

Olympians vs. Modernity
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i crawled from the embers
head awhirl and mouth agape;
bedraggled and dazed
from the searing heat of flame.

hestia of the hearth glared stonily at me.
a brief moment—
and she plugged her headphones back in.
stirring aimlessly,
bound for eternity
she hummed spotify's charting
in a futile attempt to embody mortality.
i, pityingly, met her gaze.

wonderingly,
i wandered aimlessly
through olympus's gilded halls.
zeus's portly figure
gorging on ben and jerry's
a tub, a pint
the millennium abruptly turned.
the faint glow of netflix
outlined against his throne.
and aphrodite,
fake french tips tapping interminably
on her iphone 15 pro.

demeter's seething vines
gradually began to wilt
shriveled stalks
and genetically modified
withered corn husks
littered the marble floor.

artemis, clad in hunting gear,
the newest fit' from lululemon,
shifted impatiently in her seat
eager to swiftly release
the hounds of modernity
with gnashing teeth and beady eyes
menacing jowls slavering
tails whipping in anticipatory frenzy
earth's demise drew ever closer.