

The Iliad

Track 3

It's the Bronze Age. The Greek Achaeans have come to conquer Troy. Their former queen, Helen of Sparta, has fled with Paris, the prince of Troy. His prize for naming Aphrodite, the goddess of love, the fairest in Eris's chaotic game...

Verse 1

Let me take you back
Around 800 B.C
When Homer wrote a poem
Following *The Odyssey*
During the Trojan War
Approximately nine years deep
In a city known as Troy
Now Hisarlik, Turkey
They came in and they seized them
Agamemnon led Achaeans like cretins
They captured maidens Briseis and Chryseis
The warrior Achilles
Took Briseis as a prize
Agamemnon claimed the other
And the father Chryses cried
Offering a massive ransom
For Chryseis but denied
Prayed to his God Apollo
And a plague began to rise
After ten days of their suffering
The Greeks slowly subside
As many Achaeans died
And Achilles wonders why
He asked a seer named Calchas
What was the reason?
The soothsayer replied
With an answer to save his life
He said it was a plague
And Achilles was enraged
That they would send a God
Like some cowards to do the job

Uhh! Send a God against me! Fine! Take your little pig back! But, by the Gods I swear I will have my vengeance! And as you look at the crumbled ruin that is your life, you will know who took it from you! As your temple runs red with your flock's blood, you will know who slew them...

Verse 2

Agamemnon hears the news
It fills him up with rage
In agreeance he releases Chryseis
To reverse the plague
He then informs Achilles
That Briseis he will take
Achilles wasn't having it
And went his separate way
Achilles prayed to Thetis
His mother to ask Zeus
To punish the Achaeans
Yet reluctant, he followed through
Causing the Greek leader to
Dream about the feud

His commander the wise Nestor
Persuades Agamemnon to
Launch a full scale assault
Upon the city walls
He goes to test the courage
Of the warriors he calls
But they all laid it down
To his great dismay
Then Odysseus of the Greeks
Gave them confidence and they stayed
They decide to go one on one
And the soldiers have been chosen
Menelaus King of Sparta
Versus Paris of the Trojans
Aphrodite stopped the fight
Because the Trojans she supported
With the prince about to die
She commanded the King dormant

Ahh!! He runs! The coward has called a God in a fight of honor...

Verse 3

The commander of the Trojan forces
Was Paris's brother Hector
The best of Trojan soldiers
Reinforcement for the lesser
He had slain so many Greeks
Including Patroclus
Achilles' dearest friend
His armor not enough
It brought Achilles back
Despite the anger towards his King
And his mother's forewarning
That his fate was fatality
Hector vs. Achilles
A victory for the Greeks
Achilles took the soldier's body
Dragged it out to sea

I take your life...

Verse 4

A visit from King Priam
For Prince Hector's body back
Achilles paid respect
It made him think about his dad
He put his mind in check
As mercy flowed throughout his head
Deserving a proper burial
Let Priam take his kin
For twelve days there's no war
And the poem ends
But we've got a little more
A Trojan horse to make amends
Perceived as a gift
To the Trojans, so they thought
But Achaeans hid inside it
And the beasts robbed them all