

King Aegeus

Aegeus, King of Athens
Keeps his watch for the return of his son.
Always hopes that the sail is white
For white will show that Theseus won.

Aegeus, King of Athens
See the ship, sees the sail is black.
In despair from his place on the cliff
He throws himself into the sea.

The price Aegeus pays for peace
Will end his life, to bring release
From his despair that Theseus lost;
His son was far too great a cost.

Aegeus did not need to die,
He could not know the reason why
His son forgot to change the sail
To tell Aegeus he did not fail.

Aegeus, King of Athens
Fell to his death from the cliff to the sea.
The waters here will bear his name
For this is now the Aegean Sea.

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If only he had seen the proof
Of Theseus' triumph over war
And how he killed the Minotaur!

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Remembered for eternity.
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