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Ἐφθαίνει τὴν ἱερὴν κεφαλὴν κατὰ γαία καλύπτει, ἀνδρῶν ἥρωων κοσμήτορα, θεόν Ὄμηπον.

Now the earth covers the sacred man, the divine Homer, who marshalled the heroes.

—The Greek Anthology, Book VII, 3.

And Ole Ez said that the thought of what America would be like if the classics had a wide circulation troubled his sleep and Professor F the eminent classicist had a happy day when when he was crossing the campus and two comely coeds passed him on the walk and he heard one say to the other you know what I told him I said you remember the part where that Greek guy was dragging Hector around the walls of Troy and rubbing him in the dust I told him I hoped somebody would do the very same thing to him.