

Examples of unfulfilled wish

εἰ γὰρ ὄφελον, ὦ Κρίτων, οἷοί τ' εἶναι οἱ πολλοὶ τὰ μέγιστα κακὰ ἐργάζεσθαι,

I only wish, Crito, the people could accomplish the greatest evils,

Plato Crito 44e

Εἴθ' ὄφελ' Ἄργοῦς μὴ διαπτάσθαι σκάφος

Κόλχων ἐς αἶαν κυανέας Συμπληγάδας

Nurse: Would that the Argo had never winged its way to the land of Colchis through the dark-blue Symplegades!

Euripides Medea 1-2