

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
15 was
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.