THE MYTH OF CLEOBIS & BITON: THE BEST TWO BOYS

Sometimes it just didn’t pay to be good kids back in the old days. This story, however, tells us about what the Romans considered a good and blessed life.


Vocabulary help:

Translation:

Cleobis and Biton were the sons of Cydippe. Cydippe was the priestess of the goddess Juno. She was wanting to see the large statue of Juno. But the statue is far away, and Cydippe is not able to walk; the boys don’t have oxen. Cleobis and Biton love Cydippe; Therefore, they dare to pull the cart themselves. It was hard work, but the sons of Cydippe were healthy. Cydippe sees the statue; then prays to Juno: “O beautiful goddess! Cleobis and Biton have good manners and virtue. For that reason, give the best reward to my sons.” Because of the prayers of Cydippe, Juno without delay gives to the boys a death without pain. Cleobis and Biton are now blessed in perpetual peace.