

PH. Ah, my winged prey, and ye tribes of bright-eyed <sup>2nd anti-</sup>beasts that this place holds in its upland pastures, start no more <sup>strophe.</sup> in flight from your lairs; for I bear not in my hands those shafts which were my strength of old,—ah, wretched that I now am! Nay, roam at large,—the place hath now no more terrors for you,—no more! Now is the moment

see comment. and Appendix. **1151** πρόσθεν γ: πρόσθε L.—ἀλκάν] As the corresponding word in the strophe is φίλων (1128), Herm. gave τὰν πρόσθεν γ' ἀλκάν βελέων. He also conj. ἀκμάν. **1153 ff.** ἀλλ' ἀνέδην ὅδε χώρος ἐρύκεται | οὐκέτι φοβητὸς ὑμῶν | ἔρπετε· MSS. Instead of ἀνέδην, L has ἀναίδην, but with ε written

with με. Other versions of the vulgate which have been proposed are examined in the Appendix.

Auratus and Canter saw that μ' οὐκέτ' is corrupted from μηκέτ'. Auratus, keeping πελάτ', understood (like Wunder), 'No longer approach, *in order to fly* from my cave,'—an impossible sense for the dat. φυγᾶ: though πελάτ' as imperat. might be defended by the verse of an unknown poet in Plut. *Mor.* 457 D βαίνει λάξ ἐπὶ τραχήλου, βαίνει καὶ πέλα χθονί. Canter read ἐλάτ', 'no longer rush.' For this imperat. (from ἐλάω) cp. Eur. *H. F.* 819 (ἐλα), and Eur. fr. 779 ἐλα δὲ μήτε κ.τ.λ. But I feel certain that the true reading is πηδάτ', which I proposed in the *Journ. of Philology* vol. II. p. 80 (1869). ΠΕΔΑΤ' (as it would have been written by Sophocles) would most easily become ΠΕΛΑΤ'. The change of πηδάτ' into πελάτ' would have facilitated that of μηκέτ' into μ' οὐκέτ', since πελάτ' would naturally be taken as fut. indic. of πελάζω, not as imperat. of πελάω.

The metre would be restored by reading μὴ φυγαῖς ἔτ' ἀπ' αὐλίων. But a simpler remedy is to place φυγᾶ last, instead of first, in the v. It is not essential to the correspondence of glyconic verses in strophe and antistrophe that the dactyl should occur in the same place: thus v. 1124 πόντου θινὸς ἐφήμενος answers to 1147, ἔθνη θηρῶν οὐς ὅδ' ἔχει.—See Appendix.

**1153 ff.** ἀλλ' ἀνέδην κ.τ.λ. The reading of the MSS. here (see cr. n.) presents two great difficulties. (1) ἀνέδην yields no possible sense when joined with ἐρύκεται. That adv. (from ἀνίημι, 'to let go') means, 'without restraint,' 'with free course' (*immissis habenis*), as in Aesch. *Suppl.* 15 φεύγειν ἀνέδην διὰ κῦμ' ἄλιον. (2) ἐρύκεται, as the whole usage of the verb shows, must mean either 'is detained,' or else, 'is warded off.' Hence the following versions of the

MS. text are impossible:—(a) 'this place is *remissly guarded*'; (b) 'this place is *held by you in freedom*' (schol. ἐρύκεται κατέχεται). Seyffert understands, 'this place *detains* you with it *in freedom*': but, even if we could make the verb midd., ἀνέδην could not represent ἀνετούς or ἀνειμένους.

In the *Journ. Phil.* II. p. 80 (1869) I proposed the emendation which I believe to be true. ἐρύκεται ought to be ἄρ' οὐκέτι. The error would have been an easy one if the apostrophe after ἄρ' had been lost, since χώρος has no verb. That the initial α of ἄρ' would have been no obstacle, may be seen from the converse case in *O. C.* 550, where the MSS. give ἀπεστάλη, corrupted from ἐφ' ἀστάλη. Many other false readings have arisen from two words being made into one (or *vice versa*), often with a further corruption of the letters; as *O. C.* 775 τοσαύτη for τίς αὐτή: *ib.* 1482 συντύχοιμι for σοῦ τύχοιμι. The parenthesis, ὁ δὲ χώρος ἄρ' οὐκέτι | φοβητὸς, οὐκέθ' ὑμῶν, is naturally placed, because the emphatic word of the whole sentence is ἀνέδην, and the parenthesis justifies it: 'Without restraint—and there is nothing here now, it seems, to restrain you—go on your way.' ἄρα expresses his new and bitter sense of helplessness. With regard to the repeated οὐκέτι, it should be noted that such pathetic iteration is peculiarly frequent in this κομμός: see 1095 σύ τοι, σύ τοι: 1102 ὦ τλάμων, τλάμων ἄρ' ἐγώ: 1128 ὦ τόξον φίλον, ὦ φίλων κ.τ.λ.: 1165 ἀλλὰ γνῶθ', εὖ γνῶθ': 1186 δαίμων, δαίμων: 1197 οὐδέποτ', οὐδέποτ'.

The simple transposition, φοβητὸς, οὐκέθ' (for the MS. οὐκέτι φοβητὸς), is the best mode of restoring the metre (= 1131 ἔχεις τὸν Ἡράκλειον). Cp. 156 where μὴ προσπεσῶν με λάθη has become in the MSS. μὴ με λάθη προσπεσῶν (n.).—See Appendix.

**1155 ff.** νῦν καλόν: cp. Ar. *Pax* 292