

*Electra*

*Euripides 485/4-406 B.C.*

*(465-9)*

*When Euripides has his chorus of Argive countrywomen in the Electra, condemn Clytemnestra's murder of Agamemnon by reviewing the king's glorious exploits in the Trojan War and recalling, in an echo of Homer's description of the cosmic Shield of Achilles, how*

*In the shield's centre shone*

*The sun's blazing circle,*

*Drawn up by winged horses,*

*And the ethereal choral dances of stars*

*[Astron t' aitherioi choroï],*

*The Pleiades and the Hyades,*

*Terrifying in the eyes of Hector...*

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