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Greek Fragment, Author Unknown

I sing the poetry of the mortal soul.
I bind the frail reeds together. Oh,
Pan's pipe! Oh fragile raft! So loud
Is the river of false omniscience.



The Bullfrog's Prayer

May you never renounce all cravings.

May you continue to concern yourself
with the difference between plum
and magenta shades of lipstick.

Listen to the bullfrog in the cold marsh:
the frail bellows of his desire croak.

May you never renounce his song.

Smudged Ink

NO PAST LIVES. And no future.
A single character, quickly

brushed

In black ink

(smudged)

on this rice

Paper, this fast-burning page.