

στρ. α'. ΦΙ. ὡς κοίλας πέτρας γύαλον

2 θερμὸν καὶ παγετῶδες, ὡς σ' οὐκ ἔμελλον ἄρ', ὡς τάλας,

3 λείψειν οὐδέποτ', ἀλλά μοι καὶ θυήσκοντι * συνείσει. 1085

4 ὥμοι μοί μοι.

5 ὡς πληρέστατον αὐλιον

6 λύπας τᾶς ἀπ' ἐμοῦ τάλαν,

7 *τίπτ' αὖ μοι τὸ κατ' ἄμαρ

8 ἔσται; τοῦ ποτε τεύξομαι

1090

9 σιτονόμου μέλεος πόθεν ἐλπίδος;

10 *πέλειαι δ' ἄνω

11 πτωκάδες ὁξυτόνου διὰ πνεύματος

12 *ἐλῶσιν. *οὐκέτ' *ἰσχω.

XO. 13 σύ τοι σύ τοι κατήξιωσας,

1095

1082 θερμὸν καὶ] θερμόν τε καὶ MSS. The correction is a *v. l.* noted in the ed. of Turnebus. **1083** ὡς τάλας] ὡς ταλασ (*sic*) L. **1084** οὐδέποτ'] οὐδέποτε L.

1085 συνείσει Reiske: συνοίσει MSS. (συνοίσηι L.). **1086** ὡι μοι μοι μοι L.

1087 αὐλιον] αὐλίον L. **1089** τίπτ' Bothe: τί ποτ' MSS.—ἄμαρ Dindorf: ἄμαρ MSS. **1092 ff.** L has εἴθ' αιθέρος ἄνω | πτωκάδεσ ὁξυτόνου διὰ πνεύματος [contr.

1081 f. γύαλον, ‘hollow’ (*O. C.* 1491 ff., n.), is here properly the chamber itself, while κοίλας πέτρας (possessive gen.) is the cavernous rock which contains it. Cp. Eur. *Helen.* 189 πέτρινα μύχατα | γύαλα, ‘inmost recesses of the rocks.’—θερμὸν καὶ παγετῶδες. Contrast this with the description by Odysseus, 17 ff. Cp. Hes. *Op.* 640 “Ασκρη, χείμα κακῆ, θέρει ἀργαλέη, οὐδὲ ποτ' ἐσθλῆ.

1085 θυήσκοντι συνείσει, thou wilt be conscious of my death,—*i.e.*, wilt be the only witness of it. Cp. *El.* 92 τὰ δὲ παννυχίδων ἥδη στυγεραὶ | ξυνίσασ' εἴναι μογερῶν οἴκων: and so oft. The MSS. have συνοίσει. This has been rendered: (1) ‘thou wilt be a fit place for me’ to die in,—*i.e.*, good enough. Now, the midd. συμφέρομαι does, indeed, mean ‘to agree with’ one,—in opinions, or tastes: *O. C.* 641 n.: Her. 4. 114 οὐκ ἀν ὡν δυναίμεθα ἐκείνησι συμφέρεσθαι (‘live in harmony with them’). But συνοίσει here could not mean simply, *conveniet mihi morienti*. (2) ‘Thou wilt be profitable to me,’—by giving me a grave. So the first schol.: ἀπολλυμένῳ μοι σύμφορον ἔσει καὶ ὠφέλιμον, καὶ δέξει με ἀποθανόντα. This version confounds συνοίσει with συνοίσεις. (3) ‘Thou wilt be with me,—simply. This last is impos-

sible. συμφέρομai never means, or could mean, merely σύνειμi or συνδιάγω. Dindorf, who quotes a schol. for this, has not perceived that this schol.,—the second, prefaced by ἢ οὕτω,—is explaining, not συνοίσει, but, manifestly, συνείσει:—σὺν ἐμοὶ ἔσει καὶ δψει με ἀποθανόντα.

1087 f. αὐλιον: cp. 19 n.—λύπας τᾶς ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. Ph. addresses the cave as if it were a living companion, long condemned to endure his presence. (With πληρέστατον cp. what he says of Neopt. in v. 876, *Boῆς τε καὶ δυσοσμίας γέμων*.) Hence λύπας τᾶς ἀπ' ἐμοῦ (instead of τᾶς ἐμᾶς) is fitting,—‘the anguish on my part,—so painful for thee to witness. Cp. *O. C.* 292 τὰνθυμήματα...τάπο σοῦ (n.).

1089 f. τίπτ' αὖ (= 1105 ἀνδρῶν), Bothe's correction of τί ποτ' αὖ, has been generally received. As Dind. remarks, Aesch. has twice used this epic τίπτε in lyrics (*Ag.* 975, *Pers.* 554).—τὸ κατ' ἄμαρ, daily provision. Cp. Isocr. or. 11 § 39 ἀλῆται καὶ τῶν καθ' ἡμέραν ἐνδεεῖς. Eur. uses this phrase as an adv. (‘every day,’ *Ion* 123, *El.* 182), like τὸ καθ' ἡμέραν (Ar. *Eg.* 1126 etc.).

1091 σιτονόμου...ἐλπίδος. As σιτονόμος (found only here)=σιτον νέμων, affording food, σιτονόμος ἐλπίς=‘a hope concerning the provision of food.’ Hence