

Acetes & Lydian sailors

① How did Bacchus appear to the Lydian sailors? What was the effect of his appearance?
Bacchus as a common boy was being taken astray by Lydian sailors who metamorphosed into his godhead. His forehead was adorned with a garland of ripening bunches of grapelets. He accompanied by tigers, lynxes and spotted panthers, clutch a spear emblazoned with vine leaves.

At the appearance of Bacchus the
Lydian sailors were struck with madness and
terror. Their spinal chords bent in, their
hands by shrinking turned into fins, and the
tails of these fins curved like a sickle
or crescent moon. They all turned into
dopphins as they fell into the sea and
became sportive around the ship.

How did Acoetes identify himself to Pantheus?

Acoetes identified himself as a bacchic disciple belonging to Macedonia, district of Lydia. He properly a humble and simple parent hood. He specified the profession he inherited from his father in a roundabout fashion first mentioning two livelihoods - farming and pasturing - that were not his fathers and then identifying fishing as the case at hand. Acoetes, soon tired of this lonely and hopeless existence he taught himself a new skill that of navigation.