

*The Odyssey in 28 lines*

1. Penelope is waiting.
2. In a way, Odysseus is also waiting.
3. In a way, he isn't.
4. Out they go, on a boat.
5. They don't come back.
6. Finally, they do.
7. Before that they plug their ears with wax.
8. Odysseus does not plug his ears with wax.
9. Odysseus tied to the mast,
10. Hears the most beautiful song and can do nothing about it.
11. Odysseus cries.
12. Odysseus is not turned into a boar.
13. They land on a different island many times,
14. Hide sometimes under the soft bellies of huge sheep.
15. The one eyed monster is blinded and keens to his ken.
16. For this Odysseus names himself 'no body'.
17. Odysseus opens a bag of winds.
18. Odysseus cannot return home.
19. Odysseus hides them inside of a horse.
20. The Horse carries them past the gate protecting the sleeping city.
21. Odysseus sits and can't eat anything.
22. So many of them die.
23. Odysseus appears and disappears.
24. Somehow, Odysseus winds up at Troy.
25. Something about the sea.
26. Oh Odysseus, what about your wife and son?
27. Odysseus strings a bow.
28. Odysseus shoots an arrow.