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2. The Second Person as Archived Self

The second-person addressee (, ’) is identified not with a beloved woman but with the poem itself—Sappho-as-inscribed. The speaker addresses her future archived self. The physiological symptoms are triggered by this imaginative projection: she sees herself being read.

3. The Somatic Catalogue as Media Transition

The progression of bodily failures—voice, tongue, skin, sight, hearing, motor control, colour—traces not jealous collapse but systematic dematerialization: the staged withdrawal of everything that constitutes embodied presence, until only the inscribable remains.

4. as Papyrus Transformation

The simile (“greener/paler than grass”) figures the speaker’s transformation into papyrus substrate. The spectrum (green → grey) traces the colour of papyrus in preparation for inscription. The body becomes the book.

5. Reconstruction of the Lost Fourth Stanza

A new reconstruction completes the poem’s logic:

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“But all must be dared; for you, Kypris, have yoked beggar and king alike, and you have cast down even prosperous cities to nothing—let the song survive in letters.”

The Adonic completes what the preceding stanzas began. The poem ends not in prayer or resignation but in the act it has been performing all along: inscription.

Conclusion

Fragment 31 emerges as the foundational text of lyric self-archiving—a meditation on how voice outlasts the body that speaks it. Catullus 51 is not imitation but instantiation: Catullus IS , the future reader the poem anticipated. The circuit completes in every reading.

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