

## The Crane Dance

Terpsichore summons me to sing for the white-robed  
women of Knossos, and the city rejoices greatly.

Ehpi me Terpsihkhora kalih,  
kala wehroi aisom enan,  
Knossihois leukopeplus,  
mega d'ehmes gegathe polis.  
Corinna

The choir is sacred.

Ho khoros hosios.  
Euripides, *Trojan Women (Troyadeez)*

Let the holy step of the foot be flung high.

Riptestho podos hiera Basis  
Anon., *Greek Lyric, V*

I thrill with the rapture of this mystic rite.

Efriks' eroti tude mustiku telus.  
Aeschylus, Fragment, *Aeschylus II*

Now advance  
in the whirling, twirling dance,  
with hand linked in hand, as we deftly trip along,  
keeping time to the cadence of the swiftly-flowing  
song.

Horma, khore;  
kufa posin ag'es kuklon,  
kheri sunapte khera, hruthmon  
khoreas hupageh pasa,  
baineh karpalimoin podoin.  
Aristophanes, *Thesmophoriazusae*

Oh my sisters!

Ho kassignetai!  
ancient Greek