**Ovid: Apollo’s speech to Daphne**

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“O Nymph! O Daphne! I entreat thee stay,  
it is no enemy that follows thee—  
why, so the lamb leaps from the raging wolf,  
and from the lion runs the timid faun,  
and from the eagle flies the trembling dove,  
all hasten from their natural enemy  
but I alone pursue for my dear love.  
Alas, if thou shouldst fall and mar thy face,  
or tear upon the bramble thy soft thighs,  
or should I prove unwilling cause of pain!  
The wilderness is rough and dangerous,  
and I beseech thee be more careful—I  
will follow slowly.”