

cervicem inflexam posuit, jacuitque per antrum
immensus saniem eructans et frusta cruentō
per somnum commixta merō, nōs magna precāti
nūmina sortitique vicēs ūnā undique circum
fundimur, et tēlō lūmen terebrāmus acutō
ingēns quod torvā sōlum sub fronte latēbat,
Argolici clipei aut Phoebēae lampadis instar,
et tandem laetī sociōrum ulciscimur umbrās.
Sed fugite, O miserī, fugite atque ab litore fūnem
rumpite.

Nam quālis quantusque cavō Polyphēmus in antrō
lānigerās claudit pecudēs atque ubera pressat,
centum alii curva haec habitant ad litora vulgō
infandi Cyclōpes et altis montib⁹ errant.

Tertia jam lūnae sē cornua lūmine complent

acutus, a, um sharp, pointed, acute
antrum, i n. cave, cavern, grotto*
Argolicus, a, um Argive, Greek
cavus, a, um hollow, vaulted*
centum hundred*
cervix, icis f. neck
claudō, ere, si, sus shut (in), (in)close*
clipeus, i m. shield, buckler*
commisceō, ere, ui, mixtus mix, mingle†
compleō, ere, évi, étus fill, complete
cornū, ús n. horn, tip, end
cruentus, a, um bloody, cruel
curvus, a, um curved, curving, arched*
Cyclōps, ópis m. one of a race of one-eyed, man-eating giants
eructō (1) belch out, vomit (forth)
frōns, frontis f. forehead, front, brow*
frustum, i n. piece, fragment, morsel
fūnis, is m. rope, cable, cord
habitō (1) inhabit, dwell (in), possess
immensus, a, um enormous, immense
infandus, a, um unspeakable, accursed
inflectō, ere, flexi, flexus bend, turn†
instar n. likeness, appearance (gen.)
jaceō, ére, ui, itus lie (low, outspread)*
lampas, adis f. torch, lamp, light†
lāniger, era, erum wool-bearing, woolly†

631. (Cyclōps) posuit. per: denoting the huge size of the monster.

633. merō: given to the Cyclops by Ulysses.

634. vicēs (nostrās): the part each is to play in the following action.

635. tēlō: a sharpened stake, with blazing point. lūmen = oculum, as often.

636. latēbat: the deep-set eye seemed to hide beneath his beetling brow.

637. Argolici clipei (instar): the clipeus was a large round shield, bright

lateō, ére, ui lie hid, hide, lurk*
lūna, ae f. moon, moonlight*
merum, i n. (unmixed) wine
pecus, udis f. animal, member of flock*
Phoebēus, a, um of Phoebus (Apollo), god of light, music, and prophecy†
Polyphēmus, i m. a one-eyed, man-eating giant, one of the Cyclōpes†
precor, ári, átus pray (to, for), entreat*
pressō (1) press, squeeze, crush†
quālis, e of what sort, what kind*
quantus, a, um how great, how much, as great as*
rumpō, ere, rūpi, ruptus break, burst (forth)*
saniēs, éi f. blood, gore
sortior, iri, itus obtain by lot, allot
terebrō (1) bore, pierce
tertius, a, um third*
torvus, a, um fierce, scowling, grim†
über, eris n. udder, breast, fertility
ulciscor, i, ultus avenge, punish
únā together, at the same time
undique on (from) all sides*
vicis (gen.; no nom.) f. change, alternation; danger
vulgō commonly, everywhere†

and shining, and big enough to cover the body of a man. Phoebēae lampadis: the sun; gen. with Instar, referring to the size and dazzling effect of the Cyclops's eye.

639-640. fugite, rumpite: imperatives.

641-643. quālis quantusque (est) Polyphēmus (qui) claudit, centum (alii tantique) alii habitant.

644. (in) montibus. Cyclōpēs: with short é, a Greek form; App. 65, a.

645. Tertia: translate as though an

Polyphemus the Cyclops

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cum vītam in silvīs inter dēserta ferārum
lūstra domōsque trahō, vastōsque ab rūpe Cyclōpēs
prōspiciō sonitumque pedum vōcemque tremēscō.
Victum infēlicem, bācās lapidōsaque corna,
dant rāmī, et vulsīs pascunt rādicibus herbae.
Omnia conlūstrāns hanc prīmum ad litora classem
cōspexi venientem. Huic mē, quaecumque fuisse,
addixi: satis est gentē effūgisse nefandam.
Vōs animam hanc potius quācumque absūmite lētō.'

Vix ea fātus erat summō cum monte vidēmus

ipsum inter pecudēs vastā sē mōle moventem
pāstōrem Polyphēmum et litora nōta petentem,
mōnstrum horrendum, īforme, ingēns, cui lūmen adēmptum.

absūmō, ere, mpsi, mptus consume, destroy
addictō, ere, dixi, dictus assign to, surrender†
adimō, ere, émi, émptus remove†
bāca, ae f. berry†
conlūstrō (1) light up, survey, traverse†
cōspiciō, ere, spexi, spectus see, look at
cornū, i n. cornel berry†
Cyclōps, ópis m. one of a race of one-eyed, man-eating giants
dēsērō, ere, ui, rtus desert, forsake*
effugō, ere, fūgi escape, shun, avoid
fera, ae f. wild beast, animal
herba, ae f. herb(age), grass, plant*
horrendus, i m. horrifying, horrible*
informis, e shapeless, monstrous
lapidōsus, a, um stony, hard†
lētūm, i n. death, destruction, ruin*
lāstrum, i n. bog, fen, lair†
mōlēs, is f. (huge) mass, bulk, burden*

mōnstrum, I n. portent, monster, marvel*
nefandus, a, um unspeakable, terrible
nōtus, a, um (well) known, familiar*
pascō, ere, pāvi, pāstus feed (on), graze
pāstor, óris m. shepherd, herdsman
pecus, udis f. animal, member of a herd*
Polyphēmus, i m. a one-eyed, man-eating giant, one of the Cyclōpes
potius rather, preferably†
prōspiciō, ere, spexi, spectus discern, look forth (on)
quicunque, quaecumque, quodcumque whoever, whichever, whatever*

rādix, icis f. root
rāmus, i m. branch, bough, twig*
rūpēs, is f. rock, cliff, crag*
sat(is) sufficient(ly), enough*
sonitus, ús n. sound, roar, crash, noise*
tremēscō, ere tremble (at), shake†
vello, ere, vulsi, vulsus pluck, pull (up)
victus, ús n. food, victuals, living

adverb, for the third time; i.e., the moon has been full three times since . . .

646-647. cum trahō: English employs the perfect, since I have been dragging (out). The present tense is used, as in French, to indicate that this condition continues into the present: I am still dragging (out); App. 351, 1, b.

650. dant (mīhi), pascunt (mē). vulsī rādicibus: abl. of means.

652. quacumque fuisse: whatever it should be, implied indir. disc.; App. 390.

653. gentē nefandam - the Cyclōpes.

654. hanc (meam) animam - vitam. potius (quam mē relinquātis). absūmite (erat).

655-714. Frightened by the appearance of Polyphemus and the other Cyclopes, the Trojans flee in terror, but remembering the advice of Helenus, they avoid the dangers of Scylla and Charybdis and sail around the eastern, southern, and western coast of Sicily to Drepanum, where Anchises dies.

655. summō (in) monte.

656. vastā mōle: abl. of quality or manner; App. 330, 328.

658. A shaggy verse, corresponding to the sense. cui: dat. of separation; App. 305. lūmen (- oculus) adēmptum (erat).

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Trunca manum pinus regit et vestigia firmat;
lânigerae comitantur ovēs; ea sola voluptās
sôlāmenque mali.

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Postquam altōs tetigit flūctūs et ad aequora vēnit,
lūminis effossi fluidum lavit inde crūorem
dentibus infrendēns gemitū, graditurque per aequor
jam medium, necdum flūctus latera ardua tinxit.
Nōs procul inde fugam trepidi celerare receptō
suppliance sīc meritō tacitique incidere fūnem,
vertimus et prōni certantibus aequora rēmis.
Sēnsit, et ad sonitum vōcis vestigia torsit.
Vērum ubi nūlla datur dextrā adfectāre potestās
nec potis Iōniōs flūctus aequāre sequendō,

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adfectō (1) grasp (at), seize†
aequō (1) equal(ize), match, even, level*
ardius, a, um lofty, steep, towering*
celerō (1) hasten, hurry, speed
certō (1) strive, struggle, vie
comitor, ari, átus accompany, attend,
escort, follow*
crux, óris m. blood, gore
dēns, dentis m. tooth
effodiō, ere, fōdi, fossus dig out, gouge
out, excavate
firmō (1) strengthen, support
fluidus, a, um flowing, liquid, fluid†
funis, is m. rope, cable, cordage
gemitus, us m. groan, roar, lament*
gradior, i, gressus walk, stride, march,
go
incidō, ere, i, sus cut†
inde then(ce), thereupon, next*
infrend(e)ō, ère gnash, grate†
Iōniōs, a, um Ionian, a sea off the western
coast of Greece
lâniger, era, erum wool-bearing, woolly
latus, eris n. side, flank*
layō, ère (ere), (av)i, átus (autus) wash†
malum, i n. trouble, evil, woe, misfor-
tune*
mērōr, èri, itus deserve, earn, merit*

659. manum: i.e., he uses the trunk
of a pine tree as a cane.

660. (illūm) comitantur. ea (erat illi):
ea, although referring to ovēs, is attracted
into the number and gender of the predicate
noun voluptās; App. 240, a.

662. aequora (alta).

663. inde: with water from the sea.

664. dentibus: abl. of means. gemitū:

abl. of manner.

665-667. celerare, incidere: historical

infinitives; App. 257. receptō suppliance:

necdum not yet
ovis, is f. sheep, ewe†
pinus, ús (i) f. pine tree†
postquam after (that), when*
potestās, átis f. power, ability, oppor-
tunity†
potis, e able, powerful†
prōnus a, um bending forward, sloping
recipiō, ere, cēpi, ceptus take (back),
welcome, receive*
regō, ere, rēxi, rēctus rule, guide*
sentiō, ire, sēnsi, sēnsus perceive, under-
stand, feel
sôlāmen, inis n. solace, consolation†
sônitōs, us m. sound, roar, crash, noise*
supplex, icis suppliant, humble*
tacitus, a, um silent, noiseless, still
tangō, ere, tetigi, tâctus touch, reach*
ting(u)ō, ere, tinxī, tintus wet, tinge
torqued, ère, rsi, rtus twist, whirl, sway,
turn*
trepidus, a, um trembling, alarmed
truncus, a, um lopped, trimmed†
verrō, ere, i, rsus sweep (over), scour
vertō, ere, i, raus (over)turn, change*
vērum but, indeed, truly
vestigium, (i) i n. (foot)step, trace, track*
voluptās, átis f. pleasure, joy, delight†

abl. abs., referring to Achaemenides. sic
meritō: having deserved (it, by warning us
of the danger).

668. vertimus et = et vertimus. rēmis:
abl. of means.

669. (Polyp̄hemus id) sēnsit. vōcis: the
splash (of the oars).

670. adfectāre (nōs) potestās: for the
prose construction adfectandī (nōs) po-
testas; App. 264.

671. potis (est Polyp̄hemus) = potest
Polyp̄hemus. sequendō (nōs).

clāmōrem immēnum tollit, quō pontus et omnēs
contremuēre undae, penitusque exterrita tellūs
Italiae curvisque immūgiit Aetna cavernis.
At genus ē silvīs Cyclōpum et montib⁹ altis
excītum ruit ad portūs et litora complent.
Cernimus astantis nēquiam lūmine torvō
Aetnaeōs frātrēs caelō capita alla ferentīs,
concilium horrendum: quālēs cum vertice celsō
āeriae quercūs aut cōniferae cyparissī
cōnstiterunt, silva alta Jovis lūcūsve Diānae.
Praecipitis metus ácer agit quōcumque rudentis
excutere et ventīs intendere vēla secundis.

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ácer, cris, cre sharp, fierce, spirited*
āerius, a, um airy, lofty
Aetna, ae f. volcano of Sicily
Aetnaeus, a, um of Etna, a volcano of
Sicily†
a(d)stō, ère, stiti stand (ready, by)*
caverna, ae f. cave, cavern, grotto
celsus, a, um high, lofty, towering*
compleo, ère, évi, étus fill, complete
concilium, (i)i n. gathering, assem-
blage
cōnifer, era, erum cone-bearing†
cōnstō, ère, stiti, status stand (firm)
contremiscō, ere, tremui tremble, shake†
curvus, a, um curved, curving, wind-
ing*
Cyclōps, ópis m. one of a race of one-
eyed, man-eating giants
cyparissus, i f. cypress, an evergreen tree
sacred to Diana and the dead†
Diāna, ae f. goddess of the chase, of the
moon, and of Hades
excīō, ire, ivi (ii), itus summon (forth),
arouse†

672. quō: abl. of cause.

673. contremuēre = contremuērunt.
exterrita (est).

675-676. genus ruit et complent: ob-
serve the singular verb followed by the
plural, since genus is collective and may
take either; App. 236, a.

677. lūmine torvō: with glaring eye;
effective use of the singular to emphasize
the fact that each Cyclops had but one
eye. nēquiam: because unable to do
us harm.

678. caelō: dat. of direction; App.
306. Aetnaeōs frātrēs: the Cyclopes
who lived around Mt. Etna.

679. (in) vertice (montis).

excutiō, ere, cussi, cussus shake out,
loosen*
exterreō, ère, ui, itus frighten, terrify
frāter, tris m. brother*
horrendus, a, um horrifying, terrible*
immēnus, a, um immense, enormous
immūgiō, ire, ivi (ii) bellow, roar†
intendō, ere, i, ntus stretch (out, to,
toward)
lūcus, i m. (sacred) grove, wood*
metus, íus m. fear, dread, anxiety*
nēquiam in vain, uselessly, idly*
penitus within, deep(ly), wholly*
pontus, i m. sea, waves*
praeceps, cipitis headlong, head foremost*
quālis, e of what sort, of what kind,
such (as)*
quercus, íus f. oak, a tree sacred to Jove†
quōcumque where(so)ever
rudēns, entis m. cable, rope, cordage
secundus, a, um favorable, second*
torvus, a, um savage, scowling, grim
vertex, icis m. peak, summit, hei-
top*

681. cōstītērunt: with the penult
irregularly short. silva Jovis = quercūs;
lūcūs Diānae = cyparissi; since the oak
was sacred to Jove and the cypress to
Hecate, the Diana of Hades.

682. metus ácer agit (nōs) praeceps.

683. ventis secundis: abl. of means;
apparently a south wind. In their anxiety
to escape the Cyclopes the Trojans flee
with the wind, in spite of the warning of
Helenus, but suddenly recalling the
dangers of Scylla and Charybdis, they
turn back, and with the aid of the
wind, which has veered to the north,
they sail safely past the land of the
Cyclopes.