

Athena's return to Olympus

Then to the palaces of heaven she sails,
Incumbent on the wings of wafting gales;
the seat of gods; the regions mild of peace,
Full joy, and calm eternity of ease.

There no rude winds presume to shake the skies,
No rains descend, no snowy vapours rise;
But on immortal thrones the blest repose;
The firmament with living splendours glows.¹



¹ Homer: *The Odyssey*, VI (tr. Pope); [Pallas Athena returns to Olympus after appearing in a dream to Nausicaä.]