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relationship between poet and poem and between Dante's spiritual

journeys and his written representation of those itineraries.