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Nascita di Venere

Thy nakedness in rays of piercing light
in dreams decomposed
numbers figures

On the humid apple of thine eye
oh, Aþrodite
I lay my ardour

Body without veil
froth
amazement negation

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Note: The incomparable beauty of the painting, *Nascita di Venere* (*The Birth of Venus*) by Sandro Botticelli, in the Galleria degli Uffizi, and the Fibonacci sequence 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34....