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Extract

Medea

Jam jam recepi sceptrā, germanum, patrem,
spoliumque Colchi pecudis auratae tenent ;
rediere regna, rapta virginitas redit .

O placida tandem numina, o festum diem,
o nuptialem ! Vade , perfectum est scelus,
vindicta nondum : perage, dum faciunt manus .

Quid nunc moraris, anime ? Quid dubitas potens ?

Jam cecidit ira . – Paenitet facti, pudet .

Quid, misera, feci ? Misera ? Paeniteat licet,
feci ; – voluptas magna me invitam subit,



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et ecce crescit . Derat hoc unum mihi ,
spectator iste . (...)

Congere extremum tuis

natis, Jason, funus, ac tumulum strue :

(...)

natus hic fatum tulit,

hic te vidente dabitur exitio pari .

Jason

Per numen omne perque communes fugas

torosque, quos non nostra violavit fides,

jam parce nato . Si quod est crimen, meum est .

Me dedo morti ; noxium macta caput .

Medea

Hac qua recusas, qua doles, ferrum exigam .

(...)

Si posset una caede satiari manus,

nullam petisset . Ut duos perimam, tamen

nimum est dolori numerus angustus meo .

(...)

Perfruere lento scelere, ne propera, dolor :

meus dies est ; tempore accepto utimur .

Jason

Infesta, memet perime .



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Medea

Misereri jubes.

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Bene est, peractum est . Plura non habui, dolor,
quae tibi litarem . Lumina huc tumida alleva, 1020
ingrate Jason . Conjugem agnoscis tuam ?
Sic fugere soleo, patuit in caelum via :
squamosa gemini colla serpentes jugo
summissa praebent . Recipe jam gnatos, parens ;
ego inter auras aliti curru vehar . 1025

Jason

Per alta vade spatia sublimis aetheris,
testare nullos esse, qua veheris, deos .



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