

Bion 9

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- ταὶ Μοῖσαι τὸν Ἐρωτα τὸν ἄγριον οὐ φοβέονται
ἐκ θυμῷ δὲ φιλεῦντι καὶ ἐκ ποδὸς αὐτῷ ἔπονται.
κὴν μὲν ἄρα ψυχάν τις ἔχων ἀνέραστον ἀείδη,
τῆνον ὑπεκφεύγοντι καὶ οὐκ ἐθέλοντι διδάσκειν·
5 ἦν δὲ νόον τις Ἐρωτι δονεύμενος ἀδὺ μελίσδη,
ἐξ τῆνον μάλα πᾶσαι ἐπειγόμεναι προρέοντι.
μάρτυς ἐγὼν ὅτι μῦθος ὅδ' ἔπλετο πᾶσιν ἀλαθής·
ἥν μὲν γὰρ βροτὸν ἄλλον ἥ ἀθανάτων τινὰ μέλπω,
βαμβαίνει μοι γλῶσσα καὶ ὡς πάρος οὐκέτ' ἀείδει·
10 ἥν δ' αὖτ' ἐξ τὸν Ἐρωτα καὶ ἐξ Λυκίδαν τι μελίσδω,
καὶ τόκα μοι χαίροισα διὰ στόματος ῥέει αὐδά.

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¹This poem is written in the [Bucolic Doric dialect](#). **ταὶ** = αἱ. **Μοῖσαι** = Moīsai, the muses.
Ἐρως ωτος ὁ Eros. **ἄγριος (α)** ον wild, fierce, savage. **φοβέω** pres.mid.3pl. put to flight, terrify; mid. fear, stand in awe of.

²**ἐκ θυμῷ** = ἐκ θυμοῦ from the heart, with all one's heart. **ἐκ ποδός** with ἔπομαι, follow close behind. **ἔπομαι** follow + dat.

³**κῆν** = κάν = καὶ ἔάν. **ψυχάν** = ψῦχήν. **ἀνέραστος ον** loveless, not loving, with ψυχάν.

⁴**τῆνον** = ἐκεῖνον, i.e., l.3 τις. **ύπ-εκ-φεύγω** pres.act.3pl. flee from, escape; the subject is l.1 Μοῦσαι. **ἐθέλοντι** = ἐθέλουσι.

⁵**Ἐρωτι** dat. of instrument. **δονέω** pres.act.part. shake, disturb; of love agitate, excite. **ἄδυ** = ἡδύς εῖτα ὑ sweet, lovely, dear, here adv. **μελίσδη** = μελίζῃ: μελίζω sing.

⁶**τῆνον** see l.4. **ἐπείγω** press, drive on; pass. hurry, be eager (for). **προ-ρέω** pour forth.

⁷**μάρτυς υρος** ὁ witness. **ἐγών** = ἐγώ; supply εἰμί. **πέλομαι** aor.mid.3sg. become, be; in aor. be. **ἀλαθής** = ἀληθής.

⁸**ἥν** = ἔάν. **βροτός** ὁ mortal, human. **μέλπω** sing, celebrate with song.

⁹**βαμβαίνω** chatter the teeth; stammer. **πάρος** formerly; with pres. up to now.

¹⁰**αὖτε** here, on the other hand. **μελίσδω** see l.5.

¹¹**τόκα** = τότε. **χαίρω** pres.act.part. nom.sg.f. rejoice, be glad. **στόμα τό** mouth. **ῥέω** flow. **αὔδα** = αὐδή ἥ human voice, speech; sound; song.