

Examples of πρὶν

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“ἦ μάλ’ Ὀδυσσεύς ἐσσι, φίλον τέκος· οὐδέ σ’ ἐγώ γε
πρὶν ἔγνω, πρὶν πάντα ἄνακτ’ ἐμὸν ἀμφαφάσθαι.”

So you really are Odysseus, my dear son. I didn't recognise my master until I'd touched you all over.

Homer Odyssey 19.474-6

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...πρὶν μὲν ἐμὲ δεῖν ἀποθνήσκειν καλῶς ἐλέγετο, νῦν δὲ κατάδηλος ἄρα ἐγένετο...

before I was condemned to death we were right, whereas it has now been made clear

Plato Crito 46d

Τροφός ἤδη γὰρ εἶδον ὄμμα νιν ταυρουμένην
τοῖσδ', ὡς τι δρασείουσαν· οὐδὲ παύσεται
χόλου, σάφ' οἶδα, πρὶν κατασκῆψαί τι.

And she will not let go of her wrath, I am sure, before she brings it down on someone's head.

Euripides Medea 92-94

Τροφός ἀπωλόμεσθ' ἄρ', εἰ κακὸν προσοίσομεν
νέον παλαιῶ , πρὶν τόδ' ἐξηντληκέναι

Nurse: We are done for, it seems, if we add this new trouble to our old ones before we've weathered those

Euripides Medea 78-79

κούκ ἄπειμι πρὸς δόμους πάλιν πρὶν ἄν σε γαίας τερμόνων ἔξω βάλω.

I will not return home before I have thrown you from this land.

Euripides Medea 275-276