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I met this old man, we had a good toast.
Used to be king, now he's dead as a ghost.
I asked him his name, he said, "Oedipus man"
I'll tell you my story, listen up if you can.
As a young boy I was left alone to die
Saved by some shepherd, but never knew why
One smart cookie, that's what the people used to think
Solving the riddle of a notorious Sphinx.
Tiraesius arrived, a trustworthy prophet
But his words brought pain, I wanted to block it
He said I'd cursed the city, I told him to stop it
Said he was blind and needed eye sockets.
Though curious I was, it became an obsession
Answers came quickly, swiftly left me in depression
Before I was king in the city of Thebes
I was attacked by a group of vicious young thieves
It was self defense, no worries why bother?
Little did I know, I'd killed my own father
To keep it quite terse, things only got worse
I used to be a player, One woman after another
And then I found out, I'd married my mother
So shocked, she hung herself, wasn't very wise
So I said, "Screw it" and gouged out my eyes
I had too much pride in my stride to coincide
With the wise, who realized, real eyes,
Don't always see the truth.
Creon's now king, I'm stuck in my strewth
How could I have avoided this fate?
I pity my birth and now it's too late
I caused the death of my parents, My rights as king overthrown
Even without eyes, I see I'm alone
And that the destiny of man
Is inevitably etched in stone.