

## Pan

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Pandemic, meaning all people.  
Pandemonium, meaning  
all demon. Pandora,  
meaning all-gifted.  
Pan, meaning god  
of nature. All people  
have meaning, are all-  
demon, all-gifted. It is in  
our divine nature. We now  
appreciate that Pandora's box was a jar  
left ajar, a pithos (to tell the mistranslation,  
then, is to risk being remembered by its fiction),  
meaning a storage container for grain, oil, wheat  
& even the dead. We all need places to lay down  
our grief. Where else to put it. That vessel held  
all plague, all pain & all hope. Don't panic.  
Instead, turn to a companion. What are we  
if not the curiosity to open the coffins  
we carry, who are we if not  
all the things we let loose.