## LITERARY

## Delphi

Standing here where steel and orange rocks enclose this ledge on every side but one:
here where ancient rulers waited tensely for their fates-
I am light-headed
from the climb; or is it heartquake at the thought of leaning here warming my back from these round columns
once so revered even Kings
declined to tread
where I stand now and cast their eyes the other way to hear the dreaded vow.

From here great Socrates was doomed
and Greece saved
by the Word
heard from this ground but I
with all my education realize
it never really was:
believed in by believers only;
and yet somehow I feel
the oracle is hovering around me still.

More than premonition more than feel: I know
with certainty the truth unshakeable
beneath my feet
as ever it was uttered
Pythia:

Two thousand years and more
uncalled -

I hear you smile and tremble in the sun and to these overpowering crags I sing:
You live. You live.
You still live on!
And I'm engulfed against my will by hill and holy smoke and heaven.

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GREENER PASTURES
We are the slender cattle,
More numerous than you, and you are the fat,
Taking more than a hundred, And desiring all.
We stare across the fence,
At your green pastures,
And remember what we once had,
But you took even that.
In your land of greed,
You refuse to share,
Even with the slender,
That are your own kind,
But they are increasing,
As are we.
We have always been slender,
As you have said
But now we are starving, And now we see,
The plenty across the fence.
Driven by necessity,
And hatred of your greed,
Our options narrow,
As our children die.
We look to you,
To share what you have,
To help us survive. Let us cross,
To the green pasture,
Or help us prosper, On our own, But do not ignore, Our urgent plea, Or one day soon,
It will be as in the dream
As the pharaoh foresaw,
And the slender cattle,
Will swallow up the fat.
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