

The Odyssey

Song of Many-Minded Odysseus

ἄνδρα μοι ἔννεπε, μοῦσα, πολύτροπον, δος μάλα πολλὰ
πλάγχθη, ἐπεὶ Τροίης ἱερὸν πτολίεθρον ἔπερσεν:
πολλῶν δ' ὀνθρώπων ἵδεν ἄστεα καὶ νόον ἔγνω,
πολλὰ δ' ὅ γ' ἐν πόντῳ πάθεν ἄλγεα δν κατὰ θυμόν,
ἀρνύμενος ἥν τε ψυχὴν καὶ νόστον ἔταιρων.
ἀλλ' οὐδ' ὡς ἑτάρους ἐρρύσατο, ἴέμενός περ:
αὐτῶν γὰρ σφετέρησιν ἀτασθαλίησιν ὅλοντο,
νήπιοι, οἵ κατὰ βοῦς Ὑπερίονος Ἡελίοιο
ἥσθιον: αὐτὰρ ὁ τοῖσιν ἀφείλετο νόστιμον ἥμαρ.
τῶν ἀμόθεν γε, θεά, θύγατερ Διός, εἰπὲ καὶ ἡμῖν.

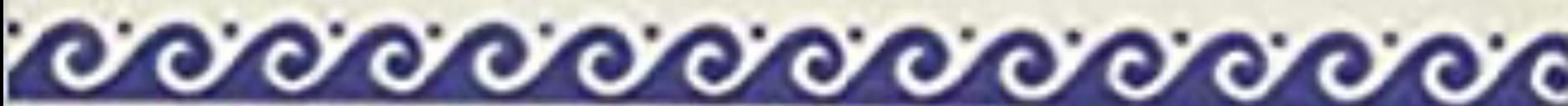




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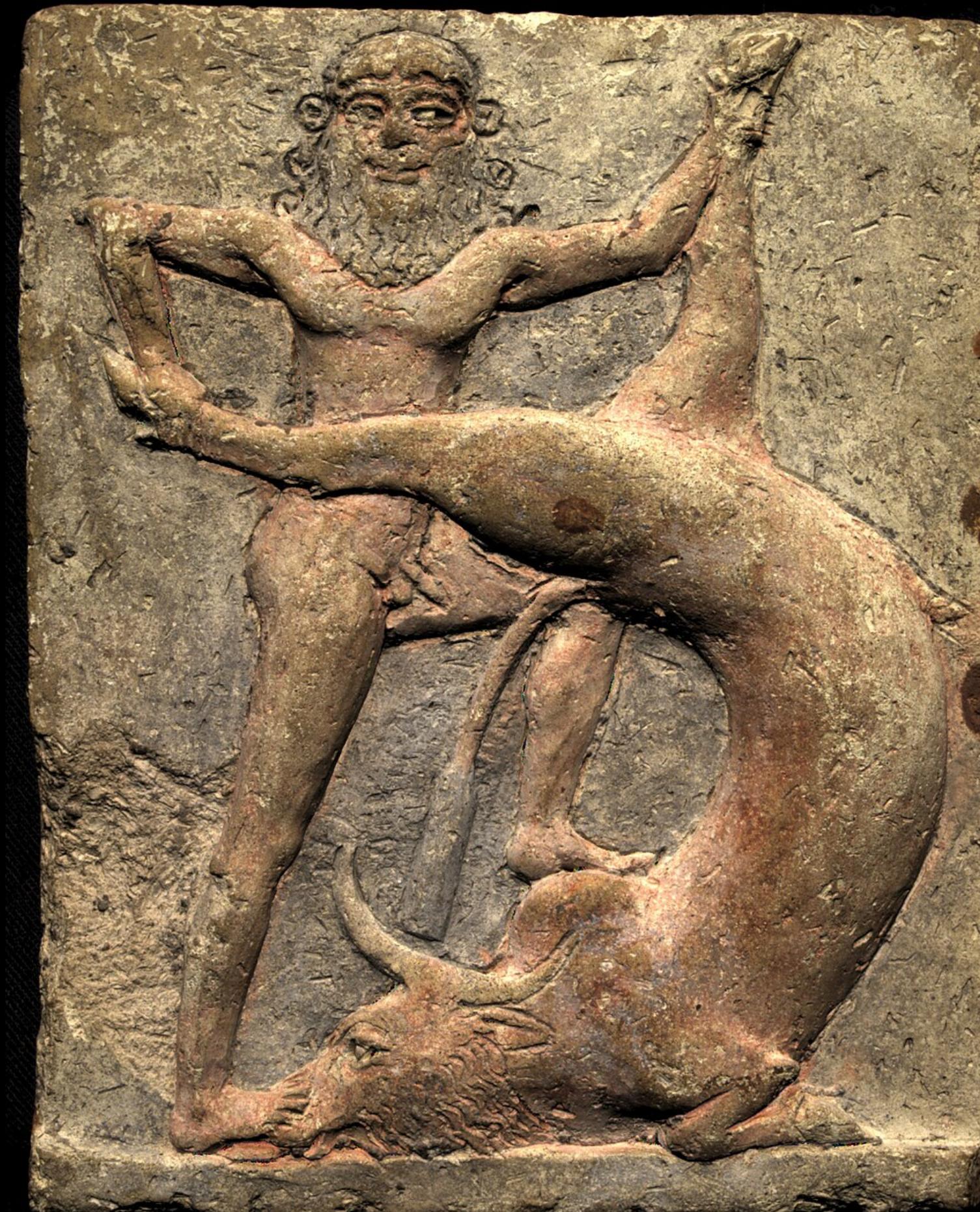
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"The brave man must conquer death, or go through hell,

before he finds his house."

Gilbert Highet, *The Classical Tradition*



Gilgamesh



Dante as Poet-Pilgrim

Katabasis of Odysseus

Odyssey, Book XI



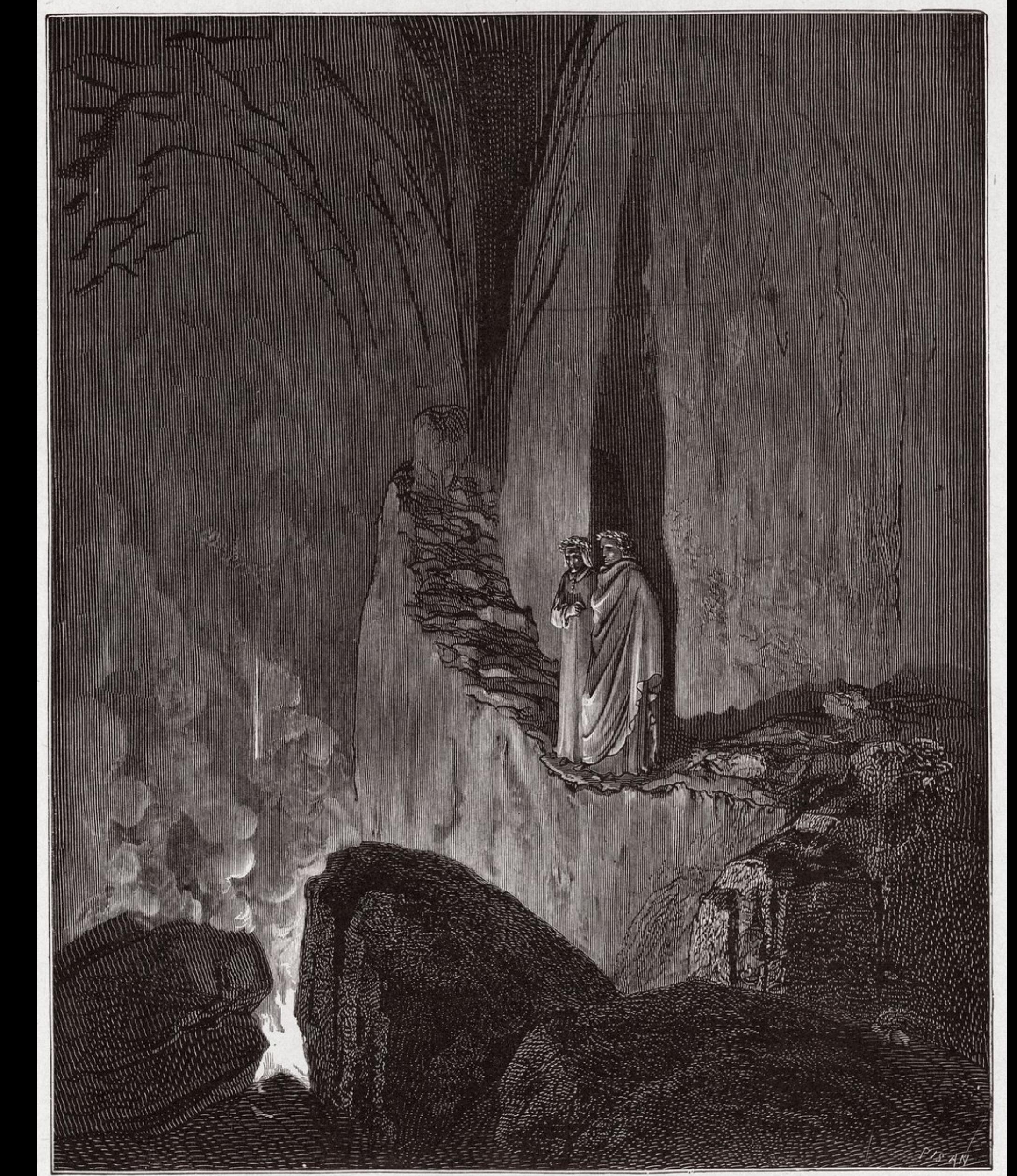
Dante, *Inferno*, Canto 26:

Beyond the boundary
of the known world –

Ulysses' Last Voyage

<https://www.owleyes.org/text/dantes-inferno/read/canto-26#root-422385-1>

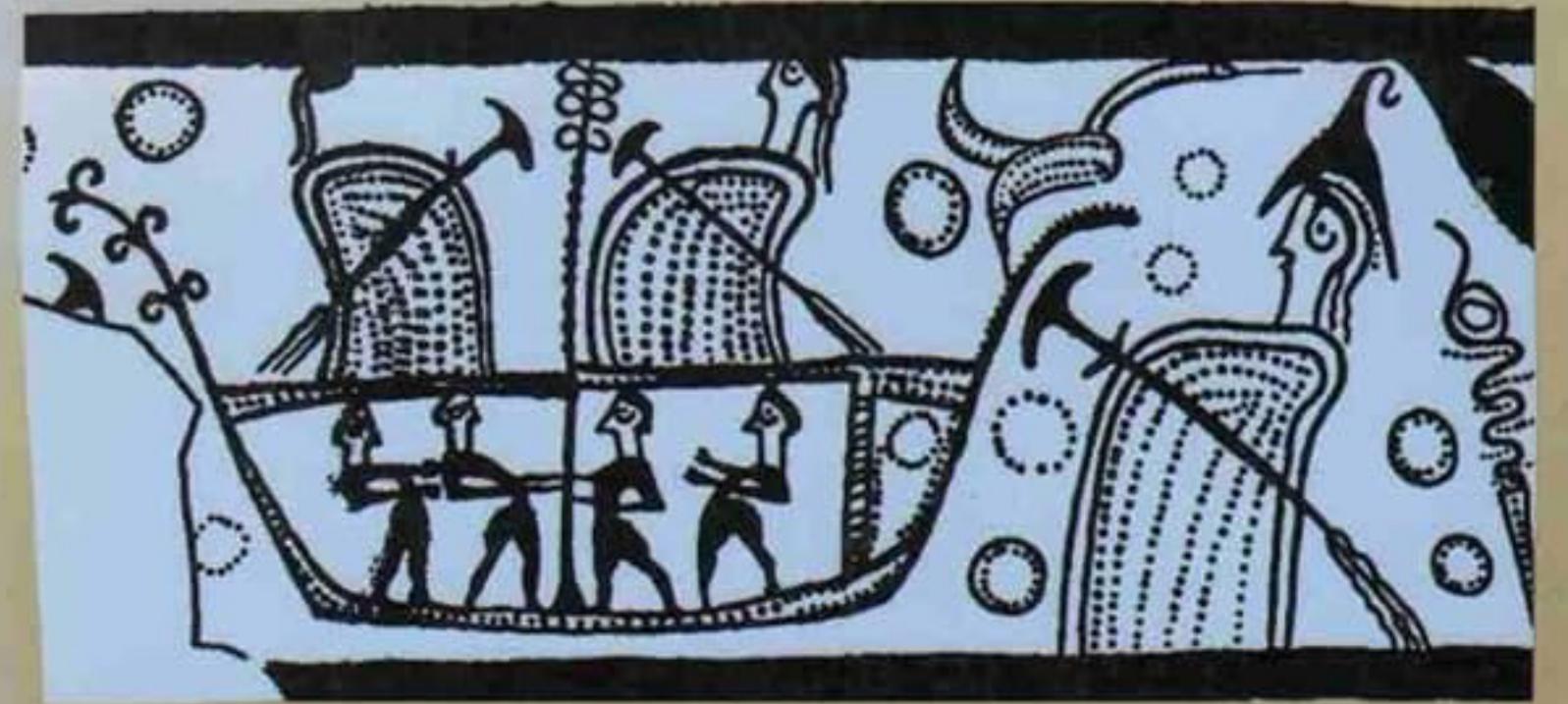
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"If you only read one book in your life on Ulysses, be sure it's Stanford's!"

- JAMES HILLMAN



THE ULYSSES THEME



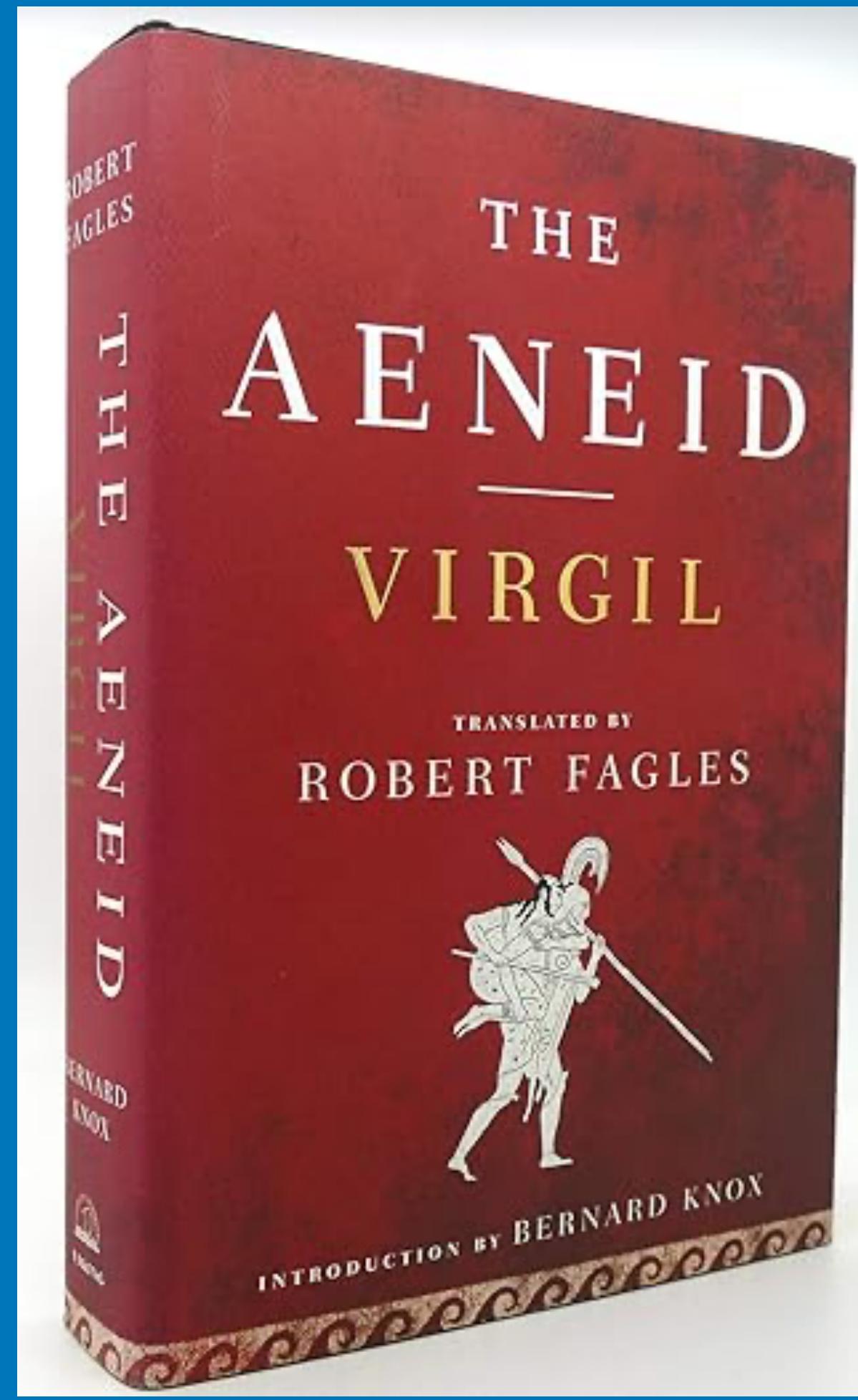
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FOREWORD BY CHARLES BOER

A comprehensive history and analysis of
the story of Odysseus / Ulysses, from
pre-Homeric oral tradition to 1954.

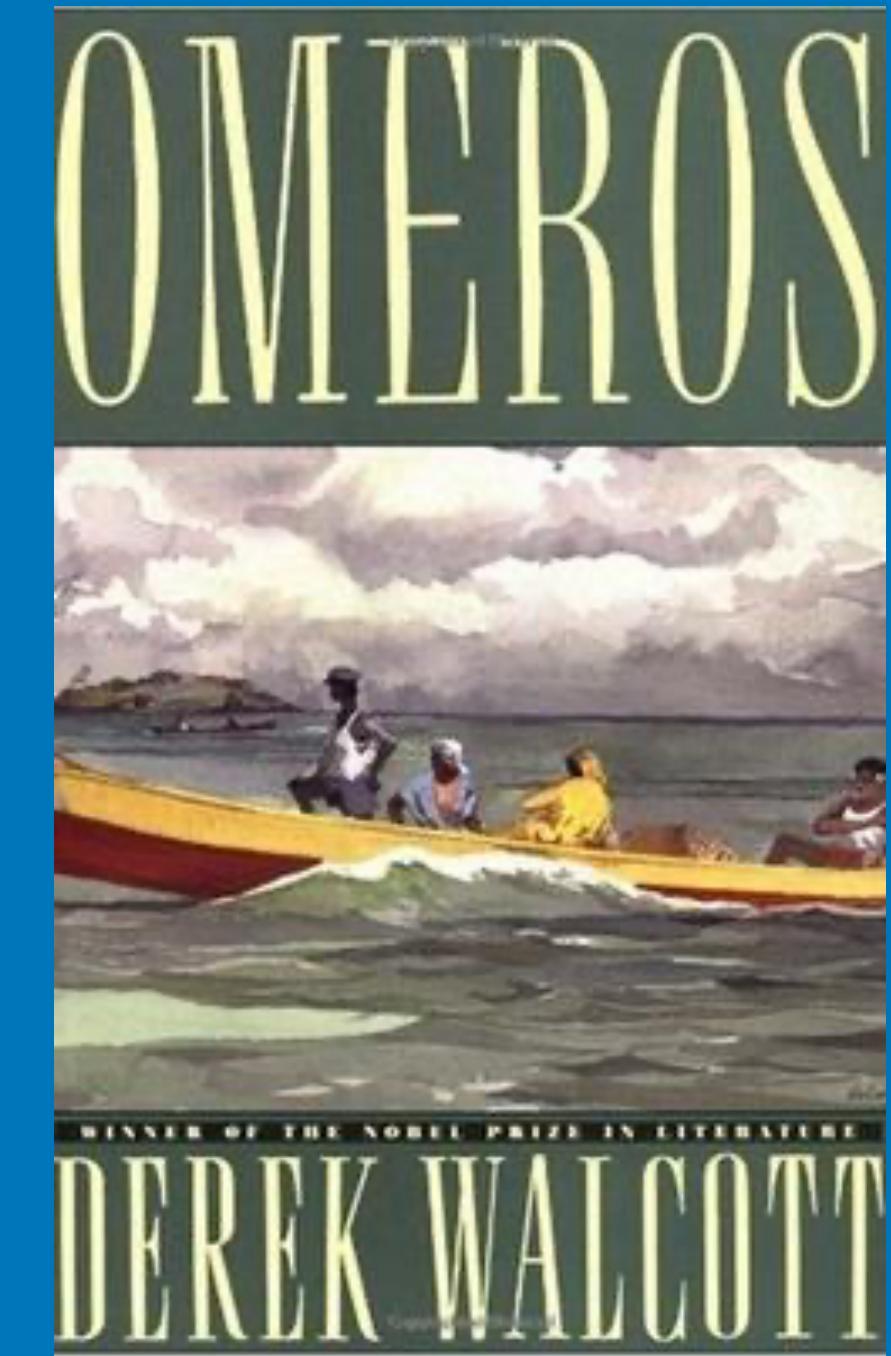
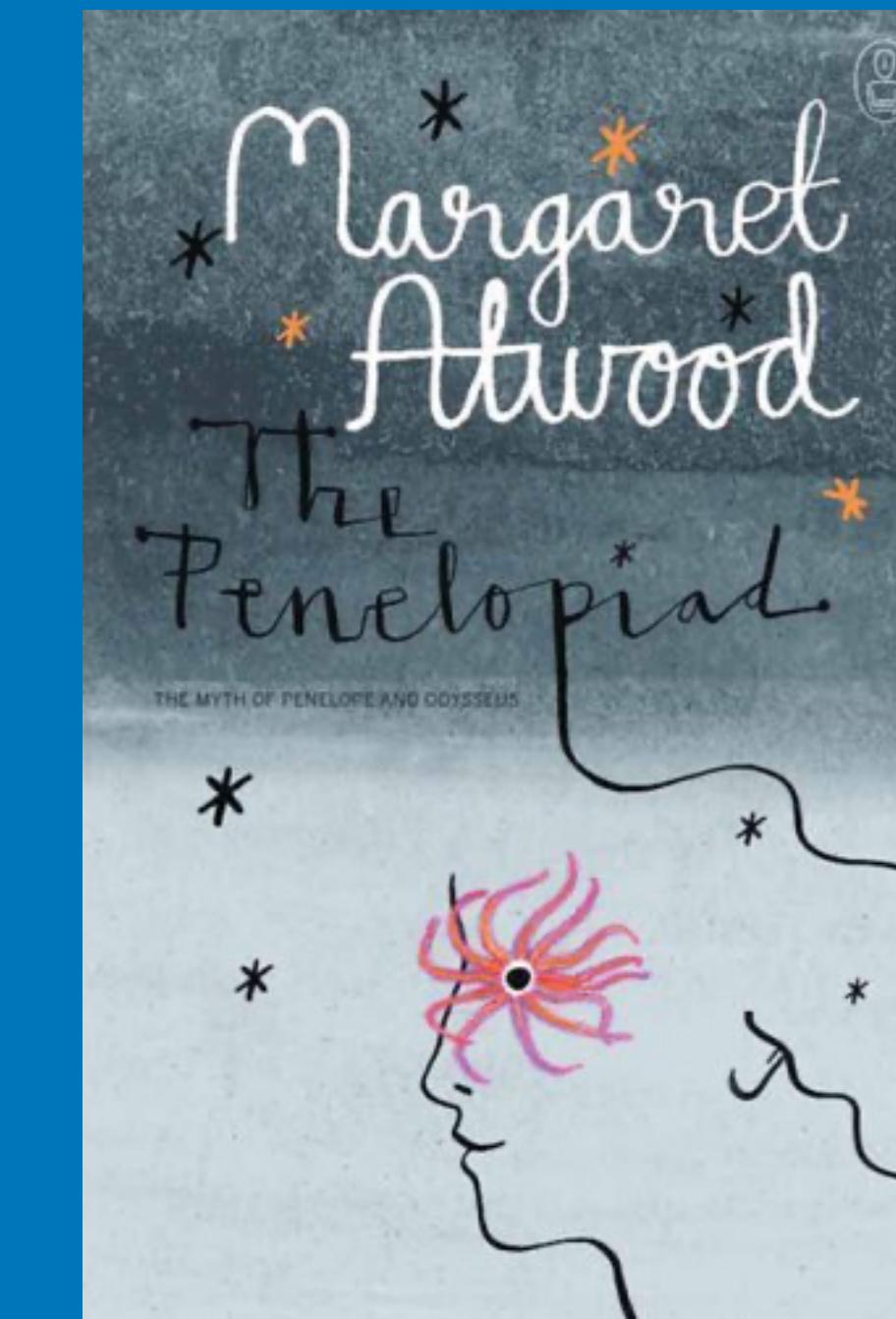
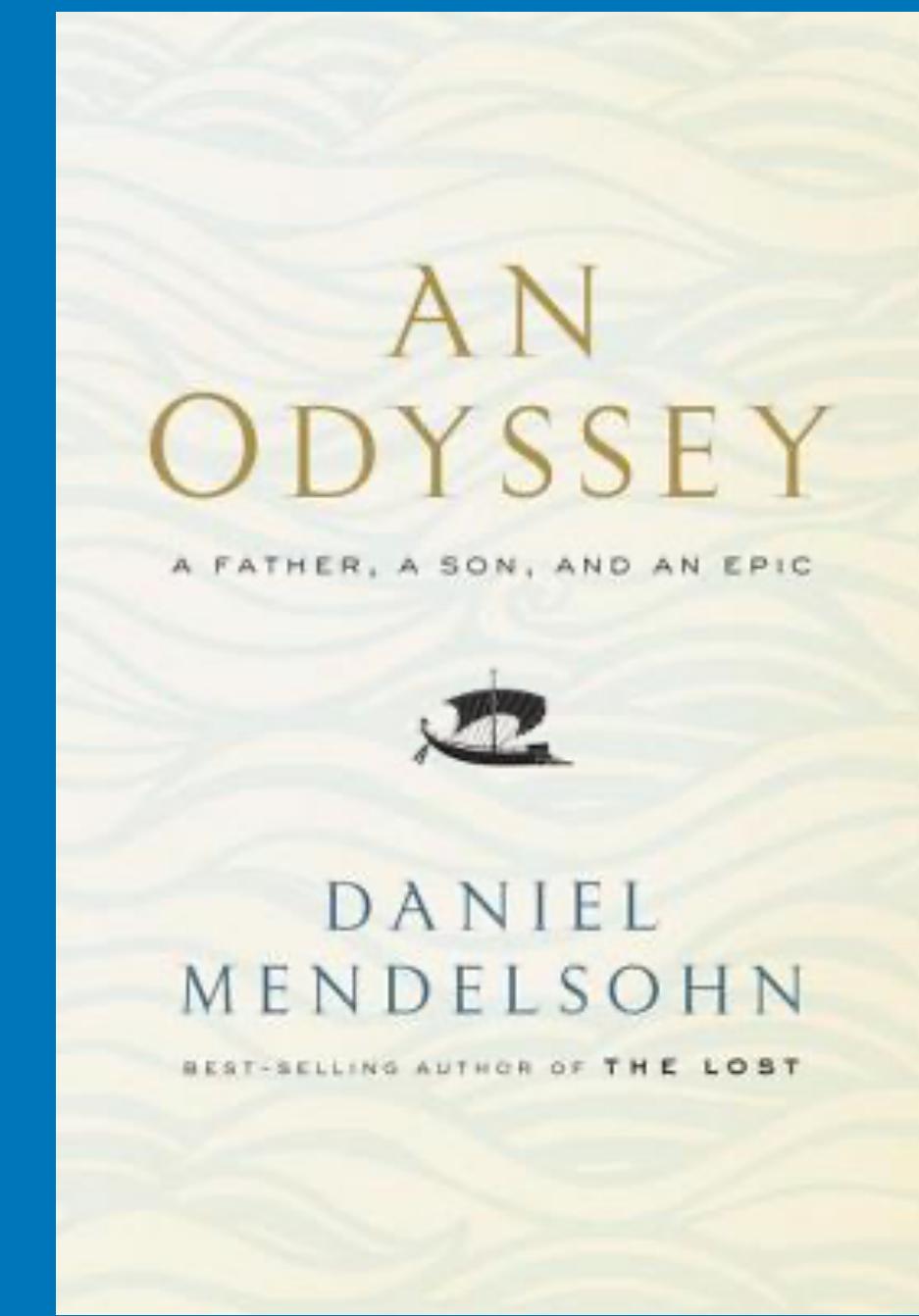
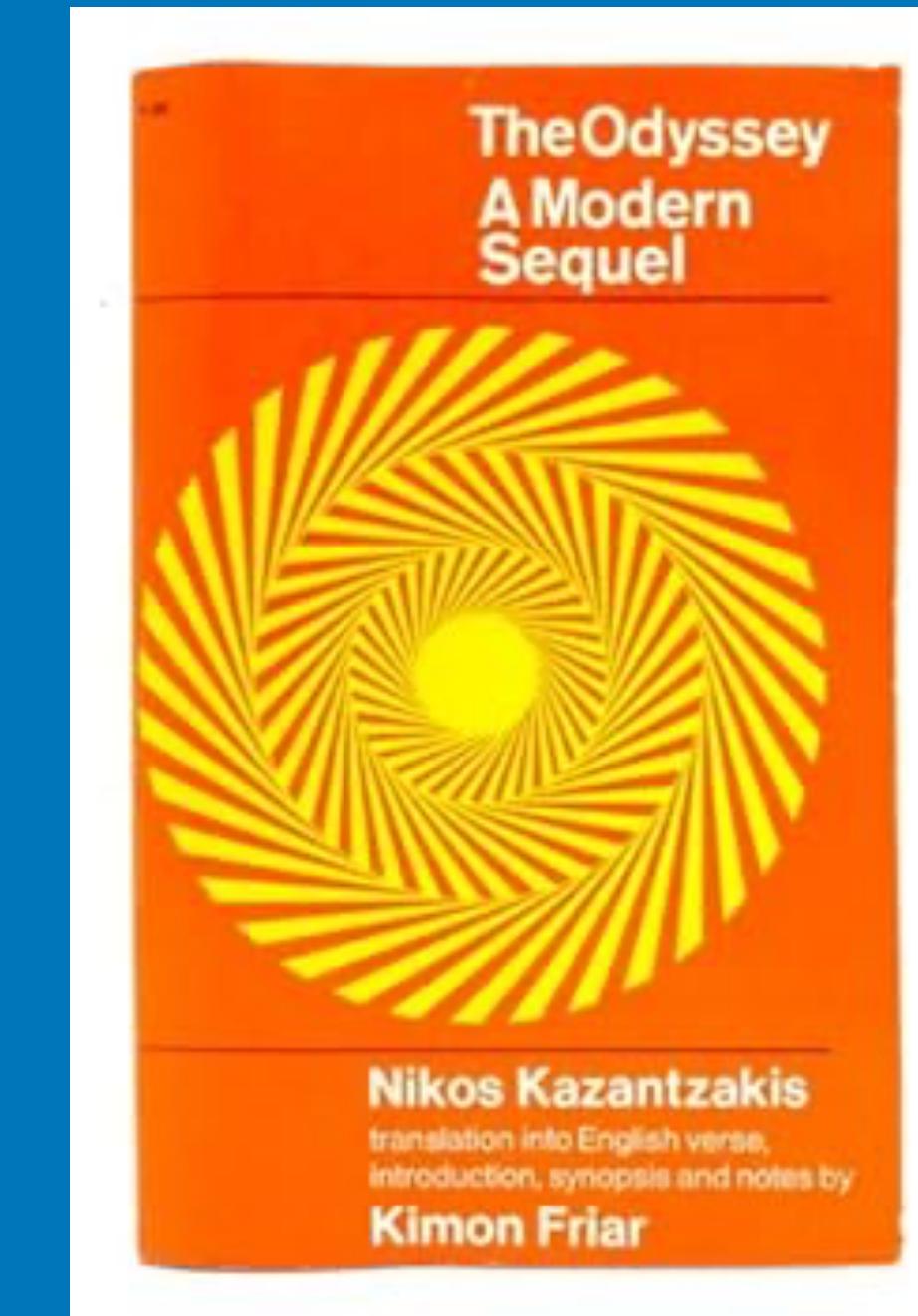
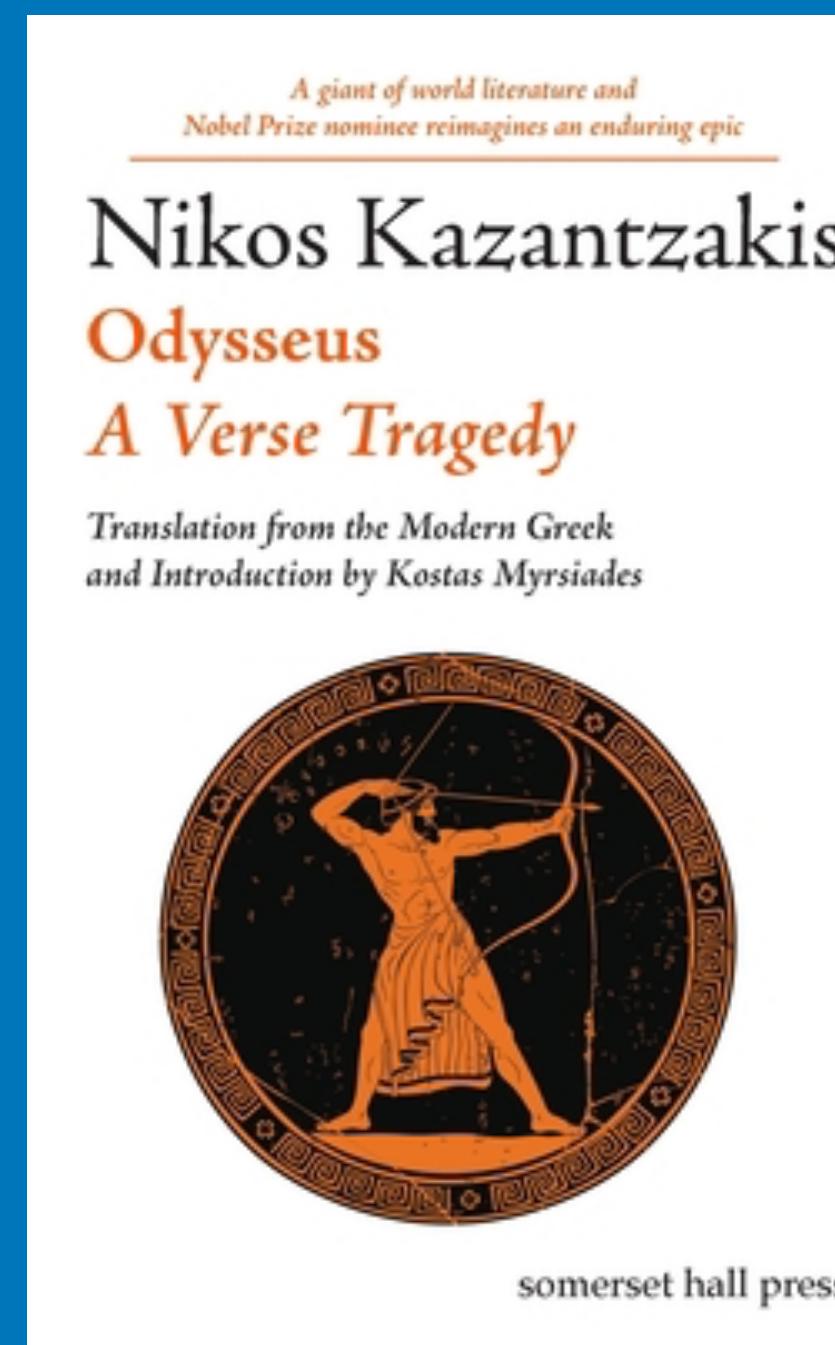
Constantine Cavafy, “Ithaca” (1911)



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(Books I - VI)



One way to overcome temptation...





The
Sirens

Odysseus Blinds Polyphemus





**Polyphemus checks his sheep
for escaping Greeks**

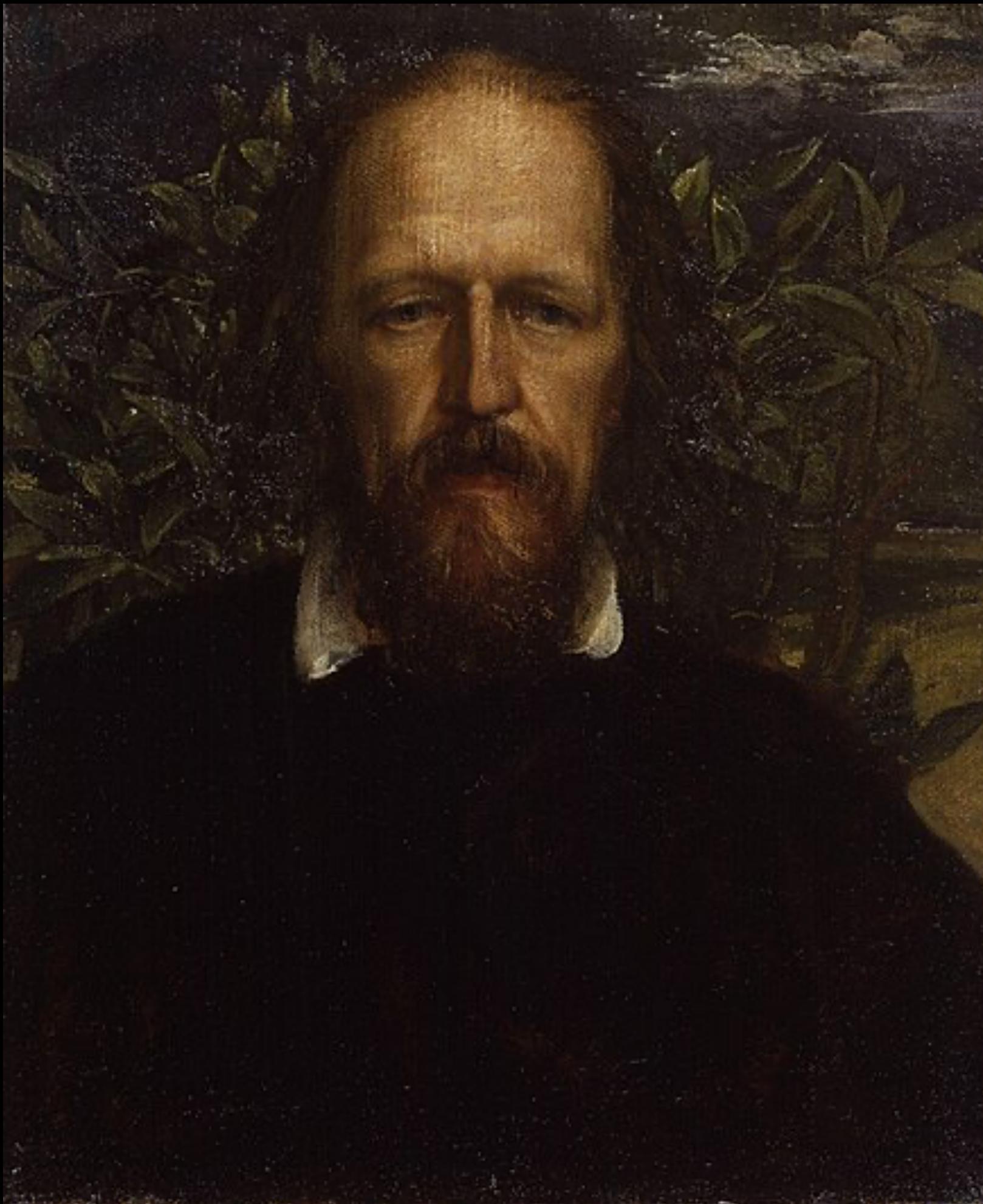
Roman mosaic

A very close reading
of the *Odyssey*, Book 19:

Eric Auerbach, *Mimesis:
The Representation of Reality
in Western Literature*,
Chapter 1: “Odysseus’ Scar”



from Tennyson's “Ulysses”

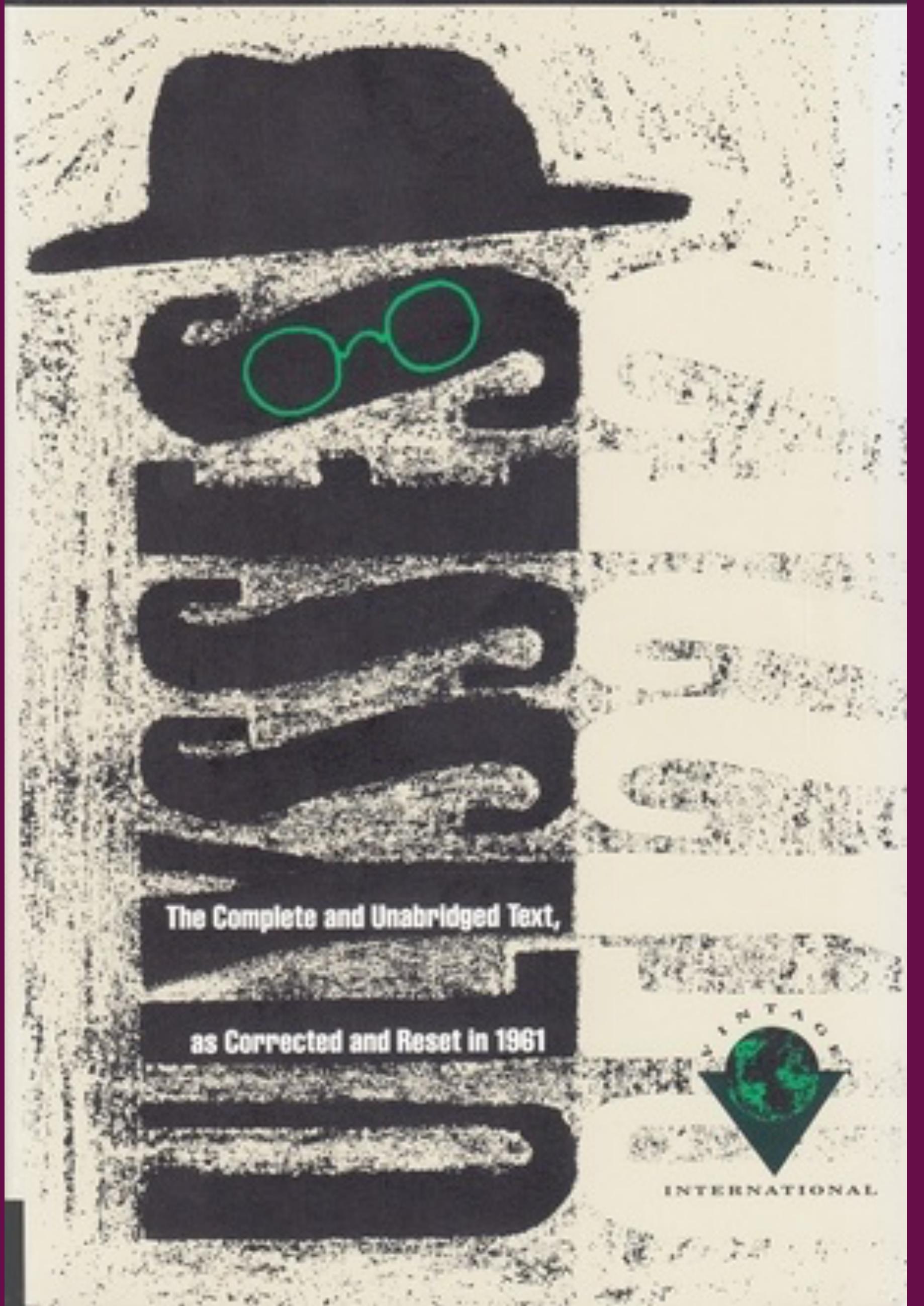


All experience is an arch wherethro'
Gleams that untravell'd world whose margin fades
For ever and forever when I move.

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my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die.

J A M E S J O Y C E



Brief overview of this long, complex novel:

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/cultureshock/flashpoints/literature/ulysses.html>

Claudio Monteverdi, *Il Ritorno d'Ulisse in Patria*



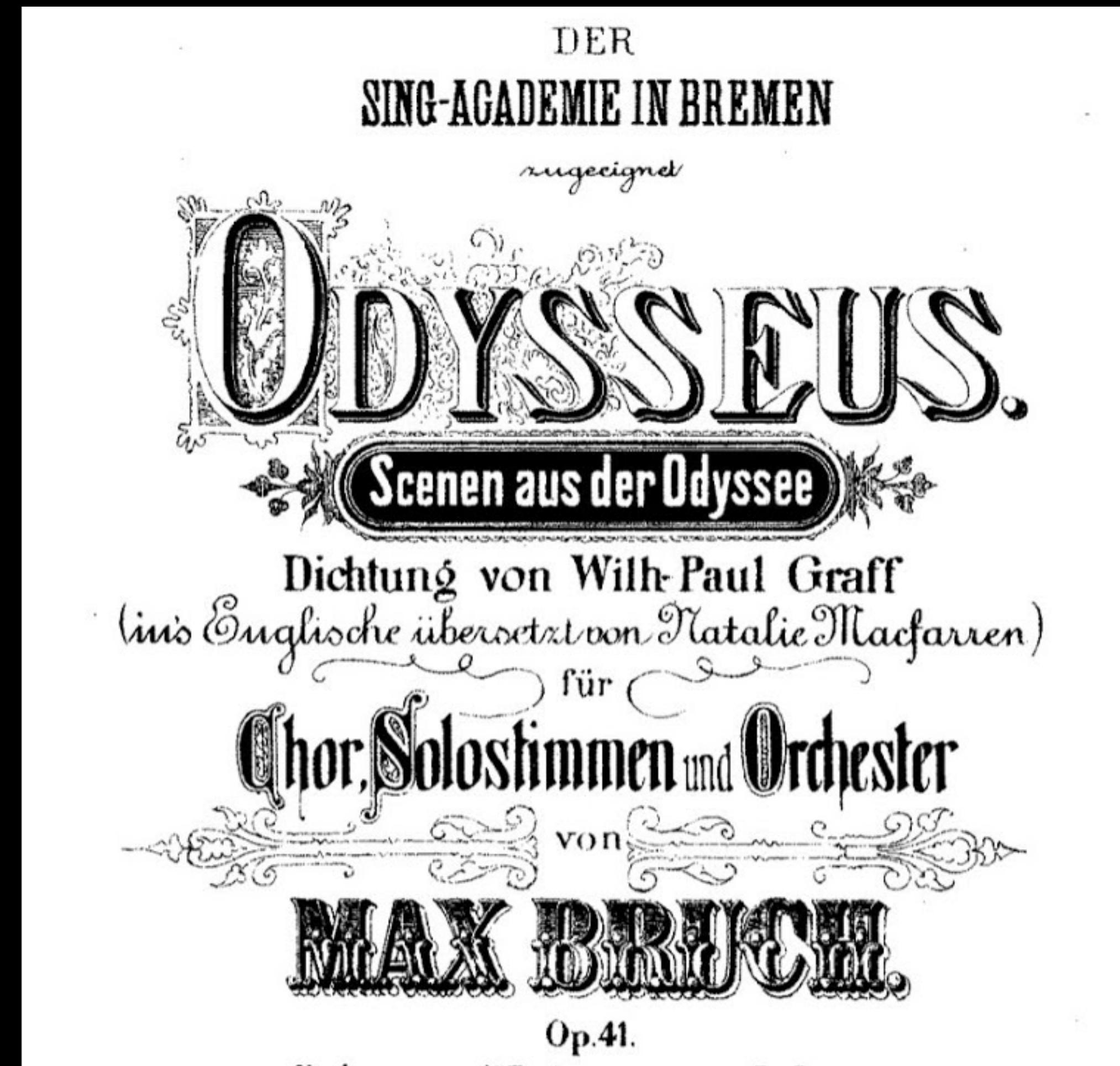
Opera

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zunvtJBkS9E>

Film

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0358080/mediaviewer/rm1317707008/?ref_=tt_ov_i

Max Bruch (1873 Oratorio)



[click for full performance]



Bernadette Peters as Circe!

**Talented animals as
Odysseus' crew!**

Part Two

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOee6yr-5EE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boDSpqQ1zr8>

You will not believe the number of film adaptations of *The Odyssey*!



F A Q

Where Is the Spare Tire on the Honda Odyssey?

