

## Examples of the wish optative

τί δῆτα μέλλεις; ὡς ἔμοι τῶν σῶν λόγων

ἄρεστον οὐδὲν μηδ' ἄρεσθείη ποτέ·

*Why then are you waiting? None of my arguments are acceptable to you - and may they never be so!*

Sophocles Antigone 499-500

Μήδεια: Ζεῦ, μὴ λάθοι σε τῶνδ' ὅς αἴτιος κακῶν.

*Zeus, do not forget who has caused this anguish!*

Euripides Medea 332

Μήδεια: ἀλλ' εὐτυχοίης καὶ τύχοις ὅσων ἐρᾷς.

*I wish you luck: may all your wishes come true.*

Euripides Medea 688

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