

Leda and the Swan Quotations

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Quotes:

"A sudden blow: the great wings beating still." (Octave)

Explanation:

This shows the sudden, violent attack by the swan.

"He holds her helpless breast upon his breast." (Octave)

Explanation:

Leda is helpless and trapped by the swan.

***"How can those terrified vague fingers push
The feathered glory from her loosening thighs?"*** (Octave)

Explanation:

Leda is too scared to fight the swan's power.

***"A shudder in the loins engenders there
The broken wall, the burning roof and tower."*** (Sestet)

Explanation:

The act will lead to the destruction of Troy.

*"Did she put on his knowledge with his power
Before the indifferent beak could let her drop?" (Sestet)*

Explanation:

This asks if Leda gained any knowledge from Zeus before he dropped her.

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