Jealousy in Horace's *Odes*

Horace is often thought to stand at an ironic distance from his subject. This is the case particularly when it comes to love, where many have thought he mocks the love elegists. In this paper I look at several poems from *Odes* Book I that concern love and jealousy and argue that Horace takes a serious interest in these themes, but one that has a different focus. While the love elegists concentrate on the early stages of jealousy and the arousal of suspicion, Horace is much more concerned with the various ways in which one can respond.

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