

Iambic verse is the meter of comedy. There are 3 units of 2 feet each; the second half of each foot must be long; the first half of the first unit can be long or short, but the first half of the second unit must be short.

Below I've used an n dash – to separate the 3 units, with a hyphen - between the two feet of each unit. The **bold** indicates a heavy syllable and **blue** indicates a light, while **grey** is for anceps (heavy or light).

Ἐξ ἡ-δονῆς – γὰρ φύ-εται – τὸ δυσ-τυχεῖν.

Ἐξ ἡδονῆς γὰρ φύεται τὸ δυστυχεῖν.

Ἡ γὰρ - σιω-πή, μαρ-τυρεῖ – τὸ μὴ - θέλειν.

Ἡ γὰρ σιωπή, μαρτυρεῖ τὸ μὴ θέλειν.

Ἄνῆρ - ὁ φεύ-γων καὶ - πάλιν – μαχή-σεται.

Ἄνῆρ ὁ φεύγων καὶ πάλιν μαχήσεται.

Εἰ θνη-τὸς εἶ, – βέλτισ-τε, θνη-τὰ καὶ - φρόνει.

Εἰ θνητὸς εἶ, βέλτιστε, θνητὰ καὶ φρόνει.

Σιγή - ποτ' ἐσ-τὶν, αἰ-ρετω-τέρα - λόγου.

Σιγή ποτ' ἐστὶν, αἰρετωτέρα λόγου.

Φεῦγ' ἡ-δονήν, – φέρου-σαν ὕσ-τερον - βλάβην.

Φεῦγ' ἡδονήν, φέρουσιν ὕστερον βλάβην.

Βέβαι-ον οὐ—δέν ἐσ-τιν, ἐν — θνητῷ - βίω.

Βέβαιον οὐδέν ἐστιν, ἐν θνητῷ βίω.

Ἡ γλῶσ-σα πολ—λῶν ἐσ-τιν αἰ—τία - κακῶν.

Ἡ γλῶσσα πολλῶν ἐστιν αἰτία κακῶν.

Τῶν γὰρ - πενή—των εἰ-σὶν οἱ — λόγοι - κενοί.

Τῶν γὰρ πενήτων εἰσὶν οἱ λόγοι κενοί.