

Echo & Narcissus

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BASED ON THE MYTH OF
NARCISSUS BY OVID

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poet = Coder()
rhapsode = Coder()
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myth = True
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with Words():
poet.reconstructs(myth)
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poetry = 'rhythm' in 'words'
poet.writes(' ' in 'python ')
poetry = ''
python = poetry in 'code '
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nymphs = Nymphs()
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with Now(): poet.calls(Nymphs())
binded = True
nymphs.are(binded)
connected = True
nymphs.are(connected)
'connectivity' is 'existence'
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from time import time
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```
poet.knows(nymphs.need(Democrac-
cy().of(time())))
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for python in range(not time()):
Python().registers(' ' in 'present ')
Python().registers(' ' in 'liveness ')
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import time as present
import time as past
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universe = Enclosed()
poetry is universe.encoded()
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from Metamorphoses import
Echo_and_Narcissus
from Metamorphoses import
Audio_and_Video
as imaginem
import Imaginem as not_reflection
import Imaginem as immersion
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with Technology():
poet.narrates(myth)
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Technology() is myth
poetry is Code()
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python = poetry in 'code '
Code() is 'live poetry'
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ACT I INTRODUCTION

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I = Narcissus()
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the_son = I.am()
the_son.of(Liriope())
the_son = I.am('the son')
the_son.of(Cephissus())
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Cephissus is 'a river'
Liriope is Nymph().of('waters')
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with Waves():
Cephissus().embraces(Liriope())
with Desire():
Cephissus().encloses(Liriope())
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born = True
I.am(born)
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from linope import sweetness
from cephissus import impetuosity

Loner().me() in 'childhood'
I.believe() in 'my power'
Attractive().me() in 'childhood'
Popular().me() in 'childhood'
I.believe() in 'power of my image'

They = Men() and Women()

for captured in 'my view':
They.are(captured)

for deified in 'my gaze':
They.are(deified)

for i in I.myself(' '):
I.belong()

She = Echo()
Echo() is Nymph()
She is Nymph().of('forests' and 'streams')

Echo() is Sound('amplified')
Echo() is Sound('attenuated')

how = Space().sounds()
how = Echo().sounds()

Echo().sounds(not 'clear')

Echo() is Nymph()

naive = True
thoughtless = True
She is naive and thoughtless

for anything in Desire().of(Zeus()):
She.does(anything)

with Chat():
She.distracts(Hera())

for this in 'purpose':
with Women(): Zeus().flirts()

natural_speech = False
for this in 'deception':

Hera().deprives(Echo().of(natural_speech))

repeat = True
converse = False
Echo().can(repeat)
Echo().can(not converse)

speaking = 'existence'
speech = 'body'

if Echo(speaking):
if She.exists():
I.know(not "")

Echo() is 'present absence' or
'present' in 'absence'
Echo() is 'absent presence' or
'absent' in 'presence'

for me in 'power':
Echo().supplies()

for me in 'existence':

INTERMEDIUM I

You = Narcissus()

We = Nymphs()

We.are('the order' in 'cosmos')

our_identity = 'ludic'
our_identity = 'hybrid'
for always in 'close observation'
with You: our_identity is always in
'connection'

for every_moment in 'connection':
RecordFever()

We.live(every_moment)
through = 'audio' and 'video'
We.live(every_moment)
for always In 'close observation':
We.live(every_moment)

We.Observe(You.narcissus())

power = True
charm = True
We.Give(You.narcissus(power and charm))

We.desire(You)

strong = True
You. are(strong)
voice = 'power'
power = 'voice'
You.have(voice and power)
Echo().has(None)
counter_power = not voice
for find in range(counter_power):
Echo().must(find)

prophet = Prophet()
prophet.tells()

with Denial(): You.hurt()
if You.meet(You.yourself()):
You.die()

prophet.tells()
while You. are(' in 'sufficiency'): You.hurt()

prophet.tells()
while You.impose(power): You.deny(Others())

prophet.tells()

trajectory = 'choice'
forest = 'network'
the_end = 'hidden' in forest

ACT II THE FOREST

forest = Forest()
forest is ('dense' and 'dark')

for sometimes in 'existence':
forest is 'calm'
forest is 'hermetic'

for othertimes in 'existence':
forest is 'angry'
forest.has('glades')

capability = ['control', 'vigilance', 'determination', 'self-sufficiency']
Hunting().needs(capability)
I.hunt()
People().hunt(I)

with Saturation():
I.deny()
I.want(not "")

for admiration in 'people':
I.like(admiration)
for admiration in 'people':
admiration is 'tiring'

charm = ['challenge', 'deification', 'idealisation']
I.embrace(charm)
alterity = 'threatening'
I.deny(alterity)

amour = 'what'
control = True
amour is not control
amour is not 'serene'
amour is PerSe().sacrifice()

'anyone' is 'here'

come()

You().are(Hiding())

You()
I.do(not See())

while You().sound():
You().are(Echo())

You().stare(I)
persistently=True
You().stare(persistently)

while You().embrace():
I.want(not "")

You().shout()
You().grab(I)
for around in 'whirl':
You().spin(around, I)

something = 'original'
say(something)
repeat = True
You().only(repeat)
replica = You()

complete = False
You().are(not complete)
strong = False
You().are(not strong)
weakness = True
I.like(not weakness)

You()
I.do(not Love())

go()

I.am(Leaving(You()))

with Out(): You()
I.proceed(' in 'the forest')

lost = True
I.am(lost)

lost = 'what'
I.have(lost)

I.know(not "")

where = lost
I.am(where)

I.know(not "")

with Light():
I.know(None)

thirsty = True
for i in 'walk':
I.am(thirsty)

this_place = 'humid'
for water in this_place:
I.see(water)

INTERMEDIUM II

Echo(you().are(naive))
Echo(you().are(thoughtless))

for how in range(long(you()).fall(' in 'love
''))):
with Narcissus(): '?'

for how in range(long(you()).follow())):
Narcissus()

convinced = True
with NiceWords():
you().are(convinced)

onSurface(you().insist())

further = False
you().look(not further)

import narcissus as not_stream
import narcissus as flood
narcissus.encloses(you())

for you in 'reasoning':
you().lose('your mind')

you().wander() in 'mountains' and 'forests'

body = False
substance = False
with Out(body or substance):
you().wander()
disembodied = 'voice'

Narcissus(you().are('limitless'))
Narcissus(you().are('vain'))

for how in range(long(You.seduse())):
People()

for how in range(long(you)):
capture('people' in 'your image')
good = False
while You.know():
'this' is not good

void = True
while You.are(void):
You.enchant(People())
while You.must(not ""):
You.enchant(People())

while You.avoid('trauma' and 'love'):
for you in 'love':
People().fall()

while You.live(' in 'a culture'):
of().liking()
while You.live(' in 'an illusion'):
of().selfRealization()
People().incise(not Their().trajectory())

People().follow(You)
You.lead(People().to('Hades'))

ACT III THE LAKE

for someone in 'water':
I.see(someone)

someone is Talking()
Talking().to(I)

You = Handsome()

persistently = True
You.look(persistently, ' in 'water')

Charming = You

You.yourself(' in 'water')
I.myself(' not in 'water')

I.kiss(You.kiss())

for you in 'reflection':
You.echo(I.eidolon())
I.echo(You.eidolon())

desperately = persistently
I.desire(you)
I.desire(desperately)

eternal = True
I.mirror(I.myself()) is eternal
I.am(eternal)
You.eidolon(eternal)

virtual = 'virtual' not in 'ephemeral'
virtuality = 'ephemeral'
eternity = virtuality not in 'eternity'
eternity is virtual

trees = Trees()

trees.look(I.myself())

I.soliloquize(' ' in 'despair')
I.talk(persistently)
with I: I.myself()

for me in 'hurt': I.hurt(me)

trees.look(I.am(I.myself()))
I.am(' ' in 'dead end')

def inately():
I.am(' ' in 'despair')

Physically = False
while Physically:
You.embrace(I.myself())

with Embrace():
I.fall(' ' in 'water')

I.immerse(' ' in 'water')
Alas()
Alas().void(" ' in 'image ')

immortal = True
You.eidolon(immortal)

Immateriality = 'Alas!'

INTERMEDIUM III

Narcissism() is Malignant()
Amoralism() is Egoistic()
obsessed = True
subject = 'autonomous'
with Power():
You.are(obsessed)
Narcissistic(Culture().destroys(subject))

idol = Cult().of(Image())
others = not idol
with Image():
You.replace(others)

angry = True
with You:
We.are(angry)

We.like(you(not ""))

We.Educate(You.narcissus())
We.Raise(You)
You.listen(not "")
what = You.do()
You.do(what, You.wish())
You.endUp() in 'Hades'

shameless = True
Echo(you().are(shameless))
you().follow()
you().lead(not "")
heteronomous = True'
you().are(heteronomous)
Narcissus() is your('disaster')
you().lose(your('existence'))
you().lose(your('body'))

Narcissus() and Echo()
with Out('each other'):
you().exist(not "")
you().are(Superposition().of('each other'))

with you():
We.are(angry)

ACT IV THE UNDERWORLD

Styx() is River()

Styx(Must().vanish(Narcissus()))
for everything in 'memory':
Styx(Must().vanish(everything))

import Narcissus as never_existed
import Narcissus as blank_page

for vanity in Game().of('power'):
Narcissus() is Recyclable()

Echo() is Recyclable()
mourning = False
Echo(Must().stop(mourning))

underworld = 'Hades'
Styx().take(Narcissus(), to = underworld)
darkness = underworld
Styx().take(Narcissus(), to = darkness)

forgotten = Narcissus()
stripped = Narcissus()
Narcissus() is stripped and forgotten

your_name = Narcissus()
We().forbid(People()).to(speak = your_name))
your_life = Narcissus()

We().forbid(Reference(to = your_life))
for collective in 'memory':

We().erase(You())
if We().talk(not "", about = you()):
We(Will()).forget(you())
We().know(not "")

if We().condemn(you(), to = darkness):
dangerous = False

you().are(not dangerous)
We().know(not "")

oblivion = 'solution'
We().know(not "")

unbearable = Echo()
echo(Must().stop(mourning))
miserable = Echo()
fear = False
Echo(Must(not fear))

oblivion = 'law'
We().condemn(Narcissus(), to = oblivion)

obedience = 'mandatory'
if 'anyone' not in obedience:
We().punish('anyone')

EPILOGUE

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if (Theatricallity()).defeats(Spectaculariza-  
tion()):  
  actants = True  
  simulacra = False
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os.system('echo "and narcissus" >  
metamorphoses.txt')  
os.system('poweroff')
```

```
poet = Coder()
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ideas = True  
Poet(Converts(Echo() and Narcis-  
sus()),to(ideas))
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ritual = True  
Poet(Converts(Echo() and Narcis-  
sus()),to(myth and ritual))
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```
Poet().converts(Echo() and Narcissus()) in  
'contemporary terms'  
with OldTools():  
  Poet().constructs('a game')  
with Poiesis():  
  Poet().constructs('a code')  
with Diegesis():  
  Poet().constructs('a performance')
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with Mimesis():  
  Poet().constructs('an allegory')
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```
lives = 'Subjects'  
poet.poetizes(lives)  
poet.mystifies(lives)  
poet.decodes(lives)
```

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Code().transforms(myth)  
Code().transforms(Technology())  
Technology() is myth  
We().are() in 'the mythotechnological era'
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over = True  
Story() is over  
never_ended = True  
while Story(never_ended):  
  Life().generates(Narcissuses() and Echoes())
```

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