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POETRY EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARD

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You sought me in the Underworld—
My prison in penance for playing with snakes.
Resigned was I to my demise,
Yet you promised sunshine and music.
So I followed your lyre
And stepped into your footprints.
Upon the Mouth I saw the light;
Thought I might inhale again, but
On the verge of vitality you stopped
To gaze back into the abyss.
I smiled, because how could I
Have expected you to defy the stars for me?

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