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HOM Response To: Ode To Man Chorus

In this chorus of Antigone called "Ode to Man" it talks basically about mankind's creation and how it has evolved in the world. In the beginning the chorus mainly explains how "Many are the world's wonders but none more wondrous than man". I feel this line connects to the world today and how current times are affected. Now there are millions of people in the world and are being continuously made. It shows that since the creation of mankind kind man creation never really stopped. In the chorus it also mentions, "With excelling sharpness of mind he snares whole nations of birds, takes captive tribes of wild beast, and catches in woven nets the brood of the oceans deep". To me this was a very interesting line in the play because it explains a lot. For one it shows man accomplishing all these things and evolving though time as mankind grew. I feel this connects to how as the world continues to move on and mankind accomplishing more things. Ex. In the 1980's you had to use typewriters to type yet now you can type on a computer or even on the go with a laptop.

Although this newfound power and intelligence has lead to new discoveries it also has a downfall to it. Not only were inventions created to help people yet some inventions were also made to harm. This is explained in this quote "Intelligence of mind, power beyond all measure, man's fertile skill leads now to good, now to evil. When laws of man and god are kept the city stands with pride. When man betrays both god and man the city falls to shame". I felt this line was deep because it explains how "good" and "evil" clash together. This world has made plenty of useful new inventions to help society, yet it seems to work in vice versa also. The world has created things aren't so helpful to society such as

nuclear bombs and deadly missiles and I feel this is exactly what the line tens to come across. This line also seems to bring how when people do something positive it helps bring the society up, yet when the law is broken society is being let down.