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# Partial Play Script

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He heard the suppliants prayer with ruth  
Gave Hector's body to the tomb,

And sent me back in safety home.

(He feebly hurls his dart which pyrrhus Scor  
nfully catches On the boss of his shield)

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Enter Priam from rear stage tottering with age & breath-  
lessly girding on a long unused sword.

Hecuba; (rises to meet him) What madness wrecked spouse

Has placed that helmet on thy brows?

Come whither fare you? Limes so dear

Bent <sup>knees</sup> not lifted arms require;

Could Hector now before us stand

No help were in my Hector's hand.  
Take refuge here, & learn at length

The secret of an old man's strength;

One altar shall protect us all;

Here abide with us, or with us fall.

(She leads him to a seat at altar)

Enter Polixenes running. Pyrrhus in hot pursuit with  
spear levelled at his head. They circle court corrido  
when just before the altar where sit the horror stri-  
cken parents Polixenes falls & expires.

Priam: (sternly) May heaven, if Heaven be just to thee  
Such horrors render worthy need

For this atrocious deed

Which makes me see my dear son die  
And stains with blood a father's eye,  
But he to whom you feign you owe

Your birth, Achilles- 'twas not so

He dealt with Priam though his foe

He feared the laws of right and truth;