

Examples of primary purpose clauses

σωθεῖσα δ', ὡς ἂν καὶ σὺ κοινωνῆς τύχης,
 σώσω σ' ἐς Ἑλλάδ'. ἀλλὰ πρὸς σε δεξιᾶς
 σὲ καὶ σὲ ἰκνοῦμαι, σὲ δὲ φίλης παρηίδος,
 γονάτων τε καὶ τῶν ἐν δόμοισι φιλτάτων
 μητρὸς πατρὸς τε καὶ τέκνων ὅτω κυρεῖ.

Once I've been rescued I will save you too and take you to Greece so that you can share in my good luck. Now, I beseech you, by your right hand, I beseech you and you too, and you by your dear cheek, and by your knees, and by your loved ones at home - your mother, your father, and children if you have them.

Euripides Iphigenia in Tauris 1069-73

στῆσόν με κάξιδρυσον, ὡς πυθώμεθα
 ὅπου ποτ' ἐσμέν· μανθάνειν γὰρ ἤκομεν
 ξένοι πρὸς ἀστῶν, ἂν 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

τίπτε δεδάκρυσαι, Πατρόκλεες, ἤυτε κούρη
 νηπίη, ἢ θ' ἅμα μητρὶ θεοῦσ' ἀνελέσθαι ἀνώγει
 εἴανοῦ ἀπτομένη, καὶ τ' ἐσσυμένην κατερύκει,
 δακρυόεσσα δέ μιν ποτιδέρκεται, ὄφρ' ἀνέληται·

Patroclus, why are you crying like a young girl, who runs to her mother and asks her to pick her up, clutching at her dress, and stops her as she rushes past, and looks at her tearfully until she picks her up?

Homer Iliad 16.7-10

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ἀξιοῖ γοῦν ἀργύριον λαμβάνειν ὁ δῆμος καὶ ἄδων καὶ τρέχων καὶ ὀρχούμενος καὶ πλέων ἐν ταῖς ναυσίν, ἵνα αὐτός τε ἔχη καὶ οἱ πλούσιοι πενέστεροι γίγνωνται.

The people certainly think it reasonable to take money for singing, running, dancing and sailing in ships, so that they have money and the wealthy become poorer.

Xenophon Constitution of the Athenians 1.13

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Homer Iliad 6.230-231

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ἔδμεναι, ὡς ἂν μή σε κατατρύχη καὶ ἐταίρους.

raiment will I send hither and all his food to eat, that he be not the ruin of thee and of thy men.

Homer Odyssey 16.85-86