

# Tetrapharmakos in Philodemus's On Choices and Rejections

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Is there any way beyond ellipsis that we can indicate how much of gap exists before and after the Text?

You could indicate how many Greek letters or lines are missing, but that would not indicate how much "English" is missing. That seems to be the most usual way to do it: 2 missing lines, brackets to indicate missing text. There's no optimal way in my mind to indicate exactly "how much" is missing.

Follow the link to papyri.info. That shows the transcription and links to the drawn images from the 1800s. For example, here's column 5:

ΜΝΗ  
ΓΛΙΕΡΝΚΑΙΤΩΝ  
ΠΝΟΩΝ ΤΟΔΕΓΑ  
ΕΠΙΛΟΓΖΟΥΚΑΙΚ  
ΠΕΡΙΤΟΥΜΕΛΛΟΝΤΟ  
ΙΖΕΚΑΙ  
ΚΑΙΠΝΤΑΧΗΠΑΡΕ  
ΜΕΝΟΠΤΕΤΡΑΦΑΡ  
ΚΟΑΦΟΒΟΝΟΘΕΟΣΑΝ  
ΠΟΗΤΟΝΟΘΑΝΑΤΟΣΚΑ  
ΤΑΓΑΘΟΝΜΕΝΕΥΚΤΗ  
ΤΟΔΕΔΕΙΝΟΝΕΥΕΚΚ  
ΤΕΡΗΤΟΝ ΟΥΣΔΕΚΤΩΝ  
ΒΥΒΛΙΩΝ ΦΗΣΙΝΕΚΦΕ  
ΙΝΑΙ ΛΟΓΙΣΜΟΥΣ  
ΥΤΑΣΕΙΣΙΤΑΣΛΕΞΕΑΣ  
ΙΤΑΤΟΔΟΣΕΙΕΔΩΑ  
ΚΑΙΔΕΚΑΜ

Yellow is the word tetrapharmakos. Blue are the four lines of it. It's fairly intact right before and after, but you can clearly see the rips and holes.