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CAVAFY'S DEBT

An examination of poetic indebtedness in a context that defies calculation. What do societies owe to their poets? What does it mean for societies to lay claim to poets? What do poets owe to their language? What does it mean for poetry to exist beyond its language? Why is Greek indebted to Cavafy? What does Cavafy owe to James Merrill?

James Merrill, *Writer, Stonington, Connecticut, 1956*
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