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Tell me the story of how  
Persephone, Kore, the maiden,  
who wandered innocently  
through the valley,  
picking the most beautiful flowers,  
didn't scream when Hades  
appeared from the depths of Hell  
and grabbed her for himself  
because she wasn't scared.  
Tell me that she cloaked  
herself in darkness,  
trained the hellhounds  
for her lapdogs,  
and the cliffs of Hell  
still bear the scars  
from where she  
clawed her way out just  
to tell Demeter that  
winter is her favorite season  
because her worth does not  
hinge on the fertility of the harvest.  
I want to know that  
Persephone ate the entire pomegranate  
and spat the seeds in Hades' face  
when he tried to touch her.