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*Ach, könt' ich dorthin kommen,
Und dort mein Herz erfreu'n,
Und aller Qual entnommen,
Und frei und selig sein.*

*Ach, jedes Land der Wonne!
Das seh' ich oft im Traum.
Doch kommt die Morgensonne,
Zerfließt's wie eitel Schaum.*



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Μνάσσεσθαί τινά φαιμ' ἴστερον ἄμμέον.
(Sappho)

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