

Reception and Sound in Statius' *Silvae*: The Problem of *Fragor*

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1. *Theb.* 1.114-122:

Ut stetit, abrupta qua plurimus arce Cithaeron  
occurrit caelo, fera sibila crine virenti  
congeminat, signum terris, unde omnis Achaei  
ora maris late Pelopeaque regna **resultant**.  
Audiit et medius caeli Parnasos et asper  
Eurotas, dubiamque iugo **fragor** impulit Oeten  
in latus, et geminis vix fluctibus obstitit Isthmos.  
Ipsa suum genetrix curvo delphine vagantem  
abripuit frenis gremioque Palaemona pressit.

2. *Verg. A.* 7.511-18:

At saeva e speculis tempus dea nacta nocendi  
ardua tecta petit stabuli et de culmine summo  
pastorale canit signum cornuque recurvo  
Tartaream intendit vocem, qua protinus omne  
contremuit nemus et silvae insonuere profundae;  
audiit et Triviae longe lacus, audiit amnis  
sulpurea Nar albus aqua fontesque Velini,  
et trepidae matres pressere ad pectora natos.

3. *Theb.* 6.110-117:

Linquunt flentes dilecta locorum,  
otia cana, Pales Silvanusque arbiter umbrae  
semideumque pecus, migrantibus aggemit illis  
silva, nec amplexae dimittunt robora Nymphae.  
ut cum possessas avidis victoribus arces  
dux raptare dedit, vix signa audita, nec urbem  
invenias; ducunt sternuntque abiguntque feruntque  
immodici, minor ille **fragor** quo bella gerebant.

4. *Quint. Inst.* 8.3.67:

Sic et urbium captarum crescit miseratio. Sine dubio enim, qui dicit expugnatam esse  
civitatem, complectitur omnia quaecumque talis fortuna recipit. Sed in adfectus minus  
penetrat brevis hic velut nuntius. At si aperias haec, quae verbo uno inclusa erant,  
apparebunt effusae per domus ac templa flammae et ruentium tectorum **fragor** et ex  
diversis clamoribus unus quidam sonus. . .

5. *ENN. ANN. 177-9 (Sk.)*:

Fraxinus frangitur atque abies consternit alta,  
pinus proceras pervortunt: omne sonabat  
arbustum fremitu siluai frondosai.

6. *SILV. 1.1.61-5*:

Nec longae traxere morae. iuvat ipsa labores  
forma dei praesens, operique intenta iuventus  
miratur plus posse manus . strepit ardua pulsu  
machina: continuus septem per culmina montis  
it **fragor** et magnae vincit vaga **murmura** Romae.

7. *Verg. G.1.357-9*:

Continuo uentis surgentibus aut freta ponti  
incipiunt agitata tumescere et aridus altis  
montibus audiri **fragor**, aut resonantia longe  
litora misceri et nemorum increbescere **murmur**

8. *SEN. PHOEN. 369 (OEDIPUS)*:

Hinc aucupabor verba **rumoris vagi**,  
et saeva fratrum bella, quod possum, audiam.

9. *SILV. 3.1.128-133*:

ipse fodit, ditesque Caprae viridesque **resultant**  
Taurubulae et terris ingens redit aequoris **echo**.  
non tam grande sonat motis incudibus **Aetne**  
cum Brontes Steropesque ferit, nec maior ab antris  
Lemniacis **fragor** est ubi flammeus aegida caelat  
Mulciber et castis exornat Pallada donis.

10. *THEB. 1.115-17*:

fera sibila crine virenti  
congeminat, signum terris, unde omnis Achaei  
ora maris late Pelopeaque regna **resultant**.

11. *LUC. 7. 478-9; 482-4*:

Extremique **fragor** convexa inrumpit Olympi,  
unde procul nubes, quo nulla tonitrua durant.

Pindus agit fremitus, Pangaeaeu saxa **resultant**,  
Oeteaeque gemunt rupes, vocesque furoris  
expavere sui tota tellure relatas.

12. *Silv.* 4.3.61-6:

fervent litora mobilesque silvae.  
it longus medias **fragor** per urbes  
atque **echo** simul hinc et inde fractam  
Gauro Massicus uvifer remittit.  
miratur sonitum quieta Cyme  
et Literna palus pigerque Safon.

13. *Tib.* 1.3.35-6:

quam bene Saturno vivebant rege, priusquam  
tellus in longas est patefacta vias!

14. *Silv.* 3.5.85-6:

pax secura locis et desidis otia vitae  
et numquam turbata quies

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