



Eduqas GCSE Latin  
Component 3A

Latin Literature (Narratives) Ovid, *Ceyx and  
Alcyone*

Section C

For examination in 2022 and 2023



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### *Ceyx departs*

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#### Notes and Discussion

This moment of prolonged departure will mirror Ceyx' gradual, tragic, return in Section H. It has a 'cinematic' quality to it, as the reader stands alongside Alcyone and watches Ceyx slowly disappear (**'the ship drew further from the land and her eyes could not make out his face'**) and provides a calm before the literal storm.

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#### Questions

1. How do we know from this section that Ceyx is reluctant to leave Alcyone?
2. How do Alcyone's actions here tell us that she is upset at Ceyx's departure?
3. Why do you think that Ovid describes their moment of separation in such detail?