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Hades

I once travelled down to earth, Saw the pity in grey despair; It left me out of breath, Down, when I was there.

There in pale, ready for sail, Rigid bow pointing that place, Was he of the keen gaze, Charon, to whom I was afraid.

He slowly opened his arms, Received me in a doubt-sincere hug. "Gonna take me now?" I asked. He pushed me inside, that brat.

"Let me out of this boat, I don't wanna die right now!" Soon it was cold. Martínez Castiella, Gabriel. "Hades." JACLR: Journal of Artistic Creation and Literary Research 5.1 (2017) < https://www.ucm.es/siim/journal-of-artistic-creation-and-literary-research> ©Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

We passed the three-headed dog

And went down the river, With all the pale-looking faces Down in the water. Fever I felt, started going crazy.

And then, I saw: He came, Zeus' brother. Fire burned Through the hell-place Where the boat paused.

He spoke to me straight To the point: "Go away You're not to be blamed Yet, too much pray

And too poor Do". The ship arrived to the port, Took me inside, fool Odysseus, poop to prow

Placed, started journey Back to our home. Not anymore lonely, "Ithaca, there I go!"

("God of thunder, maketh me strong, Everyday I'll pray thee, Do not ever let me go. Come, stay, change, Be.")

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