

Low Merit

- 1 An artistic medium through which the story of Daedalus and Icarus has been preserved and reinterpreted is the song by Iron Maiden called Flight of Icarus. The song takes the plot of Daedalus and Icarus as depicted by Ovid and alters it to give a different message and a different take on their actions. Where Ovid's original is more of a representation of a father and his son escaping terror together, Flight of Icarus follows the idea that Icarus is a teenager struggling to get away from his father whereas Icarus was just a boy who thought he knew better.
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- 3 Certain lyrics such as "his eyes seem so glazed, as he flies on the wings of a dream" relates back to Ovid's "drawn by a desire of the sky he flew higher" line 225 as both lines represent
- 4 Icarus' desire for the freedom of flight. The song reveals Daedalus as "the old man" standing
- 5 "on the hill" and Icarus is his son who "flies on the wings of a dream." Flight of Icarus ends with "Now he knows his father betrayed, now his wings burn to ashes to ashes his grave."
- 6 And Ovid's ends with Icarus "vanished into the deep blue sea."
- 7 In an episode of My Little Pony called Sonic Rainboom some of the ponies go up to a magic land where Pegasus style ponies live, using a magic spell. One of them enters a flying
- 8 competition by getting magic wings made for her, but is warned that they are fragile and she shouldn't fly too close to the sun. This is what Daedalus told his son. "... If you go too high
- 9 the sun scorches them." (line205) The pony starts showing off and flies too close to the sun, the wings melt and she falls to the earth mirroring the legend apart from the happy ending required for a children's programme. There was no such happy ending in Ovid's story.