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## SUMMARY OF THE PHÆDRUS

As Socrates was prowling after his manner about the 227 streets of Athens in search of self-knowledge, he met a gay young acquaintance of his, named Phædrus, who told him that he was just come from the Rhetorician Lysias, and was going to refresh himself with a walk outside the walls. Socrates joins him, as he feels sure that Lysias has been regaling Phædrus with one of his speeches, and that Phædrus has got it by heart; and having himself, as he confesses, a weakness for speeches, he would like above all things to hear it. Phædrus is somewhat coy, though evidently longing to disburden himself of his well-conned sentences. Socrates, however, soon discovers that Phædrus has got a copy of the speech itself beneath his cloak; and would naturally rather hear the actual words of the great orator than his young friend's faltering reminiscences. So they turn aside from the public road to look for a pleasant place in which Phædrus may read the speech.

The Ilissus is flowing hard by; and they walk along 229 its shallow bed with their feet in the water towards a lofty plane-tree which they see before them. Here, under the shade of its spreading boughs, they find a delicious slope of grass, on which Socrates luxuriously stretches himself, thoroughly enjoying the summer scents and summer sounds which play around him; while Phædrus draws forth his treasured document and begins to read.

It is but a sorry production, poor in style and low in 231 its moral tone, and surely no fair representation of