

Μῆνιν ἄειδε, θεά, Πηληϊάδεω Ἀχιλῆος
οὐλομένην, ἣ μυρί' Ἀχαιοῖς ἄλγε' ἔθηκεν,
πολλὰς δ' ἰφθίμους ψυχὰς Ἄϊδι προΐαψεν
ἡρώων, αὐτοὺς δὲ ἐλώρια τεῦχε κύνεσσιν
οἰωνοῖσί τε δαῖτα—Διὸς δ' ἐτελείετο βουλή—
ἔξ οὔ δὴ τὰ πρῶτα διαστήτην ἐρίσαντε
Ἄτρεΐδης τε ἄναξ ἀνδρῶν καὶ δῖος Ἀχιλλεύς

Wrath, sing goddess, of Peleus' son Achilles,
accursed wrath, which lay 10,000 woes upon the Achaeans
and many stout souls threw down to Hell,
heroes' souls, and made them carrion for dogs,
and for birds, meat—Zeus' will did come to pass—
sing from which time the two first stood apart in strife,
Atreus' son, the lord of men, and shining Achilles.