

Odyssey 9 (lines 231-400: A Running Vocabulary prepared by Terry Bird

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ἔνθα δὲ πῦρ κήαντες ἐθύσαμεν ηδὲ καὶ αὐτοὶ

τυρῶν αἰνύμενοι φάγομεν, μένομέν τέ μιν ἔνδον

ῆμενοι, ἦσαν ἐπηλθε νέμων. φέρε δ' ὥβριμον ἄχθος

ὕλης ἀζαλέης, ἵνα οἱ ποτιδόρπιον εἴη,

ἔντοσθεν δ' ἄντροιο βαλὼν ὀρυμαγδὸν ἔθηκεν.

ῆμεῖς δὲ δείσαντες ἀπεσσύμενδ' ἐς μυχὸν ἄντρου.

αὐτὰρ ὅ γ' εἰς εὐρὺ σπέος ἥλασε πίονα μῆλα

πάντα μάλ' ὄσσ' ἦμελγε, τὰ δ' ἄρσενα λεῖπε θύρηφιν,

ἀρνειούς τε τράγους τε, βαθείης ἔκτοθεν αὐλῆς.

αὐτὰρ ἔπειτ' ἐπέθηκε θυρεὸν μέγαν ὑψόσ' ἀείρας,

ὥβριμον· οὐκ ἀν τόν γε δύω καὶ εἴκοσ' ἄμαξαι

231. ἔνθα - then πῦρ πυρος (n) - fire καίω (aor. ἐκηα) - light
(a fire) θυω - sacrifice ηδε - and

τυρος - cheese αἰνυμαι (poetic vb.) + gen. - seize hold of
ἐσθιω (aor. ἐφαγον) - eat μενω - wait for μιν = αὐτον
(Polyphemus) ἔνδον - within
ῆμαι (perfect form, present meaning) - sit ἦσα - until
ἐπερχομαι (aor. ἐπηλθον) - approach νεμων - 'driving in his flocks'
(Heubeck) ὥβριμος - mighty ἄχθος ἄχθους (n) - burden, load
ὕλη - brushwood, firewood ἀζαλεος - dry οἱ = αὐτω - for him
ποτιδόρπιος - available for supper (π. agrees with ἄχθος)

ἔντοσθεν + gen. - within ἄντρον - cave βαλλω (aor. ἐβαλον) -
throw (down) ὀρυμαγδος - a great din τιθημι (aor. ἐθηκα) - 'make'

δειδω (aor. ἐδεισα) - fear

ἀποσενομαι - run away (Homer has some aorist forms only; 1 pl.

ἀπεσσυμενδα) μυχος - inner recess, corner

αὐταρ - but ὁ γε - he εὐρυς εὐρεια εὐρυ - broad

σπεος σπεους (n) - cave ἔλαυνω (aor. ἥλασα) - drive

πιων πιονος - fat μηλον - sheep

όσσα = ὄσα; ὄσος - all....which, παντα confirms this, similarly μαλα

ἀρσην ἄρσενος - male λειπω - leave θυρηφιν - outside,

at the door

ἀρνειος - ram τραγος - goat βαθυς βαθεια βαθυ - deep

ἔκτοθεν + gen. - outside αὐλη - yard

240. ἔπειτα - then ἐπιτιθημι (aor. ἐπεθηκα) - set in place

θυρεος - door-stone ὑψοσε - (to) on high ἀειρας is aor. partic.

of αἰρω - raise

ὥβριμος - mighty τον γε - it (the stone) εἴκοσι - 20

ἄμαξα - wagon