

Examples of crasis

ὦ φίλταται γυναῖκες, εἰς ὑμᾶς βλέπω,
καὶ τᾶμ' ἐν ὑμῖν ἐστὶν ἢ καλῶς ἔχειν
ἢ μηδὲν εἶναι καὶ στερηθῆναι πάτρας
φίλου τ' ἀδελφοῦ φιλτάτης τε συγγόνου.

My dearest women, I turn to you. I am in your hands and it is up to you whether I do well or am nothing and am robbed of my fatherland, my dear brother and my dear sister.

Euripides Iphigenia in Tauris 1056-9

καὶ μὴν ἔμοιγε ζῶντι μέν, καθ' ἡμέραν
κεῖ σμίκρ' ἔχοιμι, πάντ' ἂν ἀρκούντως ἔχοι·
τύμβον δὲ βουλοίμην ἂν ἀξιούμενον
τὸν ἐμὸν ὁρᾶσθαι· διὰ μακροῦ γὰρ ἡ χάρις.

For me, while I am alive, I would be happy with my lot even if I had only a little.

But my tomb I would like to be good to look at.

That benefit lasts a long time.

Euripides Hecuba 317-20

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Euripides Children of Heracles 517-19

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ὅπου ποτ' ἐσμέν· μανθάνειν γὰρ ἤκομεν

ξένοι πρὸς ἀστῶν, ἃν δ' ἀκούσωμεν τελεῖν.

Stand me there and let me rest, so that we can find out where we are. We have come as

foreigners to learn from the citizens, and to do what we are told.

Sophocles Oedipus at Colonus 11-13

Ἴων: ὦ τλῆμον, ὥς τᾶλλ' εὐτυχοῦς' οὐκ εὐτυχεῖς.

Poor thing. How lucky you are in other respects, but not really lucky.

Euripides Ion 307

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ἐὰν δέ τις ἄλλος ἐπιχειρῇ αὐτοῖς συμβουλεύειν ὃν ἐκεῖνοι μὴ οἶονται δημιουργὸν εἶναι, καὶν πάνυ καλὸς ἦ καὶ πλούσιος καὶ τῶν γενναίων, οὐδέν τι μᾶλλον ἀποδέχονται, ἀλλὰ καταγελῶσι καὶ θορυβοῦσιν, ἕως ἄν ἢ αὐτὸς ἀποστῇ ὁ ἐπιχειρῶν λέγειν καταθορυβηθεὶς, ἢ οἱ τοξόται αὐτὸν ἀφελκύσωσιν ἢ ἐξάρωνται κελευόντων τῶν πρυτάνεων.

If someone else tries to advise them who they do not consider to be an expert, then they accept nothing from him, even if he's very decent, wealthy and well-bred, but instead laugh him down and create an uproar until either the man who is trying to speak gets down in response, or the the policemen drive him off or throw him out on the orders of the public officers.

Plato Protagoras 319c

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ἀλλ' ἡ τυραννὶς πολλά τ' ἄλλ' εὐδαιμονεῖ
κᾶξεστιν αὐτῇ δρᾶν λέγειν θ' ἃ βούλεται.

Power is lucky in many respects, but it can also act and speak as it wants.

Sophocles Antigone 506-7

ἀπλοῦς ὁ μῦθος τῆς ἀληθείας ἔφυ,
κοῦ ποικίλων δεῖ τᾶνδιχ' ἐρμηνευμάτων·

The message of truth is simple; justice needs no complicated interpretations.

Euripides Phoenissae 469