

## Niobe

### Ring Composition - Epic regression

A	599-601	Your son is free: you will see him tomorrow
B	601	Now let us think of eating
C	602	For even Niobe was mindful of food
D	603-12	Niobe's story (the centerpiece)
C	613	She at when she had tired of weeping
	[614-17	And now she still nurses her grief, even when turned to stone]
B	618-19	But, come, let us also think of eating
A	619-620	After that you can mourn your son, when you have brought him back to Troy. He will be much weeped over.

(After Kirk et al., *The Iliad: A Commentary*, 1993)