Aeneas II

Teucrorum spes

Hector is dead.

Achilles is dead.

The Greeks have pretended to abandon the siege.

They sail from Troy, leaving the fatal Wooden Horse on the shore...

We pick up the story of the destruction of the city as Aeneas himself will tell it to Dido, Queen of Carthage.

Aeneas did escape from Troy with Anchises and Ascanius and his followers.

He and his companions sailed, with many adventures en route, to Drepanum (Trápani) in Sicily, where Anchises died.

In obedience to the will of the gods, Aeneas has now set sail for the mainland of Italy.

We pick up the story again – with Virgil now as the Narrator – at the moment when Juno catches sight of the fleet of Aeneas as they round the north-west tip of Sicily.

Aeneas and his seven remaining ships are driven back by the storm as far as the coast of North Africa.

He goes ashore and kills some deer which he brings to his exhausted, grieving and disheartened crew.