

Epicurean substitute for prayer

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Okay, a very quick attempt at an imayo (Japanese 4-line poem with 12 syllables in each line in a 7 first / 5 last split with a caesura separating them. Lines can also be split at the caesura. And, no, I didn't even know this was a poem style until I looked at that list in the last post!)

So, this is an attempt at a possible prayer-like, poetic rendition of the Tetrpharmakos:

Blissful gods I do not fear | free from care and woe.

My pending death brings nothing | neither rod nor gift.

The good is pleasant feeling | easy to procure.

The terrible is painful | but we can endure.

With the lines split:

Blissful gods I do not fear

free from care and woe.

My pending death brings nothing

neither rod nor gift.

The good is pleasant feeling

easy to procure.

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but I can endure.