Oedipus entreth.
Or that with wrong the right and doubtlesse heire,
Shoulde banisht be out of his princely seate.
Yet thou O queene, so fyle thy sugred toung,
And with suche counsell decke thy mothers tale,
That peace may bothe the brothers heartes inflame,
And rancour yelde, that erst possest the same.
Eteocl. Mother, beholde, youre hestes for to obey,
In person nowe am I resorted hither:
In haste therefore, fayne woulde I knowe what cause
With hastie speede, so moued hath your mynde
To call me nowe so causelesse out of tyme,
When common wealth moste craues my onely ayde:
Fayne woulde I knowe, what queynt commoditie
Persuades you thus to take a truce for tyme,
And yelde the gates wide open to my foe,
The gates that myght our stately state defende,
And nowe are made the path of our decay.
„ *Ioca.* Represse deare son, those raging stormes of wrath,
„That so bedimme the eyes of thine intente,
„As when the tongue (a redy Instrument)
„Would fayne pronounce the meaning of the minde,
„It cannot speake one honest seemely worde.
„But when disdayne is shrunke, or sette asyde,
„And mynde of man with leysure can discourse
„What seemely woordes his tale may best beseeme,
„And that the toung vnfoldes without affectes
„Then may proceede an answere sage and graue,
„And euery sentence sawst with sobernesse:
Wherefore vnbende thyne angrie browes deare chylde,
And caste thy rolling eyes none other waye,
That here doost not *Medusaes* face beholde,
But him, euen him, thy blood and brother deare.
And thou beholde, my *Polinices* eke,
Thy brothers face, wherin when thou mayst see
Thine owne image, remember therwithall,
That what offence thou woldst to him were done,

0.1 entreth] *intrat* MS 20–22 As ... worde.] *not in* 73 20 the] thie MS 21 fayne pronounce] faynest tell MS 21 the minde] thy minde MS 22 It ... worde.] Thie swelling hart puft vp with wicked ire / Can scarce pronounce one inward louing thought. MS 31 *Medusaes*] One of the furies. 75m