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Book I

Tell me, Muse, of the man of many way, who was driven journeys, after he had sacked Troy's sacred citadel. Many were they whose cities he saw, who minds he learned of, many the pains he suffered in his spirit on the wide sea,

5 struggling for his own life and the homecoming of his companions.

Even so he could not save his companies, hard though he strove to; they were destroyed by their own wild recklessness, fools, who devoured the oxen of Helios, the Sun God, and he took away the day of their homecoming, From some point

10 here, goddess, daughter of Zeus, speak, and begin out story.