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Phoebus
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I saw the spiteful cherub's barb, a shaft
Of reed with tip of lead, hanging loose
Inside your chest. I do not think you saw
It there. I only meant to let you know.
You ran from me, and in my haste to speak
I chased you over hill and barren earth,
Your feet were bloodied from rocks and thorns
But you ran on. Daphne, you were a foolish girl
Who'd rather flee than face her fears. Your leaves
Still quiver in the air; there is no wind.