

**Division IV: Vergil, *Aeneid* V, lines 42-60**

Introduction to the passage: On their way from Carthage, Aeneas and his men have returned to Sicily where Aeneas holds funeral games in honor of his father Anchises. In these lines Aeneas addresses his men and tells them that the anniversary of Anchises' death has come. While it will always be a sad occasion for him, Aeneas urges them to celebrate the day with joy.

Postera cum primo stellas Oriente fugarat  
clara dies, socios in coetum litore ab omni  
advocat Aeneas tumulique ex aggere fatur:  
45 "Dardanidae magni, genus alto a sanguine divum,  
annuus exactis completur mensibus orbis,  
ex quo reliquias divinique ossa parentis  
condidimus terra maestisque sacravimus aras.  
Iamque dies, nisi fallor, adest, quem semper acerbum,  
50 semper honoratum (sic di voluistis) habebō.  
Hunc ego Gaetulis agerem si Syrtibus exsul,  
Argolicove mari depensus et urbe Mycenae,  
annua vota tamen sollemnisque ordine pompas  
exsequeretur strueremque suis altaria donis.  
55 Nunc ultro ad cineres ipsius et ossa parentis  
haud equidem sine mente, reor, sine numine divum  
adsumus et portus delati intramus amicos.  
Ergo agite et laetum cuncti celebremus honorem:  
poscamus ventos, atque haec me sacra quotannis  
60 urbe velit posita templis sibi ferre dicatis."