

MUSEUM MUSINGS

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Ossuaries, ostraca, and unguent flasks;
Bevelled lead crystal and tribal masks;
Sarcophagi, caprids, alabaster lions;
Plumes and thoraces of royal scions.

Ibex, iris: sphinx, papyrus;
Agate, emerald: treasures of Cyrus;
Mounds and tells: caves cavernous;
Griffins, graffiti: sites so ominous.

Transcending needs merely psychological,
Tracing patterns strictly methodological,
Noticing clues highly analogical,
My interest is . . . purely archaeological.