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εἶεν· τί δῆτ' ἔρεϊ τις, ἦν τις αὖ φανῆ  
 στρατοῦ τ' ἄθροισις πολεμίων τ' ἀγωνία;  
 πότερα μαχοῦμεθ' ἢ φιλοψυχήσομεν,  
 τὸν κατθανόνθ' ὀρώντες οὐ τιμώμενον;

*Well, what will people say if the armies are gathered together again, if there is another war?  
 Will we fight or prefer to live, seeing that the dead are not respected?*

Euripides Hecuba 313-6

τί δ', ἦν θάνη τε καὶ πόλει πιθώμεθα;  
*What about if he dies and we obey the city?*

Euripides Children of Heracles 1020

νῆ Δί', ἔφη ἡ γυνή, ἐπιχαριτώτατον μὲν οὔν, ἄν μέλλωσί γε οἱ καλῶς θεραπευθέντες  
 χάριν εἶσεσθαι καὶ εὐνοώστεροι ἢ πρόσθεν ἔσεσθαι.

*By Zeus it will be most rewarding if those who are well looked after are grateful and better-  
 disposed than they were before.*

Xenophon Economics 7.37

ἀγαπῶσι γὰρ οἷμαι αὐτοὶ ἄν τὸ ἴσον ἔχωσιν φαυλότεροι ὄντες.  
*I think they love it if they have the same although they are inferior.*

Plato Gorgias 483c

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καὶ ἦν τε κατὰ νόον πρήξωμεν εὐρόντες Σκύθας, ἔστι ἄποδος ἡμῖν, ἦν τε καὶ μὴ  
 σφραγῆς εὐρεῖν δυνώμεθα, ἢ γε ἄποδος ἡμῖν ἀσφαλῆς·

*And if we achieve our plan and find the Scythians, we will have an exit, while if we do not find them our exit-route will at least be protected.*

Herodotus Histories 4.97

ἦν περ γὰρ κεῖταί γε τελεσφόρον εἰς ἔνιαυτόν,  
 αἰεὶ τῷ γ' ἔσται χρῶς ἔμπεδος, ἢ καὶ ἀρείων.

*Even if he lies here for a whole year, his flesh will stay the same.*

Homer Iliad 19.32-33

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τὸ δεῖπνον αὐτοῖς ἐστ' ἐπεσκευασμένον

ἀπαξάπασιν, ἢν ἀπίωσιν οἴκαδε.

*Dinner is ready for every single one of them - if they go off home!*

Aristophanes Ecclesiazusae 1144-5

Σωκράτης: οὔτε ἄρα ἀνταδικεῖν δεῖ οὔτε κακῶς ποιεῖν οὐδένα ἀνθρώπων, οὐδ' ἂν ὀτιοῦν πάσχη ὑπ' αὐτῶν.

*Socrates: Then we ought neither to requite wrong with wrong nor to do evil to anyone, no matter what he may have done to us.*

Plato Crito 49d