

199 “Hic aliud maius miseris multoque tremendum
Here something greater and much more to be trembled at

200 obicitur magis atque imprōvida pectora turbat.
is presented to the miserable ones and confuses the heedless chests.

201 Lāocoōn, ductus Neptūnō sorte sacerdōs,
Laocoon, a priest to Neptune having been led/ chosen by lot,

202 sollemnēs taurum ingentem mactābat ad aras. chiasmus
was sacrificing a huge bull toward the customary altars.

203 Ecce autem geminī ā Tenedō tranquilla per alta—
Behold however, twins from Tenedos through the calm depths -

204 horrēscō referēns!—immēnsīs orbibus anguēs
I tremble recalling [it]!—snakes with immense coils

205 incumbunt pelagō pariterque ad litora tendunt;
are leaning upon the sea and side by side they hold [their course] for the shores;

206 pectora quōrum inter flūctūs arrēcta iubaeque
whose raised chests between the waves and bloody crests

207 sanguineae superant undās, pars cētera pontum
overcome the waves, the remaining part skims the sea

208 pōne legit sinuatque immēnsa volūmine terga.
after and twists the huge backs in a coil.

209 Fit sonitus spūmante salō; iamque arva tenēbant allit.; onomat.
a noise happens in the frothing [salt] sea; and now they were taking hold of the fields

210 ārdentēsque oculōs suffectī sanguine et ignī
and, suffused in the respect to their burning eyes with blood and fire,

211 sībila lambēbant linguīs vibrantibus ōra.
they were licking their hissing mouths with darting tongues.

212 Diffugimus vīsū exsanguēs. Illī agmine certō
We scatter, pale at the sight. Those [snakes] in a fixed line

213 Lāocoonta petunt; et prīmum parva duōrum
head for Laocoon; and first each serpent entwines the small bodies

214 corpora nātōrum serpēns amplexus uterque
of the two sons, having embraced [them],

215 implicat et miserōs morsū dēpāscitur artūs;
and devours the miserable limbs with a bite;

216 post ipsum auxiliō subeuntem ac tēla ferentem
afterward, they grab the man himself approaching as a help and carrying weapons

217 corripiunt spīrīsque ligant ingentibus; et iam
and they bind [him] with huge coils; and now

218 bis medium amplexī, bis collō squāmea circum

tnesis

having embraced twice his middle, twice having put their scaly backs around his neck,

219 terga datī, superant capite et cervīcibus altīs.

they rise above [him] with the head and the high necks.