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Odyssey IX 556-557

Ὡς τότε μὲν πρόπαν ἡμᾶρ ἐς ἡλίον καταδύντα

Ἡμεθα δαινύμενοι κρεατ' ἀσπερα καὶ μεθυήδῳ

Ἡμὸς δ' ἡλῖος κατεδυ καὶ ἐπὶ κνεφας ἦλθε

So the whole day long till sundown we sat and  
feasted on our rich supply of meat and mellow  
wine. When the sun set and darkness fell, we lay  
down to sleep on the sea shore

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## Aeneid Book 2: 45-48

Aut hoc inclusi ligno occultantur Achivi,

Aut haec in nostros fabricata est machina muros,

Inspectura domos venturaque desuper urbi

Either Greeks are shut up and hidden in this wood  
Or this machine has been built to attack our walls  
To spy on our homes and look down upon our city.