Delphic Paean by Athenaios Athenaiou (c. 127 BC)

Words in green supplemented by scholars 1893-2001, principally Martin West (2001)
Pitches in green reconstructed by Armand D'Angour (2017)
Chorus pitches in black from the edition by Egert Pöhlmann and Martin West (2001)
Louvre aulos part composed by Barnaby Brown (2017)

A Sacred Dance

Chorus

Louvre aulos
H-0, L-1T6

i.e. High pipe: all holes open
Low pipe: holes 1, 7 and 6 closed

8 Listen, daughters of Zeus the thunderer,

1. Kek-lyth’ He-li-kō-na ba-thy-den-dron hai la-che-te Di-ös e-ri-bro-mou thy-ga-tres eu-

14 Apollo golden-haired,

ō-le-noi; mo-le-te su-nom ai-mon hi-na Phoi-bon oi-dai-si mel-pse-te chry-se-o-ko-mān,

21 rising up the twin peaks of Parnassus with Delphic nymphs

hos a-na di-ko-rym-ba Par-nās-si-dos tās-de pe-te-rās he-drān ham a-ga-kly-tais Del-phi-si-n

28 Castalia’s flowing streams is reaching, visiting his mountain oracle, Delphi.

Kat-sta-li-dos eu-y-drou nā-ma-tē-pi-ni-se-tai, Del-phon a-na pro-na mān-
Behold, the great city-state Attica is at prayer,

unconquerable; on sacred altars Hephaestus burns
tó-ni-dos da-pe-don ath-rau-ston; ha-giois de bó-moi-sin Hā-phai-stos ai-

thé ne-ôn mé-ra tau-rón; ho-mou de nin A-raps at-mos es O-lym-pon a-na-

rises; the clear-voiced pipe, sounding with shimmering tunes, its song weaves;

kid-na-tai, li-gy de ló-tos_bre-món ai-o-lois_mele-sín oí-dán_kre-kē,

and the golden sweet-voiced kithara with hymns raises song.

chry-se-ād’ hā-dy-throus ki-thar-is hym-noi-sín a-na-mel-pe-tai.
3. Ho de tech-ni tôn pro-pās hes-mos Ath-

glorifies the son of great Zeus, who gave you
thi-da la-chōn a-gla-i-zē kly-ton pai-da me-ga-lou Di-os, soi gar e-por'

this snow-capped crag where undying, unlying oracles are revealed to all.
a-kro-ni-phē ton-de pa-gon, am-brot' a-pseu-de' hou pā si thnā-tois, pro-phai-

You grasped the tripod which the great serpent was gaurding,
nēss lo-gi-a. Tri-po-da mān- tē-on hōs ē-less hon me-ga e-phrou

when you slew that glittering,
-re dra-kōn, ho-te te-kos Gās a-pes-tē-sas ai-

coiled creature and the beast many hisses emitting strident
o-lon he-lik-tān phy-ān, esth' ho thēr py-kna sy-rig-math hī-ēs a-thō-