

Persephone



A sensory story by
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Transition Music

Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.

Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:

Introductory music:

- **Persephone – Wishbone Ash**

Story ending:

- **Persephone - Opeth**



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Resources

You will need some sensory resources available for this story.

- **Music clip – Zorba the Greek (sound switch or screen)**
- **Greek herbs – oregano, thyme & bay**
- **White cloth as a cloak**
- **Flowers (plastic or real)**
- **Floral scents (e.g. rose water, lavender oil)**
- **Dark cloth to cover heads and create darkness**
- **Darken room and use torches**
- **Sombre music on sound switch**
- **Wedding bells**
- **Crown (preferably dark)**
- **Sound switch / screen – “I’m coming home” Skylar Grey**
- **Gradually increase the light in the room**
- **Sound switch “Here comes the sun”**
- **Spring flowers**
- **Vivaldi – “Spring” on sound switch or screen**
- **Paper leaves in Autumn colours**



Sensory Resources and Experiences

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(sound switch or screen)**

**Greek herbs – oregano,
thyme & bay**

White cloth as a cloak





Persephone was the daughter of Greek gods. Her mum was Demeter, her dad was Zeus.

Sensory Resources and Experiences

Flowers (plastic or real)
Floral scents (e.g. rose water, lavender oil)





**Flowers grew everywhere
Persephone walked.**

Sensory Resources and Experiences

**Dark cloth to cover heads
and create darkness**

Darken room and use torches

**Sombre music on sound
switch**





Hades fell in love with Persephone. He took her deep down into the underworld.

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**Wedding bells
Crown (preferably dark)**





Hades and Persephone were married. Persephone was queen of the underworld.

Sensory Resources and Experiences

Sound switch / screen – “I’m coming home” Skylar Grey

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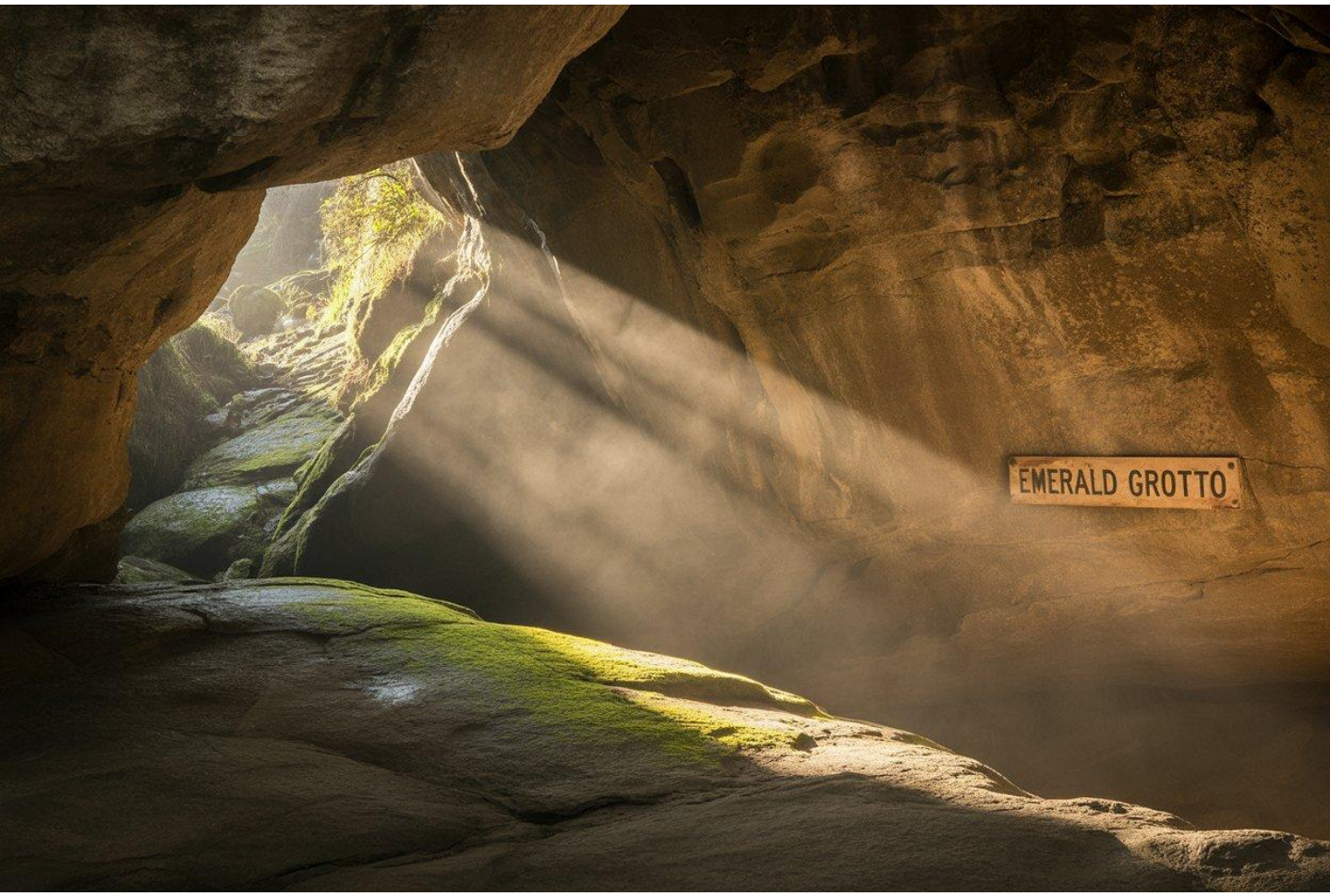


**Demeter asked Hades to let
Persephone come home.**

Sensory Resources and Experiences

Gradually increase the light in the room

Sound switch "Here comes the sun"





**Hades agreed that
Persephone could come back
up to the world in the spring.**

Sensory Resources and Experiences

Spring flowers

Vivaldi – “Spring” on sound switch or screen

Paper leaves in Autumn colours





**When
Persephone
walks on the
Earth, spring
flowers grow.**



**When
Persephone
goes back, the
autumn leaves
fall..**



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