



*De Rerum Natura*  
Lucretius  
Book 4, lines 414-419

at collectus aquae digitum non altior unum,  
qui lapides inter sistit per strata viarum,  
despectum praebet sub terras impete tanto,  
a terris quantum caeli patet altus hiatus;  
nubila despiciere et caelum ut videre videre <et>  
corpora mirando sub terras abdita caelo.

And yet the gathering of water not deeper than one  
finger,  
which lies among the stones through the paved  
streets,  
opens a view downward of such a great extent under  
the earth,  
as great as the high opening of the sky shows from  
the earth;  
so that you might seem to look down on the the  
clouds and see the sky,  
bodies marvelously hidden in the sky under the  
grounds.

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