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The Crab and His Son

Cancer filio dicit,
"Mi fili, rectā viā perge!
Semper obliquis gressibus incedis,
sed rectā viā pergere debes."
Filius respondet,
"Mi pater, tuis praeceptis obsequi volo.
Tu prius hoc fac, et ego libenter faciam."

Vocabulary

cancer - crab
rectus - right, straight
pergo - go, proceed, walk
obliquus - crooked, sideways
gressus - step, pace
incedo - go, walk
debeo - must, ought, should
respondeo - reply, answer
praeceptum - teaching, instruction
obsequor - follow, obey
prius - first, beforehand
facio - do
libenter - willingly, gladly



Translation

A crab says to his son,
"My son, walk in the right way!
You always walk in crooked steps,
but you ought to walk in the right way."
The son answers, "My father,
I wish to follow your instruction.
You do this first and I will gladly do (it)."