

κτῆμά τε ἐς αἰεὶ μᾶλλον ἢ ἀγώνισμα ἐς τὸ παραχρῆμα ἀκούειν ξύγκειται.

*This work was written not for the author to profit today but for the reader to keep forever.*

Thucydides, *The Peloponnesian War*, I.22.4

И лучше выдумать не мог.

*And a better plan he couldn't find.*

Aleksandr S. Pushkin, *Eugene Onegin*, I.4