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*Arethusa*

*Orchidaceae*

*Arethusa* honours the wood nymph Arethusa, one of the fifty daughters of the Old Man of the Sea (Nereus). When the river god Alpheus fell in love with Arethusa, according to one version, the golden haired nereid escaped his pursuit and took refuge on the island of Sicily where the Greek moon goddess and huntress Artemis (for the Romans Diana) changed her into a spring. Another description suggests that Artemis transformed Arethusa into a stream which, after running under the sea, emerged on the island of Sicily in the form of a fountain.