

# A Great Prince and Princess & Apollo

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*Ida Rubinstein, Romaine Brooks, 1917*

## **A Great Prince and Princess**

A great prince and princess  
Spied each other from opposite sides of a ballroom  
And each was a sight to see  
With black-white eyes and black-white hair.

In the center, they approached  
Amid an extraordinary waltz

As in a game of chess  
A move from doom  
Players talk blithely  
And vacate their square.

Yes, for all their faults,  
In the center, they approached.

## **Apollo**

Apollo when walking through an antique valley  
Did not allow his gaze to wander  
Toward whosoever praised him.

Indeed, it was a beautiful valley  
And all who lived there loved him.

But in spite of their love  
His gaze was fixed elsewhere,  
Beyond the valley,  
At a dim point  
Above.

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