***The Odyssey***

**Episode 11 Extracts**

**Extract 1**

Antinous picked up a stool and he threw it at the old beggar, striking him on the shoulder. But the beggar didn’t falter or fall to the ground. He stood firm and the stool clattered onto the floorat his feet. And the beggar walked across and sat down among the shadows by the door of the feasting hall, and he said nothing. He brooded in silence.

**Extract 2**

In my dream I kept a flock of fat white geese, I kept them in my husband’s hall, and every day I fed them with my own hands. And in my dream an eagle swooped down from the mountains, slaughtered all of the geese, sat on a rafter and sang.

**Extract 3**

Telemachus, Telemachus, come here, listen to me, do exactly what I tell you. All the weapons that are hanging from the walls of this feasting hall – take them and hide them in a locked chamber. If anybody asks you where they are, tell them they have become tarnished and smoke-blackened and they have gone to be cleaned and sharpened. Leave only my own bow hanging from its wooden peg on the wall and the twelve ceremonial axes.

**Extract 4**

And the nursemaid smiled. And as soon as she was out of sight she made her way out and down and round, and she locked all the doors to the feasting hall, from the outside.