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Orpheus' Lament

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The warning rang in his ears
Clear as glass as he waded through the underworld
His love awaited his arrival, sweet Eurydice
The Fates decided his fate with a game of dice
To reunite him with his lover
Or plunge him in grief?
Fates seem evil at times and good at times
One person's benefit leads to another's person's lament
Perhaps the Fates ran out of goodness bestowed upon someone else
And to balance the world order, had to inflict pain and suffering
So, they wove his fate and cut the thread on Eurydice
He heard her voice
Calling out to him
He stopped, breathing hard.
Being a bard,
Love bloomed in his heart.
To love was to look back.
He turned and screamed
Songs of love turned to screams of loss
As he lost his beloved forever.

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