βλημένου ἀμπνεύσειν Τρώων ἐρικυδέα φῦλα

BOOK IV

How in the Funeral Games of Achilles heroes contended.

NOR did the hapless Trojans leave unwept
The warrior-king Hippolochus' hero-son,
But laid, in front of the Dardanian gate,
Upon the pyre that captain war-renowned.
But him Apollo's self caught swiftly up
Out of the blazing fire, and to the winds
Gave him, to bear away to Lycia-land ;
And fast and far they bare him, 'neath the glens
Of high Telandrus, to a lovely glade ;
And for a monument above his grave
Upheaved a granite rock. The Nymphs therefrom
Made gush the hallowed water of a stream
For ever flowing, which the tribes of men
Still call fair-fleeting Glaucus. This the gods
Wrought for an honour to the Lycian king.

But for Achilles still the Argives mourned
Beside the swift ships : heart-sick were they all
With dolorous pain and grief. Each yearned for him
As for a son ; no eye in that wide host
Was tearless. But the Trojans with great joy
Exulted, seeing their sorrow from afar,
And the great fire that spake their foe consumed.
And thus a vaunting voice amidst them cried :
" Now hath Cronion from his heaven vouchsafed
A joy past hope unto our longing eyes,
To see Achilles fallen before Troy.
Now he is smitten down, the glorious hosts

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αἵματος ἐξ ὀλοοῖο καὶ ἀνδροφόνου ὑσμίνης·
 αἰεὶ γὰρ φρεσὶν ἦσιν ἐμήδετο [Τρωσὶν ὄλεθρον]
 αἰνὰ δέ οἱ χεῖρεςσιν ἐμαίνετο λοίγιον ἔγχρος 25
 λύθρῳ ὑπ' ἀργαλέῳ πεπαλαγμένον, οὐδέ τις
 ἡμέων

κείνῳ ἔναντα κιὼν ἔτ' ἐσέδρακεν Ἑριγένειαν·
 νῦν ὁ οἴῳ φεύξεσθαι Ἀχαιῶν ὄβριμα τέκνα
 νηυσὶν εὐπρώροισι δαΐκταμένου Ἀχιλῆος·
 ὡς ὄφελον μένος ἦεν ἔθ' "Ἐκτορος, ὄφρ' ἅμα 30
 πάντας

Ἄργείους σφετέρησιν ἐνὶ κλισίησιν ὄλεσσειν."

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη Τρώων τις ἐνὶ φρεσὶ πάγχυ γε-
 γηθῶς·

ἄλλος δ' αὖθ' ἐτέρωθι πύκα φρονέων φάτο μῦθον·
 "φῆσθα σὺ μὲν Δαναῶν ὄλοον στρατὸν ἔνδοθι
 νηῶν

πόντου ἐπ' ἠερόεντα πεφυζότας αἴψα νέεσθαι 35
 ἀλλ' οὐ μὰν δείσουσι λιλαιόμενοι μέγα χάρμης·
 εἰσὶ γάρ ἢ κρατεροί τε καὶ ὄβριμοι ἀνέρες ἄλλοι,
 Τυδείδης Αἴας τε καὶ Ἀτρέως ὄβριμοι υἱες·
 τοὺς ἔτ' ἐγὼ δεῖδοικα κατακταμένου Ἀχιλῆος·
 τοὺς εἴθ' ἀργυρότοξος ἀναιρήσειεν Ἀπόλλων, 40
 καὶ κεν ἀνάπνευσις πολέμου καὶ ἀεικέος οἴτου
 ἡμῖν εὐχομένοισιν ἐλεύσεται ἡματι κείνῳ."

Ὡς ἔφατ'· ἀθάνατοι δὲ κατ' οὐρανὸν ἐστενά-
 χοντο,

ὅσσοι ἔσαν Δαναοῖσιν εὐσθενέεσσιν ἀρωγοί,
 ἀμφὶ δὲ κρᾶτ' ἐκάλυψαν ἀπειρεσίοις νεφέεσσι 45
 θυμὸν ἀκηχέμενοι· ἐτέρωθι δὲ γήθεον ἄλλοι
 εὐχόμενοι Τρώεσσι πέρας θυμηδῆς ὀρέξαι.

καὶ τότε δὴ Κρουίωνα κλυτὴ προσεφώνεεν Ἥρη·
 "Ζεῦ πάτερ ἀργικέραυνε, τί ἢ Τρώεσσι ἀρήγεις
 κούρης ἠῦκόμοιο λελασμένος, ἦν ῥα πάροιθεν 50
 ἀντιθέῳ Πηλῆι πόρες θυμῆρέ' ἄκοιτιν

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK IV

Of Troy, I trow, shall win a breathing-space
From blood of death and from the murderous fray.
Ever his heart devised the Trojans' bane ;
In his hands maddened aye the spear of doom
With gore besprent, and none of us that faced
Him in the fight beheld another dawn.
But now, I wot, Achaea's valorous sons
Shall flee unto their galleys shapely-prowed,
Since slain Achilles lies. Ah that the might
Of Hector still were here, that he might slay
The Argives one and all amidst their tents !”

So in unbridled joy a Trojan cried ;
But one more wise and prudent answered him :
“ Thou deemest that yon murderous Danaan host
Will straightway get them to the ships, to flee
Over the misty sea. Nay, still their lust
Is hot for fight : us will they nowise fear.
Still are there left strong battle-eager men,
As Aias, as Tydeides, Atreus' sons :
Though dead Achilles be, I still fear these.
Oh that Apollo Silverbow would end them !
Then in that day were given to our prayers
A breathing-space from war and ghastly death.”

In heaven was dole among the Immortal Ones,
Even all that helped the stalwart Danaans' cause.
In clouds like mountains piled they veiled their
heads

For grief of soul. But glad those others were
Who fain would speed Troy to a happy goal.
Then unto Cronos' Son great Hera spake :
“ Zeus, Lightning-father, wherefore helpst thou
Troy, all forgetful of the fair-haired bride
Whom once to Peleus thou didst give to wife

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Πηλίου ἐν βήσσησι; γάμον δέ οἱ αὐτὸς ἔτευξας
 ἄμβροτον, οἱ δέ νυ πάντες ἐδαινύμεθ' ἤματι κείνῳ
 ἀθάνατοι καὶ πολλὰ δόμεν περικαλλέα δῶρα·
 ἀλλὰ τὰ γ' ἐξελάθου, μέγα δ' Ἑλλάδι μήσαο
 πένθος.”

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“Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· τὴν δ' οὔτι προσέννεπεν ἀκάματος
 Ζεὺς·

ἦστο γὰρ ἀχνύμενος κραδίην καὶ πολλὰ μενοινῶν,
 οὔνεκεν ἤμελλον Πριάμου πόλιν ἐξαλαπάξειν
 Ἄργεῖοι, τοῖς αἰνὸν ἐμήδετο λοιγὸν ὀπάσσαι
 ἐν πολέμῳ στονόεντι καὶ ἐν βαρυνηχέῃ πόντῳ·
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ὄρμαινε, τὰ δὴ μετόπισθε τέλεσ-
 σεν.

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Ἦως δ' ὠκεανοῖο βαθὺν ῥόον εἰσαφίκανε,
 κυανέην δ' ἄρα γαῖαν ἐπήειεν ἄσπετος ὄρφνη,
 ἦμος ἀναπνεῖουσι βροτοὶ βαιὸν καμάτοιο·
 Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἐπὶ νηυσὶν ἐδόρπεον ἀχνύμενοί περ·

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οὐ γὰρ νηδύος ἐστὶν ἀπωσέμεναι μεμαυίης
 λιμὸν ἀταρτηρόν, ὅποταν στέρνοισιν ἴκηται.
 ἀλλ' εἶθαρ θοὰ γυῖα βαρύνεται, οὐδέ τι μῆχος
 γίνεται, ἦν μή τις κορέση θυμαλγέα νηδύν·
 τοῦνεκα δαῖτ' ἐπάσαντο καὶ ἀχνύμενοι Ἀχιλῆος·
 αἰνὴ γὰρ μάλα πάντας ἐποτρύνεσκεν ἀνάγκη.
 τοῖσι δὲ πασσαμένοισιν ἐπήλυθε νήδυμος ὕπνος,
 λῦσε δ' ἀπὸ μελέων ὀδύνας, ἐπὶ δὲ σθένος ὤρσεν.

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Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ κεφαλὰς μὲν ἐπ' ἀντολίην ἔχον
 ἄρκτοι,

δέγμεναι ἠελίοιο θοὸν φάος, ἔγρετο δ' ἠώς,
 δὴ τότε ἀνέγρετο λαὸς εὐσθενέων Ἀργείων
 πορφύρων Τρώεσσι φόνον καὶ κῆρ' αἰδήλον.
 κίνυτο δ' ἠὔτε πόντος ἀπείριτος Ἰκαρίοιο
 ἠὲ καὶ αὐαλέον βαθὺ λήιον, ὅππῳ ἴκηται

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Midst Pelion's glens? Thyself didst bring to pass
Those spousals of a Goddess : on that day
All we Immortals feasted there, and gave
Gifts passing-fair. All this dost thou forget,
And hast devised for Hellas heaviest woe."

So spake she ; but Zeus answered not a word ;
For pondering there he sat with burdened breast,
Thinking how soon the Argives should destroy
The city of Priam, thinking how himself
Would visit on the victors ruin dread
In war and on the great sea thunder-voiced.
Such thoughts were his, ere long to be fulfilled.

Now sank the sun to Ocean's fathomless flood :
O'er the dim land the infinite darkness stole,
Wherein men gain a little rest from toil.
Then by the ships, despite their sorrow, supped
The Argives, for ye cannot thrust aside
Hunger's importunate craving, when it comes
Upon the breast, but straightway heavy and faint
Lithe limbs become ; nor is there remedy
Until one satisfy this clamorous guest.
Therefore these ate the meat of eventide
In grief for Achilles : hard necessity
Constrained them all. And, when they had broken
bread,
Sweet sleep came on them, loosening from their
frames

Care's heavy chain, and quickening strength anew

But when the starry Bears had eastward turned
Their heads, expectant of the uprushing light
Of Helios, and when woke the Queen of Dawn,
Then rose from sleep the stalwart Argive men
Purposing for the Trojans death and doom.
Stirred were they like the roughly-riding sea
Icarian, or as sudden-rippling corn
In harvest field, what time the rushing wings

ρίπη ἀπειρεσίη νεφεληγερός Ζεφύροιο· 80

ὥς ἄρα κίνυτο λαὸς ἐπ' ἠόσιν Ἑλλησπόντου.

καὶ τότε Τυδέος υἱὸς ἐελδομένοισιν ἔειπεν·

“ὦ φίλοι, εἰ ἔτεόν γε μενεπτόλεμοι πελόμεσθα,

νῦν μᾶλλον στυγεροῖσι μαχώμεθα δυσμενέεσσι, 85

μή πως θαρσήσωσιν Ἀχιλλέος οὐκέτ' εὐντος·
ἀλλ' ἄγε, σὺν τεύχεσσι καὶ ἄρμασιν ἠδὲ καὶ
ἵπποις

ἴομεν ἀμφὶ πόλῃα· πόνος δ' ἄρα κῦδος ὀρέξει.”

“Ὡς ἔφατ' ἐν Δαναοῖσιν· ἀμείβετο δ' ὄβριμος
Αἴας·

“Τυδεΐδη, σὺ μὲν ἐσθλὰ καὶ οὐκ ἀνεμῶλια βάζεις
ὀτρύνων Τρῶεσσι εὐπτολέμοισι μάχεσθαι 90

ἀγχεμάχους Δαναούς, οἵπερ μεμάσιν καὶ αὐτοί·

ἀλλὰ χρὴ ἐν νήεσσι μένειν, ἄχρις ἐξ ἁλὸς ἔλθῃ

διὰ Θέτις· μάλα γάρ οἱ ἐνὶ φρεσὶ μῆδεται ἦτορ

υἱέος ἀμφὶ τάφῳ περικαλλέα θεῖναι ἄεθλα·

ὥς χθιζή μοι ἔειπεν, ὅτ' εἰς ἁλὸς ἦιε βένθος, 95

νόσφ' ἄλλων Δαναῶν· καὶ ἐσχεδὸν ἔλπομαι εἶναι

ἐσσυμένην· Τρῶες δέ, καὶ εἰ θάνε Πηλέος υἱός,

οὐ μάλα θαρσήσουσιν ἔτι ζῶντος ἐμεῖο

καὶ σέθεν ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτοῦ ἀμύμονος Ἀτρεΐδαο.”

“Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη Τελαμῶνος εὖς παῖς, οὐδέ τι ἦδη, 100

ὅττι ρά οἱ μετ' ἄεθλα κακὸν μόνον ἔντυε δαίμων

ἀργαλέον· τὸν δ' αὖθις ἀμείβετο Τυδέος υἱός·

“ὦ φίλος, εἰ ἔτεόν Θετίς ἔρχεται ἡματι τῷδε

υἱέος ἀμφὶ τάφῳ περικαλλέα θεῖναι ἄεθλα, 105

πὰρ νήεσσι μένωμεν ἐρυκανόωντε καὶ ἄλλους·

καὶ γὰρ δὴ μακάρεσσι θεοῖς πείθεσθαι ἔοικε·

καὶ δ' ἄλλως Ἀχιλῆι καὶ ἀθανάτων ἀέκητι

αὐτοῖ φραζώμεσθα δόμεν θυμηδέα τιμῆν.”

“Ὡς φάτο Τυδεΐδαο δαίφρονος ὄβριμον ἦτορ.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK IV

Of the cloud-gathering West sweep over it ;
So upon Hellespont's strand the folk were stirred.
And to those eager hearts cried Tydeus' son :
" If we be battle-biders, friends, indeed,
More fiercely fight we now the hated foe,
Lest they take heart because Achilles lives
No longer. Come, with armour, car, and steed
Let us beset them. Glory waits our toil ? "

But battle-eager Aias answering spake
" Brave be thy words, and nowise idle talk,
Kindling the dauntless Argive men, whose hearts
Before were battle-eager, to the fight
Against the Trojan men, O Tydeus' son.
But we must needs abide amidst the ships
Till Goddess Thetis come forth of the sea ;
For that her heart is purposed to set here
Fair athlete-prizes for the funeral-games.
This yesterday she told me, ere she plunged
Into sea-depths, yea, spake to me apart
From other Danaans ; and, I trow, by this
Her haste hath brought her nigh. Yon Trojan men,
Though Peleus' son hath died, shall have small heart
For battle, while myself am yet alive,
And thou, and noble Atreus' son, the king. "

So spake the mighty son of Telamon,
But knew not that a dark and bitter doom
For him should follow hard upon those games
By Fate's contrivance. Answered Tydeus' son
" O friend, if Thetis comes indeed this day
With goodly gifts for her son's funeral-games,
Then bide we by the ships, and keep we here
All others. Meet it is to do the will
Of the Immortals : yea, to Achilles too,
Though the Immortals willed it not, ourselves
Must render honour grateful to the dead. "

So spake the battle-eager Tydeus' son.

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καὶ τότε ἄρ' ἐκ πόντοιο κίεν Πηλῆος ἄκοιτις 110
 αὔρη ὑπηώη ἐναλίγκιον· αἶψα δ' ἴκανε
 Ἄργείων ἐς ὄμιλον, ὅπη μεμαῶτες ἔμιμνον,
 οἱ μὲν ἀεθλεύσοντες ἀπειρεσίῳ ἐν ἀγῶνι,
 οἱ δὲ φρένας καὶ θυμὸν ἀεθλητῆρσιν ἰῆναι.
 τοῖσι δ' ἄμ' ἀγρομένοισι Θέτις κυανοκρήδεμος 115
 θῆκεν ἄεθλα φέρουσα καὶ ὀτρύνεσκεν Ἀχαιοὺς
 αὐτίκ' ἀεθλεύειν· τοὶ δ' ἀθανάτη πεπίθοντο.

Πρῶτος δ' ἐν μέσσοισιν ἀνίστατο Νηλέος υἱός,
 οὐ μὲν πυγμαχίησι λιλαιόμενος πονέεσθαι
 οὔτε παλαισμοσύνη πολυτεϊρέϊ· τοῦ γὰρ ὑπερθε 120
 γυῖα καὶ ἄψα πάντα λυγρὸν κατεδάμνατο γῆρας·
 ἀλλὰ οἱ ἐν στέρνοισιν ἔτ' ἔμπεδος ἔπλετο θυμὸς
 καὶ νόος, οὐδέ τις ἄλλος ἐριδμαίνεσκεν Ἀχαιῶν
 κείνῳ, ὅτ' εἰν ἀγορῇ ἐπέων πέρι δῆρις ἐτύχθη·
 τῷ καὶ Λαέρταο κλυτὸς παῖς εἴνεκα μύθων 125
 εἰν ἀγορῇ ὑπόεικε, καὶ ὃς βασιλεύτατος ἦεν
 πάντων Ἀργείων μέγ' εὐμμελῆς Ἀγαμέμνων.
 τοῦνεκ' ἐνὶ μέσσοισιν εὐφρονα Νηρηίην
 ὕμνεεν, ὡς πάσησι μετέπρεπεν εἰναλίησιν
 εἴνεκ' εὐφροσύνης τε καὶ εἶδεος· ἢ δ' αἴουσα 130
 τέρπεθ'· ὃ δ' ἱμερόεντα γάμον Πηλῆος ἐνισπε,
 τὸν ῥά οἱ ἀθάνατοι μάκαρες συνετεκτῆναντο
 Πηλίου ἀμφὶ κάρηνα, καὶ ἄμβροτον ὡς ἐπάσαντο
 δαῖτα παρ' εἰλαπίνησιν, ὅτ' εἶδατα θεῖα φέρουσαι
 χερσὶν ὑπ' ἀμβροσίησι θεαὶ παρενήνεον Ὀραιοὺς 135
 χρυσείοις κανέοισι, Θέμις δ' ἄρα καγχαλόωσα
 ἀργυρέας ἐτίταινεν ἐπισπέρχουσα τραπέζας,
 πῦρ δ' Ἥφαιστος ἔκαιεν ἀκήρατον, ἀμφὶ δὲ
 Νύμφαι

ἀμβροσίην ἐκέραιον ἐνὶ χρυσείοισι κυπέλλοις,
 αἶ δ' ἄρ' ἐς ὄρχηθμὸν Χάριτες τράπεν ἱμερόεντα, 140
 Μοῦσαι δ' ἐς μολπήν, ἐπετέρπετο δ' οὔρεα πάντα

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And lo, the Bride of Peleus gliding came
Forth of the sea, like the still breath of dawn,
And suddenly was with the Argive throng
Where eager-faced they waited, some, that looked
Soon to contend in that great athlete-strife,
And some, to joy in seeing the mighty strive.
Amidst that gathering Thetis sable-stoled
Set down her prizes, and she summoned forth
Achaea's champions: at her hest they came.

But first amidst them all rose Neleus' son,
Not as desiring in the strife of fists
To toil, nor strain of wrestling; for his arms
And all his sinews were with grievous old
Outworn, but still his heart and brain were strong.
Of all the Achaeans none could match himself
Against him in the folk-mote's war of words;
Yea, even Laertes' glorious son to him
Ever gave place when men for speech were met;
Nor he alone, but even the kingliest
Of Argives, Agamemnon, lord of spears.
Now in their midst he sang the gracious Queen
Of Nereïds, sang how she in winsomeness
Of beauty was of all the Sea-maids chief.
Well-pleased she hearkend. Yet again he sang,
Singing of Peleus' Bridal of Delight,
Which all the blest Immortals brought to pass
By Pelion's crests; sang of the ambrosial feast
When the swift Hours brought in immortal hands
Meats not of earth, and heaped in golden maunds;
Sang how the silver tables were set forth
In haste by Themis blithely laughing; sang
How breathed Hephaestus purest flame of fire;
Sang how the Nymphs in golden chalices
Mingled ambrosia; sang the ravishing dance
Twined by the Graces' feet; sang of the chant
The Muses raised, and how its spell enthralled

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καὶ ποταμοὶ καὶ θῆρες, ἰαίνεται δ' ἄφθιτος αἰθὴρ
ἄντρα τε Χείρωνος περικαλλέα καὶ θεοὶ αὐτοί.

Καὶ τὰ μὲν ἄρ Νηλῆος εὖς παῖς Ἀργείοισι
πάντα μάλ' ἰεμένοις κατελέξατο· τοὶ δ' αἴοντες 145

τέρπουθ'· ὃς δ' Ἀχιλῆος ἀμύμονος ἄφθιτα ἔργα
μέλπε μέσῳ ἐν ἀγῶνι· πολὺς δ' ἀμφίαχε λαὸς
ἄσπασίως. ὁ δ' ἄρ' ἔνθεν ἔλων ἐρικυδέα φῶτα
ἐκπάγλως κύδαινεν ἀρηραμένοις ἐπέεσσι,
δώδεχ' ὅπως διέπερσε κατὰ πλόον ἄστεα φωτῶν, 150

ἔνδεκα δ' αὖ κατὰ γαῖαν ἀπείριτον, ὡς δ' ἐδάϊξε
Τήλεφον, ἠδὲ βίην ἐρικυδέος Ἡετίωνος
Θήβης ἐν δαπέδοισι, καὶ ὡς Κύκνον ἔκτανε δουρὶ
υἱὰ Ποσειδάωνος ἰδ' ἀντίθεον Πολύδωρον
καὶ Τρώϊλον θηητὸν ἀμύμονά τ' Ἀστεροπαῖον, 155

αἷματι δ' ὡς ἐρύθηνεν ἄδην ποταμοῖο ῥέεθρα
Ξάνθου καὶ νεκύεσσιν ἀπειρεσίοισι κάλυψε
πάντα ῥόον κελάδοντα, Λυκάωνος ὀππότε θυμὸν
νοσφίσατ' ἐκ μελέων ποταμοῦ σχεδὸν ἠχήμεντος,
Ἐκτορά θ' ὡς ἐδάμασσε, καὶ ὡς ἔλε Πενθε-
σίλειαν, 160

ἠδὲ καὶ υἱέα δῖον εὐθρόνου Ἡριγενείης.

καὶ τὰ μὲν Ἀργείοισιν ἐπισταμένοισι καὶ αὐτοῖς
μέλπε, καὶ ὡς ἐτέτυκτο πελώριος, ὡς τέ οἱ οὔτις
ἔσθενε δηριάασθαι ἐναντίον, οὔτ' ἐν ἀέθλοις
αἰζηῶν, ὅτε ποσσὶ νέοι περιδηριόωνται, 165

οὐδὲ μὲν ἵππασίῃ, οὐδὲ σταδίῃ ἐνὶ χάρμῃ,
κάλλεϊ θ' ὡς Δαναοὺς μέγ' ὑπέιρεχεν, ὡς τέ οἱ
ἄλκῃ

ἔπλετ' ἀπειρεσίῃ, ὀπότε Ἄρεος ἔσσυτο δῆρις.
εὐχέτο δ' ἀθανάτοισι καὶ υἱέα τοῖον ἰδέσθαι
κείνου ἀπὸ Σκύροιο πολυκλύστοιο μολόντα. 170

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All mountains, rivers, all the forest brood ;
How raptured was the infinite firmament,
Cheiron's fair caverns, yea, the very Gods.

Such noble strain did Neleus' son pour out
Into the Argives' eager ears ; and they
Hearkened with ravished souls. Then in their midst
He sang once more the imperishable deeds
Of princely Achilles. All the mighty throng
Acclaimed him with delight. From that beginning
With fitly chosen words did he extol
The glorious hero ; how he voyaged and smote
Twelve cities ; how he marched o'er leagues on
leagues

Of land, and spoiled eleven ; how he slew
Telephus and Eëtion's might renowned
In Thebe ; how his spear laid Cycnus low,
Poseidon's son, and godlike Polydorus,
Troilus the goodly, princely Asteropæus ;
And how he dyed with blood the river-streams
Of Xanthus. and with countless corpses choked
His murmuring flow, when from the limbs he tore
Lycaon's life beside the sounding river ;
And how he smote down Hector ; how he slew
Penthesileia, and the godlike son
Of splendour-thronèd Dawn ;--all this he sang
To Argives which already knew the tale ;
Sang of his giant mould, how no man's strength
In fight could stand against him, nor in games
Where strong men strive for mastery, where the swift
Contend with flying feet or hurrying wheels
Of chariots, nor in combat panoplied ;
And how in goodlihead he far outshone
All Danaans, and how his bodily might
Was measureless in the stormy clash of war.
Last, he prayed Heaven that he might see a son
Like that great sire from sea-washed Scyros come.

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Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἄρα πᾶσιν ἐπευφημησαν ἔπεσιν
 αὐτὴ τ' ἀργυρόπεζα Θέτις, καὶ οἱ πόρεν ἵππους
 ὠκύποδας, τοὺς πρόσθεν εὐμμελίῃ Ἀχιλῆι
 Τήλεφος ὤπασε δῶρον ἐπὶ προχοῇσι Καΐκου,
 εὐτέ ἐ μοχθίζοντα κακῶ περι ἔλκει θυμὸν 175
 ἠκέσατ' ἐγχείῃ, τῇ μιν βάλε δηριόωντα
 αὐτὸς ἔσω μηροῖο, διήλασε δ' ὄβριμον αἰχμῆν.
 καὶ τοὺς μὲν Νέστωρ Νηλήϊος οἷς ἐτάροισιν
 ὤπασεν· οἱ δ' ἐς νῆας ἄγον μέγα κυδαίνοντες
 ἀντίθεον βασιλῆα. Θέτις δ' ἐς μέσσον ἀγῶνα 180
 θῆκεν ἄρ' ἀμφὶ δρόμοιο βόας δέκα· τῆσι δὲ πάσης
 καλαὶ πόρτιες ἦσαν ὑπὸ μαζοῖσιν ἰοῦσαι·
 τὰς ποτε Πηλείδαο θρασὺ σθένος ἀκαμάτοιο
 ἤλασεν ἐξ Ἰδης μεγάλῳ ἐπὶ δουρὶ πεπορθῶς.
 Τῶν πέρι δοιοὶ ἀνέσταν ἐελδόμενοι μέγα νίκης· 185
 Τεῦκρος μὲν πρῶτος Τελαμώνιος, ἂν δὲ καὶ Αἴας,
 Αἴας, ὅς τε Λοκροῖσι μετέπρεπεν ἰοβόλοισιν.
 ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα ζώσαντο θοῶς περι μῆδεα χερσὶ
 φάρεα, πάντα δ' ἔνερθεν, ἄπερ θέμις, ἐκρύψαντο
 αἰδόμενοι Πηλῆος εὐσθενέος παράκοιτιν 190
 ἄλλας τ' εἰναλίας Νηρηίδας, ὅσσαι ἄμ' αὐτῇ
 ἤλυθον Ἀργείων κρατεροὺς ἐσιδέσθαι ἀέθλους.
 τοῖσι δὲ σημαίνεσκε δρόμου τέλος ὠκυτάτοιο
 Ἄτρείδης, ὃς πᾶσι μετ' Ἀργεῖοισιν ἄνασσε.
 τοὺς δ' Ἔρις ὀτρύνεσκεν ἐπήρατος· οἱ δ' ἀπὸ
 νύσσης 195
 καρπαλίμως οἴμησαν εἰκοτες ἰρήκεσσι·
 τῶν δὲ καὶ ἀμφήριστος ἔην δρόμος· οἱ δ' ἐκάτερθεν
 Ἀργεῖοι λεύσσοντες ἐπίαχον ἄλλυδις ἄλλος.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε τέρματ' ἔμελλον ἰκανέμεναι μεμαῶτες,
 δὴ τότε που Τεῦκροιο μένος καὶ γυῖα πέδησαν 200
 ἀθάνατοι· τὸν γάρ ῥα θεὸς βάλεν ἠέ τις ἄτη
 ὄζον ἐς ἀλγινόεντα βαθυρρίζοιο μυρίκης·

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That noble song acclaiming Argives praised ;
Yea, silver-footed Thetis smiled, and gave
The singer fleetfoot horses, given of old
Beside Caïcus' mouth by Telephus
To Achilles, when he healed the torturing wound
With that same spear wherewith himself had pierced
Telephus' thigh, and thrust the point clear through.
These Nestor Neleus' son to his comrades gave,
And, glorying in their godlike lord, they led
The steeds unto his ships. Then Thetis set
Amidst the athlete-ring ten kine, to be
Her prizes for the footrace, and by each
Ran a fair suckling calf. These the bold might
Of Peleus' tireless son had driven down
From slopes of Ida, prizes of his spear.

To strive for these rose up two victory-fain,
Teucer the first, the son of Telamon,
And Aias, of the Locrian archers chief.
These twain with swift hands girded them about
With loin-cloths, reverencing the Goddess-bride
Of Peleus, and the Sea-maids, who with her
Came to behold the Argives' athlete-sport.
And Atreus' son, lord of all Argive men,
Showed them the turning-goal of that swift course.
Then these the Queen of Rivalry spurred on,
As from the starting-line like falcons swift
They sped away. Long doubtful was the race :
Now, as the Argives gazed, would Aias' friends
Shout, now rang out the answering cheer from friends
Of Teucer. But when in their eager speed
Close on the end they were, then Teucer's feet
Were trammelled by unearthly powers : some god
Or demon dashed his foot against the stock

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τῷ δ' ἄρ' ἐνιχριμφθεῖς χαμάδις πέσει· τοῦ δ'
ἰλεγεινῶς

ἄκρον ἀνεγνάμφθη λαιοῦ ποδός, αἶ δ' ὑπανέσταν
οἶδαλέαι ἐκάτερθε περὶ φλέβες. οἱ δ' ἰάχησαν 205
Ἄργεῖοι κατ' ἀγῶνα· παρήξεν δέ μιν Αἴας
γηθόσυνος· λαοὶ δὲ συνέδραμον, οἳ οἱ ἔποντο,
Λοκροί· αἴψα δὲ χάρμα περὶ φρένας ἤλυθε
πάντων·

ἐκ δ' ἔλασαν κατὰ νῆας ἀγοῦ βόας, ὄφρα νέμονται.
Τεῦκρον δ' ἐσσυμένως ἔταροι περιποιπνύοντες 210
ἦγον ἐπισκάζοντα· θοῶς δέ οἱ ἰητῆρες
ἐκ ποδός αἰμ' ἀφέλοντο, θέσαν δ' ἐφύπερθε μοτύων
εἴρι' ἄδην δεύσαντες ἀλείφασιν· ἀμφὶ δὲ μίτρην
δήσαντ' ἐνδυκέως· ὀλοὰς δ' ἐκέδασσαν ἀνίας.

Ἄλλω δ' αὖθ' ἐτέρωθι παλαισμοσύνης ὑπερ-
όπλου 215

καρπαλίμως μνώοντο δῦω κρατερόφρονε φῶτε,
Τυδέος ἵπποδάμοιο πάϊς καὶ ὑπέρβιος Αἴας,
οἳ ῥ' ἴσαν ἐς μέσσον· θάμβος δ' ἔχεν ἀθρήσαντας
Ἄργείους· ἀμφω γὰρ ἔσαν μακάρεσσιν ὁμοῖοι.
σὺν δ' ἔβαλον θήρεσσιν ἐοικότες, οἳ τ' ἐν ὄρεσσιν 220
ἀμφ' ἐλάφοιο μάχονται ἐδητύος ἰσχανόωντες,
ἴσον δ' ἀμφοτέροισι πέλει σθένος, οὐδέ τις αὐτῶν
λείπεται οὐδ' ἠβαιὸν ἀταρτηρῶν μάλ' ἐόντων·
ὥς οἳ γ' ἴσον ἔχον κρατερὸν μένος. ὄψε δ' ἄρ' Αἴας
Τυδεΐδην συνέμαρψεν ὑπὸ στιβαρῆσι χέρεσσιν 225
ἄξαι ἐπειγόμενος. ὁ δ' ἄρ' ἰδρεῖη τε καὶ ἀλκῆ
πλευρὸν ὑποκλίνας Τελαμώνιου ὄβριμον νῖα
ἐσσυμένως ἀνάειρεν ὑπὸ μυῶνος ἐρείσας
ῶμον, καὶ ποδὶ μηρὸν ὑποπλίξας ἐτέρωσε
κάββαλεν ὄβριμον ἄνδρα κατὰ χθονός· ἀμφὶ δ'
ἄρ' αὐτῷ 230

ἔξετο· τοὶ δ' ὀμάδησαν. ὁ δ' ἰσχαλόων ἐνὶ θυμῷ
Αἴας ὄβριμόθυμος ἀνίστατο δεύτερον αὖθις

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Of a deep-rooted tamarisk. Sorely wrenched
Was his left ankle : round the joint upswelled
The veins high-ridged. A great shout rang from all
That watched the contest. Aias darted past
Exultant : ran his Locrian folk to hail
Their lord, with sudden joy in all their souls.
Then to his ships they drave the kine, and cast
Fodder before them. Eager-helpful friends
Led Teucer halting thence. The leeches drew
Blood from his foot : then over it they laid
Soft-shredded linen ointment-smear'd, and swath'd
With smooth bands round, and charmed away the
pain.

Then swiftly rose two mighty-hearted ones
Eager to match their strength in wrestling strain,
The son of Tydeus and the giant Aias.
Into the midst they strode, and marvelling gazed
The Argives on men shapen like to gods.
Then grappled they, like lions famine-stung
Fighting amidst the mountains o'er a stag,
Whose strength is even-balanced ; no whit less
Is one than other in their deadly rage ;
So these long time in might were even-matched,
Till Aias locked his strong hands round the son
Of Tydeus, straining hard to break his back ;
But he, with wrestling-craft and strength combined,
Shifted his hip 'neath Telamon's son, and heaved
The giant up ; with a side-twist wrenched free
From Aias' ankle-lock his thigh, and so
With one huge shoulder-heave to earth he threw
That mighty champion, and himself came down
Astride him : then a mighty shout went up.
But battle-stormer Aias, chafed in mind,

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ὄρμαίνων ἐς δῆριν ἀμείλιχον· αἶψα δὲ χερσὶ
 σμερδαλέησι κόνιν κατεχεύατο, καὶ μέγα θύων
 Τυδεΐδην ἐς μέσσον αὐτέεν· ὃς δέ μιν οὔτι 235
 ταρβήσας οἶμησε καταντίον· ἀμφὶ δὲ πολλῇ
 ποσσὶν ὑπ' ἀμφοτέρων κόνις ὄρνυτο· τοὶ δ'
 ἐκάτερθε

ταῦροι ὅπως συνόρουσαν ἀταρβέες, οἳ τ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
 θαρσαλέου μένεος πειρώμενοι εἰς ἐν ἴκωνται
 ποσσὶ κοιόμενοι, περὶ δὲ βρομέουσι κολῶναι 240
 βρυχῇ ὑπ' ἀμφοτέρων, τοὶ δ' ἄσχετα μαιμῶντες
 κράατα συμφορέουσιν ἀτειρέα καὶ μέγα κάρτος
 δηρὸν ἐπ' ἀλλήλοισι πονεύμενοι, ἐκ δὲ μόγοιο
 λάβρον ἀνασθμαίνοντες ἀμείλιχα δηριόωνται,
 πουλὺς δ' ἐκ στομάτων χαμάδις καταχεύεται
 ἀφρός· 245

ὡς οἳ γε στιβαρῆσιν ἄδην πονέοντο χέρεσσι.
 ἀμφοτέρων δ' ἄρα νῶτα καὶ ἀνχένες ἀλκήεντες
 χερσὶ περικτυπέοντο τετριγότες, εὐτ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
 δένδρε' ἐπ' ἀλλήλοισι βαλόντ' ἐριθηλέας ὄζους.
 πολλάκι δ' Αἴαντος μέγαλου στιβαροῦς ὑπο
 μηροῦς 250

κάββαλε Τυδεΐδης κρατερὰς χέρας, ἀλλά μιν οὔτι
 ἀψ ὦσαι δύνατο στιβαροῖς ποσσὶν ἐμβεβαῶτα·
 τὸν δ' Αἴας καθυπερθευ ἐπεσσύμενος ποτὶ γαῖαν
 ἐξ ὠμων ἐτίνασσε κατὰ χθονὸς οὐδας ἐρείδων·
 ἄλλοτε δ' ἀλλοίως ὑπὸ χείρεσι δηριόωντο. 255

λαοὶ δ' ἔνθα καὶ ἔνθα μέγ' ἴαχον εἰσορόωντες,
 οἳ μὲν Τυδεΐδην ἐρικυδέα θαρσύνοντες,
 οἳ δὲ βίην Αἴαντος· ὁ δ' ἄλκιμον ἄνδρα τινάξας
 ἐξ ὠμων ἐκάτερθε, βαλὼν δ' ὑπὸ νηδύα χεῖρας
 ἐσσυμένως ἐφέηκε κατὰ χθονὸς ἠὔτε πέτρην 260
 ἀλκῇ ὑπὸ σθεναρῇ· μέγα δ' ἴαχε Τρώϊον οὐδας
 Τυδεΐδαο πεσόντος· ἐπηῦτησε δὲ λαός.
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς ἀνόρουσεν ἐελδόμενος πονέετθαι

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Sprang up, hot-eager to essay again
That grim encounter. From his terrible hands
He dashed the dust, and challenged furiously
With a great voice Tydeides: not a whit
That other quailed, but rushed to close with him.
Rolled up the dust in clouds from 'neath their feet:
Hurtling they met like battling mountain-bulls
That clash to prove their dauntless strength, and
spurn

The dust, while with their roaring all the hills
Re-echo: in their desperate fury these
Dash their strong heads together, straining long
Against each other with their massive strength,
Hard-panting in the fierce rage of their strife,
While from their mouths drip foam-flakes to the
ground;

So strained they twain with grapple of brawny hands.
'Neath that hard grip their backs and sinewy necks
Cracked, even as when in mountain-glades the trees
Dash storm-tormented boughs together. Oft
Tydeides clutched at Aias' brawny thighs,
But could not stir his steadfast-rooted feet.
Oft Aias hurled his whole weight on him, bowed
His shoulders backward, strove to press him down;
And to new grips their hands were shifting aye.
All round the gazing people shouted, some
Cheering on glorious Tydeus' son, and some
The might of Aias. Then the giant swung
The shoulders of his foe to right, to left;
Then gripped him 'neath the waist; with one fierce
heave

And giant effort hurled him like a stone
To earth. The floor of Troyland rang again
As fell Tydeides: shouted all the folk.
Yet leapt he up all eager to contend

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τὸ τρίτον ἀμφ' Αἴαντα πελώριον· ἄλλ' ἄρα
 Νέστωρ

ἔστη ἐνὶ μέσσοισι καὶ ἀμφοτέροισι μετηύδα· 265

“ἴσχεσθ', ἀγλαὰ τέκνα, παλαιομοσύνης ὑπερ-
 ὄπλου·

ἴδμεν γὰρ δὴ πάντες, ὅσον προφερέστεροί ἐστε
 Ἀργείων μέγαλοιο καταφθιμένου Ἀχιλλῆος.”

Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' ἴσχοντο πονεῦμενοι· ἐκ δὲ
 μετώπων

χερσὶν ἄδην μόρξαντο κατεσσύμενόν περ ἰδρώτα· 270

κύσσαν δ' ἀλλήλους, φιλότητι δὲ δῆριν ἔθεντο.

τοῖς δ' ἄρα ληιάδας πίσυρας πόρε πότνα θεάων

δία Θέτις· τὰς δ' αὐτοὶ ἐθήησαντο ἰδόντες

ἥρωες κρατεροὶ καὶ ἀταρβέες, οὔνεκα πασέων

ληιάδων προφέρεσκον εὐφροσύνη τε καὶ ἔργοις 275

νόσφιν εὐπλοκάμου Βρισηίδος, ἄς ποτ' Ἀχιλλεὺς

ληίσατ' ἐκ Λέσβοιο, νόον δ' ἐπετέρπετο τῆσι·

καί ῥ' ἢ μὲν δόρποιο πέλεν ταμίη καὶ ἐδωδῆς,

ἢ δ' ἄρα δαινουμένοισι παροινοχόει μέθυ λαρόν,

ἄλλη δ' αὖ μετὰ δόρπον ὕδωρ ἐπέχευε χέρεσσιν 280

ἢ δ' ἐτέρη ἀπὸ δαιτὸς αἰεὶ φορέεσκε τράπεζας.

τὰς δ' ἄρα Τυδείδαο μένος καὶ ὑπέρβιος Αἴας

δασσάμενοι προέηκαν εὐπρώρους ἐπὶ νῆας.

Ἀμφὶ δὲ πυγμαχίης πρῶτον σθένος Ἰδομενῆος

ᾠρνυτ', ἐπεὶ οἱ θυμὸς ἴδρις πέλε παντὸς ἀέθλου. 285

τῷ δ' οὔτις κατέναντα κίεν· μάλα γάρ μιν ἅπαντες

αἰδόμενοι ὑπόειξαν, ἐπεὶ ῥα γεραίτερος ἦεν.

τῷ δ' ἄρ' ἐνὶ μέσσοισι Θέτις πόρεν ἄρμα καὶ

ἵππους

ὠκύποδας, τοὺς πρόσθε βίη μεγάλου Πατρόκλοιο

ἤλασεν ἐκ Τρώων Σαρπηδόνα δίου ὀλέσσης· 290

καὶ τοὺς μὲν θεράποντι πόρεν ποτὶ νῆας ἄγεσθαι

Ἰδομενεύς· αὐτὸς δὲ κλυτῷ ἐν ἀγῶνι μένεσκε.

Φοῖνιξ δ' Ἀργείοισιν εὐσθενέεσσι μετηύδα·

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With giant Aias for the third last fall :
But Nestor rose and spake unto the twain :
“From grapple of wrestling, noble sons, forbear ;
For all we know that ye be mightiest
Of Argives since the great Achilles died.”

Then these from toil refrained, and from their brows
Wiped with their hands the plenteous-streaming
sweat :

They kissed each other, and forgot their strife.
Then Thetis, queen of Goddesses, gave to them
Four handmaids ; and those strong and aweless ones
Marvelled beholding them, for these surpassed
All captive-maids in beauty and household-skill,
Save only lovely-tressed Briseis. These
Achilles captive brought from Lesbos' Isle,
And in their service joyed. The first was made
Stewardess of the feast and lady of meats ;
The second to the feasters poured the wine ;
The third shed water on their hands thereafter ;
The fourth bare all away, the banquet done.
These Tydeus' son and giant Aias shared,
And, parted two and two, unto their ships
Sent they those fair and serviceable ones.

Next, for the play of fists Idomeneus rose,
For cunning was he in all athlete-lore ;
But none came forth to meet him, yielding all
To him, the elder-born, with reverent awe.
So in their midst gave Thetis unto him
A chariot and fleet steeds, which theretofore
Mighty Patroclus from the ranks of Troy
Drove, when he slew Sarpedon, seed of Zeus,
These to his henchmen gave Idomeneus
To drive unto the ships : himself remained
Still sitting in the glorious athlete-ring.
Then Phoenix to the stalwart Argives cried :

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“ νῦν μὲν ἄρ’ Ἰδομευῆι θεοὶ δόσαν ἔσθλον ἄεθλον
 αὐτως, οὔτι καμόντι βίη καὶ χερσὶ καὶ ὤμοις, 295
 ἀλλ’ ἄρ’ ἀναιμωτὶ προγενέστερον ἄνδρα τίοντες·
 ἀλλ’ ἄλλον, νέοι ἄνδρες, ἐπεντύνεσθαι ἄεθλον
 χεῖρας ἐπ’ ἀλλήλοισι δαήμονας ἰθύνοντες
 πυγμαχίης, καὶ θυμὸν ἰήνατε Πηλείωνος.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ’ αἶοντες ἐπέδρακον ἀλλήλοισιν· 300
 ἦκα δὲ πάντες ἔμιμνον ἀναινώμενοι τὸν ἄεθλον,
 εἰ μὴ σφεας ἐνένιπεν ἀγαυοῦ Νηλέος υἱός·

“ ὦ φίλοι, οὔτι ἔοικε δαήμονος ἄνδρας αὐτῆς
 πυγμαχίην ἀλέασθαι ἐπήρατον, ἢ τε νέοισι
 τερπωλὴ πέλεται, καμάτῳ δ’ ἐπὶ κῦδος ἀγινεῖ. 305

ὦς εἶθ’ ἐν γυίοισιν ἐμοῖς ἔτι κάρτος ἔκειτο,
 οἶον ὄτ’ ἀντίθεον Πελίην κατεθάπτομεν ἡμεῖς,
 αὐτὸς ἐγὼ καὶ Ἄκαστος, ἀνεψιοὶ εἰς ἐν ἰόντες,
 ὀππότε ἄρ’ ἀμφήριστος ἐγὼ Πολυδεύκει δίῳ
 πυγμαχίῃ γενόμεν, ἔλαβον δέ οἱ ἴσον ἄεθλον· 310

ἐν δὲ παλαισμοσύνῃ με καὶ ὁ κρατερώτατος ἄλλων
 Ἄγκαῖος θάμβησε καὶ ἔτρεσεν, οὐδέ μοι ἔτλη
 ἀντίον ἐλθέμεναι νίκης ὑπερ, οὔνεκ’ ἄρ’ αὐτὸν
 ἤδη που τὸ πάροιθε παρ’ ἀγχεμάχοισιν Ἐπειοῖς
 νίκησ’ ἦν ἔοντα, πεσὼν δ’ ἐκουίσατο νῶτα 315

σῆμα πάρα φθιμένου Ἀμαρυγκέος, ἀμφὶ δ’ ἄρ’
 αὐτῷ

πολλοὶ θηήσαντο βίην καὶ κάρτος ἐμεῖο·
 τῷ νύ μοι οὐκέτι κεῖνος ἐναντίον ἦρατο χεῖρας
 καὶ κρατερός περ ἐών, ἔλαβον δ’ ἀκόνιτος ἄεθλον·
 νῦν δέ με γῆρας ἔπεισι καὶ ἄλγεα· τούνεκ’ ἄνωγα 320
 ὑμέας, οἷσιν ἔοικεν, ἀέθλια χερσὶν ἀρέσθαι·
 κῦδος γὰρ νέῳ ἀνδρὶ φέρειν ἀπ’ ἀγῶνος ἄεθλον.”

“Ὡς φαμένοιο γέροντος ἀνίστατο θαρσαλέος φώς,
 υἱὸς ὑπερθύμοιο καὶ ἀντιθέου Πανοπῆος,

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“ Now to Idomeneus the Gods have given
A fair prize uncontested, free of toil
Of mighty arms and shoulders, honouring
The elder-born with bloodless victory.
But lo, ye younger men, another prize
Awaiteth the swift play of cunning hands.
Step forth then: gladden great Peleides' soul.”

He spake, they heard; but each on other looked,
And, loth to essay the contest, all sat still,
Till Neleus' son rebuked those laggard souls:
“ Friends, it were shame that men should shun the
 play
Of clenched hands, who in that noble sport
Have skill, wherein young men delight, which links
Glory to toil. Ah that my thews were strong
As when we held King Pelias' funeral-feast,
I and Acastus, kinsmen joining hands,
When I with godlike Polydeuces stood
In gauntlet-strife, in even-balanced fray,
And when Ancaeus in the wrestlers' ring
Mightier than all beside, yet feared and shrank
From me, and dared not strive with me that day,
For that ere then amidst the Epeian men—
No battle-blenchers they!—I had vanquished him,
For all his might, and dashed him to the dust
By dead Amaryncus' tomb, and thousands round
Sat marvelling at my prowess and my strength.
Therefore against me not a second time
Raised he his hands, strong wrestler though he were;
And so I won an uncontested prize.
But now old age is on me, and many griefs.
Therefore I bid you, whom it well beseems,
To win the prize; for glory crowns the youth
Who bears away the meed of athlete-strife.”

Stirred by his gallant chiding, a brave man
Rose, son of haughty godlike Panopeus,

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ὅς τε καὶ ἵππον ἔτευξε κακὸν Πριάμοιο πόληι 325
 ὕστερον· ἀλλ' οὐ οἷ τις ἐτόλμα ἐγγὺς ἰκέσθαι
 εἵνεκα πυγμαχίης· πολέμου δ' οὐ πάγχυ δαήμων
 ἔπλετο λευγαλέου, ὅπότη' Ἄρεος ἔσσυτο δῆρις.
 καὶ κεν ἀνιδρωτὶ περικαλλέα δίος Ἐπειὸς
 ἤμελλεν τότε ἄεθλα φέρειν ποτὶ νῆας Ἀχαιῶν, 330
 εἰ μὴ οἱ σχεδὸν ἦλθεν ἀγαυοῦ Θησέος υἱὸς
 αἰχμητῆς Ἀκάμας μέγ' ἐνὶ φρεσὶ κάρτος ἀέξων,
 ἀζαλέους ἱμάντας ἔχων περὶ χερσὶ θοῆσι,
 τοὺς οἱ ἐπισταμένως Εὐηνορίδης Ἀγέλαος
 ἀμφέβαλεν παλάμησιν ἐποτρύνων βασιλῆα. 335
 ὡς δ' αὐτως ἔταροι Πανοπηιάδαο ἄνακτος
 θαρσύνεσκον Ἐπειόν· ὁ δ' ἐν μέσσοισι λέων ὡς
 εἰστήκει περὶ χερσὶν ἔχων βοὸς ἴφι δαμέντος
 ῥινοὺς ἀζαλέας. μέγα δ' ἴαχον ἔνθα καὶ ἔνθα
 λαοὶ ἐποτρύνοντες εὐσθενέων μένος ἀνδρῶν 340
 μίξαι ἐν αἵματι χεῖρας ἀτειρέας· οἱ δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ
 ἔσταν μαιμῶωντες ἐνὶ ξυνοχῆσιν ἀγῶνος,
 ἄμφω χεῖρας ἕως πειρώμενοι, εἴπερ ἕασιν
 ὡς πρὶν¹ εὐτρόχαλοι, μηδ' ἐκ πολέμου βαρύθιοιεν.
 αἶψα δ' ἄρ' ἀλλήλοισι καταντία χεῖρας ἄειραν 345
 ταρφέα παπταίνοντες, ἐπ' ἀκροτάτοις δὲ πόδεσσι
 βαίνοντες κατὰ βαιὸν αἰεὶ γόνυ γουνὸς ἄμειβον
 ἀλλήλων ἐπὶ δηρὸν ἀλευόμενοι μέγα κάρτος.
 σὺν δ' ἔβαλον νεφέλησιν εὐικότες αἰψηρηῆσιν,
 αἶ τ' ἀνέμων ῥιπήσιν ἐπ' ἀλλήλησι θοροῦσαι 350
 ἀστεροπὴν προῖᾶσι, μέγας δ' ὀροθύνεται αἰθὴρ
 θηγομένων νεφέων, βαρὺ δὲ κτυπέουσιν ἄελλαι·
 ὡς τῶν ἀζαλέησι περικτυπέοντο γένεια
 ῥινοῖς· αἷμα δὲ πουλὺ κατέρρρεεν, ἐκ δὲ μετώπων

¹ Zimmermann, from P; for ὡς ποτ' of v.

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The man who framed the Horse, the bane of Troy,
Not long thereafter. None dared meet him now
In play of fists, albeit in deadly craft
Of war, when Ares rusheth through the field,
He was not cunning. But for strife of hands
The fair prize uncontested had been won
By stout Epeius—yea, he was at point
To bear it thence unto the Achaean ships;—
But one strode forth to meet him, Theseus' son,
The spearman Acamas, the mighty of heart,
Bearing already on his swift hands girt
The hard hide-gauntlets, which Evenor's son
Agelaus on his prince's hands had drawn
With courage-kindling words. The comrades then
Of Panopeus' princely son for Epeius raised
A heartening cheer. He like a lion stood
Forth in the midst, his strong hands gauntleted
With bull's hide hard as horn. Loud rang the cheers
From side to side of that great throng, to fire
The courage of the mighty ones to clash
Hands in the gory play. Sooth, little spur
Needed they for their eagerness for fight.
But, ere they closed, they flashed out proving blows
To wot if still, as theretofore, their arms
Were limber and lithe, unclogged by toil of war;
Then faced each other, and upraised their hands
With ever-watching eyes, and short quick steps
A-tiptoe, and with ever-shifting feet,
Each still eluding other's crushing might.
Then with a rush they closed like thunder-clouds
Hurled on each other by the tempest-blast,
Flashing forth lightnings, while the welkin thrills
As clash the clouds and hollow roar the winds;
So 'neath the hard hide-gauntlets clashed their jaws.
Down streamed the blood, and from their brows the
sweat

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ἰδρῶς αἱματόεις θαλερὰς ἐρύθαινε παρειάς. 355
 οἱ δ' ἄμοτον ποιέοντο μεμαότες· οὐδ' ἄρ' Ἐπειὸς
 λήγεν, ἐπέσσυτο δ' αἰὲν ἐὼ μέγα κάρτει θύων.
 τὸν δ' ἄρα Θεσέος υἱὸς εὐφρονέων ἐν ἀέθλω
 πολλάκις ἐς κενεὸν κρατερὰς χέρας ἰθύνεσθαι
 θῆκε, καὶ ἰδρεῖησι διατμήξας ἐκάτερθε 360
 χεῖρας ἐς ὄφρῦα τύψεν ἐπάλμενος, ἄχρῖς ἰκέσθαι
 ὄστέον· ἐκ δέ οἱ αἶμα κατέρρεεν ὀφθαλμοῖο.
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς Ἀκάμαντα βαρεῖη χειρὶ τυχήσας
 τύψε κατὰ κροτάφοιο, χαμαὶ δέ οἱ ἤλασε γυῖα·
 αὐτὰρ ὅ γ' αἰψ' ἀνόρουσε καὶ ἔνθορε φωτὶ κραταιῶ, 365
 πλήξε δέ οἱ κεφαλὴν· ὁ δ' ἄρ' ἔμπαλιν αἰσσοῦτος
 βαιὸν ὑποκλίνας σκαιῇ χειρὶ τύψε μέτωπον,
 ἄλλη δ' ἤλασε ῥίνας ἐπάλμενος· ὃς δὲ καὶ αὐτὸς
 μήτι παντοίῃ χέρας ὤρεγε· τοὺς δ' ἄρ' Ἀχαιοὶ
 ἀλλήλων ἀπέρυξαν ἐελδομένους πονέεσθαι 370
 νίκης ἀμφ' ἐρατῆς. τῶν δ' ἐσσυμένως θεράποντες
 ῥινοὺς αἱματόεντας ἄφαρ σθεναρῶν ἀπὸ χειρῶν
 λῦσαν· τοὶ δ' ἄρα τυτθὸν ἀπέπνευσαν καμάτοιο
 μορξάμενοι σπόγγοισι πολυτρήτοισι μέτωπα.
 τοὺς δ' ἔταροί τε φίλοι τε παρηγορέοντες ἄγεσκον 375
 ἄντικρυς ἀλλήλων, ὡς κεν χόλου ἀλγινόεντος
 ἐσσυμένως λελάθωνται ἀρεσσάμενοι φιλότητι.
 ἀλλ' οἱ μὲν πεπύθοντο παραιφασίησιν ἐταίρων·
 ἀνδράσι γὰρ πιτυτοῖσι πέλει νόος ἠπίος αἰεὶ·
 κύσσαν δ' ἀλλήλους, ἔριδος δ' ἐπελήθετο θυμὸς 380
 λευγαλέης. τοῖς δ' αἰψα Θέτις κυανοκρήδεμιος
 ἀργυρέους κρητῆρας ἐελδομένοισιν ὄπασσε
 δοιῶ, τοὺς Εὐνηος Ἰήσονος ὄβριμος υἱὸς
 ὦνον ὑπὲρ κρατεροῖο Λυκίου ἐγγυάλιξεν
 ἀντιθέω Ἀχιλῆϊ περικλύστῳ ἐνὶ Λήμνῳ· 385
 τοὺς Ἥφαιστος ἔτευξεν ἀριπρεπέϊ Διονύσῳ

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Blood-streaked made on the flushed cheeks crimson
bars.

Fierce without pause they fought, and never flagged
Epeius, but threw all his stormy strength
Into his onrush. Yet did Theseus' son
Never lose heart, but baffled the straight blows
Of those strong hands, and by his fighting-craft
Flinging them right and left, leapt in, brought home
A blow to his eyebrow, cutting to the bone.
Even then with counter-stroke Epeius reached
Acamas' temple, and hurled him to the ground.
Swift he sprang up, and on his stalwart foe
Rushed, smote his head : as he rushed in again,
The other, slightly swerving, sent his left
Clean to his brow ; his right, with all his might
Behind it, to his nose. Yet Acamas still
Warded and struck with all the manifold shifts
Of fighting-craft. But now the Achaeans all
Bade stop the fight, though eager still were both
To strive for coveted victory. Then came
Their henchmen, and the gory gauntlets loosed
In haste from those strong hands. Now drew they
breath

From that great labour, as they bathed their brows
With sponges myriad-pored. Comrades and friends
With pleading words then drew them face to face,
And prayed, "In friendship straight forget your wrath."
So to their comrades' suasion hearkened they ;
For wise men ever bear a placable mind.
They kissed each other, and their hearts forgot
That bitter strife. Then Thetis sable-stoled
Gave to their glad hands two great silver bowls
The which Eunêus, Jason's warrior son
In sea-washed Lemnos to Achilles gave
To ransom strong Lycaon from his hands.
These had Hephaestus fashioned for his gift

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δῶρον, ὄτ' εἰς Οὐλυμπον ἀνήγαγε δῖαν ἄκοιτιν
 Μίνυος κούρην ἔρικυδέα, τήν ποτε Θησεὺς
 κάλλιπεν οὐκ ἐθέλων γε περικλύστω ἐνὶ Δίῃ. 390
 τοὺς δ' ἦϋς Διόνυσος ἐῶ πόρεν υἱεῖ δῶρον
 νέκταρος ἐμπλήσας, ὃ δ' ἄρ' ὤπασεν Ὑψιπυλείῃ
 πολλοῖς σὺν κτεάτεσσι Θόας, ἣ δ' υἱεῖ δῖω
 κάλλιπεν, ὃς δ' Ἀχιλῆι Λυκίουος εἶνεκα δῶκε.
 τῶν δ' ἕτερον μὲν ἔλεσκεν ἀγανοῦ Θησεὸς υἱός,
 ἄλλον δ' ἦϋς Ἐπειὸς εἰς ἐπὶ νῆας ἴαλλε 395
 γηθόσυνος. τῶν δ' ἀμφιδεδρυμμένα τύμματα πάντα
 ἠκέσατ' ἐνδυκέως Ποδαλείριος, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτὸς
 πρῶτα μὲν ἐκμύζησεν, ἔπειτα δὲ χερσὶν ἐῆσι
 ῥάψεν ἐπισταμένως, καθύπερθε δὲ φάρμακ' ἔθηκε
 κείνα, τὰ οἱ τὸ πάροιθε πατήρ εἰς ἐγγυάλιξε· 400
 τοῖσι δ' ἄρ' ἐσσυμένως καὶ ἀναλθέα τύμματα
 φωτῶν
 αὐτῆμαρ μορόεντος ὑπέκ κακοῦ ἰαίνονται.
 τῶν δ' ἄφαρ ἀμφὶ πρόσωπα καὶ εὐκομόωντα
 κάρηνα
 τύμματ' ἀπαλθαίνοντο, κατηπιόωντο δ' ἀνῖαι.
 Ἄμφι δὲ τοξοσύνης Τεῦκρος καὶ Ὀϊλέος υἱὸς 405
 ἔστασαν, οἱ καὶ πρόσθε δρόμου πέρι πειρήσαντο.
 τῶν δ' ἄρα τηλόσε θῆκεν εὐμμελῆς Ἀγαμέμνων
 ἵππόκομον τρυφάλειαν, ἔφη δέ τε· “ πολλὸν
 ἀμείνων
 ἔσσεται, ὃς κερσειεν ἀπο τριχῆς ὀξείῃ χαλκῶ.”
 Αἴας δ' αὐτίκα πρῶτος ἐὼν προέηκε βέλεμνον, 410
 πληῆξε δ' ἄρα τρυφάλειαν, ἐπηῦττησε δὲ χαλκὸς
 ὀξύτατον. Τεῦκρος δὲ μέγ' ἐγκονέων ἐνὶ θυμῶ,
 δεύτερος ἦκεν οἰστόν, ἄφαρ δ' ἀπέκερσεν ἐθείρας
 ὀξὺ βέλος· λαοὶ δὲ μέγ' ἴαχον ἀθρήσαντες,
 καὶ μιν κυδαίνεσκον ἀπέριτον, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτὸν 415
 πληγῇ ἔτ' ἀλγύνεσκε θεοῦ ποδός, ἀλλὰ μιν οὔτι
 βλάψεν ὑπαὶ παλάμησι θεὸν βέλος ἰθύνοντα.

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To glorious Dionysus, when he brought
His bride divine to Olympus, Minos' child
Far-famous, whom in sea-washed Dia's isle
Theseus unwitting left. The Wine-god brimmed
With nectar these, and gave them to his son;
And Thoas at his death to Hypsipyle
With great possessions left them. She bequeathed
The bowls to her godlike son, who gave them up
Unto Achilles for Lycaon's life.
The one the son of lordly Theseus took,
And goodly Epeius sent to his ship with joy
The other. Then their bruises and their scars
Did Podaleirius tend with loving care.
First pressed he out black humours, then his hands
Deftly knit up the gashes: salves he laid
Thereover, given him by his sire of old,
Such as had virtue in one day to heal
The deadliest hurts, yea, seeming-cureless wounds.
Straight was the smart assuaged, and healed the scars
Upon their brows and 'neath their clustering hair
Then for the archery-test Oileus' son
Stood forth with Teucer, they which in the race
Erewhile contended. Far away from these
Agamemnon, lord of spears, set up a helm
Crested with plumes, and spake: "The master-shot
Is that which shears the hair-crest clean away."
Then straightway Aias shot his arrow first,
And smote the helm-ridge: sharply rang the brass.
Then Teucer second with most earnest heed
Shot: the swift shaft hath shorn the plume away
Loud shouted all the people as they gazed,
And praised him without stint, for still his foot
Halted in pain, yet nowise marred his aim
When with his hands he sped the flying shaft.

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καί οἱ τεύχεα καλὰ πόρεν Πηλῆος ἄκοιτις
 ἀντιθέου Τρωίλοιο, τὸν ἠθέων μέγ' ἄριστον
 Τροίῃ ἐν ἠγαθέῃ Ἐκάβῃ τέκετ', οὐδ' ἀπόνητο 420
 ἀγλαΐης· δὴ γάρ μιν ἀταρτηροῦ Ἀχιλῆος
 ἔγχος ὁμοῦ καὶ κάρτος ἀπήμερσαν βιότοιο·
 ὡς δ' ὀπόθ' ἐρσήεντα καὶ εὐθαλέοντ' ἀνὰ κῆπον
 ὑδρηλῆς καπέτοιο μάλ' ἀγχόθι τηλεθάοντα
 ἢ στάχυν ἢ μήκωνα, πάρος καρποῖο τυχῆσαι, 425
 κέρση τις δρεπάνω νεοθηγέϊ, μηδ' ἄρ' εἶαση
 ἐς τέλος ἠδὺ μολεῖν μηδ' ἐς σπόρον ἄλλον ἰκέσθαι,
 ἀμήσας κενεόν τε καὶ ἄσπορον ἐσσομένοισι¹
 μέλλονθ' ἐρσήεντος ὑπ' εἶαρος ἀλδαίνεσθαι·
 ὡς υἱὸν Πριάμοιο θεοῖς ἐναλίγκιον εἶδος 430
 Πηλείδης κατέπεφνευ, ἔτ' ἄχνοον, εἰσέτι νύμφης
 νηίδα, νηπιάχοισιν ὁμῶς ἔτι κουρίζοντα·
 ἀλλά μιν ἐς πόλεμον φθισίμβροτον ἠγαγε Μοῖρα
 ἠβης ἀρχόμενον πολυγηθέος, ὅππότε φῶτες
 θαρσαλέοι τελέθουσιν, ὅτ' οὐκέτι δεύεται ἦτορ. 435

Αὐτίκα δ' αὖτε σόλον περιμήκεά τε βριαρόν τε
 πολλοὶ πειρήσαντο θοῆς ἀπὸ χειρὸς ἰήλαι·
 τὸν δ' οὔτις βαλέειν δύνατο στιβαρόν μάλ' εἶοντα
 Ἀργείων· οἶος δ' ἔβαλεν μενεδήιος Αἴας
 χειρὸς ἀπὸ κρατερῆς, ὡς εἰ δρυὸς ἀγρονόμοιο 440
 ὄζον ἀπαυανθέντα θέρευς εὐθαλπείος ὥρη,
 ὅππότε λῆια πάντα κατὰ χθονὸς ἀναίνηται.
 θάμβησαν δ' ἄρα πάντες, ὅσον χερὸς ἐξεποτήθη
 χαλκός, ὃν ἀνέρε χερσὶ δύω μογέοντες ἄειραν·
 τὸν ῥα μὲν Ἀνταίοιο βίῃ ρίπτασκε πάροιθε 445
 ῥηιδίως ἀπὸ χειρὸς ἐῆς πειρώμενος ἀλκῆς,
 πρὶν κρατερῆσι χέρεσσι δαμήμεναι Ἑρακλῆος·

¹ Zimmermann, from P; for αἰθομένοισι, with lacuna, of Koechly.

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Then Peleus' bride gave unto him the arms
Of godlike Troilus, the goodliest
Of all fair sons whom Hecuba had borne
In hallowed Troy ; yet of his goodlihead
No joy she had ; the prowess and the spear
Of fell Achilles reft his life from him.
As when a gardener with new-whetted scythe
Mows down, ere it may seed, a blade of corn
Or poppy, in a garden dewy-fresh
And blossom-flushed, which by a water-course
Crowdeth its blooms—mows it ere it may reach
Its goal of bringing offspring to the birth,
And with his scythe-sweep makes its life-work vain
And barren of all issue, nevermore
Now to be fostered by the dews of spring ;
So did Peleides cut down Priam's son
The god-like beautiful, the beardless yet
And virgin of a bride, almost a child !
Yet the Destroyer Fate had lured him on
To war, upon the threshold of glad youth,
When youth is bold, and the heart feels no void.

Forthwith a bar of iron massy and long
From the swift-speeding hand did many essay
To hurl ; but not an Argive could prevail
To cast that ponderous mass. Aias alone
Sped it from his strong hand, as in the time
Of harvest might a reaper fling from him
A dry oak-bough, when all the fields are parched.
And all men marvelled to behold how far
Flew from his hand the bronze which scarce two men
Hard-straining had uplifted from the ground.
Even this Antaeus' might was wont to hurl
Erstwhile, ere the strong hands of Hercules
O'ermastered him. This, with much spoil beside,

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Ἡρακλῆς δέ μιν ἤϋς ἐλὼν σὺν ληίδι πολλῇ
 ἀκαμάτης ἔχε χειρὸς ἀέθλιον, ἀλλὰ μιν ἐσθλῶ
 ὕστερον Αἰακίδῃ δῶρον πόρεν, ὅππότε ἄρ' αὐτῶ 450
 Ἴλίου εὐπύργοιο συνέπραθε κύδιμον ἄστν,
 κείνος δ' υἱεῖ δῶκεν, ὃ δ' ὠκυπόροις ἐνὶ νηυσὶν
 ἐς Τροίην μιν ἔνεικεν, ἵνα σφετέροιο τοκῆος
 μνωόμενος Τρώεσσιν εὐσθενέεσσι μάχεται
 προφρονέως, εἴη δὲ πόνος πειρωμένῳ ἀλκῆς· 455
 τὸν ῥ' Αἴας μάλα πολλὸν ἀπὸ στιβαρῆς βάλε
 χειρός.

καὶ τότε οἱ Νηρηῖς ἀγακλυτὰ τεύχεα δῶκε
 Μέμνονος ἀντιθέοιο, τὰ καὶ μέγα θηήσαντο
 Ἀργεῖοι· λίην γὰρ ἔσαν περιμήκεα πάντα·
 καὶ τὰ γε καγχαλῶν ὑπεδέξατο κύδιμος ἀνὴρ· 460
 οἷω γὰρ κείνῳ γε περὶ βριαροῖσι μέλεσσι
 ἤρμοσεν ἀπλήτοιο κατὰ χροὸς ἀμφιτεθέντα·
 αὐτὸς δ' αὐτ' ἀνάειρε μέγαν σόλον, ὄφρα οἱ εἴη
 τερπωλὴ μένος ἢ ὕλιαιομένῳ πονέεσθαι.

Οἱ δ' ἄρα δηριόωντες ἐφ' ἄλματι πολλοὶ
 ἀνέστην. 465

τῶν δ' ἄρ' ὑπέρθορε πολλὸν εὐμμελῆς Ἀγαπήνωρ
 σήματα· τοὶ δ' ὀμάδησαν ἐπ' ἀνέρι μακρὰ θορόντι·
 καὶ οἱ τεύχεα καλὰ πόρεν μεγάλοιο Κύκνοιο
 δία Θέτις· τὸν γὰρ ῥα φόνῳ ἐπι Πρωτεσιλάου
 πολλῶν θυμὸν ἐλόντα κατέκτανε Πηλέος υἱὸς 470
 πρῶτον ἀριστήων· Τρῶας δ' ἄχος ἀμφεκάλυψεν.

Αἰγανέῃ δ' ἄρα πολλὸν ὑπέρβαλε δηριόωντας
 Εὐρύαλος· λαοὶ δὲ μέγ' ἴαχον· οὐ γὰρ ἔφαντο
 κείνον ὑπερβαλέειν οὐδὲ πτερόεντι βελέμνῳ.
 τοῦνεκά οἱ φιάλην πολυχανδέα δῶκε φέρεσθαι 475
 μήτηρ Αἰακίδαο δαίφρονος, ἣν ποτ' Ἀχιλλεὺς
 ἀργυρέην κτεάτισσε βαλὼν ὑπὸ δουρὶ Μύνητα,
 ὅππότε Λυρνησοῖο διέπραθεν ὄλβιον¹ ἄστν.

¹ Zimmermann, from P, for Τρώιον of v.

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Hercules took, and kept it to make sport
For his invincible hand ; but afterward
Gave it to valiant Peleus, who with him
Had smitten fair-towered Ilium's burg renowned ;
And he to Achilles gave it, whose swift ships
Bare it to Troy, to put him aye in mind
Of his own father, as with eager will
He fought with stalwart Trojans, and to be
A worthy test wherewith to prove his strength.
Even this did Aias from his brawny hand
Fling far. So then the Nereid gave to him
The glorious arms from godlike Memnon stripped.
Marvelling the Argives gazed on them : they were
A giant's war-gear. Laughing a glad laugh
That man renowned received them : he alone
Could wear them on his brawny limbs ; they seemed
As they had even been moulded to his frame.
The great bar thence he bore withal, to be
His joy when he was fain of athlete-toil.

Still sped the contests on ; and many rose
Now for the leaping. Far beyond the marks
Of all the rest brave Agapenor sprang :
Loud shouted all for that victorious leap ;
And Thetis gave him the fair battle-gear
Of mighty Cycnus, who had smitten first
Protesilaus, then had reft the life
From many more, till Peleus' son slew him
First of the chiefs of grief-enshrouded Troy.

Next, in the javelin-cast Euryalus
Hurled far beyond all rivals, while the folk
Shouted aloud : no archer, so they deemed,
Could speed a winged shaft farther than his cast ;
Therefore the Aeacid hero's mother gave
To him a deep wide silver oil-flask, ta'en
By Achilles in possession, when his spear
Slew Mynes, and he spoiled Lyrnessus' wealth.

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Αἴας δ' ὄβριμόθυμος ἐελδόμενος πονέεσθαι
 χερσὶν ὁμῶς καὶ ποσσὶν ἀνιστάμενος καλέεσκεν 480
 ἐς μέσον ἡρώων τὸν ὑπέρτατον. οἱ δ' ὀρόωντες
 θάμβεον ὄβριμον ἄνδρα καὶ ἄλκιμον· οὐδέ τις
 ἔτλη

ἅντα μολεῖν· πάντων γὰρ ὑπέκλασε δεῖμ' ἀλε-
 γεινὸν

ἠγορέην, φοβέοντο δ' ἀνὰ φρένα, μή τινα χερσὶ
 τύψας ἀκαμάτησιν ὑπὸ πληγῆσι πρόσωπον 485
 συγχέῃ ἐσσυμένως, μέγα δ' ἀνέρι πῆμα γένηται.
 ὄψε δὲ πάντες ἔνευσαν ἐπ' Εὐρύαλῳ μενεχάρμῃ
 ἴδμονα πυγμαχίης εὖ εἰδότες· ὃς δ' ἐνὶ μέσσοις
 τοῖον ἔπος προέηκεν ὑποτρομέων θρασὺν ἄνδρα·
 “ὦ φίλοι, ἄλλον μὲν τιν' Ἀχαιῶν, ὃν κ' ἐθέλητε, 490
 τλήσομαι ἀντιόωντα, μέγαν δ' Αἴαντα τέθηπα·
 πολλὸν γὰρ προβέβηκε· διαρραίσει δέ μοι ἦτορ,
 ἦν μιν ἐπιβρίσαντα λάβῃ χόλος· οὐ γὰρ οἴω
 ἀνδρὸς ἀπ' ἀκαμάτοιο σόος ποτὶ νῆας ἰκέσθαι.”

Ὡς φαμένοιο γέλασαν· ὁ δ' ἐν φρεσὶ πάμπαν
 ἰάνθη 495

Αἴας ὄβριμόθυμος· ἄειρε δὲ δοιὰ τίλαντα
 ἀργύρου αἰγλήεντος, ἃ οἱ Θέτις εἶνεκ' ἀέθλου
 δῶκεν ἄτερ καμάτοιο· φίλου δ' ἐμνήσατο παιδὸς
 Αἴαντ' εἰσορόωσα· γόος δέ οἱ ἔμπεσε θυμῷ.

Οἱ δ' αὖθ' ἵππασίῃ μεμελημένον ἦτορ ἔχοντες 500
 ἐσσυμένως ἀνόρουσαν ἐποτρύνοντος ἀέθλου·
 πρῶτος μὲν Μενέλαος ἰδ' Εὐρύπυλος θρασυ-
 χάρμης

Εὐμηλος δὲ Θόας τε καὶ ἰσόθεος Πολυποίτης.
 ἵπποις δ' ἀμφὶ λέπαδνα βάλλον καὶ ὑφ' ἄρματ'
 ἔρυσσαν

πάντες ἐπειγόμενοι πολυγηθέος εἶνεκα νίκης· 505
 αἶψα δ' ἄρ' εἰς ἐν ἅμα ξύνισαν δίφροις βεβαῶτες
 χῶρον ἀν' ἡμαθόεντ'· ἐπὶ νύσσης δ' ἔσταν ἕκαστοι·

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Then fiery-hearted Aias eagerly
Rose, challenging to strife of hands and feet
The mightiest hero there ; but marvelling
They marked his mighty thews, and no man dared
Confront him. Chilling dread had palsied all
Their courage : from their hearts they feared him,
lest

His hands invincible should all to-break
His adversary's face, and naught but pain
Be that man's meed. But at the last all men
Made signs to battle-bider Euryalus,
For well they knew him skilled in fighting-craft ;
But he too feared that giant, and he cried :
“ Friends, any other Achæan, whom ye will,
Blithe will I face ; but mighty Aias—no !
Far doth he overmatch me. He will rend
Mine heart, if in the onset anger rise
Within him : from his hands invincible,
I trow, I should not win to the ships alive.”

Loud laughed they all : but glowed with triumph-
joy

The heart of Aias. Gleaming talents twain
Of silver he from Thetis' hands received,
His uncontested prize. His stately height
Called to her mind her dear son, and she sighed.

They which had skill in chariot-driving then
Rose at the contest's summons eagerly :
Menelaus first, Eurypylus bold in fight,
Eumelus, Thoas, godlike Polypoetes
Harnessed their steeds, and led them to the cars
All panting for the joy of victory.
Then rode they in a glittering chariot rank
Out to one place, to a stretch of sand, and stood
Ranged at the starting-line. The reins they grasped

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καρπαλίμως δ' εὔληρα λάβον κρατερῆς παλά-
μῃσιν.

ἵπποι δ' ἐγχριμφθέντες ἐν ἄρμασι ποιπνύεσκον
ὄππως τις προάλοιτο, πόδας δ' ὑπεκίνυον αὐτως, 510
οὔατα δ' ὠρθώσαντο καὶ ἄμπυκας ἀφρῶ ἔδευσαν.
οἱ δ' ἄφαρ ἐγκουέοντες ἐλαφροπόδων μένος ἵππων
μάστιγον· οἱ δὲ θοῆσιν εἰκότες Ἀρπυίησι
καρπαλίμως ζεύγλησι μέγ' ἔκθορον ἀσχαλόωντες,
ἄρματα δ' ὄκα φέρεσκον ἀπὸ χθονὸς αἴσσοντα· 515
οὐδ' ἄρματροχιάς ἰδέειν ἦν οὐδὲ ποδοῖν
ἐν χθονὶ σήματα, τόσσον ὑπεξέφερον δρόμον
ἵπποι.

πουλὺς δ' αἰθέρ' ἵκανε κονίσαλος ἐκ πεδίοιο,
καπνῶ ἢ ὀμίχλη ἐναλίγκιος, ἦν τ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
ἀμφιχέη πρῶνεσσι Νότου μένος ἢ Ζεφύριοι 520
χείματος ἐγρομένου, ὁπότε οὔρεα δεύεται ὄμβρω.
ἵπποι δ' Εὐμήλοιο μέγ' ἔκθορον, οἱ δ' ἐφέποντο
ἀντιθέοιο Θόαντος· ἐπ' ἄλλω δ' ἄλλος αὐτεῖ
ἄρματι· τοὶ δ' ἐφέροντο δι' εὐρυχώρου πεδίοιο ¹ 524

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Ἥλιδος ἐκ δίης, ἐπεὶ ἦ μέγα ἔργον ἔρεξε 526
παρφθάμενος θοὸν ἄρμα κακόφρονος Οἰνομάοιο,
ὅς ῥα τότε ἠιθέοισιν ἀνηλέα τεῦχεν ὄλεθρον
κούρης ἀμφὶ γάμοιο περίφρονος Ἴπποδαμείης·
ἀλλ' οὐ μὰν κείνός γε καὶ ἵππασίησι μεμηλῶς 530
ἵππους ὠκύποδας τοίους ἔχεν, ἀλλ' ἄρα πολλὸν
ποσσὶν ἀφαιροτέρους· οἱ γὰρ ῥ' εἶδοντ' ἀνέμοισιν.”

Ἡ μέγα κυδαίνων ἵππων μένος ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτὸν

¹ There is a long hiatus here: the lost verses contained an account of accidents to Thoas and Eurypylus, and the text resumes in the middle of a speech (by Nestor?) in praise of the horses of Menelaus.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK IV

In strong hands quickly, while the chariot-steeds
Shoulder to shoulder fretted, all afire
To take the lead at starting, pawed the sand,
Pricked ears, and o'er their frontlets flung the foam.
With sudden-stiffened sinews those car-lords
Lashed with their whips the tempest-footed steeds ;
Then swift as Harpies sprang they forth ; they
 strained

Furiously at the harness, onward whirling
The chariots bounding ever from the earth.
Thou couldst not see a wheel-track, no, nor print
Of hoof upon the sand—they verily flew.
Up from the plain the dust-clouds to the sky
Soared, like the smoke of burning, or a mist
Rolled round the mountain-forelands by the might
Of the dark South-wind or the West, when wakes
A tempest, when the hill-sides stream with rain.
Burst to the front Eumelus' steeds : behind
Close pressed the team of godlike Thoas : shouts
Still answered shouts that cheered each chariot, while
Onward they swept across the wide-wayed plain.

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“ From hallowed Elis, when he had achieved
A mighty triumph, in that he outstripped
The swift car of Oenomaus evil-souled,
The ruthless slayer of youths who sought to wed
His daughter Hippodameia passing-wise.
Yet even he, for all his chariot-lore,
Had no such fleetfoot steeds as Atreus' son——
Far slower !—the wind is in the feet of these.”

So spake he, giving glory to the might
Of those good steeds, and to Atreides' self ;

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Ἄτρείδην· ὁ γὰρ ἦσι περὶ φρεσὶ γήθεε θυμῶ.
 τοὺς δὲ μέγ' ἀσθμαίνοντας ἄφαρ θεράποντες ἔλυσαν 535
 ζεύγλης· οἱ δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἀελλόποδας λύον ἵππους
 πάντες, ὅσοις ἐν ἀγῶνι δρόμου πέρι δῆρις ἐτύχθη.
 ἀντίθεον δὲ Θόαυτα καὶ Εὐρύπυλον μενεχάρμην
 ἠκέσατ' ἐσσυμένως Ποδαλείριος ἔλκεα πάντα,
 ὅσσα περιδρῦφθησαν ἀπὲκ δίφροιο πεσόντες. 540
 Ἄτρείδης δ' ἀλίαςτον ἐγήθεεν εἵνεκα νίκης·
 καὶ οἱ εὐπλόκαμος Θέτις ὤπασε καλὸν ἄλεισον
 χρύσειον, ἀντιθέοιο μέγα κτέαρ Ἡετίωνος,
 πρὶν Θήβης κλυτὸν ἄστυ διαπραθέειν Ἀχιλῆα.
 Ἄλλοι δ' αὐθ' ἐτέρωθι μονάμπυκας ἔντυον
 ἵππους 545
 εἰς δρόμον ἰθύνοντες, ἔλοντο δὲ χερσὶ βοείας
 μάστιγας, καὶ πάντες ἀναΐξαντες ἐφ' ἵππων
 ἔζονθ'· οἱ δὲ χαλινὰ γενειύσιν ἀφρίζοντες
 δάπτουν, καὶ ποσὶ γαῖαν ἐπέκτυπον ἐγκονέοντες
 ἐκθορέειν. τοῖς δ' αἶψα τάθη δρόμος· οἱ δ' ἀπὸ
 νύσσης 550
 καρπαλίμως οἴμησαν ἐριδμαίνειν μεμαῶτες,
 εἴκελοι ἢ Βορέας μέγα πνεύοντος ἀέλλαις
 ἢ Νότου κελάδοντος, ὅτ' εὐρέα πόντον ὀρίνει
 λαίλαπι καὶ ῥιπῆσι, Θυτήριον εὐτ' ἀλεγεινὸν
 ἀντέλλη ναύτησι φέρον πολύδακρυν οἰζύν· 555
 ὡς οἱ γ' ἐσσεύοντο κόνιν ποσὶ καρπαλίμοισιν
 ἐν πεδίῳ κλονέοντες ἀπείριτον· οἱ δ' ἐλατῆρες
 ἵπποις οἷσιν ἕκαστος ἐκέκλετο, τῇ μὲν ἰμάσθλην
 ταρφέα πεπληγῶς, ἐτέρῃ δ' ἐνὶ χειρὶ τινάσσων
 νωλεμῆς ἀμφὶ γένυσσι μέγα κτυπέοντα χαλινόν. 560
 ἵπποι δ' ἐρρώοντο· βοῆ δ' ἀνὰ λαὸν ὀρώρει
 ἄσπετος· οἱ δ' ἐπέτουντο διὰ πλατέος πεδίοιο.
 καὶ νύ κεν ἐσσυμένως ἕξ Ἄργεος αἰόλος ἵππος
 νίκησεν μάλα πολλὸν ἐφεζομένου Σθενέλοιο,
 εἰ μὴ ἄρ' ἐξήρπαξε δρόμον, πεδίου δ' ἀφίκανε 565

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And filled with joy was Menelaus' soul.
Straightway his henchmen from the yoke-band
loosed

The panting team, and all those chariot-lords,
Who in the race had striven, now unyoked
Their tempest-footed steeds. Podaleirius then
Hasted to spread salves over all the wounds
Of Thoas and Eurypylus, gashes scored
Upon their frames when from the cars they fell
But Menelaus with exceeding joy
Of victory glowed, when Thetis lovely-tressed
Gave him a golden cup, the chief possession
Once of Eëtion the godlike ; ere
Achilles spoiled the far-famed burg of Thebes.

Then horsemen riding upon horses came
Down to the course : they grasped in hand the whip
And bounding from the earth bestrode their steeds,
The while with foaming mouths the coursers champed
The bits, and pawed the ground, and fretted aye
To dash into the course. Forth from the line
Swiftly they darted, eager for the strife,
Wild as the blasts of roaring Boreas
Or shouting Notus, when with hurricane-swoop
He heaves the wide sea high, when in the east
Uprises the disastrous Altar-star
Bringing calamity to seafarers ;
So swift they rushed, spurning with flying feet
The deep dust on the plain. The riders cried
Each to his steed, and ever plied the lash
And shook the reins about the clashing bits.
On strained the horses : from the people rose
A shouting like the roaring of a sea.
On, on across the level plain they flew ;
And now the flashing-footed Argive steed
By Sthenelus bestridden, had won the race,
But from the course he swerved, and o'er the plain

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πολλάκις· οὐδέ μιν ἐσθλὸς ἐὼν Καπανήιος υἱὸς
 κάμψαι ἐπέσθενε χερσίν, ἐπεὶ ῥ' ἔτι νῆις ἀέθλων
 ἵππος ἔην· γενεῇ γε μὲν οὐ κακός, ἀλλὰ θοοῖο
 θεσπέσιον γένος ἔσκεν Ἀρίονος, ὃν τέκεν ἵππων
 Ἄρπυια Ζεφύρω πολυηχεῖ φέρτατον ἄλλων 570
 πολλόν, ἐπεὶ ταχέεσσιν ἐριδμαίνεσκε πόδεσσι
 πατὴρ ἐοῖο θοῆσι καταγίσι, καὶ μιν Ἄδρηστος
 ἐκ μακάρων ἔχε δῶρον, ὅθεν γένος ἔπλετο κείνου·
 καὶ μιν Τυδέος υἱὸς ἐὼ πόρε δῶρον ἑταίρω
 Τροίῃ ἐνὶ ξαθέῃ· ὁ δέ οἱ μέγα ποσὶ πεποιθὼς 575
 ὦκυν ἐόντ' ἐς ἀγῶνα καὶ εἰς ἔριν ἤγαγεν ἵππων
 αὐτὸς ἐνὶ πρώτοισιν οἰόμενος μέγα κῦδος
 ἵππασίης ἀνελέσθαι· ὁ δ' οὔτι οἱ ἦτορ ἴηεν
 ἀμφ' Ἀχιλλῆος ἀεθλα πονεύμενος· ἦ γὰρ ἔμιμνε¹
 δεύτερος, Ἀτρείδης δὲ παρήλασεν ὦκυν ἐόντα 580
 ἰδρεῖη. λαοὶ δ' Ἀγαμέμνονα κυδαίνεσκον,
 ἵππον τε Σθενελοῖο θρασύφρονος ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτόν,
 οὔνεκα δεύτερος ἦλθε, καὶ εἰ μάλα πολλάκι
 νύσσης
 ἐξέθορεν, μεγάλῳ περὶ κάρτεϊ οἷς ποσὶ θύων.
 καὶ τότε ἄρ' Ἀτρείδῃ Θέτις ὤπασε καγχαλόωντι 585
 ἀργύρεον θώρηκα θεηγενέος Πολυδώρου·
 δῶκε δ' ἄρα Σθενέλῳ βριαρὴν κόρυν Ἀστεροπαίου
 χαλκείην καὶ δοῦρε δύω καὶ ἀτειρέα μήτρην.
 ἄλλοις δ' ἵππῆεσσι καὶ ὀππῶσοι ἤματι κείνῳ
 ἦλθον ἀεθλεύσοντες Ἀχιλλῆος ποτὶ τύμβον, 590
 δῶρα πόρεν πάντεσσιν. ἐπὶ σφίσι δ' ἄχλυτο
 θυμὸν
 υἱὸς Λαέρταο δαΐφρονος, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτόν
 ἀλκῆς ἰέμενον κρατερῶν ἀπέρυξεν ἀέθλων
 ἔλκος ἀνιηρόν, τό μιν οὔτασεν ὄβριμος Ἄλκων
 ἀμφὶ νέκυν κρατεροῖο πονεύμενον Αἰακίδαο. 595

¹ Zimmermann, for ἔμελλεν ἰκάνειν of MSS.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK IV

Once and again rushed wide ; nor Capaneus' son,
Good horseman though he were, could turn him back
By rein or whip, because that steed was strange
Still to the race-course ; yet of lineage
Noble was he, for in his veins the blood
Of swift Arion ran, the foal begotten
By the loud-piping West-wind on a Harpy,
The fleetest of all earth-born steeds, whose feet
Could race against his father's swiftest blasts.
Him did the Blessèd to Adrastus give :
And from him sprang the steed of Sthenelus,
Which Tydeus' son had given unto his friend
In hallowed Troyland. Filled with confidence
In those swift feet his rider led him forth
Unto the contest of the steeds that day,
Looking his horsemanship should surely win
Renown : yet victory gladdened not his heart
In that great struggle for Achilles' prizes ;
Nay, swift albeit he was, the King of Men
By skill outraced him. Shouted all the folk,
"Glory to Agamemnon !" Yet they acclaimed
The steed of valiant Sthenelus and his lord,
For that the fiery flying of his feet
Still won him second place, albeit oft
Wide of the course he swerved. Then Thetis gave
To Atreus' son, while laughed his lips for joy,
God-sprung Polydorus' breastplate silver-wrought.
To Sthenelus Asteropæus' massy helm,
Two lances, and a taslet strong, she gave.
Yea, and to all the riders who that day
Came at Achilles' funeral-feast to strive
She gave gifts. But the son of the old war-lord,
Laertes, inly grieved to be withheld
From contests of the strong, how fain soe'er,
By that sore wound which Alcon dealt to him
In the grim fight around dead Aëacæus' son.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΠΕΜΠΤΟΣ

Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ ῥ' ἄλλοι μὲν ἀπηνύσθησαν ἄεθλοι,
δὴ τότε Ἄχιλλῆος μεγαλήτορος ἄμβροτα τεύχη
θῆκεν ἐνὶ μέσσοισι θεὰ Θέτις· ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντη
δαίδαλα μαρμαίρεσκεν, ὅσα σθένος Ἥφαιστοιο
ἀμφὶ σάκος ποίησε θρασύφρονος Αἰακίδαο. 5

Πρῶτα μὲν εὖ ἤσκητο θεοκμήτῳ ἐπὶ ἔργῳ
οὐρανὸς ἠδ' αἰθήρ, γαίη δ' ἅμα κείμε θάλασσα·
ἐν δ' ἄνεμοι νεφέλαι τε σελήνη τ' ἠελίος τε
κεκριμέν' ἄλλυδις ἄλλα, τέτυκτο δὲ τείρεα πάντα,
ὅπποσα δινήεντα κατ' οὐρανὸν ἀμφιφέρονται. 10
τῷ δ' ἄρ' ὁμῶς ὑπένερθεν ἀπειρέσιος κέχυτ' ἀήρ·
ἐν τῷ δ' ὄρνιθες τανυχειλέες ἀμφεποτῶντο·
φαίης κε ζῶοντας ἅμα πνοιῆσι φέρεσθαι.
Τηθύς δ' ἀμφετέτυκτο καὶ Ὠκεανοῦ βαθὺ χεῦμα·
τῶν δ' ἄφαρ ἐξεχέοντο ῥοαὶ ποταμῶν κελαδεινῶν 15
κυκλόθεν ἄλλυδις ἄλλη ἐλισσομένων διὰ γαίης.

Ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' εὖ ἤσκηντο κατ' οὔρεα μακρὰ
λέοντες
σμερδαλέοι καὶ θῶες ἀναιδέες· ἐν δ' ἀλεγειναὶ
ἄρκτοι πορδάλιές τε, σύες θ' ἅμα τῆσι πέλοντο
ὄβριμοι ἀλγινόεντας ὑπὸ βλοσυρῆσι γένυσσι 20
θήγοντες καναχηδὸν ἐὺ κτυπέοντας ὀδόντας·
ἐν δ' ἀγρόται μετόπισθε κυνῶν μένος ἰθύνοντες,

BOOK V

How the Arms of Achilles were cause of madness and death unto Aias.

So when all other contests had an end,
Thetis the Goddess laid down in the midst
Great-souled Achilles' arms divinely wrought ;
And all around flashed out the cunning work
Wherewith the Fire-god overchased the shield
Fashioned for Aeacus' son, the dauntless-souled.

Inwrought upon that labour of a God
Were first high heaven and cloudland, and beneath
Lay earth and sea : the winds, the clouds were there,
The moon and sun, each in its several place ;
There too were all the stars that, fixed in heaven,
Are borne in its eternal circlings round.
Above and through all was the infinite air
Where to and fro flit birds of slender beak :
Thou hadst said they lived, and floated on the breeze.
Here Tethys' all-embracing arms were wrought,
And Ocean's fathomless flow. The outrushing flood
Of rivers crying to the echoing hills
All round, to right, to left, rolled o'er the land.

Round it rose league-long mountain-ridges, haunts
Of terrible lions and foul jackals : there
Fierce bears and panthers prowled ; with these were
seen
Wild boars that whetted deadly-clashing tusks
In grimly-frothing jaws. There hunters sped

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἄλλοι δ' αὖ λάεσσι καὶ αἰγανέησι θοῆσι
βιάλλοντες πονέοντο καταντίον, ὡς ἐτέον περ.

Ἐν δ' ἄρα καὶ πόλεμοι φθισήνορες, ἐν δε
κυδοιμοῖ

25

ἀργαλέοι ἐνέκειντο· περικτείνοντο δὲ λαοὶ
μίγδ' ἄμ' εἰς ἵπποισι· πέδον δ' ἅπαν αἵματι
πολλῶ

δευομένῳ ἤικτο κατ' ἀσπίδος ἀκαματοιο.

ἐν δὲ Φόβος καὶ Δεῖμος ἔσαν στονόεσσά τ' Ἐνυῶ

αἵματι λευγαλέῳ πεπαλαγμένη ἄψα πάντα,

30

ἐν δ' Ἔρις οὐλομένη καὶ Ἐριννύες ὀβριμόθυμοι,

ἢ μὲν ἐποτρύνουσα ποτὶ κλόνον ἄσχετον ἄνδρας

ἐλθέμεν, αἱ δ' ὀλοοῖο πυρὸς πνείουσαι αὐτμήν.

ἀμφὶ δὲ Κῆρες ἔθνον ἀμείλιχοι, ἐν δ' ἄρα τῆσι

φοῖτα λευγαλέου Θανάτου μένος· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῶ

35

Ἰσμίνας ἐνέκειντο δυσηχέες, ὧν περὶ πάντη

ἐκ μελέων εἰς οὐδας ἀπέρρεεν αἷμα καὶ ἰδρῶς.

ἐν δ' ἄρα Γοργόνες ἔσκον ἀναιδέες· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα σφι

σμερδαλέοι πεπόνηντο περὶ πλοχμοῖσι δράκοντες

αἰνὸν λιχμῶντες· ἀπειρέσιον δ' ἄρα θαῦμα

40

δαίδαλα κεῖνα πέλοντο μέγ' ἀνδράσι δεῖμα φέ

ροντα

οὔνεκ' ἔσαν ζωοῖσιν εἰκότα κινυμειοισι.

Καὶ τὰ μὲν ἄρ πολέμοιο τεράατα πάντα

τέτυκτο.

εἰρήνης δ' ἀπάνευθεν ἔσαν περικαλλέος ἔργα·

ἀμφὶ δὲ μυρία φύλα πολυτλήτων ἀνθρώπων

45

ἄστυα καλὰ νέμοντο· Δίκη δ' ἐπέδερχετο¹ πάντα·

ἄλλοι δ' ἄλλ' ἐπὶ ἔργα χέρας φέρον· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄλωαὶ

καρποῖς ἐβρίθοντο· μέλαινα δὲ γαῖα τεθήλει.

Αἰπύτατον δ' ἐτέτυκτο θεοκμήτῳ ἐπὶ ἔργῳ

καὶ τρηχὺ ζαθέης Ἀρετῆς ὄρος· ἐν δὲ καὶ αὐτῇ

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¹ Zimmermann, ex P; for ἐπίκετο of v.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK V

After the hounds : beaters with stone and dart,
To the life portrayed, toiled in the woodland sport
And there were man-devouring wars, and all
Horrors of fight : slain men were falling down
Mid horse-hoofs ; and the likeness of a plain
Blood-drenched was on that shield invincible.
Panic was there, and Dread, and ghastly Enyo
With limbs all gore-bespattered hideously,
And deadly Strife, and the Avenging Spirits
Fierce-hearted—she, still goading warriors on
To the onset—they, outbreathing breath of fire
Around them hovered the relentless Fates ;
Beside them Battle incarnate onward pressed
Yelling, and from their limbs streamed blood and
sweat.

There were the ruthless Gorgons : through their hair
Horribly serpents coiled with flickering tongues.
A measureless marvel was that cunning work
Of things that made men shudder to behold
Seeming as though they verily lived and moved.

And while here all war's marvels were portrayed,
Yonder were all the works of lovely peace.
The myriad tribes of much-enduring men
Dwelt in fair cities Justice watched o'er all.
To diverse toils they set their hands ; the fields
Were harvest-laden ; earth her increase bore.

Most steeply rose on that god-laboured work
The rugged flanks of holy Honour's mount,

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

εἰστήκει φοῖνικος ἐπεμβεβανῖα κατ' ἄκρης
 ὑψηλή, ψαύουσα πρὸς οὐρανόν· ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντη
 ἀτραπιτοὶ θαμέεσσι διειργόμεναι σκοπέλοισιν
 ἀνθρώπων ἀπέρυκον ἐὺν πάτου, οὐνεκα πολλοὶ
 εἰσοπίσω χάζοντο τεθηπότες αἰπὰ κέλευθα, 55
 παῦροι δ' ἱερὸν οἶμον ἀνήιον ἰδρώοντες.

Ἐν δ' ἔσαν ἀμητήρες ἀνὰ πλατὺν ὄγμον ἰόντες
 σπεύδοντες δρεπάνησι νεήκεσι, τῶν δ' ὑπὸ χερσὶ
 ἦνυτο λήιον αὔον· ἐφespόμενοι δ' ἔσαν ἄλλοι¹ 58a
 πολλοὶ ἀμαλλοδετήρες· ἀέξετο δ' ἐς μέγα ἔργον.
 ἐν δὲ βόες ζεύγλησιν ὑπ' αὐχένας αἰὲν ἔχοντες, 60
 οἱ μὲν ἀπήνας εἰλκον ἐϋσταχύεσσι ἀμάλλαις
 βριθομένας, οἱ δ' αὐθις ἀροτρεύεσκον ἀρούρας·
 τῶν δὲ πέδον μετόπισθε μελαίνετο, τοὶ δ' ἐφέποντο
 αἰζηοὶ μετὰ τοῖσι βοοσσόα κέντρα φέροντες
 χερσὶν ἀμοιβαδίης· ἀνεφαίνετο δ' ἄσπετον ἔργον. 65

Ἐν δ' αὐλοὶ κιθάραι τε παρ' εἰλαπίνησι πέλοντο·
 ἐν δὲ νέων παρὰ ποσσὶ χοροὶ ἴσταντο γυναικῶν·²
 αἱ δ' ἄρ' ἔσαν ζωῆσιν ἀλίγκια ποιπνύουσαι.

Ἄγχι δ' ἄρ' ὀρχηθμοῦ τε καὶ εὐφροσύνης
 ἐρατεινῆς
 ἀφρὸν ἔτ' ἀμφὶ κόμησιν ἔχουσ' ἀνεδύετο πόντου 70
 Κύπρις εὔστέφανος, τὴν δ' Ἰμερος ἀμφεποτᾶτο
 μειδιῶν ἐρατεινὰ σὺν ἠῦκόμοις Χαρίτεσσιν.

Ἐν δ' ἄρ' ἔσαν Νηρῆος ὑπερθύμοιο θύγατρεις
 ἐξ ἀλὸς εὐρυπόροιο κασιγνήτην ἀνάγουσαι
 ἐς γάμον Αἰακίδαο δαΐφρονος· ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντες 75
 ἀθάνατοι δαίνυντο μακρὴν ἀνὰ Πηλίου ἄκρην·
 ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' ὕδρηλοὶ τε καὶ εὐθαλέες λειμῶνες
 ἔσκον ἀπειρεσίοισι κεκασμένοι ἄνθεσι ποίης,
 ἄλσεά τε κρῆναί τε διειδέες ὕδατι καλῶ.

Νῆες δὲ στονόεσσαι ὑπὲρ πόντοιο φέροντο, 80

¹ Verse inserted by Zimmermann, ex P.

² Zimmermann's order of words.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK V

And there upon a palm-tree throned she sat
Exalted, and her hands reached up to heaven.
All round her, paths broken by many rocks
Thwarted the climbers' feet; by those steep tracks
Daunted ye saw returning many folk :
Few won by sweat of toil the sacred height.

And there were reapers moving down long swaths
Swinging the whetted sickles : 'neath their hands
The hot work sped to its close. Hard after these
Many sheaf-binders followed, and the work
Grew passing great. With yoke-bands on their
necks

Oxen were there, whereof some drew the wains
Heaped high with full-eared sheaves, and further on
Were others ploughing, and the glebe showed black
Behind them. Youths with ever-busy goads
Followed : a world of toil was there portrayed.

And there a banquet was, with pipe and harp,
Dances of maids, and flashing feet of boys,
All in swift movement, like to living souls.

Hard by the dance and its sweet winsomeness
Out of the sea was rising lovely-crowned
Cypris, foam-blossoms still upon her hair ;
And round her hovered smiling witchingly
Desire, and danced the Graces lovely-tressed.

And there were lordly Nereus' Daughters shown
Leading their sister up from the wide sea
To her espousals with the warrior-king.
And round her all the Immortals banqueted
On Pelion's ridge far-stretching. All about
Lush dewy watermeads there were, bestarred
With flowers innumerable, grassy groves,
And springs with clear transparent water bright.

There ships with sighing sheets swept o'er the sea,

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

αἱ μὲν ἄρ' ἐσσύμεναι ἐπικάρσiai, αἱ δὲ κατ' ἰθὺ
 νισσόμεναι· περὶ δέ σφιν ἀέξετο κῦμ' ἀλεγεινὸν
 ὀρνύμενον· ναῦται δὲ τεθηπότες ἄλλοθεν ἄλλος
 ἐσσυμένας φοβέοντο καταιγίδας, ὡς ἐτεόν περ,
 λαίφεα λεύκ' ἐρύοντες, ἴν' ἐκ θανάτοιο φύγωσιν· 85
 οἱ δ' ἕζοντ' ἐπ' ἐρετμὰ πονεύμενοι· ἀμφὶ δὲ νηυσὶ
 πυκνὸν ἐρεσσομένησι μέλας λευκαίνετο πόντος.

Τοῖς δ' ἐπι κυδιόων μετὰ κήτεσιν εἰναλίοισιν
 ἤσκητ' Ἐννοσίγαιος· ἀελλόποδες δέ μιν ἵπποι
 ὡς ἐτεὸν σπεύδοντες ὑπὲρ πόντοιο φέρεσκον 90
 χρυσεῖη μᾶστιγι πεπληγότες· ἀμφὶ δὲ κῦμα
 στόρνυτ' ἐπεσσυμένων, ὀμαλὴ δ' ἄρα πρόσθε
 γαλήνη

ἐπλετο· τοῖ δ' ἐκάτερθεν ἀολλέες ἀμφὶς ἄνακτα
 ἀγρόμενοι δελφῖνες ἀπειρέσιον κεχάροντο
 σαίνοντες βασιλῆα, κατ' ἠερόεν δ' ἀλὸς οἶδμα 95
 νηχομένοις εἶδοντο καὶ ἀργύρεοί περ εἶοντες.

Ἄλλα δὲ μυρία κεῖτο κατ' ἀσπίδα τεχνήεντα
 χερσὶν ὑπ' ἀθανάτης πυκινόφρονος Ἐφαιστοιο·
 πάντα δ' ἄρ' ἐστεφάνωτο βαθὺς ῥόος Ὠκεανοῖο,
 οὐνεκ' ἔην ἕκτοσθε κατ' ἄντυγος, ἧ ἔνι πᾶσα 100
 ἀσπίς ἐνεστήρικτο, δέδεντο δὲ δαίδαλα πάντα.

Τῇ δ' ἄρα παρκατέκειτο κόρυς μέγα βεβριθυῖα·
 Ζεὺς δὲ οἱ ἀμφετέτυκτο μέγ' ἀσχαλόωντι εἰκῶς,
 οὐρανῶ ἐμβεβαῶς· περὶ δ' ἀθάνατοι πονέοντο
 Τιτήνων ἐριδαινομένων Διὶ συμμαῶτες· 105
 τοὺς δ' ἤδη κρατερὸν πῦρ ἄμφεχεν· ἐκ δὲ κεραυνοὶ
 ἄλληκτοι νιφάδεσσι εἰκότες ἐξεχέοντο
 οὐρανόθεν· Ζηνὸς γὰρ ἀάσπετον ὤρνυτο κάρτος·
 οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἔτ' αἰθομένοισιν εἰκότες ἀμπνείεσκον.

Ἀμφὶ δὲ θώρηκος γύαλον παρεκέκλιτο καλὸν 110
 ἄρρηκτον βριαρόν τε, τὸ χάνδανε Πηλείωγα.
 κνημῖδες δ' ἤσκηντο πελώρια· ἀμφὶ δ' ἐλαφραὶ
 μούνη ἔσαν Ἀχιλῆι μάλα στιβαραί περ εἰούσαι.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK V

Some beating up to windward, some that sped
Before a following wind, and round them heaved
The melancholy surge. Scared shipmen rushed
This way and that, adread for tempest-gusts,
Hauling the white sails in, to 'scape the death—
It all seemed real—some tugging at the oars,
While the dark sea on either side the ship
Grew hoary 'neath the swiftly-plashing blades.

And there triumphant the Earth-shaker rode
Amid sea-monsters: stormy-footed steeds
Drew him, and seemed alive, as o'er the deep
They raced, oft smitten by the golden whip.
Around their path of flight the waves fell smooth,
And all before them was unrippled calm.
Dolphins on either hand about their king
Swarmed, in wild rapture of homage bowing backs,
And seemed like live things o'er the hazy sea
Swimming, albeit all of silver wrought.

Marvels of untold craft were imaged there
By cunning-souled Hephaestus' deathless hands
Upon the shield. And Ocean's fathomless flood
Clasped like a garland all the outer rim,
And compassed all the strong shield's curious work.

And therebeside the massy helmet lay.
Zeus in his wrath was set upon the crest
Throned on heaven's dome; the Immortals all around
Fierce-battling with the Titans fought for Zeus.
Already were their foes enwrapped with flame,
For thick and fast as snowflakes poured from
heaven

The thunderbolts: the might of Zeus was roused,
And burning giants seemed to breathe out flames.

And therebeside the fair strong corslet lay,
Unpierceable, which clasped Peleides once:
There were the greaves close-lapping, light alone
To Achilles; massy of mould and huge they were.

Ἄγχοθι δ' ἄσχετον ἄορ ἄδην περιμαρμαίρεσκε
 χρυσεῖω τελαμῶνι κεκασμένον ἀργυρέω τε 115
 κουλεῶ, ᾧ ἔπι κώπη ἀρηραμένη ἐλέφαντος
 θεσπεσίοις τεύχεσσι μετέπρεπε παμφανόωσα.
 τοῖς δὲ παρεκτετάνυστο κατὰ χθονὸς ὄβριμον
 ἔγχος,

Πηλιὰς ὑψικόμησιν εἰδομένη ἐλάτῃσι
 λύθρου ἔτι πνείουσα καὶ αἵματος Ἐκτορέοιο. 120

Καὶ τότε ἔν Ἀργείοισι Θέτις κυανοκρήδεμνος
 θεσπέσιον φάτο μῦθον ἀκηχεμένη Ἀχιλῆος·
 “ νῦν μὲν δὴ κατ' ἀγῶνος ἀέθλια πάντα τελέσθη,
 ὅσ' ἐπὶ παιδὶ θανόντι μέγ' ἀχνυμένη κατέθηκα·
 ἀλλ' ἴτω ὅς τ' ἐσάωσε νέκυν καὶ ἄριστος Ἀχαιῶν, 125
 καὶ νύ κέ οἱ θηητὰ καὶ ἄμβροτα τεύχε' ἔσασθαι
 δώσω, ἃ καὶ μακάρεσσι μέγ' εὐαδεν ἀθανάτοισιν ”

Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' ἀνόρουσαν ἐριδμαίνοντ'
 ἐπέεσσιν

υἱὸς Λαέρταο καὶ ἀντιθέου Τελαμῶνος
 Αἴας, ὃς μέγα πάντας ὑπείρεχεν ἐν Δαναοῖσιν, 130
 ἀστήρ ὡς ἀρίδηλος ἀν' οὐρανὸν αἰγλήεντα

Ἔσπερος, ὃς μέγα πᾶσι μετ' ἀστράσι παμφαίνῃσι
 τῷ εἰκῶς τεύχεσσι παρίστατο Πηλεΐδαο·
 ἦτεε δ' Ἰδομενῆα κριτὴν καὶ Νηλέος υἱα
 ἠδ' ἄρα μητιόεντ' Ἀγαμέμνονα· τοὺς γὰρ ἐώλπει 135
 ἴδμεναι ἀτρεκέως ἐρικυδέος ἔργα μόθοιο·
 ὡς δ' αὐτως Ὀδυσσεὺς κείνοις ἐπὶ πάγχυ πεποίθει·
 οἱ γὰρ ἔσαν πιτυτοὶ καὶ ἀμύμονες ἐν Δαναοῖσι.

Νέστωρ δ' Ἰδομενῆι καὶ Ἀτρέος υἱεῖ δίω
 ἄμφω ἐελδομένοισιν ἔπος φάτο νόσφιν ἀπ'
 ἄλλων. 140

“ ὦ φίλοι, ἧ μέγα πῆμα καὶ ἄσχετον ἡματι τῷδε
 ἡμῖν συμφορέουσιν ἀκηδέες Οὐρανίωνες
 Αἴαντος μέγαλοιο περιφραδέος τ' Ὀδυσῆος

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK V

And hard by flashed the sword whose edge and
point

No mail could turn, with golden belt, and sheath
Of silver, and with haft of ivory :
Brightest amid those wondrous arms it shone.
Stretched on the earth thereby was that dread spear,
Long as the tall-tressed pines of Pelion,
Still breathing out the reek of Hector's blood.

Then mid the Argives Thetis sable-stoled
In her deep sorrow for Achilles spake ;
“ Now all the athlete-prizes have been won
Which I set forth in sorrow for my child.
Now let that mightiest of the Argives come
Who rescued from the foe my dead : to him
These glorious and immortal arms I give
Which even the blessed Deathless joyed to see.”

Then rose in rivalry, each claiming them,
Laertes' seed and godlike Telamon's son,
Aias, the mightiest far of Danaan men :
He seemed the star that in the glittering sky
Outshines the host of heaven, Hesperus,
So splendid by Peleides' arms he stood ;
“ And let these judge,” he cried, “ Idomeneus,
Nestor, and kingly-counselled Agamemnon,”
For these, he weened, would sureliest know the
truth

Of deeds wrought in that glorious battle-toil.
“ To these I also trust most utterly,”
Odysseus said, “ for prudent of their wit
Be these, and princeliest of all Danaan men.”

But to Idomeneus and Atreus' son
Spake Nestor apart, and willingly they heard :
“ Friends, a great woe and unendurable
This day the careless Gods have laid on us,
In that into this lamentable strife
Aias the mighty hath been thrust by them

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ἔσσυμένων ἐπὶ δῆριν ἀάσχετον ἀργαλήην τε·
 τῶν γάρ ῥ' ὀπποτέρῳ δῶη θεὸς εὖχος ἀρέσθαι 145
 γηθήσει κατὰ θυμόν, ὁ δ' αὖ μέγα πένθος ἀέξει
 πάντας ἀτεμβόμενος Δαναούς, περὶ δ' ἔξοχα
 πάντων

ἡμέας· οὐδ' ἔτι κείνος ἐν ἡμῖν ὡς τὸ πάροιθε
 στήσεται ἐν πολέμῳ· μέγα δ' ἔσσεται ἄλγος
 Ἀχαιοῖς,

κείνων ὄντινα δεινὸς ἔλη χόλος, οὐνεκα πάντων 150
 ἡρώων προφέρουσιν, ὁ μὲν πολέμῳ, ὁ δὲ βουλή.
 ἀλλ' ἄγ' ἐμοὶ πείθεσθον, ἐπεὶ ῥα γεραίτερός εἰμι
 λίην, οὐκ ὀλίγον περ, ἔχω δ' ἐπὶ γῆραϊ πολλῶ
 καὶ νόον, οὐνεκεν ἐσθλὰ καὶ ἄλγεα πολλὰ μόγησα·
 αἰεὶ δ' ἐν βουλήσι γέρων πολυῖδρις ἀμείνων 155

ὄπλοτέρου πέλει ἀνδρός, ἐπεὶ μάλα μυρία οἶδε·
 τοῦνεκα Τρωσὶν ἐφῶμεν εὐφροσι [ταῦτα] δικάσαι
 ἀντιθέῳ τ' Αἴαντι φιλοπτολέμῳ τ' Ὀδυσῆι,
 ὄντινα δήμοι ἄνδρες ὑποτρομέουσι μάλιστα.¹ 158a
 ἢ δ' ὅτις ἐξεσάωσε νέκυν Πηληιάδαο

ἐξ ὄλοοῦ πολέμοιο· δορυκτῆτοι γὰρ ἐν ἡμῖν 160
 πολλοὶ Τρῶες ἔασι νεοδμήτῳ ὑπ' ἀνάγκη·
 οἳ ῥα δίκην ἰθεῖαν ἐπὶ σφίσι ποιήσονται
 οὔτινι ἦρα φέροντες, ἐπεὶ μάλα πάντας Ἀχαιοὺς
 ἴσον ἀπεχθαίρουσι κακῆς μεμνημένοι ἄτης.”

“Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπεν εὐμμελῆς Ἀγαμέμνων· 165
 “ὦ γέρον, ὡς οὔτις πινυτώτερος ἄλλος ἐν ἡμῖν
 σείο πέλει Δαναῶν οὔτ' ἄρ νέος οὔτε παλαιός,
 ὃς φῆς Ἀργείοισιν ἀνηλεγέως χαλεπῆναι
 ἄνδρα τόν, ὄντινα τῶνδε θεοὶ μετόπισθε βάλωνται
 νίκης· οἳ γὰρ ἄριστοι ἐπὶ σφίσι δηριόωνται· 170
 καὶ ῥά μοι ἔνδοθεν ἦτορ ἐνὶ φρεσὶ ταῦτα μενοινᾷ,
 ὕφρα δορυκτῆτοισι δικασπολίην ὀπάσωμεν·

¹ Transposed by Treu from lacuna after iv. 524.

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Against Odysseus passing-wise. For he,
To whichsoe'er God gives the victor's glory—
O yea, he shall rejoice! But he that loseth—
Ah for the grief in all the Danaans' hearts
For him! And ours shall be the deepest grief
Of all; for that man will not in the war
Stand by us as of old. A sorrowful day
It shall be for us, whichsoe'er of these
Shall break into fierce anger, seeing they
Are of our heroes chiefest, this in war,
And that in counsel. Hearken then to me,
Seeing that I am older far than ye,
Not by a few years only: with mine age
Is prudence joined, for I have suffered and wrought
Much; and in counsel ever the old man,
Who knoweth much, excelleth younger men.
Therefore let us ordain to judge this cause
'Twixt godlike Aias and war-fain Odysseus,
Our Trojan captives. They shall say whom most
Our foes dread, and who saved Peleides' corse
From that most deadly fight. Lo, in our midst
Be many spear-won Trojans, thralls of Fate;
And these will pass true judgment on these twain,
To neither showing favour, since they hate
Alike all authors of their misery."

He spake: replied Agamemnon lord of spears:
"Ancient, there is none other in our midst
Wiser than thou, of Danaans young or old,
In that thou say'st that unforgiving wrath
Will burn in him to whom the Gods herein
Deny the victory; for these which strive
Are both our chiefest. Therefore mine heart too
Is set on this, that to the thralls of war
This judgment we commit: the loser then

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τοὺς καὶ ἀτεμβόμενός τις ὀλέθρια μῆσεται ἔργα
Τρωσὶν εὐπτολέμοισι, χόλον δ' οὐκ ἄμμιν ὀπάσ-
σει.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' ἓνα θυμὸν ἐνὶ στέρνοισιν
ἔχοντες

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ἀμφιδὸν ἠνῆναντο δικασπολίην ἀλεγεινήν·
τῶν δ' ἄρ' ἀναινομένων Τρώων ἐρικυδέες υἱες
ἔζοντ' ἐν μέσσοισι δορυκτηγοί περ εόντες,
ὄφρα θέμιν καὶ νεῖκος ἀρήιον ἰθύνωσιν.

Αἴας δ' ἐν μέσσοισι μέγ' ἀσχαλῶν φάτο μῦθον· 180

“ὦ Ὀδυσσεῦ φρένας αἰνέ, τί τοι νόον ἤπαφε
δαίμων

ἴσον ἐμοὶ φρονέειν περὶ κάρτεος ἀκαμάτιο;

ἢ φῆς αἰνὸν ὄμιλον ἐρυκακέειν Ἀχιλλῆος

βλημένου ἐν κονίησιν, ὅτ' ἀμφὶ ἐ Τρώες ἔβησαν,

ὀππότε γὰρ κείνοισι φόνον στονόμεντ' ἐφέηκα

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σεῖο καταπτώσσοντος; ἐπεὶ νῦν σε γείνατο μήτηρ

δείλαιον καὶ ἀναλκιν, ἀφαιρότερον περ ἐμεῖο,

ὅσσον τίς τε κύων μεγαλοβρύχοιο λέοντος·

οὐ γάρ τοι στέρνοισι πέλει μενεδήιον ἦτορ,

ἀλλὰ σοὶ ἀμφιμέμηλε δόλος¹ καὶ ἀτάσθαλα ἔργα. 190

ἢ ἐξέλαθου, ὅτ' ἐς Ἰλίου ἱερόν ἄστν

ἐλθέμεναι ἀλέεινες ἄμ' ἀγρομένοισιν Ἀχαιοῖς,

καὶ σε καταπτώσσοντα καὶ οὐκ ἐθέλουτ' ἐφέ-

πεσθαι

ἠγαγον Ἀτρεΐδαι; ὡς μὴ ὄφειλες ἰκέσθαι·

σῆς γὰρ ὑπ' ἐννεσίησι κλυτὸν Ποιάντιον νῆα

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Δήμνω ἐν ἠγαθῇ λίπομεν μεγάλα στενάχοντα·

οὐκ οἶψ' ἄρα τῷ γε λυγρὴν ἐπεμήσαο λώβην,

ἀλλὰ καὶ ἀντιθέω Παλαμήδει θῆκας ὄλεθρον,

ὃς σέο φέρτερος ἔσκε βίη καὶ εὐφρονη βουλή.

νῦν δ' ἤδη καὶ ἐμεῖο καταντίον ἐλθέμεν ἔτλης,

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¹ Zimmermann, ex P.

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Shall against Troy devise his deadly work
Of vengeance, and shall not be wroth with us.

He spake, and these three, being of one mind,
In hearing of all men refused to judge
Judgment so thankless: they would none of it.
Therefore they set the high-born sons of Troy
There in the midst, spear-thralls although they were,
To give just judgment in the warriors' strife.

Then in hot anger Aias rose, and spake:
"Odysseus, frantic soul, why hath a God
Deluded thee, to make thee hold thyself
My peer in might invincible? Dar'st thou say
That thou, when slain Achilles lay in dust,
When round him swarmed the Trojans, didst bear
back

That furious throng, when I amidst them hurled
Death, and thou cowerdst away? Thy dam
Bare thee a craven and a weakling wretch
Frail in comparison of me, as is
A cur beside a lion thunder-voiced!
No battle-biding heart is in thy breast,
But wiles and treachery be all thy care.
Hast thou forgotten how thou didst shrink back
From faring with Achaea's gathered host
To Ilium's holy burg, till Atreus' sons
Forced thee, the cowering craven, how loth soe'er,
To follow them—would God thou hadst never come!
For by thy counsel left we in Lemnos' isle
Groaning in agony Pœas' son renowned.
And not for him alone was ruin devised
Of thee; for godlike Palamedes too
Didst thou contrive destruction—ha, he was
Alike in battle and council better than thou!
And now thou dar'st to rise up against me,
Neither remembering my kindness, nor

οὐτ' εὐεργεσίης μεμνημένος, οὔτε τι θυμῷ
 ἀζόμενος σέο πολλὸν ὑπέρτερον, ὅς σ' ἐνὶ χάρμῃ
 ἐξεσάωσα πάροιθεν ὑποτρομέοντα κυδοιμὸν
 δυσμενέων, ὅτε σ' ἄλλοι ἀνὰ μόθον οἰωθέντα
 κάλλιπον ἐν δῆϊων ὀμάδῳ φεύγοντα καὶ αὐτόν· 205
 ὡς ὄφελον καὶ ἐμεῖο θρασὺ σθένος ἐν δαῖ κείνῃ
 αὐτὸς Ζεὺς ἐφόβησεν ἀπ' αἰθέρος, ὄφρα σε Τρῶες
 ἀμφιτόμοις ξιφέεσσι διαμελεῖστί κέδασσαν
 δαῖτα κυσὶ σφετέροισι, καὶ οὐκ ἂν ἐμεῖο μενοίνας
 ἐλθέμεναι κατέναντα δολοφροσύνησι πεποιθώς. 210
 σχέτλιε, τίπτε βίῃ πολλὸν φέρτατος ἔμμεναι ἄλλων
 εὐχόμενος μέσσοισιν ἔχεις νέας, οὐδέ τι θυμῷ
 ἔτλης ὥσπερ ἔγωγε θοὰς ἔκτοσθεν ἐρύσσαι
 νῆας; ἐπεὶ νύ σε τάρβος ἐπήϊεν. οὐδὲ μὲν αἶνον
 πῦρ νηῶν ἀπάλαλκες· ἐγὼ δ' ὑπ' ἀταρβείῃ θυμῷ 215
 ἔστην καὶ πυρὸς ἄντα καὶ Ἐκτορος, ὅς μοι ὑπείκει
 πάντῃ ἐν ὑσμίνῃ· σὺ δέ μιν περιδείδεις αἰεὶ.
 ὡς ὄφελον τόδε νῶϊν ἐνὶ πτολέμῳ τις ἄεθλον
 θῆκεν, ὅτ' ἀμφ' Ἀχιλῆϊ δεδουπότι δῆρις ὀρώρει,
 ὄφρ' ἐκ δυσμενέων με καὶ ἀργαλέοιο κυδοιμοῦ 220
 ἔδρακες ἔντεα καλὰ ποτὶ κλισίας φορέοντα
 αὐτῷ ὁμῶς Ἀχιλῆϊ δαΐφρονι· νῦν δ' ἄρα μύθων
 ἰδρεῖήν πίσυνος μεγάλων ἐπιμαίεται ἔργων·
 οὐ γάρ τοι σθένος ἐστὶν ἐν ἔντεσιν ἀκαμάτοισι
 δύμεναι Αἰακίδαο δαΐφρονος, οὐδὲ μέγ' ἔγχος 225
 νωμῆσαι παλάμησιν· ἐμοὶ δ' ἄρα πάντα τέτυκται
 ἄρμενα, καὶ μοι ἔοικε φορήμεναι ἀγλαὰ τεύχη
 οὔτι καταισχύνοντι θεοῦ περικαλλέα δῶρα.
 ἀλλὰ τί ἢ μύθοισιν ἐριδμαίνοντε κακοῖσιν

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Having respect unto the mightier man
Who rescued thee erewhile, when thou didst quail
In fight before the onset of thy foes,
When thou, forsaken of all Greeks beside,
'Midst tumult of the fray, wast fleeing too!
Oh that in that great fight Zeus' self had stayed
My dauntless might with thunder from his heaven!
Then with their two-edged swords the Trojan men
Had hewn thee limb from limb, and to their dogs
Had cast thy carrion! Then thou hadst not presumed
To meet me, trusting in thy trickeries!
Wretch, wherefore, if thou vauntest thee in might
Beyond all others, hast thou set thy ships
In the line's centre, screened from foes, nor dared
As I, on the far wing to draw them up?
Because thou wast afraid! Not thou it was
Who savedst from devouring fire the ships;
But I with heart unquailing there stood fast
Facing the fire and Hector—ay, even he
Gave back before me everywhere in fight.
Thou—thou didst fear him aye with deadly fear!
Oh, had this our contention been but set
Amidst that very battle, when the roar
Of conflict rose around Achilles slain!
Then had thine own eyes seen me bearing forth
Out from the battle's heart and fury of foes
That goodly armour and its hero lord
Unto the tents. But here—thou canst but trust
In cunning speech, and covetest a place
Amongst the mighty! Thou—thou hast not strength
To wear Achilles' arms invincible,
Nor sway his massy spear in thy weak hands!
But I—they are verily moulded to my frame:
Yea, seemly it is I wear those glorious arms,
Who shall not shame a God's gifts passing fair.
But wherefore for Achilles' glorious arms

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ἔσταμεν ἀμφ' Ἀχιλῆος ἀμύμονος ἀγλαὰ τεύχη; 230
 [ἀλλ' ἄγε χαλκείης πειρήσομεν ἐγχείησιν]
 ὅστις φέρτερός ἐστιν ἐνὶ φθισήνορι χάρμη.
 ἀλκῆς γὰρ τόδ' ἄεθλον ἀρήιον, οὐκ ἀλεγεινῶν
 θῆκεν ἐνὶ μέσσοισιν ἐπέων Θέτις ἀργυρόπεζα·
 μύθων δ' εἰν ἀγορῇ χρεῖω πέλει ἀνθρώποισιν·
 οἶδα γὰρ ὡς σέο πολλὸν ἀγαυότερος καὶ ἀρείων 235
 εἰμί· γένος δέ μοι ἐστιν, ὅθεν μεγάλῳ Ἀχιλῆϊ.”
 “Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ' ἀλεγεινὰ παραβλήδην ἐνένιπεν
 υἱὸς Λαέρταο πολύτροπα μῆδεα νωμῶν·
 “ Αἴαν ἀμετροεπές, τί νύ μοι τόσα μὰψ ἀγορεύεις;
 οὐτιδανόν τέ μ' ἔφησθα καὶ ἀργαλέον καὶ ἀναλκιν 240
 ἔμμεναι, ὃς σέο πολλὸν ὑπέρτερος εὐχομαι εἶναι
 μῆδεσι καὶ μύθοισι, τά τ' ἀνδράσι κάρτος ἀέξει·
 καὶ γάρ τ' ἠλίβατον πέτρην ἄρρηκτον εὐῶσαν
 μήτι ὑποτμήγουσιν ἐν οὔρεσι λατόμοι ἄνδρες
 ῥηιδίως, μήτι δὲ μέγαν βαρυηχέα πόντον 245
 ναῦται ὑπεκπερόωσιν, ὅτ' ἄσπετα κυμαίνηται·
 τέχνησιν δ' ἀγρόται κρατεροὺς δαμόωσι λέοντας
 πορδάλιάς τε σύας τε καὶ ἄλλων ἔθνεα θηρῶν·
 ταῦροι δ' ὀβριμόθυμοι ὑπὸ ζεύγλαις δαμόωνται
 ἀνθρώπων ἰότητι· νόῳ δέ τε πάντα τελείται. 250
 αἰεὶ δ' ἀφραδέος πέλει ἀνέρος ἀμφὶ πόνοισι
 πᾶσι καὶ ἐν βουλῆσιν ἀνὴρ πολυῦδρις ἀμείνων·
 τοῦνεκ' εὐφρονέοντα θρασὺς πάϊς Οἰνείδαο
 λέξατό μ' ἐκ πάντων ἐπιτάρροθον, ὅφρ' ἀφίκωμαι
 ἐς φύλακας· μέγα δ' ἔργον ὁμῶς ἐτελέσσαμεν
 ἀμφω· 255
 καὶ δ' αὐτὸν Πηλῆος εὐσθενέος κλυτὸν υἱά
 ἤγαγον Ἀτρείδῃσιν ἐπίρροθον· ἦν δὲ καὶ ἄλλου
 ἦρωος χρεῖω τις ἐν Ἀργείοισι πέληται,
 οὐδ' ὄγε χερσὶ τεῆσιν ἐλεύσεται, οὐδὲ μὲν ἄλλων
 Ἀργείων βουλῆσιν, ἐγὼ δέ εἰ μῦνος Ἀχαιῶν 260
 ἄξω μειλιχίοισι παραυδήσας ἐπέεσσι

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With words discourteous wrangling stand we here ?
Come, let us try in strife with brazen spears
Who of us twain is best in murderous fight !
For silver-footed Thetis set in the midst
This prize for prowess, not for pestilent words.
In folkmote may men have some use for words :
In pride of prowess I know me above thee far,
And great Achilles' lineage is mine own."

He spake : with scornful glance and bitter speech
Odysseus the resourceful chode with him :
" Aias, unbridled tongue, why these vain words
To me ? Thou hast called me pestilent, niddering,
And weakling : yet I boast me better far
Than thou in wit and speech, which things increase
The strength of men. Lo, how the craggy rock,
Adamantine though it seem, the hewers of stone
Amid the hills by wisdom undermine
Full lightly, and by wisdom shipmen cross
The thunderous-plunging sea, when mountain-high
It surgeth, and by craft do hunters quell
Strong lions, panthers, boars, yea, all the brood
Of wild things. Furious-hearted bulls are tamed
To bear the yoke-bands by device of men.
Yea, all things are by wit accomplished. Still
It is the man who knoweth that excels
The witless man alike in toils and counsels.
For my keen wit did Oeneus' valiant son
Choose me of all men with him to draw nigh
To Hector's watchmen : yea, and mighty deeds
We twain accomplished. I it was who brought
To Atreus' sons Peleides far-renowned,
Their battle-helper. Whensoe'er the host
Needeth some other champion, not for the sake
Of thine hands will he come, nor by the rede
Of other Argives : of Achaeans I
Alone will draw him with soft suasive words

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δῆριν ἐς αἰζηῶν· μέγα γὰρ κράτος ἀνδράσι μῦθος
 γίνετ' εὐφροσύνη μεμελημένος· ἠνορέη δὲ
 ἄπρηκτος τελέθει μέγεθός τ' εἰς οὐδὲν ἀέξει
 ἀνέρος, εἰ μὴ οἱ πιτυτὴ ἐπὶ μῆτις ἔπηται. 265

αὐτὰρ ἐμοὶ καὶ κάρτος ὁμῶς καὶ μῆτιν ὄπασσαν
 ἀθάνατοι· τεύξαν δὲ μέγ' Ἀργείοισιν ὄνειαρ.
 οὐδὲ μὲν ὡς σὺ μ' ἔφησθα πάρος φεύγοντα σάωσας
 δηΐου ἐξ ἐνοπῆς· οὐ γὰρ φύγον, ἀλλ' ἅμα πάντας
 Τρῶας ἐπεσσυμένους μένον ἔμπεδον· οἱ δ' ἐπέ-
 χυντο 270

ἀλκῇ μαιμώντες· ἐγὼ δ' ὑπὸ κάρτεϊ χειρῶν
 πολλῶν θυμὸν ἔλυσα· σὺ δ' οὐκ ἄρ' ἐτήτυμα
 βάζεις·

οὐ γὰρ ἐμοιγ' ἐπάμυνας ἀνὰ μόθον ἀλλὰ σοὶ αὐτῷ
 ἔστης ἦρα φέρων, μὴ τίς νύ σε δουρὶ δαμάσση
 φεύγοντ' ἐκ πολέμοιο. νέας δ' ἐς μέσσον ἔρυσσα 275

οὔτι περιτρομέων δηίων μένος, ἀλλ' ἵνα μῆχος
 αἰὲν ἄμ' Ἀτρείδησιν ὑπὲρ πολέμοιο φέρωμαι·
 καὶ σὺ μὲν ἔκτοσθε στήσας νέας· αὐτὰρ ἔγωγε
 αὐτὸν ἀεικίσσας πληγῆς ὑπὸ λευγαλέησιν
 ἐς Τρώων πτολίεθρον ἐσήλυθον, ὄφρα πύθωμαι, 280
 ὀππόσα μητιόωνται ὑπὲρ πολέμου ἀλεγεινοῦ.

οὐδὲ μὲν Ἐκτορος ἔγχος ἐδείδιον, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτὸς
 ἐν πρώτοις ἀνόρουσα μαχέσασθαι μενεαίνων
 κείνῳ, ὅτ' ἠνορέη πίσυνος προκαλέσσατο πάντας.
 νῦν δέ σευ ἄμφ' Ἀχιλῆϊ πολὺ πλέονας κτάνου
 ἄνδρας 285

δυσμενέων, ἐσάωσα δ' ὁμῶς τεύχεσσι θανόντα.
 οὐδὲ μὲν ἐγχείην τρομέω σέθεν, ἀλλὰ με λυγρὸν
 ἔλκος ἔτ' ἄμφ' ὀδύνης περινίσσεται εἵνεκα τευχέων
 τῶνδ' ὑπερουτηθέντα δαϊκταμένου τ' Ἀχιλῆος·
 καὶ δ' ἐμοὶ ὡς Ἀχιλῆϊ πέλει Διὸς ἔξοχον αἶμα." 290

“Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· τὸν δ' αὖθις ἀμείβετο καρτερὸς
 Αἴας·

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To where strong men are warring. Mighty power
The tongue hath over men, when courtesy
Inspires it. Valour is a deedless thing;
And bulk and big assemblage of a man
Cometh to naught, by wisdom unattended.
But unto me the Immortals gave both strength
And wisdom, and unto the Argive host
Made me a blessing. Nor, as thou hast said,
Hast thou in time past saved me when in flight
From foes. I never fled, but steadfastly
Withstood the charge of all the Trojan host.
Furious the enemy came on like a flood
But I by might of hands cut short the thread
Of many lives. Herein thou sayest not true—
Me in the fray thou didst not shield nor save,
But for thine own life foughtest, lest a spear
Should pierce thy back if thou shouldst turn to flee
From war. My ships?—I drew them up mid-line,
Not dreading the battle-fury of any foe,
But to bring healing unto Atreus' sons
Of war's calamities: and thou didst set
Far from their help thy ships. Nay more, I seamed
With cruel stripes my body, and entered so
The Trojans' burg, that I might learn of them
All their devisings for this troublous war.
Nor ever I dreaded Hector's spear; myself
Rose mid the foremost, eager for the fight,
When, prowess-confident, he defied us all.
Yea, in the fight around Achilles, I
Slew foes far more than thou; 'twas I who saved
The dead king with this armour. Not a whit
I dread thy spear now, but my grievous hurt
With pain still vexeth me, the wound I gat
In fighting for these arms and their slain lord.
In me as in Achilles is Zeus' blood."

He spake; strong Aias answered him again.

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“ὦ Ὀδυσσεῦ δολομήτα καὶ ἀργαλεώτατε πάντων,
οὐ νύ σ' ἐκεῖσ' ἐνόησα πονεύμενον, οὐδέ τις ἄλλος
Ἀργείων, ὅτε Τρῶες Ἀχιλλέα δηωθέντα
ἐλκέμεναι μενέαινον· ἐγὼ δ' ὑπὸ δουρὶ καὶ ἀλκῇ 295
τῶν μὲν γούνατ' ἔλυσα κατὰ μόθον, οὓς δ' ἐφό-
βησα

αἰὲν ἐπεσσύμενος· τοὶ δ' ἀργαλέως φοβέοντο
χήνεσιν ἢ γεράνοισιν εἰκότες, οἷς ἐπορούση
αἰετὸς ἠϊόεν πεδίον κάτα βοσκομένοισιν·
ὡς Τρῶες πτώσσοντες ἐμὸν δόρυ καὶ θοὸν ἄορ 300
Ἴλιον ἐς κατέδυσαν ἀλευάμενοι μέγα πῆμα.
σοὶ δὲ καὶ εἰ τότε κάρτος ἐπήλυθεν, οὔτι μὲν ἄγχι
μάρναο δυσμενέεσσιν, ἐκὰς δέ που ἦσθα καὶ αὐτὸς
ἀμφ' ἄλλησι φάλαγξι πονεύμενος, οὐ περὶ νεκρῶ
ἀντιθέου Ἀχιλλῆος, ὅπου μάλα δῆρις ὀρώρει.” 305

“Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ' Ὀδυσῆος ἀμείβετο κερδαλέον
κῆρ·

“Αἴαν, ἐγὼν οὐ σείο κακώτερος ἔλπομαι εἶναι
οὐ νόον οὐδέ βίην, εἰ καὶ μάλα φαίδιμος ἐσσί·
ἀλλὰ νόῳ μὲν ἔγωγε πολὺ προφερέστερός εἰμι
σειὸ μετ' Ἀργείοισι, βίῃ δέ τοι ἀμφήριστος 310
ἢ καὶ ἀγαυότερος· τὸ δέ που καὶ Τρῶες ἴσασιν,
οἷ με μέγα τρομέουσι καὶ ἦν ἀπάτερθεν ἴδωνται.
καὶ δ' αὐτὸς σάφα οἶδας ἐμὸν μένος ἠδὲ καὶ ἄλλοι
ἀμφὶ παλαισμοσύνη πολυτεριεῖ πολλὰ μογήσας,
ὅππότε δὴ περὶ σῆμα δαϊκταμένου Πατρόκλοιο 315
Πηλεΐδης ἐρίθυμος ἀγακλυτὰ θῆκεν ἄεθλα.”

“Ὡς φάτο Λαέρταο κλυτὸς πάϊς ἀντιθέοιο.
καὶ τότε Τρώιοι νῆες ἔριν δικάσαντ' ἀλεγεινὴν
αἰζηνῶν· νίκην δὲ καὶ ἄμβροτα τεύχεα δῶκαν
πάντες ὁμοφρονέοντες εὐπτολέμῳ Ὀδυσῆϊ· 320
τοῦ δ' ἄμοτον γήθησε νόος· στονάχησε δὲ λαός.
παχυνώθη δ' Αἴαντος εὐσθένης· αἶψα δ' ἄρ' αὐτῶ

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“ Most cunning and most pestilent of men,
Nor I, nor any other Argive, saw
Thee toiling in that fray, when Trojans strove
Fiercely to hale away Achilles slain.
My might it was that with the spear unstrung
The knees of some in fight, and others thrilled
With panic as they pressed on ceaselessly.
Then fled they in dire straits, as geese or cranes
Flee from an eagle swooping as they feed
Along a grassy meadow ; so, in dread
The Trojans shrinking backward from my spear
And lightening sword, fled into Ilium
To 'scape destruction. If thy might came there
Ever at all, not anywhere nigh me
With foes thou foughtest : somewhere far aloot
Mid other ranks thou toiledst, nowhere nigh
Achilles, where the one great battle raged.”

He spake ; replied Odysseus the shrewd heart :
“ Aias, I hold myself no worse than thou
In wit or might, how goodly in outward show
Thou be soever. Nay, I am keener far
Of wit than thou in all the Argives' eyes.
In battle-prowess do I equal thee—
Haply surpass ; and this the Trojans know,
Who tremble when they see me from afar.
Aye, thou too know'st, and others know my strength
By that hard struggle in the wrestling-match,
When Peleus' son set glorious prizes forth
Beside the barrow of Patroclus slain.”

So spake Laertes' son the world-renowned.
Then on that strife disastrous of the strong
The sons of Troy gave judgment. Victory
And those immortal arms awarded they
With one consent to Odysseus mighty in war.
Greatly his soul rejoiced ; but one deep groan
Broke from the Greeks. Then Aias' noble might

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ἄτη ἀνιερὴ περικάππεσε· πᾶν δέ οἱ εἶσω
 ἔξεσε φοῖνιον αἶμα· χολὴ δ' ὑπερέβλυσεν αἰνὴ·
 ἥπατι δ' ἔγκατ' ἔμικτο· περὶ κραδίην δ' ἀλεγεινὸν 325
 ἶξεν ἄχος, καὶ δριμὺ δι' ἐγκεφάλιοιο θεμέθλων
 ἐσσύμενον μῆνιγγας ἄδην ἀμφήλυθεν ἄλγος,
 σὺν δ' ἔχεεν νόον ἀνδρός· ἐπὶ χθονὶ δ' ὄμματα
 πήξας

ἔστη ἀκινήτῳ ἐναλίγκιος· ἀμφὶ δ' ἑταῖροι
 ἀχνύμενοί μιν ἄγεσκον ἐϋπρώρους ἐπὶ νῆας 330
 πολλὰ παρηγορέοντες· ὁ δ' ὑστατίνην ποσὶν οἶμον
 ἦεν οὐκ ἐθέλων· σχεδόθεν δέ οἱ ἔσπετο Μοῖρα.

Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ κατὰ νῆας ἔβαν καὶ ἀπείρονα
 πόντον,

Ἄργεῖοι δόρποιο μεμαότες ἠδὲ καὶ ὕπνου,
 καὶ τότε ἔσω μέγαλοιο Θέτις κατεδύσατο πόντου· 335
 σὺν δέ οἱ ἄλλαι ἴσαν Νηρηίδες· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα σφι
 νήχετο κήτεια πολλά, τά τε τρέφει ἀλμυρὸν οἶδμα.

Αἶ δὲ μέγα σκύζοντο Προμηθεΐ μητιόεντι
 μνώμεναι, ὡς κείνοιο θεοπροπίησι Κρονίων
 δῶκε Θέτιν Πηλῆι καὶ οὐκ ἐθέλουσαν ἄγεσθαι. 340
 Κυμοθόη δ' ἐν τῆσι μέγ' ἀσχαλόωσ' ἀγόρευεν·
 “ὦ πόποι, ὡς ὅ γε λυγρὸς ἐπάξια πήμαθ' ὑπέτλη
 δεσμῶ ἐν ἀρρήκτῳ, ὅτε οἱ μέγας αἰετὸς ἥπαρ
 κείρεν ἀεξόμενον κατὰ νηδύος ἔνδοθι δύνων.”

Ὡς φάτο Κυμοθόη κυανοπλοκάμοις ἀλίησιν. 345
 ἠέλιος δ' ἀπόρουσεν, ἐπεσκιόωντο δ' ἀλωαὶ
 νυκτὸς ἐπεσσυμένης, ἐπεκίδνατο δ' οὐρανὸν ἄστρα.

Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἐπὶ νηυσὶ τανυπρώροισιν ἴαυον
 ὕπνῳ ὑπ' ἀμβροσίῳ δεδμημένοι ἠδὲ καὶ οἴνῳ
 ἠδέει, τὸν Κρήτηθε παρ' Ἰδομενῆος ἀγανού 350
 ναῦται ὑπὲρ πόντοιο πολυκλύστοιο φέρεσκον.

Αἴας δ' Ἄργείοισι χολούμενος οὔτ' ἄρα δόρπου
 μνήσατ' ἐνὶ κλισίῃ μελιηδέος, οὔτε μιν ὕπνος

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Stood frozen stiff; and suddenly fell on him
Dark wilderment; all blood within his frame
Boiled, and his gall swelled, bursting forth in flood.
Against his liver heaved his bowels; his heart
With anguished pangs was thrilled; fierce stabbing
throes

Shot through the filmy veil 'twixt bone and brain;
And darkness and confusion wrapped his mind.
With fixed eyes staring on the ground he stood
Still as a statue. Then his sorrowing friends
Closed round him, led him to the shapely ships,
Aye murmuring consolations. But his feet
Trod for the last time, with reluctant steps,
That path; and hard behind him followed Doom.

When to the ships beside the boundless sea
The Argives, faint for supper and for sleep,
Had passed, into the great deep Thetis plunged,
And all the Nereids with her. Round them swam
Sea-monsters many, children of the brine.

Against the wise Prometheus bitter-wroth
The Sea-maids were, remembering how that Zeus,
Moved by his prophecies, unto Peleus gave
Thetis to wife, a most unwilling bride.

Then cried in wrath to these Cymothoe:
"O that the pestilent prophet had endured
All pangs he merited, when, deep-burrowing,
The eagle tare his liver aye renewed!"

So to the dark-haired Sea-maids cried the Nymph.
Then sank the sun: the onrush of the night
Shadowed the fields, the heavens were star-bestrewn;
And by the long-prowed ships the Argives slept
By ambrosial sleep o'er-mastered, and by wine
The which from proud Idomeneus' realm of Crete:
The shipmen bare o'er foaming leagues of sea.

But Aias, wroth against the Argive men,
Would none of meat or drink, nor clasped him round

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ἄμφεχευ, ἀλλ' ὃ γ' εἰοῖσιν ἐν ἔντεσσι δύσατο θύων·
 εἶλετο δὲ ξίφος ὀξύ, καὶ ἄσπετα πορφύρεσκευ, 355
 ἢ ὃ γ' ἐνιπρήση νῆας καὶ πάντας ὀλέσση
 Ἄργείους, ἢ μῦνον ὑπὸ ξίφεϊ στονόεντι
 δηώση μελεῖστί θοῶς δολόεντ' Ὀδυσῆα.
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ὄρμαινε, τὰ δὲ τάχα πάντ' ἐτέλεσ-
 σεν,

εἰ μὴ οἱ Τριτωνὶς ἀάσχετον ἔμβαλε λύσσαν· 360
 κήδετο γὰρ φρεσὶν ἧσι πολυτλήτου Ὀδυσῆος
 ἱρῶν μνωομένη, τὰ οἱ ἔμπεδα κείνος ἔρεξε·
 τοῦνεκα δὴ μέγαλοιο μένος Τελαμωνιάδαο
 τρέψεν ἀπ' Ἀργείων. ὃ δ' ἄρ' ἦε λαίλαπι ἴσος
 σμερδαλή στυγερῆσι καταιγίσσι βεβριθυίῃ, 365
 ἢ τε φέρει ναύτησι τέρας κρυεροῖο φόβοιο,
 Πληιάς εὐτ' ἀκάμαντος ἐς ὠκεανοῖο ῥέεθρα
 δύοθ' ὑποπτώσσοῦσα περικλυτὸν Ὠρίωνα,
 ἠέρα συγκλονέουσα, μέμνηε δὲ χεῖματι πόντος·
 τῇ εἰκῶς οἴμησεν, ὅπη μιν γυῖα φέρεσκον. 370
 πάντη δ' ἀμφιθέεσκεν ἀναιδέϊ θηρὶ εἰκῶς,
 ὅς τε βαθυσκοπέλοιο διέσσεται ἄγκεα βήσσης
 ἀφριῶν γενύεσσι καὶ ἄλγεα πολλὰ μενοινῶν
 ἢ κυσὶν ἢ ἀγρόταις, οἳ οἳ τέκνα δηώσονται
 ἀντρῶν ἐξερύσαντες, ὃ δ' ἀμφὶ γένυσσι βεβρυχῶς, 375
 εἶ που ἔτ' ἐν ξυλόχοισιν ἴδοι θυμῆρα τέκνα·
 τῷ δ' εἴ τις κύρσειε μεμνηότα θυμὸν ἔχοντι,
 αὐτοῦ οἱ βιότοιο λυγρὸν περιτέλλεται ἡμαρ·
 ὡς ὃ γ' ἀμείλιχα θῦνε, μέλαν δέ οἱ ἔζεεν ἦτορ,
 εὐτε λέβης ἀλίαςτον ἐπ' ἐσχάρῃ Ἡφαίστοιο 380
 ῥοιβδηδὸν μαίνεται ὑπαὶ πυρὸς αἰθομένοιο,
 γάστρην ἀμφὶς ἄπασαν ὅτε ξύλα πολλὰ θέρηται,
 ἐννεσίης δρηστήρος ἐπειγομένου ἐνὶ θυμῷ,
 εὐτραφέος σιάλοιο περὶ τρίχας ὡς κεν ἀμέρση·

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The arms of sleep. In fury he donned his mail,
He clutched his sword, thinking unspeakable
thoughts ;

For now he thought to set the ships aflame,
And slaughter all the Argives, now, to hew
With sudden onslaught of his terrible sword
Guileful Odysseus limb from limb. Such things
He purposed—nay, had soon accomplished all,
Had Pallas not with madness smitten him ;
For over Odysseus, strong to endure, her heart
Yearned, as she called to mind the sacrifices
Offered to her of him continually.

Therefore she turned aside from Argive men
The might of Aias. As a terrible storm,
Whose wings are laden with dread hurricane-blasts,
Cometh with portents of heart-numbing fear
To shipmen, when the Pleiads, fleeing adread
From glorious Orion, plunge beneath
The stream of tireless Ocean, when the air
Is turmoil, and the sea is mad with storm ;
So rushed he, whitherso'er his feet might bear.
This way and that he ran, like some fierce beast
Which darteth down a rock-walled glen's ravines
With foaming jaws, and murderous intent
Against the hounds and huntsmen, who have torn
Out of the cave her cubs, and slain : she runs
This way and that, and roars, if mid the brakes
Haply she yet may see the dear ones lost ;
Whom if a man meet in that maddened mood,
Straightway his darkest of all days hath dawned ;
So ruthless-raving rushed he ; blackly boiled
His heart, as caldron on the Fire-god's hearth
Maddens with ceaseless hissing o'er the flames
From blazing billets coiling round its sides,
At bidding of the toiler eager-souled
To singe the bristles of a huge-fed boar ;

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ὡς τοῦ ὑπὸ στέρνοισι πελώριος ἔζεε θυμός. 385
 μαινετο δ' ἠΰτε πόντος ἀπείριτος ἢ ἐθύελλα
 ἢ πυρὸς ἀκαμάτιοι θοὸν μένος, εὐτ' ἀλίστου
 μαίνηται κατ' ὄρεσφι βίη μεγάλου ἀνέμοιο,
 πίπτῃ δ' αἰθομένη πυρὶ πάντοθεν ἄσπετος ὕλη·
 ὡς Αἴας ὀδύνησι πεπαρμένος ὄβριμον ἦτορ 390
 μαίνετο λευγαλέως· ἄπλετος δέ οἱ ἔρρεεν ἀφρὸς
 ἐκ στόματος, βρυχή δὲ περὶ γναθμοῖσιν ὀρώρει·
 τεύχεα δ' ἀμφ' ὤμοισιν ἐπέβραχε. τοὶ δ' ὀρόωντες
 πάντες ὁμῶς ἐνὸς ἀνδρὸς ὑποτρομέεσκον ὁμοκλήν.

Καὶ τότε ἀπ' Ὀκεανοῖο κίε χρυσήνιος Ἡώς· 395
 Ἵππιος δ' οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἀνήιεν εἵκελος αὔρη,
 Ἥρη δὲ ξύμβλητο νέον πρὸς Ὀλυμπον ἰούσῃ
 Τηθύος ἐξ ἱερῆς, ὅθι που προτέρῃ μόλεν ἠοῖ·
 ἢ δέ ἐκύσσειν ἐλοῦσ' ὅτι οἱ πέλε γαμβρὸς ἀμύμων,
 ἐξ οὗ οἱ Κρονίωνα κατεύνασεν ἐν λεχέεσσιν 400
 Ἴδης ἀμφὶ κάρηνα χολούμενον Ἀργείοισιν·
 αἶψα δ' ἄρ' ἢ μὲν ἔβη Ζηνὸς δόμον, ὅς δ' ἐπὶ
 λέκτρα

Πασιθέης οἴμησεν· ἀνέγρετο δ' ἔθνεα φωτῶν.
 Αἴας δ' ἀκαμάτῳ ἐναλίγκιος Ὠρίωνι
 φοίτα ἐνὶ στέρνοισιν ἔχων ὀλοόφρονα λύσσαν· 405
 ἐν δ' ἔθορεν μήλοισι, λέων ὡς ὄβριμόθυμος
 λιμῶ ὑπ' ἀργαλέῳ δεδμημένος ἄγριον ἦτορ·
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ἐν κονίησιν ἐπασσύτερ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλα
 κάββαλεν, ἠΰτε φύλλα μένος κρατεροῦ Βορέας
 χεύῃ, ὅτ' ἀνομένου θέρεος μετὰ χεῖμα τράπηται· 410
 ὡς Αἴας μήλοισι μέγ' ἀσχαλόων ἐνόρουσεν
 ἐλπόμενος Δαναοῖσι κακὰς ἐπὶ κῆρας ἰάλλειν.

Καὶ τότε δὴ Μενέλαος ἀδελφεῷ ἄγχι παραστὰς
 κρύβδ' ἄλλων Δαναῶν τοῖον ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπε·

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So was his great heart boiling in his breast.
Like a wild sea he raved, like tempest-blast,
Like the winged might of tireless flame amidst
The mountains maddened by a mighty wind,
When the wide-blazing forest crumbles down
In fervent heat. So Aias, his fierce heart
With agony stabbed, in maddened misery raved.
Foam frothed about his lips; a beast-like roar
Howled from his throat. About his shoulders
clashed

His armour. They which saw him trembled, all
Cowed by the fearful shout of that one man.

From Ocean then uprose Dawn golden-reined :
Like a soft wind upfloated Sleep to heaven,
And there met Hera, even then returned
To Olympus back from Tethys, unto whom
But yester-morn she went. She clasped him round,
And kissed him, who had been her marriage-kin
Since at her prayer on Ida's crest he had lulled
To sleep Cronion, when his anger burned
Against the Argives. Straightway Hera passed
To Zeus's mansion, and Sleep swiftly flew
To Pasithea's couch. From slumber woke
All nations of the earth. But Aias, like
Orion the invincible, prowled on,
Still bearing murderous madness in his heart.
He rushed upon the sheep, like lion fierce
Whose savage heart is stung with hunger-pangs.
Here, there, he smote them, laid them dead in dust
Thick as the leaves which the strong North-wind's
might

Strews, when the waning year to winter turns ;
So on the sheep in fury Aias fell,
Deeming he dealt to Danaans evil doom.

Then to his brother Menelaus came,
And spake, but not in hearing of the rest :

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“ σήμερον ἦ τάχα πᾶσιν ὀλέθριον ἔσσεται ἡμαρ 415
 Αἴαντος μέγαλοιο περὶ φρεσὶ μαινομένοιο,
 ὃς τάχα νῆας ἐνιπρήσει, κτανέει δὲ καὶ ἡμέας
 πάντας ἐνὶ κλισίησι κοτεσσάμενος περὶ τευχέων.
 ὡς ὄφελον μὴ τῶνδε Θέτις πέρι δῆριν ἔθηκε,
 μηδ’ ἄρα Λαέρταο πάϊς μέγ’ ἀμείνονι φωτὶ 420
 ἔτλη δηριάσθαι ἐναντίον ἄφρονι θυμῶ.
 νῦν δὲ μέγ’ ἀσάμεσθα, κακὸς δέ τις ἤπαφε δαίμων·
 ἔρκος γὰρ πολέμοιο δεδουπότος Αἰακίδαιο
 μῦνον ἔτ’ ἦν Αἴαντος ἐὺ σθένος· ἀλλ’ ἄρα καὶ τὸν
 ἡμῖν ἐξολέσουσι θεοὶ κακὰ νῶιν ἄγοντες, 425
 ὡς κεν πάντες ἄϊστον ἀναπλήσωμεν ὄλεθρον.”

“Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπεν εὐμμελῆς Ἀγαμέμνων·
 “ μὴ νῦν, ὦ Μενέλαε, μέγ’ ἀχνύμενος περὶ θυμῶ
 σκύζεο μητιόεντι Κεφαλλήνων βασιλῆι·
 οὐ γὰρ ὅ γ’ αἰτιός ἐστιν, ἐπεὶ μάλα πολλάκις ἡμῖν 430
 γίνεται ἐσθλὸν ὄνειαρ, ἄχος δ’ ἄρα δυσμενέεσσιν.”

“Ὡς οἱ μὲν Δαναῶν ἀκαχήμενοι ἠγορόωντο.
 μηλονόμοι δ’ ἀπάνευθε παρὰ Ξάνθοιο ρεέθροις
 πτώσσον ὑπὸ μυρίκησιν ἀλευάμενοι βαρὺ πῆμα·
 ὡς δ’ ὅταν αἰετὸν ὠκὺν ὑποπτώσσωσι λαγωοὶ 435
 θάμνοις ἐν λασίοισιν, ὁ δ’ ἐγγύθεν ὄξυ κεκληγῶς
 πωτᾶτ’ ἐνθα καὶ ἐνθα τανυσσάμενος πτερύγεσσιν·
 ὡς οἱ γ’ ἄλλοθεν ἄλλος ὑπέτρεσαν ὄβριμον ἄνδρα.
 ὀψὲ δ’ ὅ γ’ ἀρνειοῖο κατακταμένου σχεδὸν ἔστη,
 καὶ ῥ’ ὀλοὸν γελάσας τοῖον ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπε· 440
 “ κεῖσό νυν ἐν κονίησι, κυνῶν βόσις ἠδ’ οἰωνῶν·
 οὐ γὰρ σ’ οὐδ’ Ἀχιλλῆος ἐρύσσατο κύδιμα τεύχη,
 ὧν ἔνεκ’ ἀφραδέων μέγ’ ἀμείνονι δηριάασκες·
 κείσο, κύον· σὲ γὰρ οὔτι γοήσεται ἀμφιπεσοῦσα

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“ This day shall surely be a ruinous day
For all, since Aias thus is sense-distraught.
It may be he will set the ships aflame,
And slay us all amidst our tents, in wrath
For those lost arms. Would God that Thetis ne'er
Had set them for the prize of rivalry !
Would God Laertes' son had not presumed
In folly of soul to strive with a better man !
Fools were we all ; and some malignant God
Beguiled us ; for the one great war-defence
Left us, since Aeacus' son in battle fell,
Was Aias' mighty strength. And now the Gods
Will to our loss destroy him, bringing bane
On thee and me, that all we may fill up
The cup of doom, and pass to nothingness.”

He spake ; replied Agamemnon, lord of spears :
“ Now nay, Menelaus, though thine heart he wrung,
Be thou not wroth with the resourceful king
Of Cephallenian folk, but with the Gods
Who plot our ruin. Blame not him, who oft
Hath been our blessing and our enemies' curse.”

So heavy-hearted spake the Danaan kings.
But by the streams of Xanthus far away
'Neath tamarisks shepherds cowered to hide from
death,

As when from a swift eagle cower hares
'Neath tangled copses, when with sharp fierce scream
This way and that with wings wide-shadowing
He wheeleth very nigh ; so they here, there,
Quailed from the presence of that furious man.

At last above a slaughtered ram he stood,
And with a deadly laugh he cried to it :
“ Lie there in dust ; be meat for dogs and kites !
Achilles' glorious arms have saved not thee,
For which thy folly strove with a better man !
Lie there, thou cur ! No wife shall fall on thee,

κουριδίη μετὰ παιδὸς ἀάσχετον ἀσχαλόωσα, 445
 οὐ τοκέες· τοῖς οὔτι μετέσσειαι ἔλδομένοισι
 γήραος ἐσθλὸν ὄνειαρ, ἐπεὶ νύ σε τήλ' ἀπὸ πατρὸς
 οἴωνοί τε κύνες τε δεδουπότα δαρδάψουσιν."

“Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη δολόεντα μετὰ κταμένοις Ὀδυσῆα
 κείσθαι οἰόμενος μεμορυγμένον αἵματι πολλῶ· 450
 καὶ τότε οἱ Τριτωνὶς ἀπὸ φρενὸς ἠδὲ καὶ ὄσσω
 ἐσκέδασεν Μανίην βλοσυρὴν πνεύουσαν ὄλεθρον·
 ἢ δὲ θοῶς ἴκανε ποτὶ Στυγὸς αἰπὰ ῥέεθρα,
 ἦχι θοαὶ ναίουσιν Ἐριννύες, αἶ τε βροτοῖσιν
 αἰὲν ὑπερφιάλοισι κακὰς ἐφιᾶσιν ἀνίας. 455

Αἴας δ', ὡς ἴδε μῆλα κατὰ χθονὸς ἀσπαίρουτα,
 θάμβεεν ἐν φρεσὶ πάμπαν· οἴσατο γὰρ δόλον εἶναι
 ἐκ μακάρων· πάντεσσι δ' ὑπεκλάσθη μελέεσσι
 βλήμενος ἄλγεσι θυμὸν ἀρήιον· οὐδ' ἄρα πρόσσω 460
 ἔσθευεν ἀσχαλῶν ἐπιβήμεναι οὔτ' ἄρ' ὀπίσσω,
 ἀλλ' ἔστη σκοπιῆ ἑναλίγκιος, ἦ τ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
 πασάων μάλα πολλὸν ὑπερτάτῃ ἐρρίζωται.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε οἱ πάλι θυμὸς ἐνὶ στήθεσσι ἀγέρθη,
 λυγρὸν ἀνεστονάχησεν, ἔπος δ' ὀλοφύρετο τοῖον·
 “ὦ μοι ἐγὼ, τί νυ τόσσον ἀπέχθομαι ἀθανά-
 τοισιν; 465

οἷ με φρένας βλάβσαντο, κακὴν δ' ἐπὶ λύσσαν
 ἔθεντο,
 μῆλα κατακτεῖναι, τὰ μοι οὐκ ἔσαν αἴτια θυμοῦ.
 ὡς ὄφελον τίσασθαι Ὀδυσσέος ἀργαλέον κῆρ
 χερσὶν ἐμῆς, ἐπεὶ ἦ με κακῇ περικύββαλεν ἄτη
 λυγρὸς ἐὼν μάλα πάγχυ· πάθοι γε μὲν ἄλγεα
 θυμῶ, 470

ὀππόσα μητιόωνται Ἐριννύες ἀνθρώποισιν
 ἀργαλείοις· δοῖεν δὲ καὶ ἄλλοις Ἀργείοισιν
 ὑσμῖνας ὀλοᾶς καὶ πένθεα δακρυόεντα,
 αὐτῶ τ' Ἀτρείδῃ Ἀγαμέμνονι· μηδ' ὅ γ' ἀπήμων
 ἔλθοι ἐὼν ποτὶ δῶμα λιλαιόμενός περ ἰκέσθαι. 475

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And clasp, and wail thee and her fatherless child,
Nor shalt thou greet thy parents' longing eyes,
The staff of their old age! Far from thy land
Thy carrion dogs and vultures shall devour!"

So cried he, thinking that amidst the slain
Odysseus lay blood-boltered at his feet.
But in that moment from his mind and eyes
Athena tore away the nightmare-fiend
Of Madness havoc-breathing, and it passed
Thence swiftly to the rock-walled river Styx
Where dwell the winged Erinnyes, they which still
Visit with torments overweening men.

Then Aias saw those sheep upon the earth
Gasping in death; and sore amazed he stood,
For he divined that by the Blessèd Ones
His senses had been cheated. All his limbs
Failed under him; his soul was anguished-thrilled:
He could not in his horror take one step
Forward nor backward. Like some towering rock
Fast-rooted mid the mountains, there he stood.
But when the wild rout of his thoughts had rallied,
He groaned in misery, and in anguish wailed:
"Ah me! why do the Gods abhor me so?
They have wrecked my mind, have with fell madness
filled,

Making me slaughter all these innocent sheep!
Would God that on Odysseus' pestilent heart
Mine hands had so avenged me! Miscreant, he
Brought on me a fell curse! O may his soul
Suffer all torments that the Avenging Fiends
Devise for villains! On all other Greeks
May they bring murderous battle, woeful griefs,
And chiefly on Agamemnon, Atreus' son!
Not scatheless to the home may he return
So long desired! But why should I consort,

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ἀλλὰ τί μοι στυγεροῖσι μετέμμεναι ἐσθλὸν εἶντα;
 ἐρρέτω Ἀργείων ὀλοὸς στρατός· ἐρρέτω αἰὼν
 ἄσχετος· οὐ γὰρ ἔτ' ἐσθλὸς ἔχει γέρας, ἀλλὰ
 χερείων

τιμήεις τε πέλει καὶ φίλτερος· ἦ γὰρ Ὀδυσσεὺς
 τίετ' ἐν Ἀργείοισιν, ἐμεῦ δ' ἐπὶ πάγχυ λάθοντο 480
 ἔργων θ', ὀππὸς' ἔρεξα καὶ ἔτλην εἵνεκα λαῶν."

Ὡς εἰπὼν παῖς ἐσθλὸς εὖσθενέος Τελαμῶνος
 Ἐκτόρειον ξίφος ὧσε δι' αὐχένος· ἐκ δέ οἱ αἶμα
 ἐσσύμενον κελάρυζεν· ὁ δ' ἐν κονίησι τανύσθη
 Τυφῶν ὧς, τὸν Ζηνὸς ἐνεπρήσαντο κεραυνοί· 485
 ἀμφὶ δὲ γαῖα μέλαινα μέγα στονάχησε πεσόντος.

Καὶ τότε δὴ Δαναοὶ κίον ἀθρόοι, ὧς ἐσίδοντο
 κείμενον ἐν κονίησι· πάρος δέ οἱ οὔτις ἵκανεν
 ἐγγύς, ἐπεὶ μάλα πάντας ἔχεν δέος εἰσορόωντας.
 αἴψα δ' ἄρα κταμένῳ περικάππεσον· ἀμφὶ δὲ
 κρᾶτα 490

πρηνέες ἐκχύμενοι κόνιν ἄσπετον ἀμφεχέοντο,
 καὶ σφιν ὄδυρομένων γόος αἰθέρα δῖον ἵκανεν·
 ὧς δ' ὅταν εἰροπόκων οἴων ἄπο νήπια τέκνα
 ἀνέρες ἐξελάσωσιν, ἵνα σφίσι δαῖτα κάμονται,
 αἱ δὲ μέγα σκαίρουσι διηνεκέως μεμακυῖαι 495
 μητέρες ἐκ τεκέων σηκοὺς πέρι χηρωθέντας·
 ὧς οἱ γ' ἀμφ' Αἴαντα μέγα στένον ἤματι κείνῳ
 πανσυδίῃ· μέγα δέ σφιν ἐπέβραχε δάσκιος Ἰδὴ
 καὶ πεδίον καὶ νῆες ἀπειρεσίῃ τε θάλασσα.

Τεῦκρος δ' ἀμφ' αὐτῷ μάλα μῆδετο κῆρας
 ἐπισπεῖν 500

ἀργαλέας· τὸν δ' ἄλλοι ἀπὸ ξίφeos μεγάλοιο
 εἶργον· ὁ δ' ἀσχαλόων περικάππεσε τεθνηῶτι
 δάκρυα πολλὰ χέων ἀδινώτερα νηπιάχοιο,
 ὅς τε παρ' ἐσχαρεῶνι τέφρην περιειμένος ὤμοις
 κὰκ κεφαλῆς μάλα πάμπαν ὀδύρεται ὄρφανὸν
 ἡμαρ 505

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I, a brave man, with the abominable?
Perish the Argive host, perish my life,
Now unendurable! The brave no more
Hath his due guerdon, but the baser sort
Are honoured most and loved, as this Odysseus
Hath worship mid the Greeks: but utterly
Have they forgotten me and all my deeds,
All that I wrought and suffered in their cause.”

So spake the brave son of strong Telamon,
Then thrust the sword of Hector through his throat.
Forth rushed the blood in torrent: in the dust
Outstretched he lay, like Typhon, when the bolts
Of Zeus had blasted him. Around him groaned
The dark earth as he fell upon her breast.

Then thronging came the Danaans, when they saw
Low laid in dust the hero; but ere then
None dared draw nigh him, but in deadly fear
They watched him from afar. Now hasted they
And flung themselves upon the dead, outstretched
Upon their faces: on their heads they cast
Dust, and their wailing went up to the sky.
As when men drive away the tender lambs
Out of the fleecy flock, to feast thereon,
And round the desolate pens the mothers leap
Ceaselessly bleating, so o'er Aias rang
That day a very great and bitter cry.
Wild echoes pealed from Ida forest-palled,
And from the plain, the ships, the boundless sea.

Then Teucer clasping him was minded too
To rush on bitter doom: howbeit the rest
Held from the sword his hand. Anguished he fell
Upon the dead, outpouring many a tear
More comfortlessly than the orphan babe
That wails beside the hearth, with ashes strewn
On head and shoulders, wails bereavement's day
That brings death to the mother who hath nursed

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μητρὸς ἀποφθιμένης, ἣ μιν τρέφε νήϊδα πατρός·
 ὡς ὃ γε κωκύεσκε κασιγνήτοιο δαμέντος
 ἐρπύζων περὶ νεκρόν, ἔπος δ' ὀλοφύρετο τοῖον·
 “ Αἴαν καρτερόθυμε, τί ἦ νύ τοι ἐβλάβετ'¹ ἦτορ
 οἱ αὐτῷ στονόεντα φόνον καὶ πῆμα βαλέσθαι; 510
 ἦ ἴνα Τρώιοι νῆες οἷζύος ἀμπνεύσωσιν,
 Ἄργείους δ' ὀλέσωσι σέθεν κταμένοιο κιόντες;
 οὐ γὰρ τοῖσδ' ἔτι θάρσος ὅσον πάρος ὄλλυμένοισιν
 ἔσσεται ἐν πολέμῳ· σὺ γὰρ ἔπλεο πήματος ἄλκαρ·
 οὐδ' ἔτ' ἐμοὶ νόστοιο τέλος σέο δεῦρο θανόντος 515
 ἀνδάνει, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτὸς ἐέλδομαι ἐνθάδ' ὀλέσθαι,
 ὄφρα με σὺν σοὶ γαῖα φερέσβιος ἀμφικαλύπτῃ·
 οὐ γὰρ μοι τοκέων τόσσον μέλει, εἴ που ἔτ' εἰσίν,
 εἴ που ἔτ' ἀμφινέμονται ἔτι ζωοὶ Σαλαμίνα,
 ὅσσον σεῖο θανόντος, ἐπεὶ σύ μοι ἔπλεο κῦδος.” 520

Ἦ ῥα μέγα στενάχων· ἐπὶ δ' ἔστενε διὰ Τέκ-
 μησσα

Αἴαντος παράκοιτις ἀμύμονος, ἣνπερ ἐοῦσαν
 ληιδίην σφετέρην ἄλοχον θέτο, καὶ μιν ἀνασσαν
 πάντων ἔμμεν ἔτευξεν, ὅσων ἀνὰ δῶμα γυναῖκες
 ἐδνωταὶ μεδέουσι παρ' ἀνδράσι κουριδίοισιν· 525
 ἣ δέ οἱ ἀκαμάτησιν ὑπ' ἀγκοίνῃσι δαμείσα
 Εὐρυσάκην τέκεθ' υἱὸν ἐοικότα πάντα τοκῆι·
 ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν οὖν ἔτι τυτθὸς ἐνὶ λεχέεσσι λέλειπτο·
 ἣ δὲ μέγα στενάχουσα φίλῳ περικάππεσε νεκρῷ
 ἐντυπὰς ἐν κονίῃσι καλὸν δέμας αἰσχύνουσα· 530
 καὶ ῥ' ὀλοφυδνὸν ἄῤυσε μέγ' ἀχτυμένη κέαρ ἔνδον·
 “ ὦ μοι ἐγὼ δύστηνος, ἐπεὶ θάνες, οὔτι δαίχθεις
 δυσμενέων παλάμησιν ἀνὰ μόθον, ἀλλὰ σοὶ αὐτῷ·
 τῷ μοι πένθος ἄλαστον ἐποίχεται· οὐ γὰρ ἐώλπειν
 σεῖο καταφθιμένοιο πολύστονον ἡμαρ ιδέσθαι 535

¹ Zimmermann, for ἔβλαβεν of v.

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The fatherless child ; so wailed he, ever wailed
His great death-stricken brother, creeping slow
Around the corpse, and uttering his lament :
“ O Aias, mighty-souled, why was thine heart
Distraught, that thou shouldst deal unto thyself
Murder and bale ? Ah, was it that the sons
Of Troy might win a breathing-space from woes,
Might come and slay the Greeks, now thou art not ?
From these shall all the olden courage fail
When fast they fall in fight. Their shield from harm
Is broken now ! For me, I have no will
To see mine home again, now thou art dead.
Nay, but I long here also now to die,
That so the earth may shroud me—me and thee
Not for my parents so much do I care,
If haply yet they live, if haply yet
Spared from the grave, in Salamis they dwell,
As for thee, O my glory and my crown ! ”

So cried he groaning sore ; with answering moan
Queenly Tecmessa wailed, the princess-bride
Of noble Aias, captive of his spear,
Yet ta'en by him to wife, and household-queen
O'er all his substance, even all that wives
Won with a bride-price rule for wedded lords.
Clasped in his mighty arms, she bare to him
A son Eurysaces, in all things like
Unto his father, far as babe might be
Yet cradled in his tent. With bitter moan
Fell she on that dear corpse, all her fair form
Close-shrouded in her veil, and dust-defiled,
And from her anguished heart cried piteously :
“ Alas for me, for me—now thou art dead,
Not by the hands of foes in fight struck down,
But by thine own ! On me is come a grief
Ever-abiding ! Never had I looked

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ἐν Τροίῃ· τὰ δὲ πάντα κακαὶ διὰ Κῆρες ἔχευαν·
 ὡς μ' ὄφελον τὸ πάροιθε περὶ τραφερῆ χάνε γαῖα,
 πρὶν σέο πότμον ιδέσθαι ἀμείλιχον· οὐ γὰρ ἔμοιγε
 ἄλλο χεριώτερόν ποτ' ἐσήλυθεν ἐς φρένα πῆμα,
 οὐδ' ὅτε με πρῶτιστον ἐμῆς ἀποτηλόθι πάτρης 540
 καὶ τοκέων εἴρυσσας ἄμ' ἄλλης ληιάδεσσι
 πόλλ' ὀλοφυρομένην, ἐπεὶ ἦ νύ με τὸ πρὶν ἀνασσαν
 αἰδοίην περ εἰούσαν ἐπήϊε δούλιον ἦμαρ·
 ἀλλὰ μοι οὔτε πάτρης θυμηδέος οὔτε τοκῆων
 μέμβλεται οἰχομένων, ὅπόσον σέο δηωθέντος, 545
 οὔνεκά μοι δειλῆ θυμήρεα πάντα μενοίνας,
 καὶ ρά μ' ἔθηκας ἀκοιτιν ὀμόφρονα, καὶ ρά μ'
 ἔφησθα

τεύξειν αὐτίκ' ἀνασσαν εὐκτιμένης Σαλαμῖνος
 νοστήσας Τροίηθε· τὰ δ' οὐ θεὸς ἄμμι τέλεσσειν·
 ἀλλὰ σὺ μὲν μοι αἴστος ἀποίχθαι, οὐδέ νύ σοί
 περ 550
 μέμβλετ' ἐμεῦ καὶ παιδός, ὃς οὐ πατρὶ τέρψεται
 ἦτορ,

οὐ σέο κοιρανίης ἐπιβήσεται, ἀλλὰ μιν ἄλλοι
 δμῶα λυγρὸν τεύξουσιν, ἐπεὶ πατρὸς οὐκέτ' εἶντος
 νηπίαχοι κομούνται ὑπ' ἀνδρεσσιν μάλα πολλὸν 555
 χειροτέροις· ὀλοῆ γὰρ ὑπ' ὀρφανίῃ βαρὺς αἰὼν
 παισὶ πέλει, καὶ πῆματ' ἐπ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλα χέονται.
 καὶ δέ με δειλαιὴν τάχα δούλιον ἴξεται ἦμαρ
 οἰχομένου σέο πρόσθεν, ὃ μοι θεὸς ὡς ἐτέτυξο.”

“Ὡς φαμένην προσέειπε φίλα φρονέων Ἀγα-
 μένων·

“ὦ γύναι, οὐ νύ σέ τις δμῶν ποτε θήσεται ἄλλος 560
 Τεύκρου ἔτι ζῶοντος ἀμύμονος ἠδ' ἐμεῦ αὐτοῦ·
 ἀλλὰ σε τίσομεν αἰὲν ἀπειρεσίοις γεράεσσι,
 τίσομεν ὥστε θεῖν, καὶ σὸν τέκος, ὡς ἔτ' εἶντος
 ἀντιθέου Αἴαντος, ὃς ἔπλετο κάρτος Ἀχαιῶν.
 αἰθ' ὄφελον μῆδ' ἄλγος Ἀχαιίδα θήκατο πάσῃ 565

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To see thy woeful death-day here by Troy.
Ah, visions shattered by rude hands of Fate !
Oh that the earth had yawned wide for my grave
Ere I beheld thy bitter doom ! On me
No sharper, more heart-piercing pang hath come—
No, not when first from fatherland afar
And parents thou didst bear me, wailing sore
Mid other captives, when the day of bondage
Had come on me, a princess theretofore.
Not for that dear lost home so much I grieve,
Nor for my parents dead, as now for thee :
For all thine heart was kindness unto me
The hapless, and thou madest me thy wife,
One soul with thee ; yea, and thou promisedst
To throne me queen of fair-towered Salamis,
When home we won from Troy. The Gods denied
Accomplishment thereof. And thou hast passed
Unto the Unseen Land : thou hast forgot
Me and thy child, who never shall make glad
His father's heart, shall never mount thy throne.
But him shall strangers make a wretched thrall :
For when the father is no more, the babe
Is ward of meaner men. A weary life
The orphan knows, and suffering cometh in
From every side upon him like a flood.
To me too thralldom's day shall doubtless come,
Now thou hast died, who wast my god on earth."

Then in all kindness Agamemnon spake :
" Princess, no man on earth shall make thee thrall,
While Teucer liveth yet, while yet I live.
Thou shalt have worship of us evermore
And honour as a Goddess, with thy son,
As though yet living were that godlike man,
Aias, who was the Achaeans' chiefest strength
Ah that he had not laid this load of grief
On all, in dying by his own right hand !

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αὐτὸς ἐῆ ὑπὸ χειρὶ δαμείς· οὐ γάρ μιν ἀπείρων
 δυσμενέων σθένε λαὸς ὑπ' Ἄρει δῆλώσασθαι."

Ὡς ἔφατ' ἀχνύμενος κέαρ ἔνδοθεν· ἀμφὶ δὲ λαοὶ
 οἰκτρὸν ἀνεστονάχησαν, ἐπίαχε δ' Ἑλλήσποντος
 μυρομένων, ὅλοη δὲ περὶ σφίσι πέπτατ' ἀνίη. 570

καὶ δ' αὐτὸν λάβε πένθος Ὀδυσσεὰ μητιόεντα
 κείνου ἀποκταμένοιο, καὶ ἀχνύμενος κατὰ θυμὸν
 τοῖον ἔπος μετέειπεν ἀκηχεμένοισιν Ἀχαιοῖς·

“ὦ φίλοι, ὡς οὔπω τι κακώτερον ἄλλο χόλοιο
 γίνεται, ὅς τε βροτοῖσι κακὴν ἐπὶ δῆριν ἀέξει· 575

ὃς καὶ νῦν Αἴαντα πελώριον ἐξορόθυεν
 ἀμφ' ἐμοὶ ἐν φρεσὶν ἦσι χολούμενον· ὡς ὄφελόν
 μοι

μή ποτε Τρῶιοι νῆες Ἀχιλλέος εἵνεκα τευχέων
 νίκην ἀμφεβάλουτ' ἐρικυδέα, τῆς πέρι θυμὸν
 ἀχνύμενος παῖς ἐσθλὸς εὖσθενέος Τελαμώνος 580

ᾧλετο χερσὶν ἐῆσι· χόλου δέ οἱ οὔτι ἔγωγε
 αἴτιος, ἀλλὰ τις Αἴσα πολύστονος, ἣ μιν ἐδάμνα·
 εἰ γάρ μοι κέαρ ἔνδον ἐνὶ στέρνοισιν ἐώλπει
 κείνον ἀλαστήσειν καθ' ἐὸν νόον, οὔτ' ἂν ἔγωγε

ἦλθον ἐριδμαίνων νίκης ὕπερ, οὔτε τιν' ἄλλον 585
 ἐν Δαναοῖσιν ἔασα μεμαότα δηριάασθαι,
 ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτὸς ἔγωγε θεουδέα τεύχε' αείρας
 προφρονέως ἂν ὄπασσα, καὶ εἴ τί περ ἄλλο μειοίνα.

νῦν δέ μιν οὔτι ἔγωγε μέγ' ἀχνύμενον χαλεπήναι
 ᾧσάμην μετόπισθεν, ἐπεὶ ῥά οἱ οὔτε γυναικὸς 590

οὔτε περὶ πτόλιος μαχόμην οὔτ' εὐρέος ὄλβου,
 ἀλλὰ μοι ἀμφ' ἀρετῆς νεῖκος πέλεν, ἣς πέρι δῆρις
 τερπνὴ γίνεται αἰὲν εὐφροσιν ἀνθρώποισι·

κείνος δ' ἐσθλὸς ἐὼν στυγερῆ ὑπὸ δαίμονος Αἴση
 ἦλιτεν· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικε μέγ' ἀσχαλάαν ἐνὶ θυμῷ· 595

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For all the countless armies of his foes
Never availed to slay him in fair fight.”

So spake he, grieved to the inmost heart. The folk
Woefully wailed all round. O'er Hellespont
Echoes of mourning rolled : the sighing air
Darkened around, a wide-spread sorrow-pall.
Yea, grief laid hold on wise Odysseus' self
For the great dead, and with remorseful soul
To anguish-stricken Argives thus he spake :
“ O friends, there is no greater curse to men
Than wrath, which groweth till its bitter fruit
Is strife. Now wrath hath goaded Aias on
To this dire issue of the rage that filled
His soul against me. Would to God that ne'er
Yon Trojans in the strife for Achilles' arms
Had crowned me with that victory, for which
Strong Telamon's brave son, in agony
Of soul, thus perished by his own right hand !
Yet blame not me, I pray you, for his wrath :
Blame the dark dolorous Fate that struck him down.
For, had mine heart foreboded aught of this,
This desperation of a soul distraught,
Never for victory had I striven with him,
Nor had I suffered any Danaan else,
Though ne'er so eager, to contend with him.
Nay, I had taken up those arms divine
With mine own hands, and gladly given them
To him, ay, though himself desired it not.
But for such mighty grief and wrath in him
I had not looked, since not for a woman's sake
Nor for a city, nor possessions wide,
I then contended, but for Honour's meed,
Which alway is for all right-hearted men
The happy goal of all their rivalry.
But that great-hearted man was led astray
By Fate, the hateful fiend ; for surely it is
Unworthy a man to be made passion's fool.

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ἀνδρὸς γὰρ πινυτοῖο καὶ ἄλγεα πόλλ' ἐπιόντα
τλῆναι ὑπὸ κραδίῃ στερεῇ φρενί, μηδ' ἀκάχησθαι."

Ὡς φάτο Λαέρταο κλυτὸς πάϊς ἀντιθέοιο.
ἰλλ' ὅτε δὴ κορέσαντο γόου καὶ πένθεος αἰνοῦ·
δὴ τότε Νηλέος υἱὸς ἔτ' ἀχνυμένοισιν ἔειπεν 600
“ ὦ φίλοι, ὡς ἄρα Κῆρες ἀνηλέα θυμὸν ἔχουσαι
ἡμῖν αἰψ' ἐβάλοντο λυγρῶ ἐπὶ πένθει πένθος
Αἴαντος φθιμένοιο πολυσθενέος τ' Ἀχιλλῆος
ἄλλων τ' Ἀργείων ἠδ' υἱέος ἡμετέροιο
'Αντιλόχου. ἀλλ' οὔτι θέμις κταμένους ἐνὶ χάρμῃ 605
κλαίειν ἤματα πάντα καὶ ἀσχαλάαν ἐνὶ θυμῶ,
ἀλλὰ γόου λήσασθαι ἀεικέος, οὔνεκ' ἄμεινον
ἔρδειν, ὅσσα βροτοῖσιν ἐπὶ φθιμένοισιν ἔοικε,
πυρκαϊῆν καὶ σῆμα, καὶ ὅστέα ταρχύσασθαι·
νεκρὸς δ' οὔτι γόοισιν ἀνέγρεται, οὔδέ τι οἶδε 610
φράσσασθ', εὐτέ ἐ Κῆρες ἀμείλιχοι ἀμφιχάνωσιν.”

Ἡ ῥα παρηγορέων· περὶ δ' ἀντίθεοι βασιλῆες
ἀθρόοι αἰψ' ἀγέροντο μέγ' ἀχνύμενοι κέαρ ἔνδον,
καὶ ἐ μέγαν περ' εἶντα θοῶς ποτὶ νῆας ἔνεικαν
πολλοὶ ἀείραντες· κατὰ δὲ σπείροισι κάλυψαν 615
αἰμ' ἀποφαιδρύναντες, ὃ οἱ βριαροῖς μελέεσσι
τερσόμενον περίκειτο καὶ ἔντεσι σὺν κούρησι·
καὶ τότε ἀπ' Ἰδαίων ὀρέων φέρον ἄσπετον ὕλην
αἰζηοί, πάντῃ δὲ νέκυν πέρι νηίσαντο·
πολλὰ δ' ἄρ' ἀμφ' αὐτῶ θῆκαν ξύλα, πολλὰ δὲ
μῆλα 620

φάρεά τ' εὐποίητα βοῶν τ' ἐρικυδέα φῦλα
ἠδὲ καὶ ὠκυτάτοισιν ἀγαλλομένους ποσὶν ἵππους
χρυσόν τ' αἰγλήεντα καὶ ἄσπετα τεύχεα φωτῶν,
ὅσσα πάρος κταμένων ἀποαίνυτο φαίδιμος ἀνὴρ,
ἠλεκτρὸν τ' ἐπὶ τοῖσι διειδέα, τὸν ῥά τέ φασιν 625
ἔμμεναι Ἡελίοιο πανομφαίοιο θυγατρῶν
δάκρυ, τὸ δὴ Φαέθουτος ὑπὲρ κταμένοιο χέαντο
μυρόμεναι μεγάλοιο παρὰ ῥόον Ἡριδανοῖο,

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK V

The wise man's part is, steadfast-souled to endure
All ills, and not to rage against his lot."

So spake Laertes' son, the far-renowned.
But when they all were weary of grief and groan,
Then to those sorrowing ones spake Neleus' son:
"O friends, the pitiless-hearted Fates have laid
Stroke after stroke of sorrow upon us,
Sorrow for Aias dead, for mighty Achilles,
For many an Argive, and for mine own son
Antilochus. Yet all unmeet it is
Day after day with passion of grief to wail
Men slain in battle: nay, we must forget
Laments, and turn us to the better task
Of rendering dues beseeming to the dead,
The dues of pyre, of tomb, of bones inurned
No lamentations will awake the dead;
No note thereof he taketh, when the Fates,
The ruthless ones, have swallowed him in night."

So spake he words of cheer: the godlike kings
Gathered with heavy hearts around the dead,
And many hands upheaved the giant corpse,
And swiftly bare him to the ships, and there
Washed they away the blood that clotted lay
Dust-flecked on mighty limbs and armour: then
In linen swathed him round. From Ida's heights
Wood without measure did the young men bring,
And piled it round the corpse. Billets and logs
Yet more in a wide circle heaped they round;
And sheep they laid thereon, fair-woven vests,
And goodly kine, and speed-triumphant steeds,
And gleaming gold, and armour without stint,
From slain foes by that glorious hero stripped.
And lucent amber-drops they laid thereon,
Tears, say they, which the Daughters of the Sun,
The Lord of Omens, shed for Phaethon slain,
When by Eridanus' flood they mourned for him.

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καὶ τὸ μὲν Ἥλιος γέρας ἄφθιτον υἱεῖ τεύχων
 ἤλεκτρον ποίησε μέγα κτέαρ ἀνθρώποισι, 630
 τὸν ῥα τότε εὐρυπέδοιο πυρῆς καθύπερθε βάλοντο
 Ἀργεῖοι κλυτὸν ἄνδρα δεδουπότα κυδαίνοντες
 Αἴαντ'· ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ μέγала στενάχοντες ἔθεντο
 τιμήεντ' ἐλέφαντα καὶ ἄργυρον ἱμερόεντα
 ἠδὲ καὶ ἀμφιφορῆας ἀλείφατος ἄλλα τε πάντα, 635
 ὀππόσα κυδήεντα καὶ ἀγλαὸν ὄλβον ὀφέλλει.
 ἐν δ' ἔβαλον κρατεροῖο πυρὸς μένος· ἦλθε δὲ πνοιῆ
 ἐξ ἀλός, ἣν προέηκε θεὰ Θέτις, ὄφρα θέρηται
 Αἴαντος μεγάλοιο βίη· ὁ δὲ νύκτα καὶ ἡῶ
 καίετο πὰρ νήεσσιν ἐπειγομένου ἀνέμοιο· 640
 οἴός που τὸ πάροιθε Διὸς στονόεντι κεραυνῶ
 Ἐγκέλαδος δέδμητο κατ' ἀκαμάτοιο θαλάσσης
 Θρινακίης ὑπένερθεν, ὅλη δ' ὑπετύφετο νῆσος·
 ἠ οἴος ζῶοντα μέλη πυρὶ δῶκε θέρεσθαι
 Ἡρακλῆς Νέσσοιο δολοφροσύνησι χαλεφθεῖς, 645
 ὀππὸτ' ἔτλη μέγα ἔργον, ὅλη δ' ἀμφέστενευ Οἴτη
 ζωῶ καιομένοιο, μίγη δέ οἱ ἠέρι θυμὸς
 ἄνδρα λιπῶν ἀρίδηλον, ἐνεκρίνθη δὲ θεοῖσιν
 αὐτός, ἐπεὶ οἱ σῶμα πολύκμητον χάδε γαῖα·
 τοῖος ἄρ' ἐν πυρὶ κείτο λελασμένος ἰωχμοῖο 650
 Αἴας σὺν τεύχεσσι· πολὺς δ' ἐστείνετο λαὸς
 αἰγιαλοῖς· Τρῶες δ' ἐγάνουντ', ἀκάχοντο δ' Ἀχαιοί.
 Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ δέμας ἠὺ κατήνυσε πῦρ αἰδήλον,
 δὴ τότε πυρκαϊῆν οἴνω σβέσαν· ὅστέα δ' αὐτοῦ
 χηλῶ ἐνὶ χρυσῆθῆκαν· περὶ δὲ σφισι γαῖαν 655
 χεῦαν ἀπειρεσίην Ῥοιτηίδος οὐχ ἑκάς ἀκτῆς.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK V

These, for undying honour to his son,
The God made amber, precious in men's eyes.
Even this the Argives on that broad-based pyre
Cast freely, honouring the mighty dead.
And round him, groaning heavily, they laid
Silver most fair and precious ivory,
And jars of oil, and whatsoe'er beside
They have who heap up goodly and glorious wealth.
Then thrust they in the strength of ravening flame,
And from the sea there breathed a wind, sent forth
By Thetis, to consume the giant frame
Of Aias. All the night and all the morn
Burned 'neath the urgent stress of that great wind
Beside the ships that giant form, as when
Enceladus by Zeus' levin was consumed
Beneath Thrinacia, when from all the isle
Smoke of his burning rose—or like as when
Hercules, trapped by Nessus' deadly guile,
Gave to devouring fire his living limbs,
What time he dared that awful deed, when groaned
All Oeta as he burned alive, and passed
His soul into the air, leaving the man
Far-famous, to be numbered with the Gods,
When earth closed o'er his toil-tried mortal part.
So huge amid the flames, all-armor clad,
Lay Aias, all the joy of fight forgot,
While a great multitude watching thronged the
sands.

Glad were the Trojans, but the Achaeans grieved.

But when that goodly frame by ravening fire
Was all consumed, they quenched the pyre with
wine ;

'They gathered up the bones, and reverently
Laid in a golden casket. Hard beside
Rhoeteium's headland heaped they up a mound
Measureless-high. Then scattered they amidst

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αὐτίκα δ' ἐσκίδναντο πολυσκάρθμους ἐπὶ νῆας
θυμὸν ἀκηχέμενοι· τὸν γὰρ τίον ἴσον Ἀχιλλεῖ.
νύξ δ' ἐπόρουσε μέλαινα μετ' ἀνέρας ὕπνον ἄγουσα·
οἱ δ' ἄρα δαῖτ' ἐπάσαντο καὶ Ἑριγένειαν ἔμιμνον, 660
βαιὸν ἀποβρίξαντες ἀραιοῖσι βλεφάροισιν·
αἰνῶς γὰρ φοβέοντο κατὰ φρένα, μή σφισι Τρῶες
νυκτὸς ἐπέλθωσιν Τελαμωνιάδαο θανόντιος.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK V

The long ships, heavy-hearted for the man
Whom they had honoured even as Achilles.
Then black night, bearing unto all men sleep,
Upfloated : so they brake bread, and lay down
Waiting the Child of the Mist. Short was their
 sleep,
Broken by fitful staring through the dark,
Haunted by dread lest in the night the foe
Should fall on them, now Telamon's son was dead.

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εἵνεκ' ἐμεῦ Ἑλένης τε κυνώπιδος, ἧς νύ μοι οὔτι
 μέμβλεται ὡς ὑμέων, ὅποτε κταμένους ἐσίδωμαι 25
 ἐν πολέμῳ· κείνη δ' ἀλαπαδνοτάτῳ σὺν ἀκοίτῃ
 ἔρρέτῳ· ἐκ γάρ οἱ πινυτὰς φρένας εἴλετο δαίμων
 ἐκ κραδίης, ὅτ' ἐμεῖο λίπεν δόμον ἠδὲ καὶ εὐνὴν.
 ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν κείνης Πριάμῳ καὶ Τρωσὶ μελήσει·
 ἡμεῖς δ' αἶψα νεώμεθ', ἐπεὶ πολὺ λώϊόν ἐστιν 30
 ἐκφυγέειν πολέμοιο δυσηχέος ἢ ἀπολέσθαι."

Ὡς ἔφατ' Ἀργείων πειρώμενος· ἄλλα δέ οἱ κῆρ
 ἐν κραδίῃ πόρφυρε περὶ ζηλήμονι θυμῷ,
 Τρῶας ὅπως ὀλέση καὶ τείχεα μακρὰ πόλλης
 ῥήξῃ ἐκ θεμέθλων, μάλα δ' αἵματος ἄση" Ἀρηα 35
 δίου Ἀλεξάνδροιο μετὰ φθιμένοισι πεσόντος·
 οὐ γάρ τι ζήλοιο πέλει στυγερώτερον ἄλλο.
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ὄρμαινεν, ἐῆ δ' ἐπιίζανεν ἔδρη.
 καὶ τότε Τυδεΐδης ἐγχέσπαλος ὦρτ' ἐνὶ μέσσοις,
 καὶ ῥα θοῶς νεῖκεσσεν ἀρηίφιλον Μενέλαον· 40
 " ἄ δεῖλ' Ἀτρέος υἱέ, τί ἦ νύ σε δεῖμα κιχάνει
 ἀργαλέον, καὶ τοῖα μετ' Ἀργείοις ἀγορεύεις,
 ὡς πάϊς ἠὲ γυνή, τῶνπερ σθένος ἔστ' ἀλαπαδνόν;
 ἀλλὰ σοὶ οὐ πείσονται Ἀχαιῶν φέρτατοι υἱες
 πρὶν Τροίης κρήδεμνα ποτὶ χθόνα πάντα βα-
 λέσθαι· 45

θάρσος γὰρ μερόπεσσι κλέος μέγα, φύζα δ'
 ὄνειδος.
 εἰ δ' ἄρα τις καὶ τῶνδ' ἐπιπείσεται, ὡς ἐπιτέλλεις,
 αὐτίκα οἱ κεφαλὴν τεμέω ἰόεντι σιδήρῳ,
 ῥίψῳ δ' οἰωνοῖσιν ἀερσιπέτησιν ἔδωδῆν.
 ἀλλ' ἄγεθ', οἷσι μέμηλεν ὀρινέμεναι μένε' ἀνδρῶν, 50
 λαοὺς αὐτίκα πάντας ὀτρυνάντων κατὰ νῆας
 δούρατα θηγέμεναι, παρά τ' ἀσπίδας ἄλλα τε
 πάντα

εὐθέσθαι, καὶ δεῖπνον ἄφαρ πάσσασθαι¹ ἅπαντας

¹ Zimmermann, for ἐφοπλίσσασθαι, with lacuna, of Koehly.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK VI

And shameless Helen's! Think not that I care
For her: for you I care, when I behold
Good men in battle slain. Away with her—
Her and her paltry paramour! The Gods
Stole all discretion out of her false heart
When she forsook mine home and marriage-bed.
Let Priam and the Trojans cherish her!
But let us straight return: 'twere better far
To flee from dolorous war than perish all."

So spake he but to try the Argive men.
Far other thoughts than these made his heart burn
With passionate desire to slay his foes,
To break the long walls of their city down
From their foundations, and to glut with blood
Ares, when Paris mid the slain should fall.
Fiercer is naught than passionate desire!
Thus as he pondered, sitting in his place,
Uprose Tydeides, shaker of the shield,
And chode in fiery speech with Menelaus:
"O coward Atreus' son, what craven fear
Hath gripped thee, that thou speakest so to us
As might a weakling child or woman speak?
Not unto thee Achaea's noblest sons
Will hearken, ere Troy's coronal of towers
Be wholly dashed to the dust: for unto men
Valour is high renown, and flight is shame!
If any man shall hearken to the words
Of this thy counsel, I will smite from him
His head with sharp blue steel, and hurl it down
For soaring kites to feast on. Up! all ye
Who care to enkindle men to battle: rouse
Our warriors all throughout the fleet to whet
The spear, to burnish corslet, helm and shield;
And cause both man and horse, all which be keen

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λαος·

“ὦ Ὀδυσσεῦ, μέγ’ ὄνειαρ εὔσθενέων Ἀργείων, 85
ἦνπερ Ἀχιλλῆος μεγαλόφρονος ὄβριμος υἱὸς
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δώσω οἱ παράκοιτιν ἐμὴν ἐρικυδέα κούρην
Ἑρμιόνην, καὶ πολλὰ καὶ ὄλβια δῶρα σὺν αὐτῇ 90
προφρονέως· οὐ γάρ μιν ὄϊομαι οὔτε γυναῖκα
οὔτ’ ἄρα πενθερὸν ἐσθλὸν ὑπερφιάλως ὀνόσασθαι.”

Ὡς ἄρ’ ἔφη· Δαναοὶ δὲ συνευφήμησαν ἔπεσσι.
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νῆα θοὴν εἴρυσσεν ἀπειρεσίης ἀλὸς εἴσω·
καρπαλίμως δ’ ἦια καὶ ἄρμενα πάντα βάλοντο·
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ἠδ’ ὀπότε’ εὐρέα πόντον ὑποστορέησι γαλήνη.
καί ῥ’ ὅτε δὴ κληῖσιν ἐπ’ εὐτύκτοισι κάθισσαν,
τύπτον ἀλὸς μέγα κῦμα· πολὺς δ’ ἀμφέζεεν
ἀφρός·

ὑγραὶ δ’ ἀμφ’ ἐλάτῃσι διεπρήσσοντο κέλευθοι 105
νηὸς ἐπεσσυμένης· τοὶ δ’ ἰδρώοντες ἔρεσσον·
ὡς δ’ ὅθ’ ὑπὸ ζεύγλῃσι βόες μέγα κεκμηῶτες
δουρατέην ἐρύσσωσι πρόσω μεμαῶτες ἀπήνην
ἄχθει τετριγυῖαν ὑπ’ ἄξονι δινήεντι
τειρόμενοι, πουλὺς δὲ κατ’ αὐχένος ἠδὲ καὶ ὤμων 110
ἰδρῶς ἀμφοτέροισι κατέσσυται ἄχρις ἐπ’ οὐδας·
ὡς τῆμος μογέεσκον ὑπὸ στιβαρῆς ἐλάτῃσιν
αἰζηοί· μάλα δ’ ὦκα διήνουν εὐρέα πόντον.

¹ Verse inserted by Zimmermann ex P.

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Then out spake Menelaus earnestly :
“ Odysseus, the strong Argives’ help at need,
If mighty-souled Achilles’ valiant son
From Scyros by thy suasion come to aid
Us who yearn for him, and some Heavenly One
Grant victory to our prayers, and I win home
To Hellas, I will give to him to wife
My noble child Hermione, with gifts
Many and goodly for her marriage-dower
With a glad heart. I trow he shall not scorn
Either his bride or high-born sire-in-law.”

With a great shout the Danaans hailed his words.
Then was the throng dispersed, and to the ships
They scattered hungering for the morning meat
Which strengtheneth man’s heart. So when they
ceased

From eating, and desire was satisfied,
Then with the wise Odysseus Tydeus’ son
Drew down a swift ship to the boundless sea,
And victual and all tackling cast therein.
Then stepped they aboard, and with them twenty
men,

Men skilled to row when winds were contrary,
Or when the unrippled sea slept ’neath a calm.
They smote the brine, and flashed the boiling foam :
On leapt the ship ; a watery way was cleft
About the oars that sweating rowers tugged.
As when hard-toiling oxen, ’neath the yoke
Straining, drag on a massy-timbered wain,
While creaks the circling axle ’neath its load,
And from their weary necks and shoulders streams
Down to the ground the sweat abundantly ;
So at the stiff oars toiled those stalwart men,
And fast they laid behind them leagues of sea.
Gazed after them the Achaeans as they went,

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τοὺς δ' ἄλλοι μὲν Ἀχαιοὶ ἀποσκοπίαζον ἰόντας·
 θῆγον δ' αἰνὰ βέλεμνα καὶ ἔγχεα, τοῖσι μάχοντο. 115
 Τρῶες δ' ἄστεος ἐντὸς ἀταρβέες ἐντύνοντο
 ἐς πόλεμον μεμαῶτες ἰδ' εὐχόμενοι μακάρεσσι
 λωφῆσαί τε φόνοιο καὶ ἀμπνεῦσαι καμάτοιο.

Τοῖσι δ' ἐελδομένοισι θεοὶ μέγα πήματος
 ἄλκαρ

ἦγαγον Εὐρύπυλον κρατεροῦ γένος Ἡρακλῆος· 120
 καὶ οἱ λαοὶ ἔποντο δαήμονες ἰωχμοῖο
 πολλοί, ὅσοι δολιχοῖο παρὰ προχοῆσι Καΐκου
 ναίεσκον κρατερῆσι πεποιθότες ἐγχείησιν.

ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ κεχάροντο μέγα φρεσὶ Τρώιοι υἴες·
 ὡς δ' ὀπόθ' ἔρκεος ἐντὸς ἐεργμένοι ἀθρήσωσιν 125

ἡμεροὶ ἀνέρα χῆνες, ὅτις σφίσιν εἶδατα βάλλη,
 ἀμφὶ δέ μιν στομάτεσσι περισταδὸν ἰύζοντες¹ 126a

σαίνουσιν, τοῦ δ' ἦτορ ἰαίνεται εἰσορόωντος·
 ὡς ἄρα Τρώιοι υἴες ἐγήθεον, εὖτ' ἐσίδοντο
 ὄβριμον Εὐρύπυλον, τοῦ δ' ἐν φρεσὶ θαρσαλέον

κῆρ

τέρπετ' ἀγειρομένοισιν· ἀπὸ προθύρων δὲ γυναῖκες 130
 θάμβεον ἀνέρα δῖον· ὁ δ' ἔξοχος ἔσσυτο λαῶν
 ἠὔτε τις θώεσσι λέων ἐν ὄρεσσι μετελθών.

τὸν δὲ Πάρις δείδεκτο, τίεν δέ μιν Ἐκτορι ἴσον·
 τοῦ γὰρ ἀνεψιὸς ἔσκεν, ἰῆς τ' ἐτέτυκτο γενέθλης·

τὸν γὰρ δὴ τέκε δῖα κασιγνήτη Πριάμοιο 135
 Ἀστυόχη κρατερῆσιν ὑπ' ἀγκοίνησι μιγεῖσα

Τηλέφου, ὃν ῥα καὶ αὐτὸν ἀταρβεῖ Ἡρακλῆι
 λάθρη ἐοῖο τοκῆος εὐπλόκαμος τέκεν Αὖγη·

καὶ μιν τυτθὸν ἐόντα καὶ ἰσχανόωντα γάλακτος
 θρέψε θεοή ποτε κεμμάς, ἐῶ δ' ἴσα φίλατο νεβρῶ 140

μαζὸν ὑποσχομένη βουλῇ Διός· οὐ γὰρ ἐφκει
 ἔκγονον Ἡρακλῆος οἰζυρῶς ἀπολέσθαι.

τοῦ δ' ἄρα κύδιμον νῖα Πάρις μάλα πρόφρονι θυμῶ

¹ Verse inserted by Zimmermann, ex P.

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Then turned to whet their deadly darts and spears,
The weapons of their warfare. In their town
The aweless Trojans armed themselves the while
War-eager, praying to the Gods to grant
Respite from slaughter, breathing-space from toil.

To these, while sorely thus they yearned, the Gods
Brought present help in trouble, even the seed
Of mighty Hercules, Eurypylos.

A great host followed him, in battle skilled,
All that by long Caïcus' outflow dwelt,
Full of triumphant trust in their strong spears.
Round them rejoicing thronged the sons of Troy :
As when tame geese within a pen gaze up
On him who casts them corn, and round his feet
Throng hissing uncouth love, and his heart warms
As he looks down on them ; so thronged the sons
Of Troy, as on fierce-heart Eurypylos
They gazed ; and gladdened was his aweless soul
To see those throngs : from porchways women looked
Wide-eyed with wonder on the godlike man.
Above all men he towered as on he strode,
As looks a lion when amid the hills
He comes on jackals. Paris welcomed him,
As Hector honouring him, his cousin he,
Being of one blood with him, who was born
Of Astyoche, King Priam's sister fair
Whom Telephus embraced in his strong arms,
Telephus, whom to aweless Hercules
Auge the bright-haired bare in secret love.
That babe, a suckling craving for the breast,
A swift hind fostered, giving him the teat
As to her own fawn in all love ; for Zeus
So willed it, in whose eyes it was not meet
That Hercules' child should perish wretchedly.
His glorious son with glad heart Paris led

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ἦγεν ἐὸν ποτὶ δῶμα δι' εὐρυχόροιο πόλῃος
 σῆμα πάρ' Ἀσσαράκοιο καὶ Ἑκτορος αἰπὰ
 μέλαθρα 145

νηὸν τε ζάθειον Τριτωνίδος, ἔνθα οἱ ἄγχι
 δῶματ' ἔσαν καὶ βωμὸς ἀκήρατος Ἑρκείοιο·
 καὶ μιν ἀδελφειῶν πηῶν θ' ὑπερ ἠδὲ τοκῆων
 εἶρετο προφρονέως· ὁ δὲ οἱ μάλα πάντ' ἀγόρευεν·
 ἄμφω δ' ὡς ὀάριζον ἄμ' ἀλλήλοισι κιόντες. 150
 ἦλθον δ' ἐς μέγα δῶμα καὶ ὄλβιον· ἔνθα δ' ἄρ'
 ἦστο

ἀντιθέῃ Ἑλένη Χαρίτων ἐπιειμένη εἶδος·
 καὶ ῥά μιν ἀμφίπολοι πίσυρες περιποιπνύεσκον,
 ἄλλαι δ' αὐτ' ἀπάνευθεν ἔσαν κλειτοῦ θαλάμοιο
 ἔργα τιτυσκόμεναι, ὅποσα δμωῆσιν ἔοικεν. 155

Εὐρύπυλον δ' Ἑλένη μέγ' ἐθάμβεεν εἰσορόωσα,
 κείνος δ' αὐθ' Ἑλένην· μετὰ δ' ἀλλήλους ἐπέεσσιν
 ἄμφω δεικανόωντο δόμῳ ἐνὶ κηῶεντι·
 δμῶες δ' αὐτε θρόνους δοιῶ θέσαν ἐγγὺς ἀνάσσης·
 αἶψα δ' Ἀλέξανδρος κατ' ἄρ' ἔζετο, παρ δ' ἄρα
 τῷ γε 160

Εὐρύπυλος. λαοὶ δὲ πρὸ ἄστεος αὐλιν ἔθεντο,
 ἦχι φυλακτῆρες Τρώων ἔσαν ὀβριμόθυμοι·
 αἶψα δὲ τεύχεα θῆκαν ἐπὶ χθόνα, παρ δε καὶ
 ἵππους

στήσαν ἔτι πνείοντας οἷζυροῖο μόγοιο·
 ἐν δὲ φάτνησι βάλοντο, τά τ' ὠκέες ἵπποι ἔδουσι. 165

Καὶ τότε νύξ ἐπόρουσε, μελαίνετο δ' αἶα καὶ
 αἰθήρ·

οἱ δ' ἄρα δαῖτ' ἐπάσαντο πρὸ τείχεος αἰπεινοῖο
 Κήτειοι Τρώες τε· πολὺς δ' ἐπὶ μῦθος ὀρώρει
 δαινυμένων· πάντῃ δὲ πυρὸς μένος αἰθαλόεντος
 δαίετο παρ κλισίῃσιν· ἐπίαχε δ' ἠπύτα σύριγξ 170
 αὐλοῖ τε λιγυροῖσιν ἀρηράμενοι καλάμοισιν,
 ἀμφὶ δὲ φορμίγγων ἰαχὴ πέλεν ἡμερόεσσα.

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Unto his palace through the wide-wayed burg
Beside Assaracus' tomb and stately halls
Of Hector, and Tritonis' holy fane.
Hard by his mansion stood, and therebeside
The stainless altar of Home-warder Zeus
Rose. As they went, he lovingly questioned him
Of brethren, parents, and of marriage-kin ;
And all he craved to know Eurypylus told.
So communed they, on-pacing side by side.
Then came they to a palace great and rich :
There goddess-like sat Helen, clothed upon
With beauty of the Graces. Maidens four
About her plied their tasks : others apart
Within that goodly bower wrought the works
Beseeming handmaids. Helen marvelling gazed
Upon Eurypylus, on Helen he.
Then these in converse each with other spake
In that all-odorous bower. The handmaids brought
And set beside their lady high-seats twain ;
And Paris sat him down, and at his side
Eurypylus. That hero's host encamped
Without the city, where the Trojan guards
Kept watch. Their armour laid they on the earth ;
Their steeds, yet breathing battle, stood thereby,
And cribs were heaped with horses' provender.
Upfloated night, and darkened earth and air ;
Then feasted they before that cliff-like wall,
Ceteian men and Trojans : babel of talk
Rose from the feasters : all around the glow
Of blazing campfires lighted up the tents :
Pealed out the pipe's sweet voice, and hautboys rang
With their clear-shrilling reeds ; the witching strain
Of lyres was rippling round. From far away

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Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἀπάνευθεν ἐθάμβεον εἰσορόωντες
 [ἐν πεδίῳ πυρὰ πολλὰ καὶ ἄσπετον] εἰσαΐοντες
 αὐλῶν φορμίγγων τ' ἰαχὴν ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ ἵππων
 σύριγγός θ', ἣ δαιτὶ μεταπρέπει ἠδὲ νομεῦσι· 175
 τοῦνεκ' ἄρ' οἷσιν ἕκαστος ἐπὶ κλισίησι κέλευσε
 νῆας ἀμοιβαίησι φυλασσέμεν ἄχρις ἐς ἠῶ,
 μή σφεας Τρῶες ἀγαυοὶ ἐνιπρήσωσι κιόντες
 οἷ ῥα τότ' αἰπεινοῖο πρὸ τείχεος εἰλαπίναζον.

Ὡς δ' αὐτως κατὰ δώματ' Ἀλεξάνδροιο δαΐφρων 180
 δαίνυτο Τηλεφίδης μετ' ἀγακλειτῶν βασιλῆων·
 πολλὰ δ' ἄρα Πρίαμός τε καὶ ἄλλοι Τρώιοι υἱὲς
 ἐξείης ἠὔχοντο μιγήμεναι Ἀργείοισιν
 αἴσῃ ἐν ἀργαλήῃ· ὁ δ' ὑπέσχετο πάντα τελέσσειν.
 αὐτὰρ ἐπεὶ δόρπησαν, ἔβαν ποτὶ δώμαθ' ἕκαστος· 185

Εὐρύπυλος δ' αὐτοῦ κατελέξατο βαιὸν ἄπωθεν
 ἐς τέγος εὐποίητον, ὅπῃ πάρος αὐτὸς ἴαυεν
 ἠὺς Ἀλέξανδρος μετ' ἀγακλειτῆς ἀλόχοιο·
 κείνο γὰρ ἔκπαγλόν τε καὶ ἔξοχον ἔπλετο πάντων·
 ἔνθ' ὅ γε λέξατ' ἰών· τοὶ δ' ἄλλοσε κοῖτον ἔλοντο 190

μέχρις ἐπ' Ἡριγένειαν εὐθρονον. αὐτὰρ ἄμ' ἠοῖ
 Τηλεφίδης ἀνόρουσε καὶ ἐς στρατὸν εὐρὺν ἴκανε
 σύν τ' ἄλλοις βασιλεῦσιν, ὅσοι κατὰ Ἴλιον ἦσαν·
 λαοὶ δ' αὐτίκ' ἔδυσαν ἐν ἔντεσι μαιμώωντες,
 πάντες ἐνὶ πρώτοισι λιλαιόμενοι πονέεσθαι· 195

ὣς δὲ καὶ Εὐρύπυλος μεγάλοις περικάτθετο γυίοις
 τεύχεα μαρμαρέησιν εἰειδόμενα στεροπῆσι·
 καὶ οἱ δαίδαλα πολλὰ κατ' ἀσπίδα δῖαν ἔκειτο,
 ὀππόσα πρόσθεν ἔρεξε θρασὺ σθένος Ἡρακλῆος.

Ἐν μὲν ἔσαν βλοσυρῆσι γενειάσι λιχμῶωντες 200
 δοιῶ κινυμένοισιν εἰκότες οἶμα δράκοντες
 σμερδαλέον μεμαῶτες· ὁ δὲ σφεας ἄλλοθεν ἄλλον
 νηπίαχός περ ἐὼν ὑπεδάμνατο· καὶ οἱ ἀταρβῆς
 ἔσκε νόος καὶ θυμός, ἐπεὶ Διὶ κάρτος ἐώκει

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The Argives gazed and marvelled, seeing the plain
Aglare with many fires, and hearing notes
Of flutes and lyres, neighing of chariot-steeds
And pipes, the shepherd's and the banquet's joy.
Therefore they bade their fellows each in turn
Keep watch and ward about the tents till dawn,
Lest those proud Trojans feasting by their walls
Should fall on them, and set the ships aflame.

Within the halls of Paris all this while
With kings and princes Telephus' hero son
Feasted; and Priam and the sons of Troy
Each after each prayed him to play the man
Against the Argives, and in bitter doom
To lay them low; and blithe he promised all.
So when they had supped, each hied him to his home;
But there Eurypylus laid him down to rest
Full nigh the feast-hall, in the stately bower
Where Paris theretofore himself had slept
With Helen world-renowned. A bower it was
Most wondrous fair, the goodliest of them all.
There lay he down; but elsewhere their rest
Took they, till rose the bright-throned Queen of Morn.
Up sprang with dawn the son of Telephus,
And passed to the host with all those other kings
In Troy abiding. Straightway did the folk
All battle-eager don their warrior-gear,
Burning to strike in forefront of the fight.
And now Eurypylus clad his mighty limbs
In armour that like levin-flashes gleamed;
Upon his shield by cunning hands were wrought
All the great labours of strong Hercules.

Thereon were seen two serpents flickering
Black tongues from grimly jaws: they seemed in act
To dart; but Hercules' hands to right and left—
Albeit a babe's hands—now were throttling them;
For aweless was his spirit. As Zeus' strength

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ἐξ ἀρχῆς· οὐ γάρ τι θεῶν γένος οὐραγιῶνων 205
 ἄπρηκτον τελέθει καὶ ἀμήχανον, ἀλλὰ οἱ ἀλκῆ
 ἔσπετ' ἀπειρεσίη καὶ νηδύος ἔνδον ἔοντι.

Ἐν δὲ Νεμειαίῳ βίη ἐτέτυκτο λέοντος
 ὀβρίμου Ἡρακλῆος ὑπὸ στιβαρῆσι χέρεσσι
 τειρόμενος κρατερῶς· βλοσυρῆς δέ οἱ ἀμφὶ γένυσ-
 σιν 210

αἱματόεις ἀφρὸς ἔσκεν· ἀποπνεύοντι δ' ἐώκει.
 Ἄγχι δέ οἱ πεπόνητο μένος πολυδειράδος ὕδρης
 αἰνὸν λιχμῶσα· καρῆατα δ' ἀλγινόεντα
 ἄλλα μὲν ἄρ δέδμητο κατὰ χθονός, ἄλλα δ' ἄεξευ
 ἐξ ὀλίγων μάλα πολλά· πόνος δ' ἔχεν Ἡρακλῆα 215

θαρσαλέον τ' Ἰόλαον, ἐπεὶ κρατερά φρονέοντε
 ἄμφω, ὁ μὲν τέμνεσκε καρῆατα μαιμῶωντα
 ἄρπη ὑπ' ἀγκυλόδοντι θοῶς, ὁ δὲ καίε σιδήρω
 αἰθομένῳ· κρατερῇ δὲ κατήνυτο θηρὸς ὀμοκλή.

Ἐξείης δ' ἐτέτυκτο βίη σὺς ἀκαμάτοιο 220
 ἀφριῶν γενύεσσι· φέρεν δέ μιν, ὡς ἐτέον περ,
 ζῶν ἐς Εὐρυσθῆα μέγα σθένος Ἀλκείδαο.

Κεμμάς δ' εὖ ἤσκητο θοῇ πόδας, ἢ τ' ἀλεγεινῶν
 ἀμφὶ περικτιόνων μέγ' ἐσίνετο πᾶσαν ἀλῶν·
 καὶ τὴν μὲν χρυσεῖοιο κεράατος ὄβριμος ἦρος 225
 ἄμφεχευ οὐλομένοιο πυρὸς πνεύουσαν αὐτμήν.

Ἄμφι δ' ἄρα στυγεραὶ Στυμφηλίδες· αἰ μὲν
 οἴστοις
 βλήμεναι ἐν κονίησιν ἀπέπνεον, αἰ δ' ἔτι φύξης
 μνωόμεναι πολιοῖο δι' ἠέρος ἐσσεύοντο·
 τῆσι δ' ἔφ' Ἡρακλέης κεχολωμένος ἄλλον ἐπ'
 ἄλλῳ 230

ἰὸν αἰεὶ προΐαλλε μάλα σπεύδοντι ἐοικῶς.

Ἐν δὲ καὶ Αὐγείῳ μέγας σταθμὸς ἀντιθέοιο
 τεχνήεις ἤσκητο κατ' ἀκαμάτοιο βοείης·
 τῷ δ' ἄρα θεσπεσίῳ βαθὺν ρόον Ἀλφειοῖο
 ὄβριμος Ἡρακλέης ἐπαγίνεεν· ἀμφὶ δὲ Νύμφαι 235
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From the beginning was his strength. The seed
Of Heaven-abiders never deedless is
Nor helpless, but hath boundless prowess, yea,
Even when in the womb unborn it lies.

Nemea's mighty lion there was seen
Strangled in the strong arms of Hercules,
His grim jaws dashed about with bloody foam :
He seemed in verity gasping out his life.

Thereby was wrought the Hydra many-necked
Flickering its dread tongues. Of its fearful heads
Some severed lay on earth, but many more
Were budding from its necks, while Hercules
And Iolaus, dauntless-hearted twain,
Toiled hard ; the one with lightning sickle-sweeps
Lopped the fierce heads, his fellow seared each neck
With glowing iron ; the monster so was slain.

Thereby was wrought the mighty tameless Boar
With foaming jaws ; real seemed the pictured thing,
As by Alcides' giant strength the brute
Was to Eurystheus living borne on high.

There fashioned was the fleetfoot stag which laid
The vineyards waste of hapless husbandmen.
The Hero's hands held fast its golden horns,
The while it snorted breath of ravening fire.

Thereon were seen the fierce Stymphalian Birds,
Some arrow-smitten dying in the dust,
Some through the grey air darting in swift flight.
At this, at that one—hot in haste he seemed—
Hercules sped the arrows of his wrath.

Augeias' monstrous stable there was wrought
With cunning craft on that invincible targe ;
And Hercules was turning through the same
The deep flow of Alpheius' stream divine,
While wondering Nymphs looked down on every
hand

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θάμβεον ἄσπετον ἔργον. ἀπόπροθι δ' ἔπλετο
ταῦρος

πύρπνοος, ὃν ῥα καὶ αὐτὸν ἀμαιμάκετόν περ εὐντα
γνάμπτε βίη κρατεροῖο κεράατος· οἱ δέ οἱ ἄμφω
ἀκάματοι μυῶνες ἐρειδομένοιο τέταντο·
καί ῥ' ὁ μὲν ὡς μυκηθμὸν ἰεῖς πέλεν. ἄγχι δ' ἄρ'
αὐτοῦ

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ἀμφὶ σάκος πεπόνητο θεῶν ἐπιειμένη εἶδος
Ἴππολύτη· καὶ τὴν μὲν ὑπὸ κρατερῆσι χέρεσσι
δαιδαλέου ζωστήρος ἀμερσέμεναι μενεαίνων
εἶλκε κόμης ἵπποιο κατ' ὠκέος· αἱ δ' ἀπάτερθεν
ἄλλαι ὑποτρομέεσκον Ἀμαζόνες. ἀμφὶ δὲ λυγραὶ 245
Θρηκίην ἀνὰ γαῖαν ἔσαν Διομήδεις ἵπποι
ἀνδροβόροι· καὶ τὰς μὲν ἐπὶ στυγερῆσι φάτνησιν
αὐτῷ σὺν βασιλῆι κακὰ φρονέοντι δαΐξεν.

Ἐν δὲ καὶ ἀκάματοιο δέμας πέλε Γηρυονῆος
τεθναότος παρὰ βουσί· καρῆατα δ' ἐν κονίησιν 250
αἱματόευστα κέχυντο βίη ῥοπάλοιο δαμέντα·
πρόσθε δέ οἱ δέδμητο κύων ὀλοώτατος ἄλλων

Ἵορθρος, ἀνιηρῷ ἐναλίγκιος ὄβριμον ἀλκὴν
Κερβέρω, ὅς ῥα οἱ ἔσκεν ἀδελφεός· ἀμφὶ δ' ἔκειτο
βουκόλος Εὐρυτίων μεμορυγμένος αἵματι πολλῷ. 255

Ἀμφὶ δὲ χρύσεια μῆλα τετεύχατο μαρμαίροντα
Ἐσπερίδων ἀνὰ πρέμνον ἀκήρατον· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ'
αὐτῷ

σμερδαλέος δέδμητο δράκων· ταὶ δ' ἄλλοθεν
ἄλλαι

πτώσσουσαι θρασὺν νῖα Διὸς μεγάλοιο φέβοντο.

Ἐν δ' ἄρ' ἔην μέγα δεῖμα καὶ ἀθανάτοισιν
ιδέσθαι

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Κέρβερος, ὃν ῥ' ἀκάμαντι Τυφωεῖ γείνατ' Ἐχιδνα
ἄντρῳ ὑπ' ὄκρυόεντι μελαίνης ἀγχόθι νυκτός
ἀργαλέης· ὁ δ' ἄρ' ἦεν ἀεικέλιόν τι πέλωρον¹ 262a

¹ Verse inserted by Zimmermann, ex P.

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Upon that mighty work. Elsewhere portrayed
Was the Fire-breathing Bull: the Hero's grip
On his strong horns wrenched round the massive
neck:

The straining muscles on his arms stood out:
The huge beast seemed to bellow. Next thereto
Wrought on the shield was one in beauty arrayed
As of a Goddess, even Hippolyta.
The hero by the hair was dragging her
From her swift steed, with fierce resolve to wrest
With his strong hands the Girdle Marvellous
From the Amazon Queen, while quailing shrank
away

The Maids of War There in the Thracian land
Were Diomedes' grim man-eating steeds:
These at their gruesome mangers had he slain,
And dead they lay with their fiend-hearted lord.

There lay the bulk of giant Geryon
Dead mid his kine. His gory heads were cast
In dust, dashed down by that resistless club.
Before him slain lay that most murderous hound
Orthros, in furious might like Cerberus
His brother-hound: a herdman lay thereby,
Eurytion, all bedabbled with his blood.

There were the Golden Apples wrought, that
gleamed
In the Hesperides' garden undefiled:
All round the fearful Serpent's dead coils lay,
And shrank the Maids aghast from Zeus' bold son.

And there, a dread sight even for Gods to see,
Was Cerberus, whom the Loathly Worm had borne
To Typho in a craggy cavern's gloom
Close on the borders of Eternal Night,
A hideous monster, warder of the Gate
Of Hades, Home of Wailing, jailer-hound

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ἀμφ' ὀλοῆσι πύλῃσι πολυκλαύτου Ἀΐδαο
 εἶργων νεκρὸν ὄμιλον ὑπ' ἠερόεντι βερέθρῳ
 ρεῖα δέ μιν Διὸς υἱὸς ὑπὸ πληγῆσι δαμάσσας 265
 ἤγε καρηβαρέοντα παρὰ Στυγὸς αἰπὰ ρέεθρα,
 ἔλκων οὐκ ἐθέλοντα βίῃ πρὸς ἀήθεα χῶρον
 θαρσαλέως. ἐτέτυκτο δ' ἀπόπροθεν ἄγκεα μακρὰ
 Καυκάσου· ἀμφὶ δὲ δεσμὰ Προμηθέος ἄλλυδις
 ἄλλα

αὐτῆς σὺν πέτρῃσιν ἀναρρήξας ἀραρυΐαις 270
 λῦε μέγαν Τιτῆνα· λυγρὸς δέ οἱ ἀγχόθι κείτο
 αἰετὸς ἀλγινόεντι δέμας βεβλημένος ἰῶ.

Κενταύρων δ' ἐτέτυκτο πολυσθενέων μέγα
 κάρτος

ἀμφὶ Φόλοιο μέλαθρον· ἔρις δ' ὀρόθυνε καὶ οἶνος
 ἀντίον Ἡρακλῆι τεράατα κείνα μάχεσθαι· 275
 καὶ ῥ' οἱ μὲν πεύκησι περὶ δμηθέντες ἔκειντο,
 τὰς ἔχον ἐν χείρεσσι μάχης ἄκος· οἱ δ' ἔτι μακρῆς
 δηριόωντ' ἐλάτῃσι μεμαότες, οὐδ' ἀπέληγον
 ὑσμίνης· πάντων δὲ καρῆατα δεύετο λύθρῳ
 θεινομένων ἀνὰ δῆριν ἀμείλιχον, ὡς ἐτεόν περ· 280
 οἶνω δ' αἶμα μέμικτο, συνηλοίητο δὲ πάντα
 εἶδατα καὶ κρητῆρες εὔξεστοί τε τράπεζαι.

Νέσσον δ' αὐθ' ἐτέρωθι παρὰ ῥόον Εὐηνοῖο
 κείνης ἐκπροφυγόντα μάχης ὑπεδάμνατ' οἰστῶ
 ἀμφ' ἐρατῆς ἀλόχοιο χολούμενος. ἐν δ' ἐτέτυκτο 285
 ὀβρίμου Ἀνταίοιο μέγα σθένος, ὃν ῥα καὶ αὐτὸν
 ἀμφὶ παλαισμοσύνης ἄμοτον περιδηριόωντα
 ὑψοῦ ἀειράμενος κρατερῆς συνέαξε χέρεσσι.

Κεῖτο δ' ἐπὶ προχοῆσιν εὐρρόου Ἑλλησπόντου
 ἀργαλέον μέγα κῆτος ἀμειλίκτοισιν οἰστοῖς 290
 βλήμενον· Ἡσιόνης δὲ κακοῦς ἀπελύετο δεσμούςς.

"Ἄλλα δ' ἄρ' Ἀλκείδαο θρασύφρονος ἄσπετα
 ἔργα

ἄμφεχεν Εὐρυπύλοιο διοτρεφέος σάκος εὐρύ.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK VI

Of dead folk in the shadowy Gulf of Doom.
But lightly Zeus' son with his crashing blows
Tamed him, and haled him from the cataract flood
Of Styx, with heavy-drooping head, and dragged
The Dog sore loth to the strange upper air
All dauntlessly. And there, at the world's end,
Were Caucasus' long glens, where Hercules,
Rending Prometheus' chains, and hurling them
This way and that with fragments of the rock
Whereinto they were riveted, set free
The mighty Titan. Arrow-smitten lay
The Eagle of the Torment therebeside.

There stormed the wild rout of the Centaurs
round
The hall of Pholus : goaded on by Strife
And wine, with Hercules the monsters fought.
Amidst the pine-trunks stricken to death they lay
Still grasping those strange weapons in dead hands,
While some with stems long-shafted still fought on
In fury, and refrained not from the strife ;
And all their heads, gashed in the pitiless fight,
Were drenched with gore—the whole scene seemed
to live—

With blood the wine was mingled : meats and bowls
And tables in one ruin shattered lay

There by Evenus' torrent, in fierce wrath
For his sweet bride, he laid with the arrow low
Nessus in mid-flight. There withal was wrought
Antaeus' brawny strength, who challenged him
To wrestling-strife ; he in those sinewy arms
Raised high above the earth, was crushed to death.

There where swift Hellespont meets the outer sea,
Lay the sea-monster slain by his ruthless shafts,
While from Hesione he rent her chains.

Of bold Alcides many a deed beside
Shone on the broad shield of Eurypylus.

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φαίνεταιο δ' ἴσος Ἄρηι μετὰ στίχας αἴσσουντι·
 Τρῶες δ' ἀμφιέπουτες ἐγήθεον, εὖτ' ἐσίδοντο 295
 τεύχεά τ' ἠδὲ καὶ ἄνδρα θεῶν ἐπιειμένον εἶδος·
 τὸν δὲ Πάρις ποτὶ δῆριν ἐποτρύνων προσέειπε·
 “χαίρω σεῖο κίοντος, ἐπεὶ νύ μοι ἦτορ ἔολπεν
 Ἄργείους μάλα πάντασι δίζυρῶς ἀπολέσθαι
 αὐτῆς σὺν νήεσσιν, ἐπεὶ βροτὸν οὐποτε τοῖον 300
 ἔδρακον ἐν Τρῶεσσιν εὐπτολέμοισί τ' Ἀχαιοῖς.
 ἀλλὰ σύ, πρὸς μέγαλοιο καὶ ὀβρίμου Ἡρακλῆος,
 τῷ μέγεθός τε βίην τε καὶ ἀγλαὸν εἶδος ἔοικας,
 κείνου μνωόμενος φρονέων τ' ἀντάξια ἔργα
 θαρσαλέως Τρᾶεσσι δαιζομένοις ἐπάμυνον, 305
 ἦν πῶς ἀμπνεύσωμεν· ἐπεὶ σέγε μούνου ὄτω
 ἄστεος ὀλλυμένοιο κακὰς ἀπὸ κῆρας ἀλέξαι.”

Ἡ μέγ' ἐποτρύνων· ὁ δὲ μιν προσεφώνεε μύθῳ·
 “Πριαμίδη μεγάθυμε, δέμας μακάρεσσιν ἔοικως,
 ταῦτα μὲν ἀθανάτων ἐνὶ γούνασιν ἐστήρικται, 310
 ὅς τε θάνῃ κατὰ δῆριν ὑπέρβιον ἢ σαωθῆ·
 ἡμεῖς δ', ὥσπερ ἔοικε καὶ ὡς σθένος ἐστὶ
 μάχεσθαι,

στησόμεθα πρὸ πόλης· ἔπειτα δὲ καὶ τόδ'
 ὁμοῦμαι,
 μὴ πρὶν ὑποστρέψειν, πρὶν ἢ κτάμεν ἢ ἀπολέσθαι.”

Ὡς φάτο θαρσαλέως· Τρῶες δ' ἐπὶ μακρὰ
 χάροντο. 315

καὶ τότε Ἀλέξανδρόν τε καὶ Αἰνεΐαν ἐρίθυμον
 Πουλυδάμαντά τ' εὐμμελίην καὶ Πάμμονα δῖον
 Δηΐφοβόν τ' ἐπὶ τοῖσι καὶ Αἴθικον, ὅς περι
 πάντων

Παφλαγόνων ἐκέκαστο μάχῃ ἐνὶ τλήναι ὄμιλον,
 τοὺς ἅμα λέξατο πάντα ἐπισταμένους πονέεσθαι, 320
 ὅππως δυσμενέεσσιν ἐπὶ πρώτοιισι μάχωνται
 ἐν πολέμῳ· μάλα δ' ὦκα κίον προπάροιθεν ὀμίλου·
 προφρονέως δ' οἴμησαν ἀπ' ἄστεος· ἀμφὶ δὲ λαοὶ

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He seemed the War-god, as from rank to rank
He sped ; rejoiced the Trojans following him,
Seeing his arms, and him clothed with the might
Of Gods ; and Paris hailed him to the fray :
“ Glad am I for thy coming, for mine heart
Trusts that the Argives all shall wretchedly
Be with their ships destroyed ; for such a man
Mid Greeks or Trojans never have I seen.
Now, by the strength and fury of Hercules—
To whom in stature, might, and goodlihead
Most like thou art—I pray thee, have in mind
Him, and resolve to match his deeds with thine.
Be the strong shield of Trojans hard-bestead :
Win us a breathing-space. Thou only, I trow,
From perishing Troy canst thrust the dark doom
back ”

With kindling words he spake. That hero cried :
“ Great-hearted Paris, like the Blessèd Ones
In goodlihead, this lieth foreordained
On the Gods’ knees, who in the fight shall fall,
And who outlive it. I, as honour bids,
And as my strength sufficeth, will not flinch
From Troy’s defence. I swear to turn from fight
Never, except in victory or death.”

Gallantly spake he : with exceeding joy
Rejoiced the Trojans. Champions then he chose,
Alexander and Aeneas fiery-souled,
Polydamas, Pammon, and Deiphobus,
And Aethicus, of Paphlagonian men
The staunchest man to stem the tide of war ;
These chose he, cunning all in battle-toil,
To meet the foe in forefront of the fight.
Swiftly they strode before that warrior-throng,
Then from the city cheering charged. The host

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πολλοὶ ἔπονθ', ὡς εἶ τε μελισσᾶων κλυτὰ φύλα
 ἡγεμόνεσσιν εἰοῖσι κατηρεφέος σίμβλοιο 325
 ἐκχύμεναι καναχηδόν, ὅτ' εἶαρος ἡμαρ ἴκηται·
 ὡς ἄρα τοῖσιν ἔποντο βροτοὶ ποτὶ δῆριν ἰοῦσι·
 τῶν δ' ἄρα νισσομένων πολὺς αἰθέρα δοῦπος
 ἵκανε

αὐτῶν ἡδ' ἵππων· περὶ δ' ἔβρεμεν ἄσπετα τεύχη
 ὡς δ' ὀπότεν μεγάλοιο βίη ἀνέμοιο θοροῦσα 330
 κινήσῃ προθέλυμνον ἀλὸς βυθὸν ἀτρυγέτοιο,
 κύματα δ' ὄκα κελαινὰ πρὸς ἡίονας βοόωντα
 φύκος ἀποπτύωσιν ἐρευγομένοιο κλύδωνος,
 ἡχὴ δ' ἀτρυγέτοισι παρ' αἰγιαλοῖσιν ὄρωρεν·
 ὡς τῶν ἐσσυμένων μέγ' ὑπέβραχε γαῖα πελώρη. 335

Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἀπάνευθε πρὸ τείχεος ἐξεχέοντο
 ἀμφ' Ἀγαμέμνονα δῖον· αὐτὴ δ' ἔπλετο λαῶν
 ἀλλήλοισ ἐπικεκλομένων, ὀλοοῦ πολέμοιο
 ἀντιάαν καὶ μή τι καταπτώσσοντας ἐνιπήν
 μίμνειν παρ νήεσσιν ἐπειγομένων μαχέσασθαι.¹ 340
 Τρωσὶ δ' ἄρ' ἐσσυμένοισι συνήντεον, εὔτε βόεσσι
 πόρτιες ἐκ ξυλόχοιο ποτὶ σταθμὸν ἐρχομένησιν
 ἐκ νομοῦ εἰαρινοῖο κατ' οὔρεος, ὀππότε ἄρουργαι
 πυκνὸν τηλεθάουσι, βρύει δ' ἄλις ἄνθεσι γαῖα,
 πλήθει δ' αὐτε κύπελλα βοῶν γλάγος ἡδὲ καὶ
 οἰῶν, 345

μυκηθμὸς δ' ἄρα πουλὺς ὀρίνεται ἔνθα καὶ ἔνθα
 μισγομένων, γάννυται δὲ μετὰ σφίσι βουκόλος
 ἀνήρ·

ὡς τῶν ἀλλήλοισι μετεσσυμένων ὀρυμαγδὸς
 ὠρώρει· δεινὸν γὰρ αὐτεον ἀμφοτέρωθεν.
 σὺν δὲ μάχην ἐτάνυσσαν ἀπείριτον· ἐν δὲ
 Κυδοιμὸς 350

στρωφᾶτ' ἐν μέσσοισι μετ' ἀργαλείοιο Φόνοιο·

¹ Zimmermann, for ἐπειγομένων δὲ μαχέσθαι, with lacuna, of Koechly.

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Followed them in their thousands, as when bees
Follow by bands their leaders from the hives,
With loud hum on a spring day pouring forth.
So to the fight the warriors followed these ;
And, as they charged, the thunder-tramp of men
And steeds, and clang of armour, rang to heaven.
As when a rushing mighty wind stirs up
The barren sea-plain from its nethermost floor,
And darkling to the strand roll roaring waves
Belching sea-tangle from the bursting surf,
And wild sounds rise from beaches harvestless ;
So, as they charged, the wide earth rang again.

Now from their rampart forth the Argives poured
Round godlike Agamemnon. Rang their shouts
Cheering each other on to face the fight,
And not to cower beside the ships in dread
Of onset-shouts of battle-eager foes.

They met those charging hosts with hearts as light
As calves bear, when they leap to meet the kine
Down faring from hill-pastures in the spring
Unto the steading, when the fields are green
With corn-blades, when the earth is glad with
flowers,

And bowls are brimmed with milk of kine and ewes,
And multitudinous lowing far and near
Uprises as the mothers meet their young,
And in their midst the herdman joys ; so great
Was the uproar that rose when met the fronts
Of battle : dread it rang on either hand.

Hard-strained was then the fight : incarnate Strife
Stalked through the midst, with Slaughter ghastly-
faced.

Crashed bull-hide shields, and spears, and helmet-
crests

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σὺν δ' ἔπεσον ῥινοὶ τε καὶ ἔγχεα καὶ τρυφάλειαι
 πλησίον· ἀμφὶ δὲ χαλκὸς ἶσον πυρὶ μαρμαίρεσκε·
 φρίξε δ' ἄρ' ἐγχείησι μάχη· περὶ δ' αἵματι πάντῃ
 δεύετο γαῖα μέλαινα δαιζομένων ἠρώων 355
 ἵππων τ' ὠκυπόδων, οἳ θ' ἄρμασιν ἀμφεκέχυντο,
 οἳ μὲν ἔτ' ἀσπαίροντες ὑπ' ἄξοσιν, οἳ δ' ἐφύπερθεν
 πίπτουτες· στυγερὴ δὲ δι' ἠέρος ἔσσυτ' αὐτῆ·
 ἐν γὰρ δὴ χάλκειος ἔρις πέσεν ἀμφοτέροισι·
 καὶ ῥ' οἳ μὲν λάεσσιν ἀταρτηροῖσι μάχοντο,¹ 360
 οἳ δ' αὐτ' αἰγανέησι νεήκεσιν ἠδὲ βέλεσσιν,
 ἄλλοι δ' ἀξίνησι καὶ ἀμφιτόμοις πελέκεσσι
 καὶ κρατεροῖς ξιφέεσσι καὶ ἀγχεμάχοις δορά-
 τεσσιν,

ἄλλος δ' ἄλλο χέρεσσι μάχης ἀλκτῆριον εἶχε.
 Πρῶτοι δ' Ἀργεῖοι Τρώων ὄσαντο φάλαγγας 365
 βαιὸν ἀπὸ σφείων· τοὶ δ' ἔμπαλιν ὀρμήσαντες
 αἵματι δεῦον Ἄρηα μετ' Ἀργεῖοισι θορόντες·
 Εὐρύπυλος δ' ἐν τοῖσι μελαίνῃ λαίλαπι ἶσος
 λαὸν ἐπώχετο πάντα καὶ Ἀργεῖους ἐνάριζε
 θαρσαλέως· μάλα γὰρ οἳ ἀάσπετον ὄπασε κάρτος 370
 Ζεὺς ἐπίηρα φέρων ἐρικυδέϊ Ἡρακλῆι.
 ἐνθ' ὃ γε καὶ Νιρῆα θεοῖς ἐναλίγκιον ἄνδρα
 μαρνάμενον Τρώεσσι βάλεν περιμήκει δουρὶ
 βαιὸν ὑπὲρ πρότμησιν· ὃ δ' ἐς πέδον ἤριπε γαίης·
 ἐκ δέ οἱ αἶμ' ἐχύθη, δεύοντο δέ οἱ κλυτὰ τεύχη, 375
 δεύετο δ' ἀγλαὸν εἶδος ἄμ' εὐθαλέεσσι κόμησι·
 κεῖτο δ' ἄρ' ἐν κονίησι καὶ αἵματι σὺν κταμένοισιν,
 ἔρνος ὅπως ἐριθηλὲς ἐλαίης εὐκεάτοιο,
 ἦν τε βίη ποταμοῖο κατὰ ῥόον ἠχῆεντα
 σὺν τ' ὄχθης ἐλάσησι βόθρον διὰ πάντα κεδάσσας 380
 ριζόθεν, ἢ δ' ἄρα κεῖται ὑπ' ἄνθεσι βεβριθυῖα·
 ὥς τῆμος Νιρῆος ἐπὶ χθονὸς ἀσπετον οὐδας
 ἐξεχύθη δέμας ἠὲ καὶ ἀγλαΐῃ ἐρατεινῇ·

¹ Zimmermann, for ἀταρτηρῶς ἐμάχοντο of v.

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Meeting : the brass flashed out like leaping flames.
Bristled the battle with the lances ; earth
Ran red with blood, as slaughtered heroes fell
And horses, mid a tangle of shattered cars,
Some yet with spear-wounds gasping, while on them
Others were falling. Through the air upshrieked
An awful indistinguishable roar ;
For on both hosts fell iron-hearted Strife.
Here were men hurling cruel jagged stones,
There speeding arrows and new-whetted darts,
There with the axe or twibill hewing hard,
Slashing with swords, and thrusting out with spears :
Their mad hands clutched all manner of tools of
death.

At first the Argives bore the ranks of Troy
Backward a little ; but they rallied, charged,
Leapt on the foe, and drenched the field with blood.
Like a black hurricane rushed Eurypylus
Cheering his men on, hewing Argives down
Awelessly : measureless might was lent to him
By Zeus, for a grace to glorious Hercules.
Nireus, a man in beauty like the Gods,
His spear long-shafted stabbed beneath the ribs •
Down on the plain he fell, forth streamed the blood
Drenching his splendid arms, drenching the form
Glorious of mould, and his thick-clustering hair.
There mid the slain in dust and blood he lay,
Like a young lusty olive-sapling, which
A river rushing down in roaring flood,
Tearing its banks away, and cleaving wide
A chasm-channel, hath disrooted ; low
It lieth heavy-blossomed ; so lay then
The goodly form, the grace of loveliness
Of Nireus on earth's breast. But o'er the slain

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τῷ δ' ἄρ' ἔπ' Εὐρύπυλος μεγάλ' εὔχετο δηωθέντι·
 " κείσόν νυν ἐν κούρησιν, ἐπεὶ νύ τοι εἶδος ἀγητὸν 385
 οὔτι λιλαιομένῳ περ ἐπήρκεσεν, ἀλλὰ σ' ἔγωγε
 νοσφισάμην βιότοιο λιλαιόμενον περ ἀλύξαι·
 σχέτλιος, οὐδ' ἐνόησας ἀμείνονος ἀντίον ἐλθῶν·
 οὐ γὰρ κάρτει κάλλος ἀνὰ κλόνον ἰσοφαρίζει."

Ἦς εἰπὼν κταμένοιο περικλυτὰ τεύχε' ἐλέσθαι 390
 μῆδετ' ἐπεσσύμενος· τοῦ δ' ἀντίος ἦλθε Μαχάων
 χῳόμενος Νιρῆος, ὃ οἱ σχεδὸν αἴσαν ἀνέτλη·
 δουρὶ δέ μιν στονόεντι κατ' εὐρέος ἤλασεν ὦμον
 δεξιτεροῦ, σῦτο δ' αἶμα πολυσθενέος περ ἔοντος·
 ἀλλ' οὐδ' ὡς ἀπόρουσεν ἀταρτηροῦ κυδοιμοῦ, 395
 ἀλλ', ὡς τίς τε λέων ἢ ἄγριος οὔρεσι κάπρος
 μαίνεται' ἐνὶ μέσσοισιν, ὅπως ἴ κ' ἐπιόντα δαμάσση,
 ὅς ῥά μιν οὔτασε πρῶτος ὑποφθάμενος δι' ὀμίλου·
 τὰ φρονέων ἐπόρουσε Μαχίονι, καὶ ῥί μιν ὦκα
 οὔτασεν ἐγχείῃ περιμήκει ἰε στιβαρῇ ἰε 400
 δεξιτερόν κατὰ γλουτόν· ὃ δ' οὐκ ἀνεχάζετ'
 ὀπίσσω,

οὐδ' ἐπιόντ' ἀλέεινε, καὶ αἵματος ἐσσυμένοιο·
 ἀλλ' ἄρα καρπαλίμως περιμήκεα λᾶαν αἰείρας
 κάββαλε κακ κεφαλῆς μεγαθύμου Τηλεφίδαο·
 τοῦ δὲ κόρυς στονόεντα φόνον καὶ πῆμ' ἰε ἀπά-
 λαλκεν 405

ἐσσυμένως· ὃ δ' ἔπειτα κραταιῷ χῳάσατο φωτὶ
 Εὐρύπυλος μάλλον, μέγα δ' ἀσχαλόων ἐνὶ θυμῷ
 ὦκὺ διὰ στέρνοιο Μαχάονος ἤλασεν ἔγχος.
 αἰχμὴ δ' αἱματόεσσα μετάφρενον ἄχρισ ἴκανε·
 ἦριπε δ' ὡς ὅτε ταῦρος ὑπὸ γναθμοῖσι λέοντος· 410
 ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ μελέεσσι μέγ' ἔβραχεν αἰόλα τεύχη.
 Εὐρύπυλος δέ οἱ αἶψα πολύστονον εἰρύσατ' αἰχμὴν
 ἐκ χροὸς οὔταμένοιο, καὶ εὐχόμενος μέγ' αὔτει·

¹ Zimmermann, for ἔως of v.

² Zimmermann, ex P; for κῆρ' of v.

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Loud rang the taunting of Eurypylus :

“ Lie there in dust ! Thy beauty marvellous
Naught hath availed thee ! I have plucked thee
away

From life, to which thou wast so fain to cling.
Rash fool, who didst defy a mightier man
Unknowing ! Beauty is no match for strength ! ”

He spake, and leapt upon the slain to strip
His goodly arms : but now against him came
Machaon wroth for Nireus, by his side
Doom-overtaken. With his spear he drave
At his right shoulder : strong albeit he was,
He touched him, and blood spurted from the gash.
Yet, ere he might leap back from grapple of death,
Even as a lion or fierce mountain-boar
Maddens mid thronging huntsmen, furious-fain
To rend the man whose hand first wounded him ;
So fierce Eurypylus on Machaon rushed.

The long lance shot out swiftly, and pierced him
through

On the right haunch ; yet would he not give back,
Nor flinch from the onset, fast though flowed the
blood.

In haste he snatched a huge stone from the ground,
And dashed it on the head of Telephus' son ;
But his helm warded him from death or harm
Then waxed Eurypylus more hotly wroth
With that strong warrior, and in fury of soul
Clear through Machaon's breast he drave his spear,
And through the midriff passed the gory point.
He fell, as falls beneath a lion's jaws
A bull, and round him clashed his glancing arms.
Swiftly Eurypylus plucked the lance of death
Out of the wound, and vaunting cried aloud :

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“ ἄ δεῖλ’, οὐ νύ τοι ἦτορ ἀρηράμενον φρεσὶ
 πάμπαν
 ἔπλετ’, ὃς οὐτιδανός περ ἐὼν μέγ’ ἀμείνουι φωτὶ 415
 ἄντα κίες· τῷ καὶ σε κακὴ λάχε δαίμονος Αἴσα.
 ἀλλὰ σοὶ ἔσσειτ’ ὄνειαρ, ὅτ’ οἰωνοὶ δατέονται
 σάρκα τεῖν κταμένοιο κατὰ μόθου· ἢ ἔτ’ ἐέλπη
 νοστήσειν καὶ ἐμείο μένος καὶ χεῖρας ἀλύξειν;
 ἐσσί μὲν ἰητήρ, μάλα δ’ ἦπια φάρμακα οἶδας, 420
 τοῖς πίσυνος τάχ’ ἔολπας ὑπεκφυγέειν κακὸν ἦμαρ.
 ἀλλ’ οὐ μὰν οὐδ’ αὐτὸς ἀπ’ ἠνεμόεντος Ὀλύμπου
 σείο πατήρ τεδὸν ἦτορ ἔτ’ ἐκ θανάτοιο σαώσει,
 οὐδ’ εἴ τοι νέκταρ τε καὶ ἀμβροσίην καταχεύη.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ’ ὃ γε βαιὸν ἀναπνεύων προσέ-
 ειπεν· 425

“ Εὐρύπυλ’, οὐδ’ ἄρα σοὶ γε πολὺν χρόνον αἴσιμόν
 ἔστι
 ζῶειν, ἀλλὰ σοὶ ἄγχι παρίσταται οὐλομένη Κῆρ
 Τρώιον ἄμ πεδίου, τῷ καὶ νῦν αἴσυλα βάζεις.”¹

“Ὡς φάμενον λίπε θυμός· ἔβη δ’ ἄφαρ Ἄιδος
 εἴσω·

τὸν δὲ καὶ οὐκέτ’ ἐόντα προσηύδα κύδιμος ἀνὴρ· 430
 “ νῦν μὲν δὴ σύγε κείσο κατὰ χθονός· αὐτὰρ ἔγωγε
 ὕστερον οὐκ ἀλέγω, εἰ καὶ παρὰ ποσσὶν ὄλεθρος
 σήμερον ἡμετέροισι πέλει λυγρός· οὔτι γὰρ ἄνδρες
 ζῶομεν ἦματα πάντα· πότμος δ’ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τέ-
 τυκται.”

“Ὡς εἰπὼν οὔταζε νέκυν· μέγα δ’ ἴαχε Τεῦκρος, 435
 ὡς ἶδεν ἐν κούρησι Μαχάονα· τοῦ γὰρ ἄπωθεν
 εἰστήκει μάλα πάγχυ πονεύμενος· ἐν γὰρ ἔκειτο
 δῆρις ἐνὶ μέσσοισιν· ἐπ’ ἄλλῳ δ’ ἄλλος ὀρώρει.
 ἀλλ’ οὐδ’ ὡς ἀμέλησε δεδουπότος ἀνδρὸς ἀγαοῦ
 Νιρῆός θ’, ὃς κείτο παραυτόθι· τὸν δ’ ἐνόησεν 440
 ὕστερον ἀντιθέοιο Μαχάονος ἐν κούρησιν·

¹ Zimmerman, for βέξεις of v.

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“ Wretch, wisdom was not bound up in thine heart,
That thou, a weakling, didst come forth to fight
A mightier. Therefore art thou in the toils
Of Doom. Much profit shall be thine, when kites
Devour the flesh of thee in battle slain!
Ha, dost thou hope still to return, to 'scape
Mine hands? A leech art thou, and soothing salves
Thou knowest, and by these didst haply hope
To flee the evil day! Not thine own sire,
On the wind's wings descending from Olympus,
Should save thy life, not though between thy lips
He should pour nectar and ambrosia!”

Faint-breathing answered him the dying man:
“ Eurypylus, thine own weerd is to live
Not long: Fate is at point to meet thee here
On Troy's plain, and to still thine impious tongue.”

So passed his spirit into Hades' halls.
Then to the dead man spake his conqueror:
“ Now on the earth lie thou. What shall betide
Hereafter, care I not—yea, though this day
Death's doom stand by my feet: no man may live
For ever: each man's fate is foreordained.”

Stabbing the corpse he spake. Then shouted loud
Teucer, at seeing Machaon in the dust.
Far thence he stood hard-toiling in the fight,
For on the centre sore the battle lay:
Foe after foe pressed on; yet not for this
Was Teucer heedless of the fallen brave,
Neither of Nireus lying hard thereby
Behind Machaon in the dust. He saw,

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αἶψα δ' ὃ γ' Ἀργείοισιν ἐκέκλετο μακρὰ βοήσας·
 "ἔσσυσθ', Ἀργεῖοι, μηδ' εἴκετε δυσμενέεσσι
 ἐσσυμένοις· νῶϊν γὰρ ἀάσπετον ἔσσειτ' ὄνειδος,
 αἶ κε Μαχάονα δῖον ἅμ' ἀντιθέω Νιρῆι 445
 Τρῶες ἐρυσσάμενοι ποτὶ Ἴλιον ἀπονέωνται.
 ἀλλ' ἄγε δυσμενέεσσι μαχώμεθα πρόφρονι θυμῷ,
 ὄφρα δαϊκταμένους εἰρύσσομεν ἢ καὶ αὐτοὶ
 κείνοις ἀμφιθάνωμεν, ἐπεὶ θέμις ἀνδράσιν αὕτη
 οἴσιν ἀμυνέμεναι, μηδ' ἄλλοις κύρμα λιπέσθαι.¹ 450
 οὐ γὰρ ἀνιδρωτὶ γε μετ' ἀνδράσι κῦδος ἀέξει."

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· Δαναοῖσι δ' ἄχος γένετ'· ἀμφὶ δ'
 ἄρ' αὐτοῖς

πολλοὶ γαίαν ἔρευθον ὑπ' Ἀρεῖ δηωθέντες
 μαρναμένων ἐκάτερθεν· ἴση δ' ἐπὶ δῆρις ὀρώρει.
 ὄψε δ' ἀδελφειοῖο φόνον στονόεντα νόησε 455
 βλημένου ἐν κονίῃ Ποδαλείριος, οὔνεκα νηυσὶν
 ἦστο παρ' ὠκυπόροισι τετυμμένα δούρασι φωτῶν
 ἔλκε' ἀκειόμενος· περὶ δ' ἔντεα δύσατο πάντα
 θυμὸν ἀδελφειοῖο χολούμενος· ἐν δέ οἱ ἀλκῆ
 σμερδαλέον στέρνοισιν ἀέξετο μαιμώνωντι 460
 ἐς πόλεμον στονόεντα· μέλαν δέ οἱ ἔξεεν αἷμα
 λάβρον ὑπὸ κραδίῃ· τάχα δ' ἔνθορε δυσμενέεσσι
 χερσὶ βοῆσιν ἄκοντα τανυγλώχινα τινάσσων·
 εἶλε δ' ἄρ' ἐσσυμένως Ἀγαμήστορος υἱέα δῖον
 Κλεῖτον, ὃν ἠῦκομος Νύμφη τέκεν ἀμφὶ ρεέθροις 465
 Παρθενίου, ὃς τ' εἶσι διὰ χθονὸς ἠῦτ' ἔλαιον
 πόντον ἐπ' Εὐξείνου προχέων καλλίρροον ὕδωρ.
 ἄλλον δ' ἀμφὶ κασιγνήτῳ κτάνε δήιον ἄνδρα
 Λᾶσσον, ὃν ἀντίθεος Προνόη τέκεν ἀμφὶ ρεέθροις
 Νυμφαίου ποταμοῖο μάλα σχεδὸν εὐρέος ἄντρου, 470
 ἄντρου θηητοῖο, τὸ δὴ φάτις ἔμμεναι αὐτῶν
 ἱρὸν Νυμφάων, ὅποσαι περὶ μακρὰ νέμονται

¹ Zimmermann, for δηίοις μὴ κύρμα γενέσθαι, with lacuna, of Koechly.

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And with a great voice raised the rescue-cry
"Charge, Argives! Flinch not from the charging foe"
For shame unspeakable shall cover us
If Trojan men hale back to Ilium
Noble Machaon and Nireus godlike-fair.
Come, with a good heart let us face the foe
To rescue these slain friends, or fall ourselves
Beside them. Duty bids that men defend
Friends, and to aliens leave them not a prey
Not without sweat of toil is glory won!"

Then were the Danaans anguish-stung: the earth
All round them dyed they red with blood of slain,
As foe fought foe in even-balanced fight.
By this to Podaleirius tidings came
How that in dust his brother lay, struck down
By woeful death. Beside the ships he sat
Ministering to the hurts of men with spears
Stricken. In wrath for his brother's sake he rose,
He clad him in his armour; in his breast
Dread battle-prowess swelled. For conflict grim
He panted: boiled the mad blood round his heart.
He leapt amidst the foemen; his swift hands
Swung the snake-headed javelin up, and hurled,
And slew with its winged speed Agamestor's son
Cleitus. a bright-haired Nymph had given him birth
Beside Parthenius, whose quiet stream
Fleets smooth as oil through green lands, till it pours
Its shining ripples to the Euxine sea.
Then by his warrior-brother laid he low
Lassus, whom Pronoë, fair as a goddess, bare
Beside Nymphaeus' stream, hard by a cave,
A wide and wondrous cave: sacred it is
Men say, unto the Nymphs, even all that haunt

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οὔρεα Παφλαγόνων καὶ ὅσαι περὶ βοτρυνόεσσαν
 ναίουσ' Ἡράκλειαν· ἔοικε δὲ κείνο θεοῖσιν
 ἄντρον, ἐπεὶ ῥα τέτυκται ἀπειρέσιον μὲν ιδέσθαι 475
 λαΐνεον, ψυχρὸν δὲ διὰ σπέος ἔρχεται ὕδωρ
 κρυστάλλω ἀτάλαντον, ἐνὶ μυχάτοισι δὲ πάντη
 λαΐνεοι κρητῆρες ἐπὶ στυφελῆσι πέτρησιν
 αἰζηῶν ὡς χερσὶ τετυγμένοι ἰνδάλλονται·
 ἀμφ' αὐτοῖσι δὲ Πᾶνες ὁμῶς Νύμφαι τ' ἐρατειναί, 480
 ἱστοί τ' ἠλακάται τε, καὶ ἄλλ' ὅσα τεχνηέντα
 ἔργα πέλει θνητοῖσι, τὰ καὶ περὶ θαῦμα βροτοῖσιν
 εἶδεται ἐρχομένοισιν ἔσω ἱεροῖο μυχοῖο·
 τῷ ἐνὶ δοιαὶ ἔνεισι καταϊβασίαι τ' ἄνοδοί τε,
 ἢ μὲν πρὸς βορέαιο τετραμμένη ἠχῆεντος 485
 πνοιάς, ἢ δὲ νότοιο καταντίον ὑγρὸν ἀέντος,
 τῇ θνητοὶ νίσσονται ὑπὸ σπέος εὐρὺ θεάων·
 ἢ δ' ἐτέρη μακάρων πέλεται ὁδός, οὐδέ μιν ἄνδρες
 ῥηιδίως πατέουσιν, ἐπεὶ χάος εὐρὺ τέτυκται
 μέχρῃς ἐπ' Ἀΐδονῆος ὑπερθύμοιο βέρεθρον· 490
 ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν μακάρεσσι πέλει θέμις εἰσοράασθαι.
 τῶνδ' αὐτ' ἀμφὶ Μαχάον' ἰδ' Ἀγλαΐης κλυτὸν νῆα¹
 μαρναμένων ἐκάτερθεν ἀπέφθιτο πουλὺς ὄμιλος·
 ὄψε δὲ δὴ Δαναοὶ σφεας εἴρυσαν ἀθλήσαντες
 πολλά περ· αἶψα δὲ νῆας ἐπὶ σφετέρας ἐκόμισσαν 495
 παῦροι, ἐπεὶ πλεόνεσσι κακὴ περιπέπτατ' οἰζὺς
 ἀργαλέου πολέμοιο· πόνω δ' ἐνέμιμνον ἀνάγκη.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ μάλα πολλοὶ ἐνεπλήσαντο κελαινὰς
 κῆρας ἀν' αἱματόεντα καὶ ἀλγινόεντα κυδοιμόν,
 δὴ τότε ἄρ' Ἀργείων πολέες φύγον ἔνδοθι νηῶν, 500
 ὅσσοις Εὐρύπυλος μέγ' ἐπώχετο πῆμα κυλίνδων.
 παῦροι δ' ἀμφ' Αἴαντα καὶ Ἀτρέος νῆε κραταιῶ
 μίμνον ἐν ὑσμίνῃ· καὶ δὴ τάχα πάντες ὄλοντο
 δυσμενέων παλάμησι περιστροφῶντες ὀμίλῳ,

¹ Zimmermann, for ἀμφὶ Μαχάονα διόν, with lacuna, of Koechly.

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The long-ridged Paphlagonian hills, and all
That by full-clustered Heracleia dwell.
That cave is like the work of gods, of stone
In manner marvellous moulded : through it flows
Cold water crystal-clear : in niches round
Stand bowls of stone upon the rugged rock,
Seeming as they were wrought by carvers' hands.
Statues of Wood-gods stand around, fair Nymphs,
Looms, distaffs, all such things as mortal craft
Fashioneth. Wondrous seem they unto men
Which pass into that hallowed cave. It hath,
Up-leading and down-leading, doorways twain,
Facing, the one, the wild North's shrilling blasts,
And one the dank rain-burdened South. By this
Do mortals pass beneath the Nymphs' wide cave ;
But that is the Immortals' path : no man
May tread it, for a chasm deep and wide
Down-reaching unto Hades, yawns between.
This track the Blest Gods may alone behold.
So died a host on either side that warred
Over Machaon and Aglaia's son.
But at the last through desperate wrestle of fight
The Danaans rescued them : yet few were they
Which bare them to the ships : by bitter stress
Of conflict were the more part compassed round,
And needs must still abide the battle's brunt.
But when full many had filled the measure up
Of fate, mid tumult, blood and agony,
Then to their ships did many Argives flee
Pressed by Eurypylus hard, an avalanche
Of havoc. Yet a few abode the strife
Round Aias and the Atreidae rallying ;
And haply these had perished all, beset
By throngs on throngs of foes on every hand,

εἰ μὴ Ὀϊλέος υἱὸς εὐφρονα Πουλυδάμαντα 505
 ἔγχεϊ τύψε παρ' ὤμον ἀριστερὸν ἀγχόθι μαζοῦ·
 ἐκ δέ οἱ αἶμ' ἐχύθη· ὁ δ' ἐχάσσατο τυτθὸν ὀπίσσω.
 Δηίφοβον δ' οὔτησε περικλειτὸς Μενέλαος
 δεξιτερὸν παρὰ μαζόν· ὁ δ' ἔκφυγε ποσσὶ θοοῖσιν.
 ἔνθ' Ἀγαμέμνων δῖος ἐνήρατο πουλὺν ὄμιλον 510
 πληθύος ἐξ ὀλοῆς· μετὰ δ' Αἴθικον ὄχετο δῖον
 θύων ἐγχείησιν· ὁ δ' εἰς ἐτάρους ἀλέεινε.

Τοὺς δ' ὀπότ' Εὐρύπυλος λαοσσόος εἰσενόησε
 χαζομένους ἅμα πάντας ἀπὸ στυγεροῖο κυδοιμοῦ,
 αὐτίκα κάλλιπε λαόν, ὅσον κατὰ νῆας ἔλασσε, 515
 καί ῥα θοῶς οἴμησεν ἐπ' Ἀτρέος υἱε κραταιῶ
 παῖδά τε καρτερόθυμον Ὀϊλέος, ὃς περὶ μὲν θεῖν
 ἔσκε θοός, περὶ δ' αὐτε μάχη ἐνὶ φέρτατος ἦεν.
 τοῖς ἐπι κραιπνὸν ὄρουσεν ἔχων περιμήκετον ἔγχος·
 σὺν δέ οἱ ἦλθε Πάρις τε καὶ Αἰνεΐας ἐρίθυμος, 520
 ὃς ῥα θοῶς Αἴαντα βάλεν περιμήκει πέτρη
 κὰκ κόρυθα κρατερήν· ὁ δ' ἄρ' ἐν κονίησι ταυ-
 σθεῖς

ψυχὴν οὐ τι κάπυσσεν, ἐπεὶ νύ οἱ αἴσιμον ἦμαρ
 ἐν νόστῳ ἐτέτυκτο Καφηρίσιν ἀμφὶ πέτρησι·
 καὶ ῥά μιν ἀρπάξαντες ἀρηίφιλοι θεράποντες 525
 βαιὸν ἔτ' ἀμπνεύοντα φέρον ποτὶ νῆας Ἀχαιῶν.
 καὶ τότε ἄρ' οἰώθησαν ἀγακλειτοὶ βασιλῆες
 Ἀτρεΐδαι· περὶ δέ σφιν ὀλέθριος ἴσταθ' ὄμιλος
 βαλλόντων ἐκάτερθεν, ὃ τι σθένε χερσὶν ἐλέσθαι·
 οἱ μὲν γὰρ στονόεντα βέλη χέον, οἱ δέ νυ λᾶας, 530
 ἄλλοι δ' αἰγανέας· τοὶ δ' ἐν μέσσοισιν εἶοντες
 στρωφῶντ', εὐτε σύες μέσῳ ἔρκει ἢ ἔλεοντες
 ἡματι τῷ, ὅτ' ἀνακτες ἀολλίσσωσ' ἀνθρώπους
 ἀργαλέως τ' εἰλέωσι κακὸν τεύχοντες ὄλεθρον
 θηρσὶν ὑπὸ κρατεροῖς, οἱ δ' ἔρκεος ἐντὸς εἶοντες 535

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Had not Oïleus' son stabbed with his spear
'Twixt shoulder and breast war-wise Polydamas;
Forth gushed the blood, and he recoiled a space.
Then Menelaus pierced Deiphobus
By the right breast, that with swift feet he fled.
And many of that slaughter-breathing throng
Were slain by Agamemnon: furiously
He rushed on godlike Aethicus with the spear;
But he shrank from the forefront back mid friends.

Now when Eurypylus the battle-stay
Marked how the ranks of Troy gave back from fight,
He turned him from the host that he had chased
Even to the ships, and rushed with eagle-swoop
On Atreus' strong sons and Oïleus' seed
Stout-hearted, who was passing fleet of foot
And in fight peerless. Swiftly he charged on these
Grasping his spear long-shafted: at his side
Charged Paris, charged Aeneas stout of heart,
Who hurled a stone exceeding huge, that crashed
On Aias' helmet: dashed to the dust he was,
Yet gave not up the ghost, whose day of doom
Was fate-ordained amidst Caphaerus' rocks
On the home-voyage. Now his valiant men
Out of the foes' hands snatched him, bare him
thence,

Scarce drawing breath, to the Achaean ships.
And now the Atreid kings, the war-renowned,
Were left alone, and murder-breathing foes
Encompassed them, and hurled from every side
Whate'er their hands might find—the deadly shaft
Some showered, some the stone, the javelin some.
They in the midst aye turned this way and that,
As boars or lions compassed round with pales
On that day when kings gather to the sport
The people, and have penned the mighty beasts
Within the toils of death; but these, although

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δμῶας δαρδάπτουσιν, ὃ τις σφίσιν ἐγγύς ἵκηται·
 ὡς οἷ γ' ἐν μέσσοισιν ἐπεσσυμένους ἐδάϊζον.
 ἀλλ' οὐδ' ὡς μένος εἶχον ἐελδόμενοί περ ἀλύξαι,
 εἰ μὴ Τεῦκρος ἵκανε καὶ Ἴδομενεὺς ἐρίθυμος
 Μηριόνης τε Θόας τε καὶ Ἰσόθεος Θρασυμήδης, 540
 οἷ ῥα πάρος φοβέοντο θρασὺ σθένος Εὐρυπύλοιο,
 καί κε φύγον κατὰ νῆας ἀλευάμενοι βαρὺ πῆμα,
 εἰ μὴ ἄρ' Ἀτρείδῃσι περιδδείσαντες ἵκοντο
 ἄντην Εὐρυπύλοιο· μάχη δ' αἰδήλος ἐτύχθη.
 Ἐνθα τότε Αἰνείαιο κατ' ἀσπίδος ἔγχος ἔρεισε 545
 Τεῦκρος ἐϋμμελῆς· τοῦ δ' οὐ χροῖα καλὸν ἴαψεν·
 ἤρκεσε γάρ οἱ πῆμα σάκος μέγα τετραβόειον·
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς δείσας ἀνεχάσσατο τυτθὸν ὀπίσσω
 Μηριόνης δ' ἐπόρουσεν ἀμύμονι Λαιοφύωντι
 Παιουίδῃ, τὸν ἐγείνατ' ἐϋπλόκαμος Κλεομήδῃ 550
 Ἄξιον ἀμφὶ ῥέεθρα· κίεν δ' ὃ γε Ἴλιον ἱρὴν
 Τρωσὶν ἀρηξέμεναι μετ' ἀμύμονος Ἀστεροπαίου
 τὸν δ' ἄρα Μηριόνης νύξ' ἔγχεϊ ὀκριόεντι
 αἰδοίων ἐφύπερθε· θοῶς δέ οἱ εἴρυσεν αἰχμῇ
 ἔγκατα· τοῦ δ' ὠκιστα ποτὶ ζόφον ἔσσυτο θυμός. 555
 Αἶαντος δ' ἄρ' ἑταῖρος Ὀϊλιάδαο δαΐφρων
 Ἄλκιμέδης ἐς ὄμιλον ἐϋσθενέων βάλε Τρώων
 ἦκε δ' ἐπευξάμενος δηίων ἐς φύλοπιν αἰνὴν
 σφενδόνη ἀλγινόεντα λίθον· διὰ δ' ἔτρεσαν ἄνδρες
 ῥοῖζον ὁμῶς καὶ λᾶα περιδδείσαντες ἰόντα. 560
 τὸν δ' ὅλοη φέρε Μοῖρα ποτὶ θρασὺν ἠνιοχῆα
 Πάμμονος Ἰππασίδην· τὸν δ' ἠνία χερσὶν ἔχοντα
 πλήξε κατὰ κροτάφοιο· θοῶς δέ μιν ἔκβαλε δίφρου
 πρόσθεν ἐοῖο τροχοῖο· θοὸν δέ οἱ ἄρμα πεσόντος
 λυγρὸν ἐπισσώτροισι δέμας διελίσσεται ὀπίσσω 565

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With walls ringed round, yet tear with tusk and fang
What luckless thrall soever draweth near.
So these death-compassed heroes slew their foes
Ever as they pressed on. Yet had their might
Availed not for defence, for all their will,
Had Teucer and Idomeneus strong of heart
Come not to help, with Thoas, Meriones,
And godlike Thrasymedes, they which shrank
Erewhile before Eurypylus—yea, had fled
Unto the ships to 'scape the crushing doom,
But that, in fear for Atreus' sons, they rallied
Against Eurypylus : deadly waxed the fight.

Then Teucer with a mighty spear-thrust smote
Aeneas' shield, yet wounded not his flesh,
For the great fourfold buckler warded him ;
Yet feared he, and recoiled a little space.
Leapt Meriones upon Laophoön
The son of Pacon, born by Axius' flood
Of bright-haired Cleomede. Unto Troy
With noble Asteropaeus had he come
To aid her folk : him Meriones' keen spear
Stabbed 'neath the navel, and the lance-head tore
His bowels forth ; swift sped his soul away
Into the Shadow-land. Alcimedes,
The warrior-friend of Aias, Oileus' son,
Shot mid the press of Trojans ; for he sped
With taunting shout a sharp stone from a sling
Into their battle's heart. They quailed in fear
Before the hum and onrush of the bolt.
Fate winged its flight to the bold charioteer
Of Pammon, Hippasus' son : his brow it smote
While yet he grasped the reins, and flung him
stunned
Down from the chariot-seat before the wheels.
The rushing war-wain whirled his wretched form
'Twixt tyres and heels of onward-leaping steeds,

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ἵππων ἰεμένων· θάνατος δέ μιν αἰνὸς ἐδάμνα
 ἐσσυμένως μάστιγα καὶ ἠνία νόσφι λιπόντα·
 Πάμμουι δ' ἔμπεσε πένθος· ἄφαρ δέ ἐ θῆκεν
 ἀνάγκη

ἄμφω καὶ βασιλῆα καὶ ἠνιοχεῖν θοὸν ἄρμα·
 καὶ νύ κεν αὐτοῦ κῆρα καὶ ὕστατον ἡμαρ ἀνέτλη, 570
 εἰ μὴ οἱ Τρώων τις ἀνὰ κλόνον αἱματόεστα
 ἠνία δέξατο χερσὶ καὶ ἐξεσάωσεν ἄνακτα
 ἤδη τειρόμενον δηῖων ὀλοῆσι χέρεσσιν.

Ἄντίθεον δ' Ἀκάμαντα καταντίον αἴσσοντα
 Νέστορος ὄβριμος υἱὸς ὑπὲρ γόνυ δούρατι τύψεν· 575
 ἔλκει δ' οὐλομένῳ στυγεράς ὑπεδύσατ' ἀνίας·
 χάσασατο δ' ἐκ πολέμοιο· λίπεν δ' ἐτάροισι κυ-
 δοιμὸν

δακρυόεντ'· οὐ γάρ οἱ ἔτι πτολέμοιο μεμήλει.
 καὶ τότε δὴ θεράπων ἐρικυδέος Εὐρυπύλοιο
 τύψε Θόαντος ἐταῖρον Ἐχέμμονα δηϊοτῆτι 580

ᾧμου τυτθὸν ἔνερθε· περὶ κραδίην δέ οἱ ἔγχος
 ἵξεν ἀνιηρόν· σὺν δ' αἵματι κήκιεν ἰδρῶς
 ψυχρὸς ἀπὸ μελέων· καὶ μιν στρεφθέντα φέρεσθαι
 εἰσοπίσω κατέμαρψε μέγα σθένος Εὐρυπύλοιο·
 κόψε δέ οἱ θοὰ νεῦρα· πόδες δ' ἀέκοντες ἔμιμνον 585

αὐτοῦ, ὅπη μιν τύψε· λίπεν δέ μιν ἄμβροτος αἰών.
 ἐσσυμένως δὲ Θόας νύξεν Πάριν ὀξείῃ δουρὶ
 δεξιτερὸν κατὰ μηρόν· ὁ δ' ὄχχετο τυτθὸν ὀπίσσω
 οἰσόμενος θοὰ τόξα, τά οἱ μετόπισθε λέλειπτο.

Ἰδομενεὺς δ' ἄρα λᾶαν, ὅσον σθένε, χερσὶν αἰείρας 590
 κάββαλεν Εὐρυπύλοιο βραχίονα· τοῦ δὲ χαμάζε
 κάππεσε λοίγιον ἔγχος· ἄφαρ δ' ἀνεχάσασατ'
 ὀπίσσω

οἰσέμεν ἐγχείην· τὴν γάρ τ' ἔχεν ἔκβαλε χειρός.
 Ἄτρεῖδαι δ' ἄρα τυτθὸν ἀνέπνευσαν πολέμοιο.
 τῷ δὲ θοῶς θεράποντες ἔβαν σχεδόν, οἳ οἳ ἔνεγκαν 595

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And awful death in that hour swallowed him
When whip and reins had flown from his nerveless
hands.

Then grief thrilled Pammon : hard necessity
Made him both chariot-lord and charioteer.
Now to his doom and death-day had he bowed,
Had not a Trojan through that gory strife
Leapt, grasped the reins, and saved the prince, when
now

His strength failed 'neath the murderous hands of foes.

As godlike Acamas charged, the stalwart son
Of Nestor thrust the spear above his knee,
And with that wound sore anguish came on him :
Back from the fight he drew ; the deadly strife
He left unto his comrades : quenched was now
His battle-lust. Eurypylus' henchman smote
Echemmon, Thoas' friend, amidst the fray
Beneath the shoulder : nigh his heart the spear
Passed bitter-biting : o'er his limbs brake out
Mingled with blood cold sweat of agony.
He turned to flee ; Eurypylus' giant might
Chased, caught him, shearing his heel-tendons
through :

There, where the blow fell, his reluctant feet
Stayed, and the spirit left his mortal frame.
Thoas pricked Paris with quick-thrusting spear
On the right thigh : backward a space he ran
For his death-speeding bow, which had been left
To rearward of the fight. Idomeneus
Upheaved a stone, huge as his hands could swing,
And dashed it on Eurypylus' arm : to earth
Fell his death-dealing spear. Backward he stepped
To grasp another, since from out his hand
The first was smitten. So had Atreus' sons
A moment's breathing-space from stress of war.
But swiftly drew Eurypylus' henchmen near

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ἀαγὲς δόρυ μακρόν, ὃ πολλῶν γούνατ' ἔλυσε·
δεξάμενος δ' ὃ γε λαὸν ἐπώχετο κάρτεϊ θύων,
κτείνων ὃν κε κίχησι, πολὺν δ' ὑπεδάμναθ' ὄμιλον.

Ἔνθ' οὐτ' Ἀτρεΐδαι μένον ἔμπεδον οὔτε τις ἄλλος
ἀγχεμάχων Δαναῶν· μάλα γὰρ δέος ἔλλαβε
πάντας

600

ἀργαλέον· πᾶσιν γὰρ ἐπέσσυτο πῆμα κορύσσω
Εὐρύπυλος· μετόπισθε δ' ἐπισπόμενος κεράϊζε.
κέκλετο δ' αὖτ' ἰρώεσσιν ἰδ' ἵπποδάμοις ἐτάροισιν·
“ὦ φίλοι, εἰ δ' ἄγε θυμὸν ἐνὶ στέρνοισι λα-
βόντες

τεύξωμεν Δαναοῖσι φόνον καὶ κῆρ' αἰδήλον,
οἳ δὴ νῦν μῆλοισιν εἰκότες ἀπονέονται
νῆας ἐπὶ σφετέρας· ἀλλὰ μνησώμεθα πάντες
ὑσμίνης ὀλοῆς, ἧς παιδόθεν ἴδμονές εἰμεν.”

605

Ὡς φάτο· τοῖ δ' ἐπόρουσαν ἀολλέες Ἀργείοισιν·
οἳ δὲ μέγα τρομέοντες ἀπ' ἀργαλέοιο κυδοιμοῦ
φεύγον· τοῖ δ' ἐφέποντο κύνες ὡς ἀργιόδοντες
κεμμάσιν ἀγροτέρησιν ἀν' ἄγκεα μακρὰ καὶ ὕλην.
πολλοὺς δ' ἐν κοινήσιν βάλλον μάλα περ μεμαῶτας
ἐκφυγέειν ὀλοοῖο φόνου στονόεσσαν ὀμοκλήν.

610

Εὐρύπυλος μὲν ἔπεφνεν ἀμύμονα Βουκολίωνα
Νῆσόν τε Χρόμιόν τε καὶ Ἀντιφον· οἳ δὲ Μυ-
κῆνην

615

ᾤκεον εὐκτέανον, τοῖ δ' ἐν Λακεδαίμονι ναῖον·
τοὺς ἄρ' ὃ γ' ἐξενάριξεν ἀριγνώτους περ εόντας.
ἐκ δ' ἄρα πληθύος εἶλεν ἀάσπετα φύλ' ἀνθρώπων
ὅσσα μοι οὐ σθένος ἐστὶ λιλαιομένω περ αἰεῖσαι,
οὐδ' εἴ μοι στέρνοισι σιδήρεον ἦτορ ἐνεῖη.

620

Αἰνείας δὲ Φέρητα καὶ Ἀντίμαχον κατέπεφνεν
ἀμφοτέρους Κρήτηθεν ἅμ' Ἰδομενῆι κιόντας.
αὐτὰρ Ἀγήνωρ δῖος ἀμύμονα Μῶλον ἔπεφνεν,
ὃς περ ἀπ' Ἀργεος ἦλθεν ὑπὸ Σθενέλῳ βασιλῆϊ·

625

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Bearing a stubborn-shafted lance, wherewith
He brake the strength of many. In stormy might
Then charged he on the foe : whomso he met
He slew, and spread wide havoc through their ranks.

Now neither Atreus' sons might steadfast stand,
Nor any valiant Danaan beside,
For ruinous panic suddenly gripped the hearts
Of all ; for on them all Eurypylus rushed
Flashing death in their faces, chased them, slew,
Cried to the Trojans and to his chariot-lords :
“ Friends, be of good heart ! To these Danaans
Let us deal slaughter and doom's darkness now !
Lo, how like scared sheep back to the ships they
flee !

Forget not your death-dealing battle-lore,
O ye that from your youth are men of war ! ”

Then charged they on the Argives as one man ;
And these in utter panic turned and fled
The bitter battle, those hard after them
Followed, as white-fanged hounds hold deer in chase
Up the long forest-glens. Full many in dust
They dashed down, howsoe'er they longed to escape.
The slaughter grim and great of that wild fray.
Eurypylus hath slain Bucolion,
Nesus, and Chromion and Antiphus ;
Twain in Mycenae dwelt, a goodly land ;
In Lacedaemon twain. Men of renown
Albeit they were, he slew them. Then he smote
A host unnumbered of the common throng.
My strength should not suffice to sing their fate,
How fain soever, though within my breast
Were iron lungs. Aeneas slew withal
Antimachus and Pheres, twain which left
Crete with Idomeneus. Agenor smote
Molus the princely,—with king Sthenelus
He came from Argos,—hurled from far behind

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τὸν βάλεν αἰγανέη νεοθηγεί πολλὸν ὀπίσσω
 φεύγοντ' ἐκ πολέμοιο τυχῶν ὑπὸ νείατα κνήμης
 δεξιτερῆς· αἰχμὴ δὲ διὰ πλατὺ νεύρον ἔκερσεν
 ἄντικρυς ἰεμένη· παρὰ δ' ἔθρισεν ὀστέα φωτὸς
 ἀργαλέως· ὀδύνη δὲ μίγη μόρος, ἔφθιτο δ' ἀνήρ. 630
 ἔνθα Πάρις Μόσυνόν τ' ἔβαλεν καὶ ἀγήνορα
 Φόρκυν

ἄμφω ἀδελφειούς, οἳ τ' ἐκ Σαλαμῖνος ἴκοντο
 Αἴαντος νήεσσι, καὶ οὐκέτι νόστον ἴδοντο.
 τοῖσι δ' ἔπι Κλεόλαον εὖν θεράποντα Μέγητος
 εἶλε βαλὼν κατὰ μαζὸν ἀριστερόν· ἀμφὶ δέ μιν νύξ 635
 μάρψε κακὴ, καὶ θυμὸς ἀπέπτατο· τοῦ δὲ δαμέντος
 ἔνδον ὑπὸ στέρνοισιν ἔτι κραδίη ἀλεγεινὴ
 ταρφέα παλλομένη πτερόεν πελέμιξε βέλεμνον
 ἄλλον δ' ἰὸν ἀφήκεν ἐπὶ θρασὺν Ἡετίωνα
 ἐσσυμένως· τοῦ δ' αἶψα διὰ γναθμοῖο πέρησε 640
 χαλκός· ὁ δ' ἐστονάχησε· μίγη δέ οἱ αἵματι δάκρυ.
 ἄλλος δ' ἄλλον ἔπεφνε· πολὺς δ' ἐστείνετο χῶρος
 Ἀργείων ἰληδὸν ἐπ' ἀλλήλοισι πεσόντων.

Καὶ νύ κε δὴ τότε Τρῶες ἐνέπρησαν πυρὶ νῆας,
 εἰ μὴ νύξ ἐπόρουσε βαθύσκιον ἠέρ' ἄγουσα. 645
 χάσσατο δ' Εὐρύπυλος, σὺν δ' ἄλλοι Τρώιοι υἱες
 νηῶν βαιὸν ἄπωθε ποτὶ προχοᾶς Σιμόεντος
 ἦχι περ αὐλιν ἔθεντο γεγηθότες· οἳ δ' ἐνὶ νηυσὶν
 Ἀργεῖοι γοάασκον ἐπὶ ψαμάθοισι πεσόντες
 πολλὰ μάλ' ἀχνύμενοι κταμένων ὑπερ, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' 650
 αὐτῶν

πολλοὺς ἐν κονίησι μέλας ἐκιχῆσατο πότης.

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A dart new-whetted, as he fled from fight,
Piercing his right leg, and the eager shaft
Cut sheer through the broad sinew, shattering
The bones with anguished pain : and so his doom
Met him, to die a death of agony.

Then Paris' arrows laid proud Phorcys low,
And Mosynus, brethren both, from Salamis
Who came in Aias' ships, and nevermore
Saw the home-land. Cleolaus smote he next,
Meges' stout henchman ; for the arrow struck
His left breast : deadly night enwrapped him round,
And his soul fledeth forth : his fainting heart
Still in his breast fluttering convulsively
Made the winged arrow shiver. Yet again
Did Paris shoot at bold Eëtion.

Through his jaw leapt the sudden-flashing brass :
He groaned, and with his blood were mingled tears.
So ever man slew man, till all the space
Was heaped with Argives each on other cast.

Now had the Trojans burnt with fire the ships,
Had not night, trailing heavy-folded mist,
Uprisen. So Eurypylus drew back,
And Troy's sons with him, from the ships aloof
A little space, by Simois' outfall ; there
Camped they exultant. But amidst the ships
Flung down upon the sands the Argives wailed
Heart-anguished for the slain, so many of whom
Dark fate had overtaken and laid in dust.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΕΒΔΟΜΟΣ

Ἦμος δ' οὐρανὸς ἄστρα κατέκρυφεν, ἔγρετο δ' Ἦὼς
λαμπρὸν παμφανόωσα, κνέφας δ' ἀνεχάσσατο
νυκτός,

δὴ τότε ἄρηιοι νῆες εὐσθενέων Ἀργείων,
οἱ μὲν ἔβαν προπάροιθε νεῶν κρατερὴν ἐπὶ δῆριν
ἀντίον Εὐρυπύλοιο μεμαότες, οἱ δ' ἀπάτερθεν 5
αὐτοῦ παρ νήεσσι Μαχάονα ταρχύσαντο
Νιρέα θ', ὃς μακάρεσσιν ἀειγενέεσσιν ἐώκει
κάλλει τ' ἀγλαίῃ τε· βίη δ' οὐκ ἄλκιμος ἦεν·
οὐ γὰρ ἄμ' ἀνθρώποισι θεοὶ τελέουσιν ἅπαντα· 10
ἀλλ' ἐσθλῶ κακὸν ἄγχι παρίσταται ἕκ τινος αἴσης·
ὡς Νιρῆι ἀνακτι παρ' ἀγλαίῃ ἐρατεινῇ
κεῖτ' ἀλαπαδνοσύνη· Δαναοὶ δέ οἱ οὐκ ἀμέλησαν,
ἀλλὰ ἐταρχύσαντο καὶ ὠδύραντ' ἐπὶ τύμβῳ,
ὅσσα Μαχάονα δῖον, ὃν ἀθανάτοισι θεοῖσιν
ἴσον ἀεὶ τίεσκον, ἐπεὶ πυκνὰ μῆδεα ἤδη 15
αἶψα δ' ἄρ' ἀμφοτέροις αὐτὸν περὶ σῆμα βάλοντο.

Καὶ τότε ἄρ' ἐν πεδίῳ ἔτι μαίνεται λοίγιος Ἄρης·
ᾧρτο δ' ἄρ' ἀμφοτέρωθε μέγας κόναβος καὶ αὐτῇ
ῥηγνυμένων λάεσσι καὶ ἐγχείησι βοειῶν·
καὶ ῥ' οἱ μὲν πονέοντο πολυκμήτῳ ὑπ' Ἄρηι 20
νωλεμέως δ' ἄρ' ἄπαστος ἐδητύος ἐν κούησιν
κεῖτο μέγα στενάχων Ποδαλείριος· οὐδ' ὄγε σῆμα
λείπε κασιγνήτιο· νόος δέ οἱ ὄρμαίνεσκε

BOOK VII

*How the Son of Achilles was brought to the War from
the Isle of Scyros.*

WHEN heaven hid his stars, and Dawn awoke
Outspraying splendour, and night's darkness fled,
Then undismayed the Argives' warrior-sons
Marched forth without the ships to meet in fight
Eurypylos, save those that tarried still
To render to Machaon midst the ships
Death-dues, with Nireus—Nireus, who in grace
And goodlihead was like the Deathless Ones,
Yet was not strong in bodily might: the Gods
Grant not perfection in all things to men;
But evil still is blended with the good
By some strange fate: to Nireus' winsome grace
Was linked a weakling's prowess. Yet the Greeks
Slighted him not, but gave him all death-dues,
And mourned above his grave with no less grief
Than for Machaon, whom they honoured aye,
For his deep wisdom, as the immortal Gods.
One mound they swiftly heaped above these twain.

Then in the plain once more did murderous war
Madden: the multitudinous clash and cry
Rose, as the shields were shattered with huge
stones,
Were pierced with lances. So they toiled in fight;
But all this while lay Podaleirius
Fasting in dust and groaning, leaving not

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χερσὶν ὑπὸ σφετέρησιν ἀνηλεγεως ἀπολέσθαι.
 καὶ ῥ' ὅτε μὲν βάλε χεῖρας ἐπὶ ξίφος, ἄλλοτε δ'
 αὐτε 25
 δίξετο φάρμακον αἰνόν· εἰ δέ μιν εἶργον ἑταῖροι
 πολλὰ παρηγορούντες· ὁ δ' οὐκ ἀπέληγεν ἀνίης.
 καὶ νύ κε θυμὸν ἐῆσιν ὑπαὶ παλάμησιν ὄλεσσειν
 ἐσθλοῦ ἀδελφειοῖο νεοκμήτῳ ἐπὶ τύμβῳ,
 εἰ μὴ Νηλέος υἱὸς ἐπέκλυεν, οὐδ' ἀμέλησεν 30
 αἰνῶς τειρομένοιο· κίχεν δέ μιν ἄλλοτε μὲν που
 ἐκχύμενον περὶ σῆμα πολύστονον, ἄλλοτε δ' αὐτε
 ἀμφὶ κάρη χεύοντα κόνιν καὶ στήθεα χερσὶ
 θεινόμενον κρατερῆσι καὶ οὔνομα κικλήσκοντα
 οἷο κασιγνήτοιο· περιστενάχοντο δ' ἄνακτα 35
 δμῶες ὁμῶς ἐτάροισι· κακὴ δ' ἔχε πάντας οἰζύς.
 καὶ ῥ' ὄγε μελιχίοισι μέγ' ἀχνύμενον προσέειπεν·
 “ ἴσχεο λευγαλέοιο γόου καὶ πένθεος αἰνοῦ,
 ὦ τέκος· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικε περίφρονα φῶτα γεγῶτα
 μύρεσθ' οἷα γυναῖκα παρ' οὐκέτ' ἔοντι πεσόντα· 40
 οὐ γὰρ ἀναστήσεις μιν ἔτ' ἐς φάος, οὔνεκ' αἴιστος
 ψυχὴ οἱ πεπότηται ἐς ἡέρα, σῶμα δ' ἀνευθεν
 πῦρ ὀλοὸν κατέδαψε καὶ ὀστέα δέξατο γαῖα·
 αὐτῶς δ', ὡς ἀνέθηλε, καὶ ἔφθιτο. τέτλαθι δ' ἄλγος
 ἄσπετον, ὡς περ ἔγωγε Μαχάονος οὔτι χερεῖω 45
 παῖδ' ὀλέσας δηίοισιν ὑπ' ἀνδράσιν εὖ μὲν ἄκοντι
 εὖ δὲ σαοφροσύνησι κεκασμένον. οὐδέ τις ἄλλος
 αἰζηῶν φιλέεσκεν ἐὼν πατέρ' ὡς ἐμὲ κείνος,
 κάτθανε δ' εἴνεκ' ἐμεῖο σαωσέμεναι μενεαίνων
 ὄν πατέρ'· ἀλλὰ οἱ εἶθαρ ἀποκταμένοιο πάσασθαι 50
 σῖτον ἔτλην καὶ ζωὸς ἔτ' Ἑριγένειαν ιδέσθαι,
 εὖ εἰδῶς, ὅτι πάντες ὁμῆν Ἀΐδαο κέλευθον
 νισσόμεθ' ἄνθρωποι, πᾶσιν τ' ἐπὶ τέρματα κείται
 λυγρὰ μόρου στονούεντος. ἔοικε δὲ θνητὸν ἔοντα
 πάντα φέρειν, ὅπῃ ἔσθλα διδοῖ θεὸς ἠδ' ἀλεγεινά.” 55

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His brother's tomb ; and oft his heart was moved
With his own hands to slay himself. And now
He clutched his sword, and now amidst his herbs
Sought for a deadly drug ; and still his friends
Essayed to stay his hand and comfort him
With many pleadings. But he would not cease
From grieving : yea, his hands had spilt his life
There on his noble brother's new-made tomb,
But Nestor heard thereof, and sorrowed sore
In his affliction, and he came on him
As now he flung him on that woeful grave,
And now was casting dust upon his head,
Beating his breast, and on his brother's name
Crying, while thralls and comrades round their lord
Groaned, and affliction held them one and all.
Then gently spake he to that stricken one :
“ Refrain from bitter moan and deadly grief,
My son. It is not for a wise man's honour
To wail, as doth a woman, o'er the fallen.
Thou shalt not bring him up to light again
Whose soul hath fled into air,
Whose body fire hath ravined up, whose bones
Earth has received. His end was worthy his life.
Endure thy sore grief, even as I endured,
Who lost a son, slain by the hands of foes,
A son not worse than thy Machaon, good
With spears in battle, good in counsel. None
Of all the youths so loved his sire as he
Loved me. He died for me—yea, died to save
His father. Yet, when he was slain, did I
Endure to taste food, and to see the light,
Well knowing that all men must tread one path
Hades-ward, and before all lies one goal,
Death's mournful goal. A mortal man must bear
All joys, all griefs, that God vouchsafes to send.”

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“Ὡς φάθ’· ὁ δ’ ἀχνύμενός μιν ἀμείβετο· τοῦ δ’
ἀλεγεινὸν

ἔρρεεν εἰσέτι δάκρυ καὶ ἀγλαὰ δεῦε γένεια·

“ὦ πάτερ, ἄσχετον ἄλγος ἔμὸν καταδάμναται
ἦτορ

ἀμφὶ κασιγνήτοιο περίφρονος, ὅς μ’ ἀτίταλλεν
οἰχομένοιο τοκῆος ἐς οὐρανὸν ὡς ἐὼν νῆα

60

σφῆσιν ἐν ἀγκοίνῃσι καὶ ἰητήρια νούσων
ἐκ θυμοῖο δίδαξε· μῆ δ’ ἐνὶ δαιτὶ καὶ εὐνῇ
τερπόμεθα ξυνοῖσιν ἰαινόμενοι κτεάτεσσι·

τῷ μοι πένθος ἄλαστον ἐποίχεται· οὐδ’ ἔτι κείνου
τεθναότος φάος ἐσθλὸν ἐέλδομαι εἰσοράασθαι.”

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“Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ’ ὁ γεραιὸς ἀκηχέμενον προσέειπε·

“πᾶσι μὲν ἀνθρώποισιν ἴσον κακὸν ὥπασε δαίμων
ὀρφανίην, πάντας δὲ καὶ ἡμέας αἶα καλύψει,

οὐ μὲν ἄρ’ ἐκτελέσαντας ὁμῆν βιότοιο κέλευθον,
οὐδ’ οἴην τις ἕκαστος ἐέλδεται, οὐνεχ’ ὑπερθευ

70

ἐσθλά τε καὶ τὰ χέρεια θεῶν ἐν γούνασι κεῖται
μυρία, εἰς ἐν πάντα μεμιγμένα· καὶ τὰ μὲν οὔτις

δέρκεται ἀθανάτων, ἀλλ’ ἀπροτίοπτα τέτυκται
ἀχλύϊ θεσπεσίῃ κεκαλυμμένα· τοῖς δ’ ἐπὶ χεῖρας

οἴη Μοῖρα τίθησι καὶ οὐχ ὀρώσ’ ἀπ’ Ὀλύμπου
ἐς γαῖαν προΐησι· τὰ δ’ ἄλλυδις ἄλλα φέρονται

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πνοιῆς ὡς ἀνέμοιο· καὶ ἀνέρι πολλάκις ἐσθλῷ
ἀμφεχύθη μέγα πῆμα, λυγρῷ δ’ ἐπικάππεσεν

ὄλβος

οὐκ εἰκώς.¹ ἀλαὸς δὲ πέλει βίος ἀνθρώποιο.²

τοῦνεκ’ ἄρ’ ἀσφαλέως οὐ νίσσεται, ἀλλὰ πόδεσσι
πυκνὰ ποτιπταίει· τρέπεται δέ οἱ αἰόλος οἶμος³

80

ἄλλοτε μὲν ποτὶ πῆμα πολύστονον, ἄλλοτε δ’ αὔτε
εἰς ἀγαθόν· μερόπων δὲ πανόλβιος οὔτις ἐτύχθη

ἐς τέλος ἐξ ἀρχῆς· ἐτέρω δ’ ἕτερ’ ἀντιόωσι.

¹, ² Zimmermann, for οὔτι ἐκῶν and ἀνθρώποισι of v.

³ Zimmermann, for αἰόλον εἶδος of v.

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Made answer that heart-stricken one, while still
Wet were his cheeks with ever-flowing tears :
“ Father, mine heart is bowed 'neath crushing grief
For a brother passing wise, who fostered me
Even as a son. When to the heavens had passed
Our father, in his arms he cradled me :
Gladly he taught me all his healing lore ;
We shared one table ; in one bed we lay :
We had all things in common—these, and love.
My grief cannot forget, nor I desire,
Now he is dead, to see the light of life.”

Then spake the old man to that stricken one :
“ To all men Fate assigns one same sad lot,
Bereavement : earth shall cover all alike,
Albeit we tread not the same path of life,
And none the path he chooseth ; for on high
Good things and bad lie on the knees of Gods
Unnumbered, indistinguishably blent.
These no Immortal seeth ; they are veiled
In mystic cloud-folds. Only Fate puts forth
Her hands thereto, nor looks at what she takes,
But casts them from Olympus down to earth.
This way and that they are wafted, as it were
By gusts of wind. The good man oft is whelmed
In suffering : wealth undeserved is heaped
On the vile person. Blind is each man's life ;
Therefore he never walketh surely ; oft
He stumbleth : ever devious is his path,
Now sloping down to sorrow, mounting now
To bliss. All-happy is no living man
From the beginning to the end, but still
The good and evil clash. Our life is short ;

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παῦρον δὲ ζῶοντας ἐν ἄλγεσιν οὔτι ἔοικε 85
 ζωέμεν. ἔλπεο δ' αἰὲν ἀρείουα, μηδ' ἐπὶ λυγρῷ
 θυμὸν ἔχειν· καὶ γάρ ῥα πέλει φάτις ἀνθρώποισιν
 ἐσθλῶν μὲν νίσσεσθαι ἐς οὐρανὸν ἄφθιτον αἰεὶ
 ψυχάς,¹ ἀργαλέων δὲ ποτὶ ζόφον· ἔπλετο δ' ἄμφω
 σείο κασιγνήτῳ· καὶ μείλιχος ἔσκε βροτοῖσι, 90
 καὶ πάϊς ἀθανάτοιο· θεῶν δ' ἐς φύλον ὄϊω
 κείνον ἀνελθέμεναι σφετέρου πατρὸς ἐννεσίησιν.”

“Ὡς εἰπὼν μιν ἔγειρεν ἀπὸ χθονὸς οὐκ ἐθέλοντα
 παρφάμενος μύθοισιν, ἄγεν δ' ἀπὸ σήματος αἰνοῦ
 ἐντροπαλιζόμενον καὶ ἔτ' ἀργαλέα στενάχοντα· 95
 ἐς δ' ἄρα νῆας ἴκοντο· πόνον δ' ἔχον ἄλλοι Ἀχαιοὶ
 ἀργαλέον καὶ Τρῶες ὀρινομένου πολέμοιο.

Εὐρύπυλος δ' ἀτάλαντος ἀτειρέα θυμὸν Ἄρηι
 χερσὶν ὑπ' ἀκαμάτησι καὶ ἔγχεϊ μαιμώνωντι
 δάμνατο δῆϊα φύλα· νεκρῶν δ' ἐστείνετο γαῖα 100
 κτεινομένων ἐκάτερθεν· ὁ δ' ἐν νεκύεσσι βεβηκῶς
 μάρνατο θαρσαλέως πεπαλαγμένος αἵματι χεῖρας
 καὶ πόδας· οὐδ' ἀπέληγεν ἀταρτηροῖο κυδοιμοῦ·
 ἀλλ' ὅ γε Πηνέλεων κρατερόφρονα δουρὶ δάμασσευ
 ἀντιόωντ' ἀνὰ δῆριν ἀμείλιχον· ἀμφὶ δὲ πολλοὺς 105
 ἔκτανεν· οὐδ' ὅ γε χεῖρας ἀπέτρεπε δηϊοτήτος,
 ἀλλ' ἔπετ' Ἀργείοισι χολούμενος, εὔτε πάροιθεν
 ὄβριμος Ἡρακλῆς Φολόης ἀνὰ μακρὰ κάρηνα
 Κενταύροις ἐπόρουσεν ἐῷ μέγα κάρτει θύων,
 τοὺς ἅμα πάντας ἔπεφνε καὶ ὠκντάτους περ εἶοντας 110
 καὶ κρατεροὺς ὄλοοῦ τε δαήμονας ἰωχμοῖο·
 ὡς ὅ γ' ἐπασσύτερον Δαναῶν στρατὸν αἰχμητῶν
 δάμνατ' ἐπεσσύμενος· τοὶ δ' ἰλαδὸν ἄλλοθεν ἄλλος
 ἀθρόοι ἐν κονίησι δεδουπότες ἐξεχέοντο.

¹ Restored by Zimmermann from P.

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Beseems not then in grief to live. Hope on,
Still hope for better days : chain not to woe
Thine heart. There is a saying among men
That to the heavens unperishing mount the souls
Of good men, and to nether darkness sink
Souls of the wicked. Both to God and man
Dear was thy brother, good to brother-men,
And son of an Immortal. Sure am I
That to the company of Gods shall he
Ascend, by intercession of thy sire.”

Then raised he that reluctant mourner up
With comfortable words. From that dark grave
He drew him, backward gazing oft with groans.
To the ships they came, where Greeks and Trojan
men

Had bitter travail of rekindled war.

Eurypylos there, in dauntless spirit like
The War-god, with mad-raging spear and hands
Resistless, smote down hosts of foes : the earth
Was clogged with dead men slain on either side.
On strode he midst the corpses, awelessly
He fought, with blood-bespattered hands and feet ;
Never a moment from grim strife he ceased.
Peneleos the mighty-hearted came
Against him in the pitiless fray : he fell
Before Eurypylos's spear : yea, many more
Fell round him. Ceased not those destroying hands,
But wrathful on the Argives still he pressed,
As when of old on Pholoe's long-ridged heights
Upon the Centaurs terrible Hercules rushed
Storming in might, and slew them, passing-swift
And strong and battle-cunning though they were ;
So rushed he on, so smote he down the array,
One after other, of the Danaan spears.
Heaps upon heaps, here, there, in throngs they fell

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ὡς δ' ὄτ' ἐπιβρίσαντος ἀπειρεσίου ποταμοῖο 115
 ὄχθαι ἀποτμήγονται ἐπὶ ψαμαθώδει χώρῳ
 μυρία ἀμφροτέρωθεν, ὃ δ' εἰς ἀλὸς ἔσσυται οἶδμα
 παφλάζων ἀλεγεινὸν ἀνὰ ῥόον, ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντῃ
 κρημνοὶ ἐπικτυπέουσι, βρέμει δ' ἄρα μακρὰ ῥέεθρα
 αἰὲν ἐρειπομένων, εἴκει δέ οἱ ἔρκεα πάντα· 120
 ὡς ἄρα κύδιμοι νῆες εὐπτολέμων Ἀργείων
 πολλοὶ ὑπ' Εὐρυπύλοιο κατήριπον ἐν κονίησι,
 τοὺς κίχεν αἱματόεντα κατὰ μόθον· οἱ δ' ὑπάλυξαν,
 ὅσσοις ἐξεσάωσε ποδῶν μένος· ἀλλ' ἄρα καὶ ὡς
 Πηνέλεων ἐρύσαντο δυσηχέος ἐξ ὀμάδοιο 125
 νῆας ἐπὶ σφετέρας, καίπερ ποσὶ καρπαλίμοισι
 κῆρας ἀλευόμενοι στυγεράς καὶ ἀνηλέα πότμον.
 πανσυδίῃ δ' ἔντοσθε νεῶν φύγον· οὐδέ τι θυμῷ
 ἔσθενον Εὐρυπύλοιο καταντία δηριάασθαι,
 οὐνεκ' ἄρα σφίσι φύζαν οἴζυρῆν ἐφέηκεν 130
 Ἴρακλῆος υἱὸν ἀτειρέα πάμπαν ἀέζων.
 οἱ δ' ἄρα τείχεος ἐντὸς ὑποπτώσσουτες ἔμιμνον,
 αἶγες ὅπως ὑπὸ πρῶνα φοβεύμεναι αἶνον ἀήτην,
 ὅς τε φέρει νιφετόν τε πολὺν κρυερὴν τε χάλαζαν
 ψυχρὸς ἐπαΐσσω, ταὶ δ' ἐς νομὸν ἐσσύμεναί περ 135
 ῥιπῆς οὔτι κατιθὺς ὑπερκύπτουσι κολώνης,
 ἀλλ' ἄρα χεῖμα μένουσιν ὑπὸ σκέπας ἠδὲ φάραγγας
 ἀγρόμεναι, θάμνοισι δ' ὑπὸ σκιεροῖσι νέμονται
 ἰλαδόν, ὄφρ' ἀνέμοιο κακαὶ λήξωσιν ἄελλαι·
 ὡς Δαναοὶ πύργοισιν ὑπὸ σφετέροισιν ἔμιμνον 140
 Τηλέφου ὄβριμον νῆα μετεσσύμενον τρομέοντες.

Αὐτὰρ ὁ νῆας ἔμελλε θοὰς καὶ λαὸν ὀλέσσειν,
 εἰ μὴ Τριτογένεια θράσος βάλεν Ἀργείοισιν
 ὀψέ περ· οἱ δ' ἄλληκτον ἀφ' ἔρκεος αἰπεινοῖο

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Strewn in the dust. As when a river in flood
Comes thundering down, banks crumble on either
side

To drifting sand : on seaward rolls the surge
Tossing wild crests, while cliffs on every hand
Ring crashing echoes, as their brows break down
Beneath long-leaping roaring waterfalls,
And dikes are swept away ; so fell in dust
The war-famed Argives by Eurypylos slain,
Such as he overtook in that red rout.

Some few escaped, whom strength of fleeing feet
Delivered. Yet in that sore strait they drew
Peneleos from the shrieking tumult forth,
And bare to the ships, though with swift feet them-
selves

Were fleeing from ghastly death, from pitiless doom.
Behind the rampart of the ships they fled
In huddled rout : they had no heart to stand
Before Eurypylos, for Hercules,
To crown with glory his son's stalwart son,
Thrilled them with panic. There behind their wall
They cowered, as goats to leeward of a hill
Shrink from the wild cold rushing of the wind
That bringeth snow and heavy sleet and hail.
No longing for the pasture tempteth them
Over the brow to step, and face the blast,
But huddling screened by rock-wall and ravine
They abide the storm, and crop the scanty grass
Under dim copses thronging, till the gusts
Of that ill wind shall lull : so, by their towers
Screened, did the trembling Danaans abide
Telephus' mighty son. Yea, he had burnt
The ships, and all that host had he destroyed,
Had not Athena at the last inspired
The Argive men with courage. Ceaselessly
From the high rampart hurled they at the foe

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δυσμενέας βάλλοντες ἀνιηροῖς βελέεσσι 145
κτεῖνον ἐπασσυτέρους· δεύοντο δὲ τείχεα λύθρω
λευγαλέω· στοναχὴ δὲ δαϊκταμένων πέλε φωτῶν.

Αὐτως δ' αὖ νύκτας τε καὶ ἤματα δηριόωντο
Κήτειοι Τρώες τε καὶ Ἀργεῖοι μενεχάρμαι,
ἄλλοτε μὲν προπάροιθε νεῶν, ὅτε δ' ἀμφὶ μακεδνὸν 150
τείχος, ἐπεὶ πέλε μῶλος ἀάσχετος· ἀλλ' ἄρα καὶ ὧς
ἤματα δοιὰ φόνοιο καὶ ἀργαλέης ὑσμίνης
παύσανθ', οὐνεχ' ἴκανεν ἐς Εὐρύπυλον βασιλῆα
ἀγγελίη Δαναῶν, ὧς κεν πολέμοιο μεθέντες
πυρκαϊῇ δώωσι δαϊκταμένους ἐνὶ χάρμη· 155

αὐτὰρ ὃ γ' αἰψ' ἐπίθησε, καὶ ἀργαλέοιο κυδοιμοῦ
παυσάμενοι ἐκάτερθε νεκροὺς περιταρχύσαντο
ἐν κονίης ἐριπόντας· Ἀχαιοὶ δ' ἔξοχα πάντων
Πηνέλεων μύροντο· βάλον δ' ἐπὶ σῆμα θανόντι
εὐρὸν μάλ' ὑψηλὸν τε καὶ ἐσσομένοις ἀρίδηλον· 160
πληθὺν δ' αὐτ' ἀπάνευθε δαϊκταμένων ἡρώων
θάψαν ἀκηχέμενοι μεγάλῳ περὶ πένθει θυμὸν
πυρκαϊῆν ἅμα πᾶσι μίαν περινηήσαντες
καὶ τάφον. ὧς δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἀπόπροθι Τρώιοι υἱες
τάρχυσαν κταμένους. ὅλοη δ' Ἔρις οὐκ ἀπέληγεν, 165
ἀλλ' ἔτ' ἐποτρύνεσκε θρασὺ σθένος Εὐρυπύλοιο
ἀντιάαν δηίοισιν· ὃ δ' οὐπω χάζετο νηῶν,
ἀλλ' ἔμενεν Δαναοῖσι κακὴν ἐπὶ δῆριν ἀέξων.

Τοὶ δ' ἐς Σκῦρον ἴκοντο μελαίνῃ νηὶ θέοντες·
εὐρον δ' υἷ' Ἀχιλῆος εἰοῦ προπάροιθε δόμοιο, 170
ἄλλοτε μὲν βελέεσσι καὶ ἐγχείησιν ἰέντα,
ἄλλοτε δ' αὐθ' ἵπποισι πονεύμενον ὠκυπόδεσσι
γῆθησαν δ' ἐσιδόντες ἀταρτηροῦ πολέμοιο
ἔργα μετοιχόμενον, καίπερ μέγα τειρόμενον κῆρ
ἀμφὶ πατρὸς κταμένοιο· τὸ γὰρ τὸ πάροιθε
πέπυστο. 175

αἰψα δέ οἱ κίον ἄντα τεθηπότες, οὐνεχ' ὀρῶντο
θαρσαλέω Ἀχιλῆι δέμας περικαλλές ὁμοῖον·

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With bitter-biting darts, and slew them fast ;
And all the walls were splashed with reeking gore,
And aye went up a moan of smitten men.

So fought they: nightlong, daylong fought they on,
Ceteians, Trojans, battle-biding Greeks,
Fought, now before the ships, and now again
Round the steep wall, with fury unutterable.
Yet even so for two days did they cease
From murderous fight ; for to Eurypylus came
A Danaan embassy, saying, " From the war
Forbear we, while we give unto the flames
The battle-slain." So hearkened he to them :
From ruin-wreaking strife forebore the hosts ;
And so their dead they buried, who in dust
Had fallen. Chiefly the Achaeans mourned
Peneleos ; o'er the mighty dead they heaped
A barrow broad and high, a sign for men
Of days to be. But in a several place
The multitude of heroes slain they laid,
Mourning with stricken hearts. On one great pyre
They burnt them all, and buried in one grave.
So likewise far from thence the sons of Troy
Buried their slain. Yet murderous Strife slept not,
But roused again Eurypylus' dauntless might
To meet the foe. He turned not from the ships,
But there abode, and fanned the fury of war.

Meanwhile the black ship on to Scyros ran ;
And those twain found before his palace-gate
Achilles' son, now hurling dart and lance,
Now in his chariot driving fleetfoot steeds.
Glad were they to behold him practising
The deeds of war, albeit his heart was sad
For his slain sire, of whom had tidings come
Ere this. With reverent eyes of awe they went
To meet him, for that goodly form and face
Seemed even as very Achilles unto them.

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τοὺς δ' ἄρ' ὑποφθάμενος τοῖον ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπεν·
 “ὦ ξεῖνοι, μέγα χαίρετ' ἐμὸν ποτὶ δῶμα κιόντες·
 εἶπατε δ' ὀππόθεν ἐστέ καὶ οἵτινες, ἦδ' ὅ τι

χρειῶ
 ἦλθετ' ἔχοντες ἐμεῖο δι' οἴδατος ἀτρυγέτοιο.” 180

“Ὡς ἔφατ' εἰρόμενος· ὁ δ' ἀμείβετο δῖος Ὀδυσ-
 σεύς·

“ἡμεῖς τοι φίλοι εἰμὲν εὐπτολέμου Ἀχιλῆος,
 τῷ νύ σέ φασι τεκέσθαι εὐφρονα Δηιδάμειαν·
 καὶ δ' αὐτοὶ τεὸν εἶδος εἴσκομεν ἀνέρι κείνῳ 185

πάμπαν· ὁ δ' ἀθανάτοισι πολυσθενέεσσιν ἐψέκει.
 εἰμὶ δ' ἐγὼν Ἰθάκηθεν, ὁ δ' Ἄργεος ἵπποβότοιο,
 εἴ ποτε Τυδείδαο δαΐφρονος οὔνομ' ἄκουσας,
 ἦ καὶ Ὀδυσσῆος πυκιμήδεος, ὅς νύ τοι ἄγχι 190

αὐτὸς ἐγὼν ἔστηκα θεοπροπίης ἔνεκ' ἐλθῶν· 190
 ἀλλ' ἐλέαιρε τάχιστα καὶ Ἀργείοις ἐπάμννον

ἐλθῶν ἐς Τροίην· ὡς γὰρ τέλος ἔσσειτ' Ἄρηι.
 καί τοι δῶρ' ὀπάσουσιν ἀάσπετα δῖοι Ἀχαιοί·
 τεύχεα δ' αὐτὸς ἔγωγε τεοῦ πατρὸς ἀντιθέοιο 195

δώσω, ἅπερ φορέων μέγα τέρψεται· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικε 195
 θνητῶν τεύχεσι κείνα, θεοῦ δέ που Ἄρεος ὄπλοις

ἴσα πέλει· πούλυς δὲ περί σφισι πάμπαν ἄρηρε
 χρυσὸς δαιδαλέοισι κεκασμένος, οἷσι καὶ αὐτὸς

Ἥφαιστος μέγα θυμὸν ἐν ἀθανάτοισιν ἰάνθη
 τεύχων ἄμβροτα κείνα, τά σοι μέγα θαῦμα ἰδόντι 200

ἔσσεται, οὔνεκα γαῖα καὶ οὐρανὸς ἠδὲ θάλασσα
 ἀμφὶ σάκος πεπόνηται ἀπειρεσίῳ τ' ἐνὶ¹ κύκλῳ

ζῶα περίξ ἤσκηνται ἐοικότα κινυμένοισι,
 θαῦμα καὶ ἀθανάτοισι· βροτῶν δ' οὐπώποτε τοῖα

οὔτε τις ἔδρακε πρόσθεν ἐν ἀνδράσιν οὔτ' ἐφό-
 ρησεν, 205

εἰ μὴ σός γε πατήρ, τὸν ἴσον Διὶ τίον Ἀχαιοὶ
 πάντες, ἐγὼ δὲ μάλιστα φίλα φρονέων ἀγάπαζον·

¹ Zimmermann, for περι κύκλῳ of v.

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But he, or ever they had spoken, cried :

“ All hail, ye strangers, unto this mine home
Say whence ye are, and who, and what the need
That hither brings you over barren seas.”

So spake he, and Odysseus answered him :
“ Friends are we of Achilles lord of war,
To whom of Deïdameia thou wast born—
Yea, when we look on thee we seem to see
That Hero's self; and like the Immortal Ones
Was he. Of Ithaca am I : this man
Of Argos, nurse of horses—if perchance
Thou hast heard the name of Tydeus' warrior son
Or of the wise Odysseus. Lo, I stand
Before thee, sent by voice of prophecy.
I pray thee, pity us : come thou to Troy
And help us. Only so unto the war
An end shall be. Gifts beyond words to thee
The Achaean kings shall give : yea, I myself
Will give to thee thy godlike father's arms,
And great shall be thy joy in bearing them ;
For these be like no mortal's battle-gear,
But splendid as the very War-god's arms.
Over their marvellous blazonry hath gold
Been lavished ; yea, in heaven Hephaestus' self
Rejoiced in fashioning that work divine,
The which thine eyes shall marvel to behold ;
For earth and heaven and sea upon the shield
Are wrought, and in its wondrous compass are
Creatures that seem to live and move—a wonder
Even to the Immortals. Never man
Hath seen their like, nor any man hath worn,
Save thy sire only, whom the Achaeans all
Honoured as Zeus himself. I chieftiest
From mine heart loved him, and when he was slain,

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καί οἱ ἀποκταμένοιο νέκυν ποτὶ νῆας ἔνεικα
πολλοῖς δυσμενέεσσιν ἀνηλέα πότμον ὀπάσσας·
τοῦνεκά μοι κείνοιο περικλυτὰ τεύχεα δῶκε 210
δία Θέτις· τὰ δ' ἄρ' αὖθις ἐελδόμενός περ ἔγωγε
δώσω προφρονέως, ὅπότε Ἴλιον εἰσαφίκηαι.
καί νύ σε καὶ Μενέλαος, ἐπὴν Πριάμοιο πόλῃα
πέρσαντες νήεσσιν ἐς Ἑλλάδα νοστήσωμεν,
αὐτίκα γαμβρὸν ἐόν¹ ποιήσεται, ἣν ἐθέλησθα, 215
ἀμφ' εὐεργεσίης· δώσει δέ τοι ἄσπετ' ἄγεσθαι
κτήματά τε χρυσόν τε μετ' ἠῦκόμοιο θυγατρός,
ὅσσ' ἐπέοικεν ἔπεσθαι ἐϋκτεάνῳ βασιλῆι.”

Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπεν Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμος υἱός·
“ εἰ μὲν δὴ καλέουσι θεοπροπίησιν Ἀχαιοί, 220
αὔριον αἶψα νεώμεθ' ἐπ' εὐρέα βένθεα πόντου,
ἦν τι φάος Δαναοῖσι λιλαιομένοισι γένωμαι·
νῦν δ' ἴομεν ποτὶ δώματ' εὐξεινόν τε τράπεζαν,
οἴην περ ξείνοισι θέμις παρατεκτῆνασθαι·
ἀμφὶ δ' ἐμοῖο γάμοιο θεοῖς μετόπισθε μελήσει.” 225

Ὡς εἰπὼν ἠγείθ· οἱ δ' ἐσπόμενοι μέγα χαῖρον·
καί ῥ' ὅτε δὴ μέγα δῶμα κίου καὶ κάλλιμον αὐλήν,
εὐρον Δηιδάμειαν ἀκηχεμένην ἐνὶ θυμῷ
τηκομένην θ', ὡσεὶ τε χιῶν κατατήκετ' ὄρεσσιν 230
Εὐρου ὑπὸ λιγέος καὶ ἀτειρέος ἠελίοιο·
ὡς ἦ γε φθινύθεσκε δεδουπότος ἀνδρὸς ἀγανοῦ·
καί μιν ἔτ' ἀχθυμένην περ ἀγακλειτοὶ βασιλῆες
ἠσπάζοντ' ἐπέεσσιν· πάϊς δέ οἱ ἐγγύθεν ἐλθὼν
μυθεῖτ' ἀτρεκέως γενεὴν καὶ οὔνομ' ἐκάστου·
χρειῶ δ' ἦντιν' ἴκανον, ἐπέκρυφε μέχρῃς ἐς ἠῶ, 235
ὄφρα μὴ ἀχθυμένην μιν ἔλη πολύδακρυς ἀνίη,

¹ Zimmermann, ex P ; for οἱ γαμβρὸν of Koehly.

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To many a foe I dealt a ruthless doom,
And through them all bare back to the ships his corse.
Therefore his glorious arms did Thetis give
To me. These, though I prize them well, to thee
Will I give gladly when thou com'st to Troy.
Yea also, when we have smitten Priam's town,
And unto Hellas in our ships return,
Shall Menelaus give thee, an thou wilt,
His princess-child to wife, of love for thee,
And with his bright-haired daughter shall bestow
Rich dower of gold and treasure, even all
That meet is to attend a wealthy king."

So spake he, and replied Achilles' son:
"If bidden of oracles the Achæan men
Summon me, let us with to-morrow's dawn
Fare forth upon the broad depths of the sea,
If so to longing Danaans I may prove
A light of help. Now pass we to mine halls,
And to such guest-fare as befits to set
Before the stranger. For my marriage-day—
To this the Gods in time to come shall see."

Then hall-ward led he them, and with glad hearts
They followed. To the forecourt when they came
Of that great mansion, found they there the Queen
Deïdameia in her sorrow of soul
Grief-wasted, as when snow from mountain-sides
Before the sun and east-wind wastes away;
So pined she for that princely hero slain.
Then came to her amidst her grief the kings,
And greeted her in courteous wise. Her son
Drew near and told their lineage and their names;
But that for which they came he left untold
Until the morrow, lest unto her woe
There should be added grief and floods of tears,
And lest her prayers should hold him from the path

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και μιν ἀπεσσύμενον μάλα λισσομένη κατερύκη.
 αἶψα δὲ δαῖτ' ἐπάσαντο καὶ ὕπνω θυμὸν ἴηναν
 πάντες, ὅσοι Σκύροιο πέδον περιβρομέουσι θαλάσσης 240
 εἰναλῆς, τὴν μακρὰ περιβρομέουσι θαλάσσης
 κύματα ῥηγνυμένοι πρὸς ἠόνας Αἰγαίοιο·
 ἀλλ' οὐ Δηιδάμειαν ἐπήρατος ὕπνος ἔμαρπτεν
 οὔνομα κερδαλέου μιμησκομένην Ὀδυσῆος
 ἠδὲ καὶ ἀντιθέου Διομήδεος, οἳ ῥά μιν ἄμφω 245
 εὖνιν ποιήσαντο φιλοπτολέμου Ἀχιλῆος
 παρφάμενοι κείνοιο θρασὺν νόον, ὅφρ' ἀφίκηται
 δήιον εἰς ἐνοπήν· τῷ δ' ἄτροπος ἦντετο Μοῖρα,
 ἣ οἱ ὑπέκλασε νόστον, ἀπειρέσιον δ' ἄρα πένθος
 πατρὶ πόρεν Πηλῆι καὶ αὐτῇ Δηιδαμείῃ.
 τοὔνεκά μιν κατὰ θυμὸν ἀάσπετον ἄμφεχε δεῖμα 250
 παιδὸς ἐπεσσυμένοι ποτὶ πτολέμοιο κυδοιμόν,
 μή οἱ λευγαλέω ἐπὶ πένθει πένθος ἴκηται.

Ἦὼς δ' εἰσανέβη μέγαν οὐρανόν· οἱ δ' ἀπὸ
 λέκτρων

καρπαλίμως ὄρνυντο· νόησε δὲ Δηιδάμεια·
 αἶψα δέ οἱ στέρνοισι περὶ πλατέεσσι χυθείσα 255
 ἀργαλέως γοάασκεν ἐς αἰθέρα μακρὰ βοῶσα·
 ἠὔτε βούς ἐν ὄρεσιν ἀπειρέσιον μεμακυῖα
 πόρτιν ἐὼν δίζηται ἐν ἄγκεσιν, ἀμφὶ δὲ μακρὰι
 οὔρεος αἰπεινοῖο περιβρομέουσι κολῶναι·
 ὡς ἄρα μυρομένης ἀμφίαχεν αἰπὺ μέλαθρον 260
 πάντοθεν ἐκ μυχάτων, μέγα δ' ἀσχαλόωσ' ἀγόρευε·
 “ τέκνον, ποῖ δὴ νῦν σοὶ εὖς νόος ἐκπεπότηται
 Ἴλιον ἐς πολύδακρυ μετὰ ξείνοισιν ἐπεσθαι,
 ἦχι πολεῖς ὀλέκονται ὑπ' ἀργαλέης ὑσμίνης,
 καίπερ ἐπιστάμενοι πόλεμον καὶ ἀεικέα χάρμην; 265
 νῦν δὲ σὺ μὲν νέος ἐσσί καὶ οὔπω δήϊα ἔργα
 οἶδας, ἃ τ' ἀνθρώποισιν ἀλάλκουσιν κακὸν ἡμαρ·
 ἀλλὰ σὺ μὲν μευ ἄκουσον, εἰοῖς δ' ἐνὶ μίμνε
 δόμοισι,

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Whereon his heart was set. Straight feasted these,
And comforted their hearts with sleep, even all
Which dwelt in sea-ringed Scyros, nightlong lulled
By long low thunder of the girdling deep,
Of waves Aegean breaking on her shores.
But not on Deidameia fell the hands
Of kindly sleep. She bore in mind the names
Of crafty Odysseus and of Diomedes
The godlike, how these twain had widowed her
Of battle-fain Achilles, how their words
Had won his aweless heart to fare with them
To meet the war-cry—where stern Fate met him,
Shattered his hope of home-return, and laid
Measureless grief on Peleus and on her.
Therefore an awful dread oppressed her soul
Lest her son too to tumult of the war
Should speed, and grief be added to her grief.

Dawn climbed the wide-arched heaven, and
straightway they
Rose from their beds. Then Deïdameia knew ;
And on her son's broad breast she cast herself,
And bitterly wailed: her cry thrilled through the
air,

As when a cow loud-lowing mid the hills
Seeks through the glens her calf, and all around
Echo long ridges of the mountain-steep ;
So on all sides from dim recesses rang
The hall ; and in her misery she cried :
“ Child, wherefore is thy soul now on the wing
To follow strangers unto Ilium
The fount of tears, where perish many in fight,
Yea, cunning men in war and battle grim ?
And thou art but a youth, and hast not learnt
The ways of war, which save men in the day
Of peril. Harken thou to me, abide
Here in thine home, lest evil tidings come

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μὴ δὴ μοι Τροίηθε κακὴ φάτις οὐαθ' ἵκηται
 σείο καταφθιμένοιο κατὰ μόθον· οὐ γὰρ οἴω 270
 ἐλθέμεναί σ' ἔτι δεῦρο μετάτροπον ἐξ ὀμάδοιο·
 οὐδὲ γὰρ οὐδὲ πατὴρ τεὸς ἔκφυγε κῆρ' αἰδήλον,
 ἀλλ' ἐδάμη κατὰ δῆριν, ὃ περ καὶ σείο καὶ ἄλλων
 ἠρώων προφέρεσκε, θεὰ δέ οἱ ἔπλετο μήτηρ,
 τῶνδε δολοφροσύνη καὶ μῆδεσιν, οἷ σε καὶ αὐτὸν 275
 δῆριν ἐπὶ στονόεσσαν ἐποτρύνουσι νέεσθαι·
 τοῦνεκ' ἐγὼ δεῖδοικα περὶ κραδίῃ τρομέουσα,
 μή μοι καὶ σέο, τέκνον, ἀποφθιμένοιο πέληται
 εὖνιν καλλειφθεῖσαν ἀεικέα πῆματα πάσχειν·
 οὐ γὰρ πῶ τι γυναικὶ κακώτερον ἄλγος ἔπεισιν, 280
 ἢ ὅτε παῖδες ὄλωνται ἀποφθιμένοιο καὶ ἀνδρός,
 χηρωθῆ δὲ μέλαθρον ὑπ' ἀργαλέου θανάτοιο·
 αὐτίκα γὰρ περὶ φῶτες ἀποτμήγουσιν ἀρούρας,
 κείρουσιν δέ τε πάντα καὶ οὐκ ἀλέγουσι θέμιστας·
 τοῦνεκ' ἄρ' οὐ τι τέτυκται οἷζυρώτερον ἄλλο 285
 χήρης ἐν μεγάροισιν ἀκιδνότερόν τε γυναικός.”

Ἡ μέγα κωκύουσα· πάϊς δέ μιν ἀντίον ἠΰδα·
 “ θάρσει, μήτηρ ἐμέϊο, κακὴν δ' ἀποπέμπεο φήμην·
 οὐ γὰρ ὑπὲρ κῆράς τις ὑπ' ἄρει δάμναται ἀνήρ·
 εἰ δέ μοι αἰσιμόν ἐστι δαμήμεναι εἴνεκ' Ἀχαιῶν, 290
 τεθναίην ῥέξας τι καὶ ἄξιον Αἰακίδησιν.”

Ὡς φάτο· τῷ δ' ἄγχιστα κίεν γεραρὸς Λυκο-
 μήδης,
 καὶ ῥά μιν ἰωχμοῖο λιλαιόμενον προσέειπεν·
 “ ὦ τέκος ὀβριμόθυμον ἐῷ πατρὶ κάρτος εἰοκῶς,
 οἶδ' ὅτι καρτερός ἐσσι καὶ ὀβριμος· ἀλλ' ἄρα
 καὶ ὧς 295

καὶ πόλεμον δεῖδοικα πικρὸν καὶ κῦμα θαλάσσης
 λευγαλέον· ναῦται γὰρ αἰεὶ σχεδόν εἰσιν ὀλέθρου.
 ἀλλὰ σὺ δεῖδιε, τέκνον, ἐπὴν πλόον εἰσαφίκηαι
 ὕστερον ἢ Τροίηθεν ἢ ἄλλοθεν, οἷά τε πολλὰ
 [πλαζόμεθ' ἀνθρωποὶ ἐπ' ἀπείριτα νῶτα θαλάσσης]

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From Troy unto my ears, that thou in fight
Hast perished ; for mine heart saith, never thou
Hitherward shalt from battle-toil return.
Not even thy sire escaped the doom of death—
He, mightier than thou, mightier than all
Heroes on earth, yea, and a Goddess' son—
But was in battle slain, all through the wiles
And crafty counsels of these very men
Who now to woeful war be kindling thee.
Therefore mine heart is full of shuddering fear
Lest, son, my lot should be to live bereaved
Of thee, and to endure dishonour and pain,
For never heavier blow on woman falls
Than when her lord hath perished, and her sons
Die also, and her house is left to her
Desolate. Straightway evil men remove
Her landmarks, yea, and rob her of her all,
Setting the right at naught. There is no lot
More woeful and more helpless than is hers
Who is left a widow in a desolate home.”

Loud-wailing spake she ; but her son replied :
“ Be of good cheer, my mother ; put from thee
Evil foreboding. No man is in war
Beyond his destiny slain. If my weird be
To die in my country's cause, then let me die
When I have done deeds worthy of my sire.”

Then to his side old Lycomedes came,
And to his battle-eager grandson spake :
“ O valiant-hearted son, so like thy sire,
I know thee strong and valorous ; yet, O yet
For thee I fear the bitter war ; I fear
The terrible sea-surge. Shipmen evermore
Hang on destruction's brink. Beware, my child,
Perils of waters when thou sailest back
From Troy or other shores, such as beset
Full oftentimes the voyagers that ride

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τῆμος, ὅτ' αἰγοκερῆι συνέρχεται ἠερόεντι 300
 ἠέλιος μετόπισθε βαλὼν ῥυτῆρα βελέμων
 τοξευτήν, ὅτε χεῖμα λυγρὸν κλονέουσιν ἄελλαι,
 ἢ ὀπότη' Ὀκεανοῖο κατὰ πλατὺ χεῦμα φέρονται
 ἄστρα κατερχομένοιο ποτὶ κνέφας Ὀρίωνος·
 δείδιε δ' ἐν φρεσὶ σῆσιν ἰσημερίην ἀλεγεινήν, 305
 ἢ ἐνὶ συμφορέονται ἀν' εὐρέα βένθεα πόντου
 ἔκποθεν αἰίσουσαι ὑπὲρ μέγα λαῖτμα θύελλαι,
 ἢ ὅτε Πληιάδων πέλεται δύσις, ἣν ῥα καὶ αὐτὴν
 δείδιθι μαιμώωσαν ἔσω ἀλὸς ἠδὲ καὶ ἄλλα
 ἄστρα, τὰ που μογεροῖσι πέλει δέος ἀνθρώποισι 310
 δυόμεν' ἢ ἀνιόντα κατὰ πλατὺ χεῦμα θαλασσης.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν κύσε παῖδα καὶ οὐκ ἀνέεργε κελεύθου
 ἰμείροντα μόθοιο δυσηχέος· ὃς δ' ἐρατεινὸν
 μειδιόων ἐπὶ νῆα θοῶς ὄρμαινε νέεσθαι.
 ἀλλὰ μιν εἰσέτι μητρὸς ἐνὶ μεγάροισιν ἔρυκε 315
 δακρυόεις ὀαρισμὸς ἐπισπεύδοντα πόδεσσιν.
 ὡς δ' ὅτε τις θοὸν ἵππον ἐπὶ δρόμον ἰσχανόωντα
 εἶργει ἐφεζόμενος, ὁ δ' ἐρυκανόωντα χαλινὸν
 δάπτει ἐπιχρεμέθων, στέρνον δέ οἱ ἀφριόωντος
 δεύεται, οὐδ' ἴστανται ἐελδόμενοι πόδες οἴμης, 320
 πουλὺς δ' ἀμφ' ἓνα χῶρον ἐλαφροτάτοις ὑπὸ
 ποσσὶ

ταρφέα κινυμένοιο πέλει κτύπος, ἀμφὶ δὲ χαῖται
 ῥώοντ' ἐσσυμένοιο, κάρη δ' εἰς ὕψος αἰερεῖ
 φυσιόων μάλα πολλά, νόος δ' ἐπιτέρπετ' ἄνακτος·
 ὡς ἄρα κύδιμον νῖα μενεπτολέμου Ἀχιλλῆος 325
 μήτηρ μὲν κατέρυκε, πόδες δέ οἱ ἐγκονέεσκον·
 ἢ δὲ καὶ ἀχυνμένη περ ἔῳ ἐπαγάλλετο παιδί.

Ὅς δέ μιν ἀμφικύσας μάλα μυρία κάλλιπε
 μούνην
 μυρομένην ἀλεγεινὰ φίλου κατὰ δώματα πατρός·
 οἴη δ' ἀμφὶ μέλαθρα μέγ' ἀσχαλόωσα χελιδὼν 330
 μύρεται αἰόλα τέκνα, τὰ που μάλα τετριγῶτα

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The long sea-ridges, when the sun hath left
The Archer-star, and meets the misty Goat,
When the wild blasts drive on the lowering storm,
Or when Orion to the darkling west
Slopes, into Ocean's river sinking slow.
Beware the time of equal days and nights,
When blasts that o'er the sea's abysses rush,—
None knoweth whence—in fury of battle clash.
Beware the Pleiads' setting, when the sea
Maddens beneath their power—nor these alone,
But other stars, terrors of hapless men,
As o'er the wide sea-gulf they set or rise.”

Then kissed he him, nor sought to stay the feet
Of him who panted for the clamour of war,
Who smiled for pleasure and for eagerness
To haste to the ship. Yet were his hurrying feet
Stayed by his mother's pleading and her tears
Still in those halls awhile. As some swift horse
Is reined in by his rider, when he strains
Unto the race-course, and he neighs, and champs
The curbing bit, dashing his chest with foam,
And his feet eager for the course are still
Never, his restless hooves are clattering aye;
His mane is a stormy cloud, he tosses high
His head with snortings, and his lord is glad;
So reined his mother back the glorious son
Of battle-stay Achilles, so his feet
Were restless, so the mother's loving pride
Joyed in her son, despite her heart-sick pain.

A thousand times he kissed her, then at last
Left her alone with her own grief and moan
There in her father's halls. As o'er her nest
A swallow in her anguish cries aloud
For her lost nestlings which, mid piteous shrieks,

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αἶνός ὄφιν κατέδαψε καὶ ἤκαχε μητέρα κεδνήν,
 ἢ δ' ὅτε μὲν χήρην περιπέπταται ἀμφὶ καλήν,
 ἄλλοτε δ' εὐτύκτοισι περὶ προθύροισι ποτᾶται
 αἶνὰ κινυρομένη τεκέων ὑπερ· ὡς ἄρα κείνου 335
 μύρετο Δηιδάμεια, καὶ υἱέος ἄλλοτε μὲν που
 εὐνήν ἀμφιχυθεῖσα μέγ' ἴαχεν, ἄλλοτε δ' αὖτε
 κλαῖεν ἐπὶ φλιῆσι· φίλῳ δ' ἐγκάτθετο κόλπῳ,
 εἴ τί οἱ ἐν μεγάροισι τετυγμένον ἦεν ἄθυρμα,
 ᾧ ἔπι τυτθὸς ἐὼν ἀταλὰς φρένας ἰαίνεσκεν· 340

ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ καὶ ἄκοντα λελειμμένον εἴ που ἴδοιτο,
 ταρφέα μιν φιλέεσκε, καὶ εἴ τί περ ἄλλο γοῶσα
 ἔδρακε παιδὸς ἐοῖο δαΐφρονος. οὐδ' ὅ γε μητρὸς
 ἄσπετ' ὀδυρομένης ἔτ' ἐπέκλυεν, ἀλλ' ἀπάτερθε
 βαῖνε θοὴν ἐπὶ νῆα· φέρον δέ μιν ὠκέα γυῖα 345
 ἀστέρι παμφανόωντι πανεῖκελον. ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ'
 αὐτῷ

ἔσπετ' ὁμῶς Ὀδυσῆϊ δαΐφρονι Τυδέος υἱός,
 ἄλλοι τ' εἴκοσι φῶτες ἀρηράμενοι φρεσὶ θυμόν,
 τοὺς ἔχε κεδνοτάτους ἐν δώμασι Δηιδάμεια,
 καὶ σφας ἐῷ πόρε παιδὶ θοοὺς ἔμεναι θεράποντας. 350
 οἱ τότε Ἄχιλλέος νῖα θρασὺν περιποιπνύεσκον
 ἐσσύμενον ποτὶ νῆα δι' ἄστεος· ὃς δ' ἐνὶ μέσσοις
 ἦε καγχαλόων· κεχάροντο δὲ Νηρηῖναι
 ἀμφὶ Θέτιν· καὶ δ' αὐτὸς ἐγήθεε Κυανοχαίτης
 εἰσορόων Ἀχιλῆος ἀμύμονος ὄβριμον νῖα, 355
 ὡς ἤδη πολέμοιο λιλαίετο δακρυόεντος
 καίπερ ἐὼν ἔτι παιδνός, ἔτ' ἄχνοος· ἀλλά μιν
 ἀλκῇ

καὶ μένος ὀτρύνεσκεν· ἐῆς δ' ἐξέσσυτο πάτρης,
 οἶος Ἄρης, ὅτε μῶλον ἐπέρχεται αἱματόεντα
 χωόμενος δηίοισι, μέμνηε δέ οἱ μέγα θυμός,
 καὶ οἱ ἐπισκύνιον βλοσυρὸν πέλει, ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ'
 αὐτῷ

ὄμματα μαρμαίρουσιν ἴσον πυρί, ταὶ δὲ παρειαὶ

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A fearful serpent hath devoured, and wrung
The loving mother's heart ; and now above
That empty cradle spreads her wings, and now
Lies round its porchway fashioned cunningly
Lamenting piteously her little ones :
So for her child Deidameia mourned.
Now on her son's bed did she cast herself
Crying aloud, against his door-post now
She leaned, and wept : now laid she in her lap
Those childhood's toys yet treasured in her bower,
Wherein his babe-heart joyed long years ago.
She saw a dart there left behind of him,
And kissed it o'er and o'er—yea, whatso else
Her weeping eyes beheld that was her son's.

Naught heard he of her moans unutterable,
But was afar, fast striding to the ship.
He seemed, as his feet swiftly bare him on,
Like some all-radiant star ; and at his side
With Tydeus' son war-wise Odysseus went,
And with them twenty gallant-hearted men,
Whom Deidameia chose as trustiest
Of all her household, and unto her son
Gave them for henchmen swift to do his will.
And these attended Achilles' valiant son,
As through the city to the ship he sped.
On, with glad laughter, in their midst he strode ;
And Thetis and the Nereids joyed thereat.
Yea, glad was even the Raven-haired, the Lord
Of all the sea, beholding that brave son
Of princely Achilles, marking how he longed
For battle. Beardless boy albeit he was,
His prowess and his might were inward spurs
To him. He hasted forth his fatherland
Like to the War-god, when to gory strife
He speedeth, wroth with foes, when maddeneth
His heart, and grim his frown is, and his eyes

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κάλλος ὁμοῦ κρυόεντι φόβῳ καταειμέναι αἰεὶ
φαίνοντ' ἔσσυμένου, τρομέουσι δὲ καὶ θεοὶ αὐτοί·
τοῖος ἔην Ἀχιλῆος εὖς πάϊς· οἱ δ' ἀνὰ ἄστῳ 365
εὐχοντ' ἀθανάτοισι σωσέμεν ἐσθλὸν ἄνακτα
ἀργαλέου παλίνροσον ἀπ' Ἄρεος· οἱ δ' ἐσάκουσαν
εὐχομένων· ὁ δὲ πάντας ὑπείρεχεν, οἳ οἳ ἔποντο.

Ἐλθόντες δ' ἐπὶ θίνα βαρυγδούποιο θαλάσσης
εὐρον ἔπειτ' ἐλατῆρας εὐξόου ἔνδοθι νηὸς 370
ἰστία τ' ἐντύνοντας ἐπειγομένους τ' ἀνὰ νῆα·
αἴψα δ' ἐν αὐτοῖς ἔβαν·¹ τοὶ δ' ἔκτοθι πείσματ'
ἔλυσαν

εὐνάς θ', αἱ νήεσσι μέγα σθένος αἰὲν ἔπονται.
τοῖσι δ' ἄρ' εὐπλοῖήν πόσις ὤπασεν Ἀμφιτρίτης
προφρονέως· μάλα γάρ οἱ ἐνὶ φρεσὶ μέμβλετ'
Ἀχαιῶν 375

τειρομένων ὑπὸ Τρωσὶ καὶ Εὐρυπύλῳ μεγαθύμῳ.
οἱ δ' Ἀχιλῆιον υἱὰ παρεζόμενοι ἐκάτερθε
τέρπεσκον μύθοισιν ἐοῦ πατρὸς ἔργ' ἐνέποντες,
ὅσσα τ' ἀνὰ πλόον εὐρὺν ἐμήσατο καὶ ποτὶ γαίῃ
Τηλέφου ἀγχεμάχοιο, καὶ ὀππόσα Τρῶας ἔρεξεν 380
ἀμφὶ πόλιν Πριάμοιο φέρων κλέος Ἀτρείδησι·
τοῦ δ' ἄρ' ἰαίνεται θυμὸς ἐελδομένοιο καὶ αὐτοῦ
πατρὸς ἀταρβήτοιο κλέος καὶ κῦδος ἀρέσθαι.

Ἡ δέ που ἐν θαλάμοισιν ἀκηχεμένη περὶ παιδὶ
ἐσθλῇ Δηιδάμεια πολύστονα δάκρυα χεῦε, 385
καὶ οἱ ἐνὶ φρεσὶ θυμὸς ὑπ' ἀργαλέησιν ἀνίης
τήκεθ', ὅπως ἀλαπαδνὸς ἐπ' ἀνθρακίησι μόλιβδος
ἦε τρύφος κηροῖο· γόος δέ μιν οὔποτ' ἔλειπε
δερκομένην ἐπὶ πόντον ἀπείριτον· οὔνεκα μήτηρ
ἄχνηθ' ἐῷ περὶ παιδί, καὶ ἦν ἐπὶ δαῖτ' ἀφίκηται 390
[τηλόθι κεκλόμενος φίλου ἀνδρὸς ἐς ἀλλότριον
δῶ.]

¹ Zimmermann, for ἄρ' αὐτὸς ἔβη, of v.

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Flash levin-flame around him, and his face
Is clothed with glory of beauty terror-blent,
As on he rusheth: quail the very Gods.
So seemed Achilles' goodly son; and prayers
Went up through all the city unto Heaven
To bring their noble prince safe back from war;
And the Gods hearkened to them. High he
towered

Above all stateliest men which followed him.

So came they to the heavy-plunging sea,
And found the rowers in the smooth-wrought ship
Handling the tackle, fixing mast and sail.
Straightway they went aboard: the shipmen cast
The hawsers loose, and heaved the anchor-stones,
The strength and stay of ships in time of need.
Then did the Sea-queen's lord grant voyage fair
To these with gracious mind; for his heart yearned
O'er the Achaeans, by the Trojan men
And mighty-souled Eurypylus hard-bestead.
On either side of Neoptolemus sat
Those heroes, gladdening his soul with tales
Of his sire's mighty deeds—of all he wrought
In sea-raids, and in valiant Telephus' land,
And how he smote round Priam's burg the men
Of Troy, for glory unto Atreus' sons.
His heart glowed, fain to grasp his heritage,
His aweless father's honour and renown.

In her bower, sorrowing for her son the while,
Deïdameia poured forth sighs and tears.
With agony of soul her very heart
Melted in her, as over coals doth lead
Or wax, and never did her moaning cease,
As o'er the wide sea her gaze followed him.
Ay, for her son a mother fretteth still,
Though it be to a feast that he hath gone,
By a friend bidden forth. But soon the sail

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καὶ ῥά οἱ ἰστία νηὸς ἀπόπροθι πολλὸν ἰούσης
 ἤδη ἀπεκρύπτοντο καὶ ἠέρι φαίνεθ' ὁμοῖα·
 ἀλλ' ἢ μὲν στονάχιζε πανημερίη γοώουσα.

Νηῦς δ' ἔθεεν κατὰ πόντον ἐπισπομένου ἀνέμοιο
 τυτθὸν ἐπιψάουσα πολυρροθίοιο θαλάσσης· 395

πορφύρεον δ' ἐκάτερθε περὶ τρόπιν ἔβραχε κῦμα·
 αἶψα δὲ νηῦς μέγα λαῖτμα διήνυσσε ποντοποροῦσα.
 ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ πέσε νυκτὸς ἔπι κνέφας· ἢ δ' ὑπ' ἀήτη
 πλῶε κυβερνήτη τε διαπρήσσουσα θαλάσσης
 βένθεα· θεσπεσίη δὲ πρὸς οὐρανὸν ἤλυθεν Ἥως. 400

τοῖσι δ' ἄρ' Ἰδαίων ὀρέων φαίνοντο κολῶναι
 Χρῦσά τε καὶ Σμίνθειον ἔδος καὶ Σιγιάς ἄκρη
 τύμβος τ' Αἰακίδαο δαΐφρονος· ἀλλά μιν οὔτι
 υἱὸς Λαέρταο πύκα φρονέων ἐνὶ θυμῷ
 δεῖξε Νεοπτολέμῳ, ἵνα οἱ μὴ πένθος ἀέξῃ 405

θυμὸς ἐνὶ στήθεσσι. παρημείβοντο δὲ νήσους
 αἶψα Καλυδναίας· Τένεδος δ' ἀπελείπετ' ὀπίσσω·
 φαίνεται δ' αὐτ' Ἐλεοῦντος ἔδος, τόθι Πρωτεσιλάου
 σῆμα πέλει πτελέησι κατάσκιον αἰπεινῆσιν,
 αἶ ῥ' ὀπότη' ἀθρήσωσιν ἀνερχόμεναι δαπέδοιο 410

Ἴλιον, αὐτίκα τῆσι θοῶς αὐαίνεται ἄκρα.
 νῆα δ' ἐρεσσομένην ἄνεμος φέρεν ἀγχόθι Τροίης·
 ἵκετο δ' ἠῆχι καὶ ἄλλαι ἔσαν παρὰ θίνεσι νῆες
 Ἄργείων, οἷ τῆμος οἰζυρῶς πονέοντο
 μαρνάμενοι περὶ τεῖχος, ὅπερ πάρος αὐτοὶ ἔδειμαν 415

νηῶν ἔμμεναι ἔρκος εὐσθενέων θ' ἅμα λαῶν
 ἐν πολέμῳ· τὸ δ' ἄρ' ἤδη ὑπ' Εὐρυπύλοιο χέρεσσι
 μέλλεν ἀμαλδύνεσθαι ἐρειπόμενον ποτὶ γαίῃ,
 εἰ μὴ ἄρ' αἶψ' ἐνόησε κραταιοῦ Τυδέος υἱὸς
 βαλλόμεν' ἔρκεα μακρά· θοῆς δ' ἄφαρ ἔκθορε νηός, 420
 θαρσαλέως δ' ἐβόησεν, ὅσον χάδε οἱ κέαρ ἔνδον·

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Of that good ship far-fleeting o'er the blue
Grew faint and fainter—melted in sea-haze.
But still she sighed, still daylong made her moan.

On ran the ship before a following wind,
Seeming to skim the myriad-surging sea,
And crashed the dark wave either side the prow :
Swiftly across the abyss unplumbed she sped.
Night's darkness fell about her, but the breeze
Held, and the steersman's hand was sure. O'er gulfs
Of brine she flew, till Dawn divine rose up
To climb the sky. Then sighted they the peaks
Of Ida, Chrysa next, and Smintheus' fane,
Then the Sigean strand, and then the tomb
Of Aeacus' son. Yet would Laertes' seed,
The man discreet of soul, not point it out
To Neoptolemus, lest the tide of grief
Too high should swell within his breast. They

passed

Calydnae's isles, left Tenedos behind ;
And now was seen the fane of Eleus,
Where stands Protesilaus' tomb, beneath
The shade of towery elms ; when, soaring high
Above the plain, their topmost boughs discern
Troy, straightway wither all their highest sprays.
Nigh Ilium now the ship by wind and oar
Was brought : they saw the long strand fringed with
keels

Of Argives, who endured sore travail of war
Even then about the wall, the which themselves
Had reared to screen the ships and men in stress
Of battle. Even now Eurypylus' hands
To earth were like to dash it and destroy ;
But the quick eyes of Tydeus' strong son marked
How rained the darts and stones on that long wall.
Forth of the ship he sprang, and shouted loud
With all the strength of his undaunted breast :

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

“ὦ φίλοι, ἧ μέγα πῆμα κυλίνδεται Ἀργείοισι
 σήμερον· ἀλλ’ ἄγε θᾶσσον ἐς αἰόλα τεύχεα δύντες
 ἴομεν ἐς πολέμοιο πολυκμήτοιο κυδοιμόν·
 ἤδη γὰρ πύργοισιν ἐφ’ ἡμετέροισι μάχονται 425
 Τρῶες εὐπτόλεμοι, τοὶ δὴ τάχα τείχεα μακρὰ
 ῥηξάμενοι πυρὶ νῆας ἐνιπρήσουσι μάλ’ αἰνῶς·
 νῶϊν δ’ οὐκέτι νόστος ἐελδομένοις ἀνὰ θυμὸν
 ἔσσεται· ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτοὶ ὑπὲρ μόρον αἶψα
 δαμέντες

κείσομεθ’ ἐν Τροίῃ, τεκέων ἐκὰς ἠδὲ γυναικῶν.” 430

Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ’ ὄκιστα θοῆς ἐκ νηὸς ὄρουσαν
 πανσυδίῃ· πάντας γὰρ ἔλε τρόμος εἰσαΐοντας
 νόσφι Νεοπτολέμοιο δαΐφρονος, οὐνεκ’ ἐώκει
 πατρὶ φίλῳ μέγα κάρτος· ἔρως δέ οἱ ἔμπεσε
 χάρμης.

καρπαλίμως δ’ ἴκοντο ποτὶ κλισίην Ὀδυσῆος· 435

ἧ γὰρ ἔην ἄγχιστα νεὸς κυανοπρώροιο·
 πολλὰ δ’ ἄρ’ ἐξημοιβὰ παραυτόθι τεύχεα κείμεν,
 ἡμὲν Ὀδυσσεὺς πυκιμήδεος ἠδὲ καὶ ἄλλων
 ἀντιθέων ἐτάρων, ὅποσα κταμένων ἀφέλοντο.

ἔνθ’ ἐσθλὸς μὲν ἔδυνε καλὰ τεύχεα, τοὶ δὲ χεῖρεια 440

δύσαν, ὅσοις ἀλαπαδνὸν ὑπὸ κραδίῃ πέλεν ἦτορ·
 αὐτὰρ Ὀδυσσεὺς δύσαθ’ ἅ οἱ Ἰθάκηθεν ἔποντο·
 δῶκε δὲ Τυδείδῃ Διομήδεϊ κάλλιμα τεύχη
 κείνα, τὰ δὴ Σώκοιο βίην εἴρυσσε πάροισιν·

υἱὸς δ’ αὐτ’ Ἀχιλλῆος ἐδύσατο τεύχεα πατρός, 445

καὶ οἱ φαίνεται πάμπαν ἀλίγκιος· ἀμφὶ δ’ ἐλαφρὰ
 Ἠφαίστου παλάμησι περὶ μελέεσσιν ἀρήρει,
 καίπερ εἰόνθ’ ἑτέροισι πελώρια· τῷ δ’ ἅμα πάντα
 φαίνεται τεύχεα κοῦφα· κάρη γε μὲν οὔτι βάρυνε
 πῆληξ [οὐ παλάμησιν ἐπέβρισην δόρυ μακρὸν]

Πηλιῆς, ἀλλὰ ἐχερσὶ καὶ ἠλίβατόν περ εἴουσαν 450

ῥηιδίως ἀνάειρεν ἔθ’ αἵματος ἰσχανόωσαν.

Ἀργείων δέ μιν ὅσσοι ἐπέδρακον, οὔτι δύναντο

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“ Friends, on the Argive men is heaped this day
Sore travail ! Let us don our flashing arms
With speed, and to yon battle-turmoil haste.
For now upon our towers the warrior sons
Of Troy press hard—yea, haply will they tear
The long walls down, and burn the ships with fire,
And so the souls that long for home-return
Shall win it never ; nay, ourselves shall fall
Before our due time, and shall lie in graves
In Troyland, far from children and from wives.”

All as one man down from the ship they leapt ;
For trembling seized on all for that grim sight—
On all save aweless Neoptolemus
Whose might was like his father’s : lust of war
Swept o’er him. To Odysseus’ tent in haste
They sped, for close it lay to where the ship
Touched land. About its walls was hung great
store

Of change of armour, of wise Odysseus some,
And rescued some from gallant comrades slain.
Then did the brave man put on goodly arms ;
But they in whose breasts faintlier beat their hearts
Must don the worsen. Odysseus stood arrayed
In those which came with him from Ithaca :
To Diomedes he gave fair battle-gear
Stripped in time past from mighty Socus slain.
But in his father’s arms Achilles’ son
Clad him—and lo, he seemed Achilles’ self !
Light on his limbs and lapping close they lay—
So cunning was Hephaestus’ workmanship—
Which for another had been a giant’s arms.
The massive helmet cumbered not his brows ;
Yea, the great Pelian spear-shaft burdened not
His hand, but lightly swung he up on high
The heavy and tall lance thirsting still for blood.

Of many Argives which beheld him then

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

καίπερ ἐελδόμενοι σχεδὸν ἐλθέμεν, οὔνεκ' ἄρ'
 αὐτοὺς
 πᾶν περὶ τείχος ἔτειρε βαρὺς πολέμοιο κυδοιμός·
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἀν' εὐρέα πόντον ἐρημαίῃ περὶ νήσῳ 455
 ἀνθρώπων ἀπάτερθεν ἐεργμένοι ἀσχαλώωσιν
 ἀνέρες, οὓς τ' ἀνέμοιο καταγιγίδες ἀντιόωσαι
 εἴργουσιν μάλα πολλὸν ἐπὶ χρόνον, οἱ δ' ἀλεγεινοὶ
 νηὶ περιτρωχῶσι, καταφθινύθει δ' ἄρα πάντα 460
 ἦια, τειρομένοισι δ' ἐπιπνεύση λιγὺς οὖρος·
 ὡς ἄρ' Ἀχαιῶν ἔθνος ἀκηχέμενον τὸ πάροιθεν
 ἀμφὶ Νεοπτολέμοιο βίῃ κεχάροντο μολόντι
 ἐλπόμενοι στονόεντος ἀναπνεύσειν καμάτοιο.
 ὅσσε δέ οἱ μάρμαιρεν ἀναιδέος εὖτε λέοντος,
 ὅς τε κατ' οὔρεα μακρὰ μέγ' ἀσχαλώων ἐνὶ θυμῷ 465
 ἔσσυται ἀγρευτῆσιν ἐναντίον, οἱ τέ οἱ ἤδη
 ἄντρῳ ἐπεμβαίνωσιν ἐρύσσασθαι μεμαῶτες
 σκύμνους οἰωθέντας ἐὼν ἀπὸ τῆλε τοκῆων
 βήσση ἐνὶ σκιερῇ, ὃ δ' ἄρ' ὑψόθεν ἔκ τινος ἄκρης
 ἀθρήσας ὄλοοῖσιν ἐπέσσυται ἀγρευτῆσι 470
 σμερδαλέον βλοσυρῆσιν ὑπαὶ γενύεσσι βεβρυχώς·
 ὡς ἄρα φαίδιμος υἱὸς ἀταρβέος Αἰακίδαο
 θυμὸν ἐπὶ Τρώεσσιν εὐπτολέμοισιν ὄριεν·
 οἴμησεν δ' ἄρα πρῶτον, ὅπῃ μάλα δῆρις ὀρώρει
 ἀμ πεδίον· τῇ γάρ φρεσὶν ἔλπετο¹ τείχος Ἀχαιῶν 475
 ῥήϊτερον δηΐοισι κατὰ κλόνον ἔσσυμένοισιν,
 οὔνεκ' ἀκιδνοτέρησιν ἐπάλξεσιν ἠρήρειστο.
 σὺν δέ οἱ ἄλλοι ἔβαν μέγα μαιμώνωντες Ἄρηι·
 εὐρον δ' Εὐρύπυλον κρατερόφρονα, τῷ δ' ἄμ'
 εταίρους
 πύργῳ ἐπεμβεβαῶτας, ὀιομένους περὶ θυμῷ 480
 ῥήξειν τείχεα μακρὰ καὶ Ἀργείους ἀπολέσσειν
 πανσυδίῃ· τοῖς δ' οὔτι θεοὶ τελέεσκον ἐέλδωρ·
 ἀλλὰ σφεας Ὀδυσσεὺς τ' ἠδὲ σθεναρὸς Διομήδης

¹ Zimmermann, for σφισιν ἔπλετο of Koehly.

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Might none draw nigh to him, how fain soe'er,
So fast were they in that grim grapple locked
Of the wild war that raged all down the wall.
But as when shipmen, under a desolate isle
Mid the wide sea by stress of weather bound,
Chafe, while afar from men the adverse blasts
Prison them many a day; they pace the deck
With sinking hearts, while scantier grows their store
Of food; they weary till a fair wind sings;
So joyed the Achaean host, which theretofore
Were heavy of heart, when Neoptolemus came,
Joyed in the hope of breathing-space from toil.
Then like the aweless lion's flashed his eyes,
Which mid the mountains leaps in furious mood
To meet the hunters that draw nigh his cave,
Thinking to steal his cubs, there left alone
In a dark-shadowed glen—but from a height
The beast hath spied, and on the spoilers leaps
With grim jaws terribly roaring; even so
That glorious child of Aeacus' aweless son
Against the Trojan warriors burned in wrath.
Thither his eagle-swoop descended first
Where loudest from the plain uproared the fight,
There weakest, he divined, must be the wall,
The battlements lowest, since the surge of foes
Broke heaviest there. Charged at his side the rest
Breathing the battle-spirit. There they found
Eurypylus mighty of heart and all his men
Scaling a tower, exultant in the hope
Of tearing down the walls, of slaughtering
The Argives in one holocaust. No mind
The Gods had to accomplish their desire!
But now Odysseus, Diomedes the strong,

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἰσόθεός τε Νεοπτόλεμος δῖός τε Λεοντεύς
 ἄψ' ἀπὸ τείχεος ὧσαν ἀπειρεσίους βελέεσσιν. 485
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἀπὸ σταθμοῖο κύνες μογεροί τε νομῆες
 κάρτει καὶ φωνῇ κρατεροὺς σεύουσι λέοντας
 πάντοθεν ἐσσύμενοι, τοὶ δ' ὄμμασι γλαυκιδόωντες
 στρωφῶντ' ἔνθα καὶ ἔνθα λιλαιόμενοι μέγα θυμῶ
 πόρτιας ἠδὲ βόας μετὰ γαμφηλῆσι λαφύξαι, 490
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς εἴκουσι κυνῶν ὑπὸ καρτεροθύμων
 σευόμενοι, μάλα γάρ σφιν ἐπαῖσσοусι νομῆες·
 βαιόν, ὅσον τις ἴησι χερὸς περιμήκεα λᾶαν·

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οὐ γὰρ Τρῶας ἕα νηῶν ἀπονόσφι φέβεσθαι
 Εὐρύπυλος, δηίων δὲ μάλα σχεδὸν ὀτρύνεσκε 495
 μίμνειν, εἰσόκε νῆας ἔλη καὶ πάντα ὀλέσση
 Ἄργείους· Ζεὺς γάρ οἱ ἀπειρέσιον βάλε κάρτος.
 αὐτίκα δ' ὀκριόεσαν ἔλῶν καὶ ἀτειρέα πέτρην
 ἤκεν ἐπεσσυμένως κατὰ τείχεος ἠλιβᾶτοιο·
 σμερδαλέον δ' ἄρα πάντα περιπλατάγησε θέμεθλα 500
 ἔρκεος αἰπεινοῖο· δέος δ' ἔλε πάντας Ἀχαιοὺς
 τείχεος ὡς ἤδη συνοχωκότος ἐν κούρησιν.
 ἀλλ' οὐδ' ὡς ἀπόρουσαν ἀταρτηροῖο κυδοιμοῦ,
 ἀλλ' ἔμενον θώεσσιν εἰκότες ἢ λύκοισι,
 μῆλων ληιστῆρσιν ἀναιδέσιν, οὓς τ' ἐν ὄρεσσιν 505
 ἄντρων ἐξελάσσωσιν ὁμῶς κυσὶν ἀγροιδῶται
 ἰέμενοι σκύμνοισι φόνον στονόεντα βαλέσθαι
 ἐσσυμένως, τοὶ δ' οὔτι βιαζόμενοι βελέεσσι
 χάζοντ', ἀλλὰ μένοντες ἀμύνουσιν τεκέεσσιν·
 ὡς οἱ ἀμυνόμενοι νηῶν ὑπερ ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτῶν 510
 μίμνον ἐν ὑσμίνῃ· τοῖς δ' Εὐρύπυλος θρασυ-
 χάρμης

ἠπείλει μέγα πᾶσι νεῶν προπάροιθε θοάων·
 “ ἂ δειλοὶ καὶ ἀναλκιν ἐνὶ φρεσὶ θυμὸν ἔχοντες,

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Leonteus, and Neoptolemus, as a God
In strength and beauty, hailed their javelins down,
And thrust them from the wall. As dogs and
shepherds

By shouting and hard fighting drive away
Strong lions from a steading, rushing forth
From all sides, and the brutes with glaring eyes
Pace to and fro ; with savage lust for blood
Of calves and kine their jaws are slavering ;
Yet must their onrush give back from the hounds
And fearless onset of the shepherd folk ;
[So from these new defenders shrank the foe]
A little, far as one may hurl a stone
Exceeding great ; for still Eurypylus
Suffered them not to flee far from the ships,
But cheered them on to bide the brunt, until
The ships be won, and all the Argives slain ;
For Zeus with measureless might thrilled all his
frame.

Then seized he a rugged stone and huge, and leapt
And hurled it full against the high-built wall.
It crashed, and terribly boomed that rampart steep
To its foundations. Terror gripped the Greeks,
As though that wall had crumbled down in dust ;
Yet from the deadly conflict flinched they not,
But stood fast, like to jackals or to wolves—
Bold robbers of the sheep—when mid the hills
Hunter and hound would drive them forth their
caves,

Being grimly purposed there to slay their whelps.
Yet these, albeit tormented by the darts,
Flee not, but for their cubs' sake bide and fight ;
So for the ships' sake they abode and fought,
And for their own lives. But Eurypylus
Afront of all the ships stood, taunting them :
“ Coward and dastard souls ! no darts of yours

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

οὐκ ἂν δὴ βελεεσσι νεῶν ἄπο ταρβήσαντα
 ἤλασατ', εἰ μὴ τείχος ἐμὴν ἀπέρυκεν ὁμοκλήν· 515
 νῦν δέ μοι εὖτε λέοντι κύνες πτώσσοντες ἐν ὕλῃ
 μάρνασθ' ἔνδον ἔόντες ἀλευόμενοι φόνον αἰπύν·
 ἦν δέ ποτ' ἐκ νηῶν ἐς Τρώιον οὐδας ἵκησθε,
 ὡς τὸ πάρος μεμαῶτες ἐπὶ μόθον, οὐ νύ τις ὑμέας
 ῥύσεται ἐκ θανάτοιο δυσηχέος, ἀλλ' ἅμα πάντες 520
 κείσεσθ' ἐν κονίησιν ἐμεῦ ὑπο δηωθέντες."

Ὡς ἔφατ' ἀκράαντον ἰεὺς ἔπος· οὐδέ τι ἦδη
 ὅττι ῥά οἱ μέγα πῆμα κυλίνδετο βαιὸν ἄπωθεν
 χερσὶ Νεοπτολέμοιο θρασύφρονος, ὅς μιν ἔμελλε
 δάμνασθ' οὐ μετὰ δηρὸν ὑπ' ἔγχει μαιμώνωντι. 525
 οὐδὲ μὲν οὐδὲ τότε ἔσκεν ἄτερ κρατεροῖο πόνοιο,
 ἀλλ' ἄρα Τρώας ἔναιρεν ἀφ' ἔρκεος· οἱ δ' ἐφέβοντο
 βαλλόμενοι καθύπερθε· περικλονέοντο δ' ἀνάγκῃ
 Εὐρυπύλῳ· πάντας γὰρ ἀνιηρὸν δέος ἦρει·
 ὡς δ' ὅτε νηπίαχοι περὶ γούνασι πατρὸς ἐοῖο 530
 πτώσσουσι βροντὴν μεγάλου Διὸς ἀμφὶ νέφεσσι
 ῥηγνυμένην, ὅτε δεινὸν ἐπιστοναχίζεται αἰθήρ·
 ὡς ἄρα Τρώιοι υἴες ἐν ἀνδράσι Κητείοισιν
 ἀμφὶ μέγαν βασιλῆα Νεοπτόλεμον φοβέοντο
 πᾶν θ' ὅ¹ τι χερσὶν ἔηκεν· ἐς ἰθὺ γὰρ ἔπτατο πῆμα, 535
 δυσμενέων κεφαλῆσι φέρον πολύδακρυν Ἄρηα.
 οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἀμηχανίῃ βεβολημένοι ἔνδοθεν ἦτορ
 Τρώες ἔφαντ' Ἀχιλῆα πελώριον εἰσοράασθαι
 αὐτὸν ὁμῶς τεύχεσσι· καὶ ἀμφασίην ἀλεγεινὴν
 κεῦθον ὑπὸ κραδίῃ, ἵνα μὴ δέος αἶνὸν ἵκηται 540
 ἐς φρένα Κητείων μηδ' Εὐρυπύλοιο ἀνακτος·
 αὐτοῦ δ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλος ἀπειρέσιον τρομέοντες
 μεσσηγὺς κακότητος ἔσαν κρυεροῦ τε φόβοιο·
 αἰδῶς γὰρ κατέρυκεν ὁμῶς καὶ δεῖμ' ἀλεγεινόν.
 ὡς δ' ὅτε παιπαλόεσσαν ὁδὸν κάτα ποσσὶν ἰόντες 545
 ἀνέρες ἀθρήσωσιν ἀπ' οὔρεος αἴσσοντα

¹ Zimmermann, for πᾶν ὅ τι of Koehly.

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Had given me pause, nor thrust back from your ships,
Had not your rampart stayed mine onset-rush.
Ye are like to dogs, that in a forest flinch
Before a lion! Skulking therewithin
Ye are fighting—nay, are shrinking back from death!
But if ye dare come forth on Trojan ground,
As once when ye were eager for the fray,
None shall from ghastly death deliver you:
Slain by mine hand ye all shall lie in dust!”

So did he shout a prophecy unfulfilled,
Nor heard Doom's chariot-wheels fast rolling near
Bearing swift death at Neoptolemus' hands,
Nor saw death gleaming from his glittering spear.
Ay, and that hero paused not now from fight,
But from the ramparts smote the Trojans aye.
From that death leaping from above they quailed
In tumult round Eurypylus: deadly fear
Gripped all their hearts. As little children cower
About a father's knees when thunder of Zeus
Crashes from cloud to cloud, when all the air
Shudders and groans, so did the sons of Troy,
With those Ceteians round their great king, cower
Ever as prince Neoptolemus hurled; for death
Rode upon all he cast, and bare his wrath
Straight rushing down upon the heads of foes.
Now in their hearts those wildered Trojans said
That once more they beheld Achilles' self
Gigantic in his armour. Yet they hid
That horror in their breasts, lest panic fear
Should pass from them to the Ceteian host
And king Eurypylus; so on every side
They wavered 'twixt the stress of their hard strait
And that blood-curdling dread, 'twixt shame and fear.
As when men treading a precipitous path
Look up, and see adown the mountain-slope

QUINTUS SYMRNAEUS

χείμαρρον, καναχή δὲ περιβρομέει περὶ πέτρη,
 οὐδ' ἔτι οἱ μεμάασιν ἀνὰ ῥόον ἠχήμεντα
 δύμεναι ἐγκονέοντες, ἐπεὶ παρὰ ποσσὶν ὄλεθρον
 δερκόμενοι τρομέουσι καὶ οὐκ ἀλέγουσι κελεύθου· 550
 ὡς ἄρα Τρῶες ἔμιμνον ἐελδόμενοί περ ἀλύξαι

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 τεῖχος ὑπ' Ἀργείων· τοὺς δ' Εὐρύπυλος θεοειδῆς
 αἰὲν ἐποτρύνεσκε ποτὶ κλόνον· ἦ γὰρ ἐώλπει
 πολλοὺς δηϊόωντα πελώριον ἐν δαῖ φῶτα
 χεῖρα καμῆν καὶ κάρτος· ὁ δ' οὐκ ἀπέληγε μόθοιο. 555

Τῶν δ' ἄρ' Ἀθηναίη κρατερὸν πόνον εἰσορόωσα
 κάλλιπεν Οὐλύμποιο θυωδέος αἰπὰ μέλαθρα·
 βῆ δ' ἄρ' ὑπὲρ κορυφᾶς¹ ὀρέων· οὐδ' ἴχνεσι γαίης
 ψαυε μέγ' ἐγκονέουσα· φέρεν δέ μιν ἱερός ἀῆρ
 εἰδομένην νεφέεσσιν, ἐλαφροτέρην δ' ἀνέμοιο. 560

Τροίην δ' αἰψ' ἀφίκανε, πόδας δ' ἐπέθηκε κολύνη
 Σιγέου ἠνεμόεντος· ἐδέρκετο δ' ἔνθεν αὐτὴν
 ἀγχεμάχων ἀνδρῶν, κύδαινε δὲ πολλὸν Ἀχαιοῦς.
 υἱὸς δ' αὐτ' Ἀχιλλῆος ἔχεν πολὺ φέρτατον ἄλλων
 θάρσος ὁμοῦ καὶ κάρτος, ἅ τ' ἀνδράσιν εἰς ἐν ἰόντα 565

τεύχουσιν μέγα κῦδος· ὁ δ' ἀμφοτέροισι κέκαστο,
 οὐνεκ' ἔην Διὸς αἶμα, φίλω δ' ἦικτο τοκῆι·
 τῷ καὶ ἄτρεστος ἐὼν πολέας κτάνεν ἀγχόθι πύργων
 ὡς δ' ἀλιεὺς κατὰ πόντον ἀνὴρ λελιημένος ἄγρης
 τεύχων ἰχθύσι πῆμα φέρει μένος Ἐφάιστοιο 570

νηὸς ἐῆς ἔντοσθε, διεγρομένη δ' ὑπ' αὐτμῆ
 μαρμαίρει περὶ νῆα πυρὸς σέλας, οἱ δὲ κελαίνης
 ἐξ ἀλὸς αἴσσουσι μεμαότες ὕστατον αἴγλην
 εἰσιδέειν, τοὺς γάρ ῥα τανυγλώχινι τριαίνῃ
 κτείνειν ἐπεσσυμένους, γάννυται δέ οἱ ἦτορ ἐπ'
 ἄγρη· 575

ὡς ἄρα κύδιμος υἱὸς εὐπτολέμου Ἀχιλλῆος
 λαῖνεον περὶ τεῖχος ἐδάμνατο δῆϊα φύλα

¹ Zimmermann, for κεφαλῆς of v.

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A torrent rushing on them, thundering down
The rocks, and dare not meet its clamorous flood,
But hurry shuddering on, with death in sight
Holding as naught the perils of the path ;
So stayed the Trojans, spite of their desire
[To flee the imminent death that waited them]
Beneath the wall. Godlike Eurypylus
Aye cheered them on to fight. He trusted still
That this new mighty foe would weary at last
With toil of slaughter ; but he wearied not.

That desperate battle-travail Pallas saw,
And left the halls of Heaven incense-sweet,
And flew o'er mountain-crests : her hurrying feet
Touched not the earth, borne by the air divine
In form of cloud-wreaths, swifter than the wind.
She came to Troy, she stayed her feet upon
Sigeum's windy ness, she looked forth thence
Over the ringing battle of dauntless men,
And gave the Achaeans glory. Achilles' son
Beyond the rest was filled with valour and strength
Which win renown for men in whom they meet.
Peerless was he in both : the blood of Zeus
Gave strength ; to his father's valour was he heir ;
So by those towers he smote down many a foe.
And as a fisher on the darkling sea,
To lure the fish to their destruction, takes
Within his boat the strength of fire ; his breath
Kindles it to a flame, till round the boat
Glareth its splendour, and from the black sea
Dart up the fish all eager to behold
The radiance—for the last time ; for the barbs
Of his three-pointed spear, as up they leap,
Slay them ; his heart rejoices o'er the prey.
So that war-king Achilles' glorious son
Slew hosts of onward-rushing foes around

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἀντί' ἐπεσσυμένων· πονέοντο δὲ πάντες Ἀχαιοὶ
 ἄλλοι ὁμῶς ἄλλησιν ἐπάλξεσιν· ἔβραχε δ' εὐρύς
 αἰγιαλὸς καὶ νῆες, ἐπεστενάχοντο δὲ μακρὰ 580
 τείχεα βαλλομένων· κάματος δ' ὑπεδάμνατο λαοὺς
 ἄσπετος ἀμφοτέρωθε, λύνοντο δὲ γυῖα καὶ ἀλκῆ
 αἰζηῶν· ἀλλ' οὔτι μενεπτολέμου Ἀχιλῆος
 ἄμφεχεν νίεα δῖον, ἐπεὶ δέ¹ οἱ ὄβριμον ἦτορ
 πάμπαν ἔην ἄτρυτον, ἀνηρὸν δέος² οὔτι 585
 ἦψατο μαρναμένοιο· μένος δ' ἀκάμαντι ἐφῆκε
 ἀενάω ποταμῶ, τὸν ἀπειρεσίῃ πυρὸς ὄρμῃ
 οὔποτ' ἰοῦσ' ἐφόβησε, καὶ εἰ μέγα μαίνεται' ἀήτης
 Ἡφαίστου κλονέων ἱερὸν μένος, ἦν γὰρ ἵκηται
 ἐγγὺς ἐπὶ προχοῆσι μαραίνεται, οὐδέ οἱ ἀλκῆ 590
 ἄψασθ' ἀργαλή σθένει ὕδατος ἀκαμάτιο·
 ὡς ἄρα Πηλεΐδαο δαΐφρονος νιέος ἐσθλοῦ
 οὔτε μόγος στονόεις οὔτ' ἄρ δέος ἦψατο γούνων
 αἰὲν ἐρειδομένοιο καὶ ὀτρύνοντος ἐταίρους.
 οὐ μὴν οὐδὲ βέλος κείνου χροῖα καλὸν ἵκανε 595
 πολλῶν βαλλομένων· ἀλλ' ὡς νιφάδες περὶ πέτρην
 πολλάκις ἠίχθησαν ἐτώσια· πάντα γὰρ εὐρὺ
 εἶργε σάκος βριαρὴ τε κόρυς, κλυτὰ δῶρα θεοῖο·
 τοῖς ἐπικαγαχάλων κρατερὸς παῖς Αἰακίδαο
 φοίτα μακρὰ βοῶν περὶ τείχεϊ πολλὰ κελεύων 600
 ἐς μόθον Ἀργείοισιν ἀταρβέσιν, οὔνεκα πάντων
 πολλὸν ἔην ὄχ' ἄριστος, ἔχεν δ' ἔτι θυμὸν ὀμοκλήης
 λευγαλέης ἀκόρητον, ἐοῦ δ' ἄρα μήδετο πατρὸς
 τίσεισθ' ἀλγινόεντα φόνον· κεχάροντο δ' ἀνακτι
 Μυρμιδόνες· στυγερὴ δὲ πέλεν περὶ τείχος αὐτή. 605

Ἔνθα δὺω κτάνε παῖδε πολυχρύσειο Μέγητος,
 ὃς γόνος ἔσκε Δύμαντος, ἔχεν δ' ἐρικυδέας νίης,
 εἰδότας εὐ μὲν ἄκοντα βαλεῖν, εὐ δ' ἵππον ἐλάσσαι
 ἐν πολέμῳ καὶ μακρὸν ἐπισταμένως δόρυ πῆλαι,

¹ Zimmermann, for ῥα of v.

² Zimmermann, for δέ οἱ of v.

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That wall of stone. Well fought the Achaeans all
Here, there, adown the ramparts : rang again
The wide strand and the ships : the battered walls
Groaned ever. Men with weary ache of toil
Fainted on either side ; sinews and might
Of strong men were unstrung. But o'er the son
Of battle-stay Achilles weariness
Crept not : his battle-eager spirit aye
Was tireless ; never touched by palsyng fear
He fought on, as with the triumphant strength
Of an ever-flowing river : though it roll
'Twixt blazing forests, though the madding blast
Roll stormy seas of flame, it feareth not,
For at its brink faint grows the fervent heat,
The strong flood turns its might to impotence ;
So weariness nor fear could bow the knees
Of Hero Achilles' gallant-hearted son,
Still as he fought, still cheered his comrades on.
Of myriad shafts sped at him none might touch
His flesh, but even as snowflakes on a rock
Fell vainly ever : wholly screened was he
By broad shield and strong helmet, gifts of a God.
In these exulting did the Aeacid's son
Stride all along the wall, with ringing shouts
Cheering the dauntless Argives to the fray,
Being their mightiest far, bearing a soul
Insatiate of the awful onset-cry,
Burning with one strong purpose, to avenge
His father's death : the Myrmidons in their king
Exulted. Roared the battle round the wall.

Two sons he slew of Meges rich in gold,
Scion of Dymas—sons of high renown,
Cunning to hurl the dart, to drive the steed
In war, and deftly cast the lance afar,
Born at one birth beside Sangarius' banks

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

τοὺς τέκε οἱ Περίβοια μῆ ὠδῖνι παρ' ὄχθης 610
 Σαγγαρίου, Κέλτον τε καὶ Εὐβιον· οὐδ' ἀπόναντο
 ὄλβου ἀπειρεσίοιο πολὺν χρόνον, οὐνεκα Μοῖραι
 παῦρον ἐπὶ σφίσι πάγχυ τέλος βιότοιο βάλλοντο·
 ἄμφω δ' ὡς ἴδον ἡμαρ ὁμῶς, ὡς κάτθανον ἄμφω
 χερσὶ Νεοπτολέμοιο θρασύφρονος, ὃς μὲν ἄκοντι 615
 βλήμενος ἐς κραδίην, ὃ δὲ χερμαδίῳ ἀλεγεινῶ
 κακ κεφαλῆς· βριαρὴ δὲ περιθραυσθεῖσα καρῆνῳ,
 ἐθλάσθη τρυφάλεια καὶ ἐγκέφαλον συνέχευεν.
 ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα σφίσι φῦλα περικτείνοντο καὶ ἄλλων
 μυρία δυσμενέων· μέγα δ' Ἄρεος ἔργον ὀρώρει, 620
 μέσφ' ὅτε δὴ βουλυτὸς ἐπήλυθεν, ἦνυτο δ' ἠὼς
 ἀμβροσίη, καὶ λαὸς ἀταρβέος Εὐρυπύλοιο
 χάσσατο τυτθὸν ἄπωθε νεῶν· οἱ δ' ἀγχόθι πύργων
 βαιὸν ἀνέπνευσαν· καὶ δ' αὐτοὶ Τρώιοι υἱες
 ἀμπαύοντο μόθοιο δυσηχέος, οὐνεκ' ἐτύχθη 625
 φύλοπις ἀργαλήη περὶ τείχεϊ. καὶ νύ χ' ἅπαντες
 Ἄργεῖοι τότε νηυσὶν ἐπὶ σφετέρησιν ὄλοντο,
 εἰ μὴ Ἀχιλλῆος κρατερὸς πάϊς ἡματι κείνῳ
 δυσμενέων ἀπάλαλκε πολὺν στρατὸν ἠδὲ καὶ
 αὐτὸν
 Εὐρύπυλον. τῷ δ' αἶψα γέρων σχεδὸν ἤλυθε
 Φοῖνιξ, 630
 καὶ μιν ἰδὼν θάμβησεν εἰκότα Πηλείωνι·
 ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ μέγα χάρμα καὶ ἄσπετον ἄλγος ἴκανεν,
 ἄλγος μὲν μνησθέντι ποδώκεος ἀμφ' Ἀχιλλῆος,
 χάρμα δ' ἄρ', οὐνεκά οἱ κρατερὸν παιδ' εἰσενόησε·
 κλαῖε δ' ὃ γ' ἀσπασίως, ἐπεὶ οὐποτε φῦλ' ἀν-
 θρώπων 635
 νόσφι γούου ζῶουσι, καὶ εἴ ποτε χάρμα φέρονται.
 ἀμφεχύθη δέ οἱ, εὔτε πατὴρ περὶ παιδὶ χυθείη,
 ὅς τε θεῶν ἰότητι πολὺν χρόνον ἄλγε' ἀνατλὰς
 ἔλθη ἐὸν ποτὶ δῶμα φίλῳ μέγα χάρμα τοκῆι·
 ὡς ὃ Νεοπτολέμοιο κάρη καὶ στήθεα κύσσειν 640

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Of Periboea to him, Celtus one,
And Eubius the other. But not long
His boundless wealth enjoyed they, for the Fates
Span them a thread of life exceeding brief.
As on one day they saw the light, they died
On one day by the same hand. To the heart
Of one Neoptolemus sped a javelin ; one
He smote down with a massy stone that crashed
Through his strong helmet, shattered all its ridge,
And dashed his brains to earth. Around them fell
Foes many, a host untold. The War-god's work
Waxed ever mightier till the eventide,
Till failed the light celestial ; then the host
Of brave Eurypylus from the ships drew back
A little : they that held those leaguered towers
Had a short breathing-space ; the sons of Troy
Had respite from the deadly-echoing strife,
From that hard rampart-battle. Verily all
The Argives had beside their ships been slain,
Had not Achilles' strong son on that day
Withstood thè host of foes and their great chief
Eurypylus. Came to that young hero's side
Phoenix the old, and marvelling gazed on one
The image of Peleides. Tides of joy
And grief swept o'er him—grief, for memories
Of that swift-footed father—joy, for sight
Of such a son. He for sheer gladness wept ;
For never without tears the tribes of men
Live—nay, not mid the transports of delight.
He clasped him round as father claspeth son
Whom, after long and troublous wanderings,
The Gods bring home to gladden a father's heart.
So kissed he Neoptolemus' head and breast,

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἀμφιχυθείς, καὶ τοῖον ἀγασσάμενος φάτο μῦθον·
 “χαῖρέ μοι, ὦ τέκος ἐσθλὸν Ἀχιλλέος, ὃν ποτ’
 ἔγωγε

τυτθὸν ἔοντ’ ἀτίταλλον ἐν ἀγκοίνησιν ἐμῆσι
 προφρονέως· ὁ δ’ ἄρ’ ὦκα θεῶν ἐρικυδέϊ βουλῇ
 ἔρνος ὅπως ἐριθηλὲς ἀέξετο· καὶ οἱ ἔγωγε 645

γῆθεον εἰσορούων ἡμὲν δέμας ἠδὲ καὶ ἀλκὴν·
 ἔσκε δέ μοι μέγ’ ὄνειαρ· ἴσον δέ ἐ παιδὶ τίεσκον
 τηλυγέτω· ὁ δ’ ἄρ’ ἴσον ἐῷ πατρὶ τίεν ἐμὸν κῆρ·
 κείνῳ μὲν γὰρ ἔγωγε πατήρ, ὁ δ’ ἄρ’ υἱὸς ἔμοιγε
 ἔσκε νόῳ· φαίης κεν ἰδὼν ἐνὸς αἵματος εἶναι 650

εἶνεχ’ ὁμοφροσύνης· ἀρετῇ δ’ ὅ γε φέρτερος ἦεν
 πολλόν, ἐπεὶ μακάρεσσι δέμας καὶ κάρτος ἐῷκει.

τῷ σύγε πάμπαν ἔοικας· ἐγὼ δ’ ἄρα κείνου ὄτῳ
 ζῶν ἐτ’ Ἀργείοισι μετέμμεναι· οὐ μ’ ἄχος ὄξυ
 ἀμφέχει ἤματα πάντα, λυγρῷ δ’ ἐπὶ γῆραϊ θυμὸν 655
 τείρομαι· ὡς ὄφελόν με χυτὴ κατὰ γαῖα κεκεύθει
 κείνου ἐτι ζῶοντος· ὁ καὶ πέλει ἀνέρι κῦδος
 κηδεμονῆος ἐοῦ ὑπὸ χεῖρεσι ταρχυθῆναι.

ἀλλὰ, τέκος, κείνου μὲν ἐγὼν οὐ λήσομαι ἠτὸρ
 ἀχνύμενος· σὺ δὲ μήτι χαλέπτεο πένθει θυμόν· 660

ἀλλ’ ἄγε Μυρμίδόνεσσι καὶ ἵπποδάμοισιν Ἀχαιοῖς
 τειρομένοις ἐπάμυνε μέγ’ ἀμφ’ ἀγαθοῖο τοκῆος
 χωόμενος δηίοισι· κλέος δέ τοι ἔσσεται ἐσθλὸν
 Εὐρύπυλον δαμάσαντι μάχης ἀκόρητον ἔοντα·
 τοῦ γὰρ ὑπέρτερός ἐσσι καὶ ἔσσειαι, ὅσσον ἀρείων 665
 σεῖο πατήρ κείνοιο πέλεν μογεροῖο τοκῆος.”

Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπε πάϊς ξανθοῦ Ἀχιλλῆος·

“ὦ γέρον, ἡμετέρην ἀρετὴν ἀνὰ δηϊοτῆτα
 Αἴσα διακρινέει κρατερὴ καὶ ὑπέρβιος Ἄρης.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν αὐτῆμαρ ἐέλδeto τείχεος ἐκτὸς 670
 σεύεσθ’ ἐν τεύχεσσι ἐοῦ πατρός· ἀλλὰ μιν ἔσχε
 νύξ, ἢ τ’ ἀνθρώποισι λύσιν καμάτοιο φέρουσα
 ἔσσυτ’ ἀπ’ ὠκεανοῖο καλυψαμένη δέμας ὄρφη.

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Clasping him round, and cried in rapture of joy :
“ Hail, goodly son of that Achilles whom
I nursed a little one in mine own arms
With a glad heart. By Heaven’s high providence
Like a strong sapling waxed he in stature fast,
And daily I rejoiced to see his form
And prowess, my life’s blessing, honouring him
As though he were the son of mine old age ;
For like a father did he honour me.
I was indeed his father, he my son
In spirit : thou hadst deemed us of one blood
Who were in heart one : but of nobler mould
Was he by far, in form and strength a God.
Thou art wholly like him—yea, I seem to see
Alive amid the Argives him for whom
Sharp anguish shrouds me ever. I waste away
In sorrowful age—oh that the grave had closed
On me while yet he lived ! How blest to be
By loving hands of kinsmen laid to rest !
Ah child, my sorrowing heart will nevermore
Forget him ! Chide me not for this my grief.
But now, help thou the Myrmidons and Greeks
In their sore strait : wreak on the foe thy wrath
For thy brave sire. It shall be thy renown
To slay this war-insatiate Telephus’ son ;
For mightier art thou, and shalt prove, than he,
As was thy father than his wretched sire.”

Made answer golden-haired Achilles’ son :
“ Ancient, our battle-prowess mighty Fate
And the o’ermastering War-god shall decide.”

But, as he spake, he had fain on that same day
Forth of the gates have rushed in his sire’s arms ;
But night, which bringeth men release from toil,
Rose from the ocean veiled in sable pall.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Ἄργείων δέ μιν υἷες ἴσον κρατερῶ Ἀχιλῆι
 κύδαινον παρὰ νηυσὶ γεγηθότες, οὐνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτοὺς 675
 θαρσαλέους κατέτευξεν ἰὼν ἐπὶ δῆριν ἐτοίμως·
 τοῦνεκά μιν τίεσκον ἀγακλειτοῖς γεράεσσιν
 ἄσπετα δῶρα διδόντες, ἃ τ' ἀνέρι πλοῦτον ὀφέλλει·
 οἱ μὲν γὰρ χρυσόν τε καὶ ἄργυρον, οἱ δὲ γυναῖκας
 δμῳίδας, οἱ δ' ἄρα χαλκὸν ἀάσπετον, οἱ δὲ
 σίδηρον, 680

ἄλλοι δ' οἶνον ἐρυθρὸν ἐν ἀμφιφορεῦσιν ὄπασσαν
 ἵππους τ' ὠκύποδας καὶ ἀρήϊα τεύχεα φωτῶν
 φάρεά τ' εὐποίητα γυναικῶν κάλλιμα ἔργα·
 τοῖς ἐπι θυμὸν ἴαινε Νεοπτολέμοιο φίλον κῆρ.
 καὶ ῥ' οἱ μὲν δόρποιο ποτὶ κλισίῃσι μέλοντο 685
 υἷον Ἀχιλλῆος θεοειδέα κυδαίνοντες

ἴσον ἐπουρανίοισιν ἀτειρέσι· τῷ δ' Ἀγαμέμνων
 πόλλ' ἐπικαγαχάλοων τοῖον ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπεν·
 “ ἀτρεκέως πάϊς ἐσσί θρασύφρονος Αἰακίδαο,
 ὦ τέκος, οὐνεκά οἱ κρατερόν μένος ἠδὲ καὶ εἶδος 690
 καὶ μέγεθος καὶ θάρσος ἰδὲ φρένας ἔνδον ἔοικας·
 τῷ σοι ἐγὼ μέγα θυμὸν ἰαίνομαι· ἦ γὰρ ἔολπα
 σῆσιν ὑπαὶ παλάμησι καὶ ἔγχει δῆϊα φύλα
 καὶ Πριάμοιο πόλῃα περικλειτὴν ἐναρίζαι,
 οὐνεκα πατρὶ ἔοικας· ἐγὼ δ' ἄρα κείνον ὁῖω 695
 εἴσοράαν παρὰ νηυσίν, ὅτε Τρώεσσιν ὁμόκλα
 χώμενος Πατρόκλοιο δεδουπότος· ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν ἤδη
 ἐστὶ σὺν ἀθανάτοισι· σὲ δ' ἐκ μακάρων προέηκε
 σήμερον Ἀργείοισιν ἀπολλυμένοις ἐπαμῦναι.”

Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπεν Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμος
 υἱός· 700

“ εἶθε μιν, ὦ Ἀγάμεμνον, ἔτι ζῶοντα κίχανον,
 ὄφρα καὶ αὐτὸς ἄθρησεν ἐὼν θυμῆρεα παῖδα
 οὔτι καταισχύνοντα βίην πατρός, ὥσπερ ὁῖω
 ἔσσεσθ', ἦν με σάωσιν ἀκηδέες Οὐρανίωνες.”

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη πινυτῆσιν ἀρηράμενος φρεσὶ θυμόν· 705

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With honour as of mighty Achilles' self
Him mid the ships the glad Greeks hailed, who
had won

Courage from that his eager rush to war.

With princely presents did they honour him,
With priceless gifts, whereby is wealth increased ;

For some gave gold and silver, handmaids some,
Brass without weight gave these, and iron those ;

Others in deep jars brought the ruddy wine :

Yea, fleetfoot steeds they gave, and battle-gear,

And raiment woven fair by women's hands.

Glowed Neoptolemus' heart for joy of these.

A feast they made for him amidst the tents,

And there extolled Achilles' godlike son

With praise as of the immortal Heavenly Ones ;

And joyful-voiced Agamemnon spake to him :

“Thou verily art the brave-souled Aeacid's son,

His very image thou in stalwart might,

In beauty, stature, courage, and in soul.

Mine heart burns in me seeing thee. I trust

Thine hands and spear shall smite yon hosts of foes,

Shall smite the city of Priam world-renowned—

So like thy sire thou art ! Methinks I see

Himself beside the ships, as when his shout

Of wrath for dead Patroclus shook the ranks

Of Troy. But he is with the Immortal Ones,

Yet, bending from that heaven, sends thee to-day

To save the Argives on destruction's brink.”

Answered Achilles' battle-eager son :

“Would I might meet him living yet, O King,

That so himself might see the son of his love

Not shaming his great father's name. I trust

So shall it be, if the Gods grant me life.”

So spake he in wisdom and in modesty ;

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

λαοὶ δ' ἀμφιέποντες ἐθάμβεον ἀνέρα δῖον.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ δόρποιο καὶ εἰλαπίνης κορέσαντο,
 δὴ τότε ἄρ' Αἰακίδαο θρασύφρονος ὄβριμος υἱὸς
 ἀνστάς ἐκ δόρποιο ποτὶ κλισίην ἀφίκανε
 πατρὸς ἐοῦ. τὰ δὲ πολλὰ δαικταμένων ἡρώων 710
 ἔντεά οἱ παρέκεινθ'· αἱ δ' ἀμφὶ μιν ἄλλοθεν ἄλλαι
 χήρην ληιάδες κλισίην ἐπιπορσύνεσκον
 ὡς ζώντος ἀνακτος· ὁ δ' ὡς ἶδεν ἔντεα Τρώων
 καὶ δμῳάς, στονάχησεν· ἔρως δέ μιν εἶλε τοκῆος·
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἀνὰ δρυμὰ πυκνὰ καὶ ἄγκεα ῥωπήεντα 715
 σμερδαλέοιο λέοντος ὑπ' ἀγρευτῆσι δαμέντος
 σκύμνος ἐς ἄντρον ἵκηται εὐσκιον, ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντη
 ταρφέα παπταίνει κενεὸν σπέος, ἀθρόα δ' αὐτοῦ
 ὀστέα δερκόμενος κταμένων πάρος οὐκ ὀλίγων περ
 ἵππων ἠδὲ βοῶν μεγάλ' ἄχυνται ἀμφὶ τοκῆος· 720
 ὡς ἄρα θαρσαλέοιο πάϊς τότε Πηλείδαο
 θυμὸν ἐπαχνώθη· δμῳαὶ δέ μιν ἀμφαγάσαντο·
 καὶ δ' αὐτὴ Βρισηΐς, ὅτ' ἔδρακεν νῆ' Ἀχιλλῆος,
 ἄλλοτε μὲν θυμῷ μέγ' ἐγήθεεν, ἄλλοτε δ' αὐτε
 ἄχυντ' Ἀχιλλῆος μεμνημένη· ἐν δὲ οἱ ἦτορ 725
 ἀμφασίῃ βεβόλητο κατὰ φρένας, ὡς ἐτεόν περ
 αὐτοῦ ἔτι ζώντος ἀταρβέος Αἰακίδαο.

Τρῶες δ' αὐτ' ἀπάνευθε γεγηθότες ὄβριμον ἄνδρα
 Εὐρύπυλον κύδαινον ἐνὶ κλισίῃσι καὶ αὐτοί,
 ὀππόσον Ἐκτορα δῖον, ὅτ' Ἀργείους ἐδάϊζε 730
 ῥυόμενος πτολίεθρον ἐὸν καὶ κτήσιν ἅπασαν.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ μερόπεσσι ἐπὶ γλυκὺς ἤλυθεν ὕπνος,
 δὴ τότε Τρῳοὶ νῆες ἰδ' Ἀργεῖοι μενεχάρμαι
 νόσφι φυλακτῆρων εὐδον βεβαρηότες ὕπνω.

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And all there marvelled at the godlike man.
But when with meat and wine their hearts were filled,
Then rose Achilles' battle-eager son,
And from the feast passed forth unto the tent
That was his sire's. Much armour of heroes slain
Lay there; and here and there were captive maids
Arraying that tent widowed of its lord,
As though its king lived. When that son beheld
Those Trojan arms and handmaid-thralls, he groaned,
By passionate longing for his father seized.
As when through dense oak-groves and tangled glens
Comes to the shadowed cave a lion's whelp
Whose grim sire by the hunters hath been slain,
And looketh all around that empty den,
And seeth heaps of bones of steeds and kine
Slain theretofore, and grieveth for his sire;
Even so the heart of brave Peleides' son
With grief was numbed. The handmaids marvelling
gazed;
And fair Briseis' self, when she beheld
Achilles' son, was now right glad at heart,
And sorrowed now with memories of the dead.
Her soul was wildered all, as though indeed
There stood the aweless Aeacid living yet.
Meanwhile exultant Trojans camped aloof
Extolled Eurypylus the fierce and strong,
As erst they had praised Hector, when he smote
Their foes, defending Troy and all her wealth.
But when sweet sleep stole over mortal men,
Then sons of Troy and battle-biding Greeks
All slumber-heavy slept unsentinelled.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΟΓΔΟΥΣ

Ἦμος δ' ἠελίοιο φάος περικίδνατο γαίαν
ἐκ περάτων ἀνιόντος, ὅθι σπέος Ἡριγενείης,
δὴ τότε που Τρῶες καὶ Ἀχαιῶν ὄβριμοι υἱες
θωρήσσουνθ' ἐκάτερθεν ἐπειγόμενοι ποτὶ δῆριν·
καὶ τοὺς μὲν πᾶις ἐσθλὸς Ἀχιλλέος ὀτρύνεσκεν 5
ἀντιάαν Τρώεσσιν ἀταρβέα θυμὸν ἔχοντας,
τοὺς δ' ἄρα Τηλεφίδαο μέγα σθένος· ἦ γὰρ ἐώλπει
τεῖχος μὲν χαμάδις βαλέειν νῆάς τ' ἀμαθῦναι
ἐν πυρὶ λευγαλέῳ, λαοὺς δ' ὑπὸ χερσὶ δαΐξαι.
ἀλλὰ οἱ ἐλπωρὴ μὲν ἔην ἐναλίγκιος αὖρη 10
μαψιδίῃ· Κῆρες δὲ μάλα σχεδὸν ἐστηνῦιαι
πολλὸν καγχαλάασκον ἐτώσια μητιῶντι.

Καὶ τότε Μυρμιδόνεσσιν Ἀχιλλέος ἄτρομος υἱὸς
θαρσαλέον φάτο μῦθον ἐποτρύνων πονέεσθαι·
“κέκλυτέ μευ, θεράποντες, ἀρήϊον ἐν φρεσὶ θυμὸν 15
θέντες, ἴν' Ἀργείοισιν ἄκος πολέμου ἀλεγεινοῦ
δυσμενέεσσι δὲ πῆμα γενώμεθα· μηδέ τις ἡμέων
ταρβείτω· κρατερὴ γὰρ ἄδην ἐκ θάρσεος ἀλκὴ
γίνεται ἀνθρώποισι· δέος δὲ βίην ἀμαθῦνει
καὶ νόον· ἀλλ' ἄγε πάντες ἐς Ἄρεα καρτύνασθε, 20
ὄφρα μὴ ἀμπνεύσῃ Τρώων στρατός, ἀλλ' Ἀχιλλῆα
φαίῃ ἔτι ζῶοντα μετέμμεναι Ἀργείοισιν.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν ὤμοισι πατρώια δύσατο τεύχη
πάντοθε μαρμαίροντα· θέτις δ' ἠγάλλετο θυμῷ
ἐξ ἀλὸς εἰσορόωσα μέγα σθένος νίωνοιο. 25

BOOK VIII

How Hercules' Grandson perished in fight with the Son of Achilles

WHEN from the far sea-line, where is the cave
Of Dawn, rose up the sun, and scattered light
Over the earth, then did the eager sons
Of Troy and of Achaea arm themselves
Athirst for battle : these Achilles' son
Cheered on to face the Trojans awelessly ;
And those the giant strength of Telephus' seed
Kindled. He trusted to dash down the wall
To earth, and utterly destroy the ships
With ravening fire, and slay the Argive host.
Ah, but his hope was as the morning breeze
Delusive : hard beside him stood the Fates
Laughing to scorn his vain imaginings.

Then to the Myrmidons spake Achilles' son,
The aweless, to the fight enkindling them :
“Hear me, mine henchmen : take ye to your hearts
The spirit of war, that we may heal the wounds
Of Argos, and be ruin to her foes.

Let no man fear, for mighty prowess is
The child of courage ; but fear slayeth strength
And spirit. Gird yourselves with strength for war ;
Give foes no breathing-space, that they may say
That mid our ranks Achilles liveth yet.”

Then clad he with his father's flashing arms
His shoulders. Then exulted Thetis' heart
When from the sea she saw the mighty strength

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καί ῥα θοῶς οἶμησε πρὸ τείχεος αἰπεινοῖο
 ἐμβεβαῶς ἵπποισιν ἐοῦ πατρὸς ἀθανάτοισιν·
 οἶος δ' ἐκ περάτων ἀναφαίνεται ὠκεανοῖο
 ἡέλιος θηητὸν ἐπὶ χθόνα πῦρ ἀμαρύστων,
 πῦρ, ὅτε οἱ πῶλοισι καὶ ἄρματι συμφέρετ' ἀστήρ 30
 Σείριος, ὅς τε βροτοῖσι φέρει πολυκηδέα νοῦσον·
 τοῖος ἐπὶ Τρώων στρατὸν ἦιεν ὄβριμος ἦρως
 υἱὸς Ἀχιλλῆος· φόρεον δέ μιν ἄμβροτοι ἵπποι,
 τούς οἱ ἐέλδομένῳ νηῶν ἄπο λαὸν ἐλάσσαι
 ὤπασεν Αὐτομέδων· ὃς γάρ σφεας ἠνιόχευεν· 35
 ἵπποι δ' αὐτ' ἐχάρησαν ἐὼν φορέοντες ἄνακτα
 εἶκελον Αἰακίδῃ· τῶν δ' ἄφθιτον ἦτορ ἐώλπει
 ἔμμεναι ἀνέρα κεῖνον Ἀχιλλέος οὔτι χερεῖω.
 ὣς δὲ καὶ Ἀργεῖοι μέγα καγχαλόωντες ἀγερθεν
 ἀμφὶ Νεοπτολέμοιο βίην ἄμοτον μεμαῶτες 40
 λευγαλέοις σφήκεσιν ἐοικότες, οὓς τε κλονήσῃ

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 χηραμοῦ ἐκποτέονται, ἐελδόμενοι χροῖα θείναι
 ἀνδρόμεον, πάντες δὲ περὶ στέγος ὀρμαίνοντες
 τεύχουσιν μέγα πῆμα παρεσσυμένοισι βροτοῖσιν
 ὡς οἱ γ' ἐκ νηῶν καὶ τείχεος ἐξεχέοντο 45
 μαιμώνωντες Ἄρηι· πολὺς δ' ἐστείνετο χῶρος.
 πᾶν πεδίον δ' ἀπάνευθεν ἐλάμπετο τεύχεσι φωτῶν
 ἡελίου καθύπερθεν ἀπείριτα μαρμαίροντος·
 οἶον δὲ νέφος εἴσι δι' ἠέρος ἀπλήτοιο
 πνοιῆσιν μεγάλῃσιν ἐλαυνόμενον Βορέας, 50
 ἦμος δὴ νιφετός τε πέλει καὶ χείματος ὥρη
 ἀργαλή, πάντῃ δὲ περιστέφει οὐρανὸν ὄρφνη·
 ὡς τῶν πλήθετο γαῖα συνερχομένων ἐκάτερθε
 νηῶν βαιὸν ἄπωθε· κόνις δ' εἰς οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν
 πέπτατ' ἀειρομένη· κανάχιζε δὲ τεύχεα φωτῶν, 55
 σὺν δὲ καὶ ἄρματα πολλὰ· διεσσύμενοι δ' ἐπὶ
 μῶλον

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Of her son's son. Then forth with eagle-speed
Afront of that high wall he rushed, his car
Drawn by the immortal horses of his sire.
As from the ocean-verge upsprings the sun
In glory, flashing fire far over earth—
Fire, when beside his radiant chariot-team
Races the red star Sirius, scatterer
Of woofullest diseases over men ;
So flashed upon the eyes of Ilium's host
That battle-eager hero, Achilles' son.
Onward they whirled him, those immortal steeds,
The which, when now he longed to chase the foe
Back from the ships, Automedon, who went
To rein them for his father, brought to him.
With joy that pair bore battleward their lord,
So like to Aeacus' son, their deathless hearts
Held him no worser than Achilles' self.
Laughing for glee the Argives gathered round
The might resistless of Neoptolemus,
Eager for fight as wasps [whose woodland bower
The axe] hath shaken, who dart swarming forth
Furious to sting the woodman : round their nest
Long eddying, they torment all passers by ;
So streamed they forth from galley and from wall
Burning for fight, and that wide space was thronged,
And all the plain far blazed with armour-sheen,
As shone from heaven's vault the sun thereon.
As flees the cloud-rack through the welkin wide
Scourged onward by the North-wind's Titan blasts,
When winter-tide and snow are hard at hand,
And darkness overpalls the firmament ;
So with their thronging squadrons was the earth
Covered before the ships. To heaven uprolled,
Dust hung on hovering wings : men's armour
clashed ;
Rattled a thousand chariots ; horses neighed

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ἵπποι ἐπεχρεμέτιζον· ἐὴ δ' ἐκέλευεν ἕκαστον
ἀλκὴ ἀνιερῆν ἐς φύλοπιν ὀτρύνουσα.

Ὡς δ' ὅτε κύματα μακρὰ δύο κλονέουσιν ἀῆται
σμερδαλέον βρομέοντες ἀνὰ πλατὺ χεῦμα θα-
λάσσης

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ἔκποθεν ἀλλήλοισι περιρρηγνύντες ἀέλλας,
ὀππότε χεῖμ' ἀλεγεινὸν ἀν' εὐρέα βένθεα πόντου
μαίνεται, ἀμαιμακέτη δὲ περιστένει Ἀμφιτρίτη
κύμασι λευγαλείοισι, τὰ δ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλα φέρονται
οὔρεσιν ἠλιβάτοισιν ἐοικότα, τῶν δ' ἀλεγεινὴ
ὀρτυμένων ἐκάτερθε πέλει κατὰ πόντον ἰωή·
ὥς οἳ γ' ἀμφοτέρωθεν ἐπ' Ἄρεα συμφορέοντο
σμερδαλέον μεμαῶτες· Ἔρις δ' ὀρόθυνε καὶ ἀλκή.
σὺν δ' ἔβαλον βροντῆσιν ἐοικότες ἢ στεροπῆσιν,
αἶ τε μέγα κτυπέουσι δι' ἠέρος, ὀππὸτ' ἀῆται
λάβροι ἐριδμαίνωσι, καὶ ὀππότε λάβρον ἀέντες
σὺν νέφεα ῥήξωσι Διὸς μέγα χωομένοιο
ἀνδράσιν, οἳ τ' ἐρίτιμον ὑπὲρ Θέμιν ἔργα κάμονται·
ὥς οἳ γ' ἀλλήλοισιν ἐπέχραον· ἔγχει δ' ἔγχος
συμφέρετ', ἀσπίδι δ' ἀσπίς, ἐπ' ἀνέρα δ' ἦεν ἀνὴρ.

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Πρῶτος δ' ὄβριμος υἱὸς εὐπτολέμου Ἀχιλῆος
δάμνατ' ἐν Μελανῆα καὶ ἀγλαὸν Ἀλκιδάμαντα
υἱας Ἀλεξινόμοιο δαΐφρονος, ὅς τ' ἐνὶ κοίλῃ
Καύνῳ ναιετάασκε διειδέος ἀγχόθι λίμνης
Ἴμβρω ὑπὸ νιφόντι παραὶ ποσὶ Ταρβήλοιο.
κτεῖνε δὲ Κασσάνδροιο θοὸν ποσὶ παῖδα Μένητα
ὄν τέκε διὰ Κρέουσα παρὰ προχοῆς ποταμοῖο
Λίνδου εὐρρείταο, μενεπτολέμων ὅθι Καρῶν
πεύρατα καὶ Λυκίης ἐρικύδεος ἄκρα πέλονται.
εἶλε δ' ἄρ' αἰχμητῆρα Μόρυν Φρυγίηθε μολόντα·
τῷ δ' ἄρ' ὁμῶς Πόλυβόν τε καὶ Ἴππομέδοντα
κατέκτα,

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On-rushing to the fray. Each warrior's prowess
Kindled him with its trumpet-call to war.

As leap the long sea-rollers, onward hurled
By two winds terribly o'er th' broad sea-flood
Roaring from viewless bournes, with whirlwind
blasts

Crashing together, when a ruining storm
Maddens along the wide gulfs of the deep,
And moans the Sea-queen with her anguished waves
Which sweep from every hand, uptowering
Like precipiced mountains, while the bitter squall,
Ceaselessly veering, shrieks across the sea ;
So clashed in strife those hosts from either hand
With mad rage. Strife incarnate spurred them on,
And their own prowess. Crashed together these
Like thunderclouds outlightening, thrilling the air
With shattering trumpet-challenge, when the blasts
Are locked in frenzied wrestle, with mad breath
Rending the clouds, when Zeus is wroth with men
Who travail with iniquity, and flout
His law. So grappled they, as spear with spear
Clashed, shield with shield, and man on man was
hurled.

And first Achilles' war-impetuous son
Struck down stout Melaneus and Alcidamas,
Sons of the war-lord Alexinomus,
Who dwelt in Caunus mountain-cradled, nigh
The clear lake shining at Tarbelus' feet
'Neath snow-capt Imbrus. Menes, fleetfoot son
Of King Cassandrus, slew he, born to him
By fair Creusa, where the lovely streams
Of Lindus meet the sea, beside the marches
Of battle-biding Carians, and the heights
Of Lycia the renowned. He slew withal
Morys the spearman, who from Phrygia came ;
Polybus and Hippomedon by his side

τὸν μὲν ὑπὸ κραδίην, τὸν δ' ἐς κληῖδα τυχήσας·
 δάμνατο δ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλον· ἐπέστενε δ' αἶα νέκυσσι
 Τρώων· οἱ δ' ὑπόεικον εἰκότες ἀυαλέοισι
 θάμνοισ, οὓς ὀλοοῖο πυρὸς κατεδάμνατ' αὐτμῆ 90
 ῥηιδίως ἐπιόντος ὀπωρινοῦ Βορέας·

ὥς τοῦ ἐπεσσυμένοιο κατηρείποντο φάλαγγες.

Αἰνεΐας δ' ἐδάμασσεν Ἀριστόλοχον μενεχάρμην
 πλήξας χερμαδίῳ κατὰ κράτος· ἐν δ' ἄρ' ἔθλασσε
 ὀστέα σὺν πήληκι· λίπεν δ' ἄφαρ ὀστέα θυμός. 95

Τυδεΐδης δ' Εὐμαιῶν ἔλεν θοόν, ὃς ῥά τ' ἔναιε
 Δάρδανον αἰπήεσσαν, ἵν' Ἀγχίσαο πέλονται
 εὐναί, ὅπου Κυθήρειαν ἐν ἀγκοίνησι δάμασσεν.
 ἐνθ' Ἀγαμέμνων κτεῖνεν εὖν Στράτον· οὐδ' ὅ γε

Θρήκην

ἵκετ' ἀπὸ πτολέμοιο, φίλης δ' ἐκὰς ἔφθιτο πάτρης. 100

Μηριόνης δ' ἐδάμασσε Χλέμον Πεισήνορος νῆα
 ἀντιθέου Γλαύκοιο φίλον καὶ πιστὸν ἑταῖρον,
 ὃς ῥά τε ναιετάασκε παρὰ προχοῆς Λιμυροῖο,
 καὶ ῥά μιν ὡς βασιλῆα περικτίονες τίον ἄνδρες
 Γλαύκου ἀποκταμένοιο καὶ οὐκέτι κοιραλέοντος, 105
 πάντες, ὅσοι Φοῖνικος ἔδος περὶ πάγχυ νέμοντο
 αἰπύ τε Μασσικύτοιο ῥίου ῥωχμόν τε Χιμαίρης.

Ἄλλος δ' ἄλλον ἔπεφνε κατὰ μόθον· ἐν δ' ἄρα
 τοῖσιν

Εὐρύπυλος πολέεσσι κακὰς ἐπὶ κῆρας ἴαλλε
 δυσμενέσιν· πρῶτον δὲ μενεπτόλεμον κατέπεφνε 110
 Εὐρύτον, αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα Μενοίτιον αἰολομίτρην,
 ἀντιθέους ἐτάρους Ἐλεφήνορος· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα σφὶν
 Ἄρπαλον, ὃς ῥ' Ὀδυσῆος εὐφρονος ἔσκεν ἑταῖρος·
 ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν οὖν ἀπάτερθεν ἔχεν πόνον, οὐδ' ἐπαμύνειν
 ἔσθενεν ᾧ θεράποντι δεδουπότι· τοῦ δ' ἄρ' ἑταῖρος 115
 Ἄντιφος ὀβριμόθυμος ἀποκταμένοιο χολώθη,
 καὶ βάλεν Εὐρύπυλοιο καταντίον· ἀλλὰ μιν οὔτι
 οὔτασεν, οὔνεκά οἱ κρατερόν δόρυ τυτθὸν ἄπωθεν

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He laid, this stabbed to the heart, that pierced
between

Shoulder and neck : man after man he slew.
Earth groaned 'neath Trojan corpses ; rank on rank
Crumbled before him, even as parchèd brakes
Sink down before the blast of ravening fire
When the north wind of latter summer blows ;
So ruining squadrons fell before his charge.

Meanwhile Aeneas slew Aristolochus,
Crashing a great stone down on his head : it brake
Helmet and skull together, and fled his life.
Fleetfoot Eumaeus Diomedes slew ; he dwelt
In craggy Dardanus, where the bride-bed is
Whereon Anchises clasped the Queen of Love.
Agamemnon smote down Stratus : unto Thrace
Returned he not from war, but died far off
From his dear fatherland. And Meriones
Struck Chlemus down, Peisenor's son, the friend
Of god-like Glaucus, and his comrade leal,
Who by Limurus' outfall dwelt : the folk
Honoured him as their king, when reigned no more
Glaucus, in battle slain,—all who abode
Around Phoenice's towers, and by the crest
Of Massicytus, and Chimaera's glen.

So man slew man in fight ; but more than all
Eurypylus hurled doom on many a foe.
First slew he battle-bider Eurytus,
Menoetius of the glancing taslet next,
Elephenor's godlike comrades. Fell with these
Harpalus, wise Odysseus' warrior-friend ;
But in the fight afar that hero toiled,
And might not aid his fallen henchman : yet
Fierce Antiphus for that slain man was wroth,
And hurled his spear against Eurypylus,
Yet touched him not ; the strong shaft glanced
aside,

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ἔμπεσε Μειλανιωνι δαΐφρονι, τόν ποτε μήτηρ
 γείνατο παρ προχοῆσιν εὐρρείταιο Καΐκου 120
 Κλείτη καλλιπάρηος ὑποδμηθεῖς Ἐρυλάω.

Εὐρύπυλος δ' ἐτάριοιο χολωσάμενος κταμένοιο
 Ἄντιφω αἰψ' ἐπόρουσεν· ὁ δ' ἔκφυγε ποσσὶ θοοῖσιν
 ἐς πληθὺν ἐτάρων· κρατερόν δέ μιν οὔτι δάμασσεν
 ἔγχος Τηλεφίδαο δαΐφρονος, οὔνεκ' ἔμελλεν 125

ἀργαλέως ὀλέεσθαι ὑπ' ἀνδροφόνοιο Κύκλωπος
 ὕστερον· ὥς γάρ που στυγερῇ ἐπιήνδανε Μοίρη.

Εὐρύπυλος δ' ἐτέρωθεν ἐπώχετο· τοῦ δ' ὑπὸ δουρὶ
 αἰὲν ἐπεσσυμένοιο κατήριπε πουλὺς ὄμιλος·
 ἢ ὅτε δένδρεα μακρὰ βίη δμηθέντα σιδήρου 130

οὔρεσιν ἐν λασίοισιν ἀνατλήσωσι φάραγγας
 κεκλιμέν' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλα κατὰ χθονός· ὥς ἄρ'

Ἄχαιοι

δάμναντ' Εὐρυπύλοιο δαΐφρονος ἐγχείησι,
 μέσφ' ὅτε οἱ κίεν ἅντα μέγα φρονέων ἐνὶ θυμῷ
 υἱὸς Ἀχιλλῆος. τῷ δ' ἄμφω δούρατα μακρὰ 135

ἐν παλάμησι τίνασσον ἐπὶ σφισι μαιμώνωντες·
 Εὐρύπυλος δέ ἐ πρῶτος ἀνειρόμενος προσέειπε·
 “ τίς πόθεν εἰλήλουθας ἐναντίον ἄμμι μάχεσθαι;
 ἢ σε πρὸς Ἀΐδα Κῆρες ἀμείλικτοι φορέουσιν·
 οὐ γάρ τίς μ' ὑπάλυξεν ἐν ἀργαλέῃ ὕσμίνῃ· 140

ἀλλὰ μοι ὅσσοι ἔναντα λιλαιόμενοι μαχέσασθαι
 δεῦρο κίον, πάντεσσι φόνον στονόεντ' ἐφέηκα
 ἀργαλέως, πάντων δὲ παρὰ Ξάνθοιο ῥέεθρα
 ὀστέα τε σάρκας τε κύνες διὰ πάντ' ἐδάσαντο.

ἀλλὰ μοι εἶπέ, τίς ἐσσι, τίνος δ' ἐπαγάλλεαι
 ἵπποις;” 145

“Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπεν Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμος υἱός·
 “ τίπτε μ' ἐπισπεύδοντα ποτὶ κλόνον αἱματόεντα
 ἐχθρὸς ἐὼν ὡς εἶτε φίλα φρονέων ἐρεεῖνεις
 εἰπέμεναι γενεήν, ἣν περ μάλα πολλοὶ ἴσασιν;
 υἱὸς Ἀχιλλῆος κρατερόφρονος, ὅς τε τοκῆα 150

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And pierced Meilanion battle-staunch, the son
Of Cleite lovely-faced, Erylaus' bride,
Who bare him where Caïcus meets the sea.
Wroth for his comrade slain, Eurypylus
Rushed upon Antiphus, but terror-winged
He plunged amid his comrades ; so the spear
Of the avenger slew him not, whose doom
Was one day wretchedly to be devoured
By the manslaying Cyclops : so it pleased
Stern Fate, I know not why. Elsewhither sped
Eurypylus ; and aye as he rushed on
Fell 'neath his spear a multitude untold.
As tall trees, smitten by the strength of steel
In mountain-forest, fill the dark ravines,
Heaped on the earth confusedly, so fell
The Achaeans 'neath Eurypylus' flying spears—
Till heart-uplifted met him face to face
Achilles' son. The long spears in their hands
They twain swung up, each hot to smite his foe.
But first Eurypylus cried the challenge-cry ;
“ Who art thou ? Whence hast come to brave me
here ?

To Hades merciless Fate is bearing thee ;
For in grim fight hath none escaped mine hands ;
But whoso, eager for the fray, have come
Hither, on all have I hurled anguished death.
By Xanthus' streams have dogs devoured their flesh
And gnawed their bones. Answer me, who art
thou ?

Whose be the steeds that bear thee exultant on ? ”

Answered Achilles' battle-eager son :
“ Wherefore, when I am hurrying to the fray,
Dost thou, a foe, put question thus to me,
As might a friend, touching my lineage,
Which many know ? Achilles' son am I,
Son of the man whose long spear smote thy sire,

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σεῖο πάροιθ' ἐφόβησε βαλὼν περιμήκει δουρί·
καὶ νύ κέ μιν θανάτοιο κακαὶ περὶ Κῆρες ἔμαρψαν,
εἰ μὴ οἱ σπονδέοντα θοῶς ἰήσατ' ὄλεθρον.
ἵπποι δ', οἱ φορέουσιν, ἐμοῦ πατρὸς ἀντιθέοιο,
οὓς τέκεθ' Ἄρπυια Ζεφύρω πάρος εὐνηθεῖσα, 155
οἳ τε καὶ ἀτρύγετον πέλαγος διὰ ποσσὶ θέουσιν
ἀκρουυχὶ ψαύοντες, ἴσον δ' ἀνέμοισι φέρονται.
νῦν δ' ἐπεὶ οὖν γενεὴν ἐδάης ἵππων τε καὶ αὐτοῦ,
καὶ δόρατος πείρησαι ἀτειρέος ἡμετέροιο
γνώμεναι ἅντα βίην· γενεὴ δέ οἱ ἐν κορυφῆσι 160
Πηλίου αἰπεινοῖο, τομὴν ὅθι λείπε καὶ ὕλην.”
Ἦ ῥα καὶ ἐξ ἵππων χαμάδις θόρε κύδιμος ἀνὴρ
πᾶλλων ἐγχείην περιμήκετον· ὃς δ' ἐτέρωθεν
χερσὶν ὑπὸ κρατερῆσιν ἀπειρεσίην λάβε πέτρην,
καὶ ῥα Νεοπτολέμοιο κατ' ἀσπίδος ἦκε φέρεσθαι 165
χρυσείης. τὸν δ' οὔτι προσεσσυμένη στυφέλιξεν,
ἀλλ' ἄτε πρῶν εἰστήκει ἀπείριτος οὔρει μακρῶ,
τόν ῥα διπετέων ποταμῶν μένος οὐδ' ἅμα πάντων
ἀψ ὦσαι δύναται, ὁ γὰρ ἔμπεδον ἐρρίζωται·
ὥς μένεν ἄτρομος αἰὲν Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμος υἱός. 170
ἀλλ' οὐδ' ὥς τάρβησε θρασὺ σθένος Εὐρυπύλοιο
ἄσχετον υἱ' Ἀχιλλῆος, ἐπεὶ ῥά μιν ὀτρύνεσκε
θάρσος ἐὼν καὶ Κῆρες· ὑπὸ κραδίησι δὲ θυμὸς
ἔζεεν ἀμφοτέροισι· περὶ σφίσι δ' αἰόλα τεύχη
ἔβραχεν· οἱ δ' ἄτε θῆρες ἐπήεσαν ἀλλήλοισι 175
σμερδαλέοι, τοῖσιν τε κατ' οὔρεα δῆρις ἀέξει,
ὅπποτε λευγαλέω λιμῶ βεβολημένοι ἦτορ
ἦ βοὸς ἦ ἐλάφοιο περὶ κταμένου πονέωνται
ἄμφω παιφάσσοντες, ἐπικτυπέουσι δὲ βῆσαι
μαρναμένων· ὥς οἳ γε συνήεσαν ἀλλήλοισι 180
δῆριν συμφορέοντες ἀμείλιχον· ἀμφὶ δὲ μακραὶ
λαῶν ἀμφοτέρωθεν ἄδην πονέοντο φάλαγγες
ἐς μόθον· ἀργαλέη δὲ περὶ σφίσι δῆρις ὀρώρει.
οἱ δ' ἀνέμων ῥιπῆσιν εὐικότες αἰψηρηῆσι

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And made him flee—yea, and the ruthless fates
Of death had seized him, but my father's self
Healed him upon the brink of woeful death.
The steeds which bear me were my godlike sire's ;
These the West-wind begat, the Harpy bare :
Over the barren sea their feet can race
Skimming its crests : in speed they match the
winds.

Since then thou know'st the lineage of my steeds
And mine, now put thou to the test the might
Of my strong spear, born on steep Pelion's crest,
Who hath left his father-stock and forest there."

He spake ; and from the chariot sprang to earth
That glorious man : he swung the long spear up.
But in his brawny hand his foe hath seized
A monstrous stone : full at the golden shield
Of Neoptolemus he sped its flight ;
But, no whit staggered by its whirlwind rush,
He like a giant mountain-foreland stood
Which all the banded fury of river-floods
Can stir not, rooted in the eternal hills ;
So stood unshaken still Achilles' son.
Yet not for this Eurypylus' dauntless might
Shrank from Achilles' son invincible,
On-spurred by his own hardihood and by Fate.
Their hearts like caldrons seethed o'er fires of wrath,
Their glancing armour flashed about their limbs.
Like terrible lions each on other rushed,
Which fight amid the mountains famine-stung,
Writhing and leaping in the strain of strife
For a slain ox or stag, while all the glens
Ring with their conflict ; so they grappled, so
Clashed they in pitiless strife. On either hand
Long lines of warriors Greek and Trojan toiled
In combat : round them roared up flames of war.
Like mighty rushing winds they hurled together

σύν ῥ' ἔβαλον μελίησι μεμαότες αἶμα κεδάσσαι 185
 ἀλλήλων· τοὺς δ' αἰὲν ἐποτρύνεσκεν Ἐνυὼ
 ἐγγύθεν ἰσταμένη· τοὶ δ' οὐκ ἀπέληγον ὀμοκλήης,
 ἀλλὰ σφεας ἐδάϊζον ἐς ἀσπίδας, ἄλλοτε δ' αὐτε
 οὔταζον κνημίδας ἰδ' ὑψιλόφους τρυφαλείας·
 καὶ τις καὶ χροὸς ἤψατ', ἐπεὶ πόνος αἰνὸς ἔπειγε 190
 θαρσαλέους ἤρωας· Ἔρις δ' ἐπετέρπετο θυμῷ
 κείνους εἰσορόωσα· πολὺς δ' ἐξέρρεεν ἰδρῶς
 ἀμφοτέρων· οἱ δ' αἰὲν ἐκαρτύνοντο μένοντες·
 ἄμφω γὰρ μακάρων ἔσαν αἵματος· οἱ δ' ἀπ'
 Ὀλύμπου—

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οἱ μὲν γὰρ κύδαινον Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμον νῆα, 195
 οἱ δ' αὐτ' Εὐρύπυλον θεοειδέα· τοὶ δ' ἐκάτερθεν
 μάρναντ' ἀκμήτοισιν εἰδόμενοι σκοπέλοισιν
 ἠλιβάτων ὀρέων· μέγα δ' ἔβραχον ἀμφοτέρωθεν
 θεινόμεναι μελίησι θάμ' ἀσπίδες· ὄψε δὲ μακρῇ
 Πηλιᾶς Εὐρυπύλοιο διήλυθεν ἀνθρεῶνος 200
 πολλὰ πονησαμένη· τοῦ δ' ἔκχυτο φοίνιου αἶμα
 ἐσσυμένως· ψυχῇ δὲ δι' ἔλκεος ἐξεποτήθη
 ἐκ μελέων, ὅλοη δὲ κατ' ὀφθαλμῶν πέσεν ὄρφνη.
 ἤριπε δ' ἐν τεύχεσσι κατὰ χθονός, ἠὔτε βλωθρῇ
 ἢ πίτυς ἢ ἐλάτη κρυεροῦ Βορέας βίηφιν 205
 ἐκ ῥιζέων ἐριποῦσα· τόσην ἐπικάππεσε γαῖαν
 Εὐρυπύλοιο δέμας· μέγα δ' ἔβραχε Τρώιον οὔδας
 καὶ πεδίου· χλοερῇ δὲ θοῶς κατεχεύατο νεκρῷ
 ἀχροίῃ καὶ καλὸν ἀπημάλδυνεν ἔρευθος.
 τῷ δ' ἐπικαγχαλῶν μεγάλ' εὔχετο καρτερὸς ἤρωας 210
 “Εὐρύπυλ', ἢ που ἔφης Δαναῶν νέας ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτοὺς
 δηώσειν καὶ πάντας οἰζυρῶς ἀπολέσειν
 ἡμέας· ἀλλὰ σοὶ οὔτι θεοὶ τελέεσκον ἐέλδωρ,
 ἀλλ' ὑπ' ἐμοί σ' ἐδάμασσε καὶ ἀκάματόν περ
 ἔόντα

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With eager spears for blood of life athirst.
Hard by them stood Enyo, spurred them on
Ceaselessly : never paused they from the strife.
Now hewed they each the other's shield, and now
Thrust at the greaves, now at the crested helms.
Reckless of wounds, in that grim toil pressed on
Those aweless heroes : Strife incarnate watched
And gloated o'er them. Ran the sweat in streams
From either : straining hard they stood their ground,
For both were of the seed of Blessèd Ones.
From Heaven, with hearts at variance, Gods looked
down ;

For some gave glory to Achilles' son,
Some to Eurypylus the godlike. Still
They fought on, giving ground no more than rock.
Of granite mountains. Rang from side to side
Spear-smitten shields. At last the Pelian lance,
Sped onward by a mighty thrust, hath passed
Clear through Eurypylus' throat. Forth poured the
blood

Torrent-like ; through the portal of the wound
The soul from the body flew : darkness of death
Dropped o'er his eyes. To earth in clanging arms
He fell, like stately pine or silver fir
Uprooted by the fury of Boreas ;

Such space of earth Eurypylus' giant frame
Covered in falling : rang again the floor
And plain of Troyland. Grey death-pallor swept
Over the corpse, and all the flush of life
Faded away. With a triumphant laugh
Shouted the mighty hero over him :

“ Eurypylus, thou saidst thou wouldst destroy
The Danaan ships and men, wouldst slay us all
Wretchedly—but the Gods would not fulfil
Thy wish. For all thy might invincible,
My father's massy spear hath now subdued

πατρὸς ἐμοῖο μέγ' ἔγχος, ὅπερ βροτὸς οὔτις ἀλύξει 215
 ἡμῖν ἄντα μολῶν οὐδ' εἰ παγχάλκεος ἦεν."

Ἡ ῥα καὶ ἐκ νέκυσ περιμήκετον εἴρυσεν αἰχμὴν
 ἐσσυμένως· Τρῶες δὲ μέγ' ἔτρεσαν εἰσορόωντες
 ἀνέρα καρτερόθυμον· ὁ δ' αὐτίκα τεύχε' ἀπούρας 220
 δῶκε θεοῖς ἐτάροισι φέρειν ποτὶ νῆας Ἀχαιῶν·
 αὐτὸς δ' ἐς θεὸν ἄρμα θερῶν καὶ ἀτειρέας ἵππους
 ἦεν, οἷός τ' εἶσι δι' αἰθέρος ἀπλήτοιο
 ἐκ Διὸς ἀκαμάτοιο σὺν ἀστεροπῆσι κεραυνός,
 ὃν τε περιτρομέουσι καὶ ἀθάνατοι κατιόντα
 νόσφι Διὸς μεγάλοιο, ὁ δ' ἐσσύμενος ποτὶ γαίαν 225
 δένδρεά τε ῥήγνυσι καὶ οὔρεα παιπαλόεντα·
 ὡς ὁ θεὸς Τρῶεσσιν ἐπέσσυτο πῆμα κορύσσων·
 δάμνατο δ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλος, ὅσους κίχον ἄμβροτοι
 ἵπποι·

πλήθετο δὲ χθονὸς οὔδας, ἄδην δ' ἐρυθαίνεται λύθρῳ.
 ὡς δ' ὅτε μυρία φύλλα κατ' οὔρεος ἐν βήσσησι 230
 ταρφέα πεπτηῶτα χυτὴν κατὰ γαίαν ἐρέψῃ·
 ὡς Τρώων τότε λαὸς ἀάσπετος ἐν χθονὶ κείτο
 χερσὶ Νεοπτολέμοιο καὶ Ἀργείων ἐριθύμων,
 ὧν ἄπλετον μετὰ χερσὶν ὑπέρρεεν αἷμα κελαινὸν
 ἀνδρῶν ἠδ' ἵππων· μάλα δ' ἄντυγες ἀμφ' ὀχέεσσι 235
 κινύμεναι δεύοντο περὶ στροφάλιγξιν ἐῆσι.

Καί νύ κε Τρώιοι νῆες ἔσω πυλέων ἀφίκοντο,
 πόρτιες εὔτε λέοντα φοβεύμεναι ἢ σῦες ὄμβρον,
 εἰ μὴ Ἄρης ἀλεγεινὸς ἀρηγέμεναι μενεαίνων
 Τρωσὶ φιλοπτολέμοισι κατήλυθεν Οὐλύμποιο 240
 κρύβδ' ἄλλων μακάρων· φόρεον δέ μιν ἐς μόθον
 ἵπποι

Αἶθων καὶ Φλόγιος, Κόναβος δ' ἐπὶ τοῖσι Φόβος τε,
 τοὺς Βορέῃ κελάδοντι τέκε βλοσυρῶπις Ἐριννὺς

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Thee under me, that spear no man shall 'scape,
Though he be brass all through, who faceth me."

He spake, and tore the long lance from the corse,
While shrank the Trojans back in dread, at sight
Of that strong-hearted man. Straightway he stripped
The armour from the dead, for friends to bear
Fast to the ships Achaean. But himself
To the swift chariot and the tireless steeds
Sprang, and sped onward like a thunderbolt
That lightning-girdled leaps through the wide air
From Zeus's hands unconquerable—the bolt
Before whose downrush all the Immortals quail
Save only Zeus. It rusheth down to earth,
It rendeth trees and rugged mountain-crag ;
So rushed he on the Trojans, flashing doom
Before their eyes ; dashed to the earth they fell
Before the charge of those immortal steeds :
The earth was heaped with slain, was dyed with
gore.

As when in mountain-glens the unnumbered leaves
Down-streaming thick and fast hide all the ground,
So hosts of Troy untold on earth were strewn
By Neoptolemus and fierce-hearted Greeks,
Shed by whose hands the blood in torrents ran
'Neath feet of men and horses. Chariot-rails
Were dashed with blood-spray whirled up from the
tyres.

Now had the Trojans fled within their gates
As calves that flee a lion, or as swine
Flee from a storm—but murderous Ares came,
Unmarked of other Gods, down from the heavens,
Eager to help the warrior sons of Troy.
Red-fire and Flame, Tumult and Panic-fear,
His car-steeds, bare him down into the fight,
The coursers which to roaring Boreas
Grim-eyed Erinnys bare, coursers that breathed

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πῦρ ὄλοον πνεύοντας· ὑπέστενε δ' αἰόλος αἰθὴρ
 ἔσσυμένων ποτὶ δῆριν. ὁ δ' ὄτραλέως ἀφίκανεν 245
 ἐς Τροίην· ὑπὸ δ' αἶα μέγ' ἔκτυπε θεσπεσίοισιν
 ἵππων ἀμφὶ πόδεσσι· μολῶν δ' ἄγχιστα κυδοιμοῦ
 πῆλε δόρυ βριαρόν· μέγα δ' ἴαχε Τρωσὶ κελεύων
 ἀντιάαν δηίοισι κατὰ κλόνον· οἱ δ' αἶοντες
 θεσπεσίην ὄπα πάντες ἐθάμβεον· οὐ γὰρ ἴδοντο 250
 ἄμβροτον ἀθανάτοιο θεοῦ δέμας οὐδὲ μὲν ἵππους·
 ἦέρι γὰρ κεκάλυπτο· νόησε δὲ θέσκελον αὐδὴν
 ἔκποθεν αἰσσοῦσαν ἄδην εἰς οὐατα Τρώων
 ἀντιθέου Ἐλένοιο κλυτὸς νόος· ἐν δ' ἄρα θυμῷ
 γήθησεν καὶ λαὸν ἀπεσσύμενον μέγ' αὔτει· 255
 “ ἂ δειλοί, τί φέβεσθε φιλοπτολέμου Ἀχιλλῆος
 υἷα θαρσαλέον; θνητὸς νύ τίς ἐστι καὶ αὐτός,
 οὐδέ οἱ ἴσον Ἄρηι πέλει σθένος, ὃς μέγ' ἀρήγει
 ἡμῖν ἐελδομένοισι· βοᾷ δ' ὃ γε μακρὰ κελεύων
 μάρνασθ' Ἀργείοισι κατὰ κλόνον· ἀλλ' ἄγε θυμῷ 260
 τλῆτε φίλοι καὶ θάρσος ἐνὶ στήθεσσι βάλεσθε·
 οὐ γὰρ ἀμείονα Τρωσὶν οἶομαι ἄλλον ἰκέσθαι
 ἀλκτῆρα πτολέμοιο· τί γὰρ ποτὶ δῆριν Ἄρης
 λώιον, εὔτε βροτοῖσι κορυσσομένοις ἐπαμύνει;
 ὃς νῦν ἡμῖν ἵκανεν ἐπίρροθος· ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτοὶ 265
 μνήσασθε πτολέμοιο, δέος δ' ἀπὸ νόσφι βάλεσθε.”
 Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' ἴσταντο καταντίον Ἀργείοισιν·
 ἠὔτ' ἐνὶ ξυλόχοισι κύνες κατέναντα λύκοιο
 φεύγοντες τὸ πάροιθε βίην τρέψωσι μάχεσθαι
 ταρφέα μηλονόμοιο παροτρύνοντος ἔπεισιν· 270
 ὡς ἄρα Τρώιοι υἷες ἀνὰ μόθον αἶνον Ἄρης
 δείματος ἐκτὸς ἔσαν· κατὰ δ' ἀντίον ἀνέρος ἀνὴρ
 μάρνατο θαρσαλέως· περὶ δ' ἔκτυπεν ἔντεα φωτῶν
 θεινόμενα ξιφέεσσι καὶ ἔγχεσι καὶ βελέεσσι·
 αἰχμαὶ δ' ἐς χροῶα δύνον· ἐδεύετο δ' αἵματι πολλῷ 275
 δεινὸς Ἄρης· ὀλέκοντο δ' ἀνὰ μόθου ἄλλος ἐπ' ἄλλω
 μαρναμένων ἐκάτερθε· μάχη δ' ἔχεν ἴσα τάλαντα.

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Life-blasting flame : groaned all the shivering air,
As battleward they sped. Swiftly he came
To Troy : loud rang the earth beneath the feet
Of that wild team. Into the battle's heart
Tossing his massy spear, he came ; with a shout
He cheered the Trojans on to face the foe.
They heard, and marvelled at that wondrous cry,
Not seeing the God's immortal form, nor steeds,
Veiled in dense mist. But the wise prophet-soul
Of Helenus knew the voice divine that leapt
Unto the Trojans' ears, they knew not whence,
And with glad heart to the fleeing host he cried :
" O cravens, wherefore fear Achilles' son,
Though ne'er so brave ? He is mortal even as we ;
His strength is not as Ares' strength, who is come
A very present help in our sore need.
That was his shout far-pealing, bidding us
Fight on against the Argives. Let your hearts
Be strong, O friends : let courage fill your breasts.
No mightier battle-helper can draw nigh
To Troy than he. Who is of more avail
For war than Ares, when he aideth men
Hard-fighting ? Lo, to our help he cometh now !
On to the fight ! Cast to the winds your fears ! "

They fled no more, they faced the Argive men,
As hounds, that mid the copses fled at first,
Turn them about to face and fight the wolf,
Spurred by the chiding of their shepherd-lord ;
So turned the sons of Troy again to war,
Casting away their fear. Man leapt on man
Valiantly fighting ; loud their armour clashed
Smitten with swords, with lances, and with darts.
Spears plunged into men's flesh : dread Ares drank
His fill of blood : struck down fell man on man,
As Greek and Trojan fought. In level poise

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ὡς δ' ὀπότη' αἰζηοὶ μεγάλης ἀνὰ γουνὸν ἀλωῆς
 ὄρχατον ἀμπελόεντα διατμήξωσι σιδήρῳ
 σπερχόμενοι, τῶν δ' ἴσον ἀέξεται εἰς ἔριν ἔργον, 280
 οὔνεκ' ἴσοι τελέθουσιν ὀμηλικῆ τε βίῃ τε·
 ὡς τῶν ἀμφοτέρωθε μάχης ἀλεγεινὰ τάλαντα
 ἴσα πέλεν· Τρῶες γὰρ ὑπέρβιον ἐνθέμενοι κῆρ
 μίμνον ἀταρβήτοιο πεποιθότες Ἄρεος ἀλκῆ,
 Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἄρα παιδὶ μενεπτολέμου Ἀχιλῆος. 285
 κτείνουν δ' ἀλλήλους· ὅλοη δ' ἀνὰ μέσσον Ἐνυὼ
 στρωφᾶτ' ἀλγινόεντι λύθρῳ πεπαλαγμένη ὤμους
 καὶ χέρας· ἐκ δέ οἱ αἰνὸς ἀπὸ μέλεων ῥέεν ἰδρώς·
 οὐδ' ἐτέροισιν ἄμυνεν, ἴση δ' ἐπετέρπετο χάρμη
 ἀζομένη φρεσὶν ἧσι Θέτιν καὶ δῖον Ἄρηα. 290

Ἐνθα Νεοπτόλεμος τηλέκλειτον Περιμήδεα
 δάμναθ', ὃς οἰκί' ἔναιε παρὰ Σμινθήιον ἄλσος·
 τῷ δ' ἔπι Κέστρον ἔπεφνε μενεπτόλεμόν τε
 Φάληρον

καὶ κρατερόν Περίλαον εὐμμελίην τε Μενάλκην,
 ὃν τέκετ' Ἰφιάνασσα παρὰ ζάθεον πόδα Κίλλης 295
 τεχνήεντι Μέδοντι δαήμονι τεκτοσυνάων·
 ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν οἴκοι ἔμιμνε φίλην ἐνὶ πατρίδι γαίῃ·
 παιδὸς δ' οὐκ ἀπόνητο· δόμον δέ οἱ ἔργα τε πάντα
 χηρωσταὶ μετόπισθεν ἀποφθιμενοιο δάσαντο.
 Δηίφοβος δὲ Λυκῶνα μενεπτόλεμον κατέπεφνε 300
 τυτθὸν ὑπὲρ βουβῶνα τυχών· περὶ δ' ἔγχεϊ μακρῷ
 ἔγκατα πάντ' ἐχύθησαν· ὅλη δ' ἐξέσσυτο νηδύς.
 Αἰνείας δὲ Δύμαντα κατέκτανεν, ὃς τὸ πάροιθεν
 Αὐλίδα ναιετάασκε, συνέσπετο δ' Ἀρκεσιλάῳ
 ἐς Τροίην· ἀλλ' οὔτι φίλην πάλιν ἔδρακε γαίαν. 305
 Εὐρύαλος δ' ἐδάμασσε βαλὼν ἀλεγεινὸν ἄκοντα
 Ἄστραϊον· τοῦ δ' αἰψα διὰ στέρνοιο ποτήθη
 αἰχμῇ ἀνιηρή, στομάχου δ' ἀπέκερσε κελεύθους
 ἀνέρι κῆρα φέρουσα· μίγη δέ οἱ εἶδατα λύθρῳ.
 τοῦ δ' ἄρα βαιὸν ἄπωθεν ἔλεν μεγάλθυμος Ἀγῆνωρ 310

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The battle-balance hung. As when young men
In hot haste prune a vineyard with the steel,
And each keeps pace with each in rivalry,
Since all in strength and age be equal-matched ;
So did the awful scales of battle hang
Level : all Trojan hearts beat high, and firm
Stood they in trust on aweless Ares' might,
While the Greeks trusted in Achilles' son.
Ever they slew and slew : stalked through the
midst

Deadly Enyo, her shoulders and her hands
Blood-splashed, while fearful sweat streamed from
her limbs.

Revelling in equal fight, she aided none,
Lest Thetis' or the War-god's wrath be stirred.

Then Neoptolemus slew one far-renowned,
Perimedes, who had dwelt by Smintheus' grove ;
Next Cestrus died, Phalerus battle-staunch,
Perilaus the strong, Menalcas lord of spears,
Whom Iphianassa bare by the haunted foot
Of Cilla to the cunning craftsman Medon.
In the home-land afar the sire abode,
And never kissed his son's returning head :
For that fair home and all his cunning works
Did far-off kinsmen wrangle o'er his grave.

Deiphobus slew Lycon battle-staunch :
The lance-head pierced him close above the groin,
And round the long spear all his bowels gushed out.
Aeneas smote down Dymas, who erewhile
In Aulis dwelt, and followed unto Troy
Arcesilaus, and saw never more

The dear home-land. Euryalus hurled a dart,
And through Astraeus' breast the death-winged point
Flew, shearing through the breathways of man's life ;
And all that lay within was drenched with blood.
And hard thereby great-souled Agenor slew

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Ἴππομένην, Τεύκροιο δαΐφρονος ἐσθλὸν ἑταῖρον,
 τύψας ἐς κληΐδα θοῶς· σὺν δ' αἵματι θυμὸς
 ἔκθορον ἐκ μελέων· ὀλοή δέ μιν ἀμφεχύθη νύξ.
 Τεύκρω δ' ἔμπεσε πένθος ἀποκταμένου ἑτάριοιο,
 καὶ βάλεν ὠκὺν οἷστον Ἀγήνορος ἄντα τανύσσας· 315
 ἀλλὰ οἱ οὔτι τύχησεν ἀλευαμένου μάλα τυτθόν·
 ἔμπεσε δ' ἐγγὺς εἴοντι δαΐφροσι Δηιοφόντῃ
 λαιὸν ἐς ὀφθαλμόν, διὰ δ' οὔατος ἐξεπέρησε
 δεξιτεροῦ, γλήνην δὲ διέτμαγεν, οὔνεκα Μοῖραι
 ἀργαλέον βέλος ὥσαν ὄπη φίλον· ὃς δ' ἔτι ποσσὶν 320
 ὀρθὸς ἀνασκαίρεσκε· βαλὼν δ' ὅ γε δεῦτερον ἰὸν

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 λαιμῷ ἐπερροΐζησε· διέθρισε δ' αὐχένος ἵνας
 ἀντικρυς αἴξας· τὸν δ' ἀργαλήη κίχῃ Μοῖρα.

Ἄλλος δ' ἄλλω τεύχε φόνον· κεχάροντο δὲ
 Κῆρες

καὶ Μόρος, ἀλγινόεσσα δ' Ἔρις μέγα μαιμώωσα 325
 ἤϋσεν μάλα μακρόν, Ἄρης δὲ οἱ ἀντεβόησε
 σμερδαλέον, Τρώεσσι δ' ἐνέπνευσεν μέγα θάρσος,
 Ἄργείοισι δὲ φύζαν, ἄφαρ δ' ἐλέλιξε φάλαγγας.
 ἀλλ' οὐχ υἷα φόβησεν Ἀχιλλέος· ἀλλ' ὅ γε μίμνων
 μάρνατο θαρσαλέως, ἐπὶ δ' ἔκτανεν ἄλλον ἐπ'
 ἄλλω· 330

ὡς δ' ὅτε τις μυΐησι περὶ γλάγος ἐρχομένησι
 χεῖρα περιρρίψῃ κούρος νέος, αἰ δ' ὑπὸ πληγῇ
 τυτθῇ δαμνάμεναι σχεδὸν ἄγγεος¹ ἄλλοθεν ἄλλαι
 θυμὸν ἀποπνεύουσι, πάϊς δ' ἐπιτέρπεται ἔργω·
 ὡς ἄρα φαίδιμος υἱὸς ἀμειλίκτου Ἀχιλλῆος 335
 γήθεεν ἀμφὶ νέκυσσι καὶ οὐκ ἀλέγιζεν Ἄρης
 Τρωσὶν ἐποτρύνοντος· ἐτίνυτο δ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλον
 λαοῦ ἐπαΐσσοντος· ὅπως δ' ἀνέμοιο θυέλλας
 μίμνη ἐπεσσυμένας ὄρεος μεγάλοιο κολώνῃ,
 ὡς ἄρα μίμνεν ἄτρεστος· Ἄρης δὲ οἱ ἐμμεμαῶτι 340

¹ Zimmermann, ex P.

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Hippomenes, hero Teucer's comrade staunch,
With one swift thrust 'twixt shoulder and neck: his
soul

Rushed forth in blood; death's night swept over
him.

Grief for his comrade slain on Teucer fell;
He strained his bow, a swift-winged shaft he sped,
But smote him not, for slightly Agenor swerved.

Yet nigh him Deïophontes stood; the shaft
Into his left eye plunged, passed through the ball,
And out through his right ear, because the Fates
Whither they willed thrust on the bitter barbs.

Even as in agony he leapt full height,
Yet once again the archer's arrow hissed:
It pierced his throat, through the neck-sinews cleft
Unswerving, and his hard doom came on him.

So man to man dealt death; and joyed the Fates
And Doom, and fell Strife in her maddened glee
Shouted aloud, and Ares terribly
Shouted in answer, and with courage thrilled
The Trojans, and with panic fear the Greeks,
And shook their reeling squadrons. But one man
He scared not, even Achilles' son; he abode,
And fought undaunted, slaying foes on foes.
As when a young lad sweeps his hand around
Flies swarming over milk, and nigh the bowl
Here, there they lie, struck dead by that light touch,
And gleefully the child still plies the work;
So stern Achilles' glorious scion joyed
Over the slain, and recked not of the God
Who spurred the Trojans on: man after man
Tasted his vengeance of their charging host.
Even as a giant mountain-peak withstands
On-rushing hurricane-blasts, so he abode
Unquailing. Ares at his eager mood

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χάετο, καὶ οἱ ἔμελλεν ἐναντία δηριάασθαι
 αὐτὸς ἀπορρίψας ἱερὸν νέφος, εἰ μὴ Ἀθήνη
 ἔκποθεν Οὐλύμποιο θόρεν ποτὶ δάσκιον Ἰδην·
 ἔτρεμε δὲ χθῶν δία καὶ ἠχήμεντα ῥέεθρα
 Ξάνθου· τόσσον ἔσεισε· δέος δ' ἀμφέκλασε θυμὸν 345
 Νυμφάων, φοβέοντο δ' ὑπὲρ Πριάμοιο πόλῃος·
 τεύχεσι δ' ἀμβροσίοισι περὶ στεροπαὶ ποτέοντο·
 σμερδαλέοι δὲ δράκοντες ἀπ' ἀσπίδος ἀκαμάτοιο
 πῦρ ἄμοτον πνεῖσκον· ἄνω δ' ἔψαυε νέφεσσι
 θεσπεσίῃ τρυφάλεια. θεῶ δ' ἠμελλεν Ἄρηι 350
 μάρνασθ' ἔσσυμένως, εἰ μὴ Διὸς ἠὲ νόημα
 ἀμφοτέρους ἐφόβησεν ἀπ' αἰθέρος αἰπεινεῖο
 βροντήσας ἀλεγεινόν. Ἄρης δ' ἀπεχάζετο χάρμης·
 δὴ γάρ οἱ μέγαλοιο Διὸς διεφαίνετο θυμός·
 ἴκετο δ' ἐς Θρήκην δυσχείμερον, οὐδ' ἔτι Τρώων 355
 μέμβλετό οἱ κατὰ θυμὸν ὑπέρβιον· οὐδὲ μὲν ἐσθλὴ
 Παλλὰς ἔτ' ἐν πεδίῳ Τρώων μένεν, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτὴ
 ἴξεν Ἀθηναίων ἱερὸν πέδον. οἱ δ' ἔτι χάρμης
 μνώοντ' οὐλομένης· δεύοντο δὲ Τρώιοι υἴες
 ἀλκῆς· Ἀργεῖοι δὲ μέγ' ἰέμενοι πολέμοιο 360
 χαζομένοισιν ἔποντο κατ' ἴχνιον, ἠὲτ' ἀῆται
 νήεσιν ἔσσυμένης ὑπὸ λαίφεσιν εἰς ἀλὸς οἶδμα
 ὄβριμον, ἢ θάμνοισι πυρὸς μένος, ἢ κεμάδεσσι
 ὄτρηροὶ κατ' ὄρεσφι κύνες λεληημένοι ἄγρης·
 ὡς Δαναοὶ δηίοισιν ἐπήϊον, οὐνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτοὺς 365
 υἱὸς Ἀχιλλῆος μεγάλῳ δορὶ θαρσύνεσκε
 κτείνων ὃν κε κίχῃσι κατὰ κλόνον· οἱ δ' ἐπὶ φύζαν
 χασσάμενοι κατέδυσαν ἐς ὑψίπυλον πτολίεθρον.
 Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἄρα τυτθὸν ἀνέπνευσαν πολέμοιο
 ἔλσαντες Πριάμοιο κατὰ πτόλιν ἔθνεα Τρώων, 370
 ἄρνας ὅπως σταθμοῖσιν ἐπ' οἰοπόλοισι νομῆες·
 ὡς δ' ὀπὸτ' ἀμπνεῖωσι βόες μέγα κεκμηῶτες

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Grew wroth, and would have cast his veil of cloud
Away, and met him face to face in fight,
But now Athena from Olympus swooped
To forest-mantled Ida. Quaked the earth
And Xanthus' murmuring streams; so mightily
She shook them: terror-stricken were the souls
Of all the Nymphs, adread for Priam's town.
From her immortal armour flashed around
The hovering lightnings; fearful serpents breathed
Fire from her shield invincible; the crest
Of her great helmet swept the clouds. And now
She was at point to close in sudden fight
With Ares; but the mighty will of Zeus
Daunted them both, from high heaven thundering
His terrors. Ares drew back from the war,
For manifest to him was Zeus's wrath.
To wintry Thrace he passed; his haughty heart
Recked no more of the Trojans. In the plain
Of Troy no more stayed Pallas; she was gone
To hallowed Athens. But the armies still
Strove in the deadly fray; and fainted now
The Trojans' prowess; but all battle-fain
The Argives pressed on these as they gave ground.
As winds chase ships that fly with straining sails
On to the outsea—as on forest-brakes
Leapeth the fury of flame—as swift hounds drive
Deer through the mountains, eager for the prey,
So did the Argives chase them: Achilles' son
Still cheered them on, still slew with that great
spear

Whomso he overtook. On, on they fled
Till into stately-gated Troy they poured.

Then had the Argives a short breathing-space
From war, when they had penned the hosts of Troy
In Priam's burg, as shepherds pen up lambs
Upon a lonely steading. And, as when

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ἄχθος ἀνειρύσαντες ἄνω ποτὶ δύσβατον ἄκρην
 πυκνὸν ἀνασθμαίνοντες ὑπὸ ζυγόν· ὡς ἄρ' Ἀχαιοὶ
 ἄμπνεον ἐν τεύχεσσι κεκμηκότες. ἀμφὶ δὲ πύργους 375
 μάρνασθαι μεμαῶτες ἐκυκλώσαντο πόλῃα·

οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἐῆσι πύλῃσιν ἐπειρύσαντες ὀχῆας
 ἐν τείχεσσι ἐμιμνον ἐπεσσυμένων μένος ἀνδρῶν.
 ὡς δ' ὅτε μηλοβοτῆρες ἐνὶ σταθμοῖσι μένωσι
 λαίλαπα κυανέην, ὅτε χεΐματος ἡμαρ ἴκηται 380

λάβρον ὁμοῦ στεροπῆσι καὶ ὕδατι καὶ νιφάδεσσι
 ταρφέσιν, οἱ δὲ μάλ' οὔτι λιλαιόμενοί περ ἰκέσθαι
 ἐς νομὸν αἴσσουσιν, ἄχρισ μέγα λωφήσειε
 χεῖμα καὶ εὐρύποροι ποταμοὶ μεγάλα βρομέοντες·
 ὡς οἷ γ' ἐν τείχεσσι μένον τρομέοντες ὁμοκλῆν 385
 δυσμενέων· λαοὶ δὲ θοῶς ἐπέχυντο πόλῃι.

ὡς δ' ὅποτε ψῆρες τανυσίπτεροι ἢ κολιοὶ
 καρπῶ ἐλαϊνέῳ θαμέες περὶ πάγχυ πέσωσι
 βρώμης ἰέμενοι θυμηδέος, οὐδ' ἄρα τοὺς γε
 αἰζηοὶ βοοῶντες ἀποτρωπῶσι φέβεσθαι, 390

πρὶν φαγέειν, λιμὸς γὰρ ἀναιδέα θυμὸν ἀέξει·
 ὡς Δαναοὶ Πριάμοιο τὸτ' ἀμφεχέοντο πόλῃι
 ὄβριμοι· ἐν δὲ πύλῃσι πέσον μεμαῶτες ἐρύσσαι
 ἔργον ἀπειρέσιον κρατερόφρονος Ἐννοσιγαίου.

Τρῶες δ' οὐ λήθοντο μάχης μάλα περ δεδιῶτες, 395
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς πύργοισιν ἐφισταότες πονέοντο
 νωλεμές· ἰοὶ δ' αἰὲν εὐδμήτων¹ ἀπὸ τειχέων
 θρῶσκον ὁμῶς λάεσσι καὶ αἰγανέησι θοῆσι
 δυσμενέων ἐς ὄμιλον, ἐπεὶ σφισι τλήμονα Φοῖβος
 ἦκε βίην· ἔτι γὰρ οἱ ἀμύνειν ἤθελε θυμὸς 400
 Τρωσὶν εὐπτολέμοισι καὶ Ἔκτορος οἰχομένοιο.

Ἐνθ' ἄρα Μηριόνης στυγερὸν προέηκε βέλεμνον
 καὶ βάλε Φυλοδάμαντα φίλον κρατεροῖο Πολίτεω

¹ Zimmermann, for θεοδμήτων.

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After hard strain, a breathing-space is given
To oxen that, quick-panting 'neath the yoke,
Up a steep hill have dragged a load, so breathed
Awhile the Achaeans after toil in arms.
Then once more hot for the fray did they beset
The city-towers. But now with gates fast barred
The Trojans from the walls withstood the assault.
As when within their steading shepherd-folk
Abide the lowering tempest, when a day
Of storm hath dawned, with fury of lightnings, rain
And heavy-drifting snow, and dare not haste
Forth to the pasture, howsoever fain,
Till the great storm abate, and rivers, wide
With rushing floods, again be passable ;
So trembling on their walls they abode the rage
Of foes against their ramparts surging fast.
And as when daws or starlings drop in clouds
Down on an orchard-close, full fain to feast
Upon its pleasant fruits, and take no heed
Of men that shout to scare them thence away,
Until the reckless hunger be appeased
That makes them bold ; so poured round Priam's burg
The furious Danaans. Against the gates
They hurled themselves, they strove to batter down
The mighty-souled Earth-shaker's work divine.
Yet did the Troyfolk not, despite their fear,
Flinch from the fight : they manned their towers,
they toiled
Unresting : ever from the fair-built walls
Leapt arrows, stones, and fleet-winged javelins down
Amidst the thronging foes ; for Phoebus thrilled
Their souls with steadfast hardihood. Fain was he
To save them still, though Hector was no more.
Then Meriones shot forth a deadly shaft,
And smote Phylodamas, Polites' friend,

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τυτθὸν ὑπὸ γναθμοῖο· πάγη δ' ὑπὸ λαιμὸν οἷστός.
κάππεσε δ' αἰγυπιῶ ἐναλίγκιος, ὄν τ' ἀπὸ πέτρης 405
ἰῶ εὐγλώχινι βαλὼν αἰζηὸς ὀλέσση·

ὥς ὁ θεῶς πύργοιο κατήριπεν αἰπεινοῖο·
γυῖα δέ οἱ λίπε θυμός· ἐπέβραχε δ' ἔντεα νεκρῶ.
τῶ δ' ἐπικαρχαλῶν υἱὸς κρατεροῖο Μόλοιο
ἄλλον ἀφήκεν οἷστον ἐελδόμενος μέγα θυμῶ 410

υῖα βαλεῖν Πριάμοιο πολυτλήτοιο Πολίτην·
ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν αἰψ' ἀλέεινε παρακλίνας ἐτέρωσε
ὄν δέμας, οὐδέ οἱ ἰὸς ἐπὶ χροῶα καλὸν ἴαψεν·
ὥς δ' ὄθ' ἀλὸς κατὰ βένθος ἐπειγομένης νεὸς οὐρῶ
ναύτης παιπαλόεσσαν ἰδὼν ἐν χεύματι πέτρην 415

νῆα παρατρέψῃ λελιημένος ἐξυπαλύξαι
χειρὶ παρακλίνας οἰήιον, ἦχί ἐ θυμὸς
ὄτρύνει, τυτθὴ δὲ βίη μέγα πῆμ' ἀπερύκει·
ὥς ἄρ' ὅ γε προῖδὼν ὀλοὸν βέλος ἔκφυγε πόντον.

Οἱ δ' αἰεὶ μάρναντο· λύθρῳ δ' ἐρυθαίνετο τείχη 420
πύργοι θ' ὑψηλοὶ καὶ ἐπάλξιες, ἦχί τε Τρῶες
ιοῖσι κτείνοντο πολυσθενέων ὑπ' Ἀχαιῶν·
οὐδὲ μὲν οἷ γ' ἀπάνευθε πόνων ἔσαν, ἀλλ' ἄρα καὶ
τῶν

πολλοὶ γαῖαν ἔρευθον· ὀρώρει δ' αἰπὺς ὄλεθρος
βαλλομένων ἐκάτερθε· λυγρὴ δ' ἐπετέρπετ' Ἐννῶ 425
δῆριν ἐπικλονέουσα κασιγνήτη Πολέμοιο.

Καί νύ κε δὴ ῥήξαντο πύλας καὶ τείχεα Τροίης
'Αργεῖοι, μάλα γάρ σφιν ἀάσπετον ἔπλετο κάρτος,
εἰ μὴ ἄρ' αἰψ' ἐβόησεν ἀγακλειτὸς Γανυμήδης
οὐρανοῦ ἐκκατιδῶν· μάλα γὰρ περιδείδιε πάτρης· 430

“ Ζεῦ πάτερ, εἰ ἐτεόν γε τεῆς ἕξ εἰμι γενέθλης,
σῆσι δ' ὑπ' ἐννεσίησι λιπῶν ἐρικυδέα Τροίην¹
εἰμὶ μετ' ἀθανάτοισι, πέλει δέ μοι ἄμβροτος αἰών,
τῶ μεν νῦν ἐσάκουσον ἀκηχεμένου μέγα θυμῶ·
οὐ γὰρ τλήσομαι ἄστνυ καταϊθόμενον προσιδέσθαι 435

¹ Zimmermann, ex V. P.

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Beneath the jaw ; the arrow pierced his throat.
Down fell he like a vulture, from a rock
By fowler's barbèd arrow shot and slain ;
So from the high tower swiftly down he fell :
His life fled ; clanged his armour o'er the corpse.
With laughter of triumph stalwart Molus' son
A second arrow sped, with strong desire
To smite Polites, ill-starred Priam's son :
But with a swift side-swerve did he escape
The death, nor did the arrow touch his flesh.
As when a shipman, as his bark flies on
O'er sea-gulfs, spies amid the rushing tide
A rock, and to escape it swiftly puts
The helm about, and turns aside the ship
Even as he listeth, that a little strength
Averts a great disaster ; so did he
Foresee and shun the deadly shaft of doom.

Ever they fought on ; walls, towers, battlements
Were blood-besprent, wherever Trojans fell
Slain by the arrows of the stalwart Greeks.
Yet these escaped not scatheless ; many of them
Dyed the earth red : aye waxed the havoc of death
As friends and foes were stricken. O'er the strife
Shouted for glee Enyo, sister of War.

Now had the Argives burst the gates, had breached
The walls of Troy, for boundless was their might ;
But Ganymedes saw from heaven, and cried,
Anguished with fear for his own fatherland :
“ O Father Zeus, if of thy seed I am,
If at thine hest I left far-famous Troy
For immortality with deathless Gods,
O hear me now, whose soul is anguish-thrilled !
I cannot bear to see my fathers' town

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οὐδ' ἄρ' ἀπολλυμένην γενεὴν ἐν δημοτῆτι
 λευγαλή, τῆς οὐ τι χερείοτερον πέλει ἄλγος·
 σοὶ δὲ καὶ εἰ μέμονε κραδίη τάδε μηχανάασθαι,
 ἔρξον ἐμεῦ ἄπο νόσφιν· ἐλαφρότερον δέ μοι ἄλγος
 ἔσσεται, ἢν μὴ ἔγωγε μετ' ὄμμασιν οἴσιν ἴδωμαι· 440
 κείνο γὰρ οἴκτιστον καὶ κύντατον, ὅππότε πάτρην
 δυσμενέων παλάμησιν ἐρειπομένην τις ἴδηται.”

Ἡ ῥα μέγα στενάχων Γανυμήδεος ἀγλαὸν ἦτορ.
 καὶ τότε ἄρα Ζεὺς αὐτὸς ἀπειρεσίοις νεφέεσσι
 νωλεμέως ἐκάλυψε κλυτὴν Πριάμοιο πόλῃα· 445
 ἠχλύνθη δὲ μάχη φθισίμβροτος· οὐδέ τις ἀνδρῶν
 ἐξιδέειν ἐπὶ τείχος ἔτ' ἔσθενεν, ἦχι τέτυκτο·
 ταρφέσι γὰρ νεφέεσσι διηνεκέως κεκάλυπτο·
 ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα βρονταί τε καὶ ἀστεροπαὶ κτυπέοντο
 οὐρανόθεν. Δαναοὶ δὲ Διὸς κτύπον εἰσαΐοντες 450
 θάμβεον· ἐν δ' ἄρα τοῖσι μέγ' ἴαχε Νηλέος υἱός·
 “ ὦ κλυτοὶ Ἀργείων σημάντορες, οὐκέτι νῶν
 ἔσσεται ἔμπεδα γυῖα Διὸς μέγα θαρσαλέοισι
 Τρωσὶν ἀμύνοντος· μάλα γὰρ μέγα πῆμα κυλίνδει
 ἡμῖν· ἀλλ' ἄγε θᾶσσον ἐὰς ἐπὶ νῆας ἰόντες 455
 παυσώμεσθα πόνοιο καὶ ἀργαλέοιο κυδοιμοῦ,
 μὴ δὴ πάντα ἐνιπρήσῃ μάλα περ μενεαίνων.
 τοῦ νῦν μὲν τεράεσσι πιθώμεθα· τῷ γὰρ ἔοικε
 πάντα ἀεὶ πεπιθέσθαι, ἐπεὶ μάλα φέρτατός ἐστιν
 ἰφθίμων τε θεῶν ὀλιγοσθενέων τ' ἀνθρώπων· 460
 καὶ γὰρ Τιτῆνεσσι ὑπερφιάλοισι χολωθεὶς
 οὐρανόθεν κατέχευε πυρὸς μένος· ἢ δ' ὑπένερθε
 καίετο πάντοθε γαῖα, καὶ ὠκεανοῦ πλατὺ χεῦμα
 ἔξεεν ἐκ βυσσοῖο καὶ ἐς πέρατ' ἄχρισ ἰκέσθαι·
 καὶ ποταμῶν τέρσοντο ῥοαὶ μάλα μακρὰ ῥέοντων· 465
 δάμνατο δ' ὅππόσα φύλα φερέσβιος ἔτρεφε γαῖα
 ἠδ' ὅσα πόντος ἔφερβεν ἀπείριτος ἠδ' ὀπὸς ὕδωρ
 ἀενάων ποταμῶν· ἐπὶ δὲ σφισιν ἀσπετος αἰθῆρ
 τέφρῃ ὑπεκρύφθη καὶ λιγνύϊ· τείρετο δὲ χθών·
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In flames, my kindred in disastrous strife
Perishing : bitterer sorrow is there none !
Oh, if thine heart is fixed to do this thing,
Let me be far hence ! Less shall be my grief
If I behold it not with these mine eyes.
That is the depth of horror and of shame
To see one's country wrecked by hands of foes."

With groans and tears so pleaded Ganymede.
Then Zeus himself with one vast pall of cloud
Veiled all the city of Priam world-renowned ;
And all the murderous fight was drowned in mist,
And like a vanished phantom was the wall
In vapours heavy-hung no eye could pierce ;
And all around crashed thunders, lightnings flamed
From heaven. The Danaans heard Zeus' clarion peal
Awe-struck ; and Neleus' son cried unto them :
" Far-famous lords of Argives, all our strength
Palsied shall be, while Zeus protecteth thus
Our foes. A great tide of calamity
On us is rolling ; haste we then to the ships ;
Cease we awhile from bitter toil of strife,
Lest the fire of his wrath consume us all.
Submit we to his portents ; needs must all
Obey him ever, who is mightier far
Than all strong Gods, all weakling sons of men.
On the presumptuous Titans once in wrath
He poured down fire from heaven : then burned all
earth

Beneath, and Ocean's world-engirdling flood
Boiled from its depths, yea, to its utmost bounds :
Far-flowing mighty rivers were dried up :
Perished all broods of life-sustaining earth,
All fosterlings of the boundless sea, and all
Dwellers in rivers : smoke and ashes veiled
The air : earth fainted in the fervent heat.

τοὔνεκ' ἐγὼ δείδοικα Διὸς μένος ἡματι τῶδε. 470
 ἄλλ' ἴομεν ποτὶ νῆας, ἐπεὶ Τρώεσσι ἀρήγει
 σήμερον· αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα καὶ ἡμῖν κῦδος ὀρέξει·
 ἄλλοτε γάρ τε φίλη πέλει ἡώς, ἄλλοτε δ' ἐχθρή·
 καὶ δ' οὔπω δὴ μοῖρα διαπραθείειν κλυτὸν ἄστν,
 εἰ ἐτεὸν Κάλχαντος ἐτήτυμος ἔπλετο μῦθος 475
 τὸν ῥα πάρος κατέλεξεν ὀμηγερέεσσιν Ἀχαιοῖς
 δηῶσαι Πριάμοιο πόλιν δεκάτῳ ἐνιαυτῶ."

Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' ἀπάνευθε περικλυτὸν ἄστν
 λιπόντες

χασσαντ' ἐκ πολέμοιο Διὸς τρομέοντες ὀμοκλήν·
 ἀνέρι γὰρ πεπίθοντο παλαιῶν ἱστορι μύθων. 480
 ἄλλ' οὐδ' ὡς ἀμέλησαν ἀποκταμένων ἐνὶ χάρμῃ·
 ἀλλὰ σφεας τάρχυσαν ἀπὸ πτολέμου ἐρύσαντες·
 οὐ γὰρ δὴ κείνους νέφος ἄμφεχευ, ἀλλὰ πόληα
 ὑψηλήν καὶ τεῖχος ἀνέμβατον, ᾧ πέρι πολλοὶ
 Τρώων υἱες Ἄρηι καὶ Ἀργείων ἐδάμησαν. 485
 ἐλθόντες δ' ἐπὶ νῆας ἀρήια τεύχεα θέντο,
 καὶ ῥα κόνιν καὶ ἰδρῶτα λύθρον τ' ἀποφαι-
 δρύναντο

κύμασιν ἐμβεβαῶτες εὐρρόου Ἑλλησπόντου.

Ἡέλιος δ' ἀκάμαντας ὑπὸ ζόφον ἤλασεν ἵππους·
 νύξ δ' ἐχύθη περὶ γαῖαν, ἀπέτραπε δ' ἀνέρας
 ἔργων. 490

Ἀργεῖοι δ' Ἀχιλῆος εὐπτολέμου θρασὺν υἷα
 ἴσα τοκῆι τίεσκον· ὁ δ' ἐν κλισίησιν ἀνάκτων
 δαίνυντο καγχαλῶν· κάματος δέ μιν οὔτι βάρυνεν,
 οὔνεκά οἱ στονόεντα Θέτις μελεδήματα γυίων
 ἐξέλετ', ἀκμήτῳ δ' ἐναλίγκιον εἰσοράασθαι 495
 τεῦξεν· ὁ δ' ἐκ δόρποιο κορεσσάμενος κρατερὸν κῆρ
 ἐς κλισίην ἀφίκανεν ἐοῦ πατρός, ἔνθα οἱ ὕπνος

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Therefore this day I dread the might of Zeus.
Now, pass we to the ships, since for to-day
He helpeth Troy. To us too shall he grant
Glory hereafter ; for the dawn on men,
Though whiles it frown, anon shall smile. Not yet,
But soon, shall Fate lead us to smite yon town,
If true indeed was Calchas' prophecy
Spoken aforetime to the assembled Greeks,
That in the tenth year Priam's burg should fall."

Then left they that far-famous town, and turned
From war, in awe of Zeus's threatenings,
Harkening to one with ancient wisdom wise.
Yet they forgot not friends in battle slain,
But bare them from the field and buried them.
These the mist hid not, but the town alone
And its unscaleable wall, around which fell
Trojans and Argives many in battle slain.
So came they to the ships, and put from them
Their battle-gear, and strode into the waves
Of Hellespont fair-flowing, and washed away
All stain of dust and sweat and clotted gore.

The sun drave down his never-wearying steeds
Into the dark west : night streamed o'er the earth,
Bidding men cease from toil. The Argives then
Acclaimed Achilles' valiant son with praise
High as his father's. Mid triumphant mirth
He feasted in kings' tents : no battle-toil
Had wearied him ; for Thetis from his limbs
Had charmed all ache of travail, making him
As one whom labour had no power to tire.
When his strong heart was satisfied with meat,
He passed to his father's tent, and over him
Sleep's dews were poured. The Greeks slept in the
plain

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἀμφεχύθη· Δαναοὶ δὲ νεῶν προπάροιθεν ἴανον
αἰὲν ἀμειβόμενοι φυλακὰς· φοβέοντο γὰρ αἰνῶς,
Τρώων μὴ ποτε λαὸς ἢ ἀγχεμάχων ἐπικούρων 500
νῆας ἐνιπρήση, νόστου δ' ἀπὸ πάντας ἀμέρση.
ὥς δ' αὐτῶς Πριάμοιο κατὰ πτόλιν ἔθνεα Τρώων
ἀμφὶ πύλας καὶ τεῖχος ἀμοιβαδὸν ὑπνώεσκον
Ἄργείων στονόμεσαν ὑποτρομέοντες ὁμοκλήν.

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Before the ships, by ever-changing guards
Watched; for they dreaded lest the host of Troy,
Or of her staunch allies, should kindle flame
Upon the ships, and from them all cut off
Their home-return. In Priam's burg the while
By gate and wall men watched and slept in turn,
Adread to hear the Argives' onset-shout.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΕΝΝΑΤΟΣ.

Ἦμος δ' ἤνυτο νυκτὸς ἄπο κνέφας, ἔγρευτο δ' Ἠὼς
 ἐκ περάτων, μάρμαιρε δ' ἀπείριτον ἄσπετος αἰθήρ,
 δὴ τότε ἄρημοι νῆες εὖσθενέων Ἀργείων
 ἄμ πεδίον πάπταινον, ἴδοντο δὲ Ἰλίου ἄκρην
 ἀννέφελον, χθιζὸν δὲ τέρας μέγα θαυμάζεσκον. 5
 Τρῶες δ' οὐκέτ' ἔφαντο πρὸ τείχεος αἰπεινοῖο
 στήμεναι ἐν πολέμῳ· μάλα γὰρ δέος ἔλλαβε
 πάντας
 ζῶειν ἐλπομένους ἐρικυδέα Πηλείωνα.¹ 7a
 Ἀντήνωρ δ' ἐν τοῖσι θεῶν ἠρήσατ' ἄνακτι·
 “ Ζεῦ, Ἰδης μεδέων ἠδ' οὐρανοῦ αἰγλήεντος,
 κλυθί μευ εὐχομένοιο, καὶ ὄβριμον ἄνδρα πόλῃος 10
 τρέψον ἀφ' ἡμετέρης ὀλοὰ φρεσὶ μητιόωντα,
 εἴγ' ὅ γ' Ἀχιλλεύς ἐστι καὶ οὐ κίε δῶμ' Αἴδαο,
 εἴτε τις ἄλλος Ἀχαιὸς ἀλίγκιος ἀνέρι κείνῳ·
 λαοὶ γὰρ κατὰ ἄστνυ θεηγενέος Πριάμοιο
 πολλοὶ ἀποφθινύθουσι, κακοῦ δ' οὐ γίνετ' ἔρωή, 15
 ἀλλὰ φόνος τε καὶ οἶτος ἐπὶ πλεόν αἰὲν ἀέξει·
 Ζεῦ πάτερ, οὐδέ νυ σοί τι δαιῖζομένων ὑπ' Ἀχαιοῖς
 μέμβλεται, ἀλλ' ἄρα καὶ σὺ λελασμένος νῆος ἐοῖο
 Δαρδάνου ἀντιθέοιο μέγ' Ἀργείοισιν ἀρήγεις.
 ἀλλὰ σοὶ εἰ τόδε θυμὸς ἐνὶ κραδίῃ μενεαίνει, 20

¹ Verse inserted by Zimmermann, ex P.

BOOK IX

*How from his long lone exile returned to the war
Philoctetes*

WHEN ended was night's darkness, and the Dawn
Rose from the world's verge, and the wide air
glowed

With splendour, then did Argos' warrior-sons
Gaze o'er the plain; and lo, all cloudless-clear
Stood Ilium's towers. The marvel of yesterday
Seemed a strange dream. No thought the Trojans
had

Of standing forth to fight without the wall.
A great fear held them thralls, the awful thought
That yet alive was Peleus' glorious son.
But to the King of Heaven Antenor cried:
"Zeus, Lord of Ida and the starry sky,
Hearken my prayer! Oh turn back from our town
That battle-eager murderous-hearted man,
Be he Achilles who hath not passed down
To Hades, or some other like to him.
For now in heaven-descended Priam's burg
By thousands are her people perishing:
No respite cometh from calamity:
Murder and havoc evermore increase.
O Father Zeus, thou carest not though we
Be slaughtered of our foes: thou helpest them,
Forgetting thy son, godlike Dardanus!
But, if this be the purpose of thine heart

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Τρῶας ὑπ' Ἀργείοισιν οἷζυρῶς ἀπολέσσαι,
ἔρξον ἄφαρ, μηδ' ἄμμι πολὺν χρόνον ἄλγεα τεύχε.”

Ἡ ῥα μέγ' εὐχόμενος· τοῦ δ' ἔκλυεν οὐρανῷθι
Ζεὺς·

καὶ τὸ μὲν αἰψ' ἐτέλεσσε, τὸ δ' οὐκ ἤμελλε
τελέσσειν·

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δὴ γάρ οἱ κατένευσεν, ὅπως ἀπὸ πολλοὶ ὄλωνται
Τρῶες ὁμῶς τεκέεσσι, δαΐφρονα δ' υἷ' Ἀχιλλῆος
τρεψέμεν οὐ κατένευσεν ἀπ' εὐρυχόροιο πόλης,
ἀλλὰ ἐ μᾶλλον ἔγειρεν, ἐπεὶ νύ ἐ θυμὸς ἀνώγει
ἦρα φέρειν καὶ κῦδος εὐφροσι Νηρηίην.

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Καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ὄρμαινε θεῶν μέγα φέρτατος
ἄλλων.

μεσσηγὺς δὲ πόλης ἰδ' εὐρέος Ἑλλησπόντου
Ἀργεῖοι καὶ Τρῶες ἀποκταμένους ἐνὶ χάρμη
καίον ὁμῶς ἵπποισι· μάχη δ' ἐπέπαυτο φόνοιο,
οὔνεκα δὴ Πριάμοιο βίη κήρυκα Μενόιτην
εἰς Ἀγαμέμνονα πέμψε καὶ ἄλλους πάντας
Ἀχαιοὺς

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λισσόμενος νέκυας πυρὶ καίεμεν· οἱ δ' ἐπίθοντο
αἰδόμενοι κταμένους· οὐ γάρ σφισι μῆνις ὀπηδεῖ.
ἦμος δὲ φθιμένοισι πυρὰς ἐκάμοντο θαμειάς,
δὴ τότε ἄρ' Ἀργεῖοι μὲν ἐπὶ κλισίας ἀφίκοντο,
Τρῶες δ' ἐς Πριάμοιο πολυχρύσοιο μέλαθρα,
ἀχνύμενοι μάλα πολλὰ δεδουπότος Εὐρυπύλοιο·
τὸν γὰρ δὴ τίεσκον ἴσον Πριάμοιο τέκεσσι·
τοὔνεκά μιν τάρχυσαν ἀποκταμένων ἐκὰς ἄλλων
Δαρδανίης προπάροιθε πύλης, ὅθι μακρὰ ῥέεθρα

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δινῆεις προΐησιν ἀεξόμενος Διὸς ὄμβρω.

Τιὸς δ' αὐτ' Ἀχιλλῆος ἀταρβέος ἵκετο πατρὸς
τύμβον ἐς εὐρώεντα· κύσειν δ' ὅ γε δάκρυα χεύων
στήλην εὐποίητον ἀποφθιμένοιο τοκῆος·
καὶ ῥα περιστενάχων τοῖον ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπε·

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That Argives shall destroy us wretchedly,
Now do it: draw not out our agony!"

In passionate prayer he cried; and Zeus from
heaven

Hearkened, and hasted on the end of all,
Which else he had delayed. He granted him
This awful boon, that myriads of Troy's sons
Should with their children perish: but that prayer
He granted not, to turn Achilles' son
Back from the wide-wayed town; nay, all the more
He enkindled him to war, for he would now
Give grace and glory to the Nereïd Queen.

So purposed he, of all Gods mightiest.
But now between the city and Hellespont
Were Greeks and Trojans burning men and steeds
In battle slain, while paused the murderous strife.
For Priam sent his herald Menoetes forth
To Agamemnon and the Achaean chiefs,
Asking a truce wherein to burn the dead;
And they, of reverence for the slain, gave ear;
For wrath pursueth not the dead. And when
They had lain their slain on those close-thronging
pyres,

Then did the Argives to their tents return,
And unto Priam's gold-abounding halls
The Trojans, for Eurypylus sorrowing sore:
For even as Priam's sons they honoured him.
Therefore apart from all the other slain,
Before the Gate Dardanian—where the streams
Of eddying Xanthus down from Ida flow
Fed by the rains of heaven—they buried him.

Aweless Achilles' son the while went forth
To his sire's huge tomb. Outpouring tears, he
kissed

The tall memorial pillar of the dead,
And groaning clasped it round, and thus he cried:

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

“χαίρε πάτερ καὶ ἔνερθε κατὰ χθονός· οὐ γὰρ
 ἔγωγε
 λήσομαι οἰχομένοιο σέθεν ποτὶ δῶμ' Αἰδαο·
 ὡς εἶθε ζῶν σε μετ' Ἀργείοισι κίχανον·
 τῷ κε τάχ' ἀλλήλοισι φρένας τερφθέντ' ἐνὶ θυμῷ
 Ἴλίου ἐξ ἱερῆς ληισσάμεθ' ἄσπετον ὄλβον·
 νῦν δ' οὔτ' ἄρ' σύ γ' ἐσεῖδες ἐὼν τέκος οὔτε σ' ἔγωγε 55
 εἶδον ζῶν ἐόντα λιλαιόμενός περ ἰδέσθαι.
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς σέο νόσφι καὶ ἐν φθιμένοισιν ἐόντος
 σὸν δόρυ καὶ τεὸν νῆα μέγ' ἐν δαὶ πεφρίκασι
 δυσμενέες, Δαναοὶ δὲ γεγηθότες εἰσορόωσι
 σοὶ δέμας ἠδὲ φυὴν ἐναλίγκιον ἠδὲ καὶ ἔργα.” 60
 “Ὡς εἰπὼν ἀπὸ θερμὸν ὀμόρξατο δάκρυ παρειῶν.
 βῆ δὲ θοῶς ἐπὶ νῆας ὑπερθύμοιο τοκῆος
 οὐκ οἶος· ἅμα γάρ οἱ ἴσαν δυοκαίδεκα φῶτες
 Μυρμιδόνων, Φοῖνιξ δ' ὁ γέρων μετὰ τοῖσιν
 ὀπήδει
 λυγρὸν ἀναστενάχων περικυδέος ἀμφ' Ἀχιλῆος. 65
 Νυξ δ' ἐπὶ γαῖαν ἴκανε, ἐπέσσυτο δ' οὐρανὸν
 ἄστρα·
 οἱ δ' ἄρα δορπήσαντες ἔλουθ' ὕπνον· ἔγρετο δ'
 Ἥως.
 Ἀργεῖοι δ' ἄρ' ἔδυσαν ἐν ἔντεσι· τῆλε δ' ἀπ' αὐτῶν
 αἰγλή μαρμαίρεσκεν ἐς αἰθέρα μέχρῃς ἰοῦσα·
 καὶ ῥα θοῶς ἔκτοσθε πυλάων ἐσσεύοντο 70
 πανσυδίῃ νιφάδεσσιν εἰκότες, αἴ τε φέρονται
 ταρφέες ἐκ νεφέων κρυερῇ ὑπὸ χείματος ὥρῃ·
 ὡς οἱ γ' ἐξεχέοντο πρὸ τείχεος, ὥρτο δ' αὐτῇ
 σμερδαλέῃ· μέγα δ' αἶα περιστεναχίζετ' ἰόντων.
 Τρῶες δ' εὐτ' ἐπύθοντο βοήν καὶ λαὸν ἴδοντο, 75
 θάμβησαν· πᾶσιν δὲ κατεκλάσθη κέαρ ἔνδον
 πότμον ὀιομένων· περὶ γὰρ νέφος ὡς ἐφαάνθη
 λαὸς δυσμενέων· κανάχιζε δὲ τεύχεα φωτῶν
 κινυμένων· ἄμοτον δὲ κονίσαλος ὥρτο ποδοῖν.
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“Hail, father! Though beneath the earth thou lie
In Hades’ halls, I shall forget thee not.
Oh to have met thee living mid the host!
Then of each other had our souls had joy,
Then of her wealth had we spoiled Ilium.
But now, thou hast not seen thy child, nor I
Seen thee, who yearned to look on thee in life.
Yet, though thou be afar amidst the dead,
Thy spear, thy son, have made thy foes to quail;
And Danaans with exceeding joy behold
One like to thee in stature, fame and deeds.”

He spake, and wiped the hot tears from his face;
And to his father’s ships passed swiftly thence:
With him went Myrmidon warriors two and ten,
And white-haired Phoenix followed on with these
Woefully sighing for the glorious dead.

Night rose o’er earth, the stars flashed out in
heaven;

So these brake bread, and slept till woke the Dawn.
Then the Greeks donned their armour: flashed afar
Its splendour up to the very firmament.

Forth of their gates in one great throng they
poured,

Like snowflakes thick and fast, which drift adown
Heavily from the clouds in winter’s cold;
So streamed they forth before the wall, and rose
Their dread shout: groaned the deep earth ’neath
their tramp.

The Trojans heard that shout, and saw that host,
And marvelled. Crushed with fear were all their
hearts

Foreboding doom; for like a huge cloud seemed
That throng of foes: with clashing arms they came:
Volumed and vast the dust rose ’neath their feet.

καὶ τότε ἄρ' ἠὲ θεῶν τις ὑπὸ φρένας ἔμβαλε
θάρος

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Δηφόβῳ καὶ θῆκε μάλ' ἄτρομον, ἠὲ καὶ αὐτοῦ
θυμὸς ἐποτρύνεσκε ποτὶ κλόνον, ὄφρ' ἀπὸ πάτρης
δυσμενέων ἀλεγεινὸν ὑπ' ἔγχεϊ λαὸν ἐλάσση·
θαρσαλέον δ' ἄρα μῦθον ἐνὶ Τρώεσσιν ἔειπεν·

“ὦ φίλοι, εἰ δ' ἄγε θυμὸν ἀρήιον ἐν φρεσὶ θέσθε
μνησάμενοι, στονόεντος ὄσα πτολέμοιο τελευτῇ
ἄλγε' ἐπ' ἀνθρώποισι δορυκτῆτοισι τίθησιν·

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οὐ γὰρ Ἀλεξάνδροιο πέλει πέρι μῦνον ἄεθλος
οὐδ' Ἑλένης, ἀλλ' ἔστι περὶ πτόλιός τε καὶ αὐτῶν
ἠδ' ἀλόχων τεκέων τε φίλων γεραρῶν τε τοκῆων
πάσης τ' ἀγλαΐης καὶ κτήσιος ἠδ' ἐρατεινῆς

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γαίης, ἣ με δαμέντα κατὰ κλόνον ἀμφικαλύψοι
μᾶλλον, ἣ ἀθρήσαιμι φίλην ὑπὸ δούρασι πάτρην
δυσμενέων· οὐ γάρ τι κακώτερον ἔλπομαι ἄλλο
πῆμα μετ' ἀνθρώποισιν οἴζυροῖσι τετύχθαι.

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τοῦνεκ' ἀπωσάμενοι στυγερὸν δέος ἀμφ' ἐμὲ πάντες
καρτύνασθ' ἐπὶ δῆριν ἀμείλιχον· οὐ γὰρ Ἀχιλλεὺς
ζῶος ἔθ' ἡμῖν ἅντα μαχήσεται, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτὸν
πῦρ ὄλοον κατέδαψε· πέλει δέ τις ἄλλος Ἀχαιῶν,
ὃς νῦν λαὸν ἔγειρεν, ἔοικε δὲ μῆτ' Ἀχιλλῆα

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μήτε τιν' ἄλλον Ἀχαιὸν ὑποτρομέειν περὶ πάτρης
μαρναμένους· τῷ μή τι φεβώμεθα μῶλον Ἄρηος,
εἰ καὶ πολλὰ πάροιθεν ἀνέτλημεν μογέοντες·

ἠὲ οὐπω τότε οἶδατ' ἀνὰ φρένας, ὡς ἀλεγεινοῖς
ἀνδράσιν ἐκ καμάτοιο πέλει θαλίη τε καὶ ὄλβος,
ἐκ δ' ἄρα λευγαλέων ἀνέμων καὶ χείματος αἰνοῦ
Ζεὺς ἐπάγει μερόπεσσι δι' ἠέρος εὐδίων ἡμαρ,
ἐκ τ' ὄλοῆς νούσοιο πέλει σθένος, ἐκ τε μόθοιο
εἰρήνης· τὰ δὲ πάντα χρόνῳ μεταμείβεται ἔργα.”

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Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' ἔς Ἄρηα μεμαότες ἐντύναντο
ἔσσυμένως· καναχὴ δὲ κατὰ πτόλιν ἔπλετο πάντη

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Then—either did some God with hardihood thrill
Deiphobus' heart, and made it void of fear,
Or his own spirit spurred him on to fight,
To drive by thrust of spear that terrible host
Of foemen from the city of his birth.
So there in Troy he cried with heartening speech :
“ O friends, be stout of heart to play the men !
Remember all the agonies that war
Brings in the end to them that yield to foes.
Ye wrestle not for Alexander alone,
Nor Helen, but for home, for your own lives,
For wives, for little ones, for parents grey,
For all the grace of life, for all ye have,
For this dear land—oh may she shroud me o'er
Slain in the battle, ere I see her lie
'Neath foemen's spears—my country ! I know not
A bitterer pang than this for hapless men !
O be ye strong for battle ! Forth to the fight
With me, and thrust this horror far away !
Think not Achilles liveth still to war
Against us : him the ravening fire consumed.
Some other Achaean was it who so late
Enkindled them to war. Oh, shame it were
If men who fight for fatherland should fear
Achilles' self, or any Greek beside !
Let us not flinch from war-toil ! have we not
Endured much battle-travail heretofore ?
What, know ye not that to men sorely tried
Prosperity and joyance follow toil ?
So after scourging winds and ruining storms
Zeus brings to men a morn of balmy air ;
After disease new strength comes, after war
Peace : all things know Time's changeless law of
change.”

Then eager all for war they armed themselves
In haste. All through the town rang clangour of arms

μῶλον ἐς ἀλγινόεντα κορυσσομένων αἰζηῶν.
 ἔνθ' ἄρα τῷ μὲν ἄκοιτις ὑποτρομέουσα κυδοιμὸν
 ἔντε' ἀποιχομένῳ παρενήνεε δακρυχεοῦσα·
 τῷ δ' ἄρα νήπιοι νῆες ἐπειγόμενοι περὶ πατρὶ 115
 τεύχεα πάντα φέρεσκον· ὁ δὲ σφισιν ἄλλοτε μὲν

που

ἄχνητ' ὄδυρομένοις, ὅτε δ' ἔμπαλι μειδιάασκε
 παισὶν ἀγαλλόμενος· κραδίη δέ οἱ ἐν δαῖτ' μᾶλλον
 ὄρμαινεν πονέεσθαι ὑπὲρ τεκέων τε καὶ αὐτοῦ·
 ἄλλῳ δ' αὖτε γεραιὸς ἐπισταμένης παλάμησιν 120
 ἀμφετίθει μελέεσσι κακῆς ἀλκτῆρια χάρμης
 πολλὰ παρηγορέων φίλον νιέα, μηδενὶ εἵκειν
 ἐν πολέμῳ, καὶ στέρνα τετυμμένα δείκνυε παιδι
 ταρφέα σήματ' ἔχοντα παλαιῆς δημοτῆτος.

Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ μάλα πάντες ἐν ἔντεσι θωρήχθησαν, 125
 ἄστεος ἐξεχέοντο μέγ' ἰέμενοι πολέμοιο
 λευγαλέου· ταχέεσσι δ' ἐφ' ἰππήεσσι ὄρουσαν
 ἰππῆες· πεζοῖσι δ' ἐπέχραον ἔθνεα πεζῶν·
 ἄρμασι δ' ἄρμαθ' ἴκοντο καταντίον· ἔβραχε δὲ χθῶν
 ἐς μόθον ἐσσυμένων· ἐπαῦτε δ' οἷσιν ἕκαστος 130
 κεκλόμενος· τοὶ δ' αἰψα συνήιον· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα σφι
 τεύχε' ἐπεσμαράγησε· μίγη δ' ἐκάτερθεν αὐτῇ
 λευγαλή· τὰ δὲ πολλὰ θοῶς ποτέοντο βέλεμνα
 βαλλόμεν' ἀμφοτέρωθεν· ὑπ' ἔγχεσι δ' ἀσπίδες
 ἀνδρῶν

θεινόμεναι κτυπέεσκον ἀάσχετον αἰ δ' ὑπ' ἀκόντων 135
 καὶ ξιφέων· πολέες δὲ καὶ ἀξίνησι θοῆσιν
 ἀνέρες οὐτάζοντο· φορύνετο δ' ἔντεα φωτῶν
 αἵματι. Τρωιάδες δ' ἀπὸ τείχεος ἐσκοπίαζον
 αἰζηῶν στονόεντα μόθον· πάσῃσι δὲ γυῖα
 ἔτρεμεν εὐχομένησιν ὑπὲρ τεκέων τε καὶ ἀνδρῶν 140
 ἠδὲ κασιγνήτων· πολιοὶ δ' ἅμα τῆσι γέροντες

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As for grim fight strong men arrayed their limbs.
Here stood a wife, shuddering with dread of war,
Yet piling, as she wept, her husband's arms
Before his feet There little children brought
To a father his war-gear with eager haste ;
And now his heart was wrung to hear their sobs,
And now he smiled on those small ministers,
And stronger waxed his heart's resolve to fight
To the last gasp for these, the near and dear.
Yonder again, with hands that had not lost
Old cunning, a grey father for the fray
Girded a son, and murmured once and again :
“ Dear boy, yield thou to no man in the war ! ”
And showed his son the old scars on his breast,
Proud memories of fights fought long ago.

So when they all stood mailed in' battle-gear,
Forth of the gates they poured all eager-souled
For war Against the chariots of the Greeks
Their chariots charged ; their ranks of footmen
 pressed

To meet the footmen of the foe The earth
Rang to the tramp of onset ; pealed the cheer
From man to man ; swift closed the fronts of war.
Loud clashed their arms all round ; from either side
War-cries were mingled in one awful roar.
Swift-winged full many a dart and arrow flew
From host to host ; loud clanged the smitten shields
'Neath thrusting spears, neath javelin-point and
 sword :

Men hewed with battle-axes lightening down ;
Crimson the armour ran with blood of men.
And all this while Troy's wives and daughters
 watched

From high walls that grim battle of the strong.
All trembled as they prayed for husbands, sons,
And brothers : white-haired sires amidst them sat,

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ἔζοντ' εἰσορόωντες· ἔδον δ' ὑπὸ κήδεσι θυμὸν
 παίδων ἀμφὶ φίλων· Ἑλένη δ' ἐν δώμασι μίμνεν
 οἷη ἄμ' ἀμφιπόλοισιν· ἔρυκε γὰρ ἄσπετος αἰδώς.

Οἱ δ' ἄμοτον πονέοντο πρὸ τείχεος· ἀμφὶ δὲ Κῆρες 145
 γήθεον· οὐλομένη δ' ἐπαύτεεν ἀμφοτέροισι
 μακρὸν Ἔρις βοώσα· κόνις δ' ἐρυθαίνετο λύθρω
 κτεινομένων· ὀλέκοντο δ' ἀνὰ κλόνον ἄλλοθεν
 ἄλλος.

Ἐνθ' ἄρα Δηίφοβος κρατερὸν κτάνεν ἠνιοχῆα
 [Νέστορος,] Ἴππασίδην, ὃ δ' ἀφ' ἄρματος αἰψηροῖο 150
 ἤριπεν ἀμφὶ νέκυσσιν· ἄχος δὲ οἱ ἔσχεν ἄνακτα·
 δεΐδιδε γάρ, μὴ δὴ μιν ἐφ' ἠνία χεῖρας ἔχοντα
 υἱὸς εὖς Πριάμοιο κατακτείνησι καὶ αὐτόν·
 ἀλλὰ οἱ οὐκ ἀμέλησε Μελάνθιος· ἀλλ' ἐπὶ δίφρον
 ἄλτο θοῶς, ἵπποισι δ' ἐκέκλετο μακρὰ τινάσσω 155
 εὖληρ', οὐδ' ἔχε μᾶστιν, ἔλαυνε δὲ δούρατι θείων.
 καὶ τοὺς μὲν Πριάμοιο πάϊς λίπεν, ἴκετο δ' ἄλλων
 εἰς πληθύν· πολέεσσι δ' ὀλέθριον ὥπασεν ἡμαρ
 ἐσσυμένως· ὀλοῆ γὰρ ἀλίγκιος αἰὲν ἀέλλη
 θαρσαλέως δηίοισιν ἐπώχετο· τοῦ δ' ὑπὸ χερσὶ 160
 μυρίοι ἐκτείνοντο· πέδον δ' ἐστείνετο νεκρῶν.

Ὡς δ' ὄτ' ἀν' οὖρεα μακρὰ θορῶν εἰς ἄγκεια
 βήσσης
 δρυτόμος ἐγκονέων νεοθηλέα δάμναται ὕλην,
 ἀνθρακας ὄφρα κάμησι κατακρύψας ὑπὸ γαίαν
 σὺν πυρὶ δούρατα πολλά· τὰ δ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλα
 πεσόντα 165

πρῶνας ὑπερθε κάλυψαν, ἀνὴρ δ' ἐπιτέρπεται ἔργω·
 ὧς ἄρα Δηιφόβοιο θοῆς ὑπὸ χερσὶν Ἀχαιοὶ
 ἱλαδὸν ὀλλύμενοι περικάππεσον ἀλλήλοισι.
 καὶ ῥ' οἱ μὲν Τρώεσσιν ὀμίλεον, οἱ δ' ἐφέβοντο
 εὐρύν ἐπὶ Ξάνθοιο ῥόον· τοὺς δ' ὕδατος εἶσω 170
 Δηίφοβος συνέλασσε καὶ οὐκ ἀπέληγε φόνοιο·
 ὧς δ' ὀπότη' ἰχθυόεντος ἐπ' ἠόσις Ἑλλησπόντου

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And gazed, while anguished fear for sons devoured
Their hearts. But Helen in her bower abode
Amidst her maids, there held by utter shame.

So without pause before the wall they fought,
While Death exulted o'er them; deadly Strife
Shrieked out a long wild cry from host to host.
With blood of slain men dust became red mire:
Here, there, fast fell the warriors mid the fray.

Then slew Deiphobus the charioteer
Of Nestor, Hippasus' son: from that high car
Down fell he 'midst the dead; fear seized his lord
Lest, while his hands were cumbered with the reins,
He too by Priam's strong son might be slain.
Melanthius marked his plight: swiftly he sprang
Upon the car; he urged the horses on,
Shaking the reins, goading them with his spear,
Seeing the scourge was lost. But Priam's son
Left these, and plunged amid a throng of foes.
There upon many he brought the day of doom;
For like a ruining tempest on he stormed
Through reeling ranks. His mighty hand struck
down

Foes numberless: the plain was heaped with dead.

As when a woodman on the long-ridged hills
Plunges amid the forest-depths, and hews
With might and main, and fells sap-laden trees
To make him store of charcoal from the heaps
Of billets overturfed and set afire:
The trunks on all sides fallen strew the slopes,
While o'er his work the man exulteth; so
Before Deiphobus' swift death-dealing hands
In heaps the Achaeans each on other fell.
The charging lines of Troy swept over some;
Some fled to Xanthus' stream: Deiphobus chased
Into the flood yet more, and slew and slew.
As when on fish-abounding Hellespont's strand

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δίκτυον ἔξερύωσι πολύκμητοι ἀλιῆες
 κολπωθὲν ποτὶ γαῖαν, ἔσω δ' ἄλός εἰσέτ' ἔοντος
 ἐνθόρη αἰζήος γναμπτὸν δόρυ χερσὶ μεμαρπῶς 175
 αἶνον ἐπὶ ξιφίησι φέρειν φόνον, ἄλλοθε δ' ἄλλον
 δάμναται, ὃν κε κίχῃσι, φόνῳ δ' ἐρυθαίνεται ὕδωρ
 ὡς τοῦ ὑπαὶ παλάμησι περὶ Ξάνθοιο ῥέεθρα
 αἵματι φοινίχθησαν, ἐνεστείνοντο δὲ νεκροί.

Οὐδὲ μὲν οὐδ' ἄρα Τρῶες ἀναιμωτὶ πονέοντο, 180
 ἀλλὰ σφεας ἐδάϊζεν Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμος υἱὸς
 ἀμφ' ἄλλῃσι φάλαγξι· Θέτις δέ που εἰσορόωσα
 τέρπετ' ἐφ' υἱωνῶ, ὅσον ἄχλυτο Πηλείωνι·
 τοῦ γὰρ ὑπὸ μελίῃ πουλὺς στρατὸς ἐν κουίῃσι
 πίπτειν ὁμῶς ἵπποισιν· ὁ δ' ἐσπόμενος κεραΐζειν. 185

ἔνθ' Ἀμίδην ἐδάϊξε περικλυτὸν, ὅς ῥά οἱ ἵππῳ
 ἐζόμενος συνέκυρσε καὶ οὐκ ἀπόνητ' ἐρατεινῆς
 ἵππασίης· δὴ γάρ μιν ὑπ' ἔγχει τύψε φαεινῶ
 ἐς νηδύν· αἰχμὴ δὲ ποτὶ ῥάχιν ἐξεπέρησεν.
 ἔγκατα δ' ἐξεχύθησαν· ἔλεν δέ μιν οὐλομένη Κῆρ 190
 ἐσσυμένως ἵπποιο θοοῦ παρὰ ποσσὶ πεσόντα.
 εἶλε δ' ἄρ' Ἀσκάνιον τε καὶ Οἶνοπα· τὸν μὲν
 ἐλάσσας

δουρὶ μέγα στομάχοιο ποτὶ στόμα, τὸν δ' ὑπο
 λαιμόν,
 καίριος ἔνθα μάλιστα πέλει μόρος ἀνθρώποισιν.
 ἄλλους δ' ἔκτανεν αἰέν, ὅσους κίχε· τίς κεν ἐκείνους 195
 ἀνδρῶν μυθήσαιτο, κατὰ κλόνον ὅσσοι ὄλοντο
 χερσὶ Νεοπτολέμοιο; κάμεν δέ οἱ οὔποτε γυῖα·
 ὡς δ' ὀπότη' αἰζηῶν τις ἀγρῶ ἐνὶ τηλεθάοντι
 πᾶν ἦμαρ κρατερῆσι πονησάμενος παλάμησιν
 ἐς γαῖαν κατέχευεν ἀπείρονα καρπὸν ἐλαίης 200
 ῥάβδῳ ἐπισπέρχων, ἐκάλυψε δὲ χῶρον ὑπερθεν·
 ὡς τοῦ ὑπαὶ παλάμησι κατήριπε πουλὺς ὄμιλος.

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The fishermen hard-straining drag a net
Forth of the depths to land ; but, while it trails
Yet through the sea, one leaps amid the waves
Grasping in hand a sinuous-headed spear
To deal the sword-fish death, and here and there,
Fast as he meets them, slays them, and with blood
The waves are reddened ; so were Xanthus' streams
Impurpled by his hands, and choked with dead.

Yet not without sore loss the Trojans fought ;
For all this while Peleides' fierce-heart son
Of other ranks made havoc. Thetis gazed
Rejoicing in her son's son, with a joy
As great as was her grief for Achilles slain.
For a great host beneath his spear were hurled
Down to the dust, steeds, warriors slaughter-blent.
And still he chased, and still he slew : he smote
Amides war-renowned, who on his steed
Bore down on him, but of his horsemanship
Small profit won. The bright spear pierced him
through

From navel unto spine, and all his bowels
Gushed out, and deadly Doom laid hold on him
Even as he fell beside his horse's feet.
Ascanius and Oenops next he slew ;
Under the fifth rib of the one he drove
His spear, the other stabbed he 'neath the throat
Where a wound bringeth surest doom to man.
Whomso he met besides he slew—the names
What man could tell of all that by the hands
Of Neoptolemus died ? Never his limbs
Waxed weary. As some brawny labourer,
With strong hands toiling in a fruitful field
The livelong day, rains down to earth the fruit
Of olives, swiftly beating with his pole,
And with the downfall covers all the ground,
So fast fell 'neath his hands the thronging foe.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Τυδείδης δ' ἑτέρωθεν εὐμμελῆς τ' Ἀγαμέμνων
 ἄλλοι τ' ἐν Δαναοῖσιν ἀριστῆες πονέοντο
 προφρονέως ἀνὰ δῆριν ἀμείλιχον· οὐδὲ μὲν ἐσθλοῖς 205
 Τρώων ἡγεμόνεσσι δέος πέλεν, ἀλλὰ καὶ αὐτοὶ
 ἐκ θυμοῖο μάχοντο καὶ ἀνέρας αἰὲν ἔρुकον
 χαζομένους· πολέες γε μὲν οὐκ ἀλέγοντες ἀνακτων
 ἐκ πολέμοιο φέβοντο μένος τρομέοντες Ἀχαιῶν.

Ὅψ' δ' ἄρ' εἰσενόησε περὶ προχοῆσι Σκαμάν-
 δρου

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ὀλλυμένους Δαναοὺς κρατερὸς πάϊς Αἰακίδαο
 αἰὲν ἐπασσυτέρους· λίπε δ' οὖς πάρος αὐτόθ'
 ἔναιρε,

φεύγοντας ποτὶ ἄστν, καὶ Αὐτομέδοντι κέλευε
 κεῖσ' ἐλάαν, ὅθι πουλὺς ἐδάμνατο λαὸς Ἀχαιῶν.
 αὐτὰρ ὃ γ' αἰψ' ἐπίθησε καὶ ἀθανάτων μένος ἵππων 215
 σεύεσκεν μᾶστιγι ποτὶ κλόνον· οἱ δ' ἐπέτοντο
 ῥίμφα διὰ κταμένων κρατερὸν φορέοντες ἀνακτα.
 οἶος δ' ἐς πόλεμον φθισίμβροτον ἔρχεται Ἄρης
 ἐμβεβαῶς ἵπποισι, περιτρομέει δ' ἄρα γαῖα
 ἐσσυμένου, καὶ θεῖα περὶ στέρνοισι θεοῖο

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τεύχε' ἐπιβρομέουσιν ἴσον πυρὶ μαρμαίροντα·
 τοῖος Ἀχιλλῆος κρατεροῦ πάϊς ἦιεν ἄντην
 ἐσθλοῦ Δηιφόβοιο· κόνις δ' ἐπαείρετο πολλή
 ἵππων ἀμφὶ πόδεσσιν· ἰδὼν δέ μιν ἄλκιμος ἀνὴρ
 Αὐτομέδων ἐνόησεν, ὅτις πέλεν· αἰψα δ' ἀνακτι 225
 τοῖον ἔπος κατέλεξε περικλυτὸν ἄνδρα πιφάυσκων·
 “ὦ ἄνα, Δηιφόβοιο πέλει στρατός, ὅς τε¹ καὶ
 αὐτὸς

σεῖο πάροιθε τοκῆος ὑπέτρεμε· νῦν δέ οἱ ἐσθλὸν
 ἢ θεὸς ἢ δαίμων τις ὑπὸ κραδίην βάλε θάρσος.”

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· ὁ δ' ἄρ' οὔτι προσέννεπεν, ἀλλ' ἔτι
 μᾶλλον

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ἵππους ὀτρύνεσκεν ἐλαυνέμεν, ὄφρα τάχιστα

¹ Zimmermann, for ἠδὲ of MS.

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Elsewhere did Agamemnon, Tydeus' son,
And other chieftains of the Danaans toil
With fury in the fight. Yet never quailed
The mighty men of Troy: with heart and soul
They also fought, and ever stayed from flight
Such as gave back. Yet many heeded not
Their chiefs, but fled, cowed by the Achaeans'
 might.

Now at the last Achilles' strong son marked
How fast beside Scamander's outfall Greeks
Were perishing. 'Those Troyward-fleeing foes
Whom he had followed slaying, left he now,
And bade Automedon thither drive, where hosts
Were falling of the Achaeans. Straightway he
Harkened, and scourged the steeds immortal on
To that wild fray: bearing their lord they flew
Swiftly o'er battle-highways paved with death.

As Ares chariot-borne to murderous war
Fares forth, and round his onrush quakes the
 ground,

While on the God's breast clash celestial arms
Outflashing fire, so charged Achilles' son
Against Deiphobus. Clouds of dust upsoared
About his horses' feet. Automedon marked
The Trojan chief, and knew him. To his lord
Straightway he named that hero war-renowned:
"My king, this is Deiphobus' array—
'The man who from thy father fled in fear.
Some God or fiend with courage fills him now."

Naught answered Neoptolemus, save to bid
Drive on the steeds yet faster, that with speed

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ὄλλυμένοις Δαναοῖσιν ἀεικέα πότμον ἀλάλκοι.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ ῥ' ἀφίκοντο μάλα σχεδὸν ἀλλήλοισι,
 δὴ τότε Δηίφοβος μάλα περ χατέων πολέμοιο
 ἔστη, ὅπως πῦρ αἰνόν, ὅθ' ὕδατος ἐγγὺς ἴκηται· 235
 θάμβεε δ' εἰσορόων κρατερόφρονος Αἰακίδαο
 ἵππους ἠδὲ καὶ νῆα πελώριον, οὔτι τοκῆος
 μείονα. τοῦ δ' ἄρα θυμὸς ὑπὸ φρεσὶν ὀρμαίνεσκεν
 ἄλλοτε μὲν φεύγειν, ὅτε δ' ἀνέρος ἄντα μάχεσθαι·
 ὡς δ' ὅτε σὺς ἐν ὄρεσσι νεηγενέων ἀπὸ τέκνων 240
 θῶας ἀποσσεύησι, λέων δ' ἐτέρωθι φανείη
 ἔκποθεν ἐσσύμενος, τοῦ δ' ἴσταται ἄσπετος ὀρμῇ
 οὔτε πρόσω μεμαῶτος ἔτ' ἐλθέμεν οὔτ' ἄρ' ὀπίσσω,
 θήγει δ' ἀφριόωντας ὑπὸ γναθμοῖσιν ὀδόντας·
 ὡς υἱὸς Πριάμοιο σὺν ἄρμασι μίμνε καὶ ἵπποις 245
 πορφύρων φρεσὶ πολλὰ καὶ ἀμφαφῶν δόρυ χερσὶ.
 τὸν δ' υἱὸς προσέειπεν ἀμειλίκτου Ἀχιλλῆος·
 “ Πριαμίδη, τί νυ τόσσον ἐπ' Ἀργείοισι μέμνηνας
 χειροτέροις, οἳ σείο περιτρομέοντες ὀμοκλήν
 φεύγον ἐπεσσυμένοιο, σὺ δ' ἔλπεο πολλὸν ἄριστος 250
 ἔμμεναι; ἀλλὰ σοὶ εἶπερ ὑπὸ κραδίῃ μένος ἐστίν,
 ἡμετέρης πείρησαι ἀνὰ κλόνον ἀσχέτου αἰχμῆς.”
 “Ὡς εἰπὼν οἴμησε λέων ὡς ἄντ' ἐλάφοιο
 ἐμβεβαῶς ἵπποισι καὶ ἄρμασι πατρὸς ἐοῖο·
 καὶ νύ κέ μιν τάχα δουρὶ σὺν ἠνιόχῳ κατέπεφνε, 255
 εἰ μὴ οἳ μέλαν αἶψα νέφος κατέχευεν Ἀπόλλων
 ἔκποθεν Οὐλύμποιο καὶ ἐξ ὀλοοῖο μόθοιο
 ἤρπασε, καὶ μιν ἔθηκε ποτὶ πτόλιν, ἦχι καὶ ἄλλοι
 Τρῶες ἴσαν φεύγοντες· ὁ δ' ἐς κενεὴν δόρυ τύψας
 ἠέρα Πηλείδαο πάϊς ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπεν· 260
 “ ὦ κύον, ἐξήλυξας ἐμὸν μένος· οὐδὲ σοὶ ἀλκὴ
 ἰεμένῳ περ ἄλαλκε, θεῶν δέ τις, ὅς σ' ἐκάλυψε
 νύκτα βαλὼν καθύπερθε, καὶ ἐκ κακότητος
 ἔρυσσεν.”

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He might avert grim death from perishing friends.
But when to each other now full nigh they drew,
Deiphobus, despite his battle-lust,
Stayed, as a ravening fire stays when it meets
Water. He marvelled, seeing Achilles' steeds
And that gigantic son, huge as his sire ;
And his heart wavered, choosing now to flee,
And now to face that hero, man to man
As when a mountain boar from his young brood
Chases the jackals—then a lion leaps
From hidden ambush into view : the boar
Halts in his furious onset, loth to advance,
Loth to retreat, while foam his jaws about
His whetted tusks ; so halted Priam's son
Car-steeds and car, perplexed, while quivered his
hands

About the lance. Shouted Achilles' son :
“ Ho, Priam's son, why thus so mad to smite
Those weaker Argives, who have feared thy wrath
And fled thine onset ? So thou deem'st thyself
Far mightiest ! If thine heart be brave indeed,
Of my spear now make trial in the strife.”

On rushed he, as a lion against a stag,
Borne by the steeds and chariot of his sire.
And now full soon his lance had slain his foe,
Him and his charioteer—but Phoebus poured
A dense cloud round him from the viewless heights
Of heaven, and snatched him from the deadly fray,
And set him down in Troy, amid the rout
Of fleeing Trojans : so did Peleus' son
Stab but the empty air ; and loud he cried :
“ Dog, thou hast 'scaped my wrath ! No might of thine
Saved thee, though ne'er so fain ! Some God hath
cast
Night's veil o'er thee, and snatched thee from thy
death.”

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“Ὡς ἄρ’ ἔφη· δυοφερὸν δὲ νέφος καθύπερθε
Κρονίων

εὐτ’ ὁμίχλην διέχευε· λύθη δ’ εἰς ἡέρα μακρὴν· 265

αὐτίκα δ’ ἐξεφάνη πεδίον καὶ πᾶσα περὶ χθῶν.

Τρῶας δ’ εἰσενόησεν ἀπόπροθι πολλὸν ἔοντας
Σκαιῆς ἀμφὶ πύλῃσιν· ἔβη δ’ ἄρα πατρὶ εἰοικῶς
ἀντία δυσμενέων, οἳ μιν φοβέοντο κιόντα·

ἢ ὅτε κῦμ’ ἀλεγεινὸν ἐπεσσύμενον τρομέουσι 270

ναῦται, ὅ τ’ ἐξ ἀνέμοιο διεγρόμενον φορέηται

εὐρὺ μάλ’ ὑψηλὸν τε, μέμνηε δὲ λαίλαπι πόντος·

ὡς τοῦ ἐπερχομένοιο κακὸν δέος ἄμφεχε Τρῶας.

τοῖον δ’ ἐκφατο μῦθον ἐποτρύνων ἑτάροισι·

“κλύτε φίλοι καὶ θάρσος ἐνὶ στήθεσσι βάλεσθε 275

ἄτρομον, οἶον ἔοικε φορήμεναι ἀνέρας ἐσθλοὺς

νίκην ἰεμένους ἐρικυδέα χερσὶν ἀρέσθαι

καὶ κλέος ἐκ πολέμοιο δυσηχέος· ἀλλ’ ἄγε θυμὸν

παρθέμενοι πονεώμεθ’ ὑπὲρ μένος, εἰσόκε Τροίης

πέρσωμεν κλυτὸν ἄστυ καὶ ἐκτελέσωμεν ἐέλδωρ· 280

αἰδῶς γάρ, μάλα πολλὸν ἐπὶ χρόνον ἔνθα μέ-
νοντας

ἔμμεναι ἀπρήκτους καὶ ἀνάλκιδας, οἶα γυναῖκας·
τεθναίνην γὰρ μᾶλλον ἢ ἀπτόλεμος καλεοίμην.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ’ ἔτι μᾶλλον ἐς Ἄρεος ἔργον
ὄρουσαν

θαρσαλέως, Τρώεσσι δ’ ἐπέδραμον· οἱ δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ 285

προφρονέως μάρναντο περὶ πτόλιν, ἄλλοτε δ’ αὐτε

ἔντοσθεν πυλέων ἀπὸ τείχεος· οὐδ’ ἀπέληγε

δεινὸς Ἄρης, Τρώων μὲν ἐέλδομένων ἀπερῦξαι

δυσμενέων στρατὸν αἰνόν, εὐσθενέων δ’ Ἀργείων

ἄστυ διαπραθέειν· ὅλοη δ’ ἔχε πάντας οἰζύς. 290

Καὶ τότε δὴ Τρώεσσιν ἀρηγέμεναι μενεαίωνων

ἔκθορον Οὐλύμποιο καλυψάμενος νεφέεσσι

Λητοῖδης· τὸν δ’ αἶψα θοαὶ φορέεσκον ἄελλαι

τεύχεσι χρυσείοισι κεκασμένον· ἀμφὶ δὲ μακρὰι

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Then Cronos' Son dispersed that dense dark
cloud:

Mist-like it thinned and vanished into air:
Straightway the plain and all the land were seen.
Then far away about the Scaean Gate
He saw the Trojans: seeming like his sire,
He sped against them; they at his coming quailed.
As shipmen tremble when a wild wave bears
Down on their bark, wind-heaved until it swings
Broad, mountain-high above them, when the sea
Is mad with tempest; so, as on he came,
Terror clad all those Trojans as a cloak,
The while he shouted, cheering on his men:
"Hear, friends!—fill full your hearts with dauntless
strength,

The strength that well beseemeth mighty men
Who thirst to win them glorious victory,
To win renown from battle's tumult! Come,
Brave hearts, now strive we even beyond our
strength

Till we smite Troy's proud city, till we win
Our hearts' desire! Foul shame it were to abide
Long deedless here and strengthless, womanlike!
Ere I be called war-blencher, let me die!"

Then unto Ares' work their spirits flamed.
Down on the Trojans charged they: yea, and these
Fought with high courage, round their city now,
And now from wall and gate-towers. Never lulled
The rage of war, while Trojan hearts were hot
To hurl the foemen back, and the strong Greeks
To smite the town: grim havoc compassed all.

Then, eager for the Trojans' help, swooped down
Out of Olympus, cloaked about with clouds,
The son of Leto. Mighty rushing winds
Bare him in golden armour clad; and gleamed

μάρμαιρον κατιόντος ἴσον στεροπῆσι κέλευθοι· 295
 ἰμφί δέ οἱ γωρυτὸς ἐπέκτυπεν· ἔβραχε δ' αἰθῆρ
 θεσπέσιον καὶ γαῖα μέγ' ἴαχεν, εὖτ' ἀκάμαντας
 θῆκε παρὰ Ξάνθοιο ῥόον πόδας· ἐκ δ' ἐβόησε
 σμερδαλέον, Τρωσὶν δὲ θράσος βάλε, δεῖμα δ'

Ἀχαιοῖς

μίμνειν αἱματόεντα κατὰ κλόνον. οὐδ' Ἐνοσίχθων 300
 ὄβριμος ἠγνοίησε· μένος δ' ἐνέπνευσεν Ἀχαιοῖς
 ἤδη τειρομένοισι· μάχη δ' αἰδήλος ἐτύχθη
 ἀθανάτων βουλήσιν· ὄλοντο δὲ μυρία φύλα
 αἰζηῶν ἐκάτερθε. κοτεσσάμενος δ' ἄρ' Ἀπόλλων
 Ἀργείοις ὤρμαινε βαλεῖν θρασὺν υἱὸν Ἀχιλλῆος 305
 αὐτοῦ, ὅπου καὶ πρόσθεν Ἀχιλλέα· τοῦ δ' ἄρα
 θυμὸν

οἰωνοὶ κατέρυκον ἀριστερὰ κεκλήγοντες,
 ἄλλα τε σήματα πολλὰ· χόλος δέ οἱ οὐκέτ' ἔμελλε
 πείθεσθαι τεράεσσι· τὸ δ' οὐ λάθε Κυανοχαίτην·

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ἠέρι θεσπεσίῃ κεκαλυμμένος· ἀμφὶ δὲ ποσσὶ 310
 νισσομένοιο ἄνακτος ἐρεμνὴ κίνυτο γαῖα·
 τοῖον δ' ἔκφατο μῦθον ἐελδόμενός μιν ἐρύξαι·
 “ἴσχε κότον,¹ καὶ μήτι πελώριον υἱὸν Ἀχιλλῆος
 κτείνης· οὐδὲ γὰρ αὐτὸς Ὀλύμπιος ὄλλυμένοιο
 γηθήσει· μέγα δ' ἄλγος ἐμοὶ καὶ πᾶσι θεοῖσιν 315
 ἔσσεται εἰναλίοισιν, ὅπως πάρος ἀμφ' Ἀχιλλῆα·
 ἀλλ' ἀναχάζεο δῖον ἐς αἰθέρα, μή με χολώσης,
 αἶψα δ' ἀναρρήξας μεγάλης χθονὸς αἰπὺν βέρεθρον
 αὐτὴν Ἴλιον εἶθαρ εἰς ἅμα τείχεσι πᾶσαν
 θήσω ὑπὸ ζόφον εὐρύν· ἄχος δέ τοι ἔσσεται
 αὐτῶ.” 320

“Ὡς φάθ'· ὁ δ' ἀζόμενος μέγ' ἀδελφεὸν οἶο
 τοκῆος

δείσας τ' ἀμφὶ πόλης εὐσθενέων θ' ἅμα λαῶν

¹ Zimmermann, for τέκος, of MSS.

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With lightning-splendour of his descent the long
Highways of air. His quiver clashed ; loud rang
The welkin ; earth re-echoed, as he set
His tireless feet by Xanthus. Pealed his shout
Dreadly, with courage filling them of Troy,
Scaring their foes from biding the red fray.
But of all this the mighty Shaker of Earth
Was ware : he breathed into the fainting Greeks
Fierce valour, and the fight waxed murderous
Through those Immortals' clashing wills. Then died
Hosts numberless on either side. In wrath
Apollo thought to smite Achilles' son
In the same place where erst he smote his sire ;
But birds of boding screamed to left, to stay
His mood, and other signs from heaven were sent ;
Yet was his wrath not minded to obey
Those portents. Swiftly drew Earth-shaker nigh
In mist celestial cloaked : about his feet
Quaked the dark earth as came the Sea-king on.
Then, to stay Phoebus' hand, he cried to him :
“ Refrain thy wrath : Achilles' giant son
Slay not ! Olympus' Lord himself shall be
Wroth for his death, and bitter grief shall light
On me and all the Sea-gods, as erstwhile
For Achilles' sake. Nay, get thee back to heights
Celestial, lest thou kindle me to wrath,
And so I cleave a sudden chasm in earth,
And Ilium and all her walls go down
To darkness. Thine own soul were vexed thereat.”

Then, overawed by the brother of his sire,
And fearing for Troy's fate and for her folk,
To heaven went back Apollo, to the sea

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χάσσατ' ἐς οὐρανὸν εὐρύν, ὁ δ' εἰς ἄλα. τοὶ δ'
 ἐμάχοντο
 ἀλλήλους ὀλέκοντες, Ἔρις δ' ἐπετέρπετο χάρμη,
 μέσφ' ὅτε δὴ Κάλχαντος ὑπ' ἐννεσίησιν Ἀχαιοὶ 325
 ἐς νῆας χάσσαντο καὶ ἐξελάθοντο μόθοιο·
 οὐ γὰρ δὴ πέπρωτο δαμήμεναι Ἴλίου ἄστν,
 πρὶν γε Φιλοκτήταο βίην ἐς ὄμιλον Ἀχαιῶν
 ἐλθέμεναι πολέμοιο δαήμονα δακρυνέεντος.
 καὶ τὸ μὲν ἢ ἀγαθοῖσιν ἐπεφράσατ' οἰωνοῖσιν, 330
 ἢ ἐ καὶ ἐν σπλάγχνοισιν ἐπέδρακεν· οὐ γὰρ αἶδρις
 μαντοσύνης ἐτέτυκτο· θεὸς δ' ὡς ἦδεε πάντα.
 Τῷ πίσυνοι στονόεντος ἀποιχόμενοι πολέμοιο
 Ἀτρεΐδαι προέηκαν εὐκτιμένην ποτὶ Λῆμνον
 Τυδέος ὄβριμον νῆα μενεπτόλεμόν τ' Ὀδυσῆα 335
 νηὶ θεῷ. τοὶ δ' αἶψα ποτὶ πτόλιν Ἑφαιστοιο
 ἤλυθον Αἰγαίοιο διὰ πλατὺ χεῦμα θαλάσσης,
 Λῆμνον ἐς ἀμπελόεσσαν, ὅπη πάρος αἶνον ὄλεθρον
 ἀνδράσι κουριδίοισιν ἐμητίσαντο γυναῖκες
 ἔκπαγλον κοτέουσαι, ἐπεὶ σφεας οὔτι τίεσκον, 340
 ἀλλ' ἄρα δμωιάδεσσι παρευνάζοντο γυναιξὶ
 Θρηκίης, τὰς δουρὶ καὶ ἠνορέῃ κτεάτισσαν
 πέρθοντές ποτε γαῖαν ἀρηιφίλων Θρηϊκῶν·
 αἶ δὲ μέγα ζήλοιο περὶ κραδίησι πεσόντος
 θυμὸν ἀνοιδήσαντο, φίλους δ' ἀνὰ δώματ' ἀκοίτας 345
 κτεῖνον ἀνηλεγέως ὑπὸ χεῖρεσιν, οὐδ' ἐλέησαν
 κουριδίους περ ἐόντας· ἐπεὶ μέγα μαίνεται ἦτορ
 ἀνέρος ἠδὲ γυναικός, ὅτε ζηλήμονι νούσῳ
 ἀμφιπέσῃ· κρατεραὶ γὰρ ἐποτρύνουσιν ἀνῆαι·
 ἀλλ' αἶ γε σφετέροισιν ἐπ' ἀνδράσι πῆμ' ἐβάλοντο 350
 νυκτὶ μιῇ, καὶ πᾶσαν ἐχηρώσαντο πόλῃα
 παρθέμεναι φρεσὶ θυμὸν ἀταρβέα καὶ μέγα κάρτος.
 Οἱ δ' ὅτε δὴ Λῆμνον ζαθέην κίον ἠδὲ καὶ ἄντρον
 λαΐνεον, τόθι κείτο πάϊς Ποίαντος ἀγαυοῦ,

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Poseidon. But the sons of men fought on,
And slew ; and Strife incarnate gloating watched.

At last by Calchas' counsel Achaea's sons
Drew back to the ships, and put from them the
thought

Of battle, seeing it was not foreordained
That Ilium should fall until the might
Of war-wise Philoctetes came to aid
The Achaean host. This had the prophet learnt
From birds of prosperous omen, or had read
In hearts of victims. Wise in prophecy-lore
Was he, and like a God knew things to be.

Trusting in him, the sons of Atreus stayed
Awhile the war, and unto Lemnos, land
Of stately mansions, sent they Tydeus' son
And battle-staunch Odysseus oversea.
Fast by the Fire-god's city sped they on
Over the broad flood of the Aegean Sea
To vine-clad Lemnos, where in far-off days
The wives wreaked murderous vengeance on their
lords,

In fierce wrath that they gave them not their due,
But couched beside the handmaid-thralls of Thrace,
The captives of their spears when they laid waste
The land of warrior Thracians. Then these wives,
Their hearts with fiery jealousy's fever filled,
Murdered in every home with merciless hands
Their husbands : no compassion would they show
To their own wedded lords—such madness shakes
The heart of man or woman, when it burns
With jealousy's fever, stung by torturing pangs.
So with souls filled with desperate hardihood
In one night did they slaughter all their lords ;
And on a widowed nation rose the sun.

To hallowed Lemnos came those heroes twain ;
They marked the rocky cave where lay the son

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δὴ τότε ἄρα σφίσι θάμβος ἐπήλυθεν, εὖτ' ἐσίδοντο 355
 ἀνέρα λευγαλέησιν ἐπιστενάχοντ' ὀδύνησι
 κεκλιμένον στυφελοῖο κατ' οὔδεος· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ'
 αὐτῷ

οἰωνῶν πτερὰ πολλὰ περὶ λεχέεσσι κέχυντο·
 ἄλλα δέ οἱ συνέραπτο περὶ χροῖ, χείματος ἄλκαρ
 λευγαλέου· δὴ γάρ μιν ἐπὴν ἔλε λιμὸς ἀτερπῆς, 360
 βάλλεν ἀάσχετον ἰόν, ὅπη νόος ἰθύνεσκε·
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ἄρ' κατέδαπτε, [τὰ δὲ πτερὰ οἱ περι-
 βαλλε.

φύλλα δέ οἱ παρέκειτο, τά θ']¹ ἔλκεος οὐλομένοιο
 ἀμφετίθει καθύπερθε μελαίνης ἄλκαρ ἀνίης.
 ἀυαλέαι δέ οἱ ἀμφὶ κόμαι περὶ κρατὶ κέχυντο
 θηρὸς ὅπως ὀλοοῖο, τὸν ἀργαλέης δόλος ἄγρης 365
 μάρψῃ νυκτὸς ἰόντα θοοῦ ποδός, ὃς δ' ὑπ' ἀνάγκης
 τειρόμενος ποδὸς ἄκρον ἀταρτηροῖσιν ὀδοῦσι
 κόψας εἰς ἔδον ἄντρον ἀφίκεται, ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ κῆρ
 τείρει ὁμοῦ λιμὸς τε καὶ ἀργαλέαι μελεδῶναι·
 ὡς τὸν ὑπὸ σπέος εὐρὺ κακὴ περιδάμνατ' ἀνίη· 370
 καὶ οἱ πᾶν μεμάραντο δέμας, περὶ δ' ὀστέα μῶνον
 ῥινος ἔην, ὀλοὴ δὲ παρηίδας ἀμφέχυντ' αὐχμὴ
 λευγαλέου ῥυπόωντος· ἀνιηρὸν δέ μιν ἄλγος
 δάμνατο· κοῖλαι δ' ἔσκον ὑπ' ὀφρύσιν ἀνδρὸς
 ὀπωπαὶ

αἰνῶς τειρομένοιο· γόος δέ μιν οὔποτ' ἔλειπεν, 375
 οὐνεκά οἱ μέλαν ἔλκος, ἐς ὀστέον ἄχρις ἰκέσθαι,
 πυθόμενον καθύπερθε² λυγρὰ ὑπέρεπτον ἀνία.
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἐπὶ προβολῆσι πολυκλύστοιο θαλάσσης
 πέτρην παιπαλόεσσαν ἀπειρεσίης ἀλὸς ἄλμη
 δάμναθ' ὑποτμήγουσα μάλα στερεήν περ ἐοῦσαν, 380
 θεινομένης δ' ἄρα τῆς ἀνέμῳ καὶ χείματι λάβρῳ
 χηραμὰ κοιλαίνονται ὑποβρωθέντα θαλάσση·

¹ Zimmermann's suggested supplementum of lacuna.

² Zimmermann's punctuation and om. of δ' after λυγρὰ.

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Of princely Poëas. Horror came on them
When they beheld the hero of their quest
Groaning with bitter pangs, on the hard earth
Lying, with many feathers round him strewn,
And others round his body, rudely sewn
Into a cloak, a screen from winter's cold.
For, oft as famine stung him, would he shoot
The shaft that missed no fowl his aim had doomed.
Their flesh he ate, their feathers vested him.
And there lay herbs and healing leaves, the which,
Spread on his deadly wound, assuaged its pangs.
Wild tangled elf-locks hung about his head.
He seemed a wild beast, that hath set its foot,
Prowling by night, upon a hidden trap,
And so hath been constrained in agony
To bite with fierce teeth through the prisoned limb
Ere it could win back to its cave, and there
In hunger and torturing pains it languisheth.
So in that wide cave suffering crushed the man ;
And all his frame was wasted : naught but skin
Covered his bones. Unwashen there he crouched
With famine-haggard cheeks, with sunken eyes
Glaring his misery 'neath cavernous brows.
Never his groaning ceased, for evermore
The ulcerous black wound, eating to the bone,
Festered with thrills of agonizing pain.
As when a beetling cliff, by seething seas
Aye buffeted, is carved and underscooped,
For all its stubborn strength, by tireless waves,
Till, scourged by winds and lashed by tempest-flails,
The sea into deep caves hath gnawed its base ;

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ὡς τοῦ ὑπίχνιου ἔλκος ἀέξετο πυθομένοιο
 ἰοῦ ἄπο, στυφελοῖς τόν οἱ ἐνομόρξατ' ὀδοῦσι
 λυγρὸς ὕδρος, τόν φασιν ἀναλθέα τε στυγερόν τε 385
 ἔμμεναι, ὅπποτε μιν τέρση περὶ χέρσον ἴοντα
 ἠελίοιο μένος· τῷ καὶ μέγα φέρτατον ἄνδρα
 τεῖρε δυσαλθήτοισιν ὑποδηθέντ' ὀδύνησιν·
 ἐκ δέ οἱ ἔλκος αἰὲν ἐπὶ χθόνα λειβομένοιο
 ἰχώρος πεπάλακτο πέδον πολυχανδέος ἄντρου 390
 θαῦμα μέγ' ἀνθρώποισι καὶ ὕστερον ἔσσομένοισι.
 καὶ οἱ πὰρ κλισίην φαρέτρη παρεκέκλιτο μακρῇ
 ἰῶν πεπληθυῖα· πέλοντο δ' ἄρ' οἱ μὲν ἐπ' ἄγρην,
 οἱ δ' ἐς δυσμενέας, τοὺς ἄμφεχε λοίγιον ὕδρου
 φάρμακον αἰνομόροιο· πάροιθε δέ οἱ μέγα τόξον 395
 κείτο πέλας, γναμπτοῖσιν ἀρηράμενον κεράεσσι
 χερσὶν ὑπ' ἀκαμάτησι τετυγμένον Ἡρακλῆος.

Τοὺς δ' ὀπότ' εἰσενόησε ποτὶ σπέος εὐρὺ κιόντας,
 ἐσσυμένως οἴμησεν ἐπ' ἀμφοτέροισι τανύσσαι
 ἀλγινόεντα βέλεμνα χόλου μεμνημένος αἰνοῦ, 400
 οὔνεκά μιν τὸ πάροιθε μέγα στενάχοντα λίποντο
 μοῦνον ἐρημαίοισιν ἐπ' αἰγιαλοῖσι θαλάσσης.
 καὶ νύ κεν αἰψ' ἐτέλεσεν, ἃ οἱ θρασὺς ἤθελε
 θυμός,

εἰ μὴ οἱ στονόεντα χόλον διέχευεν Ἀθήνη
 ἀνέρας εἰσορόωντος ὀμήθεας· οἱ δέ οἱ ἄγχι 405
 ἤλυθον ἀχθυμένοισιν εἰκότε· καὶ ῥά μιν ἄμφω
 ἄντρου ἔσω κοίλοιο παρεζόμενοι ἐκάτερθεν
 ἔλκος ἀμφ' ὀλοοῖο καὶ ἀργαλέων ὀδυνάων
 εἶροντ'· αὐτὰρ ὁ τοῖσιν εἰς διεπέφραδ' ἀνίας.
 οἱ δέ ἐθαρσύνεσκον· ἔφαντο δέ οἱ λυγρὸν ἔλκος 410
 ἐξ ὀλοοῖο μόγοιο καὶ ἄλγεος ἰήσασθαι,
 ἦν στρατὸν εἰσαφίκηται Ἀχαικόν, ὃν ῥα καὶ αὐτὸν

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So greater 'neath his foot grew evermore
The festering wound, dealt when the envenomed
fangs

Tare him of that fell water-snake, which men
Say dealeth ghastly wounds incurable,
When the hot sun hath parched it as it crawls
Over the sands ; and so that mightiest man
Lay faint and wasted with his cureless pain ;
And from the ulcerous wound aye streamed to earth
Fetid corruption fouling all the floor
Of that wide cave, a marvel to be heard
Of men unborn. Beside his stony bed
Lay a long quiver full of arrows, some
For hunting, some to smite his foes withal ;
With deadly venom of that fell water-snake
Were these besmeared. Before it, nigh to his hand,
Lay the great bow, with curving tips of horn,
Wrought by the mighty hands of Hercules.

Now when that solitary spied these twain
Draw nigh his cave, he sprang to his bow, he laid
The deadly arrow on the string ; for now
Fierce memory of his wrongs awoke against
These, who had left him years ago, in pain
Groaning upon the desolate sea-shore.
Yea, and his heart's stern will he had swiftly
wrought,

But, even as upon that godlike twain
He gazed, Athena caused his bitter wrath
To melt away. Then drew they nigh to him
With looks of sad compassion, and sat down
On either hand beside him in the cave,
And of his deadly wound and grievous pangs
Asked ; and he told them all his sufferings.
And they spake hope and comfort ; and they said :
“ Thy woeful wound, thine anguish, shall be healed,
If thou but come with us to Achaea's host—

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φάντο μέγ' ἀσχαλάαν παρὰ νήεσιν ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτοὺς
 Ἄτρείδας ἅμα τοῖσι· κακῶν δέ οἱ οὔτιν' Ἀχαιῶν
 αἴτιον ἔμμεν' ἔφαντο κατὰ στρατόν, ἀλλ' ἀλεγεινὰς 415
 Μοίρας, ὧν ἑκάς οὔτις ἀνὴρ ἐπινίσσεται αἴαν,
 ἀλλ' αἰεὶ μογεροῖσιν ἐπ' ἀνδράσιν ἀπροτίοπτοι
 στρωφῶντ' ἤματα πάντα, βροτῶν γένος¹ ἄλλοτε
 μέν που

βλάπτουσαι κατὰ θυμὸν ἀμείλιχον, ἄλλοτε δ' αὔτε
 ἔκποθι κυδαίνουσαι· ἐπεὶ μάλα πάντα βροτοῖσι 420
 κεῖναι καὶ στονόεντα καὶ ἤπια μηχανόωνται
 αὐταὶ ὅπως ἐθέλουσιν. ὁ δ' εἰσαΐων Ὀδυσῆος
 ἠδὲ καὶ ἀντιθέου Διομήδεος ἀντίκα θυμὸν
 ῥηιδίως κατέπαυσεν ἀνιηροῖο χόλοιο,
 ἔκπαυλον τὸ πάροιθε χολούμενος, ὅσσ' ἐπεπόνθει. 425

Οἱ δέ μιν αἰψ' ἐπὶ νῆα καὶ ἠϊόνας βαρυδούπους
 καγχαλόωντες ἔνεικαν ὁμῶς σφετέροισι βελέμοις·
 καὶ ρά οἱ ἀμφεμάσαντο δέμας καὶ ἀμείλιχον ἔλκος
 σπόγγῳ εὐτρήτῳ, κατὰ δ' ἔκλυσαν ὕδατι πολλῶ.
 ἀμπνύνη δ' ἄρα τυτθόν· ἄφαρ δέ οἱ ἐγκονέοντες 430
 δόρπον ἐὺν τεύξαντο μεμαότι· σὺν δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ
 δαίνυντ' ἔνδοθι νηός. ἐπήλυθε δ' ἀμβροσίη νυξ,
 τοῖσι δ' ἐφ' ὕπνος ὄρουσε· μένον δ' ἄχρισ

Ἡριγενείης

ἀμφιάλου Δήμνοιο παρ' ἠόσιν· αὐτὰρ ἄμ' ἠοῖ
 πείσμαθ' ὁμῶς εὐνήσιν εὐγνάμπτοισιν ἄειραν 435
 ἔκτοθεν ἐγκονέοντες· ἐπιπροέηκε δ' Ἀθήνη
 ἐξόπιθεν πνεύοντα τανυπρώρου νεὸς οὔρον.
 ἰστία δ' αἰψ' ἐτάνυσσαν ὑπ' ἀμφοτέροισι πόδεσσι,
 νῆα κατιθύνοντες εὐζυγον· ἢ δ' ὑπ' ἰωῆ
 ἔσσυτ' ἐπὶ πλατὺ χεῦμα· μέλαν δ' ἀμφέστενε κῦμα 440
 ῥηγνύμενον· πολίος δὲ περίζετε πάντοθεν ἀφρός·
 ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ δελφίνες ἀολλέες ἐσσεύοντο
 ῥίμφα διαπρήσσοντες ἀλὸς πολιοῖο κέλευθα.

¹ Zimmermann, for μένος of ν.

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The host that now is sorrowing after thee
With all its kings. And no man of them all
Was cause of thine affliction, but the Fates,
The cruel ones, whom none that walk the earth
Escape, but aye they visit hapless men
Unseen; and day by day with pitiless hearts
Now they afflict men, now again exalt
To honour—none knows why; for all the woes
And all the joys of men do these devise
After their pleasure.” Harkening he sat
To Odysseus and to godlike Diomede;
And all the hoarded wrath for olden wrongs
And all the torturing rage, melted away.

Straight to the strand dull-thundering and the
ship,
Laughing for joy, they bare him with his bow.
There washed they all his body and that foul wound
With sponges, and with plenteous water bathed:
So was his soul refreshed. Then hasted they
And made meat ready for the famished man,
And in the galley supped with him. Then came
The balmy night, and sleep slid down on them.
Till rose the dawn they tarried by the strand
Of sea-girt Lemnos, but with dayspring cast
The hawsers loose, and heaved the anchor-stones
Out of the deep. Athena sent a breeze
Blowing behind the galley taper-prowed.
They strained the sail with either stern-sheet taut;
Seaward they pointed the stout-girdered ship;
O'er the broad flood she leapt before the wind;
Broken to right and left the dark wave sighed,
And seething all around was hoary foam,
While thronging dolphins raced on either hand
Flashing along the paths of silver sea.

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Οἱ δ' ἄφαρ Ἑλλήσποντον ἐπ' ἰχθυόεντ' ἀφί-
 κοντο,
 ἦχι καὶ ἄλλαι νῆες ἔσαν· κεχάροντο δ' Ἀχαιοί, 445
 ὡς ἴδον οὓς ποθέεσκον ἀνὰ στρατόν. οἱ δ' ἄρα νηὸς
 ἀσπασίως ἀπέβησαν· ἔχεν δ' ἄρα χεῖρας ἀραιὰς
 Ποίαντος θρασὺς υἱὸς ἐπ' ἀνέρας, οἳ ῥά μιν ἄμφω
 λυγρὸν ἐπισκάζοντα ποτὶ χθόνα διὰν ἄγεσκον
 ἀμφοτέρων κρατερῆσιν ἐπικλιθέντα χέρεσσι· 450
 ἦ ὕτ' ἐνὶ ξυλόχοισιν ἐς ἡμισυ μέχρι κοπεῖσαν
 φηγὸν ὑφ' ὑλοτόμοιο βίης ἢ πίονα πεύκην
 τυτθὸν ἔθ' ἐστηυῖαν, ὅσον λίπε δρυτόμος ἀνὴρ
 πρέμνον ὑποτμήγων λιπαρόν, δάος ὄφρα πέληται
 πίσσα πυρὶ δμηθεῖσα κατ' οὔρεα, τὴν δ' ἀλεγεινῶς 455
 ἀχθομένην ἀνεμὸς τε καὶ ἀδρανίη ποτικλίνη
 ἔρνεσιν εὐθαλέεσσι, φέρουσι δέ μιν βαρέουσιν·¹ 456a
 ὡς ἄρ' ὑπ' ἀτλήτῳ βεβαρημένον ἄλγעי φῶτα
 θαρσαλέοι ἦρωες ἐπικλιθέντα φέρεσκον
 Ἀργείων ἐς ὄμιλον ἀρήιον· οἱ δ' ἐσιδόντες
 ὄκτειραν μάλα πάντες ἐκηβόλον ἀνέρα λυγρῶ 460
 ἔλκει τειρόμενον· τὸν δὲ στερεὸν καὶ ἄνουσον
 ὠκύτερον ποίησε νοήματος αἰψηροῖο
 Ἴσος ἐπουρανίοις Ποδαλείριος, εὖ μὲν ὕπερθε
 πάσσων φάρμακα πολλὰ καθ' ἔλκεος, εὖ δὲ κικ-
 λήσκων
 οὔνομα πατρὸς ἐοῖο· θοῶς δ' ἰάχησαν Ἀχαιοὶ 465
 πάντες κυδαίνοντες ὁμῶς Ἀσκληπιοῦ νῖα.
 καὶ μιν φαιδρύναντο καὶ ἀμφί ἐχρίσαν ἐλαίῳ
 προφρονέως· ὅλοη δὲ κατηφείη καὶ οἴζυς
 ἀθανάτων ἰότητι κατέφθιτο· τοὶ δ' ἀνὰ θυμὸν
 τέρποντ' εἰσορόωντες· ὁ δ' ἄμπνυεν ἐκ κακότητος· 470
 ἀχροίη δ' ἄρ' ἔρευθος ἐπήλυθεν, ἀργαλέη δὲ
 ἀδρανίη μέγα κάρτος· ἀέξετο δ' ἄψφα πάντα.
 ὡς δ' ὀπότη' ἀλδαίνηται ἐπὶ σταχύεσσι ἄρουρα,

¹ Verse inserted by Zimmermann, ex P.

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Full soon to fish-fraught Hellespont they came
And the far-stretching ships. Glad were the Greeks
To see the longed-for faces. Forth the ship
With joy they stepped ; and Poeas' valiant son
On those two heroes leaned thin wasted hands,
Who bare him painfully halting to the shore
Staying his weight upon their brawny arms.
As seems mid mountain-brakes an oak or pine
By strength of the woodcutter half hewn through,
Which for a little stands on what was left
Of the smooth trunk by him who hewed thereat
Hard by the roots, that its slow-smouldering wood
Might yield him pitch—now like to one in pain
It groans, in weakness borne down by the wind,
Yet is upstayed upon its leafy boughs
Which from the earth bear up its helpless weight ;
So by pain unendurable bowed down
Leaned he on those brave heroes, and was borne
Unto the war-host. Men beheld, and all
Compassionated that great archer, crushed
By anguish of his hurt. But one drew near,
Podaleirius, godlike in his power to heal.
Swifter than thought he made him whole and sound ;
For deftly on the wound he spread his salves,
Calling on his physician-father's name ;
And soon the Achaeans shouted all for joy,
All praising with one voice Asclepius' son.
Lovingly then they bathed him, and with oil
Anointed. All his heaviness of cheer
And misery vanished by the Immortals' will ;
And glad at heart were all that looked on him ;
And from affliction he awoke to joy.
Over the bloodless face the flush of health
Glowed, and for wretched weakness mighty strength
Thrilled through him : goodly and great waxed all
his limbs.

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ἦν τὸ πάρος φθινύθουσαν ἐπέκλυσε χείματος αἰνοῦ
 ὄμβρος ἐπιβρίσας, ἣ δ' ἀλδομένη ἀνέμοισι 475
 μειδιάα τεθαλυῖα πολυκμήτῳ ἐν ἀλωῇ·
 ὡς ἄρα τειρομένοιο Φιλοκτήταο πάροιθε
 πᾶν δέμας αἰψ' ἀνέθηλεν· εὐτροχάλῳ δ' ἐνὶ κοίλῃ
 κάλλιπε κήδεα πάντα, τά οἱ περιδάμνατο θυμόν.
 Ἄτρείδαι δ' ὀρόωντες ἄτ' ἐκ θανάτου ἀνιόντα 480
 ἀνέρα θαυμάζεσκον· ἔφαντο γὰρ ἔμμεναι ἔργον
 ἀθανάτων· τὸ δ' ἄρ' ἦεν ἐτήτυμον, ὡς ἐνόησαν·
 καὶ γὰρ οἱ μέγεθος τε καὶ ἀγλαΐην κατέχευεν
 ἐσθλῇ Τριτογένεια· φάνη δ' ἄφαρ, οἶος ἔην περ
 τὸ πρὶν ἐν Ἀργείοισι πάρος κακότητι δαμῆναι. 485
 καὶ τότε ἄρ' ἐς κλισίην Ἀγαμέμνονος ἀφνειοῖο
 πάντες ὁμῶς οἱ ἄριστοι ἄγον Ποιάντιον νῖα·
 καὶ μιν κυδαίνοντες ἐπ' εἰλαπίνησι γέραιρον.
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ κορέσαντο ποτοῦ καὶ ἐδητύος ἐσθλῆς,
 δὴ τότε μιν προσέειπεν εὐμμελῆς Ἀγαμέμνων· 490
 “ ὦ φίλ', ἐπειδὴ περ σὲ θεῶν ἰότητι πάροιθε
 Λήμνῳ ἐν ἀμφιάλῳ λίπομεν, βλαφθέντε νόημα,
 μὴ δὴ νῦν¹ χόλον αἰνδν ἐνὶ φρεσὶ σῆσι βαλέσθαι·
 οὐ γάρ ἄνευ μακάρων τάδ' ἐρέξαμεν, ἀλλὰ που
 αὐτοὶ
 ἤθελον ἀθάνατοι νῶιν κακὰ πολλὰ βαλέσθαι 495
 σεῦ ἀπὸ νόσφιν ἐόντος, ἐπεὶ περίοιδας οἴστοις
 δυσμενέας δάμνασθαι, ὅτ' ἄντια σείο μάχονται.
 [ἀνδράσι γὰρ βιότοιο πολυπλάγκτοιο κέλευθοι]
 πᾶσαν ἀν' ἠπειρον πέλαγός τ' ἀνὰ μακρὸν αἴστοι
 Μοιράων ἰότητι πολυσχιδέες τε πέλονται, 500
 πυκναί τε σκολιαί τε, τετραμμένοι ἀλλυδις ἄλλη·
 τῶν δὲ δι' αἰζηοὶ φορέονθ' ὑπὸ δαίμονος Αἴση
 εἰδόμενοι φύλλοισιν ὑπὸ πνοιῆς ἀνέμοιο

¹ Zimmermann, for μηδ' ἡμῖν of v.

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As when a field of corn revives again
Which erst had drooped, by rains of ruining storm
Down beaten flat, but by warm summer winds
Requicken'd, o'er the laboured land it smiles,
So Philoctetes' erstwhile wasted frame
Was all requicken'd :—in the galley's hold
He seem'd to have left all cares that crushed his
soul.

And Atreus' sons beheld him marvelling
As one re-risen from the dead : it seem'd
The work of hands immortal. And indeed
So was it verily, as their hearts divin'd ;
For 'twas the glorious Triton-born that shed
Stature and grace upon him. Suddenly
He seem'd as when of old mid Argive men
He stood, before calamity struck him down
Then unto wealthy Agamemnon's tent
Did all their mightiest men bring Poeas' son,
And set him chief in honour at the feast,
Extolling him. When all with meat and drink
Were fill'd, spake Agamemnon lord of spears :
“ Dear friend, since by the will of Heaven our souls
Were once perverted, that in sea-girt Lemnos
We left thee, harbour not thine heart within
Fierce wrath for this : by the blest Gods constrained
We did it ; and, I trow, the Immortals willed
To bring much evil on us, bereft of thee,
Who art of all men skilfullest to quell
With shafts of death all foes that face thee in fight.
For all the tangled paths of human life,
By land and sea, are by the will of Fate
Hid from our eyes, in many and devious tracks
Are cleft apart, in wandering mazes lost.
Along them men by Fortune's dooming drift
Like unto leaves that drive before the wind.

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σευομένοις· ἀγαθὸς δὲ κακῇ ἐνέκυρσε κελεύθῳ
πολλάκις, οὐκ ἐσθλὸς δ' ἀγαθῇ· τὰς δ' οὐτ'
ἀλέασθαι 505

οὐτ' ἄρ' ἐκὼν τις ἐλέσθαι ἐπιχθόνιος δύνατ' ἀνήρ·
χρῆ δὲ σαόφρονα φῶτα, καὶ ἦν φορέηθ' ὑπ' ἀέλλαις
οἴμην ἀργαλήην, στερεῇ φρενὶ τλήναι οἰζύν.
ἀλλ' ἐπεὶ ἀσάμεσθα καὶ ἠλίτομεν τόδε ἔργον,
ἐξαῦτις δώροισιν ἀρεσσόμεθ' ἀπλήτοισι; 510

Ἰρώων ἦν ποθ' ἔλωμεν εὐκτίμενον πτολίεθρον·
νῦν δὲ λάβ' ἐπτὰ γυναῖκας εἰκοσὶ τ' ὠκέας ἵππους
ἀθλοφόρους τρίποδάς τε δωδέκα, τοῖς ἐπὶ θυμὸν
τέρψεις ἤματα πάντα· καὶ ἐν κλισίησιν ἐμῆσιν
αἰεῖτοι παρὰ δαιτὶ γέρας βασιλῆιον ἔσται." 515

Ὡς εἰπὼν ἤρωι πόρεν περικαλλέα δῶρα.
τὸν δ' ἄρα Ποίαντος προσέφη κρατερόφρονος υἱός·
“ὦ φίλος, οὗ τοι ἐγὼν ἔτι χῶομαι, οὐδὲ μὲν
ἄλλῳ
Ἄργείων, τῶν εἴ τις ἔτ' ἤλιτεν εἴνεκ' ἐμεῖο·
οἶδα γάρ, ὡς στρεπτός νόος ἀνδράσι γίνεται
ἐσθλοῖς, 520

οὐδ' αἰεὶ χαλεπὸν θέμις ἔμμεναι οὐδ' ἀσύφηλον,
ἀλλ' ὅτε μὲν σμερδνὸν τελέθειν, ὅτε δ' ἠπιον εἶναι.
νῦν δ' ἴομεν ποτὶ κοῖτον, ἐπεὶ χατέοντι μάχεσθαι
βέλτερον ὑπνώειν ἢ ἐπὶ πλεόν εἰλαπινάζειν.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν ἀπόρουσε καὶ ἐς κλισίην ἀφίκανε 525
σφῶν ἐτάρων· οἱ δ' αἶψα φιλοπτολέμῳ βασιλῆϊ
εὐνὴν ἐντύνοντο μέγα φρεσὶ καγχαλόωντες·
αὐτὰρ ὅ γ' ἀσπασίως κατελέξατο μέχρῃς ἐπ' ἠώ.
Νύξ δ' ἀνεχάσασατο διὰ· φάος δ' ἐρύθηνε
κολώνας

ἡελίου, καὶ πάντα βροτοὶ περιποίπνου ἔργα. 530
Ἄργεῖοι δ' ὄλοοιο μέγ' ἰέμενοι πολέμοιο
οἱ μὲν δούρατα θῆγον εὐξοα, τοὶ δὲ βέλεμνα,
ἄλλοι δ' αἰγανέας· ἅμα δ' ἠοῖ δαῖτα πένοντο

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Oft on an evil path the good man's feet
Stumble, the brave finds not a prosperous path ;
And none of earth-born men can shun the Fates,
And of his own will none can choose his way.
So then doth it behove the wise of heart—
Though on a troublous track the winds of fate
Sweep him away—to suffer and be strong.
Since we were blinded then, and erred herein,
With rich gifts will we make amends to thee
Hereafter, when we take the stately towers
Of Troy : but now receive thou handmaids seven,
Fleet steeds two-score, victors in chariot-race,
And tripods twelve, wherein thine heart may joy
Through all thy days ; and always in my tent
Shall royal honour at the feast be thine.”

He spake, and gave the hero those fair gifts.
Then answered Poëas' mighty-hearted son ;
“ Friend, I forgive thee freely, and all beside
Whoso against me haply hath trangressed.
I know how good men's minds sometimes be warped :
Nor meet it is that one be obdurate
Ever, and nurse mean rancours : sternest wrath
Must yield anon unto the melting mood.
Now pass we to our rest ; for better is sleep
Than feasting late, for him who longs to fight.”

He spake, and rose, and came to his comrades' tent ;
Then swiftly for their war-fain king they dight
The couch, while laughed their hearts for very joy.
Gladly he laid him down to sleep till dawn.

So passed the night divine, till flushed the hills
In the sun's light, and men awoke to toil.
Then all athirst for war the Argive men
'Gan whet the spear smooth-shafted, or the dart,
Or javelin, and they brake the bread of dawn,
And foddered all their horses. Then to these

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αὐτοῖς ἤδ' ἵπποισι πάσαντο δὲ πάντες ἔδωδῆν.
 τοῖσιν δὲ Ποίαντος ἀμύμονος ὄβριμος υἱὸς 535
 τοῖον ἔπος μετέειπεν ἐποτρύνων πονέεσθαι·
 “ εἰ δ' ἄγε νῦν πολέμοιο μεδώμεθα· μηδέ τις ἡμέων
 μιμνέτω ἐν νήεσσι, πάρος κλυτὰ τείχρα λῦσαι
 Τροίης εὐπύργοιο, καταπρήσαί τε πόλῃα.”
 Ὡς φάτο· τοῖσι δὲ θυμὸς ὑπὸ κραδίῃ μέγ' ἰάνθη· 540
 δῦσαν δ' ἐν τεύχεσσι καὶ ἀσπίσιν· ἐκ δ' ἄρα νηῶν
 πανσυδίῃ μελίῃσι κεκασμένοι ἐσσεύοντο
 καὶ βοέοις σακέεσσι καὶ ἀμφιφάλοις κορύθεσσι·
 ἄλλος δ' ἄλλον ἔρειδε κατὰ στίχας· οὐδέ κε φαίης
 κείνων ἐσσυμένων ἐκὰς ἔμμεναι ἄλλον ἀπ' ἄλλου· 545
 ὧς ἄρ' ἴσαν θαμινοὶ καὶ ἀρηρότες ἀλλήλοισι.

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Spake Poeas' son with battle-kindling speech :

“Up! let us make us ready for the war!

Let no man linger mid the galleys, ere

The glorious walls of Ilium stately-towered

Be shattered, and her palaces be burned!”

Then at his words each heart and spirit glowed :

They donned their armour, and they grasped their
shields.

Forth of the ships in one huge mass they poured

Arrayed with bull-hide bucklers, ashen spears,

And gallant-crested helms. Through all their ranks

Shoulder to shoulder marched they: thou hadst
seen

No gap 'twixt man and man as on they charged;

So close they thronged, so dense was their array.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΔΕΚΑΤΟΣ.

Τρῶες δ' αὐτ' ἔκτοσθεν ἔσαν Πριάμοιο πόλης
πάντες σὺν τεύχεσσι καὶ ἄρμασιν ἠδὲ καὶ ἵπποις
ὠκυτάτοις· καίον γὰρ ἰποκταμένους ἐνὶ χάρμη
δειδιότες, μὴ λαὸς ἐπιβρίσειεν Ἀχαιῶν.

τοὺς δ' ὡς οὖν ἐσίδοντο ποτὶ πτόλιν αἴσσοντας, 5
ἐσσυμένως κταμένοισι χυτὸν περὶ σῆμα βάλοντο
σπερχόμενοι· δεινὸν γὰρ ὑποτρομέεσκον ἰδόντες.
τοῖσι δ' ἄρ' ἀχθυμένοισιν ὑπὸ φρεσὶ μῦθον ἔειπε
Πουλυδάμας, ὁ γὰρ ἔσκε λίην πιτυτὸς καὶ ἐχέ-
φρων·

“ὦ φίλοι, οὐκέτ' ἀνεκτὸς ἐφ' ἡμῖν μαίνεται” Ἀρης· 10
ἀλλ' ἄγε δὴ φραζώμεθ', ὅπως πολέμοιό τι μῆχος
εὕρωμεν· Δαναοὶ γὰρ ἐπικρατέουσι μένοντες.
νῦν δ' ἄγε δὴ πύργοισιν εὐδμήτοις ἐπιβάντες
μίμνωμεν νύκτας τε καὶ ἡμέματα δηριόωντες,
εἰσόκε δὴ Δαναοὶ Σπάρτην ἐρίβωλον ἴκωνται, 15
ἢ αὐτοῦ παρὰ τεῖχος ἀκηδήσωσι μένοντες
ἀκλεῆς ἐζόμενοι· ἐπεὶ οὐ σθένος ἔσσεται αὐτοῖς
ρῆξαι τείχεα μακρά, καὶ εἰ μάλα πολλὰ κάμωσιν·
οὐ γὰρ ἀβληχρὰ θεοῖσι τετεύχεται ἄφθιτα ἔργα.
οὐδέ τί που βρώμης ἐπιδευόμεθ' οὐδέ ποτῆτος· 20
πολλὰ γὰρ ἐν Πριάμοιο πολυχρύσιοι μελάθροις
ἔμπεδον εἶδατα κεῖται, ἅπερ πολέεσσι καὶ ἄλλοις

BOOK X

*How Paris was stricken to death, and in vain sought
help of Oenone.*

Now were the Trojans all without the town
Of Priam, armour-clad, with battle-cars
And chariot-steeds ; for still they burnt their dead,
And still they feared lest the Achaean men
Should fall on them. They looked, and saw them
 come
With furious speed against the walls. In haste
They cast a hurried earth-mound o'er the slain,
For greatly trembled they to see their foes.
Then in their sore disquiet spake to them
Polydamas, a wise and prudent chief :
“ Friends, unendurably against us now
Maddens the war. Go to, let us devise
How we may find deliverance from our strait.
Still bide the Danaans here, still gather strength :
Now therefore let us man our stately towers,
And thence withstand them, fighting night and day,
Until yon Danaans weary, and return
To Sparta, or, renownless lingering here
Beside the wall, lose heart. No strength of theirs
Shall breach the long walls, howsoe'er they strive,
For in the imperishable work of Gods
Weakness is none. Food, drink, we shall not lack,
For in King Priam's gold-abounding halls
Is stored abundant food, that shall suffice

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πολλὸν ἐπὶ χρόνον ἔσσειτ' ἀγειρομένοισιν ἔδωδὴ
 ἐς κόρον, εἰ καὶ ἔτ' ἄλλος ἐελδομένοισιν ἴκηται
 τρὶς τόσος ἐνθάδε λαὸς ἀρηγέμεναι μενεαίνων." 25

“Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ' ἐνένιπε θρασὺς πάϊς Ἀγ-
 χίσασο·

“ Πουλυδάμα, πῶς γάρ σε σαόφρονά φασι τε-
 τύχθαι,

ὃς κέλει ποτὶ δηρὸν ἀνὰ πτόλιν ἄλγεα πάσχειν;
 οὐ γὰρ ἀκηδήσουσι πολὺν χρόνον ἐνθάδ' Ἀχαιοί,
 ἀλλ' ἄρ' ἐπιβρίσουσιν ἀλευομένους ἐσιδόντες· 30

νῶν δ' ἔσσεται ἄλγος ἀποφθιμένων ἐνὶ πάτρῃ,
 ἣν πῶς ἐνθάδε πουλὺν ἐπὶ χρόνον ἀμφιμάχωνται·
 οὐ γάρ τις Θήβηθε μελίφρονα σίτον ὀπάσσει
 ἡμῖν, ἐπὴν εἰρχθῶμεν ἀνὰ πτόλιν, οὐδέ τις οἴσει
 οἶνον Μαιονίηθεν· ἀνιηρῶ δ' ὑπὸ λιμῶ 35

φθισόμεθ' ἀργαλέως, εἰ καὶ μάλα τεῖχος ἀμύνει.
 ἀλλ' εἰ μὲν θάνατόν τε κακὸν καὶ Κῆρας ἀλύξαι,
 μηδ' ἄρ' οἴζυρῶς θανέειν πολυαχθεί λιμῶ
 μέλλομεν, εἴν' ἔντεσσι σὺν ἡμετέροις τεκέεσσι
 καὶ γεραροῖς πατέρεσσι μαχώμεθα· καὶ ῥά ποθι 40

Ζεὺς

χραιομήσει· κείνου γὰρ ἀφ' αἵματός εἰμεν ἀγανοῦ·
 εἰ δέ κεν ἄρ καὶ κείνῳ ἀπεχθόμενοι τελέθωμεν,
 εὐκλειῶς τάχ' ὀλέσθαι ἀμυνομένους περὶ πάτρης
 βέλτερον, ἢ ἐμένοντας οἴζυρῶς ἀπολέσθαι.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τῷ δ' ἄρα πάντες ἐπίαχον εἰσαῖοντες· 45
 αἶψα δὲ δὴ κορύθεσσι καὶ ἀσπίσι καὶ δοράτεσσι
 φράχθεν ἐπ' ἀλλήλους· ἐπὶ δ' ἀκαμάτου Διὸς
 ὄσσε

δέρκετ' ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο κορυσσομένους ἐς Ἄρηα
 Τρῶας ἐπ' Ἀργείοισιν· ἔγειρε δὲ θυμὸν ἐκάστου,
 ὄφρα μάχην ἀλίαςτον ἐπ' ἀμφοτέροισι τανύσση 50
 λαοῖς· ἣ γὰρ ἔμελλεν Ἀλέξανδρος θανέεσθαι
 χερσὶ Φιλοκτήταο πονεύμενος ἀμφ' ἀλόχοιο.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

For many more than we, through many years,
Though thrice so great a host at our desire
Should gather, eager to maintain our cause."

Then chode with him Anchises' valiant son :
" Polydamas, wherefore do they call thee wise,
Who biddest suffer endless tribulations
Cooped within walls ? Never, how long soe'er
The Achaeans tarry here, will they lose heart ;
But when they see us skulking from the field,
More fiercely will press on. So ours shall be
The sufferance, perishing in our native home,
If for long season they beleaguer us.
No food, if we be pent within our walls,
Shall Thebe send us, nor Maeonia wine,
But wretchedly by famine shall we die,
Though the great wall stand firm. Nay, though our
lot

Should be to escape that evil death and doom,
And not by famine miserably to die ;
Yet rather let us fight in armour clad
For children and grey fathers ! Haply Zeus
Will help us yet ; of his high blood are we.
Nay, even though we be abhorred of him,
Better straightway to perish gloriously
Fighting unto the last for fatherland,
Than die a death of lingering agony ! "

Shouted they all who heard that gallant rede.
Swiftly with helms and shields and spears they stood
In close array. The eyes of mighty Zeus
From heaven beheld the Trojans armed for fight
Against the Danaans : then did he awake
Courage in these and those, that there might be
Strain of unflinching fight 'twixt host and host.
That day was Paris doomed, for Helen's sake
Fighting, by Philoctetes' hands to die.

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Τοὺς δ' ἄγεν εἰς ἓνα χῶρον Ἔρις μεδέουσα
κυδοιμὸν

οὔτινι φαινομένη· περὶ γὰρ νέφος ἄμφεχεν ὤμους
αἱματόεν· φοίτα δὲ μέγαν κλονέουσα κυδοιμὸν 55

ἄλλοτε μὲν Ἰρώων ἐς ὀμήγυριν, ἄλλοτ' Ἀχαιῶν·
τὴν δὲ Φόβος καὶ Δεῖμος ἀταρβέες ἀμφεπένοντο
πατροκασιγνήτην κρατερόφρονα κυδαίνοντες·

ἢ δὲ μέγ' ἐξ ὀλίγοιο κορύσσετο μαιμῶωσα·
τεύχεα δ' ἐξ ἀδάμαντος ἔχεν πεπαλαγμένα λύθρῳ· 60

πάλλε δὲ λοίγιον ἔγχος ἐς ἡέρα· τῆς δ' ὑπὸ ποσσὶ
κίννυτο γαῖα μέλαινα· πυρὸς δ' ἄμπνυειν αὐτμῆν
σμερδαλέον· μέγα δ' αἰὲν αὐτέεν ὀτρύνουσα
αἰζηούς· οἱ δ' αἶψα συνήιον ἀρτύνοντες

ὑσμίνην· δεινὴ γὰρ ἄγεν θεὸς ἐς μέγα ἔργον. 65

τῶν δ' ὡς ἠ' ἀνέμων ἰαχὴ πέλε λάβρον ἀέντων
εἶαρος ἀρχομένου, ὅτε δένδρεα μακρὰ καὶ ὕλη
φύλλα φύει, ἢ ὡς ὅτ' ἀν' ἀζαλέην ξύλοχον πῦρ
αἰθόμενον βρομέει, ἢ ὡς μέγα πόντος ἀπείρων
μαίνεται ἐξ ἀνέμοιο δυσηχέος, ἀμφὶ δὲ ροῖβδος 70

γίνετ' ἀπειρέσιος, τρόμει δ' ὑπο γούνατα ναυτέων·
ὡς τῶν ἐσσυμένων μέγ' ὑπέβραχε γαῖα πελώρη·
ἐν δὲ σφιν πέσε δῆρις· ἐπ' ἄλλῳ δ' ἄλλος ὄρουσε.

Πρῶτος δ' Αἰνεΐας Δαναῶν ἔλεν Ἀρπαλίωνα
υἱὸν Ἀριζήλοιο, τὸν Ἀμφινόμη τέκε μήτηρ 75

γῆ ἔνι Βοιωτῶν, ὁ δ' ἅμα Προθοήνορι δίῳ
ἐς Τροίην ἴκανε ἀμννέμεν Ἀργείοισι·

τόν ῥα τότε Αἰνεΐας ἀπαλὴν ὑπὸ νηδύα τύψας
νοσφίσατ' ἐκ θυμοῖο καὶ ἠδέος ἐκ βιότοιο.

τῷ δ' ἐπι Θερσάνδροιο δαΐφρονος νῖα δάμασσεν 80
Ἴλλον εὐγλώχινι βαλὼν κατὰ λαιμὸν ἄκοντι,

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

To one place Strife incarnate drew them all,
The fearful Battle-queen, beheld of none,
But cloaked in clouds blood-raining : on she stalked
Swelling the mighty roar of battle, now
Rushed through Troy's squadrons, through Achaea's
now :

Panic and Fear still waited on her steps
To make their father's sister glorious.
From small to huge that Fury's stature grew ;
Her arms of adamant were blood-besprent ;
The deadly lance she brandished reached the sky.
Earth quaked beneath her feet : dread blasts of fire
Flamed from her mouth : her voice pealed thunder-
like

Kindling strong men. Swift closed the fronts of
fight

Drawn by a dread Power to the mighty work.
Loud as the shriek of winds that madly blow
In early spring, when the tall woodland trees
Put forth their leaves—loud as the roar of fire
Blazing through sun-scorched brakes—loud as the
voice

Of many waters, when the wide sea raves
Beneath the howling blast, with thunderous crash
Of waves, when shake the fearful shipman's knees ;
So thundered earth beneath their charging feet.
Strife swooped on them : foe hurled himself on foe.

First did Aeneas of the Danaans slay
Harpalion, Arizelus' scion, born
In far Boeotia of Amphinome,
Who came to Troy to help the Argive men
With godlike Prothoënor. 'Neath his waist
Aeneas stabbed, and reft sweet life from him.
Dead upon him he cast Thersander's son,
For the barbed javelin pierced through Hyllus'
throat

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ὄν τέκε δι' Ἀρέθουσα παρ' ὕδασι Ληθαίοιο
Κρήτη ἐν ἀμφιάλῳ· μέγα δ' ἤκαχεν Ἴδομενῆα.

Αὐτὰρ Πηλεΐδαο πάϊς δυοκαίδεκα φῶτας
Τρώων αὐτίκ' ὄλεσσευ ὑπ' ἔγχεϊ πατρὸς ἑοῖο· 85

Κέβρον μὲν πρῶτιστα καὶ Ἄρμονα Πασίθεόν τε
Ἑσμινόν τε καὶ Ἰμβράσιον Σχέδιόν τε Φλέγην τε
Μνήσαιόν τ' ἐπὶ τοῖσι καὶ Ἐννομον Ἀμφίνοόν τε

καὶ Φάσιν ἠδὲ Γαληνόν, ὃς οἰκία ναιετάασκε
Γαργάρῳ αἰπεινῇ, μετὰ δ' ἔπρεπε μαρναμένοισι 90

Τρωσὶν εὖσθενέεσσι, κίεν δ' ἅμ' ἀπείροσι λαῶ
ἔς Τροίην· μάλα γάρ οἱ ὑπέσχετο πολλὰ καὶ ἔσθλα
Δαρδανίδης Πρίαμος δώσειν περικαλλέα δῶρα,
νήπιος· οὐδ' ἄρ' ἐφράσσαθ' ἐὼν μόρον· ἦ γὰρ
ἔμελλεν

ἔσσυμένως ὀλέεσθαι ὑπ' ἀργαλέου πολέμοιο, 95

πρὶν δόμον ἐκ Πριάμοιο περικλυτὰ δῶρα φέρε-
σθαι.

Καὶ τότε Μοῖρ' αἰδήλος ἐπέτραπεν Ἀργείοισιν
Εὐρυμένην, ἕταρον κρατερόφρονος Αἰνείαιο.

ᾧρσε δέ οἱ μέγα θύρσος ὑπὸ φρένας, ὄφρα
δαμάσσας

πολλοὺς αἴσιμον ἦμαρ ἀναπλήσῃ ὑπ' ὀλέθρῳ. 100

δάμνατο δ' ἄλλοθεν ἄλλον ἀνηλείθῃ θηρὶ ἑοικώς·

οἱ δέ μιν οὐχ ὑπέμειναν ἐφ' ὑστατὴν βιότοιο

αἶνὸν μαιμώνωντι καὶ οὐκ ἀλέγοντι μόροιο·

καὶ νύ κεν ἔργον ἔρεξεν ἀπείριτον ἐν δαῖ κείνῃ,

εἰ μὴ οἱ χεῖρές τε κάμον καὶ δούρατος αἰχμῇ 105

πάμπαν ἀνεγνάμφθη· ξίφεος δέ οἱ οὐκέτι κώπη

ἔσθενεν· ἀλλὰ μιν Αἴσα διέκλασε· τὸν δ' ὑπ'

ἄκουτι

τύψε κατὰ στομάχοιο Μέγης· ἀνὰ δ' ἔβλυσεν

αἷμα

ἐκ στόματος· τῷ δ' αἶψα σὺν ἄλγεϊ Μοῖρα

παρέστη.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

Whom Arethusa by Lethaeus bare
In Crete: sore grieved Idomeneus for his fall.

By this Peleides' son had swiftly slain
Twelve Trojan warriors with his father's spear.
First Cebrus fell, Harmon, Pasitheus then,
Hysminus, Schedius, and Imbrasius,
Phleges, Mnesaeus, Ennomus, Amphinous,
Phasis, Galenus last, who had his home
By Gargarus' steep—a mighty warrior he
Among Troy's mighties: with a countless host
To Troy he came: for Priam Dardanus' son
Promised him many gifts and passing fair.
Ah fool! his own doom never he foresaw,
Whose weird was suddenly to fall in fight
Ere he bore home King Priam's glorious gifts.

Doom the Destroyer against the Argives sped
Valiant Aeneas' friend, Eurymenes.
Wild courage spurred him on, that he might slay
Many—and then fill death's cup for himself.
Man after man he slew like some fierce beast,
And foes shrank from the terrible rage that burned
On his life's verge, nor recked of imminent doom.
Yea, peerless deeds in that fight had he done,
Had not his hands grown weary, his spear-head
Bent utterly: his sword availed him not,
Snapped at the hilt by Fate. Then Meges' dart
Smote 'neath his ribs; blood spurted from his
mouth,
And in death's agony Doom stood at his side.

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Τοῦ δ' ἄρ' ἀποκταμένοιο δύω θεράποντες
Ἐπειοῦ 110

Δηιλέων τε καὶ Ἀμφίων ἀπὸ τεύχε' ἐλέσθαι
ῶρμαινον· τοὺς δ' αὖτε θρασὺ σθένος Αἰνεῖαιο
δάμνατο μαιμῶωντας οἰζυρῶς περὶ νεκρῶ.
ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἐν οἰνοπέδῳ τις ἐπαίссουτας ὀπώρη
σφῆκας τερσομένησι περὶ σταφυλῆσι δαμάσση, 115
οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἀποπνεῖουσι πάρος γεύσασθαι ὀπώρης·
ὡς τοὺς αἰψ' ἐδάμασσε πρὶν ἔντεα λήισσασθαι.

Τυδεΐδης δὲ Μένοντα καὶ Ἀμφίνοον κατέπεφνε
ἄμφω ἀμύμονε φῶτε· Πάρις δ' ἔλε Δημολέοντα
Ἴππασίδην, ὃς πρόσθε Λακωνίδα γαῖαν ἔναιε 120
πὰρ προχοῆς ποταμοῖο βαθυρρόου Εὐρώταο,
ἤλυθε δ' ἐς Τροίην ὑπ' ἀρηιθόῳ Μενελάῳ·
καὶ ἐ Πάρις κατέπεφνε τυχῶν ὑπὸ μαζὸν οἰστῶ
δεξιόν, ἐκ δὲ οἱ ἦτορ ἀπὸ μελέων ἐκέδασσε.

Τεῦκρος δὲ Ζέχιν εἶλε περικλυτὸν υἱά Μέδοντος, 125
ὃς ῥά τε ναιετάασκεν ἐνὶ Φρυγίῃ πολυμήλῳ
ἄντρον ὑπὸ ζάθεον καλλιπλοκάμων Νυμφάων,
ἦχί ποτ' Ἐνδυμίωνα παρυπνώοντα βόεσσι
ὑψόθεν ἀθρήσασα κατήλυθε διὰ Σελήνη
οὐρανόθεν· δριμύς γὰρ ἄγεν πόθος ἠιθέοιο 130
ἀθανάτην περ εὐῶσαν ἀκήρατον,¹ ἧς ἔτι νῦν περ
εὐνῆς σῆμα τέτυκται ὑπὸ δρυσίν· ἀμφὶ γὰρ αὐτῇ
ἐκκέχυτ' ἐν ξυλόχοισι βοῶν γλάγος· οἱ δὲ νυ φῶτες
θηεῦντ' εἰσέτι κείνο· τὸ γὰρ μάλα τηλόθι φαίης
ἔμμεναι εἰσορόων πολὺν γάλα, κείνο δ' ἴησι 135
λευκὸν ὕδωρ, καὶ βαιὸν ἀπόπροθεν ὀππὸθ' ἴκηται,
πήγνυται ἀμφὶ ῥέεθρα, πέλει δ' ἄρα λάϊνον οὐδας.

Ἄλκαίῳ δ' ἐπόρουσε Μέγης Φυλήιος υἱός·
καὶ ῥά μιν ἀσπαίρουσαν ὑπὸ κραδίην ἐπέρησεν
ἐγχείῃ· τοῦ δ' ὦκα λύθη πολυήρατος αἰών· 140
οὐδέ μιν ἐκ πολέμοιο πολυκλαύτοιο μολόντα

¹ Zimmerman, ex P, for πονέουσαν with lacuna.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

Even as he fell, Epeius' henchmen twain,
Deileon and Amphion, rushed to strip
His armour ; but Aeneas brave and strong
Chilled their hot hearts in death beside the dead.
As one in latter summer 'mid his vines
Kills wasps that dart about his ripening grapes,
And so, ere they may taste the fruit, they die ;
So smote he them, ere they could seize the arms.

Menon and Amphinous Tydeides slew,
Both goodly men. Paris slew Hippasus' son
Demoleon, who in Laconia's land
Beside the outfall of Eurotas dwelt,
The stream deep-flowing, and to Troy he came
With Menelaus. Under his right breast
The shaft of Paris smote him unto death,
Driving his soul forth like a scattering breath.

Teucer slew Zechis, Medon's war-famed son,
Who dwelt in Phrygia, land of myriad flocks,
Below that haunted cave of fair-haired Nymphs
Where, as Endymion slept beside his kine,
Divine Selene watched him from on high,
And slid from heaven to earth ; for passionate love
Drew down the immortal stainless Queen of Night.
And a memorial of her couch abides
Still 'neath the oaks ; for mid the copses round
Was poured out milk of kine ; and still do men
Marvelling behold its whiteness. Thou wouldst say
Far off that this was milk indeed, which is
A well-spring of white water : if thou draw
A little nigher, lo, the stream is fringed
As though with ice, for white stone rims it round.

Rushed on Alcaeus Meges, Phyleus' son,
And drave his spear beneath his fluttering heart.
Loosed were the cords of sweet life suddenly,
And his sad parents longed in vain to greet

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καίπερ ἐελδόμενοι μογεροὶ δέξαντο τοκῆς,
 Φύλλις ἐϋζωνος καὶ Μάργασος, οἳ ῥ' ἐνέμοντο
 Ἀρπάσου ἀμφὶ ῥέεθρα διειδέος, ὅς τ' ἀλεγεινῶς¹
 Μαιάνδρῳ κελάδοντα ῥόον καὶ ἀπείριτον οἶδμα 145
 συμφέρετ' ἤματα πάντα λάβρῳ περὶ χεύματι
 θύων.

Γλαύκου δ' ἐσθλὸν ἐταῖρον ἐϋμμελίην Σκυλακῆα
 υἱὸς Ὀϊλῆος σχεδὸν οὔτασεν ἀντιόωντα
 βαιὸν ὑπὲρ σάκεος· διὰ δὲ πλατὺν ἤλασεν ὦμον
 αἰχμῇ ἀνιηρή· περὶ δ' ἔβλυσεν αἷμα βοεῖη. 150
 ἀλλὰ μιν οὔτι δάμασσεν· ἐπεὶ ῥά ἐ μόρσιμον ἦμαρ
 δέχυντο νοστήσαντα φίλης παρὰ τείχεσι πάτρης·
 εὔτε γὰρ Ἴλιον αἰπὺ θοοὶ διέπερσαν Ἀχαιοί,
 δὴ τότε ἄρ' ἐκ πολέμοιο φυγῶν Λυκίην ἀφίκανεν
 οἶος ἀνευθ' ἐτάρων· τὸν δ' ἄστεος ἄγχι γυναῖκες 155
 ἀγρόμεναι τεκέων σφετέρων ὑπερ ἠδὲ καὶ ἀνδρῶν
 εἶρουθ'· ὅς δ' ἄρα τῆσι μόρον κατέλεξεν ἀπάντων·
 αἱ δ' ἄρα χερμαδίοισι περισταδὸν ἀνέρα κεῖνον
 δάμναντ', οὐδ' ἀπόνητο μολῶν ἐς πατρίδα νόστου,
 ἀλλὰ ἐ λᾶες ὑπερθε μέγα στενάχοντα κάλυψαν· 160
 καὶ ῥά οἱ ἐκ βελέων ὀλοὸς περὶ τύμβος ἐτύχθη
 παρ τέμενος καὶ σῆμα κραταιοῦ Βελλεροφόντου,
 Τλῶ ἔνι κυδαλίμης Τιτηνίδος ἀγχόθι πέτρης·
 ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν αἴσιμον ἦμαρ ἀναπλήσας ὑπ' ὀλέθρῳ
 ὕστερον ἐννεσίησιν ἀγανοῦ Λητοΐδαο 165
 τίεται ὡς τε θεός, φθινύθει δέ οἱ οὔποτε τιμή.

Ποίαντος δ' ἐπὶ τοῖσι πάϊς κτάνε Δηιονῆα
 ἠδ' Ἀντήνορος υἱὸν ἐϋμμελίην Ἀκάμαντα·
 ἄλλων δ' αἰζηῶν ὑπεδάμνατο πουλὺν ὄμιλον·
 θῦνε γὰρ ἐν δηίοισιν ἀτειρέϊ ἴσος Ἄρηι 170
 ἠ ποταμῶ κελάδοντι, ὅς ἔρκεα μακρὰ δαΐζει
 πλημμύρων, ὅτε λάβρον ὀρινόμενος περὶ πέτραις

¹ Zimmermann, for οὔ ἀλεγεινῶ of Koechly.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

That son returning from the woeful war
To Margasus and Phyllis lovely-girt,
Dwellers by lucent streams of Harpasus,
Who pours the full blood of his clamorous flow
Into Maeander madly rushing aye.

With Glaucus' warrior-comrade Scylaceus
Oileus' son closed in the fight, and stabbed
Over the shield-rim, and the cruel spear
Passed through his shoulder, and drenched his shield
with blood.

Howbeit he slew him not, whose day of doom
Awaited him afar beside the wall
Of his own city; for when Ilium's towers
Were brought low by that swift avenging host
Fleeing the war to Lycia then he came
Alone; and when he drew nigh to the town,
The thronging women met and questioned him
Touching their sons and husbands; and he told
How all were dead. They compassed him about,
And stoned the man with great stones, that he died.
So had he no joy of his winning home,
But the stones muffled up his dying groans,
And of the same his ghastly tomb was reared
Beside Bellerophon's grave and holy place
In Tlos, nigh that far-famed Chimaera's Crag.
Yet, though he thus fulfilled his day of doom,
As a God afterward men worshipped him
By Phoebus' hest, and never his honour fades.

Now Poeas' son the while slew Deioneus
And Acamas, Antenor's warrior son:
Yea, a great host of strong men laid he low.
On, like the War-god, through his foes he rushed,
Or as a river roaring in full flood
Breaks down long dykes, when, maddening round its
rocks,

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ἐξ ὀρέων ἀλεγεινὰ μεμιγμένος ἔρχεται ὄμβρῳ,
 ἀέναός περ ἐὼν καὶ ἀγάρροος, οὐδέ νυ τὸν γε
 εἴργουσιν προβλήτες ἀάσπετα παφλάζοντα· 175
 ὡς οὔτις Ποίαντος ἀγακλειτοῦ θρασὺν νῆα
 ἔσθενεν ὀφθαλμοῖσιν ἰδὼν καὶ ἄπρωθε πελάσσαι·
 ἐν γάρ οἱ στέρνοισι μένος περιώσιον ἦεν.
 τεύχεσι δ' ἀμφεκέκαστο δαΐφρονος Ἡρακλῆος
 δαιδαλέοις· περὶ γάρ οἱ ἐνὶ ζωστήρι φαεινῶ 180
 ἄρκτοι ἔσαν βλοσυραὶ καὶ ἀναιδέες· ἀμφὶ δὲ θῶες
 σμερδαλέοι, καὶ λυγρὸν ὑπ' ὀφρύσι μειδιόωσαι
 πορδάλιες· τῶν δ' ἄγχι λύκοι ἔσαν ὀβριμόθυμοι
 καὶ σύες ἀργιόδοντες εὐσθενέες τε λέοντες 185
 ἐκπάγλως ζωοῖσιν εἰκότες· ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντη
 ὑσμῖναι ἐνέκειντο μετ' ἀργαλέοιο φόνοιο·
 δαίδαλα μὲν οἱ τόσσα περὶ ζωστήρα τέτυκτο.
 ἄλλα δέ οἱ γωρυτὸς ἀπείριτος ἀμφεκέκαστο·
 ἐν μὲν ἔην Διὸς υἱὸς ἀελλοπόδης Ἑρμείης
 Ἰνάχου ἀμφὶ ρέεθρα κατακτείνων μέγαν Ἄργον, 190
 Ἄργον, ὃς ὀφθαλμοῖσιν ἀμοιβαδὸν ὑπνώεσκεν·
 ἐν δὲ βίῃ Φαέθοντος ἀνὰ ῥόον Ἡριδανοῖο
 βλήμενος ἐκ δίφροιο· καταιθομένης δ' ἄρα γαίης
 ὡς ἑτεὸν περ ἄητο μέλας ἐνὶ ἡέρι καπνός·
 Περσεὺς δ' ἀντίθεος βλοσυρὴν ἐδάϊζε Μέδουσαν, 195
 ἄστρον ἦχι λοετρὰ πέλει καὶ τέρματα γαίης
 πηγαί τ' ὠκεανοῖο βαθυρρόου, ἐνθ' ἀκάμαντι
 ἠελίῳ δύνοντι συνέρχεται ἑσπερίη νύξ·
 ἐν δὲ καὶ ἀκαμάτοιο μέγας πάϊς Ἰαπετοῖο
 Καυκάσου ἠλιβάτοιο παρηώρητο κολώνη 200
 δεσμῶ ἐν ἀρρήκτῳ· κεῖρεν δέ οἱ αἰετὸς ἦπαρ
 αἰὲν ἀεξόμενον· ὃ δ' ἄρα στενάχοντι ἐώκει.
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ἄρ τεύξαντο κλυταὶ χέρες Ἡφαίστοιο
 ὀβρίμῳ Ἡρακλῆϊ· ὃ δ' ὤπασε παιδὶ φορῆναι
 Ποίαντος, μάλα γάρ οἱ ὀμωρόφιός φίλος ἦεν. 205
 Αὐτὰρ ὁ κυδιόων ἐν τεύχεσι δάμνατο λαοῦς.

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Down from the mountains swelled by rain it pours
An ever-flowing mightily-rushing stream
Whose foaming crests over its forelands sweep ;
So none who saw him even from afar
Dared meet renownèd Poeas' valiant son,
Whose breast with battle-fury was fulfilled,
Whose limbs were clad in mighty Hercules' arms
Of cunning workmanship ; for on the belt
Gleamed bears most grim and savage, jackals fell,
And panthers, in whose eyes there seems to lurk
A deadly smile. There were fierce-hearted wolves,
And boars with flashing tusks, and mighty lions
All seeming strangely alive ; and, there portrayed
Through all its breadth, were battles murder-rife.
With all these marvels covered was the belt ;
And with yet more the quiver was adorned.
There Hermes was, storm-footed Son of Zeus,
Slaying huge Argus nigh to Inachus' streams,
Argus, whose sentinel eyes in turn took sleep.
And there was Phaethon from the Sun-car hurled
Into Eridanus. Earth verily seemed
Ablaze, and black smoke hovered on the air
There Perseus slew Medusa gorgon-eyed
By the stars' baths and utmost bounds of earth
And fountains of deep-flowing Ocean, where
Night in the far west meets the setting sun.
There was the Titan Iapetus' great son
Hung from the beetling crag of Caucasus
In bonds of adamant, and the eagle tare
His liver unconsumed—he seemed to groan !
All these Hephaestus' cunning hands had wrought
For Hercules ; and these to Poeas' son,
Most near of friends and dear, he gave to bear.
So glorying in those arms he smote the foe.

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ὄψέ δέ οἱ ἐπόρουσε Πάρις, στονόεντας οἷστούς
 νωμῶν ἐν χείρεσσι μετὰ γναμπτοῖο βιοῖο
 θαρσαλέως· τῷ γάρ ῥα συνήιεν ὕστατον ἡμαρ.
 ἦκε δ' ἀπὸ νευρήφι θοὸν βέλος· ἢ δ' ἰάχησεν 210
 ἰοῦ ἀπεσσυμένοιο· τὸ δ' οὐχ ἄλιον φύγε χειρῶν·
 καί ῥ' αὐτοῦ μὲν ἄμαρτεν ἀλευαμένου μάλα τυτθόν,
 ἀλλ' ἔβαλεν Κλεόδωρον ἀγακλειτόν περ ἔοντα
 βαιὸν ὑπὲρ μαζοῖο, διήλασε δ' ἄχρῖς ἐς ὦμον·
 οὐ γὰρ ἔχεν σάκος εὐρύ, τό οἱ λυγρὸν ἔσχεν
 ὄλεθρον· 215

ἀλλ' ὅ γε γυμνὸς ἐὼν ἀνεχάζετο· τοῦ γὰρ ἀπ' ὦμων
 Πουλυδάμας ἀπάραξε σάκος τελαμῶνα δαίξας
 βουπλήγι στιβαρῷ· ὁ δ' ἐχάσσατο μαρνάμενός περ
 αἰχμῇ ἀνιηρῇ· στονόεις δέ οἱ ἔμπεσεν ἰὸς 220
 ἄλλοθεν αἰξας· ὡς γὰρ νύ που ἤθελε δαίμων
 θήσειν αἰνὸν ὄλεθρον εὐφρονος νιέϊ Λέρνου,
 ὃν τέκετ' Ἀμφιάλη Ῥοδίων ἐν πίοιι γαίῃ.

Τὸν δ' ὡς οὖν ἐδάμασσε Πάρις στονόεντι
 βελέμνω,

δὴ τότε που Ποίαντος ἀμύμονος ὄβριμος υἱὸς
 ἐμμεμαῶς θοὰ τόξα τιταίνων οἱ μέγ' αὐτεῖ· 225
 “ὦ κύον, ὡς σοὶ ἔγωγε φόνον καὶ κῆρ' αἰδήλον
 δώσω, ἐπεὶ νύ μοι ἅντα λιλαίεαι ἰσοφαρίζειν·
 καὶ κεν ἀναπνεύσουσιν, ὅσοι σέθεν εἵνεκα λυγροῦ
 τείρουτ' ἐν πολέμῳ· τάχα γὰρ λύσις ἔσσετ'
 ὄλέθρου

ἐνθάδε σείο θανόντος, ἐπεὶ σφισι πῆμα τέτυξαι.” 230

“Ὡς εἰπὼν νευρὴν μὲν εὐστροφον ἀγχόθι μαζοῦ
 εἴρυσσε, κυκλώθη δὲ κέρας, καὶ ἀμείλιχος ἰὸς
 ἰθύνη, τόξου δ' αἰνὴ ὑπερέσχεν ἀκωκῇ
 τυτθὸν ὑπ' αἰζηοῖο βίῃ· μέγα δ' ἔβραχε νευρῇ
 ἰοῦ ἀπεσσυμένοιο δυσηχέος· οὐδ' ἀφάμαρτε 235
 δίος ἀνήρ· τοῦ δ' οὔτι λύθη κέαρ, ἀλλ' ἔτι θυμῷ

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But Paris at the last to meet him sprang
Fearlessly, bearing in his hands his bow
And deadly arrows—but his latest day
Now met himself. A flying shaft he sped
Forth from the string, which sang as leapt the dart,
Which flew not vainly : yet the very mark
It missed, for Philoctetes swerved aside
A hair-breadth, and it smote above the breast
Cleodorus war-renowned, and cleft a path
Clear through his shoulder ; for he had not now
The buckler broad which wont to fence from death
Its bearer, but was falling back from fight,
Being shieldless ; for Polydamas' massy lance
Had cleft the shoulder-belt whereby his targe
Hung, and he gave back therefore, fighting still
With stubborn spear. But now the arrow of death
Fell on him, as from ambush leaping forth.
For so Fate willed, I trow, to bring dread doom
On noble-hearted Lernus' scion, born
Of Amphiale, in Rhodes the fertile land.

But soon as Poeas' battle-eager son
Marked him by Paris' deadly arrow slain,
Swiftly he strained his bow, shouting aloud :
“ Dog ! I will give thee death, will speed thee down
To the Unseen Land, who darest to brave me !
And so shall they have rest, who travail now
For thy vile sake. Destruction shall have end
When thou art dead, the author of our bane.”

Then to his breast he drew the plaited cord.
The great bow arched, the merciless shaft was
aimed
Straight, and the terrible point a little peered
Above the bow, in that constraining grip.
Loud sang the string, as the death-hissing shaft
Leapt, and missed not : yet was not Paris' heart
Stilled, but his spirit yet was strong in him ;

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ἔσθενεν· οὐ γὰρ οἱ τότε καίριος ἔμπεσεν ἰός,
 ἀλλὰ παρέθρισε χειρὸς ἐπιγράβδην χρῶα καλόν.
 ἔξαυτις δ' ὅ γε τόξα τιτύσκετο· τὸν δὲ παραφθὰς
 ἰῶ εὐγλώχινι βάλεν βουβῶνος ὑπερθε 240
 Ποίαντος φίλος υἱός· ὁ δ' οὐκέτι μίμνε μάχεσθαι,
 ἀλλὰ θοῶς ἀπόρουσε, κύων ὧς, ὅς τε λέοντα
 ταρβήσας χάσσηται ἐπεσσύμενος τὸ πάροιθεν·
 ὧς ὅ γε λευγαλέησι πεπαρμένος ἦτορ ἀνίης
 χάζετ' ἀπὸ πτολέμοιο. συνεκλονέοντο δὲ λαοὶ 245
 ἀλλήλους ὀλέκοντες· ἐν αἵματι δ' ἔπλετο δῆρις
 κτεινομένων ἐκάτερθε· νεκροὶ δ' ἐπέκειντο νέκυσσι
 πανσυδίῃ ψεκάδεσσιν εἰκότες ἠὲ χαλάζῃ
 ἢ χιόνος νιφάδεσσιν, ὅτ' οὖρεα μακρὰ καὶ ὕλην
 Ζηνὸς ὑπ' ἐννεσίης ζέφυρος καὶ χεῖμα παλύνει· 250
 ὧς οἱ γ' ἀμφοτέρωθεν ἀνηλέϊ Κηρὶ δαμέντες
 ἀθρόοι ἀλλήλοισι δεδουπότες ἀμφεχέοντο.

Αἰνὰ δ' ἀνεστενάχιζε Πάρις· περὶ δ' ἔλκει
 θυμὸν

τείρετο· τὸν δ' ἀλύοντα τάχ' ἄμφεπον ἰητῆρες.
 Τρῶες δ' εἰς ἐὸν ἄστυ κίον· Δαναοὶ δ' ἐπὶ νῆας 255
 κυανέας ἀφίκοντο θοῶς· τοὺς γὰρ ῥα κυδοιμοῦ
 νύξ ἀπέπαυσε μέλαινα, μόγον δ' ἐξείλετο γυίων
 ὕπνον ἐπὶ βλεφάροισι πόνου ἀλκτῆρα χέασα.
 ἀλλ' οὐχ ὕπνος ἔμαρπτε θοὸν Πάριν ἄχρις ἐς ἠώ·
 οὐ γὰρ οἱ τις ἄλαλκε λιλαιομένων περ ἀμύνειν 260
 παντοίοις ἀκέεσσιν, ἐπεὶ ῥά οἱ αἴσιμον ἦεν
 Οἰνῶνης ὑπὸ χερσὶ μόρον καὶ κῆρας ἀλύξαι,
 ἣν ἐθέλη· ὁ δ' ἄρ' αἶψα θεοπροπίησι πιθήσας
 ἦεν οὐκ ἐθέλων· ὀλοὴ δέ μιν ἦγεν ἀνάγκη
 κουριδίης εἰς ὦπα· λυγροὶ γε μὲν ἀντιόωντες 265
 κὰκ κορυφῆς ὄρνιθες αὔτεον, οἱ δ' ἀνὰ χεῖρα

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For that first arrow was not winged with death :
It did but graze the fair flesh by his wrist.
Then once again the avenger drew the bow,
And the barbed shaft of Poeas' son had plunged,
Ere he could swerve, 'twixt flank and groin. No
more

He abode the fight, but swiftly hasted back
As hastes a dog which on a lion rushed
At first, then fleeth terror-stricken back.
So he, his very heart with agony thrilled,
Fled from the war. Still clashed the grappling
hosts,

Man slaying man : aye bloodier waxed the fray
As rained the blows : corpse upon corpse was flung
Confusedly, like thunder-drops, or flakes
Of snow, or hailstones, by the wintry blast
At Zeus' behest strewn over the long hills
And forest-boughs ; so by a pitiless doom
Slain, friends with foes in heaps on heaps were
strown.

Sorely groaned Paris ; with the torturing wound
Fainted his spirit. Leeches sought to allay
His frenzy of pain. But now drew back to Troy
The Trojans, and the Danaans to their ships
Swiftly returned, for dark night put an end
To strife, and stole from men's limbs weariness,
Pouring upon their eyes pain-healing sleep.

But through the livelong night no sleep laid hold
On Paris : for his help no leech availed,
Though ne'er so willing, with his salves. His weird
Was only by Oenone's hands to escape
Death's doom, if so she willed. Now he obeyed
The prophecy, and he went—exceeding loth,
But grim necessity forced him thence, to face
The wife forsaken. Evil-boding fowl
Shrieked o'er his head, or darted past to left,

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σκαιῆν ἄϊσσοντες· ὁ δὲ σφεας ἄλλοτε μὲν που
 δείδιεν εἰσορόων, ὅτε δ' ἀκράαντα πέτεσθαι
 ἔλπετο· τοὶ δὲ οἱ αἶνον ὑπ' ἄλγεσι φαῖνον ὄλεθρον.
 ἴξε δ' ἐς Οἰνώνην ἐρικυδέα· τὸν δ' ἐσιδοῦσαι 270
 ἀμφίπολοι θάμβησαν ἀολλέες ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτὴ
 Οἰνώνη· ὁ δ' ἄρ' αἶψα πέσεν παρὰ ποσσὶ γυναικὸς,
 [λυγρῆ ὑπ' ὤτειλῆ δεδμημένος, ἢ οἱ ἄεξεν]
 ἀμφὶ μέλαιν' ἐφύπερθε καὶ ἔνδοθι μέχρῃς ἰκέσθαι
 μυελὸν ἐς λιπόωντα δι' ὀστέου, οὔνεκα νηδὺν
 φάρμακον αἶνον ἔπυθε κατ' οὐτάμενον χροά
 φωτός. 275

τείρετο δὲ στυγερῆ βεβολημένος ἦτορ ἀνίη·
 ὡς δ' ὅτε τις νούσω τε καὶ ἀργαλέῃ μέγα δίψῃ
 αἰθόμενος κραδίην ἀδινὸν κέαρ ἀναίνηται,
 ὄν τε περιζείουσα χολὴ φλέγει, ἀμφὶ δὲ νωθῆς
 ψυχὴ οἱ πεπότῃτ' ἐπὶ χείλεσιν ἀναλέοισιν 280
 ἀμφοτέρων βιότου τε καὶ ὕδατος ἰμείρουσα·
 ὡς τοῦ ὑπὸ στέρνοισι καταίθετο θυμὸς ἀνίη·
 καὶ ῥ' ὀλιγοδρανέων τοῖον ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπεν·
 “ ὦ γύναι αἰδοίη, μὴ δὴ νῦ με τειρόμενόν περ
 ἐχθήρης, ἐπεὶ ἄρ σε πάρος λίπον ἐν μεγάροισι 285
 χήρην, οὐκ ἐθέλων περ' ἄγον δέ με Κῆρες ἄφυκτοι
 εἰς Ἑλένην, ἧς εἶθε πάρος λεχέεσσι μιγῆναι
 σῆσιν ἐν ἀγκοίνῃσι θανῶν ἀπὸ θυμὸν ὄλεσσα.
 ἀλλ' ἄγε, πρὸς τε θεῶν, οἷ τ' οὐρανὸν ἀμφινέ-
 μονται,

πρὸς τε τεῶν λεχέων καὶ κουριδίης φιλότητος, 290
 ἦπιον ἔνθεο θυμὸν, ἄχος δ' ἀλεγεινὸν ἄλαλκε
 φάρμακ' ἀλεξήσοντα καθ' ἔλκεος οὐλομένοιο
 θείσα, τὰ μοι μεμόρηται ἀπωσέμεν ἄλγεα θυμοῦ,
 ἦν ἐθέλης· σῆσιν γὰρ ἐπὶ φρεσίν, εἶτε σαῶσαι
 μήδεαι ἐκ θανάτοιο δυσηχέος, εἶτε καὶ οὐκί· 295
 ἀλλ' ἐλέαιρε τάχιστα καὶ ὠκυμόρων σθένος ἰῶν
 ἐξάκεσ', ἕως μοι ἔτ' ἀμφὶ μένος καὶ γυῖα τέθηλε·
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Still as he went. Now, as he looked at them,
His heart sank ; now hope whispered, " Haply vain
Their bodings are ! "—but on their wings were
borne

Visions of doom that blended with his pain.

Into Oenone's presence thus he came.

Amazed her thronging handmaids looked on him
As at the Nymph's feet that pale suppliant fell
Faint with the anguish of his wound, whose pangs
Stabbed him through brain and heart, yea, quivered
through

His very bones, for that fierce venom crawled
Through all his inwards with corrupting fangs ;
And his life fainted in him agony-thrilled.

As one with sickness and tormenting thirst
Consumed, lies parched, with heart quick-shud-
dering,

With liver seething as in flame, the soul,
Scarce conscious, fluttering at his burning lips,
Longing for life, for water longing sore ;
So was his breast one fire of torturing pain.

Then in exceeding feebleness he spake :

" O revered wife, turn not from me in hate
For that I left thee widowed long ago !

Not of my will I did it : the strong Fates
Dragged me to Helen—oh that I had died
Ere I embraced her—in thine arms had died !

Ah, by the Gods I pray, the Lords of Heaven,
By all the memories of our wedded love,
Be merciful ! Banish my bitter pain :

Lay on my deadly wound those healing salves
Which only can, by Fate's decree, remove

This torment, if thou wilt. Thine heart must speak
My sentence, to be saved from death or no.

Pity me—oh, make haste to pity me !

This venom's might is swiftly bringing death !

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μηδέ τί με ζήλοιο λυγροῦ μεμνημένη ἔμπης
καλλείψης θανέεσθαι ἀμειλίκτω ὑπὸ πότμῳ
πὰρ ποσὶ σοῖσι πεσόντα· Λιταῖς δ' ἀποθύμια
ῥέξεις,

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αἶ ῥα καὶ αὐταὶ Ζηνὸς ἐριγδούποιο θύγατραι
εἰσί, καὶ ἀνθρώποισιν ὑπερφιάλοις κοτέουσαι
ἐξόπιθε στονόεσσαν ἐπιθύνουσιν Ἐριννὺν
καὶ χόλον, ἀλλὰ σύ, πότνα, κακὰς ἀπὸ Κῆρας
ἔρυκε

ἐσσυμένως, εἰ καὶ τι παρήλιτον ἀφραδίησιν.”

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Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· τῆς δ' οὔτι φρένας παρέπεισε
κελαινάς,

ἀλλὰ ἐκερτομέουσα μέγ' ἀχνύμενον προσέειπε·

“τίπτει μοι εἰλήλουθας ἐναντίον, ἦν ῥα πάροιθεν

κάλλιπες ἐν μεγάροισιν ἀάσπετα κωκύουσαν

εἵνεκα Τυνδαρίδος πολυκηδέος, ἧ παριαύων

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τέρπεο καγχαλόων, ἐπεὶ ἡ πολὺ φερτέρη ἐστὶν

τῆς σέο κουριδίης· τὴν γὰρ φάτις ἔμμεν ἀγήρω·

κείνην ἐσσυμένως γουνάζεο, μηδέ νύ μοί περ

δακρυόεις ἔλεεινὰ καὶ ἀλγινόεντα παραύδα·

αἶ γάρ μοι μέγα θηρὸς ὑπὸ κραδίῃ μένος εἶη

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δαρδάψαι σέο σάρκας, ἔπειτα δέ θ' αἶμα λαφύξαι,

οἰά με πῆματ' ἔοργας ἀτασθαλίησι πιθήσας.

σχέτλιε, ποῦ νύ τοί ἐστιν ἐϋστέφανος Κυθήρεια;

πῆ δὲ πέλει γαμβροῖο λελασμένος ἀκάματος Ζεὺς;

τοὺς ἔχ' ἀοσητήρας· ἐμῶν δ' ἀπὸ τῆλε μελά-

θρων

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χάζεο, καὶ μακάρεσσι καὶ ἀνδράσι πῆμ' ἀλεγεινόν·

σειὸ γὰρ εἵνεκ', ἀλιτρέ, καὶ ἀθανάτους ἔλε πένθος,

τοὺς μὲν ἐφ' υἰωνοῖς, τοὺς δ' υἰάσιν ὀλλυμένοισιν.

ἀλλὰ μοι ἔρρε δόμοιο καὶ εἰς Ἑλένην ἀφίκανε,

ἧς σε χρεῶν νυκτός τε καὶ ἡματος ἀσχαλόωντα

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τρύξειν πὰρ λεχέεσσι πεπαρμένον ἄλγει λυγρῶ,

εἰσόκε σ' ἰήνειεν ἀνιηρῶν ὀδυνάων.”

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Heal me, while life yet lingers in my limbs!
Remember not those pangs of jealousy,
Nor leave me by a cruel doom to die
Low fallen at thy feet! This should offend
The Prayers, the Daughters of the Thunderer Zeus,
Whose anger followeth unrelenting pride
With vengeance, and the Erinnyes executes
Their wrath. My queen, I sinned, in folly sinned;
Yet from death save me—oh, make haste to save!”

So prayed he; but her darkly-brooding heart
Was steeled, and her words mocked his agony:
“Thou comest unto me!—thou, who didst leave
Erewhile a wailing wife in a desolate home!—
Didst leave her for thy Tyndarid darling! Go,
Lie laughing in her arms for bliss! She is better
Than thy true wife—is, rumour saith, immortal!
Make haste to kneel to her—but not to me!
Weep not to me, nor whimper pitiful prayers!
Oh that mine heart beat with a tigress’ strength,
That I might tear thy flesh and lap thy blood
For all the pain thy folly brought on me!
Vile wretch! where now is Love’s Queen glory-
crowned?

Hath Zeus forgotten his daughter’s *paramour*?
Have them for thy deliverers! Get thee hence
Far from my dwelling, curse of Gods and men!
Yea, for through thee, thou miscreant, sorrow came
On deathless Gods, for sons and sons’ sons slain.
Hence from my threshold!—to thine Helen go!
Agonize day and night beside her bed:
There whimper, pierced to the heart with cruel
pangs,
Until she heal thee of thy grievous pain.”

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Ὡς φαμένη γοόωντα φίλων ἀπέπεμπε μελά-
 θρων,
 νηπίη· οὐδ' ἄρ' ἐφράσσαθ' ἔον μόρον· ἦ γὰρ
 ἔμελλον
 κείνου ἀποφθιμένοιο καὶ αὐτῇ Κῆρες ἔπεσθαι 330
 ἔσσυμένως· ὡς γάρ οἱ ἐπέκλωσεν Διὸς Αἴσα.
 τὸν δ' ἄρ' ἀπεσσύμενον λασίης ὑπὲρ ἄκριας Ἰδης
 οἶμον ἐς ἐσχατιήν, ὅθι μιν μόρος αἰνὸς ἄγεσκε¹ 332α
 λυγρὸν ἐπισκάζοντα καὶ ἀχνύμενον μέγα θυμῷ
 Ἴηρη τ' εἰσενόησε καὶ ἄμβροτον ἦτορ ἰάνθη,
 ἐξομένη κατ' Ὀλυμπον, ὅπῃ Διὸς ἔπλετ' ἀλώη. 335
 καὶ ρά οἱ ἀμφίπολοι πίσυρες σχεδὸν ἐδριόωντο,
 τὰς ποτ' ἄρ' Ἡελίῳ χαροπὴ δμηθεῖσα Σελήνη
 γείνατ' ἀν' οὐρανὸν εὐρύν ἀτειρέας, οὐδὲν ὁμοίας
 ἀλλήλαις· μορφῇ δὲ διέκριθεν ἄλλη ἀπ' ἄλλης·
 [πρώτη μὲν θέρεος καματώδεος ἔλλαχε μοῖραν,]
 ἦ δ' ἐτέρη χειμῶνι καὶ αἰγοκερῆι μέμηλε· 340
 [εἶαρι δ' αὖ τριτάτη, τετράτη δ' ἐπιτέρπετ' ὀπώρη·]
 τέτρασι γὰρ μοίρησι βροτῶν διαμείβεται αἰὼν,
 ἃς κεῖναι ἐφέπουσιν ἀμοιβαδόν· ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν που
 αὐτῷ Ζηνὶ μέλοιτο κατ' οὐρανόν· αἰ δ' ὀάριζον
 ὀππόσα λοίγιος Αἴσα περὶ φρεσὶν οὐλομένησι
 μήδετο, Τυνδαρίδος στυγερὸν γάμον ἐντύνουσα 345
 Δηϊφόβῳ, καὶ μῆνιν ἀνηρῆν Ἐλένοιο
 καὶ χόλον ἀμφὶ γυναικός, ὅπως τέ μιν υἱες
 Ἀχαιῶν
 ἤμελλον μάρψαντες ἐν ὑψηλοῖσιν ὄρεσσι
 χωόμενον Τρώεσσι θοὰς ἐπὶ νῆας ἄγεσθαι,
 ὡς τέ οἱ ἐννεσίησι κραταιοῦ Τυδέος υἱὸς 350
 ἐσπομένου Ὀδυσῆος ὑπὲρ μέγα τεῖχος ὀρούσας
 Ἀλκαθῷ στονόεντα φέρειν ἤμελλεν ὄλεθρον
 ἀρπάξας ἐθέλουσαν εὐφρονα Τριτογένειαν,
 ἦ τ' ἔρυμα πτόλιός τε καὶ αὐτῶν ἔπλετο Τρώων·

¹ Verse supplied by Zimmermann, ex P.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

So from her doors she drave that groaning man—
Ah fool! not knowing h^{er} own doom, whose weird
Was straightway after him to tread the path
Of death! So Fate had spun her destiny-thread.

Then, as he stumbled down through Ida's brakes,
Where Doom on his death-path was leading him
Painfully halting, racked with heart-sick pain,
Hera beheld him, with rejoicing soul
Throned in the Olympian palace-court of Zeus.
And seated at her side were handmaids four
Whom radiant-faced Selene bare to the Sun
To be unwearying ministers in heaven,
In form and office diverse each from each;
For of these Seasons one was summer's queen,
And one of winter and his stormy star,
Of spring the third, of autumn-tide the fourth.
So in four portions parted is man's year
Ruled by these Queens in turn—but of all this
Be Zeus himself the Overseer in heaven.
And of those issues now these spake with her
Which baleful Fate in her all-ruining heart
Was shaping to the birth—the new espousals
Of Helen, fatal to Deiphobus—
The wrath of Helenus, who hoped in vain
For that fair bride, and how, when he had fled,
Wroth with the Trojans, to the mountain-height,
Achaea's sons would seize him and would hale
Unto their ships—how, by his counselling
Strong Tydeus' son should with Odysseus scale
The great wall, and should slay Alcathous
The temple-warder, and should bear away
Pallas the Gracious, with her free consent,
Whose image was the sure defence of Troy;—

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

οὐδὲ γὰρ οὐδὲ θεῶν τις ἀπειρέσιον χαλεπήνας 355
 ἔσθενεν ὄλβιον ἄστυ διαπραθέειν Πριάμοιο
 ἀθανάτης ἔμπροσθεν ἀκηδέος ἐμβεβαυίης·
 οὐδέ οἱ ἄμβροτον εἶδος ἔτεκτῆναντο σιδήρω
 ἄνερες, ἀλλὰ μιν αὐτὸς ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο Κρονίῳν
 κάββαλεν ἐς Πριάμοιο πολυχρύσιοιο πόλῃα. 360

Καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ὀάριζε Διὸς δάμαρ ἀμφιπόλοισιν,
 ἄλλα τε πόλλ' ἐπὶ τοῖσι. Πάριν δ' ἄρα θυμὸς
 ἐν Ἰδῃ

κάλλιπεν, οὐδ' Ἑλένη μιν ἐσέδρακε νοστήσαντα·
 ἀμφὶ δέ μιν Νύμφαι μέγ' ἐκώκυον, οὔνεκ' ἄρ'
 αὐτοῦ

εἰσέτι που μέμνηντο κατὰ φρένας, ὅσα πάροιθεν 365
 ἐξέτι νηπιάχοιο συναγρομένης ὀάριζε·

σὺν δέ σφιν μύρουτο βοῶν θοοὶ ἀγροιώται
 ἀχνύμενοι κατὰ θυμόν· ἐπεστενάχοντο δὲ βῆσαι.

Καὶ τότε δὴ Πριάμοιο πολυτλήτοιο γυναικὶ
 δεινὸν Ἀλεξάνδροιο μόρον φάτο βουκόλος ἀνὴρ· 370
 τῆς δ' ἄφαρ, ὡς ἐσάκουσε, τρόμῳ περιπάλλετο
 θυμὸς,

γυῖα δ' ὑπεκλάσθησαν· ἔπος δ' ὀλοφύρατο τοῖον·
 “ὦλεό μοι, φίλε τέκνον, ἐμοὶ δ' ἐπὶ πένθει
 πένθος

κάλλιπες αἰὲν ἄφυκτον, ἐπεὶ πολὺ φέρτατος
 ἄλλων

παίδων ἔσκες ἐμεῖο μεθ' Ἑκτορα· τῷ νύ σε λυγρὴ 375
 κλαύσομαι, εἰσόκε μοι κραδίη ἐνὶ πάλλεται ἦτορ·
 οὐ γὰρ ἄνευ μακάρων τάδε πάσχομεν, ἀλλὰ τις

Αἴσα

μήδετο λοίγια ἔργα, τὰ μὴ ὤφειλον ὀτλήσαι,
 ἀλλ' ἔθανον τὸ πάροιθεν ἐν εἰρήνῃ τε καὶ ὄλβῳ·
 [νῦν δ' ἐπὶ πῆματι πῆμα μετ' ὄμμασι δέρκομαι
 αἰεὶ]

ἐλπομένη καὶ ἔτ' ἄλλα κακώτερα θηήσασθαι, 380

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

Yea, for not even a God, how wroth soe'er,
Had power to lay the City of Priam waste
While that immortal shape stood warder there.
No man had carven that celestial form,
But Cronos' Son himself had cast it down
From heaven to Priam's gold-abounding burg.

Of these things with her handmaids did the
Queen

Of Heaven hold converse, and of many such,
But Paris, while they talked, gave up the ghost
On Ida : never Helen saw him more.
Loud wailed the Nymphs around him ; for they still
Remembered how their nursling wont to lisp
His childish prattle, compassed with their smiles.
And with them mourned the neatherds light of foot,
Sorrowful-hearted ; moaned the mountain-glens.

Then unto travail-burdened Priam's queen
A herdman told the dread doom of her son.
Wildly her trembling heart leapt when she heard ;
With failing limbs she sank to earth and wailed :
“ Dead !—*thou* dead, O dear child ! Grief heaped on
grief

Hast thou bequeathed me, grief eternal ! Best
Of all my sons, save Hector alone, wast thou !
While beats my heart, my grief shall weep for thee.
The hand of Heaven is in our sufferings :
Some Fate devised our ruin—oh that I
Had lived not to endure it, but had died
In days of wealthy peace ! But now I see
Woes upon woes, and ever look to see

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

παῖδας μὲν κταμένους, κεραιῖζομένην δὲ πόλῃα
καὶ πυρὶ δαιομένην Δαναῶν ὑπὸ καρτεροθύμων,
σύν τε νουὸς θύγατράς τε μετὰ Τρωῆσι καὶ
ἄλλαις

ἐλκομένας ἅμα παισὶ δορυκτῆτῳ ὑπ' ἀνάγκῃ.”

“Ὡς φάτο κωκύουσα· πόσις δέ οἱ οὔ τι πέπυστο· 385
ἀλλ' ὁ παρ' Ἑκτορος ἦστο τάφῳ ἐπὶ δάκρυα
χεύων,

οὔνεκ' ἄριστος ἔην καὶ ἐρύετο δούρατι πάτρην·
τοῦ πέρι πευκαλίμας ἀχέων φρένας οὔ τι πέπυστο.
ἀλλ' Ἑλένη μάλα πολλὰ διηνεκέως γοῶσα
ἄλλα μὲν ἐν Τρώεσσιν αὐτεεν, ἄλλα δέ οἱ κῆρ 390

ἐν κραδίῃ μενέαινε· φίλον δ' ἀνὰ θυμὸν ἔειπεν·
“ ἄνερ, ἐμοὶ καὶ Τρωσὶ καὶ αὐτῷ σοὶ μέγα πῆμα,
ᾧλεο λευγαλέως· ἐμὲ δ' ἐν στυγερῇ κακότητι
κάλλιπες ἐλπομένην ὀλοώτερα πῆματ' ἰδέσθαι.

ὡς ὄφελόν μ' Ἄρπυιαι ἀνηρείψαντο πάροιθεν, 395
ὅππότε σοίγ' ἐπόμην ὀλοῇ ὑπὸ δαίμονος Αἴσῃ·
νῦν δ' ἄρα καὶ σοὶ πῆμα θεοὶ δόσαν ἠδ' ἐμοὶ αὐτῇ
αἰνομόρῳ· πάντες δέ μ' ἀάσπετον ἐρρίγασι,

πάντες δ' ἐχθαίρουσιν ἐμὸν κέαρ· οὐδέ πη οἶδα
ἐκφυγέειν· εἰ γάρ κε φύγω Δαναῶν ἐς ὄμιλον, 400
αὐτίκ' ἀεικίσσουσιν ἐμὸν δέμας· εἰ δέ κε μίμνω,
Τρῶες καὶ Τρωαί με περισταδὸν ἄλλοθεν ἄλλοι
αἶψα διαρραίσουσι· νέκυν δ' οὐ γαῖα καλύψει,

ἀλλὰ κύνες δάψουσι καὶ οἰωνῶν θοὰ φῦλα·
ὡς ὄφελόν μ' ἔλεν Αἴσα,¹ πάρος τάδε πῆματ'
ἰδέσθαι.” 405

“Ὡς ἔφατ', οὔτι γοῶσα πόσιν τόσον, ὅππόσον
αὐτῆς

μύρετ' ἀλιτροσύνης μεμνημένη· ἀμφὶ δὲ Τρωαὶ
ὡς κείνον στενάχοντο, μετὰ φρεσὶ δ' ἄλλα με-
νοίνων,

¹ Zimmermann, for μ' ἐδάμασσε of Koechly.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

Worse things—my children slain, my city sacked
And burned with fire by stony-hearted foes,
Daughters, sons' wives, all Trojan women, haled
Into captivity with our little ones !”

So wailed she ; but the King heard naught
thereof,

But weeping ever sat by Hector's grave,
For most of all his sons he honoured him,
His mightiest, the defender of his land.
Nothing of Paris knew that pierced heart ;
But long and loud lamented Helen ; yet
Those wails were but for Trojan ears ; her soul
With other thoughts was busy, as she cried :
“ Husband, to me, to Troy, and to thyself
A bitter blow is this thy woeful death !
In misery hast thou left me, and I look
To see calamities more deadly yet.

Oh that the Spirits of the Storm had snatched
Me from the earth when first I fared with thee
Drawn by a baleful Fate ! It might not be ;
The Gods have meted ruin to thee and me.
With shuddering horror all men look on me,
All hate me ! Place of refuge is there none
For me ; for if to the Danaan host I fly,
With torments will they greet me. If I stay,
Troy's sons and daughters here will compass me
And rend me. Earth shall cover not my corpse,
But dogs and fowl of ravin shall devour.
Oh had Fate slain me ere I saw these woes !”

So cried she : but for him far less she mourned
Than for herself, remembering her own sin.
Yea, and Troy's daughters but in semblance wailed
For him : of other woes their hearts were full.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

αἰ μὲν ὑπὲρ τοκέων μεμνημένοι, αἰ δὲ καὶ ἀνδρῶν,
αἰ δ' ἄρ' ὑπὲρ παίδων, αἰ δὲ γνωτῶν ἐριτίμων. 410

Οἷη δ' ἐκ θυμοῖο δαΐζετο κυδαλίμοιο
Οἰνῶνη· ἀλλ' οὔτι μετὰ Τρωῆσιν εὐῶσα
κώκυεν, ἀλλ' ἀπάνευθεν ἐνὶ σφετέροισι μελάθροις
κείμετο βαρυστενάχουσα παλαιοῦ λέκτρο¹ ἀκοίτεω.
οἷη δ' ἐν ξυλόχοισι περιτρέφεται κρύσταλλος 415

αἰπυτάτων ὀρέων, ἧ τ' ἄγκεα πολλὰ παλύνει
χεναμένη ζεφύροιο καταγιγίσι. [ἧ δ' ἄρ' ὑπ' Εὐρῷ
Ἡελίῳ τε χιῶν κατατήκεται] ἀμφὶ δὲ μακρὰ
ἄκριες ὑδρηλῆσι κατειβόμεναι λιβάδεσσι
δεύονθ', ἧ δὲ νάπησιν ἀπειρεσίη περ εὐῶσα
πίδακος ἐσσυμένης κρυερὸν περιτήκεται ὕδωρ· 420
ὥς ἧ γ' ἀσχαλόωσα μέγα στυγερῇ ὑπ' ἀνίη
τήκετ' ἀκηχεμένη πόσιος περὶ κουριδίοιο.

αἰνὰ δ' ἀναστενάχουσα φίλον προσελέξατο θυμόν·
“ὦ μοι ἀτασθαλῆς, ὦ μοι στυγεροῦ βιότοιο,
ἧ πόσιν ἀμφαγάπησα δυσάμμορον, ᾧ σὺν ἐώλπειν 425
γῆραϊ τειρομένη βιότου κλυτὸν οὐδὸν ἰκέσθαι
αἰὲν ὁμοφρονέουσα· θεοὶ δ' ἐτέρωσε βάλλοντο·
ὥς μ' ὄφελόν ποτε Κῆρες ἀνηρείψαντο μέλαιναί,
ὅππότε νόσφιν ἔμελλον Ἀλεξάνδροιο πέλεσθαι·
ἀλλὰ καὶ εἰ ζωὸς μ' ἔλιπεν, μέγα τλήσομαι ἔργον 430
ἀμφ' αὐτῷ θανέειν, ἐπεὶ οὔτι μοι εὐαδεν ἠώς.”

“Ὡς φαμένης ἐλεεινὰ κατὰ βλεφάροιν ἔχυντο
δάκρυα, κουριδίοιο δ' ἀναπλήσαντος ὄλεθρου
μνωομένη, ἅτε κηρὸς ὑπαὶ πυρί, τήκετο λάθρη,
ἄζετο γὰρ πατέρα σφὸν ἰδ' ἀμφιπόλους εὐπέπλους, 435
μέχρις ἐπὶ χθόνα δίαν ἀπ' εὐρέος ὠκεανοῖο
νύξ ἐχύθη, μερόπεσσι λύσιν καμάτοιο φέρουσα.
καὶ ῥα τόθ' ὑπνώοντος ἐνὶ μεγάροισι τοκῆος
καὶ δμῶων, πυλεῶνας ἀναρρήξασα μελάθρων
ἔκθορεν, ἧ ὑτ' ἄελλα· φέρον δέ μιν ὠκέα γυῖα· 440

¹ Zimmermann, for λέκτρον of v.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

Some thought on parents, some on husbands slain,
These on their sons, on honoured kinsmen those.

One only heart was pierced with grief unfeigned,
Oenone. Not with them of Troy she wailed,
But far away within that desolate home
Moaning she lay on her lost husband's bed.
As when the copses on high mountains stand
White-veiled with frozen snow, which o'er the glens
The west-wind blasts have strown, but now the sun
And east-wind melt it fast, and the long heights
With water-courses stream, and down the glades
Slide, as they thaw, the heavy sheets, to swell
The rushing waters of an ice-cold spring,
So melted she in tears of anguished pain,
And for her own, her husband, agonised,
And cried to her heart with miserable moans :
“ Woe for my wickedness ! O hateful life !
I loved mine hapless husband—dreamed with him
To pace to eld's bright threshold hand in hand,
And heart in heart ! The gods ordained not so.
Oh had the black Fates snatched me from the
earth

Ere I from Paris turned away in hate !
My living love hath left me !—yet will I
Dare to die with him, for I loathe the light.”

So cried she, weeping, weeping piteously,
Remembering him whom death had swallowed up,
Wasting, as melteth wax before the flame—
Yet secretly, being fearful lest her sire
Should mark it, or her handmaids—till the night
Rose from broad Ocean, flooding all the earth
With darkness bringing men release from toil.
Then, while her father and her maidens slept,
She slid the bolts back of the outer doors,
And rushed forth like a storm-blast. Fast she ran,

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἀν' οὔρεα πόρτιν ἐρασσαμένην μέγα
ταύρου

θυμὸς ἐποτρύνει ποσὶ καρπαλίμοισι φέρεσθαι
ἐσσυμένως, ἢ δ' οὔτι λιλαιομένη φιλότητος
ταρβεῖ βουκόλον ἄνδρα, φέρει δέ μιν ἄσχετος ὄρμη,
εἷ που ἐνὶ ξυλόχοισιν ὁμήθεα ταῦρον ἴδοιτο. 445

ὡς ἡ ρίμφα θεοῦσα διήνυε μακρὰ κέλευθα
διζομένη τάχα ποσσὶ πυρῆς ἐπιβήμεναι αἰνῆς.
οὐδέ τί οἱ κάμε γούνατ'· ἐλαφρότεροι δ' ἐφέροντο
ἐσσυμένης πόδες αἰέν· ἔπειγε γὰρ οὐλομένη Κῆρ
καὶ Κύπρις· οὐδέ τι θήρας ἐδεΐδιε λαχνηέντας 450
ἀντομένους ὑπὸ νύκτα, πάρος μέγα πεφρικυῖα·
πᾶσα δέ οἱ λασίων ὀρέων ἐστείβετο πέτρη
καὶ κρημνοί, πᾶσαι δὲ διεπρήσσοντο χαράδραι.
τὴν δέ που εἰσορόωσα τόθ' ὑψόθι δία Σελήνη
μνησαμένη κατὰ θυμὸν ἀμύμονος Ἐνδυμίωνος 455
πολλὰ μάλ' ἐσσυμένην ὀλοφύρατο· καὶ οἱ ὑπερθε
λαμπρὸν παμφανόωσα μακρὰς ἀνέφαινε κελεύ-
θους.

Ἴκετο δ' ἐμβεβαυῖα δι' οὔρεος, ἦχι καὶ ἄλλαι
νύμφαι· Ἀλεξάνδροιο πυρῆν περικωκύεσκον.
τὸν δ' ἔτι που κρατερὸν πῦρ ἄμφεχεν, οὔνεκ' ἄρ'
αὐτῷ 460

μηλονόμοι ξυνιόντες ἀπ' οὔρεος ἄλλοθεν ἄλλοι
ἕλην θεσπεσίην παρενήνεον, ἦρα φέροντες
ὑστατίην καὶ πένθος ὁμῶς ἐτάρω καὶ ἄνακτι,
κλαίοντες μάλα πολλὰ περισταδόν· ἢ δέ μιν οὔτι,
ἀμφαδὸν ὡς ἄθρησε, γοήσατο τειρομένη περ, 465
ἀλλὰ καλυψαμένη περὶ φάρεϊ καλὰ πρόσωπα
αἶψα πυρῆ ἐνέπαλτο· γόον δ' ἄρα πουλὺν ὄρινε·
καίετο δ' ἀμφὶ πόσει· Νύμφαι δέ μιν ἄλλοθεν
ἄλλαι

θάμβεον, εὐτ' ἐσίδοντο μετ' ἀνέρι πεπτηυῖαν·
καί τις ἐὼν κατὰ θυμὸν ἔπος ποτὶ τοῖον ἔειπεν· 470

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

As when a heifer 'mid the mountains speeds,
Her heart with passion stung, to meet her mate,
And madly races on with flying feet,
And fears not, in her frenzy of desire,
The herdman, as her wild rush bears her on,
So she but find her mate amid the woods ;
So down the long tracks flew Oenone's feet
Seeking the awful pyre, to leap thereon.
No weariness she knew : as upon wings
Her feet flew faster ever, onward spurred
By fell Fate, and the Cyprian Queen. She feared
No shaggy beast that met her in the dark—
Who erst had feared them sorely—rugged rock
And precipice of tangled mountain-slope,
She trod them all unstumbling ; torrent-beds
She leapt. The white Moon-goddess from on high
Looked on her, and remembered her own love,
Princely Endymion, and she pitied her
In that wild race, and, shining overhead
In her full brightness, made the long tracks plain.
Through mountain-gorges so she won to where
Wailed other Nymphs round Alexander's corpse.
Roared up about him a great wall of fire :
For from the mountains far and near had come
Shepherds, and heaped the death-bale broad and
high
For love's and sorrow's latest service done
To one of old their comrade and their king.
Sore weeping stood they round. She raised no wail,
The broken-hearted, when she saw him there,
But, in her mantle muffling up her face,
Leapt on the pyre : loud wailed that multitude.
There burned she, clasping Paris. All the Nymphs
Marvelled, beholding her beside her lord
Flung down, and heart to heart spake whispering :

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

“ ἀτρεκέως Πάρις ἦεν ἀτάσθαλος, ὃς μάλα κεδνὴν
 κάλλιπε κουριδίην καὶ ἀνήγαγε μάργον ἄκοιτιν
 οἱ αὐτῷ καὶ Τρωσὶ καὶ ἄστει λοίγιον ἄλγος,
 νήπιος· οὐδ’ ἀλόχοιο περίφρονος ἄζετο θυμὸν
 τειρομένης, ἥπερ μιν ὑπὲρ φάος ἠελίοιο 475
 καίπερ ἀπεχθαίροντα καὶ οὐ φιλέοντα τίεσκεν.”

“Ὡς ἄρ’ ἔφη Νύμφη τις ἀνὰ φρένας· οἱ δ’ ἐνὶ
 μέσση
 πυρκαϊῇ καίοντο λελασμένοι Ἴριγενείης·
 ἀμφὶ δὲ βουκόλοι ἄνδρες ἐθάμβεον, εὔτε πάροιθεν
 Ἄργεῖοι θάμβησαν ἀολλέες ἀθρήσαντες 480
 Εὐάδην Καπανῆος ἐπεκχυμένην μελέεσσιν
 ἀμφὶ πόσιν δμηθέντα Διὸς στονόεντι κεραυνῷ.
 ἀλλ’ ὅπότε ἀμφοτέρους ὀλοὴ πυρὸς ἤνυσε ῥιπὴ
 Οἰνώνην τε Πάριν τε, μὴ δ’ ὑποκάββαλε τέφρη,
 δὴ τότε πυρκαϊὴν οἴνω σβέσαν· ὅστέα δ’ αὐτῶν 485
 χρυσέω ἐν κρητῆρι θέσαν· περὶ δέ σφισι σῆμα
 ἐσσυμένως τεύξαντο· θέσαν δ’ ἄρα δοιὼ ὑπερθε
 στήλας, αἵπερ ἔασι τετραμμένοι ἄλλυδις ἄλλη,
 ζῆλον ἐπ’ ἀλλήλησιν ἔτι στονόεντα φέρουσαι.¹

¹ Verse supplied by Zimmermann, ex P.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK X

“ Verily evil-hearted Paris was,
Who left a leal true wife, and took for bride
A wanton, to himself and Troy a curse.
Ah fool, who recked not of the broken heart
Of a most virtuous wife, who more than life
Loved him who turned from her and loved her not ! ”

So in their hearts the Nymphs spake : but they
twain

Burned on the pyre, never to hail again
The dayspring. Wondering herdmen stood around,
As once the thronging Argives marvelling saw
Evadne clasping mid the fire her lord
Capaneus, slain by Zeus' dread thunderbolt.
But when the blast of the devouring fire
Had made twain one, Oenone and Paris, now
One little heap of ashes, then with wine
Quenched they the embers, and they laid their bones
In a wide golden vase, and round them piled
The earth-mound ; and they set two pillars there
That each from other ever turn away ;
For the old jealousy in the marble lives.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΕΝΔΕΚΑΤΟΣ

Τρωαὶ δὲ στενάχουτο κατὰ πτόλιν, οὐδ' ἐδύναντο
 ἐλθέμεναι ποτὶ τύμβον, ἐπεὶ μάλα τηλόθ' ἔκειτο
 ἄσπετος αἰπεινοῖο· νέοι δ' ἔκτοσθε πόλης
 νωλεμέως πονέοντο· μάχη δ' οὐ λῆγε φόνοιο,
 καίπερ Ἀλεξάνδροιο δεδουπότος, οὐνεκ' Ἀχαιοὶ 5
 Τρωσὶν ἐπεσσεύοντο ποτὶ πτόλιν, οἳ δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ
 τείχεος ἦιον ἐκτός ἐπεὶ σφεας ἦγεν ἀνάγκη·
 ἐν γὰρ δὴ μέσσοισιν Ἔρις στονόεσσα τ' Ἐννὼ
 στρωφῶντ', ἀργαλέησιν Ἐριννύσιν εἴκειλαι ἄντην,
 ἄμφω ἀπὸ στομάτων ὀλοὸν πνείουςαι ὄλεθρον· 10
 ἄμφ' αὐτοῖσι δὲ Κῆρες ἀναιδέα θυμὸν ἔχουσαι
 ἀργαλέως μαίνοντο· Φόβος δ' ἐτέρωθι καὶ Ἄρης
 λαοὺς ὀτρύνεσκον· ἐφέσπετο δὲ σφισι Δεῖμος
 φοινῆεντι λύθρῳ πεπαλαγμένος, ὄφρα ἐ φῶτες
 οἳ μὲν καρτύνωνται ὀρώμενοι, οἳ δὲ φέβωνται· 15
 πάντη δ' αἰγανέαι τε καὶ ἔγχεα καὶ βέλε' ἀνδρῶν,
 ἄλλυδις ἄλλα χέοντο κακοῦ μεμαῶτα φόνοιο·
 ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα σφίσι δοῦπος ἐρειδομένοισιν ὀρώρει,
 μαρναμένων ἐκάτερθε κατὰ φθισήνορα χάρμην.
 Ἐνθ' ἄρα Λαοδάμαντα Νεοπτόλεμος κατέ-
 πεφνευ, 20
 ὃς τράφη ἐν Λυκίῃ Ξάνθου παρὰ καλὰ ρέεθρα,
 ἔν ποτ' ἐριγδούποιο Διὸς δάμαρ ἀνθρώποισι
 Λητῶ δι' ἀνέφηνεν ἀναρρήξασα χέρεσσι

BOOK XI

How the sons of Troy for the last time fought from her walls and her towers.

TROY'S daughters mourned within her walls ; might
none
Go forth to Paris' tomb, for far away
From high-built Troy it lay. But the young men
Without the city toiled unceasingly
In fight wherein from slaughter rest was none,
Though dead was Paris ; for the Achaeans pressed
Hard on the Trojans even unto Troy.
Yet these charged forth—they could not choose but
so,
For Strife and deadly Enyo in their midst
Stalked, like the fell Erinyes to behold,
Breathing destruction from their lips like flame.
Beside them raged the ruthless-hearted Fates
Fiercely : here Panic-fear and Ares there
Stirred up the hosts : hard after followed Dread
With slaughter's gore besprent, that in one host
Might men see, and be strong, in the other fear ;
And all around were javelins, spears, and darts
Murder-athirst from this side, that side, showered.
Aye, as they hurled together, armour clashed,
As foe with foe grappled in murderous fight.
There Neoptolemus slew Laodamas,
Whom Lycia nurtured by fair Xanthus' stream,
The stream revealed to men by Leto, bride
Of Thunderer Zeus, when Lycia's stony plain

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

τρηχὺ πέδον Λυκίης ἔρικυδέος, ὀππὸθ' ἑοῖο
 θεσπεσίου τοκετοῖο πολυτλήτησιν ἀνίη 25
 δάμναθ' ὑπ' ὠδίνεσσι, ὄσσην ὠδίνες ἔγειρον.
 τῷ δ' ἐπι Νίρον ὄλεσσε βαλὼν ἀνὰ δημοτῆτα
 δουρὶ διὰ γναθμοῖο· πέρησε δέ οἱ στόμα χαλκὸς
 γλῶσσάν τ' αὐδήεσαν· ὁ δ' ἔγχεος ἄσχετον αἰχμὴν
 ἄμφεχε βεβρυχῶς· περὶ δ' ἔρρεεν αἷμα γένυσι 30
 φθεγγομένου· καὶ τὸν μὲν ὑπὸ κρατερῆς χερὸς ἀλκῆ
 ἔγχειν στονόεσσα ποτὶ χθονὸς οὐδας ἔρεισε
 δευόμενον θυμοῖο. βάλεν δ' Εὐήνορα δῖον
 τυτθὸν ὑπὲρ λαπάρην, διὰ δ' ἤλασεν ἐς μέσον ἦπαρ
 αἰχμὴν· τῷ δ' ἀλεγεινὸς ἄφαρ συνέκυρσεν ὄλεθρος. 35
 εἶλε δ' ἄρ' Ἴφιτίωνα καὶ Ἴππομέδοντα δάμασσε
 Μαινάλου ὄβριμον υἷα, τὸν Ὀκυρόη τέκε Νύμφη
 Σαγγαρίου ποταμοῖο παρὰ ῥόον· οὐδέ νυ τὸν γε
 δέξατο νοστήσαντα· κακὴ δέ ἐ Κῆρ ἀπάμερσε
 παιδὸς ἀνηρῶς, μέγα δ' υἱέος ἔμβαλε πένθος. 40

Αἰνείας δὲ Βρέμοντα καὶ Ἀνδρόμαχον κατέ-
 πεφνευ,

ὃς τράφη ἐν Κνωσσῷ, ὁ δ' ἄρα ζαθέη ἐνὶ Λύκτῳ·
 ἄμφω δ' εἰς ἓνα χῶρον ἀπ' ὠκυπόδων πέσον ἵππων·
 καὶ ῥ' ὁ μὲν ἀσπαίρεσκε πεπαρμένος ἔγχει μακρῷ
 λαιμόν, ὁ δ' ἀλγινόεντος ἀνὰ κροτάφοιο θέμεθλα 45
 χερμαδίῳ στονόεντι μάλα κρατερῆς ἀπὸ χειρὸς
 βλήμενος ἐκπνεῖσκε, μέλας δέ μιν ἄμφεχε πότμος.
 ἵπποι δ' ἐπτοίηντο καὶ ἠνιόχων ἀπάνευθε
 φεύγοντες πολλοῖσιν ἐνεπλάζοντο νέκυσι·
 καὶ τοὺς μὲν θεράποντες ἀμύμονος Αἰνεῖαιο 50
 μάρψαντες κεχάροντο φίλην περὶ ληίδι θυμόν.

Ἐνθα Φιλοκτήτης ὀλοῶ βάλε Πείρασον ἰῶ
 φεύγοντ' ἐκ πολέμοιο· διέθρισε δ' ἀγκύλα νεῦρα
 γούνατος ἐξόπιθεν, κατὰ δ' ἔκλασεν ἀνέρος ὀρμὴν·
 καὶ τὸν μὲν Δαναῶν τις ὄτ' ἔδρακε γυιωθέντα 55
 ἐσσυμένως ἀπάμερσε καρῆατος ἄορι τύψας

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Was by her hands upturn mid agonies
Of travail-throes wherein she brought to light
Mid bitter pangs those babes of birth divine.
Nirus upon him laid he dead ; the spear
Crashed through his jaw, and clear through mouth
and tongue

Passed : on the lance's irresistible point
Shrieking was he impaled : flooded with gore
His mouth was as he cried. The cruel shaft,
Sped on by that strong hand, dashed him to earth
In throes of death. Evenor next he smote
Above the flank, and onward drave the spear
Into his liver : swiftly anguished death
Came upon him. Iphition next he slew :
He quelled Hippomedon, Hippasus' bold son,
Whom Ocyone the Nymph had borne beside
Sangarius' river-flow. Ne'er welcomed she
Her son's returning face, but ruthless Fate
With anguish thrilled her of her child bereaved.

Bremon Aeneas slew, and Andromachus,
Of Cnossus this, of hallowed Lyctus that :
On one spot both from their swift chariots fell ;
This gasped for breath, his throat by the long spear
Transfixed ; that other, by a massy stone,
Sped from a strong hand, on the temple struck,
Breathed out his life, and black doom shrouded
him.

The startled steeds, bereft of charioteers,
Fleeing, mid all those corpses were confused,
And princely Aeneas' henchmen seized on them
With hearts exulting in the goodly spoil.

There Philoctetes with his deadly shaft
Smote Peirasus in act to flee the war :
The tendons twain behind the knee it snapped,
And palsied all his speed. A Danaan marked,
And leapt on that maimed man with sweep of sword

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἀλγινόμεντα τένοντα· κόλον δ' ὑπεδέξατο γαῖα
σῶμα· κάρη δ' ἀπάτερθε κυλινδομένη πεφόρητο
φωνῆς ἰεμένοιο· ταχύς δ' ἄμ' ἀπέπτατο θυμός.

Πουλυδάμας δὲ Κλέωνα καὶ Εὐρύμαχον βάλε
δουρί,

60

οἱ Σύμηθεν ἴκανον ὑπὸ Νιρῆι ἄνακτι
ἄμφω ἐπιστάμενοι δόλον ἰχθύσι μητίσασθαι
αἰνοῦ ὑπ' ἀγκίστροιο, βαλέσθαι τ' εἰς ἄλα δῖαν
δίκτυα καὶ παλάμησι περιφραδέως ἀπὸ νηὸς
ἰθὺ καὶ αἶψα τρίαιναν ἐπ' ἰχθύσι νωμήσασθαι·
ἀλλ' οὐ σφιν τότε πῆμα θαλάσσια ἤρκεσεν ἔργα.

65

Εὐρύπυλος δὲ μενεπτόλεμος κτάνε¹ φαίδιμον
Ἕλλον,

τόν ῥα παρὰ λίμνη Γυγαίῃ γείνατο μήτηρ
Κλειτὴ καλλιπάρῃος· ὁ δ' ἐν κονίῃσι ταύσθη
πρηγῆς· τοῦ δ' ἀπάτερθεν ὁμῶς δόρυ κάππεσε
μακρὸν

70

ὤμου ἀπὸ βριαροῖο κεκομμένη ἄορι λυγρῶ
χεῖρ ἔτι μαιμώωσα ποτὶ κλόνον ἔγχος αἰεῖραι
μαψιδίως· οὐ γάρ μιν ἀνὴρ εἰς ἔργον ἐνώμα,
ἀλλ' αὐτῶς ἤσπαιρεν ἄτε βλοσυροῖο δράκοντος
οὐρῇ ἀποτμηθεῖς ἀναπάλλεται, οὐδέ οἱ ἀλκῆ
ἔσπεται ἐς πόνον αἰπύν, ἵνα χραύσαντα διώξῃ·
ὥς ἄρα δεξιτερῇ κρατερόφρονος ἀνδρὸς ἐς αἰχμῆν
ὄρμαινε πονέεσθαι· ἀτὰρ μένος οὐκέτ' ὀπήδει.

75

Αὐτὰρ Ὀδυσσεὺς Αἶνον ἐνήρατο καὶ Πολύδωρον
ἄμφω Κητείους, τὸν δούρατι, τὸν δ' ἀλεγεινῶ
ἄορι δηώσας. Σθένελος δ' ἔλε δῖον Ἀβαντὰ
αἰγανέην προῖεις· ἡ δ' ἀσφαράγοιο διαπρὸ
ἔσσυμένη ἀλεγεινὸν ἐς ἰνίου ἦλθε τένοντα·
λῦσε δ' ἄρ' ἀνέρος ἦτορ, ὑπέκλασε δ' ἄψφα πάντα.

80

Τυδεΐδης δ' ἔλε Λαόδοκον, Μέλιον δ' Ἀγα-
μέμνων,

85

¹ Zimmermann, for βάλε of v.

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Shearing his neck through. On the breast of earth
The headless body fell: the head far flung
Went rolling with lips parted as to shriek;
And swiftly fled thence the homeless soul.

Polydamas struck down Eurymachus
And Cleon with his spear. From Syme came
With Nireus' following these: cunning were both
In craft of fisher-folk—to cast the hook
Baited with guile, to drop into the sea
The net, from the boat's prow with deftest hands
Swiftly and straight to plunge the three-forked
spear.

But not from bane their sea-craft saved them now.

Eurypylus battle-staunch laid Hellus low,
Whom Cleito bare beside Gygaea's mere,
Cleito the fair-cheeked. Face-down in the dust
Outstretched he lay: shorn by the cruel sword
From his strong shoulder fell the arm that held
His long spear. Still its muscles twitched, as though
Fain to uplift the lance for fight—in vain;
For the man's will no longer stirred therein,
But aimlessly it quivered, even as leaps
The severed tail of a snake malignant-eyed,
Which cannot chase the man who dealt the wound;
So the right hand of that strong-hearted man
With impotent grip still clutched the spear for fight.

Aenus and Polydorus Odysseus slew,
Ceteians both; this perished by his spear,
That by his sword death-dealing. Sthenelus
Smote godlike Abas with a javelin-cast:
On through his throat and shuddering nape it
rushed:

Stopped were his heart-beats, all his limbs collapsed.

Tydeides slew Laodocus; Melius fell

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Δηίφοβος δὲ Δρύαντα καὶ Ἄλκιμον· αὐτὰρ
Ἄγηνωρ

Ἴππασον ἐξενάριξεν ἀγακλειτόν περ ἔοντα,
ὅς ῥ' ἀπὸ Πηνειοῦ ποταμοῦ κίεν· οὐδ' ἐρατεινὰ
θρέπτρα τοκεῦσιν ἔδωκεν, ἐπεὶ ῥά μιν ἔκλασε
δαίμων.

Ἔνθα Θόας ἐδάμασσε Λάλον καὶ ἀγήνορα
Λύγκον,

90

Μηριόνης δὲ Λυκῶνα, καὶ Ἀρχίλοχον Μενέλαος,
ὅς ῥά τε Κωρυκίην ὑπὸ δειράδα ναιετάασκε
πέτρην θ' Ἐφαιστοιο περίφρονος, ἣ τε βροτοῖσι
θαῦμα πέλει· δὴ γάρ οἱ ἐναίθεται ἀκάματον πῦρ
ἄσβεστον νυκτός τε καὶ ἡματος· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῷ
φοῖνικες θαλέθουσι, φέρουσι δ' ἀπείρονα καρπόν,
ρίζης καιομένης ἅμα λάεσιν· ἀλλὰ τὸ μὲν που
ἀθάνατοι τεύξαντο καὶ ἐσσομένοισιν ιδέσθαι.

95

Τεῦκρος δ' Ἴππομέδοντος ἀμύμονος υἷα Μενόιτην
ἐσσυμένως ὄρμαινε βαλεῖν ἐπιόντα βελέμνω·
καὶ ῥα νόῳ καὶ χερσὶ καὶ ὄμμασιν ἰθύνεσκεν
ἰὸν ἀπὸ γναμπτοῖο κεράατος· ὃς δ' ἀλεγεινὸν
ἄλτο θοῆς ἀπὸ χειρὸς ἐς ἀνέρα· τῷ δ' ὑπο νευρῇ
εἰσέτι που κανάχιζεν· ὁ δ' ἀντίου ἀσπαίρεσκε
βλήμενος, οὐνεκα Κῆρες ὁμῶς φορέοντο βελέμνω
καίριον ἐς κραδίην, ὅθι περ νόος ἔζεται ἀνδρῶν
καὶ μένος, ὄτραλέαι δὲ ποτὶ μόρον εἰσὶ κέλευθοι.

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Εὐρύαλος δ' ἄρα πολλὸν ἀπὸ στιβαρῆς βάλε
χειρὸς

λᾶα μέγαν, Τρώων δὲ θοὰς ἐλέλιξε φάλαγγας·
ὡς δ' ὅτε τις γεράνοισι τανυφθόγγοισι χολωθεῖς
οὔρος ἀνὴρ πεδίοιο μέγ' ἀσχαλῶν ἐπορούση,
δινήσας περὶ κρατὶ θοῇ χερὶ νεῦρα βόεια
λᾶα βάλῃ κατέναντα, διασκεδάσῃ δ' ὑπὸ ροίζῳ
ἠέρι πεπταμένας δολιχὰς στίχας, αἱ δὲ φέβονται,
ἄλλη δ' εἰς ἑτέρην εἰλεύμεναι αἴσσουσι

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By Agamemnon's hand ; Deiphobus
Smote Alcimus and Dryas : Hippasus,
How war-renowned soe'er, Agenor slew
Far from Peneius' river. Crushed by fate,
Love's nursing-debt to parents ne'er he paid.

Lamus and stalwart Lyncus Thoas smote,
And Meriones slew Lycon ; Menelaus
Laid low Archelochus. Upon his home
Looked down Corycia's ridge, and that great rock
Of the wise Fire-god, marvellous in men's eyes ;
For thereon, nightlong, daylong, unto him
Fire blazes, tireless and unquenchable.
Laden with fruit around it palm-trees grow,
While mid the stones fire plays about their roots.
Gods' work is this, a wonder to all time.

By Teucer princely Hippomedon's son was slain,
Menoetes : as the archer drew on him,
Rushed he to smite him ; but already hand
And eye, and bow-craft keen were aiming straight
On the arching horn the shaft. Swiftly released
It leapt on the hapless man, while sang the string.
Stricken full front he heaved one choking gasp,
Because the fates on the arrow riding flew
Right to his heart, the throne of thought and
strength
For men, whence short the path is unto death.

Far from his brawny hand Euryalus hurled
A massy stone, and shook the ranks of Troy.
As when in anger against long-screaming cranes
A watcher of the field leaps from the ground,
In swift hand whirling round his head the sling,
And speeds the stone against them, scattering
Before its hum their ranks far down the wind
Outspread, and they in huddled panic dart

QUINTUS SYMRNAEUS

κλαγγηδὸν μάλα πάγχυ, πάρος κατὰ κόσμον ἰοῦσαι·
 ὡς ἄρα δυσμενέες φοβερὸν βέλος ἀμφεφόβηθεν
 ὀβρίμου Εὐρυάλιοι· τὸ δ' οὐχ ἄλιον φέρε δαίμων,
 ἀλλ' ἄρα σὺν πήληκι κάρη κρατεροῖο Μέλητος
 θλάσσε περὶ γλήνησι.¹ μόρος δ' ἐκίχανεν ἀρητός. 120

Ἄλλος δ' ἄλλον ἔπεφνε, περιστεναχίζετο δ' αἶα·
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἐπιβρίσαντος ἀπειρεσίου ἀνέμοιο
 λάβρον ὑπὸ ριπῆς βαρυηχέος ἄλλυδις ἄλλα
 δένδρεα μακρὰ πέσησιν ὑπέκ ριζέων ἐριπόντα
 ἄλσεος εὐρυπέδοιο, βρέμει δέ τε πᾶσα περὶ χθών· 125
 ὡς οἳ γ' ἐν κούνησι πέσον, κανάχησε δὲ τεύχη
 ἄσπετον, ἀμφὶ δὲ γαῖα μέγ' ἔβραχεν· οἳ δὲ κυ-
 δοιμοῦ

ἀργαλέου μνώοντο, μετὰ σφίσι πῆμα τιθέντες.

Καὶ τότε ἄρ' Αἰνεῖαιο μόλε σχεδὸν ἠὺς Ἀπόλλων
 ἠδ' Ἀντηνορίδαο δαΐφρονος Εὐρυμάχοιο· 130
 οἳ γὰρ δὴ μάρναντο πολυσθενέεσσιν Ἀχαιοῖς
 ἄγχι μάλ' ἔσταότες κατὰ φύλοπιν, εὖθ' ὑπ' ἀπήνη
 δοιοὶ ὀμηλικίη κρατεροὶ βόες, οὐδ' ἀπέληγον
 ὑσμίνης· τοὺς δ' αἶψα θεὸς ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπεν
 μάντει εἰδόμενος Πολυμήστορι, τὸν ποτε μήτηρ 135
 γείνατ' ἐπὶ Ξάνθοιο ῥοαῖς θεράπονθ' Ἐκάτοιο·
 “ Εὐρύμαχ' Αἰνεῖα τε θεῶν γένος, οὔτι ἔοικεν
 ὑμέας Ἀργείοισιν ὑπαικέμεν· οὐδὲ γὰρ αὐτὸς
 ὕμμιν ὑπαντιάσας κεχαρήσεται ὄβριμος Ἄρης,
 ἣν ἐθέλητε μάχεσθαι ἀνὰ κλόνον, οὔνεκα Μοῖραι 140
 μακρὸν ἐπ' ἀμφοτέροισι βίου τέλος ἐκλώσαντο.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν ἀνέμοισι μίγη καὶ ἄϊστος ἐτύχθη·
 οἳ δὲ νόῳ φράσσαντο θεοῦ μένος· αἶψα γὰρ αὐτοῖς
 θάρσος ἀπειρέσιον κατεχεύατο· μαίνεται δὲ σφι
 θυμὸς ἐνὶ στήθεσσι, καὶ ἔνθορον Ἀργείοισιν, 145
 ἀργαλέοις σφήκεσσι ἐοικότες, οἳ τ' ἀλεγεινὸν
 ἐκ θυμοῦ κοτέοντες ἐπιβρίσωσι μελίσσαις,

¹ Zimmermann, for πληγήσι of v.

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With wild cries this way and that, who theretofore
Swept on in ordered lines ; so shrank the foe
To right and left from that dread bolt of doom
Hurl'd of Euryalus. Not in vain it flew
Fate-winged ; it shattered Meles' helm and head
Down to the eyes : so met him ghastly death.

Still man slew man, while earth groan'd all
around,

As when a mighty wind scourges the land,
And this way, that way, under its shrieking blasts
Through the wide woodland bow from the roots and
fall

Great trees, while all the earth is thundering round ;
So fell they in the dust, so clanged their arms,
So crashed the earth around. Still hot were they
For fell fight, still dealt bane unto their foes.

Nigh to Aeneas then Apollo came,
And to Eurymachus, brave Antenor's son ;
For these against the mighty Achaeans fought
Shoulder to shoulder, as two strong oxen, match'd
In age, yoked to a wain ; nor ever ceased
From battling. Suddenly spake the God to these
In Polymestor's shape, the seer his mother
By Xanthus bare to the Far-darter's priest :
" Eurymachus, Aeneas, seed of Gods,
'Twere shame if ye should flinch from Argives ! Nay,
Not Ares' self should joy to encounter you,
An ye would face him in the fray ; for Fate
Hath spun long destiny-threads for thee and thee."

He spake, and vanished, mingling with the winds.
But their hearts felt the God's power : suddenly
Flooded with boundless courage were their frames,
Maddened their spirits : on the foe they leapt
Like furious wasps that in a storm of rage
Swoop upon bees, beholding them draw nigh

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἄς τε περὶ σταφυλῆς αὐαινομένης ἐν ὀπώρῃ
 ἐρχομένας ἐσίδωσιν ἢ ἐκ σίμβλοιο θορούσας·
 ὧς ἄρα Τρώιοι υἷες εὐπτολέμοισιν Ἀχαιοῖς 150
 ἐνθορόν ἐσσυμένως· κεχάροντο δὲ Κῆρες ἐρεμναὶ
 μαρναμένων· ἐγέλασσε δ' Ἄρης· ἰάχησε δ' Ἐνυὼ
 σμερδαλέον· μέγα δέ σφιν ἐπέβραχεν αἰόλα τεύχη·
 οἱ δ' ἄρα δυσμενέων ἀπερείσια φύλα δαΐζον
 χερσὶν ἀμαιμακέτησι· κατηρείποντο δὲ λαοὶ 155
 αὐτῶς, ἡϋτ' ἄμαλλα θέρευσ εὐθαλπέος ὄρη,
 ἦν ῥά τ' ἐπιστέρχωσι θοοὶ χέρας ἀμητῆρες
 δασσάμενοι κατ' ἄρουραν ἀπείρονα μακρὰ πέλεθρα·
 ὧς ἄρα τῶν ὑπὸ χερσὶ κατηρείποντο φάλαγγες
 μυρίαί· ἀμφὶ δὲ γαῖα νεκρῶν περιπεπληθυῖα 160
 αἵματι πλημμύρεσκεν· Ἔρις δ' ἄρ' ἰαίνεται θυμῶ
 ὀλλυμένων· οἱ δ' οὔτι κακοῦ παύοντο μόθοιο,
 ἀλλ' ἄτε μῆλα λέοντες ἐπήϊον· οἱ δ' ἄρα φύζης
 λευγαλέης μνώοντο καὶ ἐξ ὀλοοῦ πολέμοιο
 φεύγον, ὅσοις ἀδάϊκτον ἔτι σθένος ἐν ποσὶ κείτο. 165
 υἱὸς δ' Ἀγχίσαιος δαΐφρονος αἰὲν ὀπήδει
 δυσμενέων μετόπισθεν ὑπ' ἔγχρῃ νῶτα δαΐζων,
 Εὐρύμαχος δ' ἐτέρωθεν· ἰαίνεται δ' ἄμβροτον ἦτορ
 ὑψόθεν εἰσορόωντος ἐκηβόλου Ἀπόλλωνος.
 Ὡς δ' ὅτε τις σιάλοισιν ἀνὴρ ἐς λῆιον αὖον 170
 ἐρχομένοις, πρὶν ἄμαλλαν ὑπ' ἀμητῆρσι δαμῆναι,
 ἀντὶ ἐπισσεύῃ κρατεροὺς κύνας, οἱ δ' ὀρόωντες
 ἐσσυμένους τρομέουσι, καὶ οὐκέτι μέμβλεται αὐτοῖς
 εἶδατος, ἀλλὰ τρέπονται ἀνιερῆν ἐπὶ φύζαν
 πανσυδίῃ, τοὺς δ' αἶψα κύνες κατὰ ποσσὶ κιχόντες 175
 ἐξόπιθεν δάπτουσιν ἀμείλιχα, τοὶ δὲ φέβονται
 μακρὸν ἀνιύζοντες, ἀναξ δ' ἐπιτέρπετ' ἀρούρης·
 ὧς ἄρ' ἰαίνεται Φοῖβος, ὅτ' ἔδρακεν ἐκ πολέμοιο
 φεύγοντ' Ἀργείων πουλὺν στρατόν· οὐ γὰρ ἔτ'
 αὐτοῖς

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In latter-summer to the mellowing grapes,
Or from their hives forth-streaming thitherward ;
So fiercely leapt these sons of Troy to meet
War-hardened Greeks. The black Fates joyed to
see

Their conflict, Ares laughed, Enyo yelled
Horribly. Loud their glancing armour clanged :
They stabbed, they hewed down hosts of foes
untold

With irresistible hands. The reeling ranks
Fell, as the swath falls in the harvest heat,
When the swift-handed reapers, ranged adown
The field's long furrows, ply the sickle fast ;
So fell before their hands ranks numberless :
With corpses earth was heaped, with torrent blood
Was streaming : Strife incarnate o'er the slain
Gloated. They paused not from the awful toil,
But aye pressed on, like lions chasing sheep.
Then turned the Greeks to craven flight ; all feet
Unmaimed as yet fled from the murderous war.
Aye followed on Anchises' warrior son,
Smiting foes' backs with his avenging spear :
On pressed Eurymachus, while glowed the heart
Of Healer Apollo watching from on high.

As when a man descries a herd of swine
Draw nigh his ripening corn, before the sheaves
Fall neath the reapers' hands, and harketh on
Against them his strong dogs ; as down they
rush,

The spoilers see and quake ; no more think they
Of feasting, but they turn in panic flight
Huddling : fast follow at their heels the hounds
Biting remorselessly, while long and loud
Squealing they flee, and joys the harvest's lord ;
So rejoiced Phoebus, seeing from the war
Fleeing the mighty Argive host. No more

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ἔργ' ἀνδρῶν¹ μεμέλητο· πόδας δ' εὐχοντο θεοῖσιν 180
 ὧκα φέρειν· μούνοις γὰρ ἔτ' ἐν ποσὶν ἔπλετο νόστου
 ἔλπωρή· πάντα γὰρ ἐπήειν ἔγχεϊ θύων

Εὐρύμαχος τε καὶ Αἰνείας, σὺν δέ σφιν ἑταῖροι.

Ἐνθα τις Ἀργείων, ἧ κάρτεϊ πάγχυ πεποιθώς,
 ἢ Μοίρης ἰότητι, λιλαιομένης μιν ὀλέσσαι, 185

φεύγοντ' ἐκ πολέμοιο δυσηχέος ἵππου ἔρυκε
 γνάμψαι ἐπειγόμενος ποτὶ φύλοπιν, ὄφρα μάχεται
 ἀντία δυσμενέων· τὸν δ' ὀβριμόθυμος Ἀγήνωρ

παρφθάμενος μῦθονα κατ' ἀλγινόεντα δαΐξεν
 ἀμφιτόμῳ βουπλήγι· βίη δ' ὑπόειξε σιδήρου 190

ὀστέον οὐταμένοιο βραχίονος· ἀμφὶ δὲ νεῦρα
 ῥηιδίως ἤμησε· φλέβες δ' ὑπερέβλυσαν αἷμα·
 ἀμφεχύθη δ' ἵπποιο κατ' αὐχένος· αἶψα δ' ἄρ'
 αὐτὸς

κάππεσεν ἀμφὶ νέκυσσι· λίπεν δ' ἄρα χεῖρα κρα-
 ταιήν

στερρὸν ἔτ' ἐμπεφυυῖαν εὐγνάμπτοιο χαλινού, 195
 οἷη ἔτι ζώνοντος ἔην· μέγα δ' ἔπλετο θαῦμα,

οὐνεκα δὴ ῥυτῆρος ἀπεκρέμαθ' αἱματόεσσα

Ἄρεος ἐννεσίησι φόβον δηίοισι φέρουσα·

φαίης κεν χατέουσιν ἔθ' ἵππασίης πονέεσθαι.

σῆμα δὲ μιν φέρειν ἵππος ἀποκταμένοιο ἄνακτος. 200

Αἰνείας δ' ἐδάμασσε βαλὼν ὑπὲρ ἰξῦα δουρὶ

Αἰθαλίδην· αἰχμὴ δὲ παρ' ὀμφαλὸν ἐξεπέρησεν

ἔγκατ' ἐφελκομένη· ὁ δ' ἄρ' ἐν κονίησι ταυύσθη

συμμάρψας χεῖρεσσιν ὁμῶς χολάδεσσιν ἀκωκῆν

δεινὰ μάλα στενάχων, γαίη δ' ἐνέρεισεν ὀδόντας 205

βεβρυχώς· ψυχὴ δὲ καὶ ἄλγεα κάλλιπον ἄνδρα.

Ἀργεῖοι δὲ βόεσσιν ἐοικότες ἐπτοίηντο,

οὓς τ' ἄμοτον μεμαῶτας ὑπὸ ζεύγλῃ καὶ ἀρότρῳ

τύψῃ ὑπὸ λαπάρην ταναοῖς ὑπὸ χεῖλεσιν οἴστρος

αἵματος ἰέμενος, τοὶ δ' ἄσπετον ἀσχαλόωντες 210

¹ Zimmermann, for μόθων, of Koechly.

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Cared they for deeds of men, but cried to the Gods
For swift feet, in whose feet alone was hope
To escape Eurymachus' and Aeneas' spears
Which lightened ever all along their rear.

But one Greek, over-trusting in his strength,
Or by Fate's malice to destruction drawn,
Curbed in mid flight from war's turmoil his steed,
And strove to wheel him round into the fight
To face the foe. But fierce Agenor thrust
Ere he was ware; his two-edged partizan
Shore though his shoulder; yea, the very bone
Of that gashed arm was cloven by the steel;
The tendons parted, the veins spirted blood:
Down by his horse's neck he slid, and straight
Fell mid the dead. But still the strong arm hung
With rigid fingers locked about the reins
Like a live man's. Weird marvel was that sight,
The bloody hand down hanging from the rein,
Scaring the foes yet more, by Ares' will.
'Thou hadst said, "It craveth still for horsemanship!"
So bare the steed that sign of his slain lord.

Aeneas hurled his spear; it found the waist
Of Anthalus' son, it pierced the navel through,
Dragging the inwards with it. Stretched in dust,
Clutching with agonized hands at steel and bowels,
Horribly shrieked he, tore with his teeth the earth
Groaning, till life and pain forsook the man.

Scared were the Argives, like a startled team
Of oxen 'neath the yoke-band straining hard,
What time the sharp-fanged gadfly stings their
flanks
Athirst for blood, and they in frenzy of pain

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ἔργου ἐκάς φεύγουσιν, ἐπὶ σφίσι δ' ἄχυνται ἀνὴρ
ἀμφότερον¹ πονέων τε πόνον, τρομέων τ' ἐπὶ
βουσί,

μὴ δὴ που κατόπισθεν ἐπαΐσσοντος ἀρότρου
κέρση νεῦρα σίδηρος ἀμείλιχος ἐν ποσὶ κύρσας·
ὡς Δαναοὶ φοβέοντο· περὶ σφίσι δ' ἄχυντο θυμὸν 215
υἱὸς Ἀχιλλῆος· μέγα δ' ἴαχε λαὸν ἑέργων·
“ ἂ δειλοί, τί φέβεσθε, εἰκότες οὐτιδανοῖσι
ψήρεσιν, οὓς τ' ἐφόβησεν ἰὼν κατεναντία κίρκος;
ἀλλ' ἄγε θέσθ' ἐνι θυμόν, ἐπεὶ πολὺ λωῖὸν ἐστι
τεθνάμεν ἐν πολέμῳ ἢ ἀνάλκιδα φύζαν ἐλέσθαι.” 220

“Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' ἐπίθοντο θρασὺν νόον ἐν φρεσὶ
θέντες

ἐσσυμένως· ὁ δὲ Τρωσὶ μέγα φρονέων ἐνόρουσε
πάλλων ἐν χεῖρεσσι θοὸν δόρυ· τῷ δ' ἄρα λαοὶ
Μυρμιδόνων ἐφέποντο βίην ἀτάλαντον ἀέλλη
ἐν στέρνοισιν ἔχοντες· ἀνέπνευσαν δὲ κυδοιμοῦ 225
Ἀργεῖοι· ὁ δ' ἄρ' αἶψα φίλω πατρὶ θυμὸν εἰκῶς
ἄλλον ἐπ' ἄλλῳ ἔπεφνε κατὰ μόθον· οἱ δ' ἀπιόντες
χάζοντ', ἠὔτε κύμαθ', ἃ τ' ἐκ βορέας θυέλλης
πόλλ' ἐπιπαφλάζοντα κυλίνδεται αἰγιαλοῖσιν
ὀρνύμεν' ἐκ πόντοιο, τὰ δ' ἔκποθεν ἄλλος ἀήτης 230
ἀντίον αἶξας μεγάλη περὶ λαίλαπι θύων
ᾧση ἀπ' ἠιόνων Βορέῳ ἔτι βαιὸν ἀέντος·
ὡς Τρῶας Δαναοῖσιν ἐποιχομένους τὸ πάροιθεν
υἱὸς Ἀχιλλῆος θεοειδέος ᾧσεν ὀπίσσω
τυτθόν, ἐπεὶ μένος ἠὲ θρασύφρονος Αἰνεΐας 235
φευγέμεν οὐκ εἶασκε, μένειν δ' ἀνὰ φύλοπιν αἰνὴν
θαρσαλέως· ἐκάτερθε δ' ἴσην ἐτάνυσσεν Ἐννῶ
ὑσμίνην· ἀλλ' οὔτι καταντίον Αἰνεΐας
υἱὸς Ἀχιλλῆος πῆλεν δόρυ πατρὸς εἰοῖο,
ἀλλ' ἄλλη τρέπε θυμόν, ἐπεὶ Θέτις ἀγλαόπεπλο, 240
ἰζομένη Κυθήρειαν ἀπέτραπεν υἱωνοῖο

¹ Zimmermann, ex P, for ἀμφ' ἄροτρον of v.

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Start from the furrow, and sore disquieted
The hind is for marred work, and for their sake,
Lest haply the recoiling ploughshare light
On their leg-sinews, and hamstring his team ;
So were the Danaans scared, so feared for them
Achilles' son, and shouted thunder-voiced :
“ Cravens, why flee, like starlings nothing-worth
Scared by a hawk that swoopeth down on them ?
Come, play the men ! Better it is by far
To die in war than choose unmanly flight ! ”

Then to his cry they hearkened, and straightway
Were of good heart. Mighty of mood he leapt
Upon the Trojans, swinging in his hand
The lightening spear : swept after him his host
Of Myrmidons with hearts swelled with the strength
Resistless of a tempest, so the Greeks
Won breathing-space. With fury like his sire's
One after other slew he of the foe.
Recoiling back they fell, as waves on-rolled
By Boreas foaming from the deep to the strand,
Are caught by another blast that whirlwind-like
Leaps, in a short lull of the north-wind, forth,
Smites them full-face, and hurls them back from the
shore ;

So them that erewhile on the Danaans pressed
Godlike Achilles' son now backward hurled
A short space only—brave Aeneas' spirit
Let him not flee, but made him bide the fight
Fearlessly ; and Enyo level held
The battle's scales. Yet not against Aeneas
Achilles' son upraised his father's spear,
But elsewhither turned his fury : in reverence
For Aphrodite, Thetis splendour-veiled
Turned from that man her mighty son's son's rage

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θυμὸν καὶ μέγα κάρτος ἐπ' ἄλλων ἔθνεα λαῶν.
 ἐνθ' ὁ μὲν ἄρ Τρώων πολέας κτάνεν, ὃς δ' ἀρ'
 Ἀχαιῶν¹

δάμνατο μυρία φύλα· δαικταμένων δ' ἐνὶ χάρμῃ
 οἴωνοὶ κεχάροντο μεμαότες ἔγκατα φωτῶν
 δαρδάψαι καὶ σάρκας· ἐπεστενάχοντο δὲ Νύμφαι 245
 καλλιρούου Σιμόεντος ἰδὲ Ξάνθοιο θύγατρεις.

Καί ῥ' οἱ μὲν πονέοντο· κόνιν δ' ἀκάμαντες ἀῆται
 ὤρσαν ἀπειρεσίην· ἤχλυσε δὲ πᾶσαν ὑπερθεῖν
 ἡέρα θεσπεσίην, ὥς τ' ἀπροτίοπτος ὁμίχλη,
 οὐδ' ἄρα φαίνεταιο γαῖα, βροτῶν δ' ἀμάθυνεν ὀπωπᾶς· 250
 ἀλλὰ καὶ ὥς μάρναντο· καὶ ἐς χέρας ὄντιν' ἔλοντο
 κτεῖνον ἀνηλεγέως, καὶ εἰ μάλα φίλτατος ἦεν·
 οὐ γὰρ ἔην φράσσασθαι ἀνὰ κλόνον οὔτ' ἐπιόντα
 δήϊον οὔτ' ἄρ' ἐταῖρον· ἀμηχανίῃ δ' ἔχε λαούς.
 καὶ νύ κε μίγδ' ἐγένοντο καὶ ἀργαλέως ἀπόλοντο 255
 πάντες ὁμῶς ὀλοοῖσι περὶ ξιφέεσσι πεσόντες
 ἀλλήλων, εἰ μὴ σφιν ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο Κρονίων
 ἤρκεσε τειρομένοισι, κόνιν δ' ἀπάτερθεν ἔλασεν
 ὑσμίνης, ὀλοὰς δὲ κατεπρήνυνεν ἀέλλας.
 οἱ δ' ἔτι δηριόωντο· πόνος δ' ἄρα τοῖσιν ἐτύχθη 260
 πολλὸν ἐλαφρότερος· δέρκοντο γὰρ εἴτε δαΐξαι
 χρεῖῶν δήϊον ἄνδρα κατὰ κλόνον, εἴτ' ἀλέασθαι.
 καὶ ῥ' ὅτε μὲν Δαναοὶ Τρώων ἀνέεργον ὄμιλον
 ἄλλοτε δ' αὖ Τρῶες Δαναῶν στίχας· ἔπλετο δ'
 αἰνὴ

ὑσμίνῃ· νιφάδεσσι δ' εἰκότα πίπτε βέλεμνα 265
 ἀμφοτέρωθεν ἴοντα· δέος δ' ἔχε μηλοβοτήρας
 ἔκποθεν Ἰδαίων ὀρέων ὀρόωντας αὐτήν.

καὶ τις ἐς αἰθέρα χεῖρας ἐπουρανίοισιν ἀείρων
 εὔχετο, δυσμενέας μὲν ὑπ' Ἄρει πάντας ὀλέσθαι,
 Τρῶας δὲ στονόεντος ἀναπνεῦσαι πολέμοιο, 270
 ἡμαρ δ' εἰσιδέειν ποτ' ἐλεύθερον· ἀλλὰ οἱ οὔτι

¹ Supplied by Zimmermann, ex P.

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And giant strength on other hosts of foes.
There slew he many a Trojan, while the ranks
Of Greeks were ravaged by Aeneas' hand.
Over the battle-slain the vultures joyed,
Hungry to rend the hearts and flesh of men.
But all the Nymphs were wailing, daughters born
Of Xanthus and fair-flowing Simoïs.

So toiled they in the fight: the wind's breath
 rolled
Huge dust-clouds up; the illimitable air
Was one thick haze, as with a sudden mist:
Earth disappeared, faces were blotted out;
Yet still they fought on; each man, whomso he met,
Ruthlessly slew him, though his very friend
It might be—in that turmoil none could tell
Who met him, friend or foe: blind wilderment
Enmeshed the hosts. And now had all been blent
Confusedly, had perished miserably,
All falling by their fellows' murderous swords,
Had not Cronion from Olympus helped
Their sore strait, and he swept aside the dust
Of conflict, and he calmed those deadly winds.
Yet still the hosts fought on; but lighter far
Their battle-travail was, who now discerned
Whom in the fray to smite, and whom to spare.
The Danaans now forced back the Trojan host,
The Trojans now the Danaan ranks, as swayed
The dread fight to and fro. From either side
Darts leapt and fell like snowflakes. Far away
Shepherds from Ida trembling watched the strife,
And to the Heaven-abiders lifted hands
Of supplication, praying that all their foes
Might perish, and that from the woeful war
Troy might win breathing-space, and see at last
The day of freedom: the Gods hearkened not.

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ἔκλυον· Αἴσα γὰρ ἄλλα πολύστονος ὀρμαίνεσκεν·
 ἄξετο δ' οὔτε Ζῆνα πελώριον, οὔτε τιν' ἄλλων
 ἀθανάτων· οὐ γάρ τι μετατρέπεται νόος αἰνὸς
 κείνης, ὄντινα πότμον ἐπ' ἀνδράσι γεινομένοισιν, 275
 ἀνδράσιν ἢ πολίεσσιν ἐπικλώσῃται ἀφύκτω
 νήματι· τῇ δ' ὑπο πάντα τὰ μὲν φθινύθει, τὰ δ'
 ἀέξει·

τῆς καὶ ὑπ' ἐννεσίῃσι πόνος καὶ δῆρις ὀρώρει
 ἵππομάχοις Τρώεσσι καὶ ἀγχεμάχοισιν Ἀχαιοῖς.
 τεῦχον δ' ἀλλήλοισι φόνον καὶ ἀνηλέα πότμον 280
 νωλεμέως· οὐ γάρ τιν' ἔχεν δέος, ἀλλ' ἐμάχοντο
 προφρονέως· θάρσος γὰρ ἐφέλκεται ἀνδρᾶς ἐς
 αἰχμῆν.

Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ πολλοὶ μὲν ἀπέφθιθεν ἐν κούρησι,
 δὴ τότε ἄρ' Ἀργείοισιν ὑπέρτερον ὤρνωτο κάρτος
 Παλλάδος ἐννεσίῃσι δαΐφρονος, ἣ ῥα μολοῦσα 285
 ὑσμίνης ἄγχιστα μέγ' Ἀργείοισιν ἄμυεν
 ἐκπέρσαι μεμαυῖα κλυτὴν Πριάμοιο πόλῃα.
 καὶ τότε ἄρ' Αἰνείαν ἐρικυδέα δι' Ἀφροδίτη,
 ἣ ῥα μέγα στενάχιζεν Ἀλεξάδροιο δαμέντος,
 αὐτὴ ἀπὸ πτολέμοιο καὶ οὐλομένης ὑσμίνης 290
 ἤρπασεν ἐσσυμένως· περὶ δ' ἠέρα χευατο πουλύν·
 οὐ γὰρ ἔτ' αἴσιμον ἦεν ἀνὰ μόθου ἀνέρι κείνῳ
 μάρνασθ' Ἀργείοισι πρὸ τείχεος αἰπεινοῖο.

τῷ καὶ ἄδην ἀλέεινε περίφρονα Τριτογένειαν
 ἐκ θυμοῦ Δαναοῖσιν ἀρηγέμεναι μεμαυῖαν, 295
 μὴ καὶ ὑπὲρ κῆράς μιν ἔλη θεός· οὐδὲ γὰρ αὐτοῦ
 φείσατο πρόσθεν Ἄρηος, ὃ περ πολὺ φέρτερος ἦεν.

Τρῶες δ' οὐκέτ' ἔμμνον ἀνὰ στόμα δηιοτήτος,
 ἀλλ' ὀπίσω χάζοντο τεθηπότα θυμὸν ἔχοντες·
 ἐν γὰρ σφιν θήρεσσιν ἐοικότες ὠμοβόροισιν 300
 ἔνθορον Ἀργεῖοι μέγα μαιμώωντες Ἄρηι.

τῶν δ' ἄρα δαμναμένων ποταμοὶ πλήθοντο νέκυσσι
 καὶ πεδίου· πολλοὶ γὰρ ἄδην πέσον ἐν κούρησιν

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Far other issues Fate devised, nor recked
Of Zeus the Almighty, nor of none beside
Of the Immortals. Her unpitying soul
Cares naught what doom she spinneth with her
thread

Inevitable, be it for men new-born
Or cities : all things wax and wane through her.
So by her hest the battle-travail swelled
'Twixt Trojan chariot-lords and Greeks that closed
In grapple of fight—they dealt each other death
Ruthlessly : no man quailed, but stout of heart
Fought on ; for courage thrusts men into war.

But now when many had perished in the dust,
Then did the Argive might prevail at last
By stern decree of Pallas ; for she came
Into the heart of battle, hot to help
The Greeks to lay waste Priam's glorious town.
Then Aphrodite, who lamented sore
For Paris slain, snatched suddenly away
Renowned Aeneas from the deadly strife,
And poured thick mist about him. Fate forbade
That hero any longer to contend
With Argive foes without the high-built wall.
Yea, and his mother sorely feared the wrath
Of Pallas passing-wise, whose heart was keen
To help the Danaans now—yea, feared lest she
Might slay him even beyond his doom, who spared
Not Ares' self, a mightier far than he.

No more the Trojans now abode the edge
Of fight, but all disheartened backward drew.
For like fierce ravening beasts the Argive men
Leapt on them, mad with murderous rage of war.
Choked with their slain the river-channels were,
Heaped was the field ; in red dust thousands fell,

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ἀνέρες ἢ δ' ἵπποι· μάλα δ' ἄρματα πολλὰ κέχυντο
βαλλομένων· πάντη δ' ἀπερείσιον ἔρρεεν αἶμα 305
υἱεὶ ὧς· ὅλοη γὰρ ἐπήϊεν Αἴσα κυδοιμόν.

Καί ρ' οἱ μὲν ξιφέεσσι πεπαρμένοι ἢ μελίησι
κείντο παρ' ἀλλήλοισιν ἀλίγκιον ἐκχυμένοισι
δούρασιν, εὖτ' ἐπὶ θινὶ βαρυγδούποιο θαλάσσης
ἀνέρες ἄσπετα δεσμὰ πολυκμήτων ἀπὸ γόμφων 310
λυσάμενοι σκεδάσωσι διὰ ξύλα μακρὰ καὶ ὕλην
ἠλιβάτου σχεδίης, πάντη δ' ἀναπλήθεται εὐρύς
αἰγιαλός, τοῖσιν δὲ μέλαν ποτικλύζεται οἶδμα·
ὧς οἳ γ' ἐν κούρησι καὶ αἵματι δηωθέντες
κείντο πολυκλαύτοιο λελασμένοι ἰωχμοῖο. 315

Παῦροι δὲ προφυγόντες ἀνηλέα δηϊοτήτα
δύσαν ἀνὰ πτολίεθρον ἀλευάμενοι βαρὺ πῆμα·
τῶν δ' ἄλοχοι καὶ παῖδες ἀπὸ χροὸς αἱματόεντος
τεύχεα πάντα δέχοντο κακῶ πεφορυγμένα λύθρῳ.
πᾶσι δὲ θερμὰ λοετρὰ τετεύχατο· πᾶν δ' ἀνὰ
ἄστνυ 320

ἔσσουντ' ἰητῆρες ἐς οὐταμένων αἰζηῶν
οἰκία ποιπνύοντες, ἴν' οὐταμένους ἀκέσωνται.
τοὺς δ' ἄλοχοι καὶ τέκνα περιστενάχοντο μολόν-
τας

ἐκ πολέμου· πολλοὺς δὲ καὶ οὐ παρεόντας ἀύ-
τευν·

καί ρ' οἱ μὲν στυγερῇ βεβολημένοι ἦτορ ἀνίη 325
κείντο βαρυστενάχοντες ἐπ' ἄλγεσιν· οἳ δ' ἐπὶ
δόρπον

ἐκ καμάτοιο τρέποντο· θοοὶ δ' ἐπαῦτεον ἵπποι
φορβῇ ἐπιχρεμέθοντες ἄδην· ἐτέρωθι δ' Ἀχαιοὶ
πὰρ κλισίης νήεσσι θ' ὁμοῖα Τρωσὶ πένοντο.

Ἦμος δ' ὠκεανοῖο ῥοὰς ὑπερήλασεν Ἥως 330
ἵππους μαρμαίροντας, ἀνέγρετο δ' ἔθνεα φωτῶν,
δὴ τότε ἄρηιοι υἱες εὐσθενέων Ἀργείων,
οἳ μὲν ἔβαν Πριάμοιο ποτὶ πτόλιν αἰπήεσαν,

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Horses and men ; and chariots overturned
Were strewn there : blood was streaming all around
Like rain, for deadly Doom raged through the fray.

Men stabbed with swords, and men impaled on
spears

Lay all confusedly, like scattered beams,
When on the strand of the low-thundering sea
Men from great girders of a tall ship's hull
Strike out the bolts and clamps, and scatter wide
Long planks and timbers, till the whole broad beach
Is paved with beams o'erplashed by darkling surge ;
So lay in dust and blood those slaughtered men,
Rapture and pain of fight forgotten now.

A remnant from the pitiless strife escaped
Entered their stronghold, scarce eluding doom.
Children and wives from their limbs blood-besprent
Received their arms bedabbled with foul gore ;
And baths for all were heated. Leeches ran
Through all the town in hot haste to the homes
Of wounded men to minister to their hurts.
Here wives and daughters moaned round men come
back

From war, there cried on many who came not.
Here, men stung to the soul by bitter pangs
Groaned upon beds of pain ; there, toil-spent men
Turned them to supper. Whinnied the swift steeds
And neighed o'er mangers heaped. By tent and
ship

Far off the Greeks did even as they of Troy.

When o'er the streams of Ocean Dawn drove up
Her splendour-flashing steeds, and earth's tribes
waked,

Then the strong Argives' battle-eager sons
Marched against Priam's city lofty-towered,

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οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἐνὶ κλισίῃσιν ἅμ' ἀνδράσιν οὐταμένοισι
 μῖνον, μή ποτε λαὸς ἐπιβρίσας ἀλεγεινὸς 335
 νῆας ἔλη Τρώεσσι φέρων χάριν· οἱ δ' ἀπὸ πύργων
 μάρναντ' Ἀργείοισι· μόθος δ' ἀλεγεινὸς ὀρώρει.

Σκαιῆς μὲν προπάροιθε πύλης Καπανῆιος υἱὸς
 μάρναθ' ἅμ' ἀντιθέω Διομήδει· τοὺς δ' ἄρ' ὑπερθε
 Δηίφοβός τε μενεπτόλεμος κρατερός τε Πολίτης 340
 σὺν τ' ἄλλοις ἐτάροισιν ἐρητύεσκον οἴστοις
 ἢ δ' ἄρα χερμαδίοισι· περικτυπέοντο δὲ φωτῶν
 βαλλόμεναι κόρυθές τε καὶ ἀσπίδες, αἵ τ' ἀλεγεινὸν
 αἰζηῶν ῥύοντο μόρον καὶ ἀμείλιχον αἴσαν.

Ἄμφι δ' ἄρ' Ἰδαίῃσιν ἐριδμαίνεσκε πύλησιν 345
 υἱὸς Ἀχιλλῆος· πονέοντο δέ οἱ πέρι πάντες
 Μυρμιδόνες κρατεροῖο δαήμονες ἰωχμοῖο·
 τοὺς δ' ἀπὸ τείχεος εἶργον ἀπειρεσίοις βελέεσσι
 θαρσαλέως Ἐλενός τε καὶ ὀβριμόθυμος Ἀγήνωρ,
 Τρώας ἐποτρύνοντες ἀνὰ μόθον· οἱ δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ 350
 προφρονέως μάρναντο φίλης περὶ τείχεσι πάτρης.

Ἐς πεδίον δὲ πύλησι καὶ ὠκυπόρους ἐπὶ νῆας
 νισσομένης Ὀδυσεύς τε καὶ Εὐρύπυλος πονέοντο
 νωλεμέως· τοὺς δ' ἠὺς ἀφ' ἔρκεος ὑψηλοῖο
 Αἰνεΐας λάεσσι μέγα φρονέων ἀπέρυκε.

Πρὸς δὲ ῥόον Σιμόεντος ἔχεν πόνον ἀλγινόεντα
 Τεῦκρος εὐμμελῆς· ἄλλη δ' ἔχεν ἄλλος οἴζυν. 355

Καὶ τότε ἄρ' ἀμφ' Ὀδυσῆα δαΐφρονα κύδιμοι
 ἄνδρες

κείνου τεχνήεντι νόῳ ποτὶ μῶλον Ἄρης
 ἀσπίδας ἐντύναντο, βάλον δ' ἐφύπερθε καρῆνων 360
 θέντες ἐπ' ἀλλήλησι· μῆ δ' ἅπαν ἤρμοσεν ἀρμῆ·
 φαίης κεν μεγάροιο κατηρεφὲς ἔμμεναι ἔρκος
 πυκνόν, ὃ τ' οὐτ' ἀνέμοιο διέρχεται ὑγρὸν ἀέντος
 ῥιπῆ ἀπειρεσίῃ οὐτ' ἐκ Διὸς ἄσπετος ὄμβρος·
 τοῖαι ἄρ' Ἀργείων πεπυκασμένα ἀμφὶ βοείαις 365
 καρτύναντο φάλαγγες· ἔχον δ' ἓνα θυμὸν ἐς ἀλκῆν

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Save some that mid the tents by wounded men
Tarried, lest haply raiders on the ships
Might fall, to help the Trojans, while these fought
The foe from towers, while rose the flame of war.

Before the Scaean gate fought Capaneus' son
And godlike Diomedes. High above
Deiphobus battle-staunch and strong Polites
With many comrades, stoutly held them back
With arrows and huge stones. Clanged evermore
The smitten helms and shields that fenced strong
men

From bitter doom and unrelenting fate,

Before the Gate Idaean Achilles' son
Set in array the fight: around him toiled
His host of battle-cunning Myrmidons.
Helenus and Agenor gallant-souled,
Down-hailing darts, against them held the wall,
Aye cheering on their men. No spurring these
Needed to fight hard for their country's walls.

Odysseus and Eurypylus made assault
Unresting on the gates that faced the plain
And looked to the swift ships. From wall and
tower

With huge stones brave Aeneas made defence.

In battle-stress by Simois Teucer toiled.
Each endured hardness at his several post.

Then round war-wise Odysseus men renowned,
By that great captain's battle cunning ruled,
Locked shields together, raised them o'er their
heads

Ranged side by side, that many were made one.
Thou hadst said it was a great hall's solid roof,
Which no tempestuous wind-blast misty wet
Can pierce, nor rain from heaven in torrents poured.
So fenced about with shields firm stood the ranks
Of Argives, one in heart for fight, and one

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εἰς ἔν ἀρηράμενοι· καθύπερθε δὲ Τρώιοι νῆες
βάλλον χερμαδίοισι· τὰ δ' ὡς στυφελῆς ἀπὸ
πέτρης

γαῖαν ἐπὶ τραφερὴν ἐκυλίνδετο· πολλὰ δὲ δοῦρα
καὶ βέλεα στονόμεντα καὶ ἀλγινόμεντες ἄκοντες 370
πήγνυντ' ἐν σακέεσσι, τὰ δ' ἐν χθονί, πολλὰ δ'
ἄπωθεν

μαψιδίως φορέοντο παραγναμφθέντα βελέμοις¹
πάντοθε βαλλομένων· οἱ δὲ κτύπον οὔτι φέβοντο
ἄσπετον, οὐδ' ὑπόεικον, ἅτε ψεκάδων αἶοντες
δοῦπον· ἄνω δ' ὑπὸ τείχος ὁμῶς ἴσαν· οὐδέ τις
αὐτῶν 375

νόσφιν ἀφειστήκει· συναρηράμενοι δ' ἐφέποντο,
ὡς νέφος ἠερόεν, τό ῥά που περὶ χεῖματι μέσσω
αἰθέρος ἐξ ὑπάτοιο μακρὸν διέτεινε Κρουίων.
πουλὺς δ' ἀμφὶ φάλαγγι βρόμος, καναχὴ θ' ὑπὸ
ποσσὶ

νισσομένων ἐτέτυκτο· κόνιν δ' ἀπάτερθεν ἀῆται 380
ὄρνυμένην μάλα τυτθὸν ὑπὲρ δαπέδοιο φέρεσκον
αἰζηνῶν μετόπισθε· περίαχε δ' ἄκριτος αὐδή,
οἶον ὑπὸ σμήνεσσι περιβρομέουσι μέλισσαι·
ἄσθμα δ' ἀνήιε πουλὺ χύδην, περίχευε δ' αὐτμῆν
λαοῦ ἀποπνεύοντος· ἀπειρέσιον δ' ἄρα θυμῷ 385
Ἄτρεῖδαι κεχάροντο περὶ σφίσι κυδιόωντες
δερκόμενοι πολέμοιο δυσηχέος ἄτρομον ἔρκος·
ᾠρμηναν δὲ πύλησι θεηγενέος Πριάμοιο

ἄθροοι ἐγχριμφθέντες ὑπ' ἀμφιτόμοις πελέκεσσι
ῥῆξαι τείχεα μακρά, πύλας δ' εἰς οὔδας ἐρείσαι 390
θαιρῶν ἐξερύσαντες· ἔχεν δ' ἄρα μῆτις ἀγαυὴ
ἐλπωρῆν· ἀλλ' οὔ σφιν ἐπήρκεσαν οὔτε βόειαι
οὔτε θοοὶ βουπλήγες, ἐπεὶ μένος Αἰνεῖαιο
ὄβριμον ἀμφοτέρης ἐπαρηρότα χεῖρεσι λᾶαν
ἐμμεμαῶς ἐφέηκε, δάμασσε δὲ τλήμονι πόντῳ 395

¹ Zimmermann, for περιγναμφθέντα βέλεμα of v.

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In that array close-welded. From above
The Trojans hailed great stones ; as from a rock
Rolled these to earth. Full many a spear and dart
And galling javelin in the pierced shields stood ;
Some in the earth stood ; many glanced away
With bent points falling baffled from the shields
Battered on all sides. But that clangorous din
None feared ; none flinched ; as pattering drops of
rain

They heard it. Up to the rampart's foot they
marched :

None hung back ; shoulder to shoulder on they
came

Like a long lurid cloud that o'er the sky
Cronion trails in wild midwinter-tide.

On that battalion moved, with thunderous tread

Of tramping feet : a little above the earth

Rose up the dust ; the breeze swept it aside

Drifting away behind the men. There went

A sound confused of voices with them, like

The hum of bees that murmur round the hives,

And multitudinous panting, and the gasp

Of men hard-breathing. Exceeding glad the sons

Of Atreus, glorying in them, saw that wall

Unwavering of doom-denouncing war.

In one dense mass against the city-gate

They hurled themselves, with twibills strove to breach

The long walls, from their hinges to upheave

The gates, and dash to earth. The pulse of hope

Beat strong in those proud hearts. But naught
availed

Targes nor levers, when Aeneas' might

Swung in his hands a stone like a thunderbolt,

Hurled it with uttermost strength, and dashed to
death

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ἀνέρας, οὓς κατέμαρψεν ἐν ἀσπίσιν, εὖτ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
 φερβομένας ὑπὸ πρῶνα βίη κρημνοῖο ῥαγέντος
 αἶγας, ὑποτρομέουσι δ' ὅσαι σχεδὸν ἀμφινέμονται·
 ὡς Δαναοὶ θάμβησαν· ὁ δ' εἰσέτι λᾶας ὑπερθεν
 βάλλεν ἐπασσυτέρους, κλονέοντο δὲ πάγχυ φά-
 λαγγες·

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ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἐν οὐρεσι πρῶνας Ὀλύμπιος οὐρανόθι
 Ζεὺς

ἀμφὶ μιῇ κορυφῇ συναρηρότας ἄλλυδις ἄλλον
 ῥήξῃ ὑπὸ βροντῆσι καὶ αἰθαλόεντι κεραυνῶ,
 ἀμφὶ δὲ μῆλα τρέμουσι καὶ ἄλλυδις ἄλλα φέ-
 βονται.¹

ὡς ἄρ' Ἀχαιῶν υἴες ὑπέτρεσαν, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτῶν 405

Αἰνείας συνέχευε θοῶς ἔρυμα πτολέμοιο
 ἀσπίσιν ἀκαμάτησι τετυγμένον, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτῶ

κάρτος ἀπειρέσιον θεὸς ὤσασεν· οὐδέ τις αὐτῶν
 ἔσθενέ οἱ κατὰ δῆριν ἐναντίον ὅσσε βαλέσθαι,

410

οὔνεκά οἱ μάρμαιρε περὶ βριαροῖς μελέεσσι
 τεύχεα θεσπεσίησιν εἰδόμενα στεροπῆσιν·
 εἰστήκει δέ οἱ ἄγχι δέμας κεκαλυμμένος ὄρφνη
 δεινὸς Ἄρης, καὶ πάντα κατιθύνεσκε βέλεμα
 ἢ μόρον ἢ δέος αἶνον ἐπ' Ἀργείοισι φέροντα·

μάρνατο δ' ὡς ὀπότης αὐτὸς Ὀλύμπιος οὐρανόθι

Ζεὺς

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ἀσχαλῶν ἐδάϊζεν ὑπέρβια φῦλα Γιγάντων
 σμερδαλέων, καὶ γαῖαν ἀπειρεσίην ἐτίναξε
 Τηθύν τ' Ὠκεανόν τε καὶ οὐρανόν, ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντη
 γυῖ' ἐλελίζετ' Ἄτλαντος ὑπ' ἀκαμάτου Διὸς ὀρμῆς·
 ὡς ἄρ' ὑπ' Αἰνεῖαιο κατηρείποντο φάλαγγες

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Ἀργείων ἀνὰ δῆριν· ὁ γὰρ περὶ τείχος ἀπάντη
 ἔσσυτο δυσμενέεσσι χολούμενος, ἐκ δ' ἄρα χειρῶν
 πᾶν, ὃ τί οἱ παρέκυρσεν ἐπειγομένῳ ποτὶ μῶλον,

¹ Zimmermann, for *μηλονόμοι τε καὶ ἄλλ' ὅσα πάντα φ. of v.*
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All whom it caught beneath the shields, as when
A mountain's precipice-edge breaks off and falls
On pasturing goats, and all that graze thereby
Tremble; so were those Danaans dazed with dread.
Stone after stone he hurled on the reeling ranks,
As when amid the hills Olympian Zeus
With thunderbolts and blazing lightnings rends
From their foundations crags that rim a peak,
And this way, that way, sends them hurtling down;
Then the flocks tremble, scattering in wild flight;
So quailed the Achaeans, when Aeneas dashed
To sudden fragments all that battle-wall
Moulded of adamant shields, because a God
Gave more than human strength. No man of them
Could lift his eyes unto him in that fight,
Because the arms that lapped his sinewy limbs
Flashed like the heaven-born lightnings. At his side
Stood, all his form divine in darkness cloaked,
Ares the terrible, and winged the flight
Of what bare down to the Argives doom or dread.
He fought as when Olympian Zeus himself
From heaven in wrath smote down the insolent bands
Of giants grim, and shook the boundless earth,
And sea, and ocean, and the heavens, when reeled
The knees of Atlas neath the rush of Zeus.
So crumbled down beneath Aeneas' bolts
The Argive squadrons. All along the wall
Wroth with the foeman rushed he: from his hands
Whatso he lighted on in onslaught-haste

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βάλλεν, ἐπεὶ μάλα πολλὰ κακῆς ἀλκτῆρια χάρμης
 κείτο μενεπτολέμων ἐπὶ τείχεσι Δαρδανιώνων, 425
 τοῖσί περ Αἰνείας μεγάλῳ περὶ κάρτει θύων
 δυσμενέων ἀπέρυκε πολὺν στρατόν· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ'
 αὐτῷ

Τρῶες καρτύναντο· κακὴ δ' ἔχε πάντα οἴζυς
 ἀμφὶ πόλιν· πολλοὶ δὲ κατέκταθεν ἡμὲν Ἀχαιῶν
 ἠδ' ἄρα καὶ Τρώων· μέγα δ' ἴαχον ἀμφοτέρωθεν, 430
 Αἰνείας μὲν Τρωσὶ φιλοπτολέμοισι κελεύων
 μάρνασθ' ἀμφὶ πόλῃος ἐῆς ἀλόχων¹ τε καὶ αὐτῶν
 προφρονέως· υἱὸς δὲ μενεπτολέμου Ἀχιλλῆος
 Ἄργείους ἐκέλευε παρὰ κλυτὰ τείχεα Τροίης
 μίμνειν, ἄχρι πόλῃα πυρὶ πρήσαντες ἔλωσι. 435
 τοὺς δ' ἄμφω στονόεσσα καὶ ἄσπετος ἄμπεχ' αὐτῇ
 μαρναμένους πρόπαν ἡμαρ ἀνὰ κλόνον· οὐδέ τις
 ἦεν

ἄμπνευσις πολέμοιο λιλαιομένων ἀνὰ θυμὸν
 τῶν μὲν ελεῖν πτολίεθρον ὑπ' Ἄρει, τῶν δὲ
 σαῶσαι.

Αἴας δ' αὐτ' ἀπάτερθε θρασύφρονος Αἰνείαιο 440
 μαρνάμενος Τρῶεσσι κακὰς ἐπὶ κῆρας ἴαλλε
 σφῆσιν ἐκηβολίησιν, ἐπεὶ ῥά οἱ ἄλλοτε μὲν που
 ἰθὺ βέλως πεπότητο δι' ἠέρος, ἄλλοτε δ' αὐτε
 ἀλγινόεντες ἄκοντες· ἐπ' ἄλλῳ δ' ἄλλον ἔπεφνεν·
 οἱ δὲ περιπτώσσοντες ἀμύμονος ἀνέρος ἀλκῆν 445
 εἰς μόθον οὐκέτ' ἔμιμνον· ἔλειπε δὲ τείχεα λαός.

Καὶ τότε οἱ θεράπων πολὺ φέρτατος ἐν δαῖ
 Λοκρῶν

Ἄλκιμέδων ἐρίθυμος, ἐὼ πῖσυνος βασιλῆι
 κάρτει τε σφετέρῳ καὶ θαρσαλέῃ νεότητι
 ἐμμεμαῶς πολέμοιο θοοῖς ἐπεβήσατο ποσσί 450
 κλίμακος, ὄφρα κέλευθον ἐπὶ πτόλιν ἀνδράσι θείῃ
 λευγαλέην· σφετέρου δὲ καρῆατος ἔμμεναι ἄλκαρ

¹ Zimmermann, for ἐῶν τεκέων of v.

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Hurled he ; for many a battle-staying bolt
Lay on the walls of those staunch Dardan men.
With such Aeneas stormed in giant might,
With such drave back the thronging foes. All round
The Trojans played the men. Sore travail and pain
Had all folk round the city : many fell,
Argives and Trojans. Rang the battle-cries :
Aeneas cheered the war-fain Trojans on
To fight for home, for wives, and their own souls
With a good heart : war-staunch Achilles' son
Shouted : " Flinch not, ye Argives, from the walls,
Till Troy be taken, and sink down in flames ! "
And round these twain an awful measureless roar
Rang, daylong as they fought : no breathing-space
Came from the war to them whose spirits burned,
These, to smite Ilium, those, to guard her safe.

But from Aeneas valiant-souled afar
Fought Aias, speeding midst the men of Troy
Winged death ; for now his arrow straight through
air

Flew, now his deadly dart, and smote them down
One after one : yet others cowered away
Before his peerless prowess, and abode
The fight no more, but fenceless left the wall.

Then one, of all the Locrians mightiest,
Fierce-souled Alcimedon, trusting in his prince
And his own might and valour of his youth,
All battle-eager on a ladder set
Swift feet, to pave for friends a death-strewn path
Into the town. Above his head he raised

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ἄσπίδα θεῖς καθύπερθεν ἀνήιε λυγρὰ κέλευθα
 ἄτρομον ἐνθέμενος κραδίη νόον· ἐν δ' ἄρα χειρὶ
 ἄλλοτε μὲν δόρυ πάλλεν ἀμείλιχον, ἄλλοτε δ' αὖτε 455
 εἶρπεν ἄνω· τὸν δ' αἶψα διηερίη φέρεν οἶμος.
 καὶ νύ κε δὴ Τρώεσσιν ἄχος γένηε, εἰ μὴ ἄρ' αὐτῷ
 ἤδη ὑπερκύπτουσι καὶ εἰσορόωνσι πόλῃα
 ὑστάτιον καὶ πρῶτον ἀφ' ἔρκεος ὑψηλοῖο
 Αἰνεΐας ἐπόρουσεν, ἐπεὶ ῥά μιν οὐ λάθην ὄρμη 460
 οὐδ' ἀπάτερθεν εἶοντα· βάλεν δέ μιν εὐρέϊ πέτρῳ
 κακῆ κεφαλῆς· μεγάλη δὲ βίη κρατερόφρονος ἀνδρὸς
 κλίμακά οἱ συνέαξεν· ὁ δ' ὑψόθεν ἠΰτ' οἷστος
 ἔσσυτ' ἀπὸ νευρῆς· ὄλοος δέ οἱ ἔσπετο πότης
 ἀμφελελιξαμένῳ· στονόεις δέ οἱ ἠέρι θυμὸς 465
 αἶψα μίγη, πρὶν γαίαν ἐπὶ στυφελὴν ἀφικέσθαι·
 ἤριπε δ' ἐν θώρηκι κατὰ χθονός, οὐνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτοῦ
 νόσφιν ἀπεπλάγχθη βριαρὸν δόρυ καὶ σάκος εὐρὺ
 καὶ κρατερὴν τρυφάλεια· περιστονάχησε δὲ Λοκρῶν
 λαός, ὅτ' ἔδρακον ἄνδρα κακῆ δεδμημένον ἄτη· 470
 δὴ γάρ οἱ λασίοιο καρῆατος ἄλλυδις ἄλλη
 ἐγκέφαλος πεπάλακτο· συνηλοῖοντο δὲ πάντα
 ὅστέα καὶ θοὰ γυῖα λυγρῷ πεπαλαγμένα λύθρῳ.

Καὶ τότε δὴ Ποίαντος εὖς πάϊς ἀντιθέοιο,
 ὡς ἴδεν Αἰνεΐαν περὶ τείχεα μαιμώνοντα 475
 θηρὶ βίην ἀτάλαντον, ἄφαρ προέηκεν οἷστον
 ἰθύων ἐς φῶτα περικλυτόν· οὐδ' ἀφάμαρτεν
 ἀνέρος, ἀλλὰ οἱ οὔτι δι' ἀσπίδος ἀκαμάτοιο
 ἐς χροῖα καλὸν ἵκανεν, ἀπέτραπε γὰρ Κυθήρεια
 καὶ σάκος, ἀλλ' ἄρα τυτθὸν ἐπέγραφε δέρμα βοείης. 480
 οὐδ' ἄρα μαψιδίως χαμάδις πέσεν, ἀλλὰ Μέδοντα
 μεσσηγὺς σάκεός τε καὶ ἵπποκόμου τρυφαλείης
 τύψεν· ὁ δ' ἐκ πύργου κατήριπεν, εὖτ' ἀπὸ πέτρης
 ἄγριον αἶγα βάλῃσιν ἀνὴρ στονόεντι βελέμνῳ·

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The screening shield ; up that dread path he went
Hardening his heart from trembling, in his hand
Now shook the threatening spear, now upward
climbed :

Fast high in air he trod the perilous way.
Now on the Trojans had disaster come,
But, even as above the parapet
His head rose, and for the first time and the last
From her high rampart he looked down on Troy,
Aeneas, who had marked, albeit afar,
That bold assault, rushed on him, dashed on his head
So huge a stone that the hero's mighty strength
Shattered the ladder. Down from on high he rushed
As arrow from the string : death followed him
As whirling round he fell ; with air was blent
His lost life, ere he crashed to the stony ground.
Strong spear, broad shield, in mid fall flew from his
hands,

And from his head the helm : his corslet came
Alone with him to earth. The Locrian men
Groaned, seeing their champion quelled by evil doom ;
For all his hair and all the stones around
Were brain-bespattered : all his bones were crushed,
And his once active limbs besprent with gore.

Then godlike Poëas' war-triumphant son
Marked where Aeneas stormed along the wall
In lion-like strength, and straightway shot a shaft
Aimed at that glorious hero, neither missed
The man : yet not through his unyielding targe
To the fair flesh it won, being turned aside
By Cytherea and the shield, but grazed
The buckler lightly : yet not all in vain
Fell earthward, but between the targe and helm
Smote Medon : from the tower he fell, as falls
A wild goat from a crag, the hunter's shaft
Deep in its heart : so nerveless-flung he fell,

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ὡς ὁ πεσὼν τετάνυστο· λίπεν δέ μιν ἱερὸς αἰὼν. 485
 Αἰνείας δ' ἑτάριοιο χολωσάμενος βάλε πέτρην,
 καί ῥα Φιλοκτῆταο κατέκτανεν ἐσθλὸν ἑταῖρον
 Τοξαίχμην· θλάσσειν δὲ κάρη, συνέαξε δὲ πάντα
 ὀστέα σὺν πῆληκι· λύθη δὲ οἱ ἀγλαὸν ἦτορ.
 τῷ δ' ἐπὶ μακρὸν ἄϋσε πάϊς Ποίαντος ἀγαυοῦ· 490
 “ Αἰνεία, νὺν ἔολπας ἐνὶ φρεσὶ σῆσιν ἄριστος
 ἔμμεναι ἐκ πύργοιο πονεύμενος, ἔνθα γυναῖκες
 δυσμενέεσσι μάχονται ἀνάλκιδες· εἰ δὲ τις ἐσσί,
 ἔρχεο τείχεος ἐκτὸς ἐν ἔντεσιν, ὄφρα δαείης
 Ποίαντος θρασὺν νῆα καὶ ἔγχεσι καὶ βελέεσσιν.” 495
 Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· τὸν δ' οὔτι θρασὺς πάϊς Ἀγχίσαιο
 καίπερ ἐελδόμενος προσεφώνεεν, οὔνεκ' ὀρώρει
 δῆρις οἴζυρὴ περὶ τείχεα μακρὰ καὶ ἄστυ
 νωλεμέως· οὐ γάρ τι κακοῦ παύοντο μόθοιο·
 οὐδέ σφιν μάλα δηρὸν ὑπ' Ἀρεῖ τειρομένοισιν 500
 ἔσκε λύσις καμάτοιο· πόνος δ' ἄπρηκτος ὀρώρει.

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And fled away from him the precious life.
Wroth for his friend, a stone Aeneas hurled,
And Philoctetes' stalwart comrade slew,
Toxaechmes; for he shattered his head and crushed
Helmet and skull-bones; and his noble heart
Was stilled. Loud shouted princely Poëas' son:
"Aeneas, thou, forsooth, dost deem thyself
A mighty champion, fighting from a tower
Whence craven women war with foes! Now if
Thou be a man, come forth without the wall
In battle-harness, and so learn to know
In spear-craft and in bow-craft Poëas' son!"

So cried he; but Anchises' valiant seed,
How fain so'er, naught answered, for the stress
Of desperate conflict round that wall and burg
Ceaselessly raging: pause from fight was none:
Yea, for long time no respite had there been
For the war-weary from that endless toil.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΔΩΔΕΚΑΤΟΣ.

Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ μάλα πολλὰ κάμον περὶ τείχεα
 Τροίης
 αἰχμηταὶ Δαναοί, πολέμου δ' οὐ γίνετο τέκμωρ,
 δὴ τότε ἄριστῶν ἄγυριν ποιήσατο Κάλχας
 εὐ εἰδὼς ἀνὰ θυμὸν ὑπ' ἐννεσίης Ἑκάτοιο
 πτήσιας οἰωνῶν ἠδ' ἀστέρας ἄλλα τε πάντα 5
 σήμαθ', ὅσ' ἀνθρώποισι θεῶν ἰότητι πέλονται,
 καὶ σφιν ἀγειρομένοισιν ἔπος ποτὶ τοίου ἔειπε·
 'μηκέτι παρ τείχεσσι ἐφεζόμενοι πονέεσθε,
 ἀλλ' ἄλλην τινὰ μῆτιν ἐνὶ φρεσὶ μητιάσθε
 καὶ δόλον, ὃς λαοῖσι καὶ ἡμῖν ἔσσειτ' ὄνειαρ· 10
 ἦ γὰρ ἔγωγε χθιζὸν ἐσέδρακον ἐνθάδε σῆμα·
 ἴρηξ σεῦε πέλειαν· ἐπειγομένη δ' ἄρα κείνη
 χηραμὸν ἐς πέτρης κατεδύσατο· τῇ δ' ὁ χολωθεὶς
 ἀργαλέως μάλα πολλὸν ἐπὶ χρόνον ἀγχόθι μίμνε
 χηραμοῦ· ἦ δ' ἀλέεινεν· ὁ δ' ἐνθέμενος χόλου
 αἶνον 15
 θάμνω ὑπεκρύφθη· ἦ δ' ἔκθορεν ἀφραδίησιν
 ἔμμεναι ἐλπομένη μιν ἀπόπροθεν· ὃς δ' ἐπαερθεὶς
 δειλαίῃ τρήρωνι φόνου στονόεντ' ἐφέηκε·
 τῷ νῦν μῆτι βίη πειρώμεθα Τρώιον ἄστυ
 περσέμεν, ἀλλ' εἴ πού τι δόλος καὶ μῆτις ἀνύσση." 20
 "Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη· τῶν δ' οὔτις ἔφη φρεσὶ τεκμήρα-
 σθαι
 ἄλκαρ οἴζυροῖο μόθου· δίζοντο δὲ μῆχος

BOOK XII

*How the Wooden Horse was fashioned, and brought into
Troy by her people.*

WHEN round the walls of Troy the Danaan host
Had borne much travail, and yet the end was not,
By Calchas then assembled were the chiefs ;
For his heart was instructed by the hests
Of Phoebus, by the flights of birds, the stars,
And all the signs that speak to men the will
Of Heaven ; so he to that assembly cried :
“ No longer toil in leaguer of yon walls ;
Some other counsel let your hearts devise,
Some stratagem to help the host and us.
For here but yesterday I saw a sign :
A falcon chased a dove, and she, hard pressed,
Entered a cleft of the rock ; and chafing he
Tarried long time hard by that rift, but she
Abode in covert. Nursing still his wrath,
He hid him in a bush. Forth darted she,
In folly deeming him afar : he swooped,
And to the hapless dove dealt wretched death.
Therefore by force essay we not to smite
Troy, but let cunning stratagem avail.”

He spake ; but no man's wit might find a way
To escape their grievous travail, as they sought

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εὐρέμεναι· μῦθος δὲ σαοφροσύνησι νόησεν
 υἱὸς Λαέρταο καὶ ἀντίον ἔκφατο μῦθον·
 “ὦ φίλ’, ἐπουρανόισι τετιμένε πάγχυ θεοῖσιν, 25
 εἰ ἔτεδὸν πέπρωται εὐπτολέμοισιν Ἀχαιοῖς
 ἐκπέρσαι Πριάμοιο δολοφροσύνησι πόληα,
 ἵππον τεκτήναντες ἀριστέες ἐς λόχον ἄνδρες
 βησόμεθ’ ἀσπασίως· λαοὶ δ’ ὑπὸ νόσφι νέεσθαι
 ἐς Τένεδον σὺν νηυσίν, ἐνιπρήσαι δ’ ἄρα πάντες 30
 ἄς κλισίας, ἵνα Τρῶες ἀπ’ ἄστεος ἀθρήσαντες
 ἐς πεδίον προχέωνται ἀταρβέες· ἀλλὰ τις ἀνήρ
 θαρσαλέος, τὸν γ’ οὔτις ἐπίσταται ἐν Τρώεσσι,
 μιμνέτω ἔκτοθεν ἵππου ἀρήϊον ἐνθέμενος κῆρ,
 ὅστις ὑποκρίναιτο βίην ὑπέροπλον Ἀχαιῶν 35
 ῥέξαι ὑπὲρ νόστοιο λιλαιομένων μέγ’¹ ἀλύξαι,
 ἵππῳ ὑποπτήξας εὐεργεῖ· τὸν δ’ ἐκάμοντο
 Παλλάδι χωομένη Τρώων ὑπερ αἰχμητῶν·
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ὡς ἐπὶ δηρὸν ἀνειρομένοισι πιφαύσκειν,
 εἰσόκε οἱ πεπίθωνται ἀταρτηροὶ περ ἑόντες, 40
 ἐς δὲ πόλιν μιν ἄγωσι θοῶς ἔλσεινδὸν ἑόντα,
 ὄφρ’ ἡμῖν ἀλεγεινὸν ἐς Ἄρεα σῆμα πέληται,
 τοῖς μὲν ἄρ’ αἰθαλόεντα θοῶς ἀνὰ πυρσὸν αἰείρας,
 τοὺς δ’ ἄρ’ ἐποτρύνας ἐκβήμεναι εὐρέος ἵππου,
 ὀππότε Τρώιοι υἷες ἀκηδέες ὑπνώωσιν.” 45

“Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ’ ἄρα πάντες ἐπήνεον· ἔξοχα δ’
 ἄλλων

Κάλχας μιν θαύμαζεν, ὅπως ὑπεθήκατ’ Ἀχαιοῖς
 μῆτιν καὶ δόλον ἐσθλόν, ὃς Ἀργείοισιν ἔμελλε
 νίκης ἔμμεναι ἄλκαρ, ἀτὰρ μέγα Τρώεσι πῆμα·
 τοῦνεκ’ ἀριστήεσσιν εὐπτολέμοισι μετηύδα· 50
 “μηκέτι νῦν δόλον ἄλλον ἐνὶ φρεσὶ μητιῶσθε,
 ὦ φίλοι, ἀλλὰ πιθέσθαι εὐπτολέμῳ Ὀδυσῆϊ·

¹ Zimmermann, for μέν of Koechly.

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To find a remedy, till Laertes' son
Discerned it of his wisdom, and he spake :
“ Friend, in high honour held of the Heavenly
Ones,
If doomed it be indeed that Priam's burg
By guile must fall before the war-worn Greeks,
A great Horse let us fashion, in the which
Our mightiest shall take ambush. Let the host
Burn all their tents, and sail from hence away
To Tenedos ; so the Trojans, from their towers
Gazing, shall stream forth fearless to the plain.
Let some brave man, unknown of any in Troy,
With a stout heart abide without the Horse,
Crouching beneath its shadow, who shall say :
' Achaea's lords of might, exceeding fain
Safe to win home, made this their offering
For safe return, an image to appease
The wrath of Pallas for her image stolen¹
From Troy.' And to this story shall he stand,
How long soe'er they question him, until,
Though never so relentless, they believe,
And drag it, their own doom, within the town.
Then shall war's signal unto us be given—
To them at sea, by sudden flash of torch,
To the ambush, by the cry, 'Come forth the
Horse !'

When unsuspecting sleep the sons of Troy.”

He spake, and all men praised him : most of all
Extolled him Calchas, that such marvellous guile
He put into the Achaeans' hearts, to be
For them assurance of triumph, but for Troy
Ruin ; and to those battle-lords he cried :
“ Let your hearts seek none other stratagem,
Friends ; to war-strong Odysseus' rede give ear.

¹ Some freedom, based on Vergil, has here been taken with the text, to make the plan read intelligibly.

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οὐδέ οἱ ἔσσειετ' ἄπρηκτον εὐφρονέοντι νόημα·
 ἤδη γὰρ Δαναοῖσι θεοὶ τελέουσιν ἐέλδωρ,
 σήματα δ' οὐκ ἀτέλεστ' ἀναφαίνεται ἄλλοθεν ἄλλα· 55
 Ζηνὸς μὲν γὰρ ὑπερθε μέγα κτυπέουσι δι' αἴθρης
 βρονταὶ ὁμῶς στεροπῆσι· παραῖσσουσι δὲ λαοὺς
 δεξιοὶ ὄρμιθες ταυαῆ ὀπί κεκλήγοντες.

ἀλλ' ἄγε μηκέτι πολλὸν ἐπὶ χρόνον ἀμφὶ πόλῃα
 μίμνωμεν· Τρωσὶν γὰρ ἐνέπνευσεν μέγ' ἀνάγκη 60
 θάρσος, ὃ περ πρὸς Ἄρηα καὶ οὐτιδανόν περ
 ἐγείρει·

κάρτιστοι δὲ τότε ἄνδρες ἐπὶ μόθου, ὀππότε θυμὸν
 παρθέμενοι στονόεντος ἀφειδήσωσιν ὀλέθρου·
 ὡς νῦν Τρώιοι νῆες ἀταρβέες ἀμφιμάχονται
 ἄστνυ περὶ σφέτερον· μέγα δὲ σφισι μαίνεται 65
 ἦτορ·”

Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπεν Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμος υἱός·
 “ὦ Κάλχαν, δῆϊοισι καταντίον ἄλκιμοι ἄνδρες
 μάρνανται· τοὶ δ' ἐντὸς ἀλευάμενοι ἀπὸ πύργων
 οὐτιδανοὶ πονέονται, ὅσων φρένα δεῖμα χαλέπτει·
 τῷ νῦν μήτε δόλον φραζώμεθα, μήτε τι μῆχος 70
 ἄλλο· πόνῳ γὰρ ἔοικεν ἀριστέας ἔμμεναι ἄνδρας
 καὶ δορί· θαρσαλέοι γὰρ ἀμείνονες ἐν δαῖ φῶτες·”

Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπε μένος Λαερτιάδαο·
 “ὦ τέκος ὄβριμόθυμον ἀταρβέος Αἰακίδαο,
 ταῦτα μὲν, ὡς ἐπέοικεν ἀμύμονι φωτὶ καὶ ἐσθλῷ, 75
 θαρσαλέως μάλα πάντα δίκεο χερσὶ πεποιθώς·
 ἀλλ' οὐτ' ἀκαμάτιο τεοῦ πατρὸς ἄτρομος ἀλκῆ
 ἔσθευεν ὄλβιον ἄστνυ διαπραθείειν Πριάμοιο
 οὐθ' ἡμεῖς μάλα πολλὰ πονεύμενοι· ἀλλ' ἄγε
 θῶσσον

Κάλχαντος βουλήσι θοὰς ἐπὶ νῆας ἰόντες 80
 ἵππον τεκταίνωμεν ὑπαὶ παλάμησιν Ἐπειοῦ,
 ὅς ῥά τε πολλὸν ἄριστος ἐν Ἀργείοισι τέτυκται
 εἵνεκα τεκτοσύνης· δέδαεν δέ μιν ἔργον Ἀθήνη·”

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His wise thought shall not miss accomplishment.
Yea, our desire even now the Gods fulfil.
Hark! for new tokens come from the Unseen!
Lo, there on high crash through the firmament
Zeus' thunder and lightning! See, where birds to
right

Dart past, and scream with long-resounding cry!
Go to, no more in endless leaguer of Troy
Linger we. Hard necessity fills the foe
With desperate courage that makes cowards brave;
For then are men most dangerous, when they stake
Their lives in utter recklessness of death,
As battle now the aweless sons of Troy
All round their burg, mad with the lust of fight."

But cried Achilles' battle-eager son:
"Calchas, brave men meet face to face their foes!
Who skulk behind their walls, and fight from towers,
Are nidderings, hearts palsied with base fear.
Hence with all thought of wile and stratagem!
The great war-travail of the spear beseems
True heroes. Best in battle are the brave."

But answer made to him Laertes' seed:
"Bold-hearted child of aweless Aeacus' son,
This as beseems a hero princely and brave,
Dauntlessly trusting in thy strength, thou say'st.
Yet thine invincible sire's unquailing might
Availed not to smite Priam's wealthy burg,
Nor we, for all our travail. Nay, with speed,
As counselleth Calchas, go we to the ships,
And fashion we the Horse by Epeius' hands,
Who in the woodwright's craft is chiefest far
Of Argives, for Athena taught his lore."

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Ὡς φάτο· τῷ δ' ἄρα πάντες ἀριστῆες πεπίθοντο
 νόσφι Νεοπτολέμοιο δαΐφρονος· οὐδὲ μὲν ἐσθλὸν 85
 πείθε Φιλοκτήταο νόον κρατερὰ φρονέοντος·
 ὑσμίνης γὰρ ἔτ' ἔσκον οἰζυρῆς ἀκόρητοι.

ὠρμῶν δὲ μάχεσθαι ἀνὰ κλόνον· ἀμφὶ δὲ λαοὺς
 σφωιτέρους ἐκέλευον ἀπειρέσιον περὶ τείχος
 πάντα φέρειν, ὅσα δῆριν ἐνὶ πτολέμοισιν ὀφέλλει, 90
 ἐλπόμενοι πτολίεθρον εὐκτιτον ἐξαλαπάξαι·
 ἄμφω γὰρ βουλῆσι θεῶν ἐς δῆριν ἴκοντο.
 καὶ νῦ κεν αἶψα τέλεσσαν, ὅσα σφίσιν ἠθέλε
 θυμός,

εἰ μὴ Ζεὺς νεμέσησεν ἀπ' αἰθέρος, ἀμφὶ δὲ γαίαν
 Ἄργείων ἐλέλιξεν ὑπαὶ ποσί, σὺν δ' ἐτίναξεν 95
 ἠέρα πᾶσαν ὑπερθε, βάλεν δ' ἀκάμαντα κεραυνὸν
 ἠρώων προπάροιθεν· ὑπεςμαράγησε δὲ πᾶσα
 Δαρδανίη· τῶν δ' αἶψα μετετράπετ' ἠὲ νόημα
 ἐς φόβον· ἐκ δ' ἐλάθοντο βίης καὶ κάρτεος ἐσθλοῦ,
 καὶ ῥα κλυτῷ Κάλχαντι καὶ οὐκ ἐθέλοντε πί-
 θοντο· 100

ἐς δ' ἄρα νῆας ἴκοντο σὺν Ἀργείοισι καὶ ἄλλοις
 μάντιν ἀγασσάμενοι, τὸν ἄρ' ἐκ Διὸς ἔμμεν
 ἔφαντο,

ἐκ Διὸς ἢ Φοῖβοιο· πίθοντο δέ οἱ μάλα πάντα.

Ἦμος δ' αἰγλήεντα περιστρέφεται οὐρανὸν ἄστρο
 πάντοθε μαρμαίροντα, πόνου δ' ἐπιλήθεται ἀνήρ, 105
 δὴ τότε Ἀθηναίη μακάρων ἔδος αἰπὺ λιπούσα
 ἤλυθε παρθενικῆ ἀπαλόχροϊ πάντ' εἰκυῖα
 ἐς νῆας καὶ λαόν· ἀρηιφίλου δ' ἄρ' Ἐπειοῦ
 ἔστη ὑπὲρ κεφαλῆς ἐν ὀνειράϊ, καὶ μιν ἀνώγει
 τεύξαι δούριον ἵππον· ἔφη δὲ οἱ ἐγκονέοντι 110
 αὐτῇ συγκαμέειν, αὐτῇ δ' ἄφαρ ἀγχόθι βῆναι
 ἔργον ἐς ὀτρύνουσα. θεῆς δ' ὅ γε μῦθον ἀκούσας
 καγχαλῶν ἀνὰ θυμὸν ἀκηδέος ἔκθορεν ὑπνου·
 ἔγνω δ' ἀθάνατον θεὸν ἄμβροτον· οὐδέ οἱ ἦτορ

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Then all their mightiest men gave ear to him
Save twain, fierce-hearted Neoptolemus
And Philoctetes mighty-souled ; for these
Still were insatiate for the bitter fray,
Still longed for turmoil of the fight. They bade
Their own folk bear against that giant wall
What things soe'er for war's assaults avail,
In hope to lay that stately fortress low,
Seeing Heaven's decrees had brought them both
to war.

Yea, they had haply accomplished all their will,
But from the sky Zeus showed his wrath ; he shook
The earth beneath their feet, and all the air
Shuddered, as down before those heroes twain
He hurled his thunderbolt : wide echoes crashed
Through all Dardania. Unto fear straightway
Turned were their bold hearts : they forgot their
might,

And Calchas' counsels grudgingly obeyed.
So with the Argives came they to the ships
In reverence for the seer who spake from Zeus
Or Phoebus, and they obeyed him utterly.

What time round splendour-kindled heavens the
stars

From east to west far-flashing wheel, and when
Man doth forget his toil, in that still hour
Athena left the high mansions of the Blest,
Clothed her in shape of a maiden tender-fleshed,
And came to ships and host. Over the head
Of brave Epeius stood she in his dream,
And bade him build a Horse of tree : herself
Would labour in his labour, and herself
Stand by his side, to the work enkindling him.
Hearing the Goddess' word, with a glad laugh
Leapt he from careless sleep : right well he knew
The Immortal One celestial. Now his heart

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ἄλλο παρέξ ὥρμαινε, νόον δ' ἔχεν αἰὲν ἐπ' ἔργῳ 115
θεσπεσίῳ· πινυτὴ δὲ περὶ φρένας ἦιε τέχνη.

Ἦὼς δ' ὀππότη' ἴκανεν ἀπωσαμένη κνέφας ἠὺ
εἰς ἔρεβος, χαροπὴ δὲ δι' ἠέρος ἦιεν αἴγλη,
δὴ τότε θεῖον ὄνειρον ἐν Ἀργείοισιν Ἐπειός,
ὡς ἴδεν, ὡς ἤκουσεν, ἐελδομένοισιν ἔειπεν· 120

οἱ δέ οἱ εἰσαΐοντες ἀπειρέσιον κεχάροντο·
καὶ τὸτ' ἄρ' Ἀτρέος υἱὲς ἐς ἄγκεα τηλεθάοντα
Ἰδης ὑψικόμοιο θοοὺς προέηκαν ἰκέσθαι
ἀνέρας· οἱ δ' ἐλάτῃσιν ἐπιβρίσαντες ἀν' ὕλην,
τάμνον δένδρεα μακρά· περικτυπέοντο δὲ βῆσσαι 125

θεινομένων· δολιχαὶ δὲ κατ' οὔρεα μακρὰ κολῶναι
δεύοντ' ἐκ ξυλόχοιο· νάπη δ' ἀνεφαίνετο πᾶσα
θήρεσιν οὐκέτι τόσσον ἐπήρατος, ὡς τὸ πάροιθε·
πρέμνα δ' ἀπαναίνοντο βίην ποθέοντ' ἀνέμοιο.

καὶ τὰ μὲν ἄρ πελέκεσσι διατμήγοντες Ἀχαιοὶ 130
ἐσσυμένως φορέεσκον ἐπ' ἠόνας Ἐλλησπόντου
ἐξ ὄρεος λασίοιο· μόγησε δὲ θυμὸς ἐπ' ἔργῳ
αἰζήων τε καὶ ἡμιόνων· πονέοντο δὲ λαοὶ

ἄσπετον¹ ἄλλοθεν ἄλλος ὑποδρήσσοντες Ἐπειῶ·
οἱ μὲν γὰρ τέμνεσκον ὑπ' ὀκριόεντι σιδήρῳ 135
δούρατα καὶ σανίδας διεμέτρεον· οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἀπ'
ὄζους

λείαινον πελέκεσσι ἐτ' ἀπρίστων ἀπὸ φιτρῶν,
ἄλλος δ' ἄλλο τι ῥέζε πονεύμενος· αὐτὰρ Ἐπειὸς
ἵππου δουρατέοιο πόδας κάμεν, αὐτὰρ ἔπειτα
νηδύα, τῇ δ' ἐφύπερθε συνήρμοσε νῶτα καὶ ἰξὺν 140

ἐξόπιθεν, δειρὴν δὲ πάρος, καθύπερθε δὲ χαίτην
αὐχένος ὑψηλοῖο καθήρμοσεν, ὡς ἐτεόν περ
κινυμένην, λάσιον δὲ κάρη καὶ εὐτριχον οὐρῆν,
οὔατά τ' ὀφθαλμούς τε διειδέας ἄλλα τε πάντα,

οἷς ἐπικίνυται ἵππος· ἀέξετο δ' ἱερὸν ἔργον 145
ὡς ἐτεὸν ζῶοντος, ἐπεὶ θεὸς ἀνέρι τέχνην

¹ Supplied by Zimmermann.

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Could hold no thought beside ; his mind was fixed
Upon the wondrous work, and through his soul
Marched marshalled each device of craftsmanship.

When rose the dawn, and thrust back kindly
night

To Erebus, and through the firmament streamed
Glad glory, then Epeius told his dream
To eager Argives—all he saw and heard ;
And hearkening joyed they with exceeding joy.
Straightway to tall-tressed Ida's leafy glades
The sons of Atreus sent swift messengers.
These laid the axe unto the forest-pines,
And hewed the great trees : to their smiting rang
The echoing glens. On those far-stretching hills
All bare of undergrowth the high peaks rose :
Open their glades were, not, as in time past,
Haunted of beasts : there dry the tree-trunks rose
Wooing the winds. Even these the Achaeans hewed
With axes, and in haste they bare them down
From those shagged mountain heights to Hellespont's
shores.

Strained with a strenuous spirit at the work
Young men and mules ; and all the people toiled
Each at his task obeying Epeius's hest.
For with the keen steel some were hewing beams,
Some measuring planks, and some with axes lopped
Branches away from trunks as yet unsawn :
Each wrought his several work. Epeius first
Fashioned the feet of that great Horse of Wood :
The belly next he shaped, and over this
Moulded the back and the great loins behind,
The throat in front, and ridged the towering neck
With waving mane : the crested head he wrought,
The streaming tail, the ears, the lucent eyes—
All that of lifelike horses have. So grew
Like a live thing that more than human work,

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δῶκ' ἐρατήν· τετέλεστο δ' ἐνὶ τρισὶν ἡμασι πάντα
 Παλλάδος ἐννεσίησι· πολὺς δ' ἐπεγήθεε λαὸς
 Ἀργείων· θαύμαζε δ' ὅπως ἐπὶ δούρατι θυμὸς
 καὶ τάχος ἐκπεπόνητο ποδῶν, χρεμέθοντί τ'
 ἐφ' ἔκει.

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καὶ τότε δῖος Ἐπειὸς ὑπὲρ μεγακήμεος ἵππου
 εὐχετ' ἐπ' ἀκαμάτῳ Τριτωνίδι χεῖρας ὀρέξας·
 “ κλύθι, θεὰ μεγάθυμε, σάου δ' ἐμὲ καὶ τεὸν
 ἵππον.”

Ὡς φάτο· τοῦ δ' ἐσάκουσε θεὰ πολύμητις
 Ἀθήνη,

καὶ ῥά οἱ ἔργον ἔτευξεν ἐπιχθονίοισιν ἀγητὸν
 πᾶσιν, ὅσοι μιν ἴδοντο καὶ οἱ μετόπισθε πύθοντο.

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Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ Δαναοὶ μὲν ἐγήθεον ἔργον Ἐπειοῦ
 δερκόμενοι, Τρῶες δὲ πεφυζότες ἐνδοθι πύργων
 μίμνον ἀλευάμενοι θάνατον καὶ ἀνηλέα κῆρα,
 δὴ τότε ἐπ' Ὀκεανοῖο ῥοᾶς καὶ Τηθύος ἄντρα
 Ζηνὸς ὑπερθύμοιο θεῶν ἀπάτερθε μολόντος
 ἔμπεσεν ἀθανάτοισιν ἔρις· δίχα δὲ σφισι θυμὸς
 ἔπλετ' ὀρινομένων· ἀνέμων δ' ἐπιβάντες ἀέλλαις
 οὐρανόθεν φορέοντο ποτὶ χθόνα· τοῖσι δ' ὑπ' αἰθῆρ
 ἔβραχεν· οἱ δὲ μολόντες ἐπὶ Ξάνθοιο ῥέεθρα
 ἀλλήλων ἴσταντο καταντίον, οἱ μὲν Ἀχαιῶν
 οἱ δ' ἄρ' ὑπὲρ Τρώων· πολέμου δ' ἔρος ἔμπεσε
 θυμῶ.

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τοῖσι δ' ὁμῶς ἀγέροντο καὶ οἱ λάχον εὐρέα πόντον·
 καί ῥ' οἱ μὲν δολόεντα κοτεσσάμενοι μενέαινον
 ἵππον ἀμαλδῦναι σὺν νήεσιν, οἱ δ' ἐρατεινὴν
 Ἴλιον· Αἴσα δ' ἔρυκε πολύτροπος, ἐς δὲ κυδοιμὸν
 τρέψε νόον μακάρεσσιν· Ἄρης δ' ἐξῆρχε μόθοιο,
 ἄλτο δ' Ἀθηναίης κατεναντίον· ὥς δὲ καὶ ἄλλοι
 σύμπεσον ἀλλήλοισι· περὶ σφισι δ' ἄμβροτα
 τεύχη

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For a God gave to a man that wondrous craft.
And in three days, by Pallas's decree,
Finished was all. Rejoiced thereat the host
Of Argos, marvelling how the wood expressed
Mettle, and speed of foot—yea, seemed to neigh.
Godlike Epeius then uplifted hands
To Pallas, and for that huge Horse he prayed :
“ Hear, great-souled Goddess : bless thine Horse and
me ! ”

He spake : Athena rich in counsel heard,
And made his work a marvel to all men
Which saw, or heard its fame in days to be.

But while the Danaans o'er Epeius' work
Joyed, and their routed foes within the walls
Tarried, and shrank from death and pitiless doom,
Then, when imperious Zeus far from the Gods
Had gone to Ocean's streams and Tethys' caves,
Strife rose between the Immortals : heart with
heart

Was set at variance. Riding on the blasts
Of winds, from heaven to earth they swooped : the
air
Crashed round them. Lighting down by Xanthus'
stream

Arrayed they stood against each other, these
For the Achaeans, for the Trojans those ;
And all their souls were thrilled with lust of war :
There gathered too the Lords of the wide Sea.
These in their wrath were eager to destroy
The Horse of Guile and all the ships, and those
Fair Ilium. But all-contriving Fate
Held them therefrom, and turned their hearts to
strife

Against each other. Ares to the fray
Rose first, and on Athena rushed. Thereat
Fell each on other : clashed around their limbs

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χρύσεια κινυμένοισι μέγ' ἴαχεν· ἀμφὶ δὲ πόντος 175
 εὐρύς ἐπεσμαράγησε· κελαινὴ δ' ἔτρεμε γαῖα
 ἀθανάτων ὑπὸ ποσσὶ· μακρὸν δ' ἅμα πάντες
 ἄϋσαν.

σμερδαλή δ' ἐνοπὴ μέχρῃς οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἴκανε,
 μέχρῃς ἐπ' Ἀϊδουῆος ὑπερθύμοιο βέρεθρον·
 Τιτῆνες δ' ὑπένερθε μέγ' ἔτρεσαν· ἀμφὶ δὲ μακρῇ 180
 Ἴδη ἐπέστευε πᾶσα καὶ ἠχήεντα ῥέεθρα
 ἀενάων ποταμῶν, δολιχαὶ δ' ἅμα τοῖσι χαράδραι
 νῆές τ' Ἀργείων Πριάμοιο τε κύδιμον ἄστν.

ἀλλ' οὐκ ἀνθρώποισι πέλεν δέος· οὐδ' ἐνόησαν
 αὐτῶν ἐννεσίησι θεῶν ἔριν· οἱ δὲ κολῶνας 185

χερσὶν ἀπορρήξαντες ἀπ' οὔρεος Ἰδαίοιο
 βάλλον ἐπ' ἀλλήλους· αἱ δὲ ψαμάθοισιν ὁμοῖαι
 ῥεῖα διεσκίδναντο θεῶν ἀμφ' ἄσχετα γυῖα
 ῥηγνύμεναι διὰ τυτθά· Διὸς δ' ἐπὶ πείρασι γαίης
 οὐ λάθον ἠὲ νόημα· λιπῶν δ' ἄφαρ Ὀκεανοῖο 190

χεύματ' ἐς οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἀνήιε· τὸν δὲ φέρεσκον
 Εὐρος καὶ Βορέης, Ζέφυρος δ' ἐπὶ τοῖσι Νότος τε,
 τοὺς ὑπὸ θεσπέσιον ζυγὸν αἰόλος ἤγαγεν Ἴρις
 ἄρματος αἰὲν ἑόντος, ὃ οἱ κάμεν ἄμβροτος Αἰῶν
 χερσὶν ὑπ' ἀκαμάτησιν ἀτειρέος ἐξ ἀδάμαντος. 195

ἴκετο δ' Οὐλύμποιο ῥίου μέγα· σὺν δ' ἐτίναξεν
 ἠέρα πᾶσαν ὑπερθε χολούμενος· ἄλλοθε δ' ἄλλαι
 βρονταὶ ὁμῶς στεροπῆσι μέγ' ἔκτυπον· ἐκ δὲ
 κεραυνοὶ

ταρφέες ἐξεχέοντο ποτὶ χθόνα· καίετο δ' ἀήρ
 ἄσπετον· ἀθανάτοισι δ' ὑπὸ φρένας ἔμπεσε δεῖμα· 200
 πάντων δ' ἔτρεμε γυῖα καὶ ἀθανάτων περ ἑόντων.
 τῶν δὲ περιδδείσασα κλυτὴ Θέμις εὐτε νόημα
 ἄλτο διὰ νεφέων· τάχα δὲ σφεας εἰσαφίκανεν·

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The golden arms celestial as they charged.
Round them the wide sea thundered, the dark earth
Quaked 'neath immortal feet. Rang from them all
Far-pealing battle-shouts; that awful cry
Rolled up to the broad-arching heaven, and down
Even to Hades' fathomless abyss:
Trembled the Titans there in depths of gloom.
Ida's long ridges sighed, sobbed clamorous streams
Of ever-flowing rivers, groaned ravines
Far-furrowed, Argive ships, and Priam's towers.
Yet men feared not, for naught they knew of all
That strife, by Heaven's decree. Then her high
peaks
The Gods' hands wrenched from Ida's crest, and
hurled
Against each other: but like crumbling sands
Shivered they fell round those invincible limbs,
Shattered to small dust. But the mind of Zeus,
At the utmost verge of earth, was ware of all:
Straight left he Ocean's stream, and to wide heaven
Ascended, charioted upon the winds,
The East, the North, the West-wind, and the South:
For Iris rainbow-plumed led 'neath the yoke
Of his eternal car that stormy team,
The car which Time the immortal framed for him
Of adamant with never-wearying hands.
So came he to Olympus' giant ridge.
His wrath shook all the firmament, as crashed
From east to west his thunders; lightnings gleamed,
As thick and fast his thunderbolts poured to earth,
And flamed the limitless welkin. Terror fell
Upon the hearts of those Immortals: quaked
The limbs of all—ay, deathless though they were!
Then Themis, trembling for them, swift as thought
Leapt down through clouds, and came with speed to
them—

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οἷη γὰρ στονόεντος ἀπόπροθι μίμνε μόθοιο·
τοῖον δ' ἔκφατο μῦθον ἐρुकανόωσα μάχεσθαι· 205

“ ἴσχεσθ' ἰωχμοῖο δυσηχέος· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικε
Ζηνὸς χωομένοιο μινυνθαδίωv ἔνεκ' ἀνδρῶv
μάρνασθ' αἰὲν ἔοντας, ἐπεὶ τάχα πάντες αἴστοι
ἔσσεσθ'· ἦ γὰρ ὑπερθεv ἐφ' ὑμέας οὔρεα πάντα
εἰς ἐν ἀναρρήξας οὔθ' υἰῶv οὔτε θυγατρῶv 210
φείσεται, ἀλλ' ἄρα πάντας ὁμῶς ἐφύπερθε
καλύψει

γαίη ἀπειρεσίη· οὐδ' ἔσσεται ὕμμιν ἄλυξις
ἐς φάος· ἀργαλέος δὲ περὶ ζόφος αἰὲν ἐρύξει.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' ἐπίθοντο Διὸς τρομέοντες
ὁμοκλήv,
ὕσμίνης δ' ἴσχοντο, χόλον δ' ἀπὸ νόσφι βάλοντο 215
ἀργαλέον, φιλότητα δ' ὁμήθεα ποιήσαντο·
καὶ ῥ' οἱ μὲν νίσσοντο πρὸς οὐρανόν, οἱ δ' ἀλὸς
εἴσω,

οἱ δ' ἀνὰ γαίαν ἔμιμνον· εὐπτολέμοισι δ' Ἀχαιοῖς
υἱὸς Λαέρταο πύκα φρονέων φάτο μῦθον·
“ ὦ κλυτοὶ Ἀργείων σημάντορες ὀβριμόθυμοι, 220
νῦν μοι ἐελδομένῳ τεκμήρατε, οἵτινές ἐστε
ἐκπάγλως κρατεροὶ καὶ ἀμύμονες· ἦ γὰρ ἰκάνει
ἔργον ἀναγκαίης· ἀλλὰ μνησώμεθ' Ἄρηος,
ἐς δ' ἵππον βαίνωμεν ἐϋξουv, ὄφρα κε τέκμωv
εὔρωμεν πολέμοιο δυσηχέος· ὥς γὰρ ἄμεινον 225
ἔσσεται, ἦν κε δόλῳ καὶ μήδεσιν ἀργαλέοισιν
ἄστν μέγ' ἐκπέρσωμεν, οὐ εἴνεκα δεῦρο μολόντες
πάσχομεν ἄλγεια πολλὰ φίλης ἀπὸ τηλόθι γαίης.
ἀλλ' ἄγε δῆ, μένος ἠὲ καὶ ἄλκιμον ἐν φρεσὶ θέντες

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καὶ γὰρ τις κατὰ δῆριν ἀνιερῆ ὑπ' ἀνάγκη 230
θαρσήσας ἀνὰ θυμὸν ἀμείνονα φῶτα κατέκτα
χειρότερος γεγαῶς· μάλα γὰρ μέγα θυμὸν ἀέξει
θάρσος, ὃ πέρ τε μάλιστα πέλει κλέος ἀνθρώποισιν.

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For in the strife she only had no part—
And stood between the fighters, and she cried:
“Forbear the conflict! O, when Zeus is wroth,
It ill beseems that everlasting Gods
Should fight for men’s sake, creatures of a day:
Else shall ye be all suddenly destroyed;
For Zeus will tear up all the hills, and hurl
Upon you: sons nor daughters will he spare,
But bury ’neath one ruin of shattered earth
All. No escape shall ye find thence to light,
In horror of darkness prisoned evermore.”

Dreading Zeus’ menace gave they heed to her,
From strife refrained, and cast away their wrath,
And were made one in peace and amity.
Some heavenward soared, some plunged into the
sea,

On earth stayed some. Amid the Achaean host
Spake in his subtlety Laertes’ son:
“O valorous-hearted lords of the Argive host,
Now prove in time of need what men ye be,
How passing-strong, how flawless-brave! The hour
Is this for desperate emprise: now, with hearts
Heroic, enter ye yon carven horse,
So to attain the goal of this stern war.
For better it is by stratagem and craft
Now to destroy this city, for whose sake
Hither we came, and still are suffering
Many afflictions far from our own land.
Come then, and let your hearts be stout and strong
For he who in stress of fight hath turned to bay
And snatched a desperate courage from despair,
Oft, though the weaker, slays a mightier foe.
For courage, which is all men’s glory, makes
The heart great. Come then, set the ambush, ye

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ἀλλ' ἄγ', ἀριστῆες μὲν ἐὺν λόχον ἐντύνεσθε·
οἱ δ' ἄλλοι Τενέδοιο πρὸς ἱερὸν ἄστυ μολόντες 235
μιμνήμεν, εἰσόκεν ἄμμε ποτὶ πτόλιν εἰρύσσωσι
δήϊοι ἐλπόμενοι Τριτωνίδι δῶρον ἄγεσθαι.

αἰζηῶν δέ τις ἐσθλός, ὃν οὐ σάφα Τρῶες ἴσασι,
μιμνέτω ἄγχ' ἵπποιο σιδήρεον ἐνθέμενος κῆρ·
καὶ οἱ πάντα μέλοιτο μάλ' ἔμπεδον, ὀππὸς'
ἔγωγε 240

πρόσθ' ἐφάμην· καὶ μή τι περὶ φρεσὶν ἄλλο
νοήση,

ὄφρα μὴ ἀμφαδὰ Τρωσὶν Ἀχαιῶν ἔργα πέληται.”

Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δὲ Σίνων ἀπαμείβετο κύδιμος
ἀνὴρ

ἄλλων δειδιότων· μάλα γὰρ μέγα ἔργον ἔμελλεν
ἐκτελέειν· τῷ καὶ μιν εὐφρονέοντ' ἀνὰ θυμὸν 245

εὐρύς ἀγάσσατο λαός· ὁ δ' ἐν μέσσοισιν ἔειπεν·

“ὦ Ὀδυσσεῦ καὶ πάντες Ἀχαιῶν φέρτατοι υἴες,
ἔργον μὲν τόδ' ἔγωγε λιλαιομένοισι τελέσσω,

εἰ καὶ ἀεικίζωσι καὶ εἰ πυρὶ μητιόωνται
βάλλειν ζῶν ἐόντα· τὸ γὰρ νύ μοι εὐάδε θυμῷ, 250

ἢ θανέειν δηΐοισιν ὑπ' ἀνδράσιν, ἢ ὑπαλύξαι
Ἀργείοις μέγα κῦδος ἐελδομένοισι φέροντα.”

Ὡς φάτο θαρσαλέως· μέγα δ' Ἀργεῖοι κεχά-
ροντο·

καὶ τις ἔφη· “ὡς τῷδε θεὸς μέγα θάρσος ἔδωκε
σήμερον· οὐ γὰρ πρόσθεν ἔην θρασύς· ἀλλὰ ἐ
δαίμων 255

ὀτρύνει πάντεσσι κακὸν Τρῶεσσι γενέσθαι
ἢ νῶιν· νῦν γὰρ που οἶομαι ἐσσυμένως περ
ἀργαλέου πολέμοιο τέκμωρ αἰδήλον ἔσεσθαι.”

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη κατὰ λαὸν ἀρηϊφίλων τις Ἀχαιῶν·
Νέστωρ δ' αὖθ' ἐτέρωθεν ἐποτρύνων μετέειπε· 260

“νῦν χρεῖώ, φίλα τέκνα, βίης καὶ θάρσεος ἐσθλοῦ·
νῦν γὰρ τέρμα πόνοιο θεοὶ καὶ ἀμύμονα νίκην

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Which be our mightiest, and the rest shall go
To Tenedos' hallowed burg, and there abide
Until our foes have haled within their walls
Us with the Horse, as deeming that they bring
A gift unto Tritonis. Some brave man,
One whom the Trojans know not, yet we lack,
To harden his heart as steel, and to abide
Near by the Horse. Let that man bear in mind
Heedfully whatso'er I said erewhile.
And let none other thought be in his heart,
Lest to the foe our counsel be revealed."

Then, when all others feared, a man far-famed
Made answer, Sinon, marked of destiny
To bring the great work to accomplishment.
Therefore with worship all men looked on him,
The loyal of heart, as in the midst he spake :
"Odysseus, and all ye Achaean chiefs,
This work for which ye crave will I perform—
Yea, though they torture me, though into fire
Living they thrust me ; for mine heart is fixed
Not to escape, but die by hands of foes,
Except I crown with glory your desire."

Stoutly he spake : right glad the Argives were ;
And one said : "How the Gods have given to-day
High courage to this man ! He hath not been
Heretofore valiant. Heaven is kindling him
To be the Trojans' ruin, but to us
Salvation. Now full soon, I trow, we reach
The goal of grievous war, so long unseen."

So a voice murmured mid the Achaean host.
Then, to stir up the heroes, Nestor cried :
"Now is the time, dear sons, for courage and
strength :
Now do the Gods bring nigh the end of toil :

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ἡμιν ἐελδομένοισι φίλας ἐς χεῖρας ἄγουσιν·
 ἀλλ' ἄγε θαρσαλέως πολυχανδέος ἔνδοθεν ἵππου
 βαίνειτ', ἐπεὶ μερόπεσσι κλέος μέγα θάρσος ὀπάζει· 265
 ὡς ὄφελον μέγα κάρτος ἐμοῖς ἔτι γούνασι κεῖτο,
 οἶον ὄτ' Αἴσονος υἱὸς ἔσω νεὸς ὠκυπόροιο
 Ἄργῶης καλέεσκεν ἀριστέας, ὀππότε' ἔγωγε
 πρῶτος ἀριστήων καταβήμεναι ὀρμαίνεσκον,
 εἰ μὴ ἄρ' ἀντίθεος Πελίδης ἀέκοντά μ' ἔρυκε· 270
 νῦν δέ με γῆρας ἔπεισι πολύστονον· ἀλλ' ἄρα
 καὶ ὣς,

ὡς νέος ἠβῶων, καταβήσομαι ἔνδοθεν ἵππου
 θαρσαλέως· θάρσος δὲ κλέος καὶ κῦδος ὀπάσσει.

“Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπε πάϊς ξανθοῦ Ἀχιλῆος·
 “ὦ Νέστορ, σὺ μὲν ἐσσι νόῳ προφερέστατος
 ἀνδρῶν 275

πάντων· ἀλλά σε γῆρας ἀμείλιχον ἀμφιμέμαρπεν,
 οὐδέ τοι ἔμπεδός ἐστι βίη χατέοντι πόνοιο·
 τῷ σε χρὴ Τενέδοιο πρὸς ἠόνας ἀπονέεσθαι·
 ἐς δὲ λόχον νέοι ἄνδρες ἔθ' ὑσμίνης ἀκόρητοι
 βησόμεθ', ὡς σύ, γεραιέ, λιλαιομένοις ἐπιτέλλεις.” 280

“Ὡς φάτο· τοῦ δ' ἄγχιστα κιῶν Νηλῆϊος υἱὸς
 ἀμφοτέρας οἱ ἔκυσσε χέρας κεφαλὴν τ' ἐφύπερθεν,
 οὔνεχ' ὑπέσχετο πρῶτος ἐς εὐρέα δύμεναι ἵππου,
 αὐτὸν δ' αὐτε κέλευε γεραίτερον ἔκτοθι μίμνειν
 ἄλλοις σὺν Δαναοῖσιν· ἐέλδετο γὰρ πονέεσθαι· 285
 καὶ ῥά μιν ἰωχμοῖο λιλαιομένον προσέειπεν·

“ἐσσι πατρὸς κείνοιο βίη καὶ εὐφροني μύθῳ
 ἀντιθέου Ἀχιλῆος· ἔολπα δὲ σῆσι χέρεσσιν
 Ἄργείους Πριάμοιο διαπραθέειν κλυτὸν ἄστυ·
 ὄψέ δ' ἄρ' ἐκ καμάτοιο μέγα κλέος ἔσσεται ἡμῖν 290
 πολλὰ πονησαμένοισι κατὰ κλόνον ἄλγεα λυγρά·
 ἄλγεα μὲν παρὰ ποσσὶ θεοὶ θέσαν ἀνθρώποισιν,
 ἐσθλὰ δὲ πολλὸν ἄπωθε· πόνον δ' ἐς μέσσον
 ἔλασαν·

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Now give they victory to our longing hands.
Come, bravely enter ye this cavernous Horse.
For high renown attendeth courage high.
Oh that my limbs were mighty as of old,
When Aeson's son for heroes called, to man
Swift Argo, when of the heroes foremost I
Would gladly have entered her, but Pelias
The king withheld me in my own despite.
Ah me, but now the burden of years—O nay,
As I were young, into the Horse will I
Fearlessly! Glory and strength shall courage give.”

Answered him golden-haired Achilles' son :
“Nestor, in wisdom art thou chief of men ;
But cruel age hath caught thee in his grip :
No more thy strength may match thy gallant will ;
Therefore thou needs must unto Tenedos' strand.
We will take ambush, we the youths, of strife
Insatiate still, as thou, old sire, dost bid.”

Then strode the son of Neleus to his side,
And kissed his hands, and kissed the head of him
Who offered thus himself the first of all
To enter that huge horse, being peril-fain,
And bade the elder of days abide without.
Then to the battle-eager spake the old :
“Thy father's son art thou! Achilles' might
And chivalrous speech be here! O, sure am I
That by thine hands the Argives shall destroy
The stately city of Priam. At the last,
After long travail, glory shall be ours,
Ours, after toil and tribulation of war ;
The Gods have laid tribulation at men's feet
But happiness far off, and toil between :

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τουνεκα ρηιδίη μὲν ἐς ἀργαλήην κακότητα
αἰζηοῖσι κέλευθος, ἀνιηρὴ δ' ἐπὶ κῦδος, 295
μέσφ' ὄτε τις στονύοντα πόνου δια ποσὶ περήση."

Ὡς φάτο· τὸν δ' Ἀχιλλῆος ἀμείβετο κύδιμος
υἱός·

“ ὦ γέρον, ὡς σύ γ' ἔολπας ἐνὶ φρεσὶ, τοῦτο πέλοιτο
ἡμῖν εὐχομένοισιν, ἐπεὶ πολὺ λώιον οὕτως· 300
εἰ δ' ἐτέρως ἐθέλουσι θεοί, καὶ τοῦτο τετύχθω·
βουλοίμην γὰρ ὑπ' Ἄρει εὐκλειῶς ἀπολέσθαι,
ἢ ἐφυγῶν Τροίηθεν ὄνειδεα πολλὰ φέρεσθαι.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν ὅμοισι κατ' ἄμβροτα θήκατο τεύχη
πατρὸς ἐοῦ· τοὶ δ' αἴψα καὶ αὐτοὶ θωρήχθησαν
ἡρώων οἱ ἄριστοι, ὅσοις θρασὺς ἔπλετο θυμός· 305
τούς μοι νῦν καθ' ἕκαστον ἀνειρομένῳ σάφα

Μοῦσαι

ἔσπεθ', ὅσοι κατέβησαν ἔσω πολυχανδέος ἵππου·
ὑμεῖς γὰρ πᾶσάν μοι ἐνὶ φρεσὶ θήκατ' αἰοιδήν,
πρὶν μοι ἔτ' ἀμφὶ παρειὰ κατασκίδνασθαι ἴουλον,
Σμύρνης ἐν δαπέδοισι περικλυτὰ μῆλα νέμοντι 310
τρὶς τόσον Ἑρμοῦ ἄπωθεν, ὅσον βοόωντος
ἀκούσαι,

Ἀρτέμιδος περὶ νηὸν Ἐλευθερίῳ ἐνὶ κήπῳ,
οὔρεϊ τ' οὔτε λίην χθαμαλῶ οὔθ' ὑψόθι πολλῶ.

Πρῶτος μὲν κατέβαινε ἐς ἵππον κητώεντα
υἱὸς Ἀχιλλῆος, σὺν δὲ κρατερὸς Μενέλαος 315
ἠδ' Ὀδυσσεὺς Σθένελός τε καὶ ἀντίθεος Διομήδης·
βῆ δὲ Φιλοκτήτης τε καὶ Ἄντικλος ἠδὲ Μενε-
σθεύς,

σὺν δὲ Θόας ἐρίθυμος ἰδὲ ξανθὸς Πολυποίτης,
Αἴας τ' Εὐρύπυλός τε καὶ ἰσόθεος Θρασυμήδης,
Μηριόνης τε καὶ Ἰδομενεὺς ἀριδεικέτῳ ἄμφω, 320
σὺν δ' ἄρ' εὐμμελῆς Ποδαλείριος Εὐρύμαχός τε
Τεῦκρός τ' ἀντίθεος καὶ Ἰάλμενος ὄβριμόθυμος,
Θάλπιος Ἀντίμαχός τε μενεπτόλεμός τε Λεοντεύς·

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'Therefore for men full easy is the path
To ruin, and the path to fame is hard,
Where feet must press right on through painful toil.'

He spake : replied Achilles' glorious son :
" Old sire, as thine heart trusteth, be it vouchsafed
In answer to our prayers ; for best were this :
But if the Gods will otherwise, be it so.
Ay, gladlier would I fall with glory in fight
Than flee from Troy, bowed 'neath a load of shame."

Then in his sire's celestial arms he arrayed
His shoulders ; and with speed in harness sheathed
Stood the most mighty heroes, in whose hearts
Was dauntless spirit. Tell, ye Queens of Song,
Now man by man the names of all that passed
Into the cavernous Horse ; for ye inspired
My soul with all my song, long ere my cheek
Grew dark with manhood's beard, what time I fed
My goodly sheep on Smyrna's pasture-lea,
From Hermus thrice so far as one may hear
A man's shout, by the fane of Artemis,
In the Deliverer's Grove, upon a hill
Neither exceeding low nor passing high.

Into that cavernous Horse Achilles' son
First entered, strong Menelaus followed then,
Odysseus, Sthenelus, godlike Diomede,
Philoctetes and Menestheus, Anticlus,
Thoas and Polypoetes golden-haired,
Aias, Eurypylus, godlike Thrasymede,
Idomeneus, Meriones, far-famous twain,
Podaleirius of spears, Eurymachus,
Teucer the godlike, fierce Ialmenus,
Thalpius, Antimachus, Leonteus staunch,

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σὺν δ' Εὐμηλος ἔβη θεοείκελος Εὐρύαλός τε
 Δημοφών τε καὶ Ἀμφίμαχος κρατερός τ' Ἀγα-
 πήνωρ,

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σὺν δ' Ἀκάμας τε Μέγης τε κραταιοῦ Φυλέος
 υἱός·

ἄλλοι δ' αὖ κατέβαινον, ὅσοι ἔσαν ἔξοχ' ἄριστοι,
 ὅσσοι χάνδανεν ἵππος εὐξοος ἐντὸς ἔργειν.

ἐν δέ σφιν πύματος κατεβήσατο δῖος Ἐπειός,
 ὅς ῥα καὶ ἵππον ἔτευξεν· ἐπίστατο δ' ᾧ ἐνὶ θυμῷ

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ἡμὲν ἀναπτύξαι κείνου πτύχας ἠδ' ἐπερείσαι·
 τοῦνεκα δὴ πάντων βῆ δεύτατος· εἴρυσε δ' εἴσω
 κλίμακας, ἧς ἀνέβησαν· ὁ δ' αὖ μάλα πάντ'
 ἐπερείσας

αὐτοῦ παρ κληῖδι καθέζετο· τοὶ δὲ σιωπῇ
 πάντες ἔσαν μεσσηγὺς ὁμῶς νίκης καὶ ὀλέθρου.

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Οἱ δ' ἄλλοι νήεσσιν ἐπέπλεον εὐρέα πόντου
 ἄς κλισίας πρήσαντες, ὅπη πάρος αὐτοὶ ἴαυον.

τοῖσι δὲ κοιρανέουτε δύω κρατερόφρονε φῶτε
 σήμαινον, Νέστωρ τε καὶ αἰχμητῆς Ἀγαμέμνων·
 τοὺς δὲ καὶ ἐλδομένους καταβήμεναι ἔνδοθεν ἵππου

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Ἀργεῖοι κατέρυξαν, ἵν' ἐν νήεσσι μένοντες
 λαοῖς σημαίνωσιν, ἐπεὶ πολὺ λώιον ἄνδρες
 ἔργον ἐποίχονται, ὅπότε εἰσορόωσιν ἄνακτες·
 τοῦνεκ' ἄρ' ἔκτοθι μίμνον ἀριστῆές περ ἔόντες.

οἱ δὲ θοῶς ἀφίκοντο πρὸς ἠϊόνας Τενέδοιο·

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εὐνὰς δ' ἐνθ' ἔβαλον κατὰ βένθεος· ἐκ δ' ἔβαν
 αὐτοὶ

νηῶν ἐσσυμένως· ἀπὸ δ' ἔκτοθι πείσματ' ἔδησαν
 ἠϊόνων· αὐτοὶ δὲ παραυτόθι μίμνον ἔκηλοι
 δέγμενοι, ὅππότε πυρσὸς ἐλδομένοισι φανείη.

Οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἐν ἵππῳ ἔσαν δητῶν σχεδόν, ἄλλοτε
 μὲν που

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φθείσθαι οἰόμενοι, ὅτε δ' ἱερὸν ἄστυ δαίξαι
 καὶ τὰ μὲν ἐλπομένοισιν ἐπήλυθεν Ἡριγένεια.

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Eumelus, and Euryalus fair as a God,
Amphimachus, Demophoon, Agapenor,
Akamas, Meges stalwart Phyleus' son—
Yea, more, even all their chiefest, entered in,
So many as that carven Horse could hold.
Godlike Epeius last of all passed in,
The fashioner of the Horse; in his breast lay
The secret of the opening of its doors
And of their closing: therefore last of all
He entered, and he drew the ladders up
Whereby they clomb: then made he all secure,
And set himself beside the bolt. So all
In silence sat 'twixt victory and death.

But the rest fired the tents, wherein erewhile
They slept, and sailed the wide sea in their ships.
Two mighty-hearted captains ordered these,
Nestor and Agamemnon lord of spears.
Fain had they also entered that great Horse,
But all the host withheld them, bidding stay
With them a-shipboard, ordering their array:
For men far better work the works of war
When their kings oversee them; therefore these
Abode without, albeit mighty men.
So came they swiftly unto Tenedos' shore,
And dropped the anchor-stones, then leapt in haste
Forth of the ships, and silent waited there
Keen-watching till the signal-torch should flash.

But nigh the foe were they in the Horse, and now
Looked they for death, and now to smite the town;
And on their hopes and fears uprose the dawn.

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Τρῶες δ' εἰσενόησαν ἐπ' ἠόσιν Ἑλλησπόντου
καπνὸν ἔτ' ἀΐσσουντα δι' ἠέρος· οὐδ' ἄρα νῆας
δέρκονθ', αἶ σφιν ἔνεικαν ἀφ' Ἑλλάδος αἶνον
ὄλεθρον.

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γηθόσυνοι δ' ἄρα πάντες ἐπέδραμον αἰγιαλοῖσι
τεύχε' ἐφεσσύμενοι· ἔτι γὰρ δέος ἄμφεχε θυμόν·
ἵππου δ' εἰσενόησαν εὐξοον· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῷ
θάμβεον ἑσταότες· μάλα γὰρ μέγα ἔργον ἐτύχθη·
ἀγχόθι δ' αὐτε Σίνωνα δυσάμμορον εἰσενόησαν· 360
καί μιν ἀνειρόμενοι Δαναῶν ὑπερ ἄλλοθεν ἄλλος
μέσσον ἐκυκλώσαντο περισταδόν· ἀμφὶ δὲ μύθοις
μειλιχίοις εἴρουτο πάρος· μετέπειτα δ' ὁμοκλῆ
σμερδαλή· καὶ πολλὰ δολόφρονα φῶτα δαΐζον
πολλὸν ἐπὶ χρόνον αἰέν· ὁ δ' ἔμπεδον ἤϋτε πέτρη 365
μίμνεν ἀτειρέα γυῖ' ἐπιειμένος· ὄψ' δ' ἄρ' αὐτοῦ
οὔαθ' ὁμῶς καὶ ρίνας ἀπὸ μελέων ἐτάμοντο
πάμπαν ἀεικίζοντες, ὅπως νημερτέα εἶπη,
ὄππη ἔβαν Δαναοὶ σὺν νήεσιν, ἧ τί καὶ ἵππος
ἔνδον ἐρητύεσκεν· ὁ δ' ἐνθέμενος φρεσὶ κάρτος 370
λώβης οὐκ ἀλέγιζεν ἀεικέος, ἀλλ' ἐνὶ θυμῷ
ἔτλη καὶ πληγῆσι καὶ ἐν πυρὶ τειρόμενός περ
ἀργαλέως· Ἥρη γὰρ ἐνέπνευσεν μέγα κάρτος·
τοῖα δ' ἄρ' ἐν μέσσοισι δολοφρονέων ἀγόρευεν·
“ Ἀργεῖοι μὲν νηυσὶν ὑπὲρ πόντοιο φέβονται 375
μακρῷ ἀκηδήσαντες ἐπὶ πτολέμῳ καὶ ἀνίη·
Κάλχαντος δ' ἰότητι δαΐφροσι Τριτογενεῖη
ἵππου ἐτεκτῆναντο, θεῆς χόλον ὄφρ' ἀλέωνται
πάγχυ κοτεσσαμένης Τρώων ὑπερ· ἀμφὶ δὲ νόστου
ἐννεσίης Ὀδυσῆος ἐμοὶ μενέαινον ὄλεθρον, 380
ὄφρα με δηώσῃσι δυσηχέος ἄγχι θαλάσσης

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Then marked the Trojans upon Hellespont's
strand
The smoke upleaping yet through air : no more
Saw they the ships which brought to them from
Greece
Destruction dire. With joy to the shore they ran,
But armed them first, for fear still haunted them.
Then marked they that fair-carven Horse, and stood
Marvelling round, for a mighty work was there.
A hapless-seeming man thereby they spied,
Sinon ; and this one, that one questioned him
Touching the Danaans, as in a great ring
They compassed him, and with unangry words
First questioned, then with terrible threatenings.
Then tortured they that man of guileful soul
Long time unceasing. Firm as a rock abode
The unquivering limbs, the unconquerable will.
His ears, his nose, at last they shore away
In every wise tormenting him, until
He should declare the truth, whither were gone
The Danaans in their ships, what thing the Horse
Concealed within it. He had armed his mind
With resolution, and of outrage foul
Recked not ; his soul endured their cruel stripes,
Yea, and the bitter torment of the fire ;
For strong endurance into him Hera breathed ;
And still he told them the same guileful tale
“ The Argives in their ships flee oversea
Weary of tribulation of endless war.
This horse by Calchas' counsel fashioned they
For wise Athena, to propitiate
Her stern wrath for that guardian image stol'n¹
From Troy. And by Odysseus' prompting I
Was marked for slaughter, to be sacrificed
To the sea-powers, beside the moaning waves,

¹ See note to l. 37 of this book.

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δαίμοσιν εἰναλίοις. ἐμὲ δ' οὐ λάθον, ἀλλ' ἀλεγεινάς
σπονδάς τ' οὐλοχύτας τε μάλ' ἐσσυμένως ὑπαλύ-
ξας

ἀθανάτων βουλήσι παρὰ ποσὶ κάππεσον ἵππου·
οἱ δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἐθέλοντες ἀναγκαίῃ με λίποντο 385
ἀζόμενοι μέγαλοιο Διὸς κρατερόφρονα κούρην.”

“Ὡς φάτο κερδοσύνησι καὶ οὐ κάμεν ἄλγεσι
θυμόν·

ἄνδρὸς γὰρ κρατεροῖο κακὴν ὑποτλήναι ἀνάγκην.
τῷ δ' οἱ μὲν πεπίθοντο κατὰ στρατόν, οἱ δ' ἄρ'
ἔφαντο

ἔμμεναι ἠπεροπῆα πολύτροπον, οἷς ἄρα βουλή 390
ἦνδανε Λαοκόωντος· ὁ γὰρ πεπνυμένα βάζων
φῆ δόλον ἔμμεναι αἰνὸν ὑπ' ἐννεσίησιν Ἀχαιῶν,
πάντας δ' ὀτρύνεσκε θεῶς ἐμπρησέμεν ἵππον,
ἵππον δουράτεον καὶ γινώμεναι εἴ τι κεκεύθει.

Καὶ νύ κέ οἱ πεπίθοντο καὶ ἐξήλυξαν ὄλεθρον, 395
εἰ μὴ Τριτογένεια, κοτεσσαμένη περὶ θυμῷ
αὐτῷ καὶ Τρώεσσι καὶ ἄστει, γαίαν ἔνερθεν
θεσπεσίην ἐλέλιξεν ὑπαὶ ποσὶ Λαοκόωντος.
τῷ δ' ἄφαρ ἔμπεσε δεῖμα· τρόμος δ' ἀμφέκλασε
γυῖα

ἄνδρὸς ὑπερθύμοιο· μέλαινα δέ οἱ περὶ κρατὶ 400
νυξ ἐχύθη· στυγερόν δὲ κατὰ βλεφάρων πέσεν
ἄλγος,

σὺν δ' ἔχεεν λασίησιν ὑπ' ὀφρύσιν ὄμματα φωτός·
γλῆναι δ' ἀργαλήησι πεπαρμέναι ἀμφ' ὀδύνησι
ρίζοθεν ἐκλονέοντο· περιστρωφῶντο δ' ὀπωπαὶ
τειρόμεναι ὑπένερθεν· ἄχος δ' ἀλεγεινὸν ἵκανε 405
ἄχρι καὶ ἐς μῆνιγγας ἰδ' ἐγκεφάλιοιο θέμεθλα·
τοῦ δ' ὅτε μὲν φαίνοντο μεμιγμένοι αἵματι πολλῷ
ὀφθαλμοί, ὅτε δ' αὐτε δυσαλθέα γλαυκιάωντες·
πολλάκι δ' ἔρρεον οἶον ὅτε στυφελῆς ἀπὸ πέτρης
εἴβεται ἐξ ὀρέων νιφετῷ πεπαλαγμένον ὕδωρ· 410

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To win them safe return. But their intent
I marked ; and ere they spilt the drops of wine,
And sprinkled hallowed meal upon mine head,
Swiftly I fled, and, by the help of Heaven,
I flung me down, clasping the Horse's feet ;
And they, sore loth, perforce must leave me there
Dreading great Zeus's daughter mighty-souled."

In subtlety so he spake, his soul untamed
By pain ; for a brave man's part is to endure
To the uttermost. And of the Trojans some
Believed him, others for a wily knave
Held him, of whose mind was Laocoon.
Wisely he spake : " A deadly fraud is this,"
He said, " devised by the Achaean chiefs !"
And cried to all straightway to burn the Horse,
And know if aught within its timbers lurked.

Yea, and they had obeyed him, and had 'scaped
Destruction ; but Athena, fiercely wroth
With him, the Trojans, and their city, shook
Earth's deep foundations 'neath Laocoon's feet.
Straight terror fell on him, and trembling bowed
The knees of the presumptuous : round his head
Horror of darkness poured ; a sharp pang thrilled
His eyelids ; swam his eyes beneath his brows ;
His eyeballs, stabbed with bitter anguish, throbbed
Even from the roots, and rolled in frenzy of pain.
Clear through his brain the bitter torment pierced
Even to the filmy inner veil thereof ;
Now bloodshot were his eyes, now ghastly green ;
Anon with rheum they ran, as pours a stream
Down from a rugged crag, with thawing snow
Made turbid. As a man distraught he seemed :

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μαινομένῳ δ' ἤικτο, καὶ ἔδρακε διπλόα πάντα
 αἰνὰ μάλα στενάχων. καὶ ἔτι Τρώεσσι κέλευεν,
 οὐδ' ἀλέγιζε μόγοιο· φάος δέ οἱ ἐσθλὸν ἄμερσε
 δία θεά· λευκαὶ δ' ἄρ' ὑπὸ βλέφαρ' ἔσταν ὀπωπαὶ
 αἵματος ἐξ ὀλοοῖο· περιστενάχιζε δὲ λαὸς 415
 οἰκτείρων φίλον ἄνδρα, καὶ ἀθανάτην Ἀγελείην
 ἐρριγῶς, μὴ δὴ τι παρήλιτεν ἀφραδίησιν,
 καὶ σφιν ἐς αἶνὸν ὄλεθρον ἀνεγνάμφθη νόος ἔνδον,
 [δειδιότων, μὴ δὴ σφι καὶ αὐτοῖς ἄλγος ἔπηται]
 οὐνεκα λωβήσαντο δέμας μογεροῖο Σίνωνος
 ἐλπόμενοι κατὰ θυμὸν ἐτήτυμα πάντ' ἀγορεύσειν.¹ 420
 τοῦνεκα προφρονέως μιν ἄγον ποτὶ Τρώϊον ἄστν
 ὄψέ περ οἰκτείραντες. ἀγειρόμενοι δ' ἅμα πάντες
 σειρὴν ἀμφεβάλοντο θοῶς περιμήκει ἵππῳ
 δησάμενοι καθύπερθεν, ἐπεὶ ρά οἱ ἐσθλὸς Ἐπειὸς
 ποσσὶν ὑπὸ βριαροῖσιν εὐτροχα δούρατ' ἔθηκεν, 425
 ὄφρα κεν αἰζηοῖσιν ἐπὶ πτολίεθρον ἔπηται
 ἐλκόμενος Τρώων ὑπὸ χείρεσιν. οἱ δ' ἅμα πάντες
 εἶλκον ἐπιβρίσαντες ἀολλέες, ἠὔτε νῆα
 ἔλκωσιν μογέοντες ἔσω ἄλὸς ἠχηέσσης
 αἰζηοί, στιβαραὶ δὲ περιστενάχουσι φάλαγγες 430
 τριβόμεναι, δεινὸν δὲ τρόπις περιτετριγυῖα
 ἀμφὶς ὀλισθαίνουσα κατέρχεται εἰς ἄλὸς οἶδμα·
 ὡς οἷ γε σφίσι πῆμα ποτὶ πτόλιν ἔργον Ἐπειοῦ
 πανσυδίῃ μογέοντες ἀνείρουν· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῷ
 πολλὸν ἄδην στεφέων ἐριθηλέα κόσμον ἔθεντο· 435
 αὐτοὶ δ' ἐστέψαντο κάρη· μέγα δ' ἤπνουν αὐλοὶ
 ἀλλήλοις ἐπικεκλομένοι· ἐγέλασσε δ' Ἐνυῶ
 δερκομένη πολέμοιο κακὸν τέλος· ὑψόθι δ' Ἥρη
 τέρπετ'· Ἀθηναίῃ δ' ἐπεγήθεεν· οἱ δὲ μολόντες
 ἄστν ποτὶ σφέτερον μεγάλης κρήδεμνα πόλῃος 440
 λυσάμενοι λυγρὸν ἵππον ἐσήγαγον· αἱ δ' ὀλόλυξαν

¹ Zimmermann, for ἀγορεύειν of v.

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All things he saw showed double, and he groaned
Fearfully ; yet he ceased not to exhort
The men of Troy, and recked not of his pain.
Then did the Goddess strike him utterly blind.
Stared his fixed eyeballs white from pits of blood ;
And all folk groaned for pity of their friend,
And dread of the Prey-giver, lest he had sinned
In folly against her, and his mind was thus
Warped to destruction—yea, lest on themselves
Like judgment should be visited, to avenge
The outrage done to hapless Sinon's flesh,
Whereby they hoped to wring the truth from him.
So led they him in friendly wise to Troy,
Pitying him at the last. Then gathered all,
And o'er that huge Horse hastily cast a rope,
And made it fast above ; for under its feet
Smooth wooden rollers had Epeius laid,
That, dragged by Trojan hands, it might glide on
Into their fortress. One and all they haled
With multitudinous tug and strain, as when
Down to the sea young men sore-labouring drag
A ship ; hard-crushed the stubborn rollers groan,
As, sliding with weird shrieks, the keel descends
Into the sea-surge ; so that host with toil
Dragged up unto their city their own doom,
Epeius' work. With great festoons of flowers
They hung it, and their own heads did they wreathe,
While answering each other pealed the flutes.
Grimly Enyo laughed, seeing the end
Of that dire war ; Hera rejoiced on high ;
Glad was Athena. When the Trojans came
Unto their city, brake they down the walls,
Their city's coronal, that the Horse of Death
Might be led in. Troy's daughters greeted it

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Τρωιάδες, πᾶσαι δὲ περισταδὸν εἰσορόωσαι
θάμβεον ὄβριμον ἔργον· ὃ δὲ σφισιν ἔκρυφε πῆμα.

Λαοκόων δ' ἔτ' ἔμιμνεν ἐποτρύνων ἐτάροισιν
ἵππον ἀμαλδῦναι μαλερῶ πυρί· τοὶ δὲ οἱ οὔτι 445
πέιθοντ', ἀθανάτων γὰρ ὑποτρομέεσκον ὀμοκλήν.
τῶ δ' ἔπι κύντερον ἄλλο θεὰ μεγάθυμος Ἀθήνη
δυστήνοισ τεκέεσσιν ἐμήδετο Λαοκόωντος.

δὴ γάρ που πέλεν ἄντρον ὑπὸ στυφελώδει πέτρῃ
ἠερόεν, θνητοῖσιν ἀνέμβατον, ᾧ ἔνι θῆρες 450
σμερδαλέοι ναίεσκον ἔτ' οὐλομένοιο γενέθλης
Τυφῶνος νήσοιο κατὰ πτύχας, ἣν τε Καλύδνην
λαοὶ ἐπικλείουσιν ἔσω ἀλὸς ἀντία Τροίης.

ἔνθεν ἀναστήσασα βίην καλέεσκε δρακόντων
ἐς Τροίην· οἱ δ' αἶψα θεῆς ὑποκινηθέντες 455
νῆσον ὄλην ἐτίναξαν· ἐπεσμαράγησε δὲ πόντος
νισσομένων, καὶ κῦμα διῖστατο· τοὶ δ' ἐφέροντο
αἶνον λιχμῶντες· ἔφριξε δὲ κήτεα πόντου·

ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα στενάχοντο μέγα Ξάνθοιο θύγατρῃς
Νύμφαι καὶ Σιμόεντος· ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο δὲ Κύπρις 460
ἄχρυτο· τοὶ δ' ἄφαρ ἴξον ὅπη θεὸς ὀτρύνεσκε,
θήγοντες βλοσυρῆσι γενειάσι λαιγὸν ὀδόντων
δυστήνοισ ἐπὶ παισί· κακὴ δ' ἐπενίσσετο φύζα

Τρῶας, ὅτ' εἰδενόησαν ἀνὰ πτόλιν αἶνὰ πέλωρα·
οὐδέ τις αἰζηῶν οὐδ' εἰ μένος ἄτρομος ἦεν 465

μείναι ἔτλη· πάντας γὰρ ἀμείλιχον ἄμφεχε δεῖμα
θῆρας ἀλευομένους, ὀδύνη δ' ἔχεν· ἂν δὲ γυναῖκες
οἴμωζον· καὶ πού τις ἔων ἐπελήσατο τέκνων
αὐτῇ ἀλευομένη στυγερόν μόρον· ἀμφὶ δὲ Τροίῃ
ἔσταν' ἐπεσσυμένων· πολλοὶ δ' ἄφαρ εἰς ἔν ἰόντες 470
γυῖα περιδρῦφθησαν· ἐνεστείνοντο δ' ἀγυιαῖς
ἀμφιπεριπτώσσοντες· ἔλειπτο δὲ μῦνος ἄπωθεν

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With shouts of salutation ; marvelling all
Gazed at the mighty work—where lurked their
doom.

But still Laocoon ceased not to exhort
His countrymen to burn the Horse with fire :
They would not hear, for dread of the Gods' wrath.
But then a yet more hideous punishment
Athena visited on his hapless sons.
A cave there was, beneath a rugged cliff
Exceeding high, unscalable, wherein
Dwelt fearful monsters of the deadly brood
Of Typhon, in the rock-clefts of the isle
Calydna that looks Troyward from the sea.
Thence stirred she up the strength of serpents
twain,

And summoned them to Troy. By her uproused
They shook the island as with earthquake : roared
The sea ; the waves disparted as they came.
Onward they swept with fearful-flickering tongues :
Shuddered the very monsters of the deep :
Xanthus' and Simois' daughters moaned aloud,
The River-nymphs : the Cyprian Queen looked
down

In anguish from Olympus. Swiftly they came
Whither the Goddess sped them : with grim jaws
Whetting their deadly fangs, on his hapless sons
Sprang they. All Trojans panic-stricken fled,
Seeing those fearsome dragons in their town.
No man, though ne'er so dauntless theretofore,
Dared tarry ; ghastly dread laid hold on all
Shrinking in horror from the monsters. Screamed
The women ; yea, the mother forgot her child,
Fear-frenzied as she fled : all Troy became
One shriek of fleers, one huddle of jostling limbs :
The streets were choked with cowering fugitives.
Alone was left Laocoon with his sons,

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Λαοκόων ἄμα παισί· πέδησε γὰρ οὐλομένη Κῆρ
 καὶ θεός. οἱ δέ οἱ νῆας ὑποτρομέοντας ὄλεθρον
 ἀμφοτέρους ὀλοῆσιν ἀνηρείψαντο γένουσι 475
 πατρὶ φίλῳ ὀρέγοντας εἰς χέρας· οὐδ' ὃ γ' ἀμύνειν
 ἔσθενεν· ἀμφὶ δὲ Τρῶες ἀπόπροθεν εἰσορόωντες
 κλαῖον ὑπὸ κραδίησι τεθηπότες. οἱ δ' ἄρ' Ἀθήνης
 προφρονέως τελέσαντες ἀπεχθέα Τρωσὶν ἐφετμὴν
 ἄμφω ἀϊστώθησαν ὑπὸ χθόνα· τῶν δ' ἔτι σῆμα 480
 φαίνεθ', ὅπου κατέδυσαν εἰς ἱερὸν Ἀπόλλωνος
 Περγάμῳ ἐν ζαθέῃ. προπάροιθε δὲ Τρώιοι νῆες
 παίδων Λαοκόωντος ἀμείλιχα δηωθέντων
 τεύξαν ἄμ' ἀγρόμενοι κενεὸν τάφον, ᾧ ἔπι δάκρυ
 χεῦε πατὴρ ἀλαοῖσιν ὑπ' ὄμμασιν· ἀμφὶ δὲ μήτηρ 485
 πολλὰ κινυρομένη κενεῶ ἐπαῦτεε τύμβῳ
 ἐλπομένη τι καὶ ἄλλο κακώτερον, ἔστενε δ' ἄτην
 ἀνέρος ἀφραδίης, μακάρων δ' ὑπεδείδιε μῆνιν·
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἐρημαίην περιμύρεται ἀμφὶ καλιῆν
 πολλὰ μάλ' ἀχνυμένη κατὰ δάσκιον ἄγκος ἀηδῶν, 490
 ἧς ἔτι νήπια τέκνα, πάρος κελαδεινὸν αἰεΐδειν,
 δάμναθ' ὑπὸ γναθμοῖσι μένος βλοσυροῖο δράκοντος,
 μητέρι δ' ἄλγεα θῆκε, καὶ ἄσπετον ἀσχαλώωσα
 μύρεται ἀμφὶ δόμον κενεὸν μάλα κεκληγυῖα·
 ὡς ἢ γε στενάχιζε λυγρῶ τεκέων ἐπ' ὀλέθρῳ 495
 μυρομένη κενεῶ περὶ σήματι· σὺν δέ οἱ ἄλλο
 πῆμα μάλ' ἀργαλέον πόσιος πέλεν ἀμφ' ἀλαοῖο.
 Καί ῥ' ἡ μὲν φίλα τέκνα καὶ ἀνέρα κωκύεσκε
 τοὺς μὲν ἀποφθιμένους τὸν δ' ἄμμορον ἠελίοιο·
 Τρῶες δ' ἀθανάτοισιν ἐπεντύνοντο θυηλὰς 500
 λείβοντες μέθυ λαρόν, ἐπεὶ σφισιν ἦτορ ἐώλπει
 λευγαλέου πολέμοιο βαρὺ σθένος ἐξυπαλύξειν.
 ἱερά δ' οὐ καίοντο, πυρὸς δ' ἐσβέννυτ' αὐτμή,
 ὄμβρου ὅπως καθύπερθε δυσηχέος ἐσσυμένοιο·

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For death's doom and the Goddess chained their feet.
Then, even as from destruction shrank the lads,
Those deadly fangs had seized and ravined up
The twain, outstretching to their sightless sire
Agonized hands : no power to help had he.
Trojans far off looked on from every side
Weeping, all dazed. And, having now fulfilled
Upon the Trojans Pallas' awful hest,
Those monsters vanished 'neath the earth ; and still
Stands their memorial, where into the fane
They entered of Apollo in Pergamus
The hallowed. Therebefore the sons of Troy
Gathered, and reared a cenotaph for those
Who miserably had perished. Over it
Their father from his blind eyes rained the tears :
Over the empty tomb their mother shrieked,
Boding the while yet worse things, wailing o'er
The ruin wrought by folly of her lord,
Dreading the anger of the Blessèd Ones.
As when around her void nest in a brake
In sorest anguish moans the nightingale
Whose fledglings, ere they learned her plaintive
song,
A hideous serpent's fangs have done to death,
And left the mother anguish, endless woe,
And bootless crying round her desolate home ;
So groaned she for her children's wretched death,
So moaned she o'er the void tomb ; and her pangs
Were sharpened by her lord's plight stricken blind.
While she for children and for husband moaned—
These slain, he of the sun's light portionless—
The Trojans to the Immortals sacrificed,
Pouring the wine. Their hearts beat high with hope
To escape the weary stress of woeful war.
Howbeit the victims burned not, and the flames
Died out, as though 'neath heavy-hissing rain ;

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καπνὸς δ' αἱματόεις ἀνεκήκιε· μηρὰ δὲ πάντα 505
 πῖπτε χαμαὶ τρομέοντα· κατηρείποντο δὲ βωμοί·
 σπονδαὶ δ' αἶμα γέγοντο· θεῶν δ' ἐξέρρειε δάκρυ,
 καὶ νηοὶ δεύοντο λύθρῳ· στοναχαὶ δ' ἐφέροντο
 ἔκποθεν ἀπροφάτιοι· περισσεύοντο δὲ μακρὰ
 τείχεα καὶ πύργοι μεγάλ' ἔκτυπον, ὡς ἀχέοντες·¹ 510
 αὐτόματοι δ' ἄρ' ὀχῆες ἀνωίγνυντο πυλάων
 αἶνὸν κεκλήγοντες· ἐπεστενάχοντο δὲ λυγρὸν
 ἐννύχιοι ὄρνιαθες ἐρημαῖον βοόωντες·

ἄστρα δὲ πάντ' ἐφύπερθε θεοδμήτιοι πόλῃος 515
 ἀχλὺς ἀμφεκάλυψε καὶ ἀννεφέλου περ ἑόντος
 οὐρανοῦ αἰγλήεντος· ἀπαυαίνοντο δὲ δάφναι
 παρ νηῶ Φοίβοιο πάρος θαλεραὶ περ εὐῶσαι·
 ἐν δὲ λύκοι καὶ θῶες ἀναιδέες ὠρύσαντο

ἔντοσθεν πυλέων· μάλα μυρία δ' ἄλλα φαάνθη 520
 σήματα Δαρδανίδησι καὶ ἄστεϊ πῆμα φέροντα·
 ἀλλ' οὐ δεῖμ' ἀλεγεινὸν ὑπὸ Τρώων φρένας ἴξε
 δερκομένων ἀλεγεινὰ τεράατα πάντα κατ' ἄστν·
 Κῆρες γὰρ πάντων νόον ἔκβαλον, ὄφρ' ἐπὶ δαιτὶ
 πότμον ἀναπλήσωσιν ὑπ' Ἀργείοισι δαμέντες.

Οἷη δ' ἔμπεδον ἦτορ ἔχεν πιτυτόν τε νόημα 525
 Κασσάνδρῃ, τῆς οὐποτ' ἔπος γένετ' ἀκράαντον,
 ἀλλ' ἄρ' ἐτήτυμον ἔσκεν· ἀκούετο δ' ἔκ τινος αἴσης
 ὡς ἀνεμῶλιον αἰέν, ἵν' ἄλγεα Τρωσὶ γένηται.

ἢ ῥ' ὅτε σήματα λυγρὰ κατὰ πτόλιν εἰσενόησεν 530
 εἰς ἐν ἅμ' αἴσσοντα, μέγ' ἴαχεν, εὖτε λέαινα,
 ἦν ῥά τ' ἐνὶ ξυλόχοισιν ἀνὴρ λελιημένος ἄγρης
 οὐτάση ἠὲ βάλῃ, τῆς δ' ἐν φρεσὶ μαίνεται ἦτορ

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πάντῃ ἀν' οὔρεα μακρὰ, πέλει δὲ οἱ ἄσχετος ἀλκή·
 ὧς ἄρα μαιμώωσα θεόπροπον ἔνδοθεν ἦτορ
 ἦλυθεν ἐκ μεγάροιο· κόμαι δὲ οἱ ἀμφεκέχυντο 535
 ὧμοις ἀργυφέοισι μετάφρενον ἄχρισ ἰοῦσαι·

¹ Zimmermann, for ἐτεόν περ of v.

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And writhed the smoke-wreaths blood-red, and the
thighs

Quivering from crumbling altars fell to earth.
Drink-offerings turned to blood, Gods' statues wept,
And temple-walls dripped gore : along them rolled
Echoes of groaning out of depths unseen ;
And all the long walls shuddered : from the towers
Came quick sharp sounds like cries of men in pain ;
And, weirdly shrieking, of themselves slid back
The gate-bolts. Screaming " Desolation ! " wailed
The birds of night. Above that God-built burg
A mist palled every star ; and yet no cloud
Was in the flashing heavens. By Phoebus' fane
Withered the bays that erst were lush and green.
Wolves and foul-feeding jackals came and howled
Within the gates. Ay, other signs untold
Appeared, portending woe to Dardanus' sons
And Troy : yet no fear touched the Trojans' hearts
Who saw all through the town those portents dire :
Fate crazed them all, that midst their revelling
Slain by their foes they might fill up their doom.

One heart was steadfast, and one soul clear-eyed,
Cassandra. Never her words were unfulfilled ;
Yet was their utter truth, by Fate's decree,
Ever as idle wind in the hearers' ears,
That no bar to Troy's ruin might be set.
She saw those evil portents all through Troy
Conspiring to one end ; loud rang her cry,
As roars a lioness that mid the brakes
A hunter has stabbed or shot, whereat her heart
Maddens, and down the long hills rolls her roar,
And her might waxes tenfold ; so with heart
Aflame with prophecy came she forth her bower.
Over her snowy shoulders tossed her hair

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ὄσσε δέ οἱ μάρμαιρεν ἀναιδέα· τῆς δ' ὑπὸ δειρή,
 ἐξ ἀνέμων ἄτε πρέμνον, ἄδην ἐλελίζετο πάντη.
 καὶ ῥα μέγα στονάχησε καὶ ἴαχε παρθένος ἐσθλή·
 “ ἂ δειλοί, νῦν βῆμεν ὑπὸ ζόφον· ἀμφὶ γὰρ ἡμῖν 540
 ἔμπλειον πυρὸς ἄστυ καὶ αἵματος ἠδὲ καὶ οὔτου
 λευγαλέου· πάντη δὲ τεράατα δακρυόεντα
 ἀθάνατοι φαίνουσι, καὶ ἐν ποσὶ τέρματ' ὀλέθρου.
 σχέτλιοι, οὐδέ τι ἴστε κακὸν μόρον, ἀλλ' ἅμα
 πάντες

χαίρετ' ἄρ' ἀφραδέοντες, οὐ [ἠγάγετ' ἐς πόλιν αὐτοὶ
 Ἄργείων λυγρὸν ἵππον¹] ὃ γὰρ μέγα πῆμα
 κέκευθεν. 545

ἀλλά μοι οὐ πείθεσθ', οὐδ' εἰ μάλα πόλλ' ἀγορεύω,
 οὔνεκ' Ἐριννύες ἄκρα γάμου κεχολωμένοι αἰνοῦ
 ἀμφ' Ἐλένης, καὶ Κῆρες ἀμείλιχοι αἰσσοῦσι
 πάντη ἀνὰ πτολίεθρον· ἐπ' εἰλαπίνῃ δ' ἀλεγεινῇ
 δαίνυσθ' ὕστατα δόρπα κακῶ πεφορυγμένα λύθρῳ 550
 ἤδη ἐπιψαύοντες ὁμῆν ὁδὸν εἰδώλοισι.”

Καί τις κερτομέων ὀλοφώιον ἔεφατο μῦθον·
 “ ὦ κούρη Πριάμοιο, τί ἢ νύ σε μάργος ἀνώγει
 γλῶσσα κακοφραδίῃ τ' ἀνεμώλια πάντ' ἀγορεύειν;
 οὐδέ σε παρθενικὴ καὶ ἀκήρατος ἀμφέχει αἰδώς, 555
 ἀλλά σε λύσσ' ὀλοῆ περιδέδρομε· τῷ νύ σε πάντες
 αἰὲν ἀτιμάζουσι βροτοὶ πολύμυθον εἰούσαν.
 ἔρρε καὶ Ἄργείοισι κακὴν προτιόσσεο φήμην
 ἠδ' αὐτῇ· τάχα γὰρ σε καὶ ἀργαλεώτερον ἄλγος
 μίμνει Λαοκόωντος ἀναιδέος· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικεν 560
 ἀθανάτων φίλα δῶρα δαιζέμεν ἀφραδέοντα.”

“Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη Τρώων τις ἀνὰ πτόλιν· ὧς δὲ καὶ
 ἄλλοι

κούρην μωμήσαντο καὶ οὐ φάσαν ἄρτια βάζειν,
 οὔνεκ' ἄρα σφίσι πῆμα καὶ ἀργαλέον μένος Αἴσης
 ἄγχι παρειστήκει· τοὶ δ' οὐ νοέοντες ὄλεθρον 565

¹ Stadtmueller's suggested supplementum of lacuna.

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Streaming far down, and wildly blazed her eyes.
Her neck writhed, like a sapling in the wind
Shaken, as moaned and shrieked that noble maid :
“ O wretches ! into the Land of Darkness now
We are passing ; for all round us full of fire
And blood and dismal moan the city is.
Everywhere portents of calamity
Gods show : destruction yawns before your feet.
Fools ! ye know not your doom : still ye rejoice
With one consent in madness, who to Troy
Have brought the Argive Horse where ruin lurks !
Oh, ye believe not me, though ne'er so loud
I cry ! The Erinyes and the ruthless Fates,
For Helen's spousals madly wroth, through Troy
Dart on wild wings. And ye, ye are banqueting
there

In your last feast, on meats befouled with gore,
When now your feet are on the Path of Ghosts ! ”

Then cried a scoffing voice an ominous word :
“ Why doth a raving tongue of evil speech,
Daughter of Priam, make thy lips to cry
Words empty as wind ? No maiden modesty
With purity veils thee : thou art compassed round
With ruinous madness ; therefore all men scorn
Thee, babbler ! Hence, thine evil bodings speak
To the Argives and thyself ! For thee doth wait
Anguish and shame yet bitterer than befell
Presumptuous Laocoon. Shame it were
In folly to destroy the Immortals' gift. ”

So scoffed a Trojan : others in like sort
Cried shame on her, and said she spake but lies,
Saying that ruin and Fate's heavy stroke
Were hard at hand. They knew not their own
doom,

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κείνην κερτομέοντες ἀπέτρεπον εὐρέος ἵππου·
 ἦ γάρ οἱ μενέαινε διὰ ξύλα πάντα κεδάσσαι,
 ἦὲ καταπρήσαι μαλερῶ πυρί· τοῦνεκα πεύκης
 αἰθομένης ἔτι δαλὸν ἀπ' ἔσχαρεῶνος ἐλούσα
 ἔσσυτο μαιμώσ'· ἐτέρη δ' ἐν χειρὶ φέρεσκεν 570
 ἀμφίτυπον βουπλήγα· λυγροῦ δ' ἐπεμαίετο ἵππου,
 ὄφρα λόχον στονόεντα καὶ ἀμφαδὸν ἀθρήσωσι
 Τρῶες· τοὶ δέ οἱ αἶψα χερῶν ἀπὸ νόσφι βαλόντες
 πῦρ ὀλοὸν τε σίδηρον, ἀκηδέες ἐντύνοντο
 δαῖτα λυγρῆν· μάλα γάρ σφας ἐπήμιεν ὑστατίη νύξ. 575

Ἄργεῖοι δ' ἐντοσθεν ἐγήθειον εἰσαΐοντες
 δαινυμένων ὄμαδον κατὰ Ἴλιον οὐδ' ἀλεγόντων
 Κασσάνδρης, τήν ῥ' αὐτοὶ ἐθάμβεον, ὡς ἐτέτυκτο
 ἀτρεκέως εἰδυῖα νόον καὶ μῆτιν Ἀχαιῶν.

Ἢ δ' ἄτε πόρδαλις ἔσσυτ' ἐν οὖρεσιν ἀσχα-
 λώωσα, 580
 ἦν τ' ἀπὸ μεσσαύλοιο κύνες μογεροὶ τε νομῆες
 σεύοντ' ἔσσυμένως, ἦ δ' ἄγριον ἦτορ ἔχουσα
 ἐντροπαλιζομένη ἀναχάζεται τειρομένη περ·
 ὡς ἦ γ' εὐρέος ἵππου ἀπέσσυτο τειρομένη κῆρ
 Τρώων ἀμφὶ φόνῳ· μάλα γὰρ μέγα δέχυντο
 πῆμα. 585

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And mocked, and thrust her back from that huge
Horse :

For fain she was to smite its beams apart,
Or burn with ravening fire. She snatched a brand
Of blazing pine-wood from the hearth and ran
In fury : in the other hand she bare
A two-edged halberd : on that Horse of Doom
She rushed, to cause the Trojans to behold
With their own eyes the ambush hidden there.
But straightway from her hands they plucked and
flung
Afar the fire and steel, and careless turned
To the feast ; for darkened o'er them their last
night.

Within the horse the Argives joyed to hear
The uproar of Troy's feasters setting at naught
Cassandra, but they marvelled that she knew
So well the Achaeans' purpose and device.

As mid the hills a furious pantheress,
Which from the steading hounds and shepherd-folk
Drive with fierce rush, with savage heart turns back
Even in departing, galled albeit by darts :
So from the great Horse fled she, anguish-racked
For Troy, for all the ruin she foreknew.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΤΡΙΣΚΑΙΔΕΚΑΤΟΣ

Οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἀνὰ πτολίεθρον ἐδόρπεον· ἐν δ' ἄρα τοῖσιν
αὐλοὶ ὁμῶς σύριγξι μέγ' ἤπνουν· ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντῃ
μολπῇ ἐπ' ὀρχηθμοῖσι καὶ ἄκριτος ἔσκειν αὐτῇ
δαινυμένων, οἷη τε πέλει παρὰ δαιτὶ καὶ οἴνω.
ὦδε δέ τις χεῖρεςσι λαβὼν ἔμπλειον ἄλεισον 5
πῖνεν ἀκηδέστως· βαρύθοντο δέ οἱ φρένες ἔνδον
ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' ὀφθαλμοὶ στρεφεδίνεον· ἄλλο δ' ἐπ'
ἄλλῳ

ἐκ στόματος προῖεσκεν ἔπος κεκολουμένα βάζων·
καὶ ῥά οἱ ἐν μεγάρῳ κειμήλια καὶ δόμος αὐτὸς
φαίνεται κινυμένοισιν εἰκότα· πάντα δ' ἐώλπει 10
ἀμφιπεριστροφᾶσθαι ἀνὰ πτόλιν· ὅσσε δ' ἄρ'
ἀχλὺς

ἄμφεχεν· ἀκρήτῳ γὰρ ἀμαλδύνονται ὀπωπαὶ
καὶ νόος αἰζηῶν, ὅπῳτ' ἐς φρένα χανδὸν ἵκηται·
καὶ ῥα καρηβαρέων τοῖον ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπεν·
“ ἦ ῥ' ἄλιον Δαναοὶ πουλὺν στρατὸν ἐνθάδ' 15
ἄγειραν,

σχέτλιοι, οὐδ' ἐτέλεσαν ὅσα φρεσὶ μηχανόωντο,
ἀλλ' αὐτῶς ἀπόρουσαν ἀπ' ἄστεος ἡμετέροιο
νηπιάχοις παίδεσσιν εἰκότες ἢ ἔγυναιξίν.”

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη Τρώων τις ἐεργόμενος φρένας οἴνω,
νήπιος· οὐδ' ἄρ' ἐφράσσατ' ἐπὶ προθύροισιν
ὄλεθραν. 20

BOOK XIII

*How Troy in the night was taken and sacked with
fire and slaughter.*

So feasted they through Troy, and in their midst
Loud pealed the flutes and pipes : on every hand
Were song and dance, laughter and cries confused
Of banqueters beside the meats and wine.
They, lifting in their hands the beakers brimmed,
Recklessly drank, till heavy of brain they grew,
Till rolled their fluctuant eyes. Now and again
Some mouth would babble the drunkard's broken
words.

The household gear, the very roof and walls
Seemed as they rocked : all things they looked on
seemed

Whirled in wild dance. About their eyes a veil
Of mist dropped, for the drunkard's sight is dimmed,
And the wit dulled, when rise the fumes to the brain :
And thus a heavy-headed feaster cried :

“For naught the Danaans mustered that great host
Hither ! Fools, they have wrought not their intent,
But with hopes unaccomplished from our town
Like silly boys or women have they fled.”

So cried a Trojan wit-befogged with wine,
Fool, nor discerned destruction at the doors.

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Εὖτε γὰρ ὕπνος ἔρυκεν ἀνὰ πτόλιν ἄλλοθεν ἄλλον
οἴνω ἀναπλήθοντας ἀπειρεσίῳ καὶ ἔδωδῆ,
δὴ τότε ἄρ' αἰθαλόεντα Σίνων ἀνὰ πυρσὸν ἄειρε
δεικνὺς Ἀργείοισι πυρὸς σέλας. ἀμφὶ δέ οἱ κῆρ
ἄσπετα πορφύρεσκε κατὰ φρένα, μή μιν ἴδωνται 25
Τρῶες εὖσθενέες, τάχα δ' ἀμφαδὰ πάντα γένηται·
ἄλλ' οἱ μὲν λεχέεσι πανύστατον ὕπνον ἴαυον
πολλῶ ὑπ' ἀκρήτῳ βεβαρηότες· οἱ δ' ἐσιδόντες
ἐκ Τενέδου νήεσσιν ἐπὶ πλόον ἐντύνοντο.

Αὐτὸς δ' ἄγχ' ἵπποιο Σίνων κίεν· ἦκα δ' αὔσεν, 30
ἦκα μάλ', ὡς μήπου τις ἐνὶ Τρώεσσι πύθηται,
ἄλλ' οἴοι Δαναῶν ἠγήτορες, ὧν ἀπὸ νόσφιν
ὕπνος ἄδην πεπότῃτο λιλαιομένων πονέεσθαι.
οἱ ῥά οἱ ἔνδον ἔοντες ἐπέκλυον, ἐς δ' Ὀδυσῆα
πάντες ἐπ' οὔατ' ἔνευσαν· ὁ δέ σφεας ὀτρύνεσκεν 35
ἦκα καὶ ἀτρεμέως ἐκβήμεναι· οἱ δ' ἐπίθοντο
ἐς μόθον ὀτρύνοντι, καὶ ἐξ ἵπποιο χαμάζε
ῶρμαινον προνέεσθαι· ὁ δ' ἰδρεῖησιν ἔρυκε
πάντας ἄμ' ἐσσυμένους· αὐτὸς δ' ἄρα χερσὶ θοῆσιν
ἵππου δουρατέοιο μάλ' ἀτρέμας ἔνθα καὶ ἔνθα 40
πλευρὰ διεξώϊξεν ἐϋμμελίῃ, ὑπ' Ἐπειῶ.
βαῖον δ' ἐξανέδου σανίδων ὑπερ, ἀμφὶ δέ πάντη
Τρῶας παπταίνεσκεν, ἐγρηγορότ' εἴπου ἴδοιτο·
ὡς δ' ὅταν ἀργαλέῳ λιμῶ βεβολημένος ἦτορ
ἐξ ὀρέων ἔλθῃσι λύκος χατέων μάλ' ἔδωδῆς 45
ποιμνης πρὸς σταθμὸν εὐρύν, ἀλευόμενος δ' ἄρα
φῶτας

καὶ κύνας, οἳ ῥά τε μῆλα φυλασσέμεναι μεμάασι,
βαῖνη ποσσὶν ἔκηλος ὑπὲρ ποιμνήιον ἔρκος·
ὡς Ὀδυσσεὺς ἵπποιο κατήιεν· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῶ
ὄβριμοι ἄλλοι ἔποντο Πανελλήνων βασιλῆες 50
νισσόμενοι κλίμαξι κατὰ στίχας, ἄσ περ Ἐπειὸς
τεῦξεν ἀριστήεσσιν εὖσθενέεσσι κέλευθα
ἵππον ἐσερχομένοιισι καὶ ἐξ ἵπποιο κιοῦσιν.

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When sleep had locked his fetters everywhere
Through Troy on folk fulfilled of wine and meat,
Then Sinon lifted high a blazing torch
To show the Argive men the splendour of fire.
But fearfully the while his heart beat, lest
The men of Troy might see it, and the plot
Be suddenly revealed. But on their beds
Sleeping their last sleep lay they, heavy with wine.
The host saw, and from Tenedos set sail.

Then nigh the Horse drew Sinon : softly he called,
Full softly, that no man of Troy might hear,
But only Achaea's chiefs, far from whose eyes
Sleep hovered, so athirst were they for fight.
They heard, and to Odysseus all inclined
Their ears : he bade them urgently go forth
Softly and fearlessly ; and they obeyed
That battle-summons, pressing in hot haste
To leap to earth : but in his subtlety
He stayed them from all thrusting eagerly forth.
But first himself with swift unfaltering hands,
Helped of Epeius, here and there unbarred
The ribs of the Horse of beams : above the planks
A little he raised his head, and gazed around
On all sides, if he haply might descry
One Trojan waking yet. As when a wolf,
With hunger stung to the heart, comes from the hills,
And ravenous for flesh draws nigh the flock
Pinned in the wide fold, slinking past the men
And dogs that watch, all keen to ward the sheep,
Then o'er the fold-wall leaps with soundless feet ;
So stole Odysseus down from the Horse : with him
Followed the war-fain lords of Hellas' League,
Orderly stepping down the ladders, which
Epeius framed for paths of mighty men,
For entering and for passing forth the Horse,

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οἷ ῥα τότ' ἀμφ' αὐτῆσι κατήιον ἄλλοθεν ἄλλοι,
 θαρσαλέοις σφήκεσσιν ἐοικότες, οὔσ τε κλονήση 55
 δρυτόμος, οἷ δ' ἅμα πάντες ὀρινόμενοι περὶ θυμῶ
 ὄζου ὑπεκπροχέονται, ὅτε κτύπον εἰσαΐουσιν·

ὡς οἷ γ' ἐξ ἵπποιο μεμαότες ἐξεχέοντο
 ἐς Τρώων πτολίεθρον εὐκτιτον· ἐν δ' ἄρα τοῖσι
 πάλλετ' ἐνὶ στέρνοισι κέαρ * * * 60
 * * * τάχα δ' οἷ μὲν ἔναιρον
 δυσμενέας * * * * *

* τοῖ δ' ἔτ' ἔρεσσον ἔσω ἀλός· αἷ δ' ἐφέροντο
 νῆες ὑπὲρ μέγα χεῦμα· Θέτις δ' ἴθυνε κέλευθα
 οὔρον ἐπιπροϊεῖσα· νόος δ' ἄρ' ἰαίνειτ' Ἀχαιῶν·
 καρπαλίμως δ' ἐλθόντες ἐπ' ἠόνας Ἑλλησπόντου,
 ἔνθ' αὐθις στήσαντο νέας, σὺν δ' ἄρμενα πάντα 65

εἶλον ἐπισταμένως, ὅσα νήεσιν αἰὲν ἔπονται.
 αὐτοῖ δ' αἷψ' ἐκβάντες ἐς Ἴλιον ἐσσεύοντο
 ἄβρομοι, ἠὔτε μῆλα ποτὶ σταθμὸν αἷσσοντα
 ἐκ νομοῦ ὑλήεντος ὀπωρινὴν ὑπὸ νύκτα·
 ὡς οἷ γ' αὐίαχοι Τρώων ποτὶ ἄστνυ νέοντο 70

πάντες ἀριστήεσσιν ἀρηγέμεναι μεμαῶτες.
 οἷ δ', ὡς σμερδνὰ λύκοι¹ λιμῶ περιπαιφάσσοντες
 σταθμῶ ἐπιβρίσωσι κατ' οὔρεα μακρὰ καὶ ὕλην
 εὔδοντος μογεροῦ σημάντορος, ἄλλα δ' ἐπ' ἄλλοις
 δάμνανθ' ἔρκεος ἐντὸς ὑπὸ κνέφας, ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντη² 75

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¹ Zimmermann, for ἀργαλέφ of ν.
² All editors agree that there is a long lacuna here. In the translation is given a summary of what the missing lines may be conjectured to have contained.

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Who down them now on this side, that side, streamed
As fearless wasps startled by stroke of axe
In angry mood pour all together forth
From the tree-bole, at sound of woodman's blow ;
So battle-kindled forth the Horse they poured
Into the midst of that strong city of Troy
With hearts that leapt expectant. [With swift hands
Snatched they the brands from dying hearths, and fired
Temple and palace. Onward then to the gates
Sped they,] and swiftly slew the slumbering guards,
[Then held the gate-towers till their friends should
come.]

Fast rowed the host the while ; on swept the ships
Over the great flood : Thetis made their paths
Straight, and behind them sent a driving wind
Speeding them, and the hearts Achaean glowed.
Swiftly to Hellespont's shore they came, and there
Beached they the keels again, and deftly dealt
With whatso tackling appertains to ships.
Then leapt they aland, and hasted on to Troy
Silent as sheep that hurry to the fold
From woodland pasture on an autumn eve ;
So without sound of voices marched they on
Unto the Trojans' fortress, eager all
To help those mighty chiefs with foes begirt.
Now these—as famished wolves fierce-glaring round
Fall on a fold mid the long forest-hills,
While sleeps the toil-worn watchman, and they rend
The sheep on every hand within the wall
In darkness, and all round [are heaped the slain ;
So these within the city smote and slew,
As swarmed the awakened foe around them ; yet,
Fast as they slew, aye faster closed on them
Those thousands, mad to thrust them from the gates.]

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αἵματι καὶ νεκύεσσιν, ὀρώρει δ' αἰνὸς ὄλεθρος,
καίπερ ἔτι πλεόνων Δαναῶν ἔκτοσθεν ἑόντων·

Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ μάλα πάντες ἔβαν ποτὶ τείχεα
Τροίης,

δὴ τότε μαιμῶντες ἀνηλεγέως ἐσέχυντο
ἔς Πριάμοιο πόλῃα μένος πνεύοντες Ἄρης. 80

πᾶν δ' εὖρον πτολίεθρον ἐνίπλειον πολέμοιο
καὶ νεκύων· πάντῃ δὲ πυρὶ στονόεντα μέλαθρα
καιόμεν' ἀργαλέως· μέγα δὲ φρεσὶν ἰαίνοντο.

ἐν δὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ Τρωσὶ κακὰ φρονέοντες ὄρουσαν·
μαίνεται δ' ἐν μέσσοισιν Ἄρης στονόεσσα τ' Ἐννύω· 85

πάντῃ δ' αἷμα κελαινὸν ὑπέρρεε, δεύετο δὲ χθῶν
Τρώων τ' ὄλλυμένων ἠδ' ἀλλοδαπῶν ἐπικούρων.

τῶν οἱ μὲν θανάτῳ δεδμημένοι ὀκρυόεντι
κεῖντο κατὰ πτολίεθρον ἐν αἵματι· τοὶ δ' ἐφύπερθε
πίπτου ἀποπνεύοντες ἐὼν μένος· οἱ δ' ἄρα χερσὶ 90

δράγδην ἔγκατ' ἔχοντες οἷζυρῶς ἀλάληντο
ἀμφὶ δόμους· ἄλλοι δὲ ποδῶν ἐκάτερθε κοπέντων
ἀμφὶ νεκρούς εἴρπυζον ἀάσπετα κωκύοντες·

πολλῶν δ' ἐν κούησι μαχέσσασθαι μεμαώτων
χεῖρες ἀπηράχθησαν ὁμῶς κεφαλῆσι καὶ αὐτῆς· 95

φευγόντων δ' ἐτέρων μελίσαι διὰ νῶτα πέρησαν
ἄντικρυς ἐς μαζούς, τῶν δ' ἰξύας ἄχρισ ἰκέσθαι
αἰδοίων ἐφύπερθε διαμπερές, ἦχι μάλιστα

Ἄρεος ἀκαμάτοιο πέλει πολυώδυνος αἰχμή.
πάντῃ δ' ἀμφὶ πόλῃα κυνῶν ἀλεγεινὸς ὀρώρει 100

ὠρυθμός· στοναχὴ δὲ δαϊκταμένων αἰζηῶν
ἔπλετο λευγαλέῃ· περὶ δ' ἴαχε πάντα μέλαθρα
ἄσπετον· οἰμωγὴ δὲ πέλε στονόεσσα γυναικῶν
εἰδομένων γεράνοισιν, ὅτ' αἰετὸν ἀθρήσωσιν

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Slipping in blood and stumbling o'er the dead
[Their line reeled,] and destruction loomed o'er them,
Though Danaan thousands near and nearer drew.

But when the whole host reached the walls of Troy,
Into the city of Priam, breathing rage
Of fight, with reckless battle-lust they poured ;
And all that fortress found they full of war
And slaughter, palaces, temples, horribly
Blazing on all sides ; glowed their hearts with joy.
In deadly mood then charged they on the foe.

Ares and fell Enyo maddened there :
Blood ran in torrents, drenched was all the earth,
As Trojans and their alien helpers died.
Here were men lying quelled by bitter death
All up and down the city in their blood ;
Others on them were falling, gasping forth
Their life's strength ; others, clutching in their hands
Their bowels that looked through hideous gashes
forth,

Wandered in wretched plight around their homes :
Others, whose feet, while yet asleep they lay,
Had been hewn off, with groans unutterable
Crawled mid the corpses. Some, who had rushed
to fight,

Lay now in dust, with hands and heads hewn off.
Some were there, through whose backs, even as they
fled,

The spear had passed, clear through to the breast,
and some

Whose waists the lance had pierced, impaling them
Where sharpest stings the anguish-laden steel.

And all about the city dolorous howls
Of dogs uprose, and miserable moans
Of strong men stricken to death ; and every home
With awful cries was echoing. Rang the shrieks
Of women, like to screams of cranes, which see

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ὑψόθεν αἴσσοντα δι' αἰθέρος, οὐδ' ἄρα τῆσι 105
 θαρσαλέον στέρνοισι πέλει μένος, ἀλλά ἔ μούνον
 μακρὸν ἀνατρύζουσι φοβούμεναι ἱερὸν ὄρνιν·
 ὡς ἄρα Τρωιάδες μέγα κώκουν ἄλλοθεν ἄλλαι,
 αἱ μὲν ἀνεγρόμεναι λέχεων ἄπο, ταὶ δ' ἐπὶ γαίαν
 θρώσκουσαι· τῆς δ' οὔτι μίτρης ἔτι μέμβλετο
 λυγρῆς, 110
 ἀλλ' αὐτως ἀλάληντο περὶ μελέεσσι χιτῶνα
 μούνον ἐφεσσάμεναι· ταὶ δ' οὐ φθάσαν οὔτε
 καλύπτρην
 οὔτε βαθὺν μελέεσσιν ἐλεῖν πέπλον, ἀλλ' ἐπιόντας
 δυσμενέας τρομέουσαι ἀμηχανίῃ πεπέδητο
 παλλόμεναι κραδίην, μούνον δ' ἄρα χερσὶ θοῆσι 115
 αἰδῶ ἀπεκρύψαντο δυσάμμοροι· αἱ δ' ἀλεγεινῶς
 ἐκ κεφαλῆς τίλλοντο κόμην καὶ στήθεα χερσὶ
 θεινόμεναι γοάασκον ἄδην· ἕτεραι δὲ κυδοιμὸν
 δυσμενέων ἔτλησαν ἐναντίον, ἐκ δ' ἐλάθοντο
 δείματος, ὄλλυμένοισιν ἀρηγέμεναι μεμαυῖαι 120
 ἀνδράσιν ἢ τεκέεσσιν, ἐπεὶ μέγα θάρσος ἀνάγκη
 ὤπασεν· οἰμωγῇ δ' ἀταλάφρονας ἔκβαλεν ὕπνου
 νηπιάρχους, τῶν οὔπω ἐπίστατο κήδεα θυμός·
 ἄλλοι δ' ἀμφ' ἄλλοισιν ἀπέπνεον· οἱ δ' ἐπέχυντο
 πότμον ὁμῶς ὀρόωντες ὀνειράσιν· ἀμφὶ δὲ λυγραὶ 125
 Κῆρες οἰζυρῶς ἐπεγήθεον ὄλλυμένοισιν.
 οἱ δ' ὡς ἀφνειοῖο σύες κατὰ δώματ' ἀνακτος
 εἰλαπίνην λαοῖσιν ἀπείριτον ἐντύνοντος
 μυρίοι ἐκτείνοντο· λυγρῶ δ' ἀνεμίσγητο λύθρω
 οἶνος ἔτ' ἐν κρητῆρσι λελειμμένος· οὐδέ τις ἦεν, 130
 ὅς κεν ἀνευθε φόνοιο φέρε στονόεντα σίδηρον,
 οὐδ' εἴ τις μαλ' ἀναλκίς ἔην· ὀλέκοντο δὲ Τρῶες.
 ὡς δ' ὑπὸ θώεσι μῆλα δαίζεται ἢ λύκοισι
 καύματος ἐσσυμένοιο δυσαέος ἡματι μέσσω

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An eagle stooping on them from the sky,
Which have no courage to resist, but scream
Long terror-shrieks in dread of Zeus's bird ;
So here, so there the Trojan women wailed,
Some starting from their sleep, some to the ground
Leaping : they thought not in that agony
Of robe and zone ; in naught but tunics clad
Distraught they wandered : others found nor veil
Nor cloak to cast about them, but, as came
Onward their foes, they stood with beating hearts
Trembling, as fettered by despair, essaying,
All-hapless, with their hands alone to hide
Their nakedness. And some in frenzy of woe :
Their tresses tore, and beat their breasts, and
screamed.

Others against that stormy torrent of foes
Recklessly rushed, insensible of fear,
Through mad desire to aid the perishing,
Husbands or children ; for despair had given
High courage. Shrieks had startled from their
sleep

Soft little babes whose hearts had never known
Trouble—and there one with another lay
Gasping their lives out ! Some there were whose
dreams

Changed to a sudden vision of doom. All round
The fell Fates gloated horribly o'er the slain.
And even as swine be slaughtered in the court
Of a rich king who makes his folk a feast,
So without number were they slain. The wine
Left in the mixing-bowls was blent with blood
Gruesomely. No man bare a sword unstained
With murder of defenceless folk of Troy,
Though he were but a weakling in fair fight.
And as by wolves or jackals sheep are torn,
What time the furnace-breath of noon-heat

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ποιμένος οὐ παρεόντος, ὅτε σκιερῶ ἐνὶ χώρῳ 135
 ἰλαδὸν ἀλλήλοισιν ὁμῶς συναρηρότα πάντα
 μίμνωσιν, κείνοιο γλάγος ποτὶ δῶμα φέροντος,

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νηδύα πλησάμενοι πολυχανδέα πάντ' ἐπιόντες
 αἷμα μέλαν πίνουσιν, ἅπαν δ' ὀλέκουσι μένοντες
 πῶϋ, κακὴν δ' ἄρα δαῖτα λυγρῶ τεύχουσι νομῆι 140
 ὡς Δαναοὶ Πριάμοιο κατὰ πτόλιν ἄλλον ἐπ' ἄλλῳ
 κτεῖνον ἐπεσσύμενοι πυμάτην ἀνὰ δηϊοτήτα·
 οὐδ' ἄρ' ἔην Τρώων τις ἀνούτατος, ἀλλ' ἅμα
 πάντων

γναμπτὰ μέλη πεπάλακτο μελαινόμεν' αἷματ
 πολλῶ.

Οὐδὲ μὲν Ἀργείοισιν ἀνούτατος ἔπλετο δῆρις, 145
 ἀλλ' οἱ μὲν δεπάεσσι τετυμμένοι, οἱ δὲ τραπέζαις,
 οἱ δ' ἔτι καιομένοιισιν ἐπ' ἐσχαρεῶνι τυπέντες
 δαλοῖς, οἱ δ' ὀβελοῖσι πεπαρμένοι ἐκπνεῖσκον,
 οἷς ἔτι που καὶ σπλάγχνα συῶν περὶ θερμὰ
 λέλειπτο

Ἐφάιστου μαλεροῖο περιζείοντος ἀϋτμῆ· 150

ἄλλοι δ' αὖ πελέκεσσι καὶ ἀξίνησι θοῆσιν
 ἤσπαιρον δμηθέντες ἐν αἵματι· τῶν δ' ἀπὸ χειρῶν
 δάκτυλοι ἐτμήθησαν, ἐπὶ ξίφος εὔτε βάλοντο
 χεῖρας ἐελδόμενοι στυγεράς ἀπὸ Κῆρας ἀμύνειν·
 καὶ πού τις βρεχμόν τε καὶ ἐγκέφαλον συνέχευε 155
 λᾶα βαλὼν ἐτάροιο κατὰ μόθον· οἱ δ' ἄτε θῆρες
 οὐτάμενοι σταθμοῖς ἐνὶ ποιμένος ἀγραύλοιο
 ἀργαλέως μαίνοντο διεγρομένοιο χόλοιο

νύχθ' ὑπὸ λευγαλήν· μέγα δ' ἰσχανόωντες Ἄρηος
 ἀμφὶ δόμους Πριάμοιο κυδοίμεον ἄλλοθεν ἄλλον 160
 σεύοντες. πολλοὶ δὲ καὶ ἐγχείησι δάμησαν

Ἀργείων· Τρώες γὰρ ὅσοι φθάσαν ἐν μεγάροισιν
 ἢ ξίφος ἢ δόρυ μακρὸν ἐῆς ἀνὰ χερσὶν ἀεῖραι,
 δυσμενέας δάμναντο καὶ ὡς βεβαρηότες οἴνω.

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Darts down, and all the flock beneath the shade
Are crowded, and the shepherd is not there,
But to the homestead bears afar their milk ;
And the fierce brutes leap on them, tear their throats,
Gorge to the full their ravenous maws, and then
Lap the dark blood, and linger still to slay
All in mere lust of slaughter, and provide
An evil banquet for that shepherd-lord ;
So through the city of Priam Danaans slew
One after other in that last fight of all.

No Trojan there was woundless, all men's limbs
With blood in torrents spilt were darkly dashed.
Nor scatheless were the Danaans in the fray :
With beakers some were smitten, with tables some,
Thrust in the eyes of some were burning brands
Snatched from the hearth ; some died transfixed
with spits

Yet left within the hot flesh of the swine
Whereon the red breath of the Fire-god beat ;
Others struck down by bills and axes keen
Gasp'd in their blood : from some men's hands
were shorn

The fingers, who, in wild hope to escape
The imminent death, had clutched the blades of
swords.

And here in that dark tumult one had hurled
A stone, and crushed the crown of a friend's head.
Like wild beasts trapped and stabbed within a fold
On a lone steading, frenziedly they fought,
Mad with despair-enkindled rage, beneath
That night of horror. Hot with battle-lust
Here, there, the fighters rushed and hurtled through
The palace of Priam. Many an Argive fell
Spear-slain ; for whatso Trojan in his halls
Might seize a sword, might lift a spear in hand,
Slew foes—ay, heavy though he were with wine.

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Αἴγλη δ' ἄσπετος ὦρτο δι' ἄστεος, οὔνεκ'

Ἀχαιῶν

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πολλοὶ ἔχον χεῖρεςσι πυρὸς σέλας, ὄφρ' ἀνὰ δῆριν
δυσμενέας τε φίλους τε μάλ' ἀτρεκέως ὀρόωσι.

Καὶ τότε Τυδέος υἱὸς ἀνὰ μόθον ἀντιόωντα

αἰχμητῆρα Κόροιβον ἀγανοῦ Μύγδονος υἷα

ἐγχείη κοίλοιο διὰ στομάχοιο πέρησεν,

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ἦχι θοαὶ πόσιός τε καὶ εἶδατός εἰσι κέλευθοι.

καὶ τὸν μὲν περὶ δουρὶ μέλας ἐκίχῃσατο πότημος·

κάππεσε δ' ἐς μέλαν αἷμα καὶ ἄλλων ἔθνεα νε-

κρῶν,

νήπιος, οὐδ' ἀπόνητο γάμων, ὦν οὔνεχ' ἴκανε

χθιζὸς ὑπὸ Πριάμοιο πόλιν

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καὶ ὑπέσχετ' Ἀχαιοὺς

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Ἴλιου ἀψ ὦσαι· τῷ δ' οὐ θεὸς ἐξετέλεσεν

ἐλπωρῆν· Κῆρες γὰρ ἐπιπροέηκαν ὄλεθρον.

σὺν δέ οἱ Εὐρυδάμαντα κατέκτανεν ἀντιόωντα

γαμβρὸν εὐμμελίην Ἀντήνορος, ὃς ῥα μάλιστα

θυμὸν ἐνὶ Τρώεσσι σαοφροσύνησι κέकाστο.

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ἔνθα καὶ Ἴλιουῆι συνήντητο δημογέροντι,

καὶ οἱ ἔπι ξίφος αἶνον ἐρύσσατο· τοῦ δ' ἄρα πάγχυ

γηραλέου κλάσθησαν ἄδην ἐπὶ σώματι γυῖα·

καὶ ῥα περιτρομέων ἅμα χεῖρεσιν ἀμφοτέρησιν

τῇ μὲν ἄορ συνέδραξε θοόν, τῇ δ' ἤψατο γούνων

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ἀνδροφόνου ἤρωος· ὁ δ' ἐς μόθον ἐσύμενός περ

ἢ χόλου ἀμβολίη, ἢ καὶ θεοῦ ὀτρύνοντος,

βαιὸν ἀπέσχε γέροντος ἐὼν ξίφος, ὄφρα τι εἶπη

λισσόμενος θοὸν ἄνδρα καὶ ὄβριμον· ὃς δ' ἀλε-

γεινὸν

ἶαχεν ἐσσυμένως· στυγερὸν δέ μιν ἄμφεχε δεῖμα·

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“ γουνουμαί σ', ὅτις ἐσσί πολυσθενέων Ἀργείων,

αἶδεσαι ἀμφιπεσόντος ἐμὰς χέρας, ἀργαλέου τε

λῆγε χόλου· καὶ γάρ ῥα πέλει μακρὸν ἀνέρι κῦδος

ἄνδρα νέον κτείναντι καὶ ὄβριμον· ἦν δὲ γέροντα

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Upflashed a glare unearthly through the town,
For many an Argive bare in hand a torch
To know in that dim battle friends from foes.

Then 'Tydeus' son amid the war-storm met
Spearman Coroebus, lordly Mygdon's son,
And 'neath the left ribs pierced him with the lance
Where run the life-ways of man's meat and drink ;
So met him black death borne upon the spear :
Down in dark blood he fell mid hosts of slain.
Ah fool ! the bride he won not, Priam's child
Cassandra, yea, his loveliest, for whose sake
To Priam's burg but yesterday he came,
And vaunted he would thrust the Argives back
From Ilium. Never did the Gods fulfil
His hope : the Fates hurled doom upon his head.
With him the slayer laid Eurydamas low,
Antenor's gallant son-in-law, who most
For prudence was pre-eminent in Troy.
Then met he Ilioneus the elder of days,
And flashed his terrible sword forth. All the limbs
Of that grey sire were palsied with his fear :
He put forth trembling hands, with one he caught
The swift avenging sword, with one he clasped
The hero's knees. Despite his fury of war,
A moment paused his wrath, or haply a God
Held back the sword a space, that that old man
Might speak to his fierce foe one word of prayer.
Piteously cried he, terror-overwhelmed :
" I kneel before thee, whosoe'er thou be
Of mighty Argives. Oh compassionate
My suppliant hands ! Abate thy wrath ! To slay
The young and valiant is a glorious thing ;
But if thou smite an old man, small renown

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Αἴγλη δ' ἄσπετος ὦρτο δι' ἄστεος, οὔνεκ'
 Ἀχαιῶν 165
 πολλοὶ ἔχον χεῖρεςσι πυρὸς σέλας, ὄφρ' ἀνὰ δῆριν
 δυσμενέας τε φίλους τε μάλ' ἀτρεκέως ὀρώωσι.
 Καὶ τότε Τυδέος υἱὸς ἀνὰ μόθον ἀντιόωντα
 αἰχμητῆρα Κόροιβον ἀγανοῦ Μύγδονος υἷα
 ἐγχείῃ κοίλοιο διὰ στομάχοιο πέρησεν, 170
 ἦχι θοαὶ πόσιός τε καὶ εἶδατός εἰσι κέλευθοι.
 καὶ τὸν μὲν περὶ δουρὶ μέλας ἐκίχῃσατο πότμος·
 κάππεσε δ' ἐς μέλαν αἷμα καὶ ἄλλων ἔθνεα νε-
 κρῶν,
 νήπιος, οὐδ' ἀπόνητο γάμων, ὦν οὔνεχ' ἴκανε
 χθιζὸς ὑπὸ Πριάμοιο πόλιν * *
 * * * * καὶ ὑπέσχετ' Ἀχαιοὺς 175
 Ἴλιον ἄψ ὦσαι· τῷ δ' οὐ θεὸς ἐξετέλεσεν
 ἐλπωρῆν· Κῆρες γὰρ ἐπιπροέηκαν ὄλεθρον.
 σὺν δέ οἱ Εὐρυδάμαντα κατέκτανεν ἀντιόωντα
 γαμβρὸν εὐμμελίην Ἀντήνορος, ὅς ῥα μάλιστα
 θυμὸν ἐνὶ Τρώεσσι σαοφροσύνησι κέκαστο. 180
 ἔνθα καὶ Ἴλιουῆι συνήντετο δημογέροντι,
 καὶ οἱ ἔπι ξίφος αἰνὸν ἐρύσσατο· τοῦ δ' ἄρα πάγχυ
 γηραλέου κλάσθησαν ἄδην ἐπὶ σώματι γυῖα·
 καὶ ῥα περιτρομέων ἅμα χεῖρεσιν ἀμφοτέρησι
 τῇ μὲν ἄορ συνέδραξε θοόν, τῇ δ' ἦψατο γούνων 185
 ἀνδροφόνου ἥρωος· ὁ δ' ἐς μόθον ἐσσύμενός περ
 ἦ χόλου ἀμβολίῃ, ἦ καὶ θεοῦ ὀτρύνοντος,
 βαιὸν ἀπέσχε γέροντος ἐὼν ξίφος, ὄφρα τι εἶπη
 λισσόμενος θοὸν ἄνδρα καὶ ὄβριμον· ὃς δ' ἄλε-
 γεινὸν
 ἴαχεν ἐσσυμένως· στυγερὸν δέ μιν ἄμφεχε δεῖμα· 190
 “ γουνοῦμαί σ', ὅτις ἐσσί πολυσθενέων Ἀργείων,
 αἰδεσαι ἀμφιπесόντος ἐμᾶς χέρας, ἀργαλέου τε
 λῆγε χόλου· καὶ γάρ ῥα πέλει μακρὸν ἀνέρι κῦδος
 ἄνδρα νέον κτείναντι καὶ ὄβριμον· ἦν δὲ γέροντα

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Upflashed a glare unearthly through the town,
For many an Argive bare in hand a torch
To know in that dim battle friends from foes.

Then Tydeus' son amid the war-storm met
Spearman Coroebus, lordly Mygdon's son,
And 'neath the left ribs pierced him with the lance
Where run the life-ways of man's meat and drink ;
So met him black death borne upon the spear :
Down in dark blood he fell mid hosts of slain.
Ah fool ! the bride he won not, Priam's child
Cassandra, yea, his loveliest, for whose sake
To Priam's burg but yesterday he came,
And vaunted he would thrust the Argives back
From Ilium. Never did the Gods fulfil
His hope : the Fates hurled doom upon his head.
With him the slayer laid Eurydamas low,
Antenor's gallant son-in-law, who most
For prudence was pre-eminent in Troy.
Then met he Ilioneus the elder of days,
And flashed his terrible sword forth. All the limbs
Of that grey sire were palsied with his fear :
He put forth trembling hands, with one he caught
The swift avenging sword, with one he clasped
The hero's knees. Despite his fury of war,
A moment paused his wrath, or haply a God
Held back the sword a space, that that old man
Might speak to his fierce foe one word of prayer.
Piteously cried he, terror-overwhelmed :
" I kneel before thee, whosoe'er thou be
Of mighty Argives. Oh compassionate
My suppliant hands ! Abate thy wrath ! To slay
The young and valiant is a glorious thing ;
But if thou smite an old man, small renown

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θυμὸν ἐέλδετο παισὶν ἐπὶ σφετέροισιν ὀλέσσαι
 τοῦνεκά μιν προσέειπε λιλαιόμενος θανέεσθαι. 225

“ ὦ τέκος ὄβριμόθυμον εὐπτολέμου Ἀχιλλῆος,
 κτεῖνον, μηδ’ ἐλέαιρε δυσάμμορον· οὐ γὰρ ἔγωγε
 τοῖα παθῶν καὶ τόσσα λιλαίομαι εἰσοράασθαι
 ἡελίοιο φάος πανδερκέος, ἀλλὰ που ἤδη
 φθείσθαι ὁμῶς τεκέεσσι καὶ ἐκλελαθέσθαι ἀνίης 230

λευγαλέης, ὁμάδου τε δυσηχέος. ὡς ὄφελόν με
 σείο πατὴρ κατέπεφνε, πρὶν αἰθομένην ἐσιδέσθαι
 Ἴλιον, ὀππότε ἄποινα περὶ κταμένοιο φέρεσκον
 Ἔκτορος, ὃν μοι ἔπεφνε πατὴρ τεός· ἀλλὰ τὸ μὲν
 που

Κῆρες ἐπεκλώσαντο· σὺ δ’ ἡμετέροιο φόνοιο 235
 ἄασον ὄβριμον ἦτορ, ὅπως λελάθωμ’ ὀδυνάων.”

Ὡς φάμενον προσέειπεν Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμος υἱός·
 “ ὦ γέρον, ἐμμεμαῶτα καὶ ἐσσύμενόν περ ἀνώγεις·
 οὐ γάρ σ’ ἐχθρὸν εἶντα μετὰ ζωοῖσιν ἔασω·
 οὐ γάρ τι ψυχῆς πέλει ἀνδράσι φίλτερον ἄλλο.” 240

Ὡς εἰπὼν ἀπέκοψε κάρην πολιοῖο γέροντος
 ῥηιδίως, ὡς εἴ τις ἀπὸ στάχυν ἀμήσηται
 ληίου ἀζαλέοιο θέρευς εὐθαλπέος ὄρη.
 ἢ δὲ μέγα μύζουσα κυλίνδετο πολλὸν ἐπ’ αἶαν
 νόσφ’ ἄλλων μελέων, ὀπόσοις ἐγκίνυται ἀνήρ· 245
 κείτο δ’ ἄρ’ ἐς μέλαν αἶμα καὶ εἰς ἑτέρων φόνον
 ἀνδρῶν

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ὄλβῳ καὶ γενεῇ καὶ ἀπειρεσίοις τεκέεσσιν·
 οὐ γὰρ δὴν ἐπὶ κῦδος ἀέξεται ἀνθρώποισιν,
 ἀλλ’ ἄρα που καὶ ὄνειδος ἐπέσσυται ἀπροτίοπτον·
 καὶ τὸν μὲν πότμος εἶλε· κακῶν δ’ ὅ γε λήσατο
 πάντων. 250

Οἱ δὲ καὶ Ἀστυάνακτα βάλλον Δαναοὶ ταχύ-
 πωλοι

πύργου ἀφ’ ὑψηλοῖο, φίλον δέ οἱ ἦτορ ὄλεσαν
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Himself to lay his life down midst his sons ;
And craving death to Achilles' seed he spake :
“ Fierce-hearted son of Achilles strong in war,
Slay me, and pity not my misery.

I have no will to see the sun's light more,
Who have suffered woes so many and so dread.
With my sons would I die, and so forget
Anguish and horror of war. Oh that thy sire
Had slain me, ere mine eyes beheld aflame
Ilium, had slain me when I brought to him
Ransom for Hector, whom thy father slew.
He spared me—so the Fates had spun my thread
Of destiny. But thou, glut with my blood
Thy fierce heart, and let me forget my pain.”
Answered Achilles' battle-eager son :

“ Fain am I, yea, in haste to grant thy prayer.
A foe like thee will I not leave alive ;
For naught is dearer unto men than life.”

With one stroke swept he off that hoary head
Lightly as when a reaper lops an ear
In a parched cornfield at the harvest-tide.
With lips yet murmuring low it rolled afar
From where with quivering limbs the body lay
Amidst dark-purple blood and slaughtered men.
So lay he, chiefest once of all the world
In lineage, wealth, in many and goodly sons.
Ah me, not long abides the honour of man,
But shame from unseen ambush leaps on him
So clutched him Doom, so he forgot his woes.

Yea, also did those Danaan car-lords hurl
From a high tower the babe Astyanax,

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μητρὸς ἀφαρπάξαντες ἐν ἀγκοινησιν ἔοντα
 Ἔκτορι χωόμενοι, ἐπεὶ ἦ σφισι πῆμα κόρυσσε
 ζωὸς ἔών· τῷ καὶ οἱ ἀπηχθήραντο γενέθλην, 255
 καὶ οἱ παῖδ' ἐβάλλοντο καθ' ἔρκεος αἰπεινοῖο,
 νήπιον, οὐπω δῆριw ἐπιστάμενον πολέμοιο.
 ἤϋτε πόρτιw ὄρεσφι λύκοι χατέοντες ἐδωδῆς
 κρημνὸν ἐς ἠχήμεντα κακοφραδίησι βάλωνται
 μητρὸς ἀποτμήξαντες ἐϋγλαγέων ἀπὸ μαζῶν, 260
 ἠ δὲ θέη γοόωσα φίλον τέκος ἔνθα καὶ ἔνθα
 μακρὰ κινυρομένη, τῇ δ' ἐξόπιθεν κακὸν ἄλλο
 ἔλθη, ἐπεὶ ἐλέοντες ἀναρπάξωσι καὶ αὐτήν·
 ὡς τὴν ἀσχαλόωσαν ἄδην περὶ παιδὸς ἐοῖο
 ἠγον δῆϊοι ἄνδρες ἅμ' ἄλλης ληιάδεσσι 265
 κούρηw Ἡετίωνος ἀμύμονος αἰνὰ βοῶσαν.
 ἠ δ' ἄρα παιδὸς ἐοῖο καὶ ἀνέρος ἠδὲ τοκῆος
 μνησαμένη φόνον αἰνὸν ἐϋσφυρος Ἡετιῶνη
 ὤρμηεν θανέεσθαι, ἐπεὶ βασιλεῦσιν ἄμεινον
 τεθνάμεν ἐν πολέμῳ ἠ χειρόσιν ἀμφιπολεύειν· 270
 καὶ ῥ' ὀλοφυδνὸν αὔσε μέγ' ἀχθυμένη κέαρ ἔνδον·
 “ εἰ δ' ἄγε νῦν καὶ ἐμεῖο δέμας κατὰ τείχεος αἰνοῦ
 ἠ κατὰ πετράων ἠ ἔσω πυρὸς αἴψα βάλεσθε,
 Ἄργεῖοι· μάλα γάρ μοι ἀάσπετα πῆματ' ἔασιν·
 καὶ γάρ μευ πατέρ' ἐσθλὸν ἐνήρατο Πηλέος υἱὸς 275
 Θῆβη ἐνὶ ζαθέη, Τροίη δ' ἐνὶ φαίδιμον ἄνδρα,
 ὅς μοι ἔην μάλα πάντα, τά τ' ἔλδετο θυμὸς ἐμεῖο·
 καὶ μοι κάλλιπε τυτθὸν ἐνὶ μεγάροις ἔτι παῖδα,
 ᾧ ἔπι κυδιάασκον ἀπείριτον, ᾧ ἔπι πολλὰ
 ἔλπομένην ἀπάφησε κακὴ καὶ ἀτάσθαλος Αἴσα. 280
 τῷ νύ μ' ἀκηχεμένην πολυτειρέος ἐκ βιότοιο
 νοσφίσαιτ' ἐσσυμένως, μηδ' εἰς ἐὰ δῶματ' ἄγεσθε
 μίγδα δορυκτῆτοισιν, ἐπεὶ νύ μοι οὐκέτι θυμῷ
 εὔαδεν ἀνθρώποισι μετέμμεναι, οὔνεκα δαίμων

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Dashing him out of life. They tore the child
Out of his mother's arms, in wrathful hate
Of Hector, who in life had dealt to them
Such havoc ; therefore hated they his seed,
And down from that high rampart flung his child—
A wordless babe that nothing knew of war !
As when amid the mountains hungry wolves
Chase from the mother's side a suckling calf,
And with malignant cunning drive it o'er
An echoing cliff's edge, while runs to and fro
Its dam with long moans mourning her dear child,
And a new evil followeth hard on her,
For suddenly lions seize her for a prey ;
So, as she agonized for her son, the foe
To bondage haled with other captive thralls
That shrieking daughter of King Eëtion.
Then, as on those three fearful deaths she thought
Of husband, child, and father, Andromache
Longed sore to die. Yea, for the royally-born
Better it is to die in war, than do
The service of the thrall to baser folk.
All piteously the broken-hearted cried :
“ Oh hurl my body also from the wall,
Or down the cliff, or cast me midst the fire,
Ye Argives ! Woes are mine unutterable !
For Peleus' son smote down my noble father
In Thebe, and in Troy mine husband slew,
Who unto me was all mine heart's desire,
Who left me in mine halls one little child,
My darling and my pride—of all mine hopes
In him fell merciless Fate hath cheated me !
Oh therefore thrust this broken-hearted one
Now out of life ! Hale me not overseas
Mingled with spear-thralls ; for my soul henceforth
Hath no more pleasure in life, since God hath
slain

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κηδεμονήας ὄλεσσαν· ἄχος δέ με δέχνυται αἶνόν 285
ἐκ Τρώων στυγεροῖσιν ἐπ' ἄλγεσιν οἴωθεισαν."

Ἡ ῥα λιλαιομένη χθόνα δύμεναι· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικε
ζωέμεναι κείνοισιν, ὅσων μέγα κῦδος ὄνειδος
ἀμφιχάνη· δεινὸν γὰρ ὑπόψιον ἔμμεναι ἄλλων.
οἱ δὲ βίῃ ἀέκουσαν ἄγον ποτὶ δούλιον ἡμαρ. 290

"Ἄλλοι δ' αὐτ' ἄλλοις ἐν δώμασι θυμὸν ἔλειπον
ἀνέρες· ἐν δ' ἄρα τοῖσι βοή πολύδακρυς ὀρώρει
ἄλλ' οὐκ ἐν μεγάροις Ἀντήνορος, οὐνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτοῦ
Ἄργεῖοι μνήσαντο φιλοξενίης ἐρατεινῆς,
ὡς ξείνισσε πάροιθε κατὰ πτόλιν ἠδ' ἐσάωσεν 295
ἰσόθεον Μενέλαον ὁμῶς Ὀδυσῆι μολόντα·
τῷ δ' ἐπίηρα φέροντες Ἀχαιῶν φέρτατοι υἱες
αὐτὸν μὲν ζῶοντα λίπον καὶ κτῆσιν ἔασαν¹
καὶ Θέμιν ἀζόμενοι πανδερκέα καὶ φίλον ἄνδρα.

Καὶ τότε δὴ παῖς ἐσθλὸς ἀμύμονος Ἀγχίσαο 300
πολλὰ καμῶν περὶ ἄστυ θεηγενέος Πριάμοιο
δουρὶ καὶ ἠνορέῃ, πολλῶν δ' ἀπὸ θυμὸν ὀλέσσας,
ὡς ἶδε δυσμενέων ὑπὸ χεῖρεσι λευγαλήσιν
αἰθόμενον πτολίεθρον, ἀπολλυμένους θ' ἅμα λαοὺς
πανσυδίη, καὶ κτῆσιν ἀπείριτον, ἐκ τε μελάθρων 305
ἐλκομένας ἀλόχους ἅμα παίδεσιν, οὐκέτ' ἄρ' αὐτοῦ
ἐλπωρὴν ἔχε θυμὸς ἰδεῖν εὐτειχέα πάτρην,
ἀλλὰ οἱ ὀρμαίνεσκε νόος μέγα πῆμ' ὑπαλύξαι.
ὡς δ' ὄθ' ἄλὸς κατὰ βένθος ἀνὴρ οἰήϊα νωμῶν
νῆος ἐπισταμένως ἄνεμον καὶ κῦμ' ἀλεείνων² 310
πάντοθεν ἐσσύμενον στυγερῆ ὑπὸ χεῖματος ὄρη
χεῖρα κάμη καὶ θυμόν, ὑποβρυχίης δ' ἄρα νῆος
ὄλλυμένης ἀπάνευθε λιπῶν οἰήϊα μούνα
τυτθὸν ἐπὶ σκάφος εἴσι, μέλει δέ οἱ οὐκέτι νῆος
φορτίδος· ὡς παῖς ἐσθλὸς εὐφρονος Ἀγχίσαο, 315

¹ Zimmermann, for ἄπασαν of v.

² Zimmermann, for ἀλεγεινὸν of MS.

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My nearest and my dearest ! For me waits
Trouble and anguish and lone homelessness ! ”

So cried she, longing for the grave ; for vile
Is life to them whose glory is swallowed up
Of shame : a horror is the scorn of men.
But, spite her prayers, to thraldom dragged they her.

In all the homes of Troy lay dying men,
And rose from all a lamentable cry,
Save only Antenor's halls ; for unto him
The Argives rendered hospitality's debt,
For that in time past had his roof received
And sheltered godlike Menelaus, when
He with Odysseus came to claim his own.
Therefore the mighty sons of Achaea showed
Grace to him, as to a friend, and spared his life
And substance, fearing Themis who seeth all.

Then also princely Anchises' noble son—
Hard had he fought through Priam's burg that night
With spear and valour, and many had he slain—
When now he saw the city set aflame
By hands of foes, saw her folk perishing
In multitudes, her treasures spoiled, her wives
And children dragged to thraldom from their homes,
No more he hoped to see the stately walls
Of his birth-city, but bethought him now
How from that mighty ruin to escape.
And as the helmsman of a ship, who toils
On the deep sea, and matches all his craft
Against the winds and waves from every side
Rushing against him in the stormy time,
Forspent at last, both hand and heart, when now
The ship is foundering in the surge, forsakes
The helm, to launch forth in a little boat,
And heeds no longer ship and lading ; so

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ἄστυ λιπὼν δηϊόισι καταϊθόμενον πυρὶ πολλῷ,
 υἷέα καὶ πατέρα σφὸν ἀναρπάξας φορέεσκε,
 τὸν μὲν ἐπὶ πλατὺν ὤμον ἐφессάμενος κρατερῆσι
 χερσὶ πολυτλήτῳ ὑπὸ γήραϊ μοχθίζοντα,
 τὸν δ' ἀπαλῆς ἅμα χειρὸς ἐπιψάουonta πόδεσσι 320
 γαίης· οὐλομένου τε φοβεύμενον ἔργα μόθοιο
 ἐξῆγεν πολέμοιο δυσηχέος· ὃς δ' ὑπ' ἀνάγκης
 ἐκρέματ' ἐμπεφυῶς ἀταλὸς πάϊς· ἀμφὶ δὲ δάκρυ
 χεύατό οἱ ἀπαλῆσι παρηίσι· αὐτὰρ ὁ νεκρῶν
 σῶμαθ' ὑπέρθορε πολλὰ θοοῖς ποσί, πολλὰ δ' ἐν
 ὄρφνῃ 325

οὐκ ἐθέλων στείβεσκε· Κύπρις δ' ὁδὸν ἠγεμόνευεν
 υἱωνὸν καὶ παῖδα καὶ ἀνέρα πήματος αἰνοῦ
 πρόφρων ῥυομένη· τοῦ δ' ἐσσυμένου ὑπὸ ποσσὶ
 πάντῃ πῦρ ὑπόεικε· περισχίζοντο δ' αὐτμαὶ
 Ἥφαιστου μαλεροῖο· καὶ ἔγχεα καὶ βέλε' ἀνδρῶν 330
 πῖπτον ἐτώσια πάντα κατὰ χθονός, ὀππὸς' Ἀχαιοὶ
 κείνῳ ἐπέρριψαν πολέμῳ ἐνὶ δακρυόεντι.
 καὶ τότε δὴ Κάλχας μεγάλ' ἴαχε λαὸν ἐέργων
 “ ἴσχεσθ' Αἰνεῖαο κατ' ἰφθίμοιο καρῆνου
 βάλλοντες στονόεντα βέλη καὶ λοίγια δοῦρα· 335
 τὸν γὰρ θέσφατόν ἐστι θεῶν ἐρικυδέϊ βουλῇ
 Θύμβριν ἐπ' εὐρυρέθρον ἀπὸ Ξάνθοιο μολόντα
 τευξέμεν ἱερόν ἄστυ καὶ ἐσσομένοισιν ἀγητὸν
 ἀνθρώποις, αὐτὸν δὲ πολυσπερέεσσι βροτοῖσι
 κοιρανέειν· ἐκ τοῦ δὲ γένος μετόπισθεν ἀνάξειν 340
 ἄχρις ἐπ' ἀντολίην τε καὶ ἀκαμάτου δύσιν ἠοῦς·
 καὶ δ' αὐτῷ θέμις ἐστὶ μετέμμεναι ἀθανάτοισιν,
 οὔνεκα δὴ πάϊς ἐστὶν ἐϋπλοκάμου Ἀφροδίτης.
 καὶ δ' ἄλλως τοῦδ' ἀνδρὸς εἰς ἀπεχώμεθα χεῖρας,
 οὔνεκα καὶ χρυσοῖο καὶ ἄλλ' ὅσα οἱ κτέατ' ἐστίν, 345
 ἄνδρ' ἂ σαοῖ¹ φεύγοντα καὶ ἄλλοδαπὴν ἐπὶ γαίαν,

¹ Zimmermann, for ἄλλων [lacuna] ἄλλοις ἐν κτεάτεσσιν
 ἄνδρα σάοι of Koechly.

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Anchises' gallant son forsook the town
And left her to her foes, a sea of fire.
His son and father alone he snatched from death ;
The old man broken down with years he set
On his broad shoulders with his own strong hands,
And led the young child by his small soft hand,
Whose little footsteps lightly touched the ground ;
And, as he quaked to see that work of death,
His father led him through the roar of fight,
And clinging hung on him the tender child,
Tears down his soft cheeks streaming. But the
man

O'er many a body sprang with hurrying feet,
And in the darkness in his own despite
Trampled on many. Cypris guided them,
Earnest to save from that wild ruin her son,
His father, and his child. As on he pressed,
The flames gave back before him everywhere :
The blast of the Fire-god's breath to right and left
Was cloven asunder. Spears and javelins hurled
Against him by the Achaeans harmless fell.
Also, to stay them, Calchas cried aloud :
" Forbear against Aeneas' noble head
To hurl the bitter dart, the deadly spear !
Fated he is by the high Gods' decree
To pass from Xanthus, and by Tiber's flood
To found a city holy and glorious
Through all time, and to rule o'er tribes of men
Far-sundered. Of his seed shall lords of earth
Rule from the rising to the setting sun.
Yea, with the Immortals ever shall he dwell,
Who is son of Aphrodite lovely-tressed.
From him too is it meet we hold our hands
Because he hath preferred his father and son
To gold, to all things that might profit a man

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τῶν πάντων προβέβουλεν ἔον πατέρ' ἠδὲ καὶ υἷα·
 νύξ δὲ μί' ἡμιν ἔφηνε καὶ υἷέα πατρὶ γέροντι
 ἥπιον ἐκπάγλως καὶ ἀμεμφέα παιδὶ τοκῆα."

Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' ἐπίθοντο καὶ ὡς θεὸν εἰσο-
 ράασκον

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πάντες· ὁ δ' ἐσσυμένως ἐξ ἄστεος οἶο βεβήκει,
 ἥχι ἐ ποιπνύοντα πόδες φέρον· οἱ δ' ἔτι Τροίης
 Ἀργεῖοι πτολίεθρον εὐκτίμενον διέπερθον.

Καὶ τότε δὴ Μενέλαος ὑπὸ ξίφει στονόεντι
 Δηίφοβον κατέπεφνε καρηβαρέοντα κιχήσας
 ἀμφ' Ἑλένης λεχέεσσι δυσάμμορον ἢ δ' ὑπὸ φύξῃ
 κεύθετ' ἐνὶ μεγάροισιν· ὁ δ' αἵματος ἐκχυμένοιο
 γήθεεν ἀμφὶ φόνῳ· τοῖον δ' ἐπὶ μῦθον ἔειπεν·

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“ὦ κύον, ὡς τοι ἔγωγε φόνον στονόεντ' ἐφέηκα
 σήμερον· οὐδέ σε διὰ κιχήσεται Ἑριγένεια

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ζῶν ἔτ' ἐν Τρώεσσι, καὶ εἰ Διὸς εὐχεται εἶναι
 γαμβρὸς ἐρισμαράγοιο· μέλας δέ σε δέξατ' ὄλεθρος
 ἡμετέρης ἀλόχοιο παρὰ μεγάροισι δαμέντα
 ἀργαλέως· ὡς εἶθε καὶ οὐλομένοιο πάροιθε
 θυμὸν Ἀλεξάνδροιο κατὰ μῦθον ἀντιόωντος
 νοσφισάμην· καὶ κέν μοι ἐλαφρότερον πέλεν
 ἄλγος·

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ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν ἤδη ἴκανε ὑπὸ ζόφον ὀκρυόεντα
 τίσας αἴσιμα πάντα· σὲ δ' οὐκ ἄρα μέλλεν ὀνήσειν
 ἡμετέρη παράκοιτις, ἐπεὶ Θέμιν οὔποτ' ἀλιτροὶ
 ἀνέρες ἐξαλέονται ἀκήρατον, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτοὺς
 εἰσοράα νυκτός τε καὶ ἡματος, ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντη
 ἀνθρώπων ἐπὶ φῦλα διηερίη πεπότῃται
 τινυμένη σὺν Ζηνὶ κακῶν ἐπίστορας ἔργων."

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Ὡς εἰπὼν δηϊοισιν ἀνηλέα τεύχεν ὄλεθρον·
 μαίνεται γάρ οἱ θυμὸς ὑπὸ κραδίῃ μέγ' ἀέξων
 ζηλήμων· καὶ πολλὰ περὶ φρεσὶ θαρσαλέησι
 Τρωσὶ κακὰ φρονέεσκε, τὰ δὲ θεὸς ἐξετέλεσσε
 πρέσβα Δίκη· κεῖνοι γὰρ ἀτάσθαλα πρῶτοι ἔρεξαν

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THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK XIII

Who fleeth exiled to an alien land.

This one night hath revealed to us a man
Faithful to death to his father and his child."

Then hearkened they, and as a God did all
Look on him. Forth the city hasted he
Whither his feet should bear him, while the foe
Made havoc still of goodly-builed Troy.

Then also Menelaus in Helen's bower
Found, heavy with wine, ill-starred Deiphobus,
And slew him with the sword: but she had fled
And hidden her in the palace. O'er the blood
Of that slain man exulted he, and cried:
"Dog! I, even I have dealt thee unwelcome death
This day! No dawn divine shall meet thee again
Alive in Troy—ay, though thou vaunt thyself
Spouse of the child of Zeus the thunder-voiced!
Black death hath trapped thee slain in my wife's
bower!

Would I had met Alexander too in fight
Ere this, and plucked his heart out! So my grief
Had been a lighter load. But he hath paid
Already justice' debt, hath passed beneath
Death's cold dark shadow. Ha, small joy to thee
My wife was doomed to bring! Ay, wicked men
Never elude pure Themis: night and day
Her eyes are on them, and the wide world through
Above the tribes of men she floats in air,
Holpen of Zeus, for punishment of sin."

On passed he, dealing merciless death to foes,
For maddened was his soul with jealousy.
Against the Trojans was his bold heart full
Of thoughts of vengeance, which were now fulfilled
By the dread Goddess Justice, for that theirs

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἀμφ' Ἑλένης, πρῶτοι δὲ καὶ ὄρκια πημήναντο,
σχέτλιοι, ὅππότε κείνο διέκ μέλαν αἷμα καὶ ἱρὰ 380
ἀθανάτων πατέοντο παραιβασίησι νόοιο·

τῷ καὶ σφιν μετόπισθεν Ἐριννύες ἄλγεα τεύχον·
τοῦνεκ' ἄρ' οἱ μὲν ὄλοντο πρὸ τείχεος, οἱ δ' ἀνὰ
ἄστυ

τερπόμενοι παρὰ δαιτὶ καὶ ἠϋκόμοις ἀλόχοισιν.

Ὅψέ δὲ δὴ Μενέλαος εἰς μυχάτοισι δόμοιο 385
εὗρεν ἔην παράκοιτιν ὑποτρομέουσαν ὁμοκλήν
ἀνδρὸς κουριδίοιο θρασύφρονος, ὅς μιν ἀθρήσας
ᾤρμηγε κτανέειν ζηλημοσύνησι νόοιο,

εἰ μὴ οἱ κατέρυξε βίην ἐρόεσσ' Ἀφροδίτη,
ἢ ῥά οἱ ἐκ χειρῶν ἔβαλε ξίφος, ἔσχε δ' ἐρωήν· 390

τοῦ γὰρ ζῆλον ἐρεμνὸν ἀπόσατο, καὶ οἱ ἔνερθεν
ἠδὺν ὑφ' ἴμερον ὤρσε κατὰ φρενὸς ἠδὲ καὶ ὄσσων.
τῷ δ' ἄρα θάμβος ἄελπτου ἐπήλυθεν· οὐδ' ἄρ' ἔτ'
ἔτλη

κάλλος ἰδὼν ἀρίδηλον ἐπὶ ξίφος αὐχένι κῦρσαι,
ἀλλ' ὥστε ξύλον αὐὸν ἐν οὔρεϊ ὑλήεντι 395

εἰστήκει, τὸ μὲν οὔτε θοαὶ βορέαιο θύελλαι
ἔσσύμεναι κλονέουσι δι' ἠέρος οὔτε νότοιο·

ὡς ὁ ταφῶν μένε δηρόν· ὑπεκλάσθη δέ οἱ ἀλκῆ
δερκομένου παράκοιτιν· ἄφαρ δ' ὅ γε λήσατο
πάντων,

ὅσσα οἱ ἐν λεχέεσσι παρήλιτε κουριδίοισι· 400

πάντα γὰρ ἠμάλδυνε θεῆ Κύπρις, ἢ περ ἀπάντων
ἀθανάτων δάμνησι νόου θνητῶν τ' ἀνθρώπων.

ἀλλὰ καὶ ὡς θοὸν ἄορ ἀπὸ χθονὸς αὐθις αἰείρας
κουριδίῃ ἐπόρουσε· νόος δέ οἱ ἄλλ' ἐνὶ θυμῷ
ᾤρματ' ἐσσυμένοιο· δόλω δ' ἄρα θέλγεν Ἀχαιοῦς. 405

καὶ τότε μιν κατέρυξεν ἀδελφεὸς ἰέμενόν περ
μειλιχίοις μάλα πολλὰ παραυδήσας ἐπέεσσι·
δεΐδιε γὰρ μὴ δὴ σφιν ἐτώσια πάντα γένηται·

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK XIII

Was that first outrage touching Helen, theirs
That profanation of the oaths, and theirs
That trampling on the blood of sacrifice
When their presumptuous souls forgot the Gods.
Therefore the Vengeance-friends brought woes on
them

Thereafter, and some died in fighting field,
Some now in Troy by board and bridal bower.

Menelaus mid the inner chambers found
At last his wife, there cowering from the wrath
Of her bold-hearted lord. He glared on her,
Hungering to slay her in his jealous rage.
But winsome Aphrodite curbed him, struck
Out of his hand the sword, his onrush reined,
Jealousy's dark cloud swept she away, and stirred
Love's deep sweet well-springs in his heart and
eyes.

Swept o'er him strange amazement : powerless all
Was he to lift the sword against her neck,
Seeing her splendour of beauty. Like a stock
Of dead wood in a mountain forest, which
No swiftly-rushing blasts of north-winds shake,
Nor fury of south-winds ever, so he stood,
So dazed abode long time. All his great strength
Was broken, as he looked upon his wife.
And suddenly had he forgotten all—
Yea, all her sins against her spousal-troth ;
For Aphrodite made all fade away,
She who subdueth all immortal hearts
And mortal. Yet even so he lifted up
From earth his sword, and made as he would rush
Upon his wife—but other was his intent,
Even as he sprang : he did but feign, to cheat
Achaean eyes. Then did his brother stay
His fury, and spake with pacifying words,
Fearing lest all they had toiled for should be lost :

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

“ ἴσχεο νῦν, Μενέλαε, χολούμενος· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικε
 κουριδίην παράκοιτιν ἐναιρέμεν, ἧς πέρι πολλὰ 410
 ἄλγε’ ἀνέτλημεν Πριάμῳ κακὰ μητιόωντες·
 οὐ γάρ τοι Ἑλένη πέλει αἰτίη, ὡς σύ γ’ ἔολπας,
 ἀλλὰ Πάρις ξενίοιο Διὸς καὶ σεῖο τραπέζης
 λησάμενος· τῷ καί μιν ἐν ἄλγεσι τίσατο δαίμων.”

“Ὡς φάθ’· ὁ δ’ αἰψ’ ἐπίθησε. θεοὶ δ’ ἐρικυδέα
 Τροίην 415

κυανέοις νεφέεσσι καλυψάμενοι γοάασκον,
 νόσφιν εὐπλοκάμου Τριτωνίδος ἠδὲ καὶ Ἥρης.
 αἰ μέγα κυδιάασκον ἀνὰ φρένας, εὖτ’ ἐσίδοντο
 περθόμενον κλυτὸν ἄστυ θεηγενεος Πριάμοιο.
 ἀλλ’ οὐ μὰν οὐδ’ αὐτὴ εὐφρων Τριτογένεια 420
 πάμπαν ἄδακρυς ἔην, ἐπεὶ ἦ ρά οἱ ἔνδοθι νηοῦ
 Κασσάνδρην ἠσχυνεν Ὀϊλέος ὄβριμος υἱὸς
 θυμοῦ τ’ ἠδὲ νόοιο βεβλαμμένος· ἠ δέ οἱ αἰνὸν
 εἰσοπίσω βάλε πῆμα καὶ ἀνέρα τίσατο λώβης·
 οὐδὲ μὲν ἔργον ἀεικὲς ἐσέδρακεν, ἀλλὰ οἱ αἰδῶς 425
 καὶ χόλος ἀμφεχύθη· βλοσυρὰς δ’ ἔτρεψεν ὀπωπὰς
 νηὸν ἐς ὑψόροφον· περὶ δ’ ἔβραχε θεῖον ἄγαλμα,
 καὶ δάπεδον νηοῖο μέγ’ ἔτρεμεν· οὐδ’ ὅ γε λυγρῆς
 λῆγεν ἀτασθαλίας, ἐπεὶ ἦ φρένας ἄασε Κύπρις.

Πάντη δ’ ἄλλοθεν ἄλλα κατηρεῖποντο μέλαθρα 430
 ὑψόθεν· ἀζαλήη δὲ κόνις συνεμίσγητο καπνῶ·
 ὦρτο δ’ ἄρα κτύπος αἰνός, ὑπετρομέοντο δ’ ἀγυιαί·
 καίετο δ’ Αἰνεῖαιο δόμος,¹ καίοντο δὲ πάντα
 Ἄντιμάχοιο μέλαθρα· καταίθετο δ’ ἄσπετος ἄκρη
 Πέργαμον ἀμφ’ ἐρατὴν περί θ’ ἱερὸν Ἀπόλλωνος
 νηὸν τε ζάθεον Τριτωνίδος ἀμφί τε βωμὸν 435
 Ἐρκείου· θάλαμοι δὲ κατεπρήθηοντ’ ἐρατεινοὶ
 υἱωνῶν Πριάμοιο· πόλις δ’ ἀμαθύνετο πᾶσα.

¹ Two hemistichs supplied by Zimmermann, ex P.

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“Forbear wrath, Menelaus, now : ’twere shame
To slay thy wedded wife, for whose sake we
Have suffered much affliction, while we sought
Vengeance on Priam. Not, as thou dost deem,
Was Helen’s the sin, but his who set at naught
The Guest-lord, and thine hospitable board ;
So with death-pangs hath God requited him.”

Then hearkened Menelaus to his rede.

But the Gods, palled in dark clouds, mourned for
Troy,

A ruined glory—save fair-tressed Tritonis
And Hera: their hearts triumphed, when they saw
The burg of god-descended Priam destroyed.
Yet not the wise heart Triton-born herself
Was wholly tearless ; for within her fane
Outraged Cassandra was of Oileus son
Lust-maddened. But grim vengeance upon him
Ere long the Goddess wreaked, repaying insult
With mortal sufferance. Yea, she would not look
Upon the infamy, but clad herself
With shame and wrath as with a cloak : she turned
Her stern eyes to the temple-roof, and groaned
The holy image, and the hallowed floor
Quaked mightily. Yet did he not forbear
His mad sin, for his soul was lust-distraught.

Here, there, on all sides crumbled flaming homes
In ruin down : scorched dust with smoke was blent :
Trembled the streets to the awful thunderous crash.
Here burned Aeneas’ palace, yonder flamed
Antimachus’ halls : one furnace was the height
Of fair-built Pergamus ; flames were roaring round
Apollo’s temple, round Athena’s fane,
And round the Hearth-lord’s altar : flames licked up
Fair chambers of the sons’ sons of a king ;
And all the city sank down into hell.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Τρῶες δ' οἱ μὲν παισὶν ὑπ' Ἀργείων ὀλέκοντο,
οἱ δ' ὑπὸ λευγαλέου τε πυρὸς σφετέρων τε
μελάθρων,

ἔνθα σφιν καὶ μοῖρα κακὴ καὶ τύμβος ἐτύχθη, 440

ἄλλοι δὲ ξιφέεσσιν ἐὼν διὰ λαιμὸν ἔλασσαν
πῦρ ἅμα δυσμενέεσσιν ἐπὶ προθύροισιν ἰδόντες,
οἱ δ' ἄρ' ὁμῶς τεκέεσσι κατακτείναντες ἄκοιτιν
κάππεσον ἄσχετον ἔργον ἀναπλήσαντες ἀνάγκη.
καὶ ῥά τις οἰόμενος δηῖων ἐκὰς ἔμμεν' αὐτὴν 445

ἔκποθεν Ἡφαίστοιο θοῶς ἀνὰ κάλπιν αἰείρας
ῶρμηενεν πονέεσθαι ἐφ' ὕδατι· τὸν δὲ παραφθὰς
Ἀργείων τις ἔτυψεν ὑπ' ἔγχεϊ καὶ οἱ ὄλεσσε
θυμὸν ὑπ' ἀκρήτῳ βεβαρημένον· ἤριπε δ' εἴσω
δῶματος· ἀμφὶ δὲ οἱ κενεὴ περικάππεσε κάλπις. 450

ἄλλω δ' αὖ φεύγοντι διὰ μεγάραιο μεσόδμη
ἔμπεσε καιομένη, ἐπὶ δ' ἤριπεν αἰπὺς ὄλεθρος.
πολλαὶ δ' αὐτε γυναῖκες ἀνιερῆν ἐπὶ φύζαν
ἔσσύμεναι μνήσαντο φίλων ὑπὸ δῶματι παίδων,
οὓς λίπον ἐν λεχέεσσιν· ἄφαρ δ' ἀνὰ ποσσὶν
ιοῦσαι 455

παισὶν ὁμῶς ἀπόλοντο δόμων ἐφύπερθε πεσόντων.
ἵπποι δ' αὐτε κύνες τε δι' ἄστεος ἐπτοίηντο
φεύγοντες στυγεροῖο πυρὸς μένος· ἀμφὶ δὲ ποσσὶ
στεῖβον ἀποκταμένους, ζωῖσι δὲ πῆμα φέροντες
αἰὲν ἐνερρήγνυντο.¹ βοῆ δ' ἀμφίαχεν ἄστνυ. 460
καὶ τινος αἰζηοῖο διὰ φλογὸς ἐσσυμένοιο

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φθεγγομένου· τοὺς δ' ἔνδον ἀμείλιχος Αἴσα δά-
μασσεν·

ἄλλον δ' ἄλλα κέλευθα φέρον στονόεντος ὀλέθρου.
φλόξ δ' ἄρ' ἐς ἡέρα δῖαν ἀνέγρετο· πέπτατο δ'
αἴγλη

ἄσπετος· ἀμφὶ δὲ φύλα περικτιόνων ὀρόωντο 465

¹ Zimmermann, ex P, for ἐπερρώντο of Koechly.

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Of Trojans some by Argos' sons were slain,
Some by their own roofs crashing down in fire,
Giving at once ill death and tomb to them :
Some in their own throats plunged the steel, when
foes

And fire were in the porch together seen :
Some slew their wives and children, and flung them-
selves

Dead on them, when despair had done its work
Of horror. One, who deemed the foe afar,
Caught up a vase, and, fain to quench the flame,
Hasted for water. Leapt unmarked on him
An Argive, and his spirit, heavy with wine,
Was thrust forth from the body by the spear.
Clashed the void vase above him, as he fell
Backward within the house. As through his hall
Another fled, the burning roof-beam crashed
Down on his head, and swift death came with it.
And many women, as in frenzied flight
They rushed forth, suddenly remembered babes
Left in their beds beneath those burning roofs :
With wild feet sped they back—the house fell in
Upon them, and they perished, mother and child.
Horses and dogs in panic through the town
Fled from the flames, trampling beneath their feet
The dead, and dashing into living men
To their sore hurt. Shrieks rang through all the
town.

In through his blazing porchway rushed a man
To rescue wife and child. Through smoke and flame
Blindly he groped, and perished while he cried
Their names, and pitiless doom slew those within.

The fire-glow upward mounted to the sky,
The red glare o'er the firmament spread its wings,
And all the tribes of folk that dwelt around

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

μεχρὶς ἐπ' Ἰδαίων ὄρεων ὑψηλὰ καρῆνα
 Θρηκίης τε Σάμοιο καὶ ἀγχιάλου Τενέδοιο·
 καὶ τις ἄλὸς κατὰ βένθος ἔσω νεὸς ἔκφατο μῦθον·
 “ ἤνυσαν Ἀργεῖοι κρατερόφρονες ἄσπετον ἔργον
 πολλὰ μάλ' ἀμφ' Ἑλένης ἑλικοβλεφάροιο κα-
 μοντες,

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πᾶσα δ' ἄρ' ἢ τὸ πάροιθε πανόλβιος ἐν πυρὶ Τροίῃ
 καίεται· οὐδὲ θεῶν τις ἐελδομένοισιν ἄμυνε·
 πάντα γὰρ ἄσχετος Αἴσα βροτῶν ἐπιδέρκεται
 ἔργα·

καὶ τὰ μὲν ἀκλέα πολλὰ καὶ οὐκ ἀρίδηλα γεγῶτα
 κυδήεντα τίθησι, τὰ δ' ὑψόθι μείον' ἔθηκε·
 πολλάκι δ' ἐξ ἀγαθοῖο πέλει κακόν, ἐκ δὲ κακοῖο
 ἐσθλὸν ἀμειβομένοιο πολυτλήτου βιότοιο.”

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“Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη μερόπων τις ἀπόπροθεν ἄσπετον
 αἶγλην

εἰσορόων· στονόεσσα δ' ἔτ' ἄμφεχε Τρῶας οἰζύς·

Ἀργεῖοι δ' ἀνὰ ἄστυ κυδοίμεον, ἡὔτ' ἀῆται

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λάβροι ἀπείρονα πόντον ὀρινόμενοι κλονέουσιν,

ὀππὸτ' ἄρ' ἀντιπέρηθε δυσαέος Ἀρκτούροιο

βηλὸν ἐς ἀστερόεντα Θυτήριον ἀντέλλησιν

ἐς νότον ἠερόεντα τετραμμένον, ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ' αὐτῶ

πολλαὶ ὑπόβρυχα νῆες ἀμαλδύνοντ' ἐνὶ πόντῳ

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ὀρτυμένων ἀνέμων· τοῖς εἴκελοι υἴες Ἀχαιῶν

πόρθεον Ἴλιον αἰπύ· τὸ δ' ἐν πυρὶ καίετο πολλῶ.

ἡὔτ' ὄρος λασίησιν ἄδην καταεῖμενον ὕλης

ἐσσυμένως καίηται ὑπαὶ πυρὸς ὀρτυμένοιο

ἐξ ἀνέμων, δολιχαὶ δὲ περιβρομέουσι κολῶναι,

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τῶ δ' ἄρα λευγαλέως ἐνιτείρεται ἄγρια πάντα

Ἐφαίστοιο βίηφι περιστρεφθέντα καθ' ὕλην·

ὡς Τρῶες κτείνοντο κατὰ πτόλιν· οὐδέ τις αὐτοὺς

ρύετ' ἐπουρανίων· περὶ γὰρ λῖνα πάντοθε Μοῖραι

μακρὰ περιστήσαντο, τὰ περ βροτὸς οὔποτ' ἄλυξε.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK XIII

Beheld it, far as Ida's mountain-crests,
And sea-girt Tenedos, and Thracian Samos.
And men that voyaged on the deep sea cried :
" The Argives have achieved their mighty task
After long toil for star-eyed Helen's sake.
All Troy, the once queen-city, burns in fire :
For all their prayers, no God defends them now ;
For strong Fate oversees all works of men,
And the renownless and obscure to fame
She raises, and brings low the exalted ones.
Oft out of good is evil brought, and good
From evil, mid the travail and change of life."

So spake they, who from far beheld the glare
Of Troy's great burning. Compassed were her folk
With wailing misery : through her streets the foe
Exulted, as when madding blasts turmoil
The boundless sea, what time the Altar ascends
To heaven's star-pavement, turned to the misty south
Overagainst Arcturus tempest-breathed,
And with its rising leap the wild winds forth,
And ships full many are whelmed 'neath ravening
seas ;

Wild as those stormy winds Achaea's sons
Ravaged steep Ilium while she burned in flame.
As when a mountain clothed with shaggy woods
Burns swiftly in a fire-blast winged with winds,
And from her tall peaks goeth up a roar,
And all the forest-children this way and that
Rush through the wood, tormented by the flame ;
So were the Trojans perishing : there was none
To save, of all the Gods. Round these were staked
The nets of Fate, which no man can escape.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Καὶ τότε Δημοφώντι μενεπτολεμῶ τ' Ἀκά-
μαντι

Θησῆος μεγάλοιο δι' ἄστεος ἦντετο μήτηρ
Αἴθρη ἐελδομένη· μακάρων δέ τις ἠγεμόνευεν,
ὅς μιν ἄγειν κείνοισι καταντίον· ἢ δ' ἀλάλυκτο
φεύγουσ' ἐκ πολέμοιο καὶ ἐκ πυρός· οἱ δ' ἐσ-
ιδόντες

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αἴγλη ἐν Ἡφαιστοιο δέμας μέγεθός τε γυναικὸς
αὐτὴν ἔμμεν ἔφαντο θεηγενέος Πριάμοιο
ἀντιθέην παράκοιτιν· ἄφαρ δέ οἱ ἐμμεμαῶτες
χεῖρας ἐπερρίψαντο λιλαιόμενοί μιν ἄγεσθαι
ἐς Δαναούς· ἢ δ' αἰνὸν ἀναστενάχουσα μετηύδα· 505
“ μή νύ με, κύδιμα τέκνα φιλοπτολέμων Ἀργείων,
δήϊον ὡς ἐρύοντες ἐὰς ἐπὶ νῆας ἄγεσθε·
οὐ γὰρ Τρωιάδων γένος εὐχομαι, ἀλλὰ μοι ἐσθλὸν
αἶμα πέλει Δαναῶν μάλ' εὐκλεές, οὐνεκα Πιπθεὺς
γείνατό μ' ἐν Τροισζήνι· γάμῳ δ' ἐδνώσατο δῖος 510
Αἰγεύς· ἐκ δ' ἄρ' ἐμεῖο κλυτὸς παῖς ἔπλετο
Θησεύς.

ἀλλὰ με, πρὸς μεγάλοιο Διός, τερπνῶν τε τοκῆων,
εἰ ἐτεὸν Θησῆος ἀμύμονος ἐνθάδ' ἴκοντο
νῆες ἅμ' Ἀτρείδησι, φίλοις παιδεσσιν ἐκείνου
δείξατ' ἐελδομένοισι κατὰ στρατόν, οὓς περ ὄϊω 515
ὑμῖν ὀμήλικας ἔμμεν· ἀναπνεύσει δέ μευ ἦτορ,
ἦν κείνους ζῶοντας ἴδω καὶ ἀριστέας ἄμφω.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τοὶ δ' αἴοντες ἐοῦ μνήσαντο τοκῆος,
ἀμφ' Ἐλένης ὅσ' ἔρεξε, καὶ ὡς διέπερσαν Ἀφίδνας
κούροι ἐριγδούποιο Διὸς πάρος, ὀππότε ἄρ' αὐτοὺς 520
ὑσμίνης ἀπάνευθεν ἀπεκρύψαντο τιθῆναι
νηπιάρχους ἔτ' ἐόντας· ἀνεμνήσαντο δ' ἀγαυῆς
Αἴθρης, ὅσσ' ἐμόγησε δορυκτῆτῳ ὑπ' ἀνάγκῃ,
ἄμφω ὁμῶς ἐκυρή τε καὶ ἀμφίπολος γεγαυῖα
ἀντιθέης Ἐλένης· σὺν δ' ἀμφασίῃ κεχάροντο. 525
Δημοφών δέ μιν ἠὺς ἐελδομένην προσέειπεν·
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Then were Demophoon and Acamas
By mighty Theseus' mother Aethra met.
Yearning to see them was she guided on
To meet them by some Blessèd One, the while
'Wildered from war and fire she fled. They saw
In that red glare a woman royal-tall,
Imperial-moulded, and they weened that this
Was Priam's queen, and with swift eagerness
Laid hands on her, to lead her captive thence
To the Danaans ; but piteously she moaned :
" Ah, do not, noble sons of warrior Greeks,
To your ships hale me, as I were a foe !
I am not of Trojan birth : of Danaans came
My princely blood renowned. In Troezen's halls
Pittheus begat me, Aegeus wedded me,
And of my womb sprang Theseus glory-crowned.
For great Zeus' sake, for your dear parents' sake,
I pray you, if the seed of Theseus came
Hither with Atreus' sons, O bring ye me
Unto their yearning eyes. I trow they be
Young men like you. My soul shall be refreshed
If living I behold those chieftains twain."

Harkening to her they called their sire to mind,
His deeds for Helen's sake, and how the sons
Of Zeus the Thunderer in the old time smote
Aphidnae, when, because these were but babes,
Their nurses hid them far from peril of fight ;
And Aethra they remembered—all she endured
Through wars, as mother-in-law at first, and thrall
Thereafter of Helen. Dumb for joy were they,
Till spake Demophoon to that wistful one :

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

“ σοὶ μὲν δὴ τελέουσι θεοὶ θυμηδὲς ἐέλδωρ
 αὐτίκ', ἐπεὶ ῥα δέδορκας ἀμύμονος νιέος νίας
 ἡμέας, οἷ σε φίλης συναειράμενοι παλάμησιν
 οἴσομεν ἐς νῆας, καὶ ἐς Ἑλλάδος ἱερὸν οὔδας
 ἄξομεν ἀσπασίως, ὅθι περ πάρος ἐμβασίλευες.” 530

Ὡς φάμενον μέγαλοιο πατρὸς προσπτύξατο
 μήτηρ
 χείρεσιν ἀμφιβαλοῦσα, κύσεν δέ οἱ εὐρέας ὤμους
 καὶ κεφαλὴν καὶ στέρνα γένειά τε λαχνήεντα·
 ὡς δ' αὐτως Ἀκάμαντα κύσεν, περὶ δέ σφισι
 δάκρυ 535

ἠδὺ κατὰ βλεφάροισιν ἐχεύατο μυρομένοισιν·
 ὡς δ' ὀπότην αἰζηοῖο μετ' ἄλλοδαποῖσιν ἐόντος
 λαοὶ φημίξωσι μόρον, τὸν δ' ἐκποθεν νῆες
 ὕστερον ἀθρήσαντες ἐς οἰκία νοστήσαντα
 κλαίουσιν μάλα τερπνόν· ὁ δ' ἔμπαλι παισὶ καὶ
 αὐτὸς 540

μύρεται ἐν μεγάροισιν ἐπωμαδόν, ἀμφὶ δὲ δῶμα
 ἠδὺ κινυρομένων γοερῆ περιπέπτατ' ἰωή·
 ὡς τῶν πυρομένων λαρὸς γόος ἀμφιδεδῆει.

Καὶ τότε που Πριάμοιο πολυκτῆτοιο θύγατρα
 Λαοδίκην ἐνέπουσιν ἐς αἰθέρα χεῖρας ὀρέξαι 545
 εὐχομένην μακάρεσσιν ἀτειρέσιν, ὄφρα ἐ γαῖα
 ἀμφιχάνη, πρὶν χεῖρα βαλεῖν ἐπὶ δούλια ἔργα.
 τῆς δὲ θεῶν τις ἄκουσε καὶ αὐτίκα γαῖαν ἐνερθεν
 ῥῆξεν ἀπειρεσίην· ἠ δ' ἐννεσίησι θεοῖο
 κούρην δέξατο δῖαν ἔσω κοίλοιο βερέθρου, 550

Ἴλίου ὄλλυμένης, ἧς εἵνεκά φασι καὶ αὐτὴν
 Ἥλέκτρην βαθύπεπλον ἐὼν δέμας ἀμφικαλύψαι
 ἀχλύϊ καὶ νεφέεσσιν ἀποικομένην χοροῦ ἄλλων
 Πληιάδων, αἱ δὴ οἱ ἀδελφειαὶ γεγάασιν·
 ἀλλ' αἱ μὲν μογεροῖσιν ἐπόψιαι ἀνθρώποισιν 555
 ἰλαδὸν ἀντέλλουσιν ἐς οὐρανόν· ἠ δ' ἄρα μούνη
 κεύθεται αἰὲν ἄϊστος, ἐπεὶ ῥα οἱ νιέος ἐσθλοῦ

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“ Even now the Gods fulfil thine heart’s desire :
We whom thou seest are the sons of him,
Thy noble son : thee shall our loving hands
Bear to the ships : with joy to Hellas’ soil
Thee will we bring, where once thou wast a queen.”

Then his great father’s mother clasped him round
With clinging arms : she kissed his shoulders broad,
His head, his breast, his bearded lips she kissed,
And Acamas kissed withal, the while she shed
Glad tears on these who could not choose but weep.
As when one tarries long mid alien men,
And folk report him dead, but suddenly
He cometh home : his children see his face,
And break into glad weeping ; yea, and he,
His arms around them, and their little heads
Upon his shoulders, sobs : echoes the home
With happy mourning’s music-beating wings ;
So wept they with sweet sighs and sorrowless moans.

Then, too, affliction-burdened Priam’s child,
Laodice, say they, stretched her hands to heaven,
Praying the mighty Gods that earth might gape
To swallow her, ere she defiled her hand
With thralls’ work ; and a God gave ear, and rent
Deep earth beneath her : so by Heaven’s decree
Did earth’s abysmal chasm receive the maid
In Troy’s last hour. Electra’s self withal,
The Star-queen lovely-robed, shrouded her form
In mist and cloud, and left the Pleiad-band,
Her sisters, as the olden legend tells.
Still riseth up in sight of toil-worn men
Their bright troop in the skies ; but she alone
Hides viewless ever, since the hallowed town

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

Δαρδάνου ἱερὸν ἄστυ κατήριπεν· οὐδέ οἱ αὐτὸς
Ζεὺς ὕπατος χραίσμησεν ἀπ' αἰθέρος, οὐνεκα
Μοίραις

εἶκει καὶ μέγαλοιο Διὸς μένος· ἀλλὰ τὸ μὲν που 560
ἀθανάτων τάχ' ἔρεξεν εὖς νόος, ἥε καὶ αὐταί.¹
'Αργεῖοι δ' ἔτι θυμὸν ἐπὶ Τρώεσσι ὄρινον
πάντη ἀνὰ πτολίεθρον· Ἔρις δ' ἔχε πείρατα
χάρμης.²

¹ Zimmermann, for οὐκί of v.

² Verse supplied by Zimmermann, ex P.

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Of her son Dardanus in ruin fell,
When Zeus most high from heaven could help her
not,

Because to Fate the might of Zeus must bow ;
And by the Immortals' purpose all these things
Had come to pass, or by Fate's ordinance.

Still on Troy's folk the Argives wreaked their
wrath,
And battle's issues Strife Incarnate held.

ΛΟΓΟΣ ΤΕΣΣΑΡΑΚΑΙΔΕΚΑΤΟΣ.

Καὶ τότε ἀπ' Ὀκεανοῖο θεὰ χρυσόθρονος Ἥως
 οὐρανὸν εἰσανόρουσε· χάος δ' ὑπεδέξατο νύκτα.
 οἱ δὲ βίη Τροίην εὐερκέα δηώσαντο
 Ἄργεῖοι καὶ κτήσιν ἀπείρουα λήισσαντο,
 χειμάρροις ποταμοῖσιν ἐοικότες, οἳ τε φέρονται 5
 ἐξ ὀρέων καναχηδὸν ὀρινομένου ὑετοῖο,
 πολλὰ δὲ δένδρεα μακρὰ καὶ ὀππόσα φύετ'
 ὄρεσφιν
 αὐτοῖς σὺν πρῶνεσσιν ἔσω φορέουσι θαλάσσης·
 ὡς Δαναοὶ πέρσαντες ὑπαὶ πυρὶ Τρώϊον ἄστν
 κτήματα πάντα φέρεσκον εὐσκάρθμους ἐπὶ νῆας. 10
 σὺν δ' ἄρα Τρωιάδας καταγίνεον ἄλλοθεν ἄλλας,
 τὰς μὲν ἔτ' ἀδμήτας καὶ νηίδας οἶο γάμοιο,
 τὰς δ' ἄρ' ὑπ' αἰζηοῖσι νέον φιλότῃτι δαμείσας,
 ἄλλας δ' αὖ πολιοπλοκάμους, ἐτέρας δ' ἄρ' ἐκει-
 νων
 ὀπλοτέρας, ὧν παῖδας ἀπειρύσσαντ' ἀπὸ μαζῶν 15
 ὑστάτιον χεῖλεσσι γλάγος περιμαιμώντας.
 Τοῖσιν δὲ Μενέλαος ἐνὶ μέσσοισι καὶ αὐτὸς
 ἦγεν ἔην παράκοιτιν ἀπ' ἄστεος αἰθομένοιο
 ἐξανύσας μέγα ἔργον· ἔχεν δὲ ἐ χάρμα καὶ αἰδῶς.
 Κασσάνδρην δ' ἄγε δίαν εὐμμελῆς Ἀγαμέμνων· 20
 Ἄνδρομάχην δ' Ἀχιλλῆος εὐς πάϊς· αὐτὰρ Ὀδυσ-
 σεὺς
 εἶλκε βίη Ἐκάβην· τῆς δ' ἀθρόα δάκρυ' ἀπ' ὄσσων

BOOK XIV.

*How the conquerors sailed from Troy unto judgment of
tempest and shipwreck.*

THEN rose from Ocean Dawn the golden-throned
Up to the heavens ; night into Chaos sank.
And now the Argives spoiled fair-fencèd Troy,
And took her boundless treasures for a prey.
Like river-torrents seemed they, that sweep down,
By rain-floods swelled, in thunder from the hills,
And seaward hurl tall trees and whatsoe'er
Grows on the mountains, mingled with the wreck
Of shattered cliff and crag ; so the long lines
Of Danaans who had wasted Troy with fire
Seemed, streaming with her plunder to the ships.
Troy's daughters therewithal in scattered bands
They haled down seaward—virgins yet unwed,
And new-made brides, and matrons silver-haired,
And mothers from whose bosoms foes had torn
Babes for the last time closing lips on breasts.

Amidst of these Menelaus led his wife
Forth of the burning city, having wrought
A mighty triumph—joy and shame were his.
Cassandra heavenly-fair was haled the prize
Of Agamemnon : to Achilles' son
Andromache had fallen : Hecuba
Odysseus dragged unto his ship. The tears

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

πίδακος ὡς ἔχεοντο· περιτρομεεσκε δὲ γυῖα,
 καὶ κραδίη ἀλάλυκτο φόβῳ, δεδάϊκτο δὲ χαιτας
 κράατος ἐκ πολιοῖο· τέφρη δ' ἐπεπέπτατο πολλή, 25
 τήν που ἀπ' ἐσχαρεῶνος ἄδην κατεχεύατο χερσὶν
 ὄλλυμένου Πριάμοιο καὶ ἄστεος αἰθομένοιο·
 καὶ ῥα μέγα στονάχιζεν, ὄτ' ἄμφεχε δούλιον ἡμαρ
 μὰψ ἀεκαζομένην· ἕτερος δ' ἐτέρην γοόωσαν
 ἦγεν Τρωιάδων σφετέρας ἐπὶ νῆας ἀνάγκη· 30
 αἱ δ' ἀδινὸν γοόωσαι ἀνίαχον ἄλλοθεν ἄλλαι
 νηπιάχοις ἅμα παισὶ κινυρόμεναι μάλα λυγρῶς·
 ὡς δ' ὀπότη' ἀργιόδουσιν ὁμῶς συσὶ νήπια τέκνα
 σταθμοῦ ἀπὸ προτέροιο ποτὶ σταθμὸν ἄλλον
 ἄγωσιν

ἀνέρες ἐγρομένῳ ὑπὸ χεῖματι, τοὶ δ' ἀλεγεινὸν 35
 μίγδα περιτρύζουσι διηνεκὲς ἀλλήλοισιν·
 ὡς Τρῳαὶ Δαναοῖσιν ὑπ' ἐστενάχοντο δαμείσαι·
 ἴσῃν δ' αὖ καὶ ἀνασσα φέρειν καὶ δμῶις ἀνάγκην.
 Ἄλλ' οὐ μὰν Ἐλένην γόος ἄμφεχεν· ἀλλὰ οἱ
 αἰδῶς

ὄμμασι κυανέοισιν ἐφίζανε, καὶ οἱ ὑπερθεν 40
 καλὰς ἀμπερύθηνε παρηίδας· ἐν δέ οἱ ἦτορ
 ἄσπετα πορφύρεσκε κατὰ φρένα, μὴ ἐκιοῦσαν
 κυανέας ἐπὶ νῆας ἀεικίσσωνται Ἀχαιοί·
 τοῦνεχ' ὑποτρομέουσα φίλῳ περιπάλλετο θυμῷ.
 καὶ ῥα καλυψαμένη κεφαλὴν ἐφύπερθε καλύπτρη 45
 ἔσπετο νισσομένοιο κατ' ἴχνιον ἀνδρὸς ἑοῖο
 αἰδοῖ πορφύρουσα παρήιον, ἦῦτε Κύπρις,
 εὐτέ μιν Οὐρανίῳνες ἐν ἀγκοίνησιν Ἄρηος
 ἀμφιδὸν εἰσενόησαν ἐὼν λέχος αἰσχύνουσαν
 δεσμοῖς ἐν θαμινοῖσι δαήμονος Ἡφαιστοιο, 50
 τοῖς ἔνι κείτ' ἀχέουσα περὶ φρεσὶν αἰδομένη τε
 ἰλαδὸν ἀγρομένων μακάρων γένος ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτὸν
 Ἡφαιστον· δεινὸν γὰρ ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖσιν ἀκοίτεω
 ἀμφιδὸν εἰσοράασθαι ἐπ' αἰσχεῖ θηλυτέρηοι.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK XIV

Poured from her eyes as water from a spring ;
Trembled her limbs, fear-frenzied was her heart ;
Rent were her hoary tresses and besprent
With ashes of the hearth, cast by her hands
When she saw Priam slain and Troy aflame.
And aye she deeply groaned for thraldom's day
That trapped her vainly loth. Each hero led
A wailing Trojan woman to his ship.
Here, there, uprose from these the wild lament,
The woeful-mingling cries of mother and babe.
As when with white-tusked swine the herdmen
drive

Their younglings from the hill-pens to the plain
As winter closeth in, and evermore
Each answereth each with mingled plaintive cries ;
So moaned Troy's daughters by their foes enslaved,
Handmaid and queen made one in thraldom's lot.

But Helen raised no lamentation : shame
Sat on her dark-blue eyes, and cast its flush
Over her lovely cheeks. Her heart beat hard
With sore misgiving, lest, as to the ships
She passed, the Achaeans might mishandle her.
Therefore with fluttering soul she trembled sore ;
And, her head darkly mantled in her veil,
Close-following trod she in her husband's steps,
With cheek shame-crimsoned, like the Queen of
Love,

What time the Heaven-abiders saw her clasped
In Ares' arms, shaming in sight of all
The marriage-bed, trapped in the myriad-meshed
Toils of Hephaestus : tangled there she lay
In agony of shame, while thronged around
The Blessed, and there stood Hephaestus' self :
For fearful it is for wives to be beheld
By husbands' eyes doing the deed of shame.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

τῇ Ἐλένῃ εἰκυῖα δέμας καὶ ἀκήρατον αἰδῶ 55
 ἦε σὺν Τρωῆσι δορυκτῆτοισι καὶ αὐτῇ
 νῆας ἔπ' Ἀργείων εὐήρεας· ἀμφὶ δὲ λαοὶ
 θάμβεον ἀθρήσαντες ἀωμήτοιο γυναικὸς
 ἀγλαΐην καὶ κάλλος ἐπήρατον· οὐδέ τις ἔτλη
 κείνην οὔτε κρυφηδὸν ἐπεσβολίησι χαλέψαι, 60
 οὔτ' οὖν ἀμφιδίην, ἀλλ' ὡς θεὸν εἰσορόωντο
 ἀσπασίως· πᾶσιν γὰρ ἐελδομένοισι φαάνθη.
 ὡς δ' ὅτ' ἀλωομένοισι δι' ἀκαμάτοιο θαλάσσης
 πατρὶς ἐὴ μετὰ δηρὸν ἐελδομένοισι φανείη,
 οἱ δὲ καὶ ἐκ πόντοιο καὶ ἐκ θανάτοιο φυγόντες 65
 πάτρην χεῖρ' ὀρέγουσι γεγηθότες ἄσπετα θυμῶ·
 ὡς Δαναοὶ περὶ πάντες ἐγήθειον· οὐ γὰρ ἔτ' αὐτοῖς
 μνήστις ἦν καμάτοιο δυσαλγέος οὐδὲ κυδοιμοῦ·
 τοῖον γὰρ Κυθέρεια νόον ποιήσατο πάντων
 ἦρα φέρουσ' Ἐλένη ἐλικώπιδι καὶ Διὶ πατρί. 70

Καὶ τότε ἄρ', ὡς ἐνόησε φίλον δεδαϊγμένον ἄστν
 Ξάνθος ἔθ' αἱματόεντος ἀναπνεύων ὀρυμαγδοῦ
 μύρετο σὺν Νύμφησιν, ἐπεὶ κακὸν ἔμπεσε Τροίῃ
 ἔκποθε καὶ Πριάμοιο κατημάλδυνε πόλῃα· 75
 ὡς δ' ὅτε λήιον αὐὸν ἐπιβρίσασα χάλαζα
 τυτθὰ διατμήξῃ, στάχνας δ' ἀπὸ πάντας ἀμέρσῃ
 ῥιπῇ ὑπ' ἀργαλέῃ, καλάμη δ' ἄρα χεύατ' ἔραζε
 μαψιδίῃ καρποῖο κατ' οὔδεος ὄλλυμένοιο
 λευγαλέως, λυγρῶ δὲ πέλει μέγα πένθος ἄνακτι·
 ὡς ἄρα καὶ Ξάνθοιο περὶ φρένας ἤλυθεν ἄλγος 80
 Ἰλίου οἰωθέντος· ἔχεν δὲ μιν αἰὲν οἴζυς
 ἀθάνατόν περ ἔοντα· μακρὴ δ' ἀμφέστενευ Ἴδη
 καὶ Σιμόεις· μύροντο δ' ἀπόπροθι πάντες ἑναυλοὶ
 Ἰδαῖοι Πριάμοιο πόλιν περικωκύοντες.

Ἀργεῖοι δ' ἐπὶ νῆας ἔβαν μέγα καγχαλόωντες 85
 μέλποντες νίκης ἐρικυδέος ὄβριμον ἀλκήν,
 ἄλλοτε δὲ ζάθεον μακάρων γένος ἠδὲ καὶ αὐτῶν
 θυμὸν τολμήεντα καὶ ἄφθιτον ἔργον Ἐπειοῦ.

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Lovely as she in form and roseate blush
Passed Helen mid the Trojan captives on
To the Argive ships. But the folk all around
Marvelled to see the glory of loveliness
Of that all-flawless woman. No man dared
Or secretly or openly to cast
Reproach on her. As on a Goddess all
Gazed on her with adoring wistful eyes.
As when to wanderers on a stormy sea,
After long time and passion of prayer, the sight
Of fatherland is given ; from deadly deeps
Escaped, they stretch hands to her joyful-souled ;
So joyed the Danaans all, no man of them
Remembered any more war's travail and pain.
Such thoughts Cytherea stirred in them, for grace
To Helen starry-eyed, and Zeus her sire.

Then, when he saw that burg beloved destroyed,
Xanthus, scarce drawing breath from bloody war,
Mourned with his Nymphs for ruin fallen on Troy,
Mourned for the city of Priam blotted out.
As when hail lashes a field of ripened wheat,
And beats it small, and smites off all the ears
With merciless scourge, and levelled with the ground
Are stalks, and on the earth is all the grain
Woefully wasted, and the harvest's lord
Is stricken with deadly grief ; so Xanthus' soul
Was utterly whelmed in grief for Ilium made
A desolation ; grief undying was his,
Immortal though he was. Mourned Simois
And long-ridged Ida : all who on Ida dwelt
Wailed from afar the ruin of Priam's town.

But with loud laughter of glee the Argives sought
Their galleys, chanting the triumphant might
Of victory, chanting now the Blessèd Gods,
Now their own valour, and Epeius' work
Ever renowned. Their song soared up to heaven,

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

μολπή δ' οὐρανὸν ἴκε δι' αἰθέρος, εὖτε κολοιῶν
 κλαγγὴ ἀπειρεσίη, ὅπότη' εὐδίου ἡμαρ ἴκηται 90
 χείματος ἐξ ὀλοοῖο, πέλει δ' ἄρα νήμενος αἰθήρ·
 ὧς τῶν παρ νήεσσι μέγ' ἔνδοθι γηθομένων κῆρ

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ἀθάνατοι τέρποντο κατ' οὐρανόν, ὅσσοι ἀρωγοὶ
 ἐκ θυμοῖο πέλοντο φιλοπτολέμων Ἀργείων·
 ἄλλοι δ' αὖ χαλέπαινον, ὅσοι Τρώεσσιν ἄμυνον, 95
 δερκόμενοι Πριάμοιο καταιθόμενον πτολίεθρον·
 ἀλλ' οὐ μὰν ὑπὲρ Αἴσαν ἐελδόμενοί περ ἀμύνειν
 ἔσθενον· οὐδὲ γὰρ αὐτὸς ὑπὲρ μόρον οὐδὲ Κρονίων
 ῥηιδίως δύνατ' Αἴσαν ἀπωσέμεν, ὃς περὶ πάντων
 ἀθανάτων σθένος ἐστί, Διὸς δ' ἐκ πάντα πέ-
 λονται. 100

Ἀργεῖοι δ' ἄρα πολλὰ βοῶν ἐπὶ μηρία θέντες
 καῖον ὁμῶς σχίζησι, καὶ ἐσσύμενοι περὶ βωμοὺς
 λείβεσκον μέθυ λαρὸν ἐπ' αἰθομένησι θυηλῆς
 ἦρα θεοῖσι φέροντες, ἐπεὶ μέγα ἦνυσαν ἔργον.
 πολλὰ δ' ἐν εἰλαπίνῃ θυμηδέϊ κυδαίνεσκον 105
 πάντας, ὅσους ὑπέδεκτο σὺν ἔντεσι δούριος ἵππος·
 θαύμαζον δὲ Σίνωνα περικλυτόν, οὐνεχ' ὑπέτλη
 λώβην δυσμενέων πολυκηδέα· καὶ ῥά ἐ πάντες
 μολπή καὶ γεράεσσιν ἀπειρεσίοισι τίεσκον·
 ὃς δ' ἄρ' ἐνὶ φρεσὶν ἦσιν ἐγήθεε τλήμονι θυμῷ 110
 νίκη ἔπ' Ἀργείων, σφετέρῃ δ' οὐκ ἄχλυτο λώβῃ·
 ἀνέρι γὰρ πινυτῷ καὶ ἐπίφρονι πολλὸν ἄμεινον
 κῦδος καὶ χρυσοῖο καὶ εἶδος ἠδὲ καὶ ἄλλων
 ἐσθλῶν, ὅππόσα τ' ἐστὶ καὶ ἔσσεται ἀνθρώποισιν.
 οἱ δ' ἄρα παρ νήεσσιν ἀταρβέα θυμὸν ἔχοντες 115
 δόρπεον ἀλλήλοισι διηνεκέως ἐνέποντες·

“ ἠνύσαμεν πολέμοιο μακροῦ τέλος· ἠράμεθ' εὐρὺ
 κῦδος ὁμῶς δηῖοισι μέγα πτολίεθρον ἐλόντες·
 ἀλλά, Ζεῦ, καὶ νόστον ἐελδομένοις κατάνευσον.”

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK XIV

Like multitudinous cries of daws, when breaks
A day of sunny calm and windless air
After a ruining storm : from their glad hearts
So rose the joyful clamour, till the Gods
Heard and rejoiced in heaven, all who had helped
With willing hands the war-fain Argive men.
But chafed those others which had aided Troy,
Beholding Priam's city wrapped in flame,
Yet powerless for her help to override
Fate ; for not Cronos' Son can stay the hand
Of Destiny, whose might transcendeth all
The Immortals, and Zeus sanctioneth all her deeds.

The Argives on the flaming altar-wood
Laid many thighs of oxen, and made haste
To spill sweet wine on their burnt offerings,
Thanking the Gods for that great work achieved.
And loudly at the feast they sang the praise
Of all the mailed men whom the Horse of Tree
Had ambushed. Far-famed Sinon they extolled
For that dire torment he endured of foes :
Yea, song and honour-guerdons without end
All rendered him : and that resolvèd soul
Glad-hearted joyed for the Argives' victory,
And for his own misfeaturing sorrowed not.
For to the wise and prudent man renown
Is better far than gold, than goodlihead,
Than all good things men have or hope to win.

So, feasting by the ships all void of fear,
Cried one to another ever and anon :
“ We have touched the goal of this long war, have
won
Glory, have smitten our foes and their great town !
Now grant, O Zeus, to our prayers safe home-
return ' ”

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Ὡς ἔφαν· ἄλλ' οὐ πᾶσι πατήρ ἐπὶ νοστον
ἔνευσε.

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τοῖς δέ τις ἐν μέσσοισιν ἐπιστάμενος
* * * * * οὐ γὰρ ἔτ' αὐτοῖς

δεῖμα πέλεν πολέμοιο δυσηχέος, ἄλλ' ἐπὶ ἔργα
εὐνομίας ἐτράποντο καὶ εὐφροσύνης ἐρατεινῆς.

125

ὃς δ' ἦτοι πρῶτον μὲν ἐελδομένοισιν ἄειδεν,
λαοὶ ὅπως συνάγερθεν ἐς Αὐλίδος ἱερὸν οὐδας,
ἠδ' ὡς Πηλείδαο μέγα σθένος ἀκαμάτοιο
δώδεκα μὲν κατὰ πόντον ἰὼν διέπερσε πόλῃας,
ἔνδεκα δ' αὖ κατὰ γαίαν ἀπείριτον, ὅσσα τ' ἔρεξε
Τήλεφον ἀμφὶς ἀνακτα καὶ ὄβριμον Ἡετίωνα,
ὡς δὲ Κύκνον κατέπεφνευ ὑπέρβιον, ἠδ' ὅσ'
Ἀχαιοὶ

130

μαρνάμενοι κατὰ μῆνιν Ἀχιλλεος ἔργα κάμοντο,
Ἐκτορα δ' ὡς εἴρυσσεν ἐῆς περὶ τείχεα πάτρης,
ὡς τ' ἔλε Πενθεσίλειαν ἀνὰ μόθον, ὡς τ' ἐδά-
μασσειν

υῖέα Τιθωνοῖο, καὶ ὡς κτάνε καρτερὸς Αἴας
Γλαῦκον εὐμμελίην, ἠδ' ὡς ἐρικυδέα φῶτα

135

Εὐρύπυλον κατέπεφνε θοοῦ πάϊς Αἰακίδαο,
ὡς δὲ Πάριν δαμάσαντο Φιλοκτῆταο βέλεμνα,
ἠδ' ὅπόσοι δολόεντος ἐσήλυθον ἔνδοθεν ἵππου
ἄνδρες, ὡς τε πόλῃα θεηγενέος Πριάμοιο
πέρσαντες δαίνυντο κακῶν ἀπὸ νόσφι κυδοιμῶν.
ἄλλα δ' ἄρ' ἄλλος ἄειδεν, ὅ τι φρεσὶν ἦσι μενοίνα.

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Ἄλλ' ὅτε δαινυμένοισι μέσον περιτέλλετο
νυκτός,

δὴ τότε που δόρποιο καὶ ἀκρήτοιο πότοιο
παυσάμενοι πάντες λαθικηδέα κοῖτον ἔλοντο·

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χθιζὸν γὰρ καμάτοιο μένος κατεδάμνατο πάντας·
τῷ καὶ παννύχιοι λελητημένοι εἰλαπινάζειν
παύσανθ', οὐνεκεν ὕπνος ἄδην ἀέκοντας ἔρυκεν·

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK XIV

But not to all the Sire vouchsafed return.

Then rose a cunning harper in their midst.
And sang the song of triumph and of peace
Re-won, and with glad hearts untouched by care
They heard ; for no more fear of war had they,
But of sweet toil of law-abiding days
And blissful-fleeting hours henceforth they dreamed.
All the War's Story in their eager ears
He sang—how leaguèd peoples gathering met
At hallowed Aulis—how the invincible strength
Of Peleus' son smote fencèd cities twelve
In sea-raids, how he marched o'er leagues on leagues
Of land, and spoiled eleven—all he wrought
In fight with Telephus and Eëtion—
How he slew giant Cycnus—all the toil
Of war that through Achilles' wrath befell
The Achaeans – how he dragged dead Hector round
His own Troy's wall, and how he slew in fight
Penthesileia and Tithonus' son :—
How Aias laid low Glaucus, lord of spears,
Then sang he how the child of Aeacus' son
Struck down Eurypylus, and how the shafts
Of Philoctetes dealt to Paris death.
Then the song named all heroes who passed in
To ambush in the Horse of Guile, and hymned
The fall of god-descended Priam's burg ;
The feast he sang last, and peace after war ;
Then many another, as they listed, sang.

But when above those feasters midnight's stars
Hung, ceased the Danaans from the feast and wine,
And turned to sleep's forgetfulness of care,
For that with yesterday's war-travail all
Were wearied ; wherefore they, who fain all night
Had revelled, needs must cease : how loth soe'er,
Sleep drew them thence ; here, there, soft slumbered
they.

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

ἄλλη δ' ἄλλος ἴαυεν· ὁ δ' ἐν κλισίησιν ἐήσιν
 Ἄτρείδης δ' ἄριζε μετ' ἠῦκόμοιο γυναικός· 150
 οὐ γάρ πω κείνοισιν ἐπ' ὄμμασιν ὕπνος ἔπιπτεν,
 ἀλλὰ Κύπρις πεπόνητο περὶ φρένας, ὄφρα παλαιοῦ
 λέκτρον ἐπιμνήσωνται, ἄχος δ' ἀπὸ νόσφι βάλ-
 λωνται.

πρώτη δ' αὖθ' Ἑλένη τοῖον ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπε·
 “ μή νύ μοι, ὦ Μενέλαε, χόλον ποτιβάλλεο θυμῷ· 155
 οὐ γὰρ ἐγὼν ἐθέλουσα λίπον σέο δῶμα καὶ εὐνὴν,
 ἀλλὰ μ' Ἀλεξάνδροιο βίη καὶ Τρώιοι νῆες
 σεῦ ἀπὸ νόσφιν ἐόντος ἀνηρείψαντο κιόντες,
 καὶ μ' ἄμοτον μεμανῖαν οἰζυρῶς ἀπολέσθαι
 ἢ βρόχῳ ἀργαλέῳ ἢ καὶ ξίφεϊ στονόεντι 160
 εἶργον ἐνὶ μεγάροισι παρηγορέοντες ἔπεσσι
 σεῦ ἔνεκ' ἀχτυμένην καὶ τηλυγέτοιο θυγατρός·
 τῆς νύ σε πρὸς τε γάμου πολυγηθείος ἠδὲ σεῦ
 αὐτοῦ

λίσσομαι, ἀμφ' ἐμέθεν στυγερῆς λελαθέσθαι
 ἀνίης.”

“Ὡς φαμένην προσέειπε πύκα φρονέων Μενέ-
 λαος· 165

“ μηκέτι νῦν μέμνησ', ἀλλ' ἰσχέμεν ἄλγεα θυμῷ·
 ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν που πάντα μέλας δόμος ἐντὸς ἔέργοι
 λήθης· οὐ γὰρ ἔοικε κακῶν μεμνήσθαι ἔτ' ἔργων.”

“Ὡς φάτο· τὴν δ' ἔλε χάρμα, δέος δ' ἐξέσσυτο
 θυμοῦ·

ἔλπετο γὰρ παύσασθαι ἀνιηροῖο χόλοιο 170
 ὄν πόσιν· ἀμφὶ δέ μιν βάλε πήχρεε· καὶ σφιν ἄμ'
 ἄμφω

δάκρυ κατὰ βλεφάρουιν ἐλείβετο ἠδὲ γούωντων.
 ἀσπασίως δ' ἄρα τώ γε παρ' ἀλλήλοισι κλιθέντε
 σφωιτέρου κατὰ θυμὸν ἀνεμνήσαντο γάμοιο·
 ὡς δ' ὅτε που κισσός τε καὶ ἡμερὶς ἀμφιβάλωνται 175
 ἀλλήλους περὶ πρέμνα, τὰ δ' οὐποτε ἰς ἀνέμοιο

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But in his tent Menelaus lovingly
With bright-haired Helen spake ; for on their eyes
Sleep had not fallen yet. The Cyprian Queen
Brooded above their souls, that olden love
Might be renewed, and heart-ache chased away.

Helen first brake the silence, and she said :
“ O Menelaus, be not wroth with me !
Not of my will I left thy roof, thy bed,
But Alexander and the sons of Troy
Came upon me, and snatched away, when thou
Wast far thence. Oftentimes did I essay
By the death-noose to perish wretchedly,
Or by the bitter sword ; but still they stayed
Mine hand, and still spake comfortable words
To salve my grief for thee and my sweet child.
For her sake, for the sake of olden love,
And for thine own sake, I beseech thee now,
Forget thy stern displeasure against thy wife.”

Answered her Menelaus wise of wit :
“ No more remember past griefs : seal them up
Hid in thine heart. Let all be locked within
The dim dark mansion of forgetfulness.
What profits it to call ill deeds to mind ? ”

Glad was she then : fear flitted from her heart,
And came sweet hope that her lord's wrath was
dead.

She cast her arms around him, and their eyes
With tears were brimming as they made sweet
moan ;
And side by side they laid them, and their hearts
Thrilled with remembrance of old spousal joy.
And as a vine and ivy entwine their stems
Each around other, that no might of wind

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

σφῶν ἄπο νόσφι βαλέσθαι ἐπισθένει· ὡς ἄρα τῷ γε ἀλλήλοισ συνέχοντο λιλαιόμενοι φιλότητος.

Ἄλλ' ὅτε δὴ καὶ τοῖσιν ἐπήλυθεν ὕπνος ἀπήμων,

δὴ τότε Ἄχιλλῆος κρατερόν κῆρ ἰσοθέοιο 180

ἔστι ὑπὲρ κεφαλῆς οὗ υἱέος, οἷος ἔην περ ζῶς ἐών, ὅτε Τρωσὶν ἄχος πέλε, χάρμα δ

Ἀχαιοῖς.

κύσσε δέ οἱ δειρὴν καὶ φάεα μαρμαίροντα ἀσπασίως· καὶ τοῖα παρηγορέων προσέειπε·

“χαῖρε, τέκος, καὶ μήτι δαΐζεις πένθει θυμὸν 185

εἵνεκ' ἐμεῖο θανόντος, ἐπεὶ μακάρεσσι θεοῖσιν ἤδη ὀμέστιός εἰμι· σὺ δ' ἴσχειο τειρόμενος κῆρ ἀμφ' ἐμέθεν, καὶ κάρτος ἄδην ἐμὸν ἔνθεο θυμῷ.

αἰεὶ δ' Ἀργείων πρόμος ἴστασο μηδενὶ εἰκῶν ἠνορέῃ· ἀγορῇ δὲ παλαιότεροισι βροτοῖσι 190

πέιθεο· καὶ νῦν σε πάντες εὐφρονα μυθήσονται.

τίε δ' ἀμύμονας ἀνδρας, ὅσοις νόος ἔμπεδός ἐστιν· ἔσθλω γὰρ φίλος ἔσθλός ἀνὴρ, χαλεπῷ δ' ἀλεγεινός.

ἦν δ' ἀγαθὸν φρονέης, ἀγαθῶν καὶ τεύξεαι ἔργων· κείνος δ' οὐποτ' ἀνὴρ Ἀρετῆς ἐπὶ τέρμαθ' ἴκανεν, 195

ᾧ τινι μὴ νόος ἐστὶν ἐναίσιμος· οὐνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτῆς πρέμνου δύσβατόν ἐστι, μακρόν δέ οἱ ἄχρῖς ἐπ' αἶθρην

ὄζοι ἀνῆξηνθ'· ὅποσοισι δὲ κάρτος ὀπηδεῖ καὶ πόνος, ἐκ καμάτου πολυγηθέα καρπὸν ἀμῶνται εἰς Ἀρετῆς ἀναβάντες εὐστεφάνου κλυτὸν ἔρνος. 200

ἀλλ' ἄγε, κύδιμος ἔσσο, καὶ ἐν φρεσὶ πευκαλίμησι μήτ' ἐπὶ πῆματι πάγχυ δαΐζεις θυμὸν ἀνίη,

μήτ' ἔσθλω μέγα χαῖρε· νόος δέ τοι ἠπίος ἔστω ἔς τε φίλους ἐτάρους ἔς θ' υἱέας ἔς τε γυναῖκα¹

μνωμένῳ κατὰ θυμόν, ὅτι σχεδὸν ἀνθρώποισιν 205

¹ Zimmermann, ex P, for γυναῖκας of v.

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Avails to sever them, so clung these twain
Twined in the passionate embrace of love.

When came on these too sorrow-drowning sleep,
Even then above his son's head rose and stood
Godlike Achilles' mighty shade, in form
As when he lived, the Trojans' bane, the joy
Of Greeks, and kissed his neck and flashing eyes
Lovingly, and spake comfortable words :
" All hail, my son ! Vex not thine heart with grief
For thy dead sire ; for with the Blessèd Gods
Now at the feast I sit. Refrain thy soul
From sorrow, and plant my strength within thy
mind.

Be foremost of the Argives ever ; yield
To none in valour, but in council bow
Before thine elders : so shall all acclaim
Thy courtesy. Honour princely men and wise ;
For the true man is still the true man's friend,
Even as the vile man cleaveth to the knave.
If good thy thought be, good shall be thy deeds :
But no man shall attain to Honour's height,
Except his heart be right within : her stem
Is hard to climb, and high in heaven spread
Her branches : only they whom strength and toil
Attend, strain up to pluck her blissful fruit,
Climbing the Tree of Honour glory-crowned.
Thou therefore follow fame, and let thy soul
Be not in sorrow afflicted overmuch,
Nor in prosperity over-glad. To friends,
To comrades, child and wife, be kindly of heart,
Remembering still that near to all men stand

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

οὐλομένοιο μόροιο πύλαι καὶ δώματα νεκρῶν
 ἀνδρῶν γὰρ γένος ἐστὶν ὁμοίον ἄνθεσι ποίης,
 ἄνθεσιν εἰαρινοῖσι· τὰ μὲν φθινύθει, τὰ δ' ἀέξει·
 τοῦνεκα μείλιχος ἔσσο. καὶ Ἀργείοισιν ἔνισπε
 Ἀτρείδῃ δὲ μάλιστ' Ἀγαμέμνονι, εἴ γέ τι θυμῷ 210
 μέμνηθ', ὅσσ' ἐμόγησα περὶ Πριάμοιο πόληα,
 ἦδ' ὅσα ληισάμην πρὶν Τρώϊον οὐδας ἰκέσθαι,
 τῷ μοι νῦν ποτὶ τύμβον ἐελδομένῳ περ ἀγόντων¹
 ληίδος ἐκ Πριάμοιο Πολυξείην ἐΰπεπλον

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ὄφρα θοῶς ῥέξωσιν, ἐπεὶ σφισι χῶομαι ἔμπης 215
 μᾶλλον ἔτ' ἢ τὸ πάρος Βρισηίδος· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ'
 οἶδμα

κινήσω πόντοιο, βαλῶ δ' ἐπὶ χεῖματι χεῖμα,
 ὄφρα καταφθινύθοντες ἀτασθαλίησιν ἐῆσι
 μίμνωσ' ἐνθάδε πολλὸν ἐπὶ χρόνον, εἰσόκ' ἔμοιγε
 λοιβὰς ἀμφιχέωνται ἐελδόμενοι μέγα νόστου· 220
 αὐτὴν δ', εἴ κ' ἐθέλωσιν, ἐπὴν ἀπὸ θυμὸν ἔλονται,
 κούρην ταρχύσασθαι ἀπόπροθεν οὔτι μεγαίρω.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν ἀπόρουσε θοῇ ἐναλίγκιος αὔρη·
 αἶψα δ' ἐς Ἠλύσιον πεδίου κίεν, ἧχι τέτυκται
 οὐρανοῦ ἐξ ὑπάτοιο καταιβασίῃ τ' ἀνοδός τε 225
 ἀθανάτοις μακάρεσσιν· ὁ δ', ὅπποτε μιν λίπεν
 ὕπνος,

μνήσατο πατρὸς ἐοῖο· νόος δέ οἱ ἦϋς ἰάνθη.
 Ἄλλ' ὄτ' ἐς οὐρανὸν εὐρὺν ἀνήιεν Ἠριγένεια
 νύκτα διασκεδάσασα, φάνη δ' ἄρα γαῖα καὶ
 αἰθήρ,

δὴ τότε Ἀχαιῶν υἱες ἀπέκ λεχέων ἀνόρουσαν 230
 ἰέμενοι νόστοιο, νέας δ' ἐς βένθεα πόντου
 εἶλκον καγχαλόωντες ἀνὰ φρένας, εἰ μὴ ἄρ' αὐτοῦς
 ἐσσυμένους κατέρυκεν Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμος υἱός,

¹ Zimmermann, for κατὰ θυμὸν ἐελδ. περὶ πάντων of v.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK XIV

The gates of doom, the mansions of the dead :
For humankind are like the flower of grass,
The blossom of spring ; these fade the while those
bloom :

Therefore be ever kindly with thy kind.
Now to the Argives say—to Atreus' son
Agamemnon chiefly—if my battle-toil
Round Priam's walls, and those sea-raids I led
Or ever I set foot on Trojan land,
Be in their hearts remembered, to my tomb
Be Priam's daughter Polyxeina led—
Whom as my portion of the spoil I claim—
And sacrificed thereon : else shall my wrath
Against them more than for Briseis burn.
The waves of the great deep will I turmoil
To bar their way, upstirring storm on storm,
That through their own mad folly pining away
Here they may linger long, until to me
They pour drink-offerings, yearning sore for home.
But, when they have slain the maiden, I grudge not
That whoso will may bury her far from me."

Then as a wind-breath swift he fled thence,
And came to the Elysian Plain, whereto
A path to heaven reacheth, for the feet
Ascending and descending of the Blest.
Then the son started up from sleep, and called
His sire to mind, and glowed the heart in him.

When to wide heaven the Child of Mist uprose,
Scattering night, unveiling earth and air,
Then from their rest upsprang Achaea's sons
Yearning for home. With laughter 'gan they hale
Down to the sea the keels : but lo, their haste
Was reined in by Achilles' mighty son :

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εἰς ἀγορὴν τ' ἐκάλεσσε καὶ ἔκφατο πατρὸς ἐφετμήν·
 “κέκλυτέ μευ, φίλα τέκνα μενεπτολέμων Ἄρ-
 γείων, 235

πατρὸς ἐφημοσύνην ἐρικυδέος, ἣν μοι ἔνισπε
 χθιζὸς ἐνὶ λεχέεσσι διὰ κνέφας ὑπνώουσι·
 φῆ γὰρ ἀειγενέεσσι μετέμμεναι ἀθανάτοισιν·
 ἠνώγει δ' ὑμέας τε καὶ Ἄτρείδην βασιλῆα,
 ὄφρα οἱ ἐκ πολέμοιο γέρας περικαλλὲς ἄγοιτε¹ 240
 τύμβον ἐπ' εὐρώεντα Πολυξείνην εὐπεπλον·
 καὶ μιν ἔφη ῥέξαντας ἀπόπροθι ταρχύσασθαι·
 εἰ δέ οἱ οὐκ ἀλέγοντες ἐπιπλώοιτε θάλασσαν,
 ἠπέλπει κατὰ πόντον ἐναντία κύματ' αἰείρας
 λαὸν ὁμῶς νήεσσι πολὺν χρόνον ἐνθάδ' ἐρύξειν.” 245

Ὡς φαμένου πείθοντο, καὶ ὡς θεῶ εὐχετόωντο·
 καὶ γὰρ δὴ κατὰ βένθος ἀέξετο κῦμα θυέλλη
 εὐρύτερον καὶ μᾶλλον ἐπήτριμον, ἣ πάρος ἦεν,
 μαινομένου ἀνέμοιο· μέγας δ' ὀροθύνητο πόντος
 χερσὶ Ποσειδάωνος· ὁ γὰρ κρατερῶ Ἀχιλῆϊ 250
 ἦρα φέρεν· πᾶσαι δὲ θοῶς ἐνόρουσαν ἄελλαι
 ἐς πέλαγος· Δαναοὶ δὲ μέγ' εὐχόμενοι Ἀχιλῆϊ
 πάντες ὁμῶς μάλα τοῖα πρὸς ἀλλήλους ὀάριζον·
 “ἀτρεκέως γενεὴ μεγάλου Διὸς ἦεν Ἀχιλλεύς·
 τῷ καὶ νῦν θεὸς ἐστί, καὶ εἰ πάρος ἔσκε μεθ'
 ἡμῖν· 255

οὐ γὰρ ἀμαλδύνει μακάρων γένος ἄμβροτος αἰών.”
 Ὡς φάμενοι ποτὶ τύμβον Ἀχιλλέος ἀπονέοντο·
 τὴν δ' ἄγον, ἠὔτε πόρτιν ἐς ἀθανάτοιο θνητῶν
 μητρὸς ἀπειρύσσαυτες ἐνὶ ξυλόχοισι βοτῆρες,
 ἣ δ' ἄρα μακρὰ βοῶσα κινύρεται ἀχνυμένη κῆρ· 260
 ὡς τῆμος Πριάμοιο πᾶϊς περικωκύεσκε
 δυσμενέων ἐν χερσίν· ἄδην δέ οἱ ἔκχυτο δάκρυ·
 ὡς δ' ὅποτε βριαρῶ ὑπὸ χέρματι καρπὸς ἐλαίης

¹ Zimmermann, for ἄγοιτε of v.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK XIV

He assembled them, and told his sire's behest :
" Harken, dear sons of Argives battle-staunch,
To this my glorious father's hest, to me
Spoken in darkness slumbering on my bed :
He saith, he dwells with the Immortal Gods :
He biddeth you and Atreus' son the king
To bring, as his war-guerdon passing-fair,
To his dim dark tomb Polyxeina queenly-robed,
To slay her there, but far thence bury her.
But if ye slight him, and essay to sail
The sea, he threateneth to stir up the waves
To bar your path upon the deep, and here
Storm-bound long time to hold you, ships and men."

Then hearkened they, and as to a God they
prayed ;
For even now a storm-blast on the sea
Upheaved the waves, broad-backed and thronging
fast

More than before beneath the madding wind.
Tossed the great deep, smit by Poseidon's hands
For a grace to strong Achilles. All the winds
Swooped on the waters. Prayed the Dardans all
To Achilles, and a man to his fellow cried :
" Great Zeus's seed Achilles verily was ;
Therefore is he a God, who in days past
Dwelt among us ; for lapse of dateless time
Makes not the sons of Heaven to fade away."

Then to Achilles' tomb the host returned,
And led the maid, as calf by herdmen dragged
For sacrifice, from woodland pastures torn
From its mother's side, and lowing long and loud
It moans with anguished heart ; so Priam's child
Wailed in the hands of foes. Down streamed her
tears

As when beneath the heavy sacks of sand

QUINTUS SMYRNAEUS

οὐπω χειμερίησι μελαινόμενος ψεκάδεσσι
 χεύη πολλὸν ἄλειφα, περιτρίζωσι δὲ μακρὰ 265
 ἄρμεν' ὑπὸ σπάρτοισι βιαζομένων αἰζηῶν·
 ὧς ἄρα καὶ Πριάμοιο πολυτλήτοιο θυγατρὸς
 ἐλκομένης ποτὶ τύμβον ἀμειλίκτου Ἀχιλῆος
 αἰνὸν ὁμῶς στοναχῆσι κατὰ βλεφάρων ῥέε δάκρυ·
 καὶ οἱ κόλπος ἔνερθεν ἐπλήθετο· δεύετο δὲ χρῶς 270
 ἀτρεκέως ἀτάλαντος εὐκτεάνῳ ἐλέφαντι.

Καὶ τότε λευγαλέοις ἐπὶ πένθεσι κύντερον
 ἄλγος

τλήμονος ἐς κραδίην Ἐκάβης πέσεν· ἐν δέ οἱ ἦτορ
 μνήσατ' οἰζυροῖο καὶ ἀλγινόεντος ὄνειρου,
 τὸν ῥ' ἶδεν ὑπνώουσα παροιχομένη ἐνὶ νυκτί· 275

ἦ γὰρ ὀίετο τύμβον ἐπ' ἀντιθέου Ἀχιλῆος
 ἐστάμεναι γοόωσα, κόμαι δέ οἱ ἄχρις ἐπ' οὐδας
 ἐκ κεφαλῆς ἐκέχυντο, καὶ ἀμφοτέρων ἀπὸ μαζῶν
 ἔρρεε φοίνιου αἷμα ποτὶ χθόνα, δεῦτε δὲ σῆμα·
 τοῦ πέρι δειμαίνουσα καὶ ὀσσομένη μέγα πῆμα 280
 οἰκτρὸν ἀνοιμώζεσκε, γόφῳ δ' ἐπὶ μακρὸν αὐτεῖ·

εὔτε κύων προπάροιθε κινυρομένη μεγάραιο
 μακρὸν ὑλαγμὸν ἴησι, νέον σπαραγεῦσα γάλακτι,
 τῆς ἄπο νήπια τέκνα πάρος φάος εἰσοράασθαι
 νόσφι βάλωσιν ἀνακτες ἔλωρ ἔμεν οἰωνοῖσιν, 285
 ἦ δ' ὅτε μὲν θ' ὑλακῆσι κινύρεται, ἄλλοτε δ' αὐτε
 ὠρυθμῶ, στυγερῇ δὲ δι' ἠέρος ἔσσυτ' αὐτή·
 ὡς Ἐκάβη γοόωσα μέγ' ἴαχεν ἀμφὶ θυγατρί·

“ ὦ μοι ἐγώ, τί νυ πρῶτα, τί δ' ὕστατον ἀχτυμένη
 κῆρ

κωκύσω πολέεσσι περιπλήθουσα κακοῖσιν, 290
 τίεάς; ἢ πόσιν αἰνὰ καὶ οὐκ ἐπίελπτα παθόντας,
 ἦ πόλιν ἢ θυγατρὰς ἀεικέας, ἦ ἐμὸν αὐτῆς
 ἦμαρ ἀναγκαῖον καὶ δούλιον; οὐνεκα Κῆρες
 σμερδαλέαι πολέεσσί μ' ἐνειλήσαντο κακοῖσι.

THE FALL OF TROY, BOOK XIV

Olives clear-skinned, ne'er blotched by drops of
storm,

Pour out their oil, when the long levers creak
As strong men strain the cords; so poured the
tears

Of travail-burdened Priam's daughter, haled
To stern Achilles' tomb, tears blent with moans.
Drenched were her bosom-folds, glistened the drops
On flesh clear-white as costly ivory.

Then, to crown all her griefs, yet sharper pain
Fell on the heart of hapless Hecuba.

Then did her soul recall that awful dream,
The vision of sleep of that night overpast:
Herseemed that on Achilles' tomb she stood
Moaning, her hair down-streaming to the ground,
And from her breasts blood dripped to earth the
while,

And drenched the tomb. Fear-haunted touching
this,

Foreboding all calamity, she wailed
Piteously; far rang her wild lament.

As a dog moaning at her master's door,
Utters long howls, her teats with milk distent,
Whose whelps, ere their eyes opened to the light,
Her lords afar have flung, a prey to kites;
And now with short sharp cries she plains, and
now

Long howling: the weird outcry thrills the air;
So wailed and shrieked for her child Hecuba:

"Ah me! what sorrows first or last shall I
Lament heart-anguished, who am full of woes?
Those unimagined ills my sons, my king
Have suffered?—or my city, or daughters shamed?—
Or my despair, my day of slavery?"

Oh, the grim fates have caught me in a net
Of manifold ills! O child, they have spun for thee

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τέκνον ἐμόν, σοὶ δ' αἰνὰ καὶ οὐκ ἐπίελπτα καὶ
αὐτῇ 295

ἄλγε' ἐπεκλώσαντο· γάμου δ' ἄπο νόσφι βάλλοντο
ἐγγυὺς ἐόνθ' Ὑμεναῖον, ἐπεκρήναντο δ' ὄλεθρον
ἄσχετον ἀργαλέον τε καὶ οὐ φατόν· ἦ γὰρ Ἀχιλ-
λεὺς

καὶ νέκυς ἡμετέρῳ ἔτ' ἰαίνεται αἵματι θυμόν·
ὡς μ' ὄφελον μετὰ σείῳ, φίλον τέκος, ἤματι τῶδε 300
γαῖα χανοῦσα κάλυψε, πάρος σέο πότμον
ιδέσθαι."

Ὡς φαμένης ἄλληκτα κατὰ βλεφάρουιν ἔχυντο
δάκρυα· λευγαλέον γὰρ ἔχει μετὰ πένθεσι πένθος.
οἱ δ' ὄτ' ἔβαν ποτὶ τύμβον Ἀχιλλῆος ζαθέοιο,
δὴ τότε οἱ φίλος υἱὸς ἐρυσσάμενος θοὸν ἄορ 305
σκαίῃ μὲν κούρην κατερήτυε, δεξιτερῇ δὲ
τύμβῳ ἐπιψαύων τοῖον ποτὶ μῦθον ἔειπε·
"κλῦθι, πάτερ, σέο παιδὸς ἐπευχόμενοιο καὶ
ἄλλων

Αργείων, μηδ' ἡμιν ἔτ' ἀργαλέως χαλέπαινε·
ἤδη γάρ τοι πάντα τελέσσομεν, ὅσσα μενοινᾶς 310
σῆσιν ἐνὶ πραπίδεσσι· σὺ δ' ἴλαος ἄμμι γένοιο
τεύξας εὐχομένοισι θοῶς θυμηδέα νόστον."

Ὡς εἰπὼν κούρης διὰ λοίγιον ἤλασεν ἄορ
λευκανίης· τὴν δ' αἶψα λίπεν πολυήρατος αἰὼν
οἰκτρὸν ἀνοιμῶξασαν ἐφ' ὑστατίῃ βιότοιο· 315
καί ῥ' ἦ μὲν πρηνῆς χαμάδις πέσε· τῆς δ' ὑπὸ
δειρῇ

φοινίχθη περὶ πάντα, χιῶν ὥς, ἦ τ' ἐν ὄρεσσι
ἦ συὸς ἢ ἄρκτοιο κατουταμένης ὑπ' ἄκοντι
αἵματι πορφυρόεντι θοῶς ἐρυθαίνεθ' ὑπερθεν.
Ἄργεῖοι δέ μιν αἶψα δόσαν ποτὶ ἄστν φέρεσθαι 320
ἐς δόμον ἀντιθέου Ἀντήνορος, οὐνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτὴν
κεῖνος ἐνὶ Τρώεσσι ἐφ' πάρος νιέει δίῳ
Εὐρυμάχῳ ἀτίταλλεν ἐνὶ μεγάροισιν ἄκοιτιν.

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Dread weird of unimagined misery !
They have thrust thee away, when near was Hymen's
hymn,
From thine espousals, marked thee for destruction
Dark, unendurable, unspeakable !
For lo, a dead man's heart, Achilles' heart,
Is by our blood made warm with life to-day !
O child, dear child, that I might die with thee,
That earth might swallow me, ere I see thy doom !”

So cried she, weeping never-ceasing tears,
For grief on bitter grief encompassed her.
But when these reached divine Achilles' tomb,
Then did his son unsheathe the whetted sword,
His left hand grasped the maid, and his right hand
Was laid upon the tomb, and thus he cried :
“ Hear, father, thy son's prayer, hear all the prayers
Of Argives, and be no more wroth with us !
Lo, unto thee now all thine heart's desire
Will we fulfil. Be gracious to us thou,
And to our praying grant sweet home-return.”

Into the maid's throat then he plunged the blade
Of death : the dear life straightway sobbed she
forth,
With the last piteous moan of parting breath.
Face-downward to the earth she fell : all round
Her flesh was crimsoned from her neck, as snow
Stained on a mountain-side with scarlet blood
Rushing from javelin-smitten boar or bear.
The maiden's corpse then gave they, to be borne
Unto the city, to Antenor's home,
For that, when Troy yet stood, he nurtured her
In his fair halls, a bride for his own son
Eurymachus. The old man buried her,

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ὅς δ' ἐπεὶ οὖν τάρχυσε κλυτὴν Πριάμοιο θύγατρα
 ἐγγὺς εἴοιο δόμοιο, παραὶ Γανυμήδεος ἱρῶ
 σήματι¹ καὶ νηοῖο καταντίον Ἀτρυτώνης, 325
 δὴ τότε παύσατο κῦμα, κατευνήθη δὲ θύελλα
 σμερδαλή, καὶ χεῦμα κατεπρήνυε γαλήνη.

Οἱ δὲ θεῶς ἐπὶ νῆας ἔβαν μέγα καγχαλόωντες
 μέλποντες μακάρων ἱερὸν γένος ἠδ' Ἀχιλλῆα. 330
 αἶψα δὲ δαῖτ' ἐπάσαντο βοῶν ἀπὸ μῆρα ταμόντες
 ἀθανάτοις· ἐρατὴ δὲ θυηπολίη πέλε πάντη·
 οἱ δέ που ἀργυρέοισι καὶ ἐν χρυσείοισι κυπέλλοις
 πῖνον ἀφυσσάμενοι λαρὸν μέθυ· γήθεε δέ σφι
 θυμὸς ἐελδομένων σφετέρην ἐπὶ γαῖαν ἰκέσθαι. 335
 ἀλλ' ὅτε δὴ δόρποιο καὶ εἰλαπίνης κορέσαντο,
 δὴ τότε Νηλέος υἱὸς ἐελδομένοισιν ἔειπεν·
 “ κλύτε, φίλοι, πολέμοιο μακρὴν προφυγόντες
 ὀμοκλήν,

ὄφρα λιλαιομένοισιν ἔπος θυμῆρες ἐνίσπω·
 ἤδη γὰρ νόστοιο πέλει θυμηδέος ὥρη. 340
 ἀλλ' ἴομεν· δὴ γάρ που Ἀχιλλέος ὄβριμον ἦτορ
 παύσατ' οἷζυροῖο χόλου· κατέρυξε δὲ κῦμα
 ὄβριμον Ἐννοσίγαιος· ἐπιπνεῖουσι δ' ἀῆται
 μείλιχοι· οὐδ' ἔτι κῦμα κορύσσεται· ἀλλ' ἄγε
 νῆας

εἰς ἀλὸς οἶδμ' ἐρύσαντες ἀναμνησώμεθα νόστου.” 345

“Ὡς φάτ' ἐελδομένοις· οἱ δ' ἐς πλόου ἐντύνοντο.
 ἔνθα τέρας θηητὸν ἐπιχθονίοισι φαάνθη,
 οὔνεκα δὴ Πριάμοιο δάμαρ πολυδακρύτοιο
 ἐκ βροτοῦ ἀλγινόεσσα κύων γένετ'· ἀμφὶ δὲ λαοὶ
 θάμβεον ἀγρόμενοι· τῆς δ' ἄψα λαῖνα πάντα 350
 θῆκε θεός, μέγα θαῦμα καὶ ἐσσομένοισι βροτοῖσι·
 καὶ τὴν μὲν Κάλχαντος ὑπ' ἐννεσίησιν Ἀχαιοὶ
 νηὸς ἐπ' ὠκυπόροιο πέραν θέσαν Ἑλλησπόντου.
 καρπαλίμως δ' ἄρα νῆας ἔσω ἀλὸς εἰρύσαντες

¹ Zimmermann, for ἱρὰ δῶματα of MS.

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King Priam's princess-child, nigh his own house,
By Ganymedes' shrine, and overagainst
The temple of Pallas the Unwearied One.
Then were the waves stilled, and the blast was
hushed

To sleep, and all the sea-flood lulled to calm.

Swift with glad laughter hied they to the ships,
Hymning Achilles and the Blessèd Ones.
A feast they made, first severing thighs of kine
For the Immortals. Gladsome sacrifice
Steamed on all sides: in cups of silver and gold
They drank sweet wine: their hearts leaped up with
hope

Of winning to their fatherland again.

But when with meats and wine all these were filled,
'Then in their eager ears spake Neleus' son:
"Hear, friends, who have 'scaped the long turmoil
of war,

That I may say to you one welcome word:
Now is the hour of heart's delight, the hour
Of home-return. Away! Achilles soul
Hath ceased from ruinous wrath; Earth-shaker stills
The stormy wave, and gentle breezes blow;
No more the waves toss high. Haste, hale the ships
Down to the sea. Now, ho for home-return!"

Eager they heard, and ready made the ships.
Then was a marvellous portent seen of men;
For all-unhappy Priam's queen was changed
From woman's form into a pitiful hound;
And all men gathered round in wondering awe.
Then all her body a God transformed to stone—
A mighty marvel for men yet unborn!
At Calchas' bidding this the Achaeans bore
In a swift ship to Hellespont's far side.
Then down to the sea in haste they ran the keels:

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κτῆματα πάντ' ἐβάλουθ', ὀπόσ' Ἴλιον εἰσανι-
 ὄντες 355
 ληΐσαντο πάροιθε περικτίονας δαμάσαντες,
 ἠδ' ὀπόσ' ἐξ αὐτῆς ἄγον Ἴλίου, οἷσι μάλιστα
 γήθεον, οὔνεκ' ἔσαν μάλα μυρία· τοῖς δ' ἅμα
 πολλαὶ
 ληιάδες συνέποντο μάλ' ἀχνύμεναι κατὰ θυμόν·
 αὐτοὶ δ' ἐντὸς ἴκοντο νεῶν. ἀλλ' οὐ σφισι
 Κάλχας 360
 ἔσπετ' ἐπειγομένοισιν ἔσω ἀλός, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἄλλους
 Ἀργείους κατέρυκε· Καφηρίσι γὰρ περὶ πέτρης
 δείδιεν αἶνὸν ὄλεθρον ἐπεσσύμενον Δαναοῖσιν.
 οἱ δέ οἱ οὔτι πίθοντο· παρήπαφε γὰρ νόον ἀνδρῶν
 Αἴσα κακῆ· μῦνος δὲ θεοπροπίας εὖ εἰδὼς 365
 Ἀμφίλοχος, θεὸς υἱὸς ἀμύμονος Ἀμφιαράου,
 μίμνεν ὁμῶς Κάλχαντι περίφρονι· τοῖσι γὰρ ἦεν
 αἴσιμον ἀμφοτέροισιν ἔης ἀπὸ τηλόθι γαίης
 Παμφύλων Κιλικῶν τε ποτὶ πτολίεθρα νέεσθαι.
 Ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν μετόπισθε θεοὶ θέσαν· αὐτὰρ
 Ἀχαιοὶ 370
 νηῶν πείσματ' ἔλυσαν ἀπὸ χθονὸς ἠδὲ καὶ εὐνὰς
 ἐσσυμένως ἀνάειραν· ἐπίαχε δ' Ἑλλήσποντος
 σπερχομένων· νῆες δὲ περικλύζοντο θαλάσση·
 ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρα σφίσι πολλὰ περὶ πρῶρησιν ἔκειντο
 ἔντε' ἀποκταμένων· καθύπερθε δὲ σήματα νίκης 375
 μυρὶ' ἀπῆώρηντο· κατεστέψαντο δὲ νῆας
 καὶ κεφαλὰς καὶ δοῦρα καὶ ἀσπίδας, οἷσι μάχοντο
 ἀντία δυσμενέων· ἀπὸ δὲ πρῶρηθεν ἄνακτες
 εἰς ἅλα κυανέην λείβον μέθυ πολλὰ θεοῖσιν
 εὐχόμενοι μακάρεσσιν ἀκηδέα νόστον ὀπάσσαι· 380
 εὐχῶλαι δ' ἀνέμοισι μίγεν καὶ ἀπόπροθι νηῶν
 μαψιδίως νεφέεσσι καὶ ἠέρι συμφορέοντο.
 Αἰ δ' ἄρα παπταίνεσκον ἐς Ἴλιον ἀχνύμεναι κῆρ
 ληιάδες· καὶ πολλὰ κινυρόμεναι γοάασκον

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Their wealth they laid aboard, even all the spoil
Taken, or ever unto Troy they came,
From conquered neighbour peoples; therewithal
Whatso they took from Ilium, wherein most
They joyed, for untold was the sum thereof.
And followed with them many a captive maid
With anguished heart: so went they aboard the ships.
But Calchas would not with that eager host
Launch forth; yea, he had fain withheld therefrom
All the Achaeans, for his prophet-soul
Foreboded dread destruction looming o'er
The Argives by the Rocks Capherean.
But naught they heeded him; malignant Fate
Deluded men's souls: only Amphilochus
The wise in prophet-lore, the gallant son
Of princely Amphiaraus, stayed with him.
Fated were these twain, far from their own land,
To reach Pamphylian and Cilician burgs;
And this the Gods thereafter brought to pass.

But now the Achaeans cast the hawsers loose
From shore: in haste they heaved the anchor-stones.
Roared Hellespont beneath swift-flashing oars;
Crashed the prows through the sea. About the bows
Much armour of slain foes was lying heaped:
Along the bulwarks victory-trophies hung
Countless. With garlands wreathed they all the ships,
Their heads, the spears, the shields wherewith they
had fought
Against their foes. The chiefs stood on the prows,
And poured into the dark sea once and again
Wine to the Gods, to grant them safe return.
But with the winds their prayers mixed; far away
Vainly they floated blent with cloud and air.

With anguished hearts the captive maids looked
back
On Ilium, and with sobs and moans they wailed,

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κρύβδην Ἀργείων μέγ' ἐνὶ φρεσὶ πένθος ἔχουσαι 385
καὶ ῥ' αἶ μὲν περὶ γούνατ' ἔχον χέρας· αἶ δὲ

μέτωπα

χερσὶν ἐπηρείδοντο δυσάμμορι· αἶ δ' ἄρα τέκνα¹
ἄμφεχον ἀγκοίνησι· τὰ δ' οὐπω δούλιον ἦμαρ
ἔστενον οὐδὲ πάτρης ἐπὶ πῆμασιν, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ μαζῶ
θυμὸν ἔχον· κηδέων γὰρ ἀπόπροθι νήπιον ἦτορ.
πάσησιν δ' ἐλέλυτο κόμαι καὶ στήθεα λυγρὰ 390
ἀμφ' ὀνύχεοσι δέδρυπτο· παρειῆσιν δ' ἔπι δάκρυ
αὐαλέον περὶκειτο, κατεΐβετο δ' ἄλλ' ἐφύπερθε
πυκνὸν ἀπὸ βλεφάρων· δέρκοντο δὲ τλήμονα

πάτρην

αἰθομένην ἔτι πάγχυ, πολὺν δ' ἀνὰ καπνὸν ἰόντα·
ἀμφὶ δὲ Κασσάνδρην περικυδέα παπταίνουσαι 395
πᾶσαί μιν θηεῦντο θεοπροπίης ἀλεγεινῆς
μνωόμεναι· ἢ δέ σφιν ἐπεγγελάασκε γοώσαις,
καίπερ ἀκηχεμένη στυγεροῖς ἐπὶ πῆμασι πάτρης.

Τρώων δ' ὅσσοι ἄλυξαν ἀνηλέος ἐκ πολέμοιο,
ἀγρόμενοι κατὰ ἄστυ περὶ νέκυας πονέοντο 400
θαπτόμεναι μεμαῶτες· ἄγειν δ' ἀλεγεινὸν ἐς ἔργον
Ἀντήνωρ· αὐτὴν δὲ πυρὴν πολέεσσι τίθεντο.

Ἀργεῖοι δ' ἄλληκτον ἐνὶ φρεσὶ καγχαλόωντες
ἄλλοτε μὲν κώπησι διέπρησσαν μέλαν ὕδωρ,
ἄλλοτε δ' ἰστία νηυσὶ μεμαότες ἐντύνοντο 405
ἔσσυμένως· ὀπίσω δὲ θοῶς ἀπελείπετο πᾶσα
Δαρδανίη καὶ τύμβος Ἀχιλλέος· οἱ δ' ἀνὰ θυμὸν
καίπερ ἰαινόμενοι κταμένων μνησθέντες ἐταίρων
ἀργαλέως ἀκάχοντο καὶ ἀλλοδαπῶν ἐπὶ γαίαν
ὅσσε βάλον· ἢ δέ σφιν ἐφαίνετο τηλόθι νηῶν 410
χαζομένη· τοὶ δ' αἰψα παρ' ἀγχιάλιοιο φέροντο
ῥηγμίνας Τενέδοιο· παρημείβοντο δὲ Χρῦσαν
καὶ Φοίβου Σμινθῆος ἔδος ζαθείοιό τε Κίλλης·

¹ Verse supplied by Zimmerman, ex P.

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Striving to hide their grief from Argive eyes.
Clasping their knees some sat ; in misery some
Veiled with their hands their faces ; others nursed
Young children in their arms : those innocents
Not yet bewailed their day of bondage, nor
Their country's ruin ; all their thoughts were set
On comfort of the breast, for the babe's heart
Hath none affinity with sorrow. All
Sat with unbraided hair and pitiful breasts
Scored with their fingers. On their cheeks there lay
Stains of dried tears, and streamed thereover now
Fresh tears full fast, as still they gazed aback
On the lost hapless home, wherefrom yet rose
The flames, and o'er it writhed the rolling smoke.
Now on Cassandra marvelling they gazed,
Calling to mind her prophecy of doom ;
But at their tears she laughed in bitter scorn,
In anguish for the ruin of her land.

Such Trojans as had 'scaped from pitiless war
Gathered to render now the burial-dues
Unto their city's slain. Antenor led
To that sad work : one pyre for all they raised.

But laughed with triumphing hearts the Argive
men,
As now with oars they swept o'er dark sea-ways,
Now hastily hoised the sails high o'er the ships,
And fleted fast astern Dardania-land,
And Hero Achilles' tomb. But now their hearts,
How blithe soe'er, remembered comrades slain,
And sorely grieved, and wistfully they looked
Back to the alien's land ; it seemed to them
Aye sliding farther from their ships. Full soon
By Tenedos' beaches slipt they : now they ran
By Chrysa, Sminthian Phoebus' holy place,
And hallowed Cilla. Far away were glimpsed

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Λέσβος δ' ἠνεμόεσσ' ἀνεφαίνετο· κάμπτετο δ'
ἄκρη

ἔσσυμένως Λεκτοῖο, τόθι ρίον ὕστατον Ἰδης. 415

λαίφεα δὲ πρησθέντα περίαχεν· ἀμφὶ δὲ πρῶραις
ἔβραχεν οἶδμα κελαινόν· ἐπεσκιόωντο δὲ μακρὰ
κύματα· λευκαίνοντο δ' ὑπὲρ πόντοιο κέλευθοι.

Καὶ νύ κεν Ἀργεῖοι κίον Ἑλλάδος ἱερὸν οὐδας
πάντες ἀλὸς κατὰ βένθος ἀκηδέες, εἰ μὴ ἄρα σφι 420

κούρη ἐριγδούποιο Διὸς νεμέσησεν Ἀθήνη·

καὶ ῥ' ὀπότ' Εὐβοίης σχεδὸν ἤλυθον ἠνεμοέσσης,
δὴ τότε μητιόωσα βαρὺν καὶ ἀνηλέα πότμον

ἀμφὶ Λοκρῶν βασιλῆι καὶ ἄσχετον ἀσχαλώωσα
Ζηνὶ θεῶν μεδέοντι παρισταμένη φάτο μῦθον 425

ἀθανάτων ἀπάνευθε· χόλον δέ οἱ οὐ χάδε θυμός·

“Ζεῦ πάτερ, οὐκέτ' ἀνεκτὰ θεοῖς ἐπιμηχανόωνται
ἀνέρες, οὐκ ἀλέγοντες ἀνὰ φρένας οὔτε σεῦ αὐτοῦ

οὔτ' ἄλλων μακάρων, ἐπεὶ ἦ τίσις οὐκέτ' ὀπηδεῖ
ἀνδράσι λευγαλέοισι, κακοῦ δ' ἄρα πολλάκις

ἔσθλός 430

συμφέρετ' ἄλγεσι μᾶλλον, ἔχει δ' ἄλληκτον οἰζύν·
τοῦνεκ' ἄρ' οὔτε δίκην τις ἔθ' ἄζεται, οὐδέ τις

αἰδὼς

ἔστι παρ' ἀνθρώποισιν· ἔγωγε μὲν οὔτ' ἐν
Ὀλύμπῳ

ἔσομαι, οὔτ' ἔτι σεῖο κεκλήσομαι, εἰ μὴ Ἀχαιῶν
τίσομ' ἀτασθαλίην, ἐπεὶ ἦ νύ μοι ἔνδοθι νηοῦ 435

υἱὸς Ὀϊλῆος μέγ' ἐνήλιπεν, οὐδ' ἐλέαιρε

Κασσάνδρην ὀρέγουσαν ἀκηδέας εἰς ἐμὲ χεῖρας

πολλάκις, οὐδ' ὃ γ' ἔδεισεν ἐμὸν μένος, οὐδέ τι
θυμῷ

ἠδέσατ' ἀθανάτην, ἀλλ' ἄσχετον ἔργον ἔρεξε.

τῷ νύ μοι ἀμβροσίησι περὶ φρεσὶ μή τι μεγήρης 440

ρέξαι, ὅπως μοι θυμὸς ἐέλδεται, ὄφρα καὶ ἄλλοι

αἰζηοὶ τρομέωσι θεῶν ἀρίδηλον ὀμοκλήν.”

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The windy heights of Lesbos. Rounded now
Was Lecton's foreland, where is the last peak
Of Ida. In the sails loud hummed the wind,
Crashed round the prows the dark surge: the long
waves

Showed shadowy hollows, far the white wake gleamed.

Now had the Argives all to the hallowed soil
Of Hellas won, by perils of the deep
Unscathed, but for Athena Daughter of Zeus
The Thunderer, and her indignation's wrath.
When nigh Euboea's windy heights they drew,
She rose, in anger unappeasable

Against the Locrian king, devising doom
Crushing and pitiless, and drew nigh to Zeus
Lord of the Gods, and spake to him apart
In wrath that in her breast would not be pent:

"Zeus, Father, unendurable of Gods
Is men's presumption! They reckon not of thee,
Of none of the Blessed reckon they, forasmuch
As vengeance followeth after sin no more;
And oftentimes more afflicted are good men
Than evil, and their misery hath no end.

Therefore no man regardeth justice: shame
Lives not with men! And I, I will not dwell
Hereafter in Olympus, not be named

Thy daughter, if I may not be avenged
On the Achaeans' reckless sin! Behold,
Within my very temple Oileus' son
Hath wrought iniquity, hath pitied not
Cassandra stretching unregarded hands
Once and again to me; nor did he dread
My might, nor revered in his wicked heart
The Immortal, but a deed intolerable

He did. Therefore let not thy spirit divine
Begrudge mine heart's desire, that so all men
May quake before the manifest wrath of Gods."

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Ὡς φασμένην προσέειπε πατὴρ ἀγανοῖς ἐπέ-
εσσιν·

“ὦ τέκος, οὔτι ἔγωγ’ ἀνθίσταμαι εἶνεκ’ Ἀχαιῶν,
ἀλλὰ καὶ ἔντεα πάντα, τά μοι πάρος ἦρα φέ-
ροντες

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χερσὶν ὑπ’ ἀκαμάτησιν ἐτεκτῆναντο Κύκλωπες
δώσω ἐέλδομένη· σὺ δὲ σῶ κρατερόφρονι θυμῷ
αὐτὴ χεῖμ’ ἀλεγεινὸν ἐπ’ Ἀργείοισιν ὄρινον.”

Ὡς εἰπὼν στεροπήν τε θοὴν ὀλοῦν τε κεραυνοῦν
καὶ βροντὴν στουόεσσαν ἀταρβέος ἀγχόθι κούρης 450
θήκατο· τῆς δ’ ἄρα θυμὸς ὑπὸ κραδίῃ μέγ’ ἰάνθη.
αὐτίκα δ’ αἰγίδα θοῦριν ἐδύσατο παμφανόωσαν,
ἄρρηκτον βριαρὴν τε καὶ ἀθανάτοισιν ἀγητὴν·
ἐν γάρ οἱ πεπόνητο κάρη βλοσυροῖο Μεδούσης
σμερδαλέον· κρατεροὶ δὲ καὶ ἀκαμάτου πυρὸς
ὄρμην

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λάβρον ἀποπνεύοντες ἔσαν καθύπερθε δράκοντες·
ἔβραχε δ’ αἰγίς ἅπασα περὶ στήθεσσιν ἀνάσσης,
οἷον ὅτε στεροπῆσιν ἐπιβρέμει ἄσπετος αἰθήρ.
λάζετο δ’ ἔντεα πατρός, ἅπερ θεὸς οὔτις αἰερεῖ
νόσφι Διὸς μεγάλοιο· τίναξε δὲ μακρὸν Ὀλυμπον· 460
σὺν δ’ ἔχεεν νεφέλας τε καὶ ἡέρα πᾶσαν ὑπερθε·
νύξ δ’ ἐχύθη περὶ γαῖαν, ἐπήχλυσεν δὲ θάλασσα·
Ζεὺς δὲ μέγ’ εἰσορόων ἐπετέρπετο· κίνυτο δ’ εὐρύς
οὐρανὸς ἀμφὶ πόδεσσι θεῆς· περὶ δ’ ἔβραχεν αἰθήρ,
ὡς Διὸς ἀκαμάτοιο ποτὶ κλόνον ἐμμεμαῶτος.

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ἢ δ’ ἄφαρ ἠερόεντος ὑπὲρ πόντοιο φέρεσθαι
οὐρανόθεν προέηκεν ἐς Αἴολον ἄμβροτον Ἴριν,
ὄφρ’ ἀνέμους ἅμα πάντα ἐπιβρίσαντας ἰάλλη
ἐλθέμεναι κραναοῖο Καφηρέος ἐγγύθεν ἄκρων¹
νωλεμέως χριμφθέντας, ἀνοιδῆναί τε θάλασσαν, 470
λευγαλέης ριπῆσι μεμνηότας· ἢ δ’ αἴουσα
ἔσσυμένως οἴμησε περιγναμφθεῖσα νέφεσσι

¹ Zimmermann, for ἔνθεν Ἀχαιῶν of MSS.

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Answered the Sire with heart-assuaging words :
“Child, not for the Argives’ sake withstand I
thee ;

But all mine armoury which the Cyclops’ might
To win my favour wrought with tireless hands,
To thy desire I give. O strong heart, hurl
A ruining storm thyself on the Argive fleet.”

Then down before the aweless Maid he cast
Swift lightning, thunder, and deadly thunderbolt ;
And her heart leapt, and gladdened was her soul.
She donned the stormy Aegis flashing far,
Adamantine, massy, a marvel to the Gods,
Whereon was wrought Medusa’s ghastly head,
Fearful : strong serpents breathing forth the blast
Of ravening fire were on the face thereof.
Crashed on the Queen’s breast all the Aegis-links,
As after lightning crashes the firmament.
Then grasped she her father’s weapons, which
no God

Save Zeus can lift, and wide Olympus shook.
Then swept she clouds and mist together on high ;
Night over earth was poured, haze o’er the sea.
Zeus watched, and was right glad as broad heaven’s
floor

Rocked ’neath the Goddess’s feet, and crashed the
sky,

As though invincible Zeus rushed forth to war.
Then sped she Iris unto Aeolus,
From heaven far-flying over misty seas,
To bid him send forth all his buffeting winds
O’er iron-bound Caphereus’ cliffs to sweep
Ceaselessly, and with ruin of madding blasts
To upheave the sea. And Iris heard, and swift
She darted, through cloud-billows plunging down—

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φαίης κεν πῦρ ἔμμεν ἄμ' ἠέρι καὶ μέλαν ὕδωρ.
 ἵκετο δ' Αἰολίην, ἀνέμων ὄθι λάβρον ἀέντων
 ἄντρα πέλει στυφελῆσιν ἀρηράμεν' ἀμφὶ πέτρῃσι 475
 κοίλα καὶ ἠχῆεντα· δόμοι δ' ἄγχιστα πέλονται
 Αἰόλου Ἰπποτάδαο. κίχεν δέ μιν ἔνδον ἔοντα
 σὺν τ' ἀλόχῳ καὶ παισὶ δυώδεκα· καὶ οἱ ἔειπεν,
 ὀππὸς' Ἀθηναίῃ Δαναῶν ἐπεμήδετο νόστῳ.
 αὐτὰρ ὃ γ' οὐκ ἀπίθησε, μολῶν δ' ἔκτοσθε μελά-
 θρων 480

χερσὶν ὑπ' ἀκαμάτησιν ὄρος μέγα τύψε τριαίνῃ,
 ἔνθ' ἀνεμοὶ κελαδεῖνὰ δυσηχέες ἠυλίζοντο
 ἐν κενεῷ κευθμῶνι· περίαχε δ' αἰὲν ἰωῇ
 βρυχομένη ἀλεγεινά· βίῃ δ' ἔρρηξε κολώνῃν.
 οἱ δ' ἄφαρ ἐξεχέοντο· κέλευσε δὲ πάντας ἐρεμνῆν 485
 λαίλαπα συμφορέοντας ἀήμεναι, ὄφρ' ἀλεγεινὸν
 ὀρτυμένης ἀλὸς οἶδμα Καφηρέος ἄκρα καλύψῃ.
 οἱ δὲ θοῶς ὄρτυντο πάρος βασιλῆος ἀκοῦσαι
 πᾶν ἔπος· ἐσσυμένοισι δ' ἐπεστενάχιζε θάλασσα
 ἄσχετον· ἠλιβάτοισι δ' εἰκότα κύματ' ὄρεσσιν 490
 ἄλλοθεν ἄλλα φέροντο. κατεκλάσθη δ' ἄρ'
 Ἀχαιῶν

θυμὸς ἐνὶ στέρνοισιν, ἐπεὶ νέας ἄλλοτε μὲν που
 ὑψηλὸν φέρε κῦμα δι' ἠέρος, ἄλλοτε δ' αὐτε
 οἶα κατὰ κρημνοῖο κυλινδομένας φορέεσκε
 βυσσὸν ἐς ἠερόεντα· βίῃ δέ τις ἄσχετος αἰεὶ 495
 ψίμμον ἀναβλύζεσκε διοιγομένοιο κλύδωνος.
 οἱ δ' ἄρ' ἀμηχανίῃ βεβολημένοι οὔτ' ἐπ' ἐρετμῷ
 χεῖρα βαλεῖν ἐδύναντο τεθηπότες οὔτ' ἄρα λαίφῃ
 ἔσθενον ἀμφὶ κέρα λελημένοι εἰρύσασθαι
 ῥηγνύμεν' ἐξ ἀνέμων, οὐδ' ἔμπαλιν ἰθύνασθαι 500
 ἐς πλόον· ἀργαλαίαι γὰρ ἐπεκλονέοντο θύελλαι·
 οὐδὲ κυβερνήτησι πέλεν μένος εἰσέτι νηῶν
 χερσὶν ἐπισταμένῃσι θοῶς οἰήϊα νωμᾶν·

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Thou hadst said: "Lo, in the sky dark water and
fire!"

And to Aeolia came she, isle of caves,
Of echoing dungeons of mad-raging winds
With rugged ribs of mountain overarched,
Whereby the mansion stands of Aeolus
Hippotas' son. Him found she therewithin
With wife and twelve sons; and she told to him
Athena's purpose toward the homeward-bound
Achaeans. He denied her not, but passed
Forth of his halls, and in resistless hands
Upswung his trident, smiting the mountain-side
Within whose chasm-cell the wild winds dwelt
Tempestuously shrieking. Ever pealed
Weird roarings of their voices round its vaults.
Cleft by his might was the hill-side; forth they
poured.

He bade them on their wings bear blackest storm
To upheave the sea, and shroud Caphereus' heights.
Swiftly upsprang they, ere their king's command
Was fully spoken. Mightily moaned the sea
As they rushed o'er it; waves like mountain-cliffs
From all sides were uprolled. The Achaeans' hearts
Were terror-palsied, as the uptowering surge
Now swung the ships up high through palling mist,
Now hurled them rolled as down a precipice
To dark abysses. Up through yawning deeps
Some power resistless belched the boiling sand
From the sea's floor. Tossed in despair, fear-dazed,
Men could not grasp the oar, nor reef the sail
About the yard-arm, howsoever fain,
Ere the winds rent it, could not with the sheets
Trim the torn canvas, buffeted so were they
By ruining blasts. The helmsman had no power
To guide the rudder with his practised hands,
For those ill winds hurled all confusedly.

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πάντα γὰρ ἄλλυδις ἄλλα κακαὶ διέχευον ἄελλαι.
οὐδέ τις ἐλπωρὴ βιότου πέλεν, οὔνεκ' ἐρεμνὴ 505
νύξ ἅμα καὶ μέγα χεῖμα καὶ ἀθανάτων χόλος αἰνὸς
ᾧρτο· Ποσειδάων γὰρ ἀνηλέα πόντον ὄρινεν
ἦρα κασιγνήτοιο φέρων ἐρικυδέϊ κούρη,
ἦ ῥα καὶ αὐτὴ ὑπερθεν ἀμείλιχα μαιμώωσα
θῦνε μετ' ἀστεροπῆσιν· ἐπέκτυπε δ' οὐρανόθεν
Ζεὺς 510

κυδαίνων ἀνὰ θυμὸν ἐὼν τέκος, ἀμφὶ δὲ πᾶσαι
νῆσοί τ' ἠπειροὶ τε κατεκλύζοντο θαλάσση
Εὐβοίης οὐ πολλὸν ἀπόπροθεν, ἦχι μάλιστα
τεῦχεν ἀμειλίκοισιν ἐπ' ἄλγεσιν ἄλγεα δαίμων
'Αργείοις. στοναχὴ δὲ καὶ οἰμωγὴ κατὰ νῆας 515
ἔπλετ' ἀπολλυμένων· κανάχιζε δὲ δούρατα νηῶν
ἀγνυμένων· αἶ γάρ ῥα συνωχαδὸν ἀλλήλησιν
αἰὲν ἐπερρήγνυντο· πόνος δ' ἀπρηκτος ὀρώρει·
καὶ ῥ' οἱ μὲν κώπησιν ἀπωσέμεναι μεμαῶτες
νῆας ἐπεσσυμένας αὐτοῖς ἅμα δούρασι λυγροὶ 520
κάππεσον ἐς μέγα βένθος, ἀμειλίκτῳ δ' ὑπὸ
πότμῳ
κάτθανον, οὔνεκ' ἄρα σφιν ἐπέχραον ἄλλοθεν
ἄλλα

νηῶν δούρατα μακρὰ· συνηλοίηντο δὲ πάντων
σώματα λευγαλέως· οἱ δ' ἐν νήεσσι πεσόντες
κείντο καταφθιμένοισιν ἐοικότες· οἱ δ' ὑπ' ἀνάγκης 525
νήχοντ' ἀμφιπεσόντες εὐξέστοισιν ἐρετμοῖς·
ἄλλοι δ' αὖ σανίδεσσιν ἐπέπλεον· ἔβραχε δ' ἄλμη
βυσσόθεν, ὥστε θάλασσαν ἰδ' οὐρανὸν ἠδὲ καὶ αἶαν
φαίνεσθ' ἀλλήλοισιν ὁμῶς συναρηρότα πάντα.

Ἡ δ' ἄρ' ἀπ' Οὐλύμποιο βα ὑκτυπος Ἄτρυ-
τώνη 530
οὔτι καταισχύνεσκε βίην πατρός· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ'
αἰθῆρ

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No hope of life was left them : blackest night,
Fury of tempest, wrath of deathless Gods,
Raged round them. Still Poseidon heaved and
swung

The merciless sea, to work the heart's desire
Of his brother's glorious child ; and she on high
Stormed with her lightnings, ruthless in her rage.
Thundered from heaven Zeus, in purpose fixed
To glorify his daughter. All the isles
And mainlands round were lashed by leaping seas
Nigh to Euboea, where the Power divine
Scourged most with unrelenting stroke on stroke
The Argives. Groan and shriek of perishing men
Rang through the ships ; started great beams and
snapped

With ominous sound, for ever ship on ship
With shivering timbers crashed. With hopeless toil
Men strained with oars to thrust back hulls that
reeled

Down on their own, but with the shattered planks
Were hurled into the abyss, to perish there
By pitiless doom ; for beams of foundering ships
From this, from that side battered out their lives,
And crushed were all their bodies wretchedly.
Some in the ships fell down, and like dead men
Lay there ; some, in the grip of destiny,
Clinging to oars smooth-shaven, tried to swim ;
Some upon planks were tossing. Roared the surge
From fathomless depths : it seemed as though sea,
sky,

And land were blended all confusedly.

Still from Olympus thundering Atrytone
Wielded her Father's power unshamed, and still

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ἴαχεν. ἢ δ' Αἴαντι χόλον καὶ πῆμα φέρουσα
 ἔμβαλε νηὶ κεραυνόν· ἄφαρ δέ μιν ἄλλυδις ἄλλη
 ἔσκέδασεν διὰ τυτθά· περίαχε δ' αἶα καὶ αἰθήρ·
 ἐκλύσθη δ' ἄρα πᾶσα περίδρομος Ἀμφιτρίτη. 535
 οἱ δ' ἔκτοσθε νεὸς πέσον ἀθρόοι· ἀμφὶ δ' ἄρ'
 αὐτοὺς

κύματα μακρὰ φέροντο· περὶ στεροπῆσι δ' ἀ-
 νάσσης

αἴγλη μαρμαίρεσκε διὰ κνέφας αἴσσοι·
 οἱ δ' ἄποτον λάπτουντες ἀλὸς πολυηχέος ἄλμην
 θυμὸν ἀποπνεύοντες ὑπὲρ πόντοιο φέροντο. 540

Ληϊάσιν δ' ἄρα χάρμα καὶ ὀλλυμένῃσι τέτυκτο·
 καὶ ῥ' αἰ μὲν κατέδυσαν ἔσω ἀλὸς ἀμφιβαλοῦσαι
 χεῖρας ἐοῖς τεκέεσσι δυσάμμοροι· αἰ δ' ἀλεγεινὰ
 δυσμενέων περὶ κρᾶτα βάλον χέρας, οἷς ἅμα
 λυγρὰ

σπεῦδον ἀποφθίσασθαι ἐῆς ἀντάξια λώβης 545
 τινύμεναι Δαναούς· ἢ δ' ὑψόθεν εἰσορόωσα
 τέρπεθ' ἔδν κατὰ θυμὸν ἀγαυὴ Τριτογένεια.

Αἴας δ' ἄλλοτε μὲν περινήχeto δούρατι νηός,
 ἄλλοτε δ' αὖ χεῖρεσσι διήνυεν ἀλμυρὰ βένθη
 ἀκαμάτῳ Τιτῆνι βίην ὑπέροπλον ἐοικώς· 550

σχίζετο δ' ἀλμυρὸν οἶδμα περὶ κρατερῆσι χέρεσιν
 ἀνδρὸς ὑπερθύμοιο· θεοὶ δέ μιν εἰσορόωντες
 ἠνορέην καὶ κάρτος ἐθάμβεον· ἀμφὶ δὲ κῦμα
 ἄλλοτε μὲν φορέεσκε πελώριον ἢ ὕτ' ἐπ' ἄκρην
 οὔρεος ὑψηλοῖο δι' ἠέρος, ἄλλοτε δ' αὖτε 555

ὑψόθεν οἶα φάραγξιν ἐνέκρυφεν· οὐδ' ὅ γε χεῖρας
 κάμνε πολυτλήτους· πολλοὶ γε μὲν ἔνθα καὶ ἔνθα
 σβεννύμενοι σμαράγιζον ἔσω πόντοιο κεραυνοί·
 οὔπω γάρ οἱ θυμὸν ἐμήδετο κηρὶ δαμάσσαι

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The welkin shrieked around. Her ruin of wrath
Now upon Aias hurled she : on his ship
Dashed she a thunderbolt, and shivered it
Wide in a moment into fragments small,
While earth and air yelled o'er the wreck, and
whirled

And plunged and fell the whole sea down thereon.
They in the ship were all together flung
Forth : all about them swept the giant waves,
Round them leapt lightnings flaming through the
dark.

Choked with the strangling surf of hissing brine,
Gasping out life, they drifted o'er the sea.

But even in death those captive maids rejoiced,
As some ill-starred ones, clasping to their breasts
Their babes, sank in the sea ; some flung their arms
Round Danaans' horror-stricken heads, and dragged
These down with them, so rendering to their foes
Requital for foul outrage down to them.

And from on high the haughty Triton-born
Looked down on all this, and her heart was glad.

But Aias floated now on a galley's plank,
Now through the brine with strong hands oared his
path,

Like some old Titan in his tireless might.

Cleft was the salt sea-surge by the sinewy hands
Of that undaunted man : the Gods beheld

And marvelled at his courage and his strength.

But now the billows swung him up on high

Through misty air, as though to a mountain's peak,

Now whelmed him down, as they would bury him

In ravening whirlpits : yet his stubborn hands

Toiled on unwearied. Aye to right and left

Flashed lightnings down, and quenched them in the
sea ;

For not yet was the Child of Thunderer Zeus

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κούρη ἐριγδούποιο Διὸς μάλα περ κοτέουσα, 560
 πρὶν τλῆναι κακὰ πολλὰ καὶ ἄλγεσι πάγχυ
 μογῆσαι·

τοῦνεκά μιν κατὰ βένθος ἐδάμνατο δηρὸν οἰζὺς
 πάντοθε τειρόμενον· περὶ γὰρ κακὰ μυρία Κῆρες
 ἀνδρὶ περιστήσαντο· μένος δ' ἐνέπνευσεν ἀνάγκη·
 φῆ δέ, καὶ εἰ μάλα πάντες Ὀλύμπιοι εἰς ἐν
 ἴκωνται 565

χωόμενοι καὶ πᾶσαν ἀναστήσωσι θάλασσαν
 ἐκφυγέειν· ἀλλ' οὔτι θεῶν ὑπάλυξεν ὀμοκλήν·
 δὴ γάρ οἱ νεμέσησεν ὑπέρβιος Ἐννοσίγαιος,
 εὖτέ μιν εἰσενόησεν ἐφαπτόμενον χερὶ πέτρης
 Γυραίης, καὶ οἱ μέγ' ἐχώσατο· σὺν δ' ἐτίναξε 570

πόντου ὁμῶς καὶ γαῖαν ἀπείριτον· ἀμφὶ δὲ πάντη
 κρημνοὶ ὑπεκλονέοντο Καφηρέος· αἱ δ' ἀλεγεινὸν
 θεινόμεναι ῥηγμῖνες ἐπέβραχον οἴδματι λάβρω
 χωομένοιο ἀνακτος· ἀπέσχισε δ' εἰς ἄλα πέτρον
 εὐρέα, τοῦ περ ἐκείνος ἐῆς ἐπεμαίετο χερσί. 575

καὶ ῥά οἱ ἀμφὶ πάγοισιν ἐλισσομένου μάλα δηρὸν
 χεῖρες ἀπεδρύφθησαν, ὑπέδραμε δ' αἰμ' ὀνύχεσσι·
 μορμύρον δέ οἱ αἰὲν ὀρινομένου περὶ κῦμα
 ἀφρὸς ἄδην λεύκαινε κάρη λάσιόν τε γένειον·
 καὶ νύ κεν ἐξήλυξε κακὸν μόρον, εἰ μὴ ἄρ' αὐτῶ 580

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ῥήξας γαῖαν ἔνερθεν ἐπιπροέηκε κολώνην·
 εὖτε πάρος μεγάλοιο κατ' Ἐγκελάδοιο δαΐφρων
 Παλλὰς ἀειραμένη Σικελὴν ἐπικάββαλε νῆσον,
 ἣ ῥ' ἔτι καίεται αἰὲν ὑπ' ἀκαμάτοιο Γίγαντος
 αἰθαλόεν πνεύοντος ἔσω χθονός· ὥς ἄρα Λοκρῶν 585
 ἀμφεκάλυψεν ἀνακτα δυσάμμορον οὔρεος ἄκρη
 ὑψόθεν ἐξεριποῦσα, βάρυνε δὲ καρτερόν ἀνδρα·

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Purposed to smite him dead, despite her wrath,
Ere he had drained the cup of travail and pain
Down to the dregs; so in the deep long time
Affliction wore him down, tormented sore
On every side. Grim Fates stood round the man
Unnumbered; yet despair still kindled strength.
He cried: "Though all the Olympians banded
come

In wrath, and rouse against me all the sea,
I will escape them!" But no whit did he
Elude the Gods' wrath; for the Shaker of Earth
In fierceness of his indignation marked
Where his hands clung to the Gyraean Rock,
And in stern anger with an earthquake shook
Both sea and land. Around on all sides crashed
Caphereus' cliffs: beneath the Sea-king's wrath
The surf-tormented beaches shrieked and roared.
The broad crag rifted reeled into the sea,
The rock whereto his desperate hands had clung;
Yet did he writhe up round its jutting spurs,
While flayed his hands were, and from 'neath his
nails

The blood ran. Wrestling with him roared the
waves,

And the foam whitened all his hair and beard.

Yet had he 'scaped perchance his evil doom,
Had not Poseidon, wroth with his hardihood,
Cleaving the earth, hurled down the chasm the rock,
As in the old time Pallas heaved on high
Sicily, and on huge Enceladus
Dashed down the isle, which burns with the burning
yet

Of that immortal giant, as he breathes
Fire underground; so did the mountain-crag,
Hurled from on high, bury the Locrian king,
Pinning the strong man down, a wretch crushed flat.

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ἀμφὶ δέ μιν θανάτοιο μέλας ἐκιχήσατ' ὄλεθρος
γαίῃ ὁμῶς δμηθέντα καὶ ἀτρυγέτῳ ἐνὶ πόντῳ.

Ὡς δὲ καὶ ἄλλοι Ἀχαιοὶ ὑπὲρ μέγα λαῖτμα
φέροντο,

590

οἱ μὲν ἄρ' ἐν νήεσσι τεθηπότες, οἱ δὲ πεσόντες
ἔκτοσθεν νηῶν· ὅλοη δ' ἔχε πάντας οἰζύς·

αἱ μὲν γὰρ φορέοντ' ἐπικάρσiai εἰν ἀλὶ νῆες,
ἄλλαι δ' ἀνστρέψασαι ἄνω τρόπιν· ὧν δέ που
ἱστοὶ

ἐκ δοράτων¹ ἐάγησαν ἐπισπέρχοντος ἀήτεω·

595

τῶν δὲ διὰ ξύλα πάντα θοαὶ σκεδάσαντο θύελλαι·

αἱ δὲ καὶ ἐς μέγα βένθος ὑποβρύχiai κατέδυσαν

ὄμβρου ἐπιβρίσαντος ἀπείρονος, οὐδ' ὑπέμειναν

λάβρον ὁμῶς ἀνέμοισι θαλάσσης καὶ Διὸς ὕδωρ

μισγόμενον· ποταμῷ γὰρ ἀλίγκιος ἔρρεεν αἰθήρ

600

συνεχές· ἢ δ' ὑπένερθεν ἐμαίνεται διὰ θάλασσα·

καὶ τις ἔφη· “τάχα τοῖον ἐπέχραεν ἀνδράσι
χεῖμα,

ὀππότε Δευκαλίωνος ἀθέσφατος ἕτερος ἦλθε,

ποντώθη δ' ἄρα γαῖα, βυθὸς δ' ἐπεχεύατο πάντη.”

Ὡς ἄρ' ἔφη Δαναῶν τις ἐνὶ φρεσὶ χεῖμα τε-
θηπῶς

605

λευγαλέον· πολλοὶ δὲ κατέφθιθεν· ἀμφὶ δὲ νεκρῶν

πλήθεθ' ἀλὸς μέγα χεῦμα, περιστείνοντο δὲ πᾶσαι

ἠιόνες· πολέας γὰρ ἀπέπτυσσε κῦμ' ἐπὶ χέρσον·

ἀμφὶ δὲ νῆια δοῦρα βαρύβρομον Ἀμφιτρίτην

πᾶσαν ἄδην ἐκάλυψε· μέσον δ' ἀνεφαίνεται κῦμα.

610

ἄλλοι δ' ἄλλην κῆρα κακὴν λάχον· οἱ μὲν ἀν'
εὐρὺν

πόντον ὀρινομένης ἀλὸς ἄσχετον, οἱ δ' ἐνὶ πέτρης

ἄξαντες περὶ νῆας οἰζυρῶς ἀπόλοντο

Ναυπλίου ἐννεσίησιν· ὁ γὰρ κοτέων μάλα παιδὸς

¹ Zimmermann, for κερᾶτων οἱ v.

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And so on him death's black destruction came
Whom land and sea alike were leagued to slay.

Still over the great deep were swept the rest
Of those Achaeans, crouching terror-dazed
Down in the ships, save those that mid the waves
Had fallen. Misery encompassed all;
For some with heavily-plunging prows drave on,
With keels upturned some drifted. Here were
masts

Snapped from the hull by rushing gusts, and there
Were tempest-rifted wrecks of scattered beams;
And some had sunk, whelmed in the mighty deep,
Swamped by the torrent downpour from the clouds:
For these endured not madness of wind-tossed sea
Leagued with heaven's waterspout; for streamed
the sky

Ceaselessly like a river, while the deep
Raved round them. And one cried: "Such floods
on men

Fell only when Deucalion's deluge came,
When earth was drowned, and all was fathomless
sea!"

So cried a Danaan, seeing soul-appalled
That wild storm. Thousands perished; corpses
thronged

The great sea-highways: all the beaches were
Too strait for them: the surf belched multitudes
Forth on the land. The heavy-booming sea
With weltering beams of ships was wholly paved,
And here and there the grey waves gleamed
between.

So found they each his several evil fate,
Some whelmed beneath broad-rushing billows, some
Wretchedly perishing with their shattered ships
By Nauplius' devising on the rocks.
Wroth for that son whom they had done to death,

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χείματος ὀρτυμένοιο καὶ ὀλλυμένων Ἀργείων 615
 καίπερ ἀκηχέμενος μέγ' ἐγήθεεν, οὔνεκ' ἄρ' αὐτῷ
 δῶκε τίσιν θεὸς αἴψα καὶ ἔδρακεν ἐχθρὸν ὄμιλον
 τειρόμενον κατὰ βένθος, ἐῷ δ' ἄρα πολλὰ τοκῆι
 εὐχεσθ' ὁμῶς νήεσσι ὑπόβρυχα πάντα ὀλέσθαι.
 τοῦ δὲ Ποσειδάων μάλ' ἐπέκλυεν, ἄγχι δὲ
 πάντα¹ 620

ἄμ² μέλαν οἶδμα φέρεσκεν· ὁ δ' οὐρεὺς ὡς³ χερὶ
 πεύκην

αἰθομένην ἀνάειρε· δόλω δ' ἐπέλασσεν Ἀχαιοὺς
 ἐλπομένους εὐορμον ἔδος λιμένων ἀφικέσθαι·
 αἰνῶς γὰρ πέτρῃσι περὶ στυφελῆσι δάμησαν
 αὐτῆς σὺν νήεσσι· κακῷ δ' ἐπι κύντερον ἄλγος 625
 τλήσαν ἀνιηρῆσι προσαγνύμενοι περὶ πέτρῃς

νυκτὶ θοῇ· παῦροι δὲ φύγον μόρον, οὓς τ' ἐσάωσεν
 ἢ θεὸς ἢ δαίμων τις ἐπίρροθος· αὐτὰρ Ἀθήνη
 ἄλλοτε μὲν θυμῷ μέγ' ἐγήθεεν, ἄλλοτε δ' αὐτε
 ἄχρυτ' Ὀδυσσῆος πιτυτόφρονος, οὔνεκ' ἔμελλε 630
 πάσχειν ἄλγεα πολλὰ Ποσειδάωνος ὀμοκλή,

ὅς ῥα τότε ἀκαμάτησι περὶ φρεσὶ πάγχυ μεγαίρων
 τείχεσι καὶ πύργοισιν εὐσθενέων Ἀργείων,
 οὓς ἔκαμον Τρώων στυγερῆς ἔμεν ἄλκαρ αὐτῆς,
 ἐσσυμένως μάλα πᾶσαν ἀνεπλήμμυρε θάλασσαν, 635
 ὅσση ἀπ' Εὐξείνοιο κατέρχεται Ἑλλήσποντον,

καί μιν ἐπ' ἠϊόνας Τροίης βάλεν· ἕε δ' ὑπερθε
 Ζεὺς ἐπίηρα φέρων ἐρικυδέϊ Ἐννοσιγαίῳ·
 οὐ μὴν οὐδ' Ἐκάεργος ἄτερ καμάτοιο τέτυκτο,
 ἀλλ' ἄρ' ἀπ' Ἰδαίων ὀρέων μάλα πάντα ῥέεθρα 640
 εἰς ἓνα χῶρον ἄγεσκε, κατέκλυσε δ' ἔργον Ἀχαιῶν·

ἐκλύσθη δὲ θάλασσα καὶ εἰσέτ' ἴσαν⁴ κελάδοντες

¹ Zimmermann's reading. ² Zimmermann, for ἄψ of ν.

³ Zimmermann, for ἀψάμενος of Koechly.

⁴ Zimmermann, καὶ τόσση δ. θ. κ. εἰσέτι of MSS.

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He; when the storm rose and the Argives died,
Rejoiced amid his sorrow, seeing a God
Gave to his hands revenge, which now he wreaked
Upon the host he hated, as o'er the deep
They tossed sore-harassed. To his sea-god sire
He prayed that all might perish, ships and men
Whelmed in the deep. Poseidon heard his prayer,
And on the dark surge swept them nigh his land.
He, like a harbour-warder, lifted high
A blazing torch, and so by guile he trapped
The Achaean men, who deemed that they had won
A sheltering haven : but sharp reefs and crags
Gave awful welcome unto ships and men,
Who, dashed to pieces on the cruel rocks
In the black night, crowned ill with direr ill.
Some few escaped, by a God or Power unseen
Plucked from death's hand. Athena now rejoiced
Her heart within, and now was racked with fears
For prudent-souled Odysseus ; for his weird
Was through Poseidon's wrath to suffer woes
Full many.

But Earth-shaker's jealousy now
Burned against those long walls and towers uppled
By the strong Argives for a fence against
The Trojans' battle-onset. Swiftly then
He swelled to overbrimming all the sea
That rolls from Euxine down to Hellespont,
And hurled it on the shore of Troy : and Zeus,
For a grace unto the glorious Shaker of Earth,
Poured rain from heaven : withal Far-darter bare
In that great work his part ; from Ida's heights
Into one channel led he all her streams,
And flooded the Achaeans' work. The sea
Dashed o'er it, and the roaring torrents still

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χείμαρροι ἀλεγεινὸν ἀεξόμενοι Διὸς ὄμβρω,
 τοὺς μέλαν οἶδμ' ἀνέεργε πολυστόνου Ἀμφιτρίτης
 πόντον ἐπελθέμεναι, πρὶν τείχεα πάντ' ἀμαθῦναι 645
 ἀργαλέως Δαναῶν· αὐτὸς δ' ἄρα γαῖαν ἔνερθε
 ῥῆξε Ποσειδάων, ἀνὰ δ' ἔβλυσεν ἄσπετον ὕδωρ
 ἰλύν τε ψάμαθόν τε· βίη δ' ἐλέλιξε κραταιῇ
 Σίγειον· ἠιόνες δὲ μέγ' ἔβραχον ἠδὲ θέμεθλα
 Δαρδανίης,¹ καὶ ἄϊστον ὑποβρύχιόν τ' ἐκαλύφθη 650
 ἔρκος ἀπειρέσιον, κατεδύσατο δ' ἔνδοθι γαίης
 μακρὰ δισταμένης· ψάμαθος δ' ἔτι φαίνεται μούνη
 χασσαμένου πόντου, καὶ ἀπ' ἀκτάων² ἐριδούπων
 νόσφιν ἀπ' αἰγιαλοῖο κατεκτάθη. ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν
 που

ἀθανάτων ἐτέλεσσε κακὸς νόος· οἱ δ' ἐνὶ νηυσὶν 655
 Ἄργεῖοι πλώεσκον, ὅσους διὰ χεῖμα κέδασσεν·
 ἄλλη δ' ἄλλος ἴκανεν, ὅπη θεὸς ἦγεν ἕκαστον,
 ὅσσοι ὑπὲρ πόντοιο λυγρὰς ὑπάλυξαν ἀέλλας.

¹ Zimmermann, for ἐκ δὲ θέμεθλα Δαρδανίη of v.

² Zimmermann, for πόντοιο καὶ ἐκ δαναῶν of MSS:

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Rushed on it, swollen by the rains of Zeus ;
And the dark surge of the wide-moaning sea
Still hurled them back from mingling with the deep,
Till all the Danaan walls were blotted out
Beneath their desolating flood. Then earth
Was by Poseidon chasm-cleft : up rushed
Deluge of water, slime and sand, while quaked
Sigeum with the mighty shock, and roared
The beach and the foundations of the land
Dardanian. So vanished, whelmed from sight,
That mighty rampart. Earth asunder yawned,
And all sank down, and only sand was seen,
When back the sea rolled, o'er the beach outspread
Far down the heavy-booming shore. All this
The Immortals' anger wrought. But in their ships
The Argives storm-dispersed went sailing on.
So came they home, as heaven guided each,
Even all that 'scaped the fell sea-tempest blasts.

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