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### **Eurydice: to Orpheus**

*Connor Renfroe*

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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