

# The Fountain of Salmacis

## Genesis

From a dense forest of tall dark pinewood, Mount Ida rises like an island.  
Within a hidden cave, nymphs had kept a child;  
Hermaphroditus, son of gods, so afraid of their love. As the dawn creeps up the sky  
The hunter caught sight of a doe.  
In desire for conquest,  
He found himself within a glade he'd not beheld before. Hermaphroditus:  
"Where are you, my father?  
Give wisdom to your son"  
Narrator:  
Now lost, the boy was guided by the sun"  
"Then he could go no farther And as his strength began to fail  
He saw a shimmering lake.  
A shadow in the dark green depths  
Disturbed the strange tranquility. Salmacis:  
"The waters are disturbed  
Some creature has been stirred"  
Narrator:  
"The waters are disturbed  
Naiad queen Salmacis has been stirred" As he rushed to quench his thirst,  
A fountain spring appeared before him  
And as his heated breath brushed through the cool mist,  
A liquid voice called, "Son of gods, drink from my spring". The water tasted strangely sweet.  
Behind him the voice called again.  
He turned and saw her, in a cloak of mist alone  
And as he gazed, her eyes were filled with the darkness of the lake. Salmacis:  
"We shall be one  
We shall be joined as one"  
Narrator:  
"She wanted them as one  
Yet he had no desire to be one" Hermaphroditus:  
"Away from me cold-blooded woman  
Your thirst is not mine" Salmacis:  
"Nothing will cause us to part  
Hear me, O Gods" Unearthly calm descended from the sky  
And then their flesh and bones were strangely merged  
Forever to be joined as one. The creature crawled into the lake.  
A fading voice was heard:  
"And I beg, yes I beg that all who touch this spring  
May share my fate" Salmacis:

"We are the one

We are the one"

Narrator:

"The two are now made one

Demi-god and nymph are now made one"Both had given everything they had.

A lover's dream had been fulfilled at last,

Forever still beneath the lake.

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