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1816  
ON A DREAM  
by John Keats

As Hermes once took to his feathers light  
When lulled Argus, baffled, swoon'd and slept,  
So on a Delphic reed my idle spright  
So play'd, so charm'd, so conquer'd, so bereft  
The dragon-world of all its hundred eyes,  
And, seeing it asleep, so fled away:  
Not to pure Ida with its snow-cold skies,  
Nor unto Tempe where Jove griev'd a day;  
But to that second circle of sad hell,  
Where 'mid the gust, the whirlwind, and the flaw  
Of rain and hail-stones, lovers need not tell

Their sorrows. Pale were the sweet lips I saw,  
Pale were the lips I kiss'd, and fair the form  
I floated with, about that melancholy storm.

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