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## *The Muses Are Dead*

*And on this frail pen alone  
Does rest the burthen of  
Transcriptions of haunting memories:  
My fingers tremble  
Lest I make her ugly, and distorted;  
Or lest, in poring over realms of gold,  
I fall into pits of tar as some  
Great and stupid beast of ages past —  
And there remain, never to be dug up,  
(Indeed with no such fancy  
To be found in that dull state).*

*Yet memory and desire,  
Insidious friends do summon and push too,  
Lest the ink dries to the point I hold,  
And thus forms not  
Even footsteps to make casts of.*

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