

## Figure 5.6: Sample Excerpts From Calypso in *The Odyssey*

### Example 1: Sample Backstory

Title: Calypso's Lamentation

No one knows of my suffering. I was exiled here and am destined to be alone. I wasn't always so brazen to be the one who would capture Odysseus and keep him here as my prisoner. I wasn't always so bold to speak to a male god, to Hermes, so forcefully, "Hard-hearted / you are, you gods! You unrivaled lords of jealousy / scandalized when goddesses sleep with mortals, / openly, even when one has made the man her husband" (Homer, *The Odyssey*, book 5, lines 130–133). Listen to me now, and I will tell you my story.

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### Example 2: Sample Perspective About an Event

Title: Calypso's Ominous Warning

I watched in devastation as Odysseus sailed away. How could he leave me, an immortal goddess for that mere mortal, Penelope? I warned him, and I begged him, ". . . if you only knew down deep, what pains / are fated to fill your cup before you reach that shore, / you'd stay right here, preside in our house with me / and be immortal" (5.228–230). But he left anyway. And who knows if he will ever return to Ithaca?

When he was here with me, we . . .

### Reference

Homer, P. A. (1853). *The odyssey of Homer. A. Pope & T. A. Buckley (Eds.). Ingram, Cooke.*