## Narcissus and Echo

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## **Narcissus** 1 "Here, here . . . " Was that 5 a nymph? Was that an echo? Leave me, 10 foolish pursuer! I will forever be the only one that 15 I desire the most beautiful of youths a flower among men

## **Echo**

1 A flower among men!
The most beautiful of youths!
I desire
that
5 one

only.
I will forever be the

foolish pursuer. Leave me, 10 an echo

that
was
a nymph,
that

"Here . . . "

here.

Narcissus was a vain young man. He spurned the young woman, Echo, who loved him. She was turned into just a mournful sound—an echo. He fell in love with his reflection in a pond, wasted away, and was transferred into a flower.

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