

Troilus & Cressida

Troilus is in love with Cressida, whose father, Calchas, deserts the Trojans for the Greeks. Achilles refuses to fight and stays in his tent with Patroclus. The sole combat between Ajax and the Trojan hero Hector ends in a draw. Calchas trades a Trojan prisoner for Cressida, whom comes to the Greek camp. In a truce Troilus sees her with Diomedes and vows to kill him. Next day Hector leads the Trojans to drive back the Greeks. He kills Patroclus, which goads Achilles into action, who, dishonourably, has Hector killed, although unarmed and drags his body round the walls of Troy.