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Phoebus  
DALTON TRACEY

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.