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Review

“A great work of world literature has at last become a great poem in English. Mulroy’s translation is far superior to other available English verse translations.”—Robert J. Rabel, editor of *Approaches to Homer, Ancient and Modern*

Language Notes

Text: English (translation)

Original Language: Greek

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