

Scene 3

Naciketa

And here am I, Naciketa,
now in the domains of Death
for thus my father's words
have sent me to the very portals of Yama.
It has been three days and nights
as I wait here at the portals of Death's mansion
and yet have I not been received or acknowledged.

Yama

And I am Dharmaraja,
Lord of Righteousness; ordinary mortals
who have not entered the portals of wisdom
fear and tremble at my name;
and those that have not seen wisdom,
call me Death.

Naciketa

I salute you, Sir.
I am Naciketa.