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**The Power of the Gaze and Ritualized Song in Theocritus’ *Idylls*:**

**a Commentary on Female Mobility**

**1. Amaryllis’ “looks”:**

 3.7, παρακύπτοισα (“stealing glances” or “peeping out”)[[2]](#footnote-0)

 3.10, ἠνίδε (“See!”)

 3.12, θᾶσαι (“Look!”)

 3.18, ὦ τὸ καλὸν ποθορεῦσα (“o, maiden of the fair glances”)[[3]](#footnote-1)

 3.39, καί κέ μ᾿ ἴσως ποτίδοι (“... and perhaps she might look at me”)

**2. Simaetha’s refrain:**

 ἶυγξ, ἕλκε τὺ τῆνον ἐμὸν ποτὶ δῶμα τὸν ἄνδρα

 “Magic wheel, draw that man to my home.”

**3. Alcmena’s song, *Idyll* 24.7-9**

 **εὕδετ᾿, ἐ/μὰ** βρέ/φ**α**, γλυκε/ρ**ὸν** καὶ ἐ/γέρσιμ**ον** / ὕπν**ον**·

 **εὕδετ᾿, ἐ/μὰ** ψυ/χ**ά**, δύ᾿ ἀ/δελφεοί, / εὔσο**α** / τέκν**α**·

 **ὄλβιοι** / εὐνά/ζ**οισθε** καὶ / **ὄλβιοι** / ἀῶ ἵ/κο**ισθε**’

 “**Sleep, my** babies, a sweeter sleep and from which one wakes;

 **Sleep, my** souls, two brothers, children safe and sound;

 May you boys sleep **happy** and **happy** may you come to dawn.”

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1. Aphrodite of Cnidus, Praxiteles, Roman copy of 4th-century original (National Museum of Rome). [↑](#footnote-ref--1)
2. All translations are my own unless otherwise stated. [↑](#footnote-ref-0)
3. I like the poetic sound of Gow’s translation here. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)