

## Examples of stichomythia

Ἑλένη: ὦ χρόνιος ἐλθὼν σῆς δάμαρτος ἐς χέρας.

Μενέλαος: ποίας δάμαρτος; μὴ θίγῃς ἐμῶν πέπλων.

Ἑλένη: ἦν σοι δίδωσι Τυνδάρεως, ἐμὸς πατήρ.

*Helen: You've come back to the arms of your wife after such a long time!*

*Menelaus: Which wife is that? Don't touch my cloak!*

*Helen: The one my father Tyndareus gave to you.*

Euripides Helen 566-8

Μήδεια: τί δ' ὀμφαλὸν γῆς θεσπιωδὸν ἐστάλης; Αἰγεύς: παίδων ἐρευνῶν σπέρμ' ὅπως γένοιτό μοι.

*Medea: Why did you go to the prophetic heart of the world?*

*Aegeus: For children: to find out how I could have them.*

Euripides Medea 668-9

Μήδεια: πρὸς θεῶν, ἄπαις γὰρ δεῦρ' αἰεὶ τείνεις βίον;

Αἰγεύς: ἄπαιδές ἐσμεν δαίμονός τινος τύχη.

Μήδεια: δάμαρτος οὔσης ἢ λέχους ἄπειρος ὢν;

*Medea: By the gods are you still now dragging out your life without children?*

*Aegeus: We have no children at the whim of some god.*

*Medea: Do you have a wife or do you have no experience of marriage?*

Euripides Medea 670-672