

are told with a fundamentally similar technique, in language that has been likened to a whirlwind or the thunder of waves upon a lonely shore.

→ What of Homer's sources? They were, no doubt, folk tales, some dating back maybe to Crete and some maybe beyond. They probably had the form of shorter songs improvised by the bards of a culture of which Homer must be considered the perfect flower. He took them, fused them, and quite transformed them by his unique genius and single inspiration.

"Homer, the traditional epic poem of Greece, of whom no real records exist. Herodotus placed him as living in the ninth century B.C., and modern authorities incline to accept this date" (first page inside cover.)