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Sample footnotes

14 Richardson, *Women and Circulation*, 34.
16 Jacob Rollins offers a useful critique of this method (Rollins, “Perfect Paradigms,” 117–18), which informs my argument.
17 As Brundin reminds us, Colonna’s poems, both love and spiritual, are “characterized by a remarkable uniformity of tone and purpose, and the transition from *amorose* to *spirituali*, imposed by early modern editors, is so smooth as to constitute no obvious shift or break in the poetic register” (Brundin, “Vittoria Colonna and the Poetry of Reform,” 62–63).
19 See James, *Complete Tales*, 3:44.
20 Augustine, *Confessions*, 22.

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