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## Αριάδνε φρομ Νάξος

The old myth boasts of abandonment  
Of the one who'd provided affection  
And a way out from a certain maze  
Where life was conquered by hungry death.

But I saw her leaping with light steps  
On the green hills of Halki  
collecting fragrant herbs aplenty.  
She winked when offering  
A taste of fine Kitron Naxou,  
Meticulously prepared for me  
My necessary cup of caffeine,  
And smiled like a sunbeam  
To my camera eye from her loom.  
Near the shrine of Panaya Drossiani  
Hid on the slopes of a mountain  
She leapt with grace -  
Elios watched from the blue sky -  
To pick leaves of choice salvia.

Alas, I parted for distant shores  
And she, Ariadne of Naxos, a memory  
Of ancient times  
A mirage of a recent past.

(Naxos, Greece)



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